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PEACE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1. In-person or streamed at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays (the sanctuary is set up for social distancing)*
- 2. Drive-in at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays (97.9 FM)*
- 3. On Facebook (streamed live and then posted following the 8:00 & 10:30 services)*
- 4. On Cable Channel 16 at 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:00 a.m. Wednesdays*
- 5. On YouTube anytime (the button is on our website's homepage – welcometopeace.org)*

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Join us Sunday mornings!
Worship at 8:00 a.m. (in-person/stream)
Worship at 10:30 a.m. (drive-in)
Sunday School at 9:15

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...my perspective (words from our President)

After a hard-fought campaign and election, it is official, I have become the President of Peace Lutheran Church. I'd like to thank my campaign manager, wife, daughter, and parents for their unwavering support. All joking aside, I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as the new President of Peace Lutheran Church. I am Jim Hauschild Jr and have been a member of Peace for about 13 or 14 years now. My wife, Dawn, and I live in Hammond, WI and were married in the old red brick church 12 years ago. We have a daughter, Taylor, who is a freshman at UW-Stout. My wife, Dawn, works as a Special Education Teacher in the River Falls School District. I work at US Bank as a Business Technology Analyst. That's a fancy way of saying I support a collection platform and help our business lines by building rules and configuration so our workflows are more automated.

With 2020 officially a wrap and behind us all, I look forward to what 2021 will bring us as a congregation. In 2021, Peace Lutheran Church has an amazing opportunity to turn a big page in our history. As I write this newsletter piece, our mortgage balance is at \$116,500.28. You read that right, **\$116,500.28!!!** We have attacked the debt with gazelle-like speed, as Dave Ramsey would say. If we keep the same pace going, we may very well be mortgage free by the end of 2021. Just think what we as a congregation could do without the burden of a monthly mortgage payment. I know every one of us has thoughts and ideas that we may be able to bring to life without the mortgage looming over our heads.

I look forward to leading our congregation as the President and will provide updates periodically in the church newsletter and other avenues if necessary.

Peace be with you all.

Jim Hauschild Jr.

Wilderness Time

Your congregation observes the season of Lent from February 17 until April 4. ONLY 40 days of Renewal, Preparation, and Repentance. Whatever you want to call it, it's "Wilderness Time!" Lent begins with Mark's Gospel story of Jesus' baptism and the proclamation from God that this is "[Jesus] *God's Son, the Beloved.*" Immediately, Jesus spends 40 days in the wilderness being tempted (or tested) by Satan. The time span has been tied to Biblical themes: the 40-day rainstorm with Noah and his family and the 40-year wandering of Moses and the Israelites as they exit Egypt and seek their freedom in the Promised Land. These were stress-filled, trying times.

It would be nice if our human experience was in sync with this timely observance of Lent, 40 days in which we have six Sundays where we are able to gaze beyond the tasks of Lent and celebrate the Resurrection! But to many in our communities, this wilderness season is now in its 11th month, a Promised Land is nowhere to be seen, and we aren't allowed to take a Sunday "off." Everyone is feeling the struggle of this wilderness time! Celebrations as well as losses in families are not being publicly expressed. Screams for justice are being made and the blame game among our leaders is seen on the streets. Neighbors are trying to keep their jobs and our kids are trying to keep their friends. Wilderness time!

I observe the way civic agencies and schools implement safeguards in their work to fulfill their duties. I watch broadcasts of fans gathering for events and I note the limitations put on occupancy and movement. I participate with churches of our denomination and with neighboring churches. The common thread of discussion is "How are you doing Ministry/Program? What works/failed?" We share what we are going to try to do, knowing that plans will be amended. We put precautions in place so that the people who use our facilities and the staff are having their needs met with safeguards in place to try and serve all.

I don't want our faith expressions to be "first come, first served" or "limited in space," preventing anyone from joining us if they are able. We continue to bring our amended services to as many people as we can. Most attributes of our "regular" worship are provided, although admittedly somewhat out of order to limit movement in the worship spaces. The changes of service order and limits to the way we sing praise cause us to lack the harmony we used to have. As we have provided people with a chance to celebrate a service at home or at an alternative setting, we have given cause for division or separation. "Screen time" and "face time" dictate what was once a communal activity called fellowship.

God provided safe passage for the people on the Ark, the people in the Exodus, and for his son, Jesus, in the wilderness experiences. God sees. God hears. God delivers. *(The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.)*

I hear the cries of the people. I know the feelings of oppression. I witness the suffering. I remain WITH you in the oppression, the suffering, and your losses. As we proceed through LENT and likely through Easter, I will continue to sing, "Guide me ever, Great Redeemer, pilgrim in this barren land! I am weak, but you are mighty, hold me with your powerful hand! Lead me now and evermore!!

Please, help me help you remain faith-filled in this Wilderness Time. God sees. God hears. God delivers. Peace to all of you in this time of struggle!

PASTOR JOHN'S PEN



ANNUAL MEETING January 31, 2021

Greetings: By president at 10:30 drive-in worship. Worship as a congregation.

Pastor John: Unprecedented year, planning a polka party in July. People just want to

connect. Creative year, it's all new. Thanks be to God. Gathered in sanctuary, parking lot, and by ZOOM (thanks to Sam Niebeling and Pauline Wangen).

Call to Order: At 11:30 by Bruce Ashlin. Established a quorum of at least 25 people. Reviewed agenda, no additions or deletions.

Adopt Agenda: Motion/second to approve, Gloria Rasmussen/Leann Huston.

Secretary Report 2020: Motion/second to approve, Angie Bierwerth/Leann Huston.

Call for Election: Called for four volunteer tellers (they weren't needed). Added Ken Rimer to a 3-year position on the Usher Committee. Closed nominations and voted on ballot. Motion/second to approve, Paul Ramberg/Tracy Carlson.

Treasurer's Report: As printed on pages 14-18. Motion/second to approve, Leann Huston/Amy Hutchins.

Approval of Budget: As printed pages 18-20. Motion/second to approve, Gloria Rasmussen/Peder Parizek.

Results of Election accepted.

No unfinished business.

New Business: Get rid of the loan.

Motion/second to adjourn, Gloria Rasmussen/Matt McKone.

Close: 11:40 with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Mueller



LOGOS BOARD January 26, 2021

Devotions/Prayers: Julie led devotions and prayers about leadership and how God has given us the support that we need to do our job as leaders in the church.

Next Meeting Date: March 9th, 7:00.

Next board member to attend council meeting:

February 16, 2021: Monica Polk 7:00.

Bible Study: Amy has all the bible study teachers in place and ready to go for the second part of this year. She would like a few more names for substitute teachers.

Recreation: Monica and John will be overseeing both sections of Recreation time. Now that we have snow, she will plan some outside activities. She will text message the families of the 6th and 7th graders when they need to bring their snow gear to school with them for LOGOS.

Family Time: We will be polling our LOGOS families to see if anyone will need a meal during Lent. Typically, we don't provide meals for LOGOS because of Lenten meals, however they are not happening this year. We will see if there is a need for any family that plans to stay for worship. Lenten services will begin at 6:30 this year.

Worship Arts: Julie is ready to begin worship arts again. She is looking for a replacement for Vonda who had been working with the 5th – 7th graders. She is no longer able to fulfill that commitment. Julie will talk with some potential helpers.

Childcare: Now that we have some of the Peace childcare families joining us for LOGOS, we have decided that next year we will begin charging for these kids to be a part of the LOGOS childcare. They are being cared for the whole evening and they are eating the meal with everyone.

Financial Report: We still have \$1345.00 left in our general fund. We will be adding our second semester tuition fees to that amount to get us through the rest of the year. Tuition will be \$55.00 per student for Feb – April.

New concerns: During Lent our program will end at 5:45 with closing in the fellowship hall. The board members have been asked to pray about if they want to continue in their position on the board for next year. They will need to let us know at the next board meeting. Julie is stepping down from being the LOGOS director. She will continue as the worship arts coordinator but wants someone else to take over the organization of the LOGOS program. We need to begin the process of finding a new director.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Julie Hanson



BOARD of EDUCATION February 8, 2021

Board of Education met on February 8.

The Sunday schoolers will host a bake sale fundraiser on Palm Sunday, March 28. The bake sale will be outside as a drive through/pick up. Will discuss further at next month's meeting. (cont.)

Monthly missions for Sunday school: February – making Thank You cards for front line workers in our community. Sunday school offerings gathered this month will go toward purchasing gift cards to include in the Thank You cards. March – gathering non-perishable items

for the Baldwin food shelf. Items can be brought in anytime and placed in the Lord's Cupboard. April – making blankets for Grace Place.

Respectfully submitted by Cristy Peavey, Secretary



BOARD of TRUSTEES February 9, 2021

Meeting held Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 6pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

In Attendance: Monica P, Jim Hauschild Sr., John V, John H, Derek M, Amy H, Rich C, Jim Hauschild Jr (guest), Sam N (guest), and Pam E.

Meeting called to order by Derek Miller.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by John V, 2nd by Jim H Sr in approval of secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by John V, 2nd by Jim H Sr in approval of Treasurer's report.

Old Business: Audio Update: Sam explained all phases in updating our audio system. Motion was made to approve Phase 1 and 2 by Derek, 2nd by Pam. Review of

Books: Seeking candidates to replace Lisa and Megan to review books and Mandy Kusilek has agreed to volunteer and see if it's a good fit for her.

New Business: New Trustees: We'd like to welcome our new trustees, Monica Polk, and Jim Hauschild Sr. Thank you!! Loan Payment: Motion was made by Jim H Sr, 2nd by Derek to make a \$22,000 payment. Ignite Proposal: Discussion was made and everyone is to bring questions to next meeting. CPR - First Aid Training: Excellent suggestion made.! Discussion made, asked everyone to keep ears open and bring ideas. Tabling full discussion till spring.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Hauschild Sr, 2nd by Derek M.
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Edwards



CHURCH COUNCIL February 16, 2021

Call to Order: 7PM, Jim Hauschild Jr.

Attendance: Laurie Mueller, Nerissa Krosnoski, Kathy Miller, Angie Bierwerth, Pauline Wangen, Amy Hutchins, Jim Hauschild Jr, Rich Carlson, Monica Polk, John Hanson, Julie Hanson, and by ZOOM Leann Huston, Shirley Rode.

Adoption of the Agenda: Accepted. Motion/second, Rich/Laurie.

Next meeting date: March 16, 7PM.

Devotions: Surviving Covid with kindness, next moth Pauline.

Secretary's Report: Accept as printed in the newsletter. Motion/second, Laurie/Julie.

Treasurer's Report: Accept as printed on agenda. Motion/second Laurie/Shirley. \$22,000 will be paid on the building debt this week and we will be under \$120,000.

The federal PPP loan was forgiven as of 1-22-21. Benevolence given to the Kusilek family, whose house was destroyed by fire. Motion/second, Angie/Monica.

Reports - Executive: Invitation to attend virtual meeting 2-21-21 of Luther Point Board. **Pastor John:** Welcome and blessing from the congregation as the new and continuing board members are installed. Thank you from Ken Everson for the money raised to buy him a scooter. Ash Wednesday will be live streamed, and ashes can be received in the car. The law enforcement chaplain program

has been completely funded. Presbyterian church in Baldwin is looking at closing their doors. Peace is looking at a ministry for people with Autism which would run June-September. Planning to have a memorial service for John's mom in July. Many calls to Peace for work groups, new opportunities. **LOGOS:** Julie is stepping down, currently looking for a new lead, it is volunteer, but could be paid or could be eliminated. Need a copy of the job description. 2nd half has started, 11 weeks \$55. May have some childcare needs. **Deacons:** No representative. **WOP:** Have not met as they are older and Covid and the cold keeps all home. Hopefully in March, the 2nd Thursday at 1:30, meeting and Bible study, would welcome new members all ages. **YOF:** Snow tubing cancelled because of the cold. Have added 'Catch the Wave' virtual retreat with break-out sessions. March 20-21 Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser. Cross Training on hold until after Lent. **Trustees:** Approved plans for a new sound system, phase 1 and 2 had funds donated. **Stewardship:** Still looking for people to do Mission Moments. Haven't met, will meet March 7th. **DFM/CC:** Childcare added new student, recruiting 4-year-olds, school can bus 4K. Usborne Book Fundraiser was a great success. Wanting to update the "Spotlight on Peace" board, maybe with pictures of members of each board. February 21st, snowshoe, sled, and s'mores. February 28th Trollhaugen skiing. Peace Around the Table meets at 1:00 on Tuesday afternoons. Thinking of having an Easter scavenger hunt outside of church. (cont.)

BOE: Met February 8th, palms are ordered, more than last year because we ran out. No Easter program as Baldwin's spring break is March 15-19. February mission is thank you to the frontline workers. Making cards and buying gift cards. Bibles given to 3-year-olds, 5 of 7 were there. Attendance has been good except for the cold.

Other business: There is a problem getting e-mails to g-mail accounts, working on it.

Motion to adjourn: 8PM motion/second, Rich/Laurie.
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Laurie Mueller

WOMEN of PEACE DATES

Women of Peace/Joy Circle/Work Day – on hold until further notice

Gifts and Memorials

Gifts were received in memory of Dale Vrieze and Roger Hink, and in honor of Nancy Larson's birthday.

PASTORAL ACTS

February 1 – Funeral service for Marlys Torkelson

February 14 – Service of Baptism for JaKobe Rae Wallace, son of Krista Cronk and Devonte Wallace

February 14 – Service of Baptism for Devonte Wallace

MARCH SCRIP ORDERS

The next deadline for ordering Scrip is **Sunday, March 7**. Orders will be ready for pick up Sunday, March 14th. **Debit/credit cards may be used to pay for Scrip orders. Use the card terminal in the narthex of church.** To place an order, simply complete your order form (blank forms are at the Scrip station in the narthex and on the website) and place it in an envelope along with your **cash, check or debit/credit card slip**. Place your envelope in either of the church drop boxes. If you have any questions regarding the Scrip program and how easy it is to use, please contact Sharon Hauschild 715-307-2531 (cell). Thank you!



**SCRIP
DEADLINE**

CANS and CARTRIDGES - We collect aluminum cans and inkjet and deskjet toner cartridges as fundraisers for the Building Fund. We cannot take laserjet cartridges. Cans can be thrown in the trailer at the north end of the farthest parking lot (up by the new shed) and cartridges can be left in the box in the entry by the office.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT			
<i>Weekly</i> budgeted expenses (w/mortgage)	\$ 9,890	<i>YTD</i> budgeted expenses (01/31/21)	\$ 39,775
<i>Weekly</i> General Fund income (02/14/21)	\$ 2,857	<i>YTD</i> GF & BF income (01/31/21)	\$ 32,804
<i>Bi-monthly</i> GF automatic giving (02/20)	\$ 0	Difference	\$ - 6,971
Difference	\$ - 7,033		
01/01/21 Loan Balance	02/17/21 Payment	02/17/21 Loan Balance	2021 PRINCIPAL REDUCTION
\$157,214.61	\$22,000.00	\$116,500.28	\$40,714.33

Pauline Wangen is the Director of Family Ministries
(pauline.wangen@gmail.com or 651-210-5106).

FAMILY ministry

Piecing it together Craft Night

Friday, March 5, 6:00-9:00 pm - Do you have crafts you love to do but just don't have the time or space at home? Here's the answer! Bring your pictures, paper, quilting, crocheting, beads, tools, stamps, ideas, and inspiration to share! Bring your own beverage and snacks.

Life Changing Illness Support Group

Sunday, March 14, 4:00 pm (in person or on Zoom) - It is normal to feel anxious, worried, scared, or depressed when you are fighting or recovering from a life changing illness. Join our group to talk to others who are battling or recovering from a life changing illness. Contact Pauline for zoom log-in information.

Easter Story Family Scavenger Hunt

Anytime between March 19 – April 2 - Learn about the Easter story through a scavenger hunt around the church property. Pick up the info sheet in the white drop box (by south door) to start. Choose a time that works best for you and your family to enjoy this self-guided hunt. The hunt will be outdoors so wear appropriate clothing and footwear. It will take about 30 minutes to complete.

ONGOING Weekly Ministries at Peace

Peace Around the Table – Zoom time to visit with your Peace family. Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. Contact Pauline for log-in information.

Cross Training – Bible study for 10-12th Graders. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. *On break during Lent.* Contact Leann Huston for more information (lhuston13@yahoo.com).

Rise & (Son)Shine – Bible study and exercise. Thursdays, 7:00 am on Zoom. Contact Cheri Rott for more information and for login information (cherigary@gmail.com).

Coffee Hour – Zoom gathering with various activities. Thursdays, 9:00 am on Zoom. Contact Pauline for log-in information.

TOPS Club – Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Contact Pauline for more information.

Bible Study – Saturdays at 9:00 am by Zoom. Contact Pauline for log-in information.



Leann Huston is the Youth Director at Peace (lhuston13@yahoo.com or 715-556-2129). Youth on Fire has activities for grades 8-12.

YOUTH on FIRE: 8-12 graders – hoping you can join us for our upcoming events!

Join us for a Fun Youth Event - Catch the Wave

March 6, 12:15pm – 10pm. We will gather @ Peace (no cost to you)! There will be 3 Waves (sessions) in the afternoon (all interactive): Hiding behind a Mask (the person God sees vs what you see) / World Views and how that influences our lives and beliefs / Be an Influencer – spreading your faith. We will break for supper (provided) and then we will worship with music, listen to a guest speaker, and have small group time.

March 20 – 21 will be our annual Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser! Looking for both parents and students to join the fun! March 20th – 4pm at Peace to make the rolls and March 21st – Bake and sell the rolls.

Cross Training (10th – 12th grade) – we will start back up April 7th, every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. Romans 1:11-12

Blessings and I can't wait to see you! Leann

*** * * BULLETIN BOARD * * ***

NEW OFFICE EMAIL – Our office email has been successfully switched to office@welcometopeace.org. Please make a note of the change.

GMAIL USERS – Please be aware that if you have a gmail account, any emails coming from a baldwin-telecom.net address (this includes Pastor John) will go directly to spam. Please check your spam file. We are working on switching emails but until then, if you are comfortable doing so, you can get around this by going into: Settings/Filters and Blocked Addresses/Create – New Filter/Enter the domain name “baldwin-telecom.net”/Create Filter/Click never send to spam/Create Filter. It is referred to as “Whitelisting.”

NEW LOGOS DIRECTOR Peace Lutheran Church is seeking a new LOGOS Director. Julie Hanson has decided to step down from the LOGOS director position after this school year. She still plans on being involved with the program but feels it is time for someone else to be in charge. We are currently asking if there is anyone in our congregation that feels called to this leadership position. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this Wednesday after school program. If you would like more information about what the responsibilities would include, please contact Julie at 715-220-5149.

TUESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER - Members of Gethsemane Lutheran Church will be handing out supper from 5pm – 5:45pm on Tuesday, **March 2**, in the Gethsemane parking lot. The TCS is served the first Tuesday of the month at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1350 Florence Street, Baldwin, Wisconsin, 54002. This is a free meal open to anyone in the community.

NO IN-PERSON LENTEN WORSHIP MARCH 17 – Please note that worship on Wednesday, **March 17**, will only be streamed. **There will not be in-person worship that evening.**

EASTER LILIES – You are invited to help us decorate for Easter Sunday, April 4. You may honor or remember a family member, friend, or special occasion or just help us decorate. Lilies are \$10.00 and will be part of our Easter Sunday services and may be taken home after the 10:30 service. Watch for order forms on the website, at the usher stand, and in the office starting March 7. **Orders are due in the office by March 28.**

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL and LOGOS – Please note that Sunday School will not meet on **March 14 or 21** and Logos will not meet on **March 17**.

LENTEN WORSHIP – Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 17.

Lenten Worship will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, and you may join us in person or watch it streamed live on youtube and facebook. We will not be serving Lenten suppers this year.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2021</h1>						
	1	2 1:00 Peace/Table	3 LOGOS 6:30 Lenten Worship (in-person/stream)	4 7:00 Rise/Shine 9:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 TOPS	5 6-9 Craft Night	6 9:00 Bible Study 12:15-10:00 YOF Catch the Wave
7 8:00 Worship (in-person/stream) 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Board of Stewardship 10:30 Worship (drive-in) <i>Scrip orders due</i>	8 6:00 Board of Ed	9 1:00 Peace/Table 6:00 Board of Trustees 7:00 Logos Board	10 LOGOS 6:30 Lenten Worship (in-person/stream)	11 7:00 Rise/Shine 9:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 TOPS	12	13 9:00 Bible Study
14 8:00 Worship (in-person/stream) NO Sunday School 10:30 Worship (drive-in) 4:00 Illness Support Group	15	16 1:00 Peace/Table 7:00 Church Council	17 NO LOGOS 6:30 Lenten Worship (STREAM ONLY)	18 7:00 Rise/Shine 9:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 TOPS	19	20 9:00 Bible Study 4:00 YOF Rolls
21 8:00 Worship (in-person/stream) YOF Cinnamon Rolls NO Sunday School 10:30 Worship (drive-in)	22	23 1:00 Peace/Table	24 LOGOS 6:30 Lenten Worship (in-person/stream)	25 7:00 Rise/Shine 9:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 TOPS	26	27 9:00 Bible Study
28 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 Worship (in-person/stream) 9:15 Sunday School SS Bake Sale 10:30 Worship (drive-in)	29	30 1:00 Peace/Table	31 NO LOGOS	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	