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2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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From the President of the Congregation ...Bob Rieckenberg

We have enjoyed our time here and watching God's growth plan for Peace. This year, we have quickly gone from expanding into a new addition with much-needed classrooms to filling those classrooms with young and vibrant students that want to hear about God and Jesus.

We have had 20 new households join this year. Along with these new members, visitor attendance has seen significant increase. Some of the visitor attendance can be attributed to the different church programs, such as the Christmas Eve services (combined, over 400 people attended the three services) and the Children's Christmas program (where over 50 children participated, so

grandmas, grandpas, aunts and uncles packed the seats to see their performance).

Most of the visitors though, are people coming to "check us out" after receiving a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" pineapple or hearing about Peace in the community or from friends and/or family. They continue coming week after week because they have found out that "Peace is worth the drive." A good portion of these returning visitors are young adults and families. Because of this growth, we added about 30 plastic chairs in the sanctuary this fall for additional seating. Matching sanctuary chairs have been ordered and should be set up in the next couple months.

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*2017: A
Year of
Growth*

Peace Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 2018 — Following the 9:00 am Worship

2017 Annual Meeting Agenda

Sunday, January 28, 2018

- Welcome/Introductions
- Call to Order — Bob Rieckenberg
- Opening Prayer — Pastor David Hanson
- Adopt Annual Meeting Agenda
- Approve Congregational Meeting Minutes
 - ◆ Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 29, 2017
- Reports
 - ◆ Pastor's Report
 - ◆ Ministry Board Report — President
- Nominating Committee Ballot Presentation
 - ◆ Ministry Board Positions (3-year Term) — vote for 2
 - ◆ Nominating Committee (2-year term) — vote for 3
 - ◆ Nominating Committee (1-year term) — vote for 3
 - ◆ President (after Ministry Board election results)
- 2017 Finance Review — Marty Malmin and Judy Jacobson
- 2018 Proposed Budget — Marty Malmin and Judy Jacobson
- Recognition of Ministry Teams
- New Business
 - ◆ Pay Off Notes
 - ◆ Classroom Space
 - ◆ Family & Youth Director
- Nominating Committee - Election Results
- Adjournment
- Closing Prayer

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From President of the Congregation...Bob Rieckenberg

Listening to some of the original founders of Peace - the growth and sharing of God's word has been beyond their expectation. The original founding group consisted of 43 families, 112 people total. Thanks to those original families and to all the families that have become a part of the Peace Lutheran family.

This year we have continued to grow and expand our programs. We also hired a new Office Administrator, Sandy Fleischman. What a blessing she has been in our day-to-day activities. A special thank you to Judy, Financial Administrator, and Sue, Financial Secretary, for the many hours of volunteer work they give each week.

Volunteers are the heart of Peace. There are volunteers who make worship meaningful, including our J.A.M. presenters, choirs, ushers, greeters, acolytes, soundboard operators, video recording experts, slide presenters, and more. There are volunteers who take care of the grounds and property so we can come to worship in a clean and well-maintained building. These volunteers include the cleaning crew, maintenance, lawn mowing, snow plowing, landscaping, and so much more. There are volunteers who organize and manage the many programs and events offered at Peace, including team chairs, the ministry team members, children and youth volunteers, and event volunteers. Thank you to everyone who is involved here at Peace.

Thanks to my fellow Ministry Board members who have served so faithfully with me this past year. Most of all, thanks to Pastor David for his pastoral leadership and strong wonderful messages.

In Christ, Robert Rieckenberg
Congregational President

Pastor's Report...Pastor David

I turn to the Psalms for expressions of thankfulness. Psalm 100 carries that feeling of celebration and thanksgiving for all that God has done in our lives and in the life of our church.

Psalm 100

¹Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

²Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

³Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

The Psalmist's concluding verse says it all.

**⁵For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

As I reflect on 2017, I am ever mindful that the Lord is good! We've seen solid growth in worship attendance consistently over the whole year, even in the summer months. On average, 2017 worship has grown 19 percent. Some of that growth in worship attendance can be accounted for in visitors and guests, wonderful and thank you for coming. The rest of the growth is in faithful members choosing to worship more often and experiencing the Lord's goodness in worship.

More than once, I've heard someone say, "I want to come. I don't want to miss it." Another said, "If I'm gone

on a Sunday, I feel like I'm missing something." Parents comment that their children are paying attention and are engaged in worship. This fall, we added an additional 30 chairs in the sanctuary to provide more seating for this growth.



It's not about the numbers. It's about worship as the place where we experience God's enduring love for us in Jesus Christ. It is Christ's presence with us in Word and Sacrament that renews our spirits and brings us hope. Thank you for your willingness to come and share that love with others.

Psalm 100, verse five ends with **"God's faithfulness continues through all generations."** It will be important for us in 2018 to stay focused on God who in Jesus Christ is faithful, not just in a moment or a year but to believe that God's faithfulness is ongoing. It continues always. The psalmist illustrates this by saying it "continues through all generations."

2017 has welcomed an abundance of babies, children and youth to Peace. In one glance across our sanctuary on Sunday morning, you can see the generations. From our charter members to our newly baptized, the generations gather in worship to share in God's ongoing faithfulness.

*...believe that
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Seeing God's good work happening is a blessing and brings me great joy. Stephanie and I repeatedly recount how blessed we are to be with you at Peace. We are grateful to share in what the Holy Spirit is doing in and amongst us. Thank you for letting us share this with you! Peace

A SPECIAL

Thank You!

We have much to be grateful for this year. We give thanks to God for those who have led our congregation. We are a better church because of their insight, their dedication, discernment, and faithfulness. For those who are leaving the PLC Ministry Board (Andy Johnsrud and Joseph Perez), we thank you and pray that God will bless you in whatever area of ministry you will serve next. Thank you!



2017 Ministry Board
(from left to right) Joseph Perez, Erik Strand, Glen Hulley, Bob Rieckenberg, Andy Johnsrud, Beth Seefeldt



*Andy
Johnsrud*



*Joseph
Perez*

PLC 2018 Leadership

2017 Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee started meeting in October to select candidates to fill two, three year terms on the Ministry Board and six positions on the nominating committee (3 for 1-year terms and 3 for 2-year terms). After several meetings 3 candidates for the Ministry Board and 8 candidates for the nominating committee were presented to the Ministry Board at the December meeting. All names were ratified. The candidates were asked to submit bios and pictures for the annual report.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Beulke
Chairperson

Ministry Board (vote for up to 2)

- Joseph Perez
- Jon Peterson
- Ben Simon

Nominating Committee

1-year term (vote for up to 3)

- Ruth Clark
- Wayne Kuehne
- Melissa Stuntebeck
- John Weinzierl

2-year term (vote for up to 3)

- Larry Cramb
- Amy Peterson
- Cathy Rieckenberg
- Sarah Strand

2018 PLC Ministry Board Candidates



Joseph Perez

My name is Joseph Perez and my wife (Shawn) and son (AJ) have been members of Peace Lutheran since 2013. For the past 3 years I have served on the Ministry Board (2 as Vice-President), and although we have overcome many challenges and accomplished many different things for our church, I believe that my work is not quite done and would like the opportunity to be elected again. Apart from serving on the Ministry Board, I also serve on the Christian Education and Youth Activities Committees, teach Sunday School for our youth (8th grade and up), organize the Church Softball team, help with VBS and SPARK and wherever else I can assist. I am also the Watertown High School Girls Soccer Coach and coach 6 sports year round with Special Olympics. If elected to the Board once again, I will continue to trust the Lord to guide me in making proper decisions and always look for ways to improve our Church and guide our Youth. Thank you for your consideration.



Jon Peterson

Hello, my name is Jon Peterson. My wife, Amy, and I live in Delano, MN and have been married for 29 years. We have two adult children, Joshua 27 and Emily 23. Our family joined Peace Lutheran Church in February 2015. Before coming to Peace we were members of Light of Christ Lutheran Church in Delano for 21 years. We decided to leave Light of Christ as we did not agree with that church's teachings and direction. When we found Peace Lutheran we were overjoyed with how welcoming the people were and felt right at home. It also helped that others came with us from our former church. Shortly after we joined, Norm Bauer asked me to be on the Call Committee and I gladly accepted. The committee was led by Marty Malmin, and I learned how an effective church operates and should operate. For the past 2 ½ years I have helped Pastor Dave and Colette Thorson with the Confirmation program and I have learned a great deal from Pastor David, Colette, and all the students. I finished helping with Confirmation in December 2017. This last year I also served on the Stewardship committee. I am running for the Ministry Board because I believe Peace Lutheran Church is Bible-based and doing God's work. If elected, I will be 100% committed as a leader of Peace Lutheran. I will stand for its Constitution, Values, and Mission Statement. God Bless and thank you, Jon Peterson.



Ben Simon

My name is Ben Simon. My wife Kelsie, our daughter Hallie and I live in St. Boni. I grew up in Brooklyn Center. After bouncing around to a few different areas, our family couldn't be happier to call St. Boni home. I grew up Catholic, but after meeting Kelsie, I knew it was only a matter of time before we became members at a Lutheran church. We came home to a pineapple on our doorstep a few months after moving to St. Boni. Since we had been looking for a church to call home for the three years prior to that, we knew this was a good sign. As soon as we stepped foot in Peace, we knew it was meant to be. Everything about the church fit what we were looking for perfectly. Since becoming a member at Peace I have joined the Youth Committee, I assist with the Wednesday SPARK youth program, co-teach the high school Sunday school class, and I am just beginning my new journey with the confirmation class. The end of December will mark my completion of the Carver Fire Academy and my first year as a volunteer firefighter for the city of St. Boni. In my free time I love spending time with my family on the boat, camping, 4 wheeling, trout fishing, and exploring the outdoors. I am very passionate about Peace, as well as the continued improvement and growth of all of our youth programs and activities. I would be honored to serve on the ministry board and contribute all I have to help keep Peace moving forward.

Get To Know Your Leaders



2018 PLC Nominating Committee Candidates

1 Tear Term - Vote for up to three (3)



Ruth Clark

My three children, Daniel (21), Thea (20) and Matthew (17), and I became members of Peace Lutheran Church September 9, 2012. Previous to this, we were active members of Lyndale Lutheran Church in Maple Plain for nine years. We live in western Independence and the kids attend(ed) Delano schools. I am a highly educated stay-at-home mom who has volunteered extensively since moving to Independence 16 years ago. Here at Peace Lutheran I have taught Sunday School and Confirmation, served as the Sunday School Superintendent, sung tenor in the choir, worked Altar Guild, participated on both the Nominating Committee and the Worship & Music Committee, and coordinated the Missions Team for the past three years. I enjoy a smaller church community with a traditional service and like to share my piano and trumpet abilities as needed.



Wayne Kuehne

I have lived in Watertown for 19 years. I am engaged to be married to Bonnie Erickson. We love being a part of Peace. We both became members in the last year. I have four children and my fiancée has two children, so together we have six. My oldest child is married. We have three grandchildren. Being on the Nominating Committee would be a great learning experience for me.



Melissa

Stuntebeck

Hello my name is Melissa Stuntebeck. I'm married to Cade Stuntebeck. Together we have 2 boys (Casey and Charley). I work for Lunds & Byerlys in Pharmacy Operations. We currently live in Montrose and the boys attend school in Watertown. I'm originally from Orono MN. Religion has always been a part of my life. I was raised Lutheran and grew up attending Trinity Lutheran in Long Lake. It was a fairly large congregation, and I decided I wanted something smaller, something more personable. Cade and I did some looking around at other local churches. The second I walked into Peace I pretty much knew it was the church for my family and me. Something just felt so right. Since becoming members I have helped with various youth activities such as the Christmas Program and VBS. Thank you for your consideration, as I feel honored to be a candidate for the nominating committee.



John Weinzierl

I am John Weinzierl and my wife Sharon and I have lived in Watertown 45 years. We have 3 sons and 6 grandchildren. We have been members of Peace since the beginning. I have served on various committees and currently serve on the hospitality and property committee. Sharon and I both are committed to seeing that the mission of Peace is carried out. I appreciate being considered to be a member of the nominating committee.

2018 PLC Nominating Committee Candidates

2 Tear Term - Vote for up to three (3)



Larry Cramb

I have been married to Jackie for 33 years. One son named Neil. Been retired from Randy's sanitation for 3 years. Love going camping and spending time with family. I am on the stewardship committee, first time being on a committee!! Would like to be on the nominating committee.



Amy Peterson

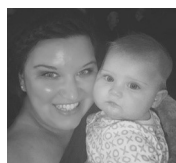
I have been married to my husband, Jon, for 29 years and we have two children, Josh (27) and Emily (23). I graduated from Hamline University with a degree in Legal Studies and have been a paralegal for 32 years (working at various law firms and owner of medSummaries). At our former church in Delano, I served on various committees (Worship & Music, Missions, Altar Guild, and Education), taught Sunday school, was a Confirmation guide, and made banners. As a member for the past 2 ½ years at Peace, I have had the opportunity to connect with current members and volunteer as an usher, greeter, and Peace Café worker. I also served on the Outreach team for two years and have been blessed with meeting and talking to prospective members. I would be honored to be on the Nominating Committee and continue to serve at Peace.



Cathy

Rieckenberg

Peace is an important part of our lives. Bob and I have been married 47 years and we can truly say joining Peace was like "coming home." I grew up in Robbinsdale, MN and raised Missouri Synod Lutheran. I attended Valparaiso University in Indiana for their five year nursing program. I finished my nursing degree at Lutheran Hospital in St. Louis, MO. We lived in Illinois (Belleville and Decatur) for 18 years before moving back to Minnesota in Delano. We enjoy being with our three daughters, one son, five grandkids, and two sons-in-law (all live in Minnesota). I currently co-own a lingerie boutique in Eden Prairie, "Underneath It All," which works with breast cancer women. As a nurse, my passions were pediatric intensive care, newborn nursery, and homecare (where I worked with Mary Barfnecht). I feel honored to be nominated for the Nominating Committee, as I feel it is an important church committee. I currently serve on the Outreach and Altar Care Ministry Teams. Thank you for considering me.



Sarah Strand

Hi, I'm Sarah Strand. I am married to Erik Strand and we have our two fur babies, Bear and Ruger, and Madelyn our little 9 month old daughter. I am a Wife, Mother, Personal Injury Paralegal from 9-5, Photographer on the weekends and a Jesus fan. I was born and raised in Watertown, Minnesota, moved away for some time and, after getting engaged, Erik and I decided to make Mayer our home and began looking for a Church to call home. One Sunday we just so happened to land at Peace. Since becoming members of Peace, I have been involved in Hospitality, Women of Peace, Outreach, Youth Activities, and manage the Peace Facebook Page. Prior to joining Peace, Erik and I church hopped around the cities. If you ever need a laugh, ask me for some stories on our experiences. I know how hard it is walking into a place where you don't know everyone, but everyone else knows everyone. As part of the nominating committee, I will strive to do my best to ensure that we put people in place who adhere to Peace's Constitution, who are active members within the Congregation, participate in Worship each week and are easily approachable. Thank you so much for allowing me to run for Nominating Committee and I look forward to further use my time and talents at Peace. God Bless.

Adult Choir Report

Peace Lutheran Church's Adult choir sings for Sunday morning services two to three Sundays per month. It holds its rehearsals at 8:15 a.m. on the day on which we sing, with a first-Wednesday-of-the-month rehearsal at 6:30 p.m., at which we rehearse music for that given month. It is our goal and our joy to choose thematic music in keeping with Pastor Hanson's sermon topic and/or scripture readings to enhance the overall worship experience.

Peace enjoyed being part of a Thanksgiving Eve ecumenical church

service with several area churches gathering at Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown. Peace's members represented a large part of the combined choirs, with both adult and children's choirs participating. Peace looks forward to being this joint ecumenical service's host church in 2018 and is making plans to have that be a joyful, welcoming service of thanksgiving and praise.

We continue to welcome and



Adult Choir on Mother's Day

encourage members of our congregation who love to sing to join Adult Choir. In addition, Peace is very blessed to have many talented

musicians who bless us with Special Music in the form of solos, duets and instrumental offerings at various times during the month.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Marla Erickson

Adult Choir Director/Special Music Coordinator

Altar Care Ministry Team Report

Leader: Barb Schansberg

Who we are: Our group currently consists of Barb Schansberg, Sherry Essig, MaryAnn Hoese, Karen Hoernemann, Heidi Thaemert, Jackie Cramb, Doris Swenson, Ruth Clark, Cathy Rieckenberg, and Janet Carlson. Any adult member of Peace Lutheran is welcome and encouraged to join this ministry. We are



Pastor David holding Magnolia after her baptism

sincerely devoted and feel privileged to serve our Lord in this way.

What we do: We are "caretakers" of the altar, lectern and baptismal font along with their presentations, as well as the Acolyte robes. As such, we prepare for worship by setting up and maintaining supplies for Holy Communion, Baptism, and the various festivals and seasons of the Church year. Our group assists with seasonal decoration of our worship center.

Highlights of 2017:

- Set-ups for Holy Week, Easter, and Christmas – including flower orders and maintenance. This year's Easter garden was gloriously filled with 55 flowers.
- Special set-ups for 14 baptisms, 4 confirmations, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday
- Welcomed Janet Carlson to our ministry team

To learn more: Please contact Barb Schansberg at brbshg@aol.com or call 763-595-1138.

Christian Education Ministry Team Report

Our Christian Ed program has truly experienced an exciting time over the last year with some major growth going within the classes. We currently have five breakout classrooms and 22 children registered for Sunday School from preschool-5th grade. Our middle and high school kids also meet and range in size for attendance but sees an average of 15-20 on any Sunday in the conference room (which is up from our 10-12 kids in 2016). Our Sunday School curriculum for prek-5th has continued with SOLA which is a very user-friendly program that the teachers have an easy time with in terms of teaching and prep. Current teachers are Shawn Perez with the PreK, Stephanie Hanson with the 1st-2nd graders, Nicole Johnsrud with 3rd-5th grade. The older kids are meeting and discussing current topics with Meghan Weaver and Rachel

Lotito with the Middle School and Joseph Perez and Ben Simon with the High School.

This year our Sunday School kids get to partake in music at the end of class where we also wrap up class time with a prayer.

The noisy offering buckets came back to Sunday mornings during service giving children the opportunity to drop their coins into the buckets prior to JAM. The second Sunday of each month is our "Noisy" offering Sunday where the kids will go around the church with their paint cans to collect loose change from the congregation. We set a Noisy Offering goal of \$500 for the LCMC churches in hurricane ravaged areas for September through December. We flew past the goal and were able to donate \$792.93. A new mission will be chosen for January



Isaac Ostlie and Jackson Boll

through May. The second Sundays also have an opportunity for the Children's choir to sing during service.

We continued our third year of SPARK in the fall and currently have an attendance of 20 kids that attend this after-school program. When kids come they ride the bus to the church, enjoy some free time to do homework, color, word finds, and enjoy a snack. They then have an opportunity to watch a Bible story on the screen in the large classroom. The students are then split into small groups according to age and go through 20-25 minute stations: craft, game, and/or music. They then enjoy a light meal before going home. Assistance for this program comes from Ben Simon and Nicole Johnsrud.

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2017 Ministry Team Reports



(Christian Education Ministry Team Report continued)

Our confirmation program continues to grow with our youth. We currently have 12 students in the confirmation program (four 9th graders, two 8th graders, and six 7th graders. This year we will have four students being confirmed. Our confirmation students meet at 6:30 on Wednesdays. They have continued with the same curriculum for the last two years. The three-year confirmation study includes; New Testament, Old Testament, and then combination/review. Catechism and Lutheran teachings are included all three years. Teachers this year include; Jon Peterson, Colette Thorson and Pastor Hanson.

The Peace Lutheran VBS theme for 2017 was "Galactic Starveyors." This was a very good week with upbeat music, games and a definite uptick in numbers of kids. We had approximately 50 kids in attendance, and the day consisted of Bible study, song, craft, snack and games. Next years theme is sports related called, "Game On," and it's sure to be another hit with the kids of Peace as well as the community.

Our Adult education continues with studies that come up at different times; our latest is "Having a Mary Spirit" by



2017 Confirmation Students: Seth Junczewski, Haley Christensen, Mackenzie Erickson, and Isaac Tesch

Joanna Weaver and is being led by Pastor Linda Boyadjis. This group meets Thursdays approximately twice a month. We are open to suggestions and would love to learn from others

in the congregation their needs and desires of what they'd like to see.

Christian Ed is always looking for and open to new members. We have a small committee that needs help creating and preparing for the growing church needs and their members' desires for ongoing educational opportunities. If you have a heart and passion for this, please join us.

Finance Ministry Team Report

The members of the Finance Ministry Team for 2017 were: Dan Buelke, Sue Buekle, Judy Jacobson, Marty Malmin, Paul Nesvold, Harlan Sunblad and Ministry Board representative Andy Johnsrud.

The Finance Ministry Team would like to thank all the Peace families for their financial gifts during the year. We began the year with a projected deficit budget and we should end the year with a positive carryover of approximately \$5000.

The financial review by an outside accounting firm at the end of last year showed everything was in order. During the year, everything has followed generally accepted accounting principles.

I would like to thank Sue Buelke, financial secretary, and Judy Jacobson, financial administrator for all their work. Both of these people donate many hours during the course of the year.

For the year 2018 we are proposing a deficit budget of approximately

\$25,000. At the time we built the sanctuary, we sold notes to some of our members to the tune of \$163,000. Prior to this year, we had only retired \$8,000 and in 2017 we retired \$25,000. As of the end of 2017 we still have \$130,000 outstanding. We have included an additional buy back of another \$25,000 in 2018, and we are asking the congregation for their help in retiring the balance of the notes during the next five years.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Malmin, Chair

Hospitality Ministry Team Report

Hospitality Committee members: Karen, Rachel and Robert Lotito, Marty and Diane Malmin, John Weinzierl, Julie Sprenger, Sarah Strand, RaKel Schroeder, Shawn Perez (Hospitality Chair), and Beth Seefeldt (MB Liaison.)

The Hospitality Committee had a fun and exciting year!

- Hosted Martin Luther Reformation Movie Night with a German Potluck and a Popcorn Bar.
- Arranged Themed Lenten Soup Suppers.
- Hosted Easter Brunch at PLC for 170 people.
- Hosted 2 Cribbage Tournaments at PLC.
- Hosted a Fish Fry.

- Provided flowers for Mother's Day
- Assisted with the Corn Feed
- Hosted Service on a Stick Peace Cafe for 166
- Hosted Rally Sunday.
- Pie Auction: 22 Pies were auctioned off raising \$2,755.00.
- Organized Two - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner with 4 host homes and 31 participants in April and 5 Host homes and 36 guests in October.
- Hosted a table at Ladies Night Out in Watertown. Handed out nicely decorated cookies advertising the PLC Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Walk.
- Purchased a slim Christmas tree



A.J. Perez with Santa (aka Pastor David) at the Bazaar & Cookie Walk

- and decorations for Fellowship Hall.
- Hosted Peace Lutheran's Christmas Bazaar with 21 Vendors/Artisans, and Cookie Walk.
- Hosted Ladies Sold-Out Christmas Luncheon with Speaker Gaye Lindfors.

In addition, we coordinate Greeters for each Sunday and Holiday services, we announce and provided cupcakes on the 2nd Sunday of each month for Peace members celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries. We order all Peace Café supplies including coffee. Thank you to all PLC members for all your support!

Shawn Perez, Hospitality Chairperson

Mission Ministry Team Report

Committee Members: Julie Choate, Ruth Clark, Edie Hanson, Mary Hausladen, Karen Hoernemann, Carole Sundblad, Heidi Thaemert and Sue Ziermann

The Missions Team continued to meet the third Monday of each month in 2017. As a team, we determined the recipients of PLC's 2017 benevolence dollars (all organizations and donation amounts were approved by the Ministry Board) and utilized our discretionary funds to support those locally in need via the Good Samaritan Fund, the homeless blessing bags and Love INC.

In addition to monetary gifting decisions, the Missions team organized

several opportunities for PLC members to volunteer and serve those in need. Some of the organizations supported were local, while others were national and/or international (see table below for Mission specifics). The more notable activities for the year are as follows:

- On February 11, we held our first Missions Work Day at PLC. On this day, sewing machines, sergers and ten machinists descended upon the church to tie one quilt and to create 59 T-shirt diapers and eight pillow case dresses. For several of the machinists, it was a day of firsts.
- On September 24, we hosted PLC's third Mission Sunday. Terri Harris, Director of Love INC in Delano, was our guest presenter. Her message

reminded us to "...look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:4-5). The Mission team, along with the PLC youth, served up Peace Café. The Café proceeds were donated to the PLC youth.

Here at Peace, the Missions Team is comprised of people who are passionate about helping others. Our meetings are open to all. We would love to have you join us. We meet at church on the second Thursday of each month, beginning at 6:30 P.M., excluding June and July. If monthly meetings are not for you, we ask that you continue to support us, via prayer, donations and/or event participation.

Organization	PLC Coordinator(s)	PLC's Active Participation
Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC)	Julie Choate	For the fourth year running, on the second Sunday of every month, PLC collected cash and personal care items for distribution to area needy families through Love INC. In September, Julie Choate became responsible for the storage and distribution of personal care items. These items are now stored on new shelving provided by PLC in the Rectory of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Watertown. Since taking on this new role, PLC has expended over 40 hours of volunteer effort.
Watertown Friends for Life Food Shelf	Ruth Clark	On the fourth Sunday of every month, PLC collected cash and non-perishable foodstuffs for delivery to the food shelf. In 2017, PLC contributed (276) pounds of food to the food shelf.
Nutritional Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS)	Julie Sprenger Pastor David	Since February, 2015, PLC has served as a distribution center for NAPS of MN. Every third Tuesday of the month, low-income seniors 60 years or older stop in and pick up a free box of pre-boxed nutritious commodity food products provided by Second Harvest. During 2017, eight area seniors typically took advantage of the program.
Orphan Grain Train (OGT)	Sue Ziermann	The Peace women's group met twice this year to assemble 141 infant layettes, each containing three of our T-shirt diapers. The layettes and 45 pillow case dresses were donated to OGT. Three team members traveled to Norfolk, NE to attend the 25 th anniversary of OGT and learned more about this organization that puts 97% of each donated dollar to the immediate cause.
Operation Christmas Child	Nicole Johnsrud	The SPARKS and Sunday School kids packed 96 shoeboxes of Christmas cheer to be distributed through Operation Christmas Child. <i>We are looking for a replacement coordinator – You perhaps?</i>
Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)	Ruth Clark	Six times this year members of PLC traveled to FMSC in Chanhassen to pack Manna packs of rice for future delivery to Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua. Our packing events catered to the Confirmation class (1), retired adults (4), and families (1). The number of volunteers at an event ranged from nine to 23.
SAL's Make a Difference Day	John Weinzierl	An event organized by Watertown Community Ed. Four PLC volunteers helped pack 70 care boxes to be distributed to active military troops by Sons of the American Legion (SAL).
Mittens of Hope (formerly Adopt-a-Child/Family Christmas)	Sharon Weinzierl	PLC members anonymously purchased 24 Christmas gifts for ten needy students pre-identified by the Watertown-Mayer Elementary School social worker. The wrapped gifts were then distributed by the school social worker to the students.
Homeless Blessing Bags	Ruth Clark Carole Sundblad	January (25), Summer (24), and December (24) for a total of 73 blessing bags assembled by PLC members for their distribution to homeless victims casually encountered by PLC members during their daily travels.
St. Paul Lutheran's Coat Drive	Ruth Clark	PLC members contributed 51 items including nine winter coats, five bomber jackets, one pair of boots and a plethora of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks.
Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women (SVABW)	Mary Hausladen	A cigar gift basket was donated to SVABW's <i>Jeans and Gems</i> silent auction fundraiser. Informational help booklets are available at PLC.

Outreach Ministry Team Report

2017 was an exciting year for the Outreach Team.

Within Peace:

Designed and contracted with Tom Lemmerman for the construction of the Welcome Wall and Connect Counter; prepared literature/brochures for the Welcome Wall with the assistance of Peace's office administrator, Sandy; created a design for and purchased blue Peace plastic bags to be used for new member swag bags and other various Peace events; revamped Peace's New Member Welcome Packet; morphed our Outreach new -member brunch into a CoffeeCake & Conversation and entertained guests on five different



Pastor David and Stephanie in yellow Volkswagen in Rails-to-Trails parade

Sundays; hosted four New Member Sundays (April, June, October, and December); and prepared a corn feed for Peace members in August in anticipation of a Community Corn Feed in 2018. In addition, we have designed and proposed two column-shaped, four-sided, rolling bulletin boards to the Ministry Board to replace the existing stand-alone easels, to promote Peace events, mission work, youth activities, etc.



Mikayla Thorson in line at the Corn Feed

Outside Peace:

We hosted a Chili Feed at the Watertown Fire Department for our emergency volunteers in February, a table at Ladies Night Out in Watertown in

October, and a bluegrass concert featuring Monroe Crossing in October for the public. We sent out a 'welcome mailing' in February with a pineapple coupon to new residents in Watertown, Mayer, St. Boni, Delano; delivered 221 pineapples in March, June, August, and November; advertised Easter and Christmas services in various newspapers; donated \$400 to the Education Team for VBS signs; entered a yellow Volkswagen accompanied by the youth throwing candy and adults handing out Peace literature at the Rails-to-Trails parade in July; and, purchased a new banner "Peace is Worth the Drive."

Respectfully submitted, Amy Peterson,
2017 Outreach Chair

Property Ministry Team Report

The Property Ministry Team is made up of volunteers who offer their time and talents to ensure the facilities are maintained in good repair and appearance.

This group maintains the heating, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and security systems within the church. Property is responsible for the maintenance of supplies, carpet cleaning, light bulb replacement, HVAC monitoring and the large job of custodial services which includes regular cleaning twice weekly. The exterior maintenance includes regular gardening, weeding, mowing, fertilizing, irrigation system maintenance and snow removal.



Parker Mittelstaedt spreading mulch

This group works diligently all year

long to keep Peace looking well maintained. A few highlights of 2017:

- Built the tool shed
- Built the Fence around the new A/C units
- Replenished mulch around the landscaping
- Installed the flag pole and spot light
- Repainted the parking lot curbs
- Continuing to work with Carver County Soil and Water on the conservation easement and rain garden



Bill Hoernemann, Paul Nesvold, and John Weinzierl in front of the new shed

A Special Thank you to all of the helpers who assist to maintain the building and grounds. To our fun group of "coffee guys" (Norm Bauer, Bill Hoernemann, Phil Schansberg, Paul Nesvold, John Weinzierl, Butch Essig, Jim Lindgren, and Jake Jacobson) who quietly ensure the building is clean

each week!! Thank you guys...we couldn't do it without you! To Marty Malmin who has spent countless hours in the maintenance of the seasonal plantings and décor! Thanks to Jerry Berg providing the lawn care services. The Mittelstaedt boys

provide the snowplowing and shoveling services. To all those who lend a hand whenever something is needed to keep the grounds of Peace at peace...thank you!

We are always looking for others to serve. It's a fun, hardworking group of people - please contact John at jsweinzierl@gmail.com or call his cell 763-286-5984 to learn more!

Tom Mittelstaedt
Properties Ministry Team Chair

Technology Ministry Team Report

The Technology Committee is a team of dedicated members that provide a valuable service to the church. We all depend on them for hearing God's Word, for singing our praises to Him, and guiding us through the worship every Sunday. Audio and video help us all enjoy our Sunday worship time.

The bulk of the upgrades were completed in 2016, so this year gave us time to continue with computer upgrades, new software for membership, new website, and better wi-fi within the church. All components and aspects of our new system have been used with the increase of activity within the church. Presentations and speakers can now be seen and heard in the Fellowship Hall and in the sanctuary. Sunday School and Youth are using the large screens

for activities and fun.

None of this is a small task but was made possible by a team of people. Thank you to Carl Choate, Robert Dean, Erik Strand, Sue Beulke, Pastor David and Doreen Seal. A special thank you to Carl Choate for his dedication (and his computer smarts) in helping the church computer get up and going and enhancing to make Sandy's and Pastor's lives easier. You have spent many hours at the church when you could have been at home. We thank you for your help. Thank you to Sandy Fleischman for helping with so many tasks on the computer, to assist in trouble-shooting and telling Carl when there is a problem. Thank you to Robert Dean for his audio-video skills. We couldn't do this work without the combined efforts of you, our volunteers.

Also, weekly we have people who give their time during worship:

- PowerPoint – Edie Hanson, Rachel Lotito, Pastor David
- Audio – Bill Hoernemann, Phil Schansberg, Erik Strand, Zeke Cartland, Lotito Family
- Bulletins – Sandy Fleischman and a host of church ladies that fold the bulletins.
- Video – Doreen Seal

If any member is interested in joining this team, please reach out to the office and let them know your interest. You don't have to be a computer-guru; you just need to want to share your talents and time for this ministry.

In God's Name,
Doreen Seal

Women of Peace Ministry Team Report

The Women of Peace revamped their group in 2017 so more women were able to attend and have the opportunity to be a part of this group. If you are a woman and member of Peace, you automatically are a part of the Women of Peace.

Women of Peace meet as a large group quarterly. These are new business

meetings. During these times we discuss what is happening in various groups. It also provides an opportunity for those who want to get more involved to ask questions and get connected.

In addition to meeting quarterly, the Women of Peace have various groups who meet

monthly, weekly, and bi-weekly for fellowship, coffee, and bible studies.



*Cookie Walk "register"
The Women of Peace hosted the cookie walk (Carol Sundblad, Marty Malmin & Sue Ziermann)*

All women of all ages are welcome. We are a group of women with diverse interests tied together by the love of learning more about God's plan for us. Please consider joining us or starting a group that meets in the evening.

Worship & Music Ministry Team Report

This past year, the W&M ministry team met monthly to select the music and plan for the weekly worship services. We tried, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to provide a blend of music that would speak to all worshippers. In addition to the



*Special Music by
Ella May*

weekly Sunday services, we planned for midweek Lenten services, leading up to and culminating in the Holy week worship experience (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good

Friday, & Easter Sunday). In the summer, we had six weeks of midweek services based on the books of 1 & 2 Corinthians. In August, we planned for an outdoor service, with the Praise Band providing the music on the lawn, but the weather didn't cooperate, and the service was moved inside. The corn feed following the service was a great success.

As I write this report, we are preparing for our Christmas eve services at 3pm, 4:30pm and 9pm. Many volunteers

have contributed to the W&M ministry over the course of this year, from instrumentalists & vocalists, sound board operators & slide presenters, ushers, and children & adult choirs. We've had numerous baptisms and new members. Peace Lutheran is blessed to have so many talented & caring members that give of their time & talents. Our focus has been to contribute to a meaningful worship experience to all who step inside our doors. Thanks to all who have served so diligently this past year.

Robert Dean, W&M ministry team lead

2017 Ministry Team Reports



Youth Activities Ministry Team Report

Committee Members: Meghan Weaver, Nathan May, Kelsie Simon, Ben Simon and Joseph Perez

I would like to start by thanking each of the committee team members as they have worked extremely hard to make each event possible. I would also like to thank the parents of our youth for not only trusting us with your kids, but encouraging them to attend each event and making sure they are able to do so.

Throughout 2017, we have continued to provide monthly youth events for our 6th-12th grade students. Some of these events included roller skating, snow tubing, a movie night at Pastor's house and Sever's Corn Maze in the fall. Each event averages between 15-25 youth in attendance, so we are thrilled to see the

continued growth and excitement.

During the fall of 2017, we replaced "Cinnamon Roll Sunday" with "Youth Sunday". Our goal was to get the youth more involved with worship, so in addition to serving during Peace Café, we are currently having our youth do the worship service scripture readings as well. We have also tried to plan each youth event for that same Sunday each month so it's easier for our youth and their families when it comes to scheduling.

During 2017 our committee coordinated, packaged and sent college care packages in the spring and fall to our students that are away at college. In addition, we organized a ditch cleanup in the fall



Sever's Corn Maze

where we included the entire church and were able to clean the full 3-mile stretch of highway.

As we look into 2018, we are excited to build upon the momentum and success of 2017. Our goal for Youth Sunday is to find more ways to get the youth involved during worship (praise team, Jam, sound booth, etc.) We all agree that our youth has so much talent and we want to encourage them to explore more ways to use their God given gifts.

The Committee is excited to see what 2018 has in store for us. We have some amazing kids and feel so blessed that we get to spend time with them. As we continue to grow, we'd like to thank the Peace Lutheran Congregation for their constant support and prayers as the youth attended all these events, Pastor Hanson for his continued help, encouragement and guidance and mostly, we thank God, as without Him, none of this would be possible.

We continue to encourage all youth, parents and church members to become involved. We are open and welcome to new youth, new volunteers and new ideas!

Meghan Weaver, 2017 Chair



Youth Bowling (back-Kelsie Simon; front-Dayvin, Olyvia, and Vanessa Schroeder)



Graduation Sunday (left to right Clay Thaemert, AJ Perez, Ella May, Benjamin Clifford, Olyvia Schroeder, Joris Sprogies)



Fire Safety J.A.M. Victoria Thorson in uniform after worship



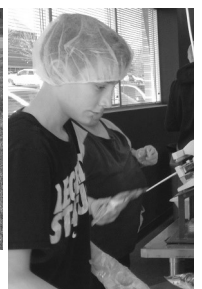
PLC Softball Team

Back: Ben Simon, Jared Wieseler, Erik Strand, Dan Beulke, Dan Dressel, and Jacob Grotbo

Front: Andy Johnsrud, Joseph Perez, Josh Peterson, Kris Hanson, and pastor David



Griffin Pohlen and Addison Weaver Playing games at VBS



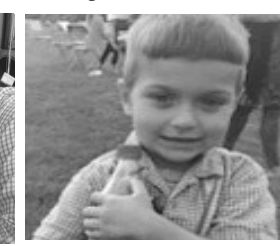
Dayvin Schroeder at FMSC packing



OGT Mission Project (Joan Nesvold, Maxine Hendricks, Doris Swenson, Sherry Essig, Diane Malmin, and Sharon Weinzierl)



Deloris McPadden's Birthday



Charley Stuntebeck at Rally Sunday



Landon Johnsrud at Corn Feed

Columbarium Committee Report

A Columbarium Committee was organized to develop a proposal for a Columbarium on church property. At the 2016 annual meeting a survey was distributed to determine interest level for a Columbarium. Based on the feedback from the survey, it appeared interest was high for the niches and plaques and that \$1500 - \$2,000 was a reasonable price for a niche and \$500 for a memorial plaque.

With that in mind, a committee was formed and plans were given to the City. We also asked the City to modify City Ordinance to accommodate our proposed Columbarium, and they agreed. Our goal was to begin construction by the fall of 2016.

However, since we would be "bumping heads" with the Church expansion project, the Ministry Board asked that the project be put on hold and for us to consider forming an Exterior Planning Committee to consider the best use of the rest of the

Church property. Although somewhat reluctant, our committee was expanded to assist in Phase Two. Phase two was designed to complement the Columbarium proposal. It included landscaping areas for multi-purpose use.

Jerry Hendricks, co-chair, was going to present the Phase One proposal in February, 2017. Unfortunately, Jerry suffered a stroke on January 27th so Jon Peterson agreed to proceed.

After getting feedback that the project was too expensive, it was decided to postpone the presentation until the fall of 2017. It was felt that we needed to reduce the cost and broaden our appeal to attract younger members.

With that in mind, the cost was reduced from \$156,000 to \$127,000 and these workshops were organized: 1) Wills and Trusts, 2) Health Care Directives, 3) Funeral & Memorial Services, and 4) Columbarium; A discussion. These workshops were well received and attended.

Unfortunately, the fourth and final workshop did not go as well as expected. Although most of the members agreed that we need a Columbarium and that our proposal was certainly attractive, there were questions on cost and financing. We had proposed selling Debenture Bonds to raise \$65,000 and taking out a line of credit for the remaining \$65,000. This would have allowed construction to begin once City and County approvals were received. Selling niches, wall plaques, brick pavers and granite benches would be used to easily repay this debt.

Since the Congregation has been inundated with Columbarium information during the past 20 months, the committee has been asked to "shelf" the project for six months to a year. This suggestion was well received by the Columbarium Committee.

The Columbarium Committee

Stewardship Committee Report

When I volunteered to be on the Stewardship Committee I did not realize how good a group this would be to work with. We were all committed and worked very well together. Our committee consisted of Sue Beulke, Larry Cramb, Emily Peterson, Pastor Dave Hanson, me-Jon Peterson and Andy Johnsrud as our ministry board representative.

We started meeting in late spring to discuss possible themes and ideas. We came up with the 2017 stewardship campaign theme "Together We Make a Difference". We asked a number of members to participate in videos and tell us how they feel about Peace Lutheran Church. Each week's video addressed a specific question and was shown in church, emailed to members, and posted on YouTube and the church website.



In addition to the first week's video, we asked people to personally answer the question, "Who has made a difference in your life?", write it on a handprint, and attach it to the church wall display. It was amazing how many responded by naming a parent, other family member, or mentor who taught them through words and example about following Jesus. The following week, Time & Talent surveys were distributed and also made available on the church website.

The other questions invited introspection as to how we as individuals make a difference for Christ through the gift of our time and talents and how our church makes a difference for our members, in the community and beyond. The last question, "Why do you choose to give?" was designed to get us to think about the importance of supporting the church and its ministries and how none of that

happens without our financial gifts.

The stewardship packets were then distributed to all members with 2018 Faith Promises and Time & Talents. 50 faith promises were received (of 105 households) and 59 Time & Talents surveys (of 156 adult members). We would certainly gladly welcome any additional faith promise cards and/or Time & Talents from those who did not turn them in yet.

We would like to thank those who came alongside and assisted us with this year's stewardship campaign: the Lotito family in creating a church wall display for the campaign, Sarah Strand who set up, helped us tape, and edited our 4-part video series "Together We Make a Difference", Sandy Fleischman who helped rewrite the Time & Talent survey to fit to one page and all of the members who graciously agreed to appear in our video-taped series. *Together We truly do Make a Difference.*

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ.
Jon Peterson Stewardship Chairperson

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING - January, 29, 2017

Welcome given by President Kristi Mittelstaedt.

Call to Order: Call to Order 10:18 am

Opening Prayer: Opening Prayer lead by Pastor David Hanson

Open Forum

Butch Essig presented a Columbarium update. The next meeting with regards to the Columbarium is scheduled for the 19th of February, 2017. All are welcome to review and discuss the Columbarium in further detail.

Adopt Annual Meeting Agenda:

Motion to Adopt Annual Meeting Agenda: Marty Malmin/Bill Hoernemann/No Discussion/Carried

Approve Congregational Meeting Minutes

- Annual Meeting – January 31, 2016
 - *Motion to Approve Annual Meeting Minutes from January 31, 2016: Mary Hausladen/Barb Schansberg/No Discussion Carried*
- Special Congregational Meeting – July 17, 2016
 - *Motion to Approve Special Congregational Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2016: Jake Jacobson/Andy Johnsrud/No Discussion/Carried*

Pastor's Report: 2016 Pastor's Report given by Pastor David Hanson. *Motion to Approve Pastor David Hanson's 2016 Pastor's Report: Fred Tesch/Mary Hausladen /No Discussion/Carried.*

President's Report: 2016

President's Report given by Kristi Mittelstaedt.

2016 Recap: the number of households increased by 21%; regular attendance increased by 42%; Christmas Worship increased by 8%; Easter Service increased by 30%; and New Members increased by 75%. *Motion to Accept President's Report as written: John Weinzierl/Tom Mittelstaedt/No Discussion/Carried*

Committee Report: 2016 Ministry Team Reports from Ministry Teams. Pastor Hanson addressed Committee

Reports and Team Leads. *Motion to approve all Ministry Team Reports: Ann Goebel/John Peterson/No Discussion/Carried*

Nominating Committee Ballot Presentation

President Kristi Mittelstaedt introduced each nominating committee member and thanked them for their service.

President Kristi Mittelstaedt discussed various items we are voting on, introducing each candidate for Ministry Board and Nominating Committee.

- Amending the Constitution of Peace Lutheran Church to include changes to Nominating Committee in Section B7.02: *Motion to Approve the Vote on Amending the Constitution with regards to the Nominating Committee in Section B7.02, changing the Nominating Committee Term from 1 year to 2 year terms: Doreen Seal/Shawn Perez/No Discussion/Carried*
 - Results of Vote: Yes; the Amendment shall go into effect in 2018.
- Amend Constitution of Peace Lutheran Church to add language in Section A2.08 to include the Statement of Faith on Marriage and Human Sexuality: *Motion to Approve the Vote on Amending the Constitution with regards to Section A2.08 Josh Peterson/Phil Schansberg /No Discussion/Carried*
 - Results of Vote: Yes; ratified in 2017.
- Ministry Board (3-year term) – vote for two
- Nominating Committee (1-year term) – vote for six

Departed Members

- Phyllis Leaf: June 8, 2016

2016 Finance Review

2016 Financial Review Given by Marty Malmin. The annual Independent Accounts Audit Report Review was done by Jeanne Matter, CPA. CPA Matter confirmed accuracy. *Motion to*

approve 2016 Financial Report: Paul Nesvold/Mary Hausladen /No Discussion/Carried

2017 Proposed Budget

2017 Budget Review given by Marty Malmin introducing the Ministry Team Summary 2017 Proposed Budget and the review of Benevolence Budget. 2017 Budget and Income Comparison discussed and reviewed. Budget discussions with regards to Administrative Assistant start date, part time, full time, and job description among the congregation. *Motion to approve 2017 Proposed Budget as written: John Weinzierl/Lily Tesch/No Discussion/Carried*

Move-in Costs Review

Move-in costs reviewed by Kristi Mittelstaedt. Remaining items to be completed: remodel of Pastor's old office, welcome center kiosk, partial payment for furniture and miscellaneous small items.

Election Results

Nominating Committee Results:
Elected Nominating Committee Members for 2017 will include:

- Mary Barfnecht
- Dan Beulke
- Marla Erickson
- Phil Schansberg
- Kelsie Simon
- Jackie Cramb

Board Member Election Results:

Elected Board Members with a three (3) year term are as follows:

- Beth Seefeldt
- Erik Strand

2017 Ministry Board President: *Motion to approve Bob Rieckenberg as the 2017 Ministry Board President: John Weinzierl/Andy Johnsrud/No Discussion/Carried.*

Motion to destroy ballots: Fred Tesch/Bill Hoernemann/No Discussion Carried

Adjournment: *Motion to Adjourn 2016 Annual Meeting at 11:30 am: Mary Hausladen/Heather Hanson/No Discussion/Carried.*

Closing Prayer: Closing Prayer by Pastor David Hanson.

Income Summary

	2017	2016	2015
Faith Promises - General Fund	\$ 199,230	\$ 175,836	\$ 138,943
Cash Offerings	5,402	3,423	2,361
Lenten Offerings	2,271	2,773	1,363
Easter Offerings	7,487	3,171	985
Thanksgiving Offerings	587	600	100
Advent Offerings	-	20	10
Christmas Offerings	4,724	4,064	2,865
Interest Income	199	141	134
Miscellaneous Income	<u>802</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
OPERATING INCOME	<u>\$ 220,702</u>	<u>\$ 190,428</u>	<u>\$ 147,161</u>
Building Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Campaign Fund	-	-	5,400
Building Fund - Debt Retirement	240	-	67,622
Move-in Costs	10,310	121,564	-
Various Funds	20,718	15,214	22,174
Memorials	155	4,315	2,075
Refunded Transactions	<u>9,238</u>	<u>7,072</u>	<u>13,924</u>
NON-OPERATING INCOME	<u>\$ 40,661</u>	<u>\$ 148,165</u>	<u>\$ 111,195</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 261,363</u>	<u>\$ 338,593</u>	<u>\$ 258,356</u>

Expense Summary

	2017	2016	2015
Benevolence	\$ 17,700	\$ 15,300	\$ 7,800
Property	21,278	22,183	15,911
Salaries & Benefits	144,377	111,725	95,948
Education	2,681	5,779	2,365
Activity	2,318	2,503	2,855
Outreach	2,852	4,703	2,685
Missions	500	915	-
Music	810	937	571
Stewardship	401	1,658	183
Office and Church Supplies	10,094	9,481	7,029
Communications & Technology	1,514	1,316	71
Hospitality	3,116	2,283	1,695
Mortgage	-	-	8,800
Note Interest	4,550	6,377	5,600
Call Committee & Pastor Relocation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,819</u>
OPERATING EXPENSE	<u>\$ 212,190</u>	<u>\$ 185,160</u>	<u>\$ 154,332</u>
Building Fund Expense	\$ -	-	-
Building Fund - Various	-	-	57,196
Move-in Costs	8,600	117,164	-
Various Funds	13,219	11,245	30,419
Memorials	1,530	-	3,350
Refunded Transactions	<u>7,549</u>	<u>5,230</u>	<u>12,877</u>
NON OPERATING EXPENSE	<u>\$ 30,898</u>	<u>\$ 133,639</u>	<u>\$ 103,842</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$ 243,088</u>	<u>\$ 318,799</u>	<u>\$ 258,174</u>

Cash & Fund Balances

Cash in Bank as of 12/31/17 \$ 91,521.75

Fund Balances as of 12/31/17

General Fund	\$ 21,362.45
Special Reserve Accounts	\$ 2,000.00
Prepaid Faith Promise	\$ 10,100.68
Move In Costs Fund	\$ 10,629.65
Undesignated Memorials	\$ 295.00
Thrivent Mission Fund	\$ 767.00
Note Retirement Fund	\$ 1,245.11
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 6,244.15
Children Ministry Fund	\$ 2,559.97
Noisy Offering	\$ 1,409.03
Youth Ministry Fund	\$ 5,227.92
SPARK Scholarship Fund	\$ 60.00
Christian Education Fund	\$ 2,771.56
VBS Fund	\$ 750.00
SPARK Fund	\$ 1,004.46
Music Ministry Fund	\$ 1,386.09
High School Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,050.00
Youth Mission Trip Fund	\$ 4,956.03
Mission Ministry Fund	\$ 300.00
Outreach Fund	\$ 4,230.57
Hospitality Fund	\$ 3,019.08
Women of Peace Fund	\$ 3,989.17
Altar Care Fund	\$ 651.83
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 270.00
Worship / Technology Fund	\$ 4,242.00
Building Fund Notes	\$ 130,000.00

Resourcing Our 2018 Ministry Plan



2018 Estimated Income

Faith Promises (56)	\$ 198,494
Other Giving	\$ 17,500
Other Offerings	\$ 16,600
TOTAL	<u>\$ 232,594</u>

2018 Benevolence Budget

Love INC	\$ 2,500
Friends for Life	\$ 2,400
LCMC	\$ 2,000
Augustana District	\$ 800
Feed My Starving Children	\$ 4,000
Orphan Grain Train	\$ 1,000
Heifer International	\$ 1,000
New Hope Mission Society	\$ 2,500
Southern Valley Alliance	\$ 1,000
TOTAL	<u>\$ 17,200</u>

2018 Budget - Ministry Team Summary

	2018 BUDGET	2017 BUDGET
Finance	\$ 223,684	\$ 192,910
Property	\$ 16,755	\$ 17,450
Education Ministry	\$ -	\$ 3,900
Activity Ministry	\$ -	\$ 2,750
Missions Ministry	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
Stewardship Ministry	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Outreach	\$ 5,725	\$ 4,755
Hospitality	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,540
Music	\$ 1,535	\$ 1,200
Communications & Technology	\$ 891	\$ 1,708
TOTAL	<u>\$ 256,590</u>	<u>\$ 231,213</u>

Notes!



2018 Budget & Income Comparison

Estimated Income	\$ 232,594
Budget	<u>\$ 256,590</u>
Deficit	<u>\$ 23,996</u>

2017 Membership & Worship Stats

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
◆ Baptized Membership	281	303
◆ Confirmed Membership	215	233
◆ Numbers of Households	98	116
◆ Members Removed	1	0
◆ Average Worship Attendance <small>*includes Easter Sunday but not Christmas Eve</small>	108	126
◆ Average Worship Attendance <small>*without midweek, Christmas, Easter, and Summer (6/1-9/1)</small>	115	132
◆ Average Midweek Worship Attendance		
• Lent	74	75
• Summer Series	34	30
◆ Christmas Eve Worship Attendance	332	417
• 3:00 pm	123	150
• 4:30 pm	166	206
• 9:00 pm	43	61
◆ Easter Worship Attendance	224	270

2017 Bible Presentation Sunday Sunday, September 17, 2017

3rd Grade

- ✠ Brynn Foster
- ✠ Cullen May
- ✠ Karver Schroeder
- ✠ Hallie Simon

7th Grade

- ✠ Ariel Alaspa
- ✠ Peyton Feltmann
- ✠ Morgen Junczewski
- ✠ Rylee May
- ✠ Andrew Seefeldt
- ✠ Malorie Thorson



Congratulations!

2017 Graduates

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 7th

Cooper Anderson, Benjamin Clifford*, Ella May*, Aaron Perez, Clay Thaemert*, Olyvia Schroeder*, and Jorn Joris Sprogies

* received Peace Lutheran Church Graduate Scholarships



2017 Pastoral Acts

BAPTIZED

2016—7 2017—14

- Adley Marie Hanson
Sunday, February 5, 2017
- Braxton Johnson
Saturday, April 15, 2017
- Logan Robert Anderson
Sunday, April 23, 2017
- Annabelle Mae King
Sunday, April 30, 2017
- Madelyn Marie Strand
Sunday, May 14, 2017
- Remington Augustine Ostlund
Sunday, May 28, 2017
- Rylan John McClurg
Sunday, June 25, 2017
- Adelynn Paige Lindberg
- Hazel Marie Lindberg
Sunday, June 2, 2017
- Connor David Quackenbush
Sunday, August 27, 2017
- Luke Russel Meuleners
Sunday, October 1, 2017
- Jett Anthony Tombers
Sunday, October 15, 2017
- Harlow Sue Brandenburg
Sunday, November 19, 2017
- Magnolia James Mullaney
Sunday, December 10, 2017

CONFIRMED

Sunday, May 21, 2017

- Haley Christensen
- Mackenzie Erickson
- Seth Junczewski
- Isaac Tesch

MARRIED

Adam Posselt & Justine Ernst
Saturday, June 23, 2017

FUNERALS

Internment—Esther G. Spencer
Trinity Lutheran Cemetery
Saturday, November 11, 2017



New Members Are Joining

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Baptized members	55	49
Households received	21	20

Sunday, April 2, 2017

7 people / 4 households

- Bob & Janet Carlson
- Tim & Teri Dressel
- Daniel & Shelby Dressel
**Shelby was already a member*
- Michael & Chelsea Lindberg

Sunday, June 25, 2017

14 people / 4 households

- Bill & Anne Holmquist
- Karl & Jennifer Knutson
Chloe, Henrik & Levi
- Wayne Kuehn & Bonnie Erickson
- Dylan & Nikki McClurg
Audrey, Maci & Rylan

Sunday, October 8, 2017

8 people / 5 households

- Mitchell & Andrea Meuleners
Hayden & Luke
- Carl Rothenberger
- Ashley Stender
- Gary Stender
- Zachary Stender

Sunday, December 10, 2017

20 people / 7 households

- Troy Carlson
- Brian & Wendy Ely
- David & Chloe Guth
Declan & Harvie
- Tim & Heather Heun
Jack, Maris & Ava
- Jaime Latzke
- John & Mary Lobitz
- Robert & Kacie Mullaney