

February 2022 Newsletter





It's PDHC baby bottle time again! Please join our Social Concerns Ministry to help raise awareness and support for the free, life-affirming, and life-saving programs offered at Pregnancy Decision Health Centers. Any type of donation is accepted, from spare change, to dollar bills, to checks. Please return the bottles with your donations by February 27th. Thank you for your generosity.

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SPAGHETTI DINNER AND BINGO NIGHT!

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo night held on Saturday February 12th at 6:00 p.m. to raise money for youth events and for the FLY trip next year. We will also provide a "to-go" option for those who would like some delicious spaghetti but are trying to avoid

gatherings at this time. The "to-go" meals may be picked up from 5:15 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. If you are planning to attend the dinner or take advantage of the "to-go" option, please let us know so that we can get an idea of how much food to prepare. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the Sanctuary, or you may call the church office. Please sign up no later than Tuesday February 8th.







February Devotional by Pastor Michael



Pastor Michael Johnson

"Love is patient" I Corinthians 13:4a

In I Corinthians 13, the apostle Paul talks extensively about what love is and what love is not. At the beginning of verse 4, he writes, "Love is patient." As the winter Olympics are ongoing in China right now, consider the athletes who are competing in ice skating, skiing, hockey and so many other sports. For many of these athletes, they have been honing their skills for years as they have had to be patient when they have fallen and failed. At times, it can be easy for us to be impatient with a family member, coworker, neighbor, spouse, child, parent, or anyone else due to their imperfections and failures. However, God is reminding us that love is patient, and when we find ourselves losing patience, let's remember to come to Christ so He can help us to be lovingly patient. Yes, it can be very hard to do, but it's so worthwhile to be patient, as many Olympians would declare.

It's hard to believe, but the Lenten season is coming up soon! The schedule of services is as follows. We hope you can join us as we worship our Lord and Savior.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday March 2nd at 7:00pm

Lenten Services

Wednesday March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th at 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday April 14th at 7:00pm



Good Friday Service

Friday April 15th at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Services on April 17th

What Valentine Can I Give Him?

What can I give to Jesus
On this special Valentine's Day?
How can I tell Him I'll love Him,
And follow Him, come what may?

How can I show I need Him? Should I send a red heart, with lace? How can I thank Him enough For his sacrifice, love and grace? What Valentine can I give Him,
My adoration to impart?

I'll give to Him what He wants most;

I'll yield to Him my heart.

-Joanna Fuchs



FROM THE COUNCIL

- ♦ The Parish Life committee is hosting a Spaghetti dinner and Bingo night on February 12th to raise money for youth activities and for the FLY trip next year. They will also be sponsoring a painting class in late March/early April. Game day will resume on Saturday March 19th at 1:00pm. The Family Bible nights were well attended.
- Pastor Johnson and Gracia may be interested in attending one of the retreats offered for pastors and their wives. He will advise when and where they may like to attend such a retreat.
- ◆ The Social Concerns Committee reported that we collected 66 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. We also delivered Harvest Sunday donations to the Lancaster Food Pantry. In addition we kicked off the PDHC baby bottle drive. The drive will continue through February.
- ♦ The Worship Committee has begun planning for the Lent and Easter season. We are also going to schedule time with Koorsen Fire and Security to discuss possible needs.
- A disposal was donated and will be installed in one of the sinks in the PCC.
- The Evangelism Committee reported that the Emmaus weekends are scheduled, with the Men's weekend in March and the Women's weekend in April. National Day of Prayer plans are progressing.
- We are still in need of Education and Property Committee chairpersons.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Updates from the weekly prayer list



Nick Burkhardt is still in the Air Force and working as a nurse. He and his wife welcomed a son in December. Thank you for continuing to keep him in your prayers.

Connor Huston is still serving as a United States Army Ranger. He was deployed in Afghanistan but was ordered back to the United States three weeks before the final withdrawal. He is at Fort Benning, GA and may be taking some courses offered by the Army in conjunction with the University of Georgia. Thank you for continuing to keep him in your prayers.



February Lectors

February 6

8:00am—Shari Householder 10:30am—Brian Fox

February 13

8:00am—Wendy Leitch 10:30am—Lilane Fox

February 20

8:00am—Lori Hertlein 10:30am—Steve Voigt

February 27

8:00am—Micah Haverfield 10:30am—Marsha Windbigler



After serving 8 years in the Unites States Navy, Jeremy Palacios was honorably discharged on November 28, 2021. He is continuing his education at Arizona State University with plans to graduate in May with a degree in project management. He and his family thank you sincerely for your prayers and concerns.



Peace Free Lutheran Church Financials Through December 2021

General Fund Income: \$203,649 General Fund Expenditures: \$208,211 A copy of the council Minutes and Finances are on the Bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary.



John and Mary Pabst

Greetings from the Dominican

Just when you think you are one step ahead of God, He lets you know you are actually two steps behind. We found a pastor who is excited to work together with us in Tasajera. He has been in prayer for a while now and had a woman tell him she had a dream where someone not from around here will help him with his new church...HMMMM. We are going to start Bible Studies and youth ministries in about 3-4 villages. We are in the planning stage now but should be rolling out something in a few weeks.

AND NOW FOR MORE NEWS FROM JOHN.....

When I first felt the call to ministry in 2014 I talked with Pastor Barnhart to get an idea of the amount of education that is required... I knew, but needed to hear it. I asked the question, "Is higher education required for the ministry?" If you know Pastor Barnhart then you know the belly laugh he has. That was his response with a resounding, "oh yes, and a lot of it". I didn't leave dejected or dismayed, just trying to figure out if I wanted to go to that extreme since all I had was a high school diploma. About six weeks later I found the Willmington School of the Bible through an admittance counselor at Liberty University and signed up. This was the beginning of the long journey. In 2017 I graduated and thought I was finished after taking 60 credit hours of classes. Then when Covid shut down the world, God suggested I go back to school at Liberty University to learn more...two years later I will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Religion, Biblical and Theological Studies with a minor in Christian Ministries. When I returned for Christian Parks' funeral, Joe Dombrowski asked if I was going to get my M Div. (Masters of Divinity). I told him I refused to answer that question because I thought I was finished in 2017. The final laugh is on me. I have been accepted to Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) for the fall semester. Some notable alumni from DTS are; Charles Swindoll, David Jeremiah, Tony Evans, J. Vernon McGee, Bruce Wilkinson, and Jim Rayburn. I wrote an article for the mission newsletter last month about saying yes. I have found this to be a rewarding answer when talking with God. The places and responsibilities he has bestowed upon me are breathtaking. I couldn't imagine saying no anymore, the rewards are too grand. Now to see how He is going to pay for this will be even more exciting since we no longer have a job that can pay for this.



Dear friends at Peace, we are overwhelmed at the gift you sent to the ministry. It is much needed and deeply appreciated. Your prayers and friendships mean more than words can express. We will continue to preach God's word and witness the gospel as we produce each issue of the Vine and Branches. In His Service, Pastor David and Mary, Rick and Sylvia Barnhart John 14:6

Peace Free Lutheran Church Finance Secretary Note: The amount collected over the Advent and Christmas season and sent to Abiding Word Ministries was \$2381.00.

I would like to thank everyone who prayed for Carla and our family during her illness and passing. Thank you also to those who took time out of their busy days to come to the funeral home. And finally thank you to Pastor Johnson for conducting the funeral service. The support of my "church family" these last several weeks has meant everything to me. Times like this are difficult, but made easier by the outpouring of love and support from my Peace Church family. God bless you all, Tom Ramsay and family

Q&A—**Debbie Six, Council Secretary**

- 1. What skill would you like to master? Quilting
- 2. What's your favorite genre of book or movie? James Patterson is my favorite author. I also like mysteries and comedies.
- 3. What pets did you have while you were growing up? A small dog (Rat Terrier) named Dixie; and later a Mutt named Cheebee (a friend from my school whose Dad received his orders to go to Okinawa asked if we would take their dog, so my mom and I adopted him.)



- 4. What did you do after you graduated from high school? Attended Nationwide Beauty Academy. After graduation I worked for eight years as a hairdresser. Then I went to Columbus Business University and took a legal secretarial course, and worked in a law firm, and still work in a law firm.
- 5. How do you like to spend your free time? Love spending time with my grandchildren (Delainey and Kade). I see more of Kade than I do Delainey! But when Delainey asks me to do something, I jump at the chance ...
- 6. Where is your hometown? Columbus, Ohio (grew up in Whitehall)
- 7. How did you come to Peace? I went with a co-worker to a different church and then she switched churches. I worked with Doug Hertlein so I decided to try it out here and I am still here (so, you can blame him for my being here).



SOUPer Bowl Sunday!

The 11th annual SOUPer Bowl fundraiser sponsored by Canal Winchester Human Services will be held on February 13th from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. They will have soup and desserts, as well as a silent auction and a bake sale. If you would like to donate baked goods for the "Halftime Bake Sale", or items for the silent auction, please email aletha.cwhs@gmail.com or call 614-834-4700. You can also check out the webpage.

There are flyers on the back tables of the Sanctuary with more information as well. Please feel free take one!







The women of the church are invited to a baby shower for Diane (Clark) Boczek on Saturday, February 12th. The fun begins in the PCC with brunch at 10:00 a.m. Bring a package of any size diapers to participate in

the diaper raffle! Diane is registered at Target and Amazon. Please RSVP to Denise Clark at 614-580-7647 or denise.c.clark@outlook.com.



Many thanks to the Parish Life team and all of the volunteers

that came together to provide a hot meal before all of the Family Bible Night sessions during the month of January. It was a great time for fellowship and was much appreciated. Be looking for awesome dessert recipes in upcoming newsletters too!

Pizzagna

Ingredients

6 No Boil lasagna sheets 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

1 jar of preferred pasta sauce 3/4 cup pepperoni slices

³/₄ cup Canadian bacon or 2 cups cooked pizza sausage



<u>Instructions</u>

Preheat oven to 350F

Spray a 9×9 baking dish with nonstick cooking spray

Dice pepperoni and Canadian bacon slices. Also an option to use cooked sausage or any other pizza topping.

In the baking dish, pour about half of a cup of the pasta sauce and spread it out evenly on the bottom of the dish.

Layer two of the lasagna noodles with a little room in between. They will spread out in size as the cook and absorb liquid from the sauce.

Spoon a thin layer of sauce on to the lasagna sheets.

Sprinkle a generous layer of shredded cheese and pizza meat onto the lasagna sheets.

Cover with two more lasagna sheets and repeat the layer process. Sauce, cheese, meat, and two more lasagna sheets.

Finish the final layer with a little more sauce, lots of cheese and meat.

Pour extra sauce around the sides of the assemble pizzagna so all sides of the pasta sheets are covered.

Cover the baking dish with foil and place in the oven on a middle rack.

Bake the pizzagna covered for 35 minutes.

After 35 minutes, remove the foil and cook for an additional 15 minutes.

Remove from the oven and let cool for at least 10 minutes.

Cut and serve.

Note: Since we are using No Boil lasagna sheets, they need plenty of moisture to cook. Make sure they have enough liquid around them.



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		Women's Daytime Bible Study Lunch at Senior Center- 11:30am Bible Study in PCC- 1:00pm	2 Prayer Meeting 7:00pm	3	4	5
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1st Adam Moneypenny

2nd Perry Staffan

5th Rick Rickrich

Terra Baker

Gene Skaggs

6th Mike Steiff

7th Thorvald Jensen

8th Marilou Poling

9th Margot Fenner

12th Earl Staffan

13th John Pabst

15th Winnie Minor

Alyssa Richardson

20th Charles Dietz

21st Sean Moneypenny

22nd Larry Dowler

23rd Gabriella Gugliemotto

25th Lois Crawford

26th Mary Phyllis Bethel

Bethany Muller

Lisa Schacht

29th Robyn Coleman



1st Bill and Nancy Kishel
14th Bruce and Marge
Tamte

15th John and Linda Frank
20th Gene and Sue Skaggs
22nd Steve and Amy Voight

24th Jim and Mailyn Van Sickle