

From the Pastor: Something I Do or Someone I Am?

There is a big difference between the things we do and the people we are. Just because you go to a baseball game doesn't make you a baseball player. Just because you watch cooking shows or DIY programs on TV doesn't make you a gourmet chef or a skilled remodeler. There is a big difference between watching and doing something. There is an even bigger difference between occasionally doing something and being a skilled person.

We have done a lot of updating and remodeling work in our house over the past couple of years. We've done some carpentry, flooring and plumbing work. That doesn't make me a carpenter, plumber or expert flooring installer. We paid professionals to do the big things we could not do, like put in a new furnace, replace the well pump and install a new septic drain field. I certainly don't have those skills.

I wonder if the same principles apply to our Christian faith and life. Is Christianity something you do or is being a Christian the person you are? Do you just go to church when nothing else gets in the way or do you have a living relationship with Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Just sitting in a church service doesn't make anyone a Christian. Do you listen to the Bible readings and pray when you are in the church but fail to make time to read your Bible or talk with God on a daily basis? Do you try to live out your Christian faith in your day to day life or do you conform to what everyone else is doing or saying?

Jesus never called His Disciples to go to an occasional worship service. He called them to follow Him. Jesus didn't tell His Disciples to just try to live up to the rules and rituals of their religious leaders. He called them to a personal relationship with Him that would show in how they lived. He taught them how to love, how to serve, how to forgive and how to show compassion. He challenged them to live as His followers 24 / 7 / 365. Jesus gives us the same call, the same challenge, the same invitation.

We're never going to be perfect people. Christianity is not about perfection. It is about God's love for us. It is about following Christ, listening to His words, trusting in His promises, living as a part of His family every day.

The world doesn't need more people who occasionally do "Christian" things. The world needs people who live out their Christian faith. The world needs people who will respond to Jesus' challenge, "*Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*" (Matthew 5:16 NLT)

The spring and summer is the time when plants and flowers grow. Wouldn't this be a great time for us to grow in our faith and our relationship with God? Isn't it time to stop just doing "Christian Like" things and start being "Like Christ" people in our everyday lives?



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Worship Schedule

8:30 AM Traditional Service
9:45 AM Sunday School &
Bible Class
11:00 AM Praise Service
6:00 PM Evening Worship
6:45 PM Youth

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Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 26th
through
Sunday, Sept. 1st

Services Times:

8:30 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm

Sunday School & Bible Class
Return September 8

Sunday Worship Schedule

Morning Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:45 AM

Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Youth: 6:45 PM Youth Praise Band: 7:45-8:15 PM

Our Summer Worship Schedule Starts Memorial Day Weekend (May 26th)
and continues through Labor Day Weekend (September 1st)

Morning Worship at 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Evening Worship at 6:00 PM (except for Holiday Weekends)

Sunday School and Bible Class resume in the Fall

May Sunday Message Themes

May 5	Confirmation Day	<i>Jesus Changes Everything</i>	Acts 9:1-22
May 12	Mother's Day	<i>Where Are We Leading Our Children?</i>	John 10:22-30
May 19		<i>Catch the Spirit</i>	John 16:5-15
May 26	Memorial Day Weekend	<i>Answer the Call</i>	Acts 16:9-15

(start of Summer Worship Schedule—Services at 8:30 & 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Sunday School & Sunday Morning Bible Class Resume September 8)

Confirmation is May 5th during the 11:00 Service

Three youth from Peace will make a public confession of their faith during the 11:00 Worship Service on May 5th. Our Confirmands this year are Grace Helmke, Kaden Korcek and Brynn Ruhl. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their faith journey. Confirmation classes for new and returning participants will begin in September.



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class, 9:45 AM May 5th & May 12th

We live in a very challenging time. Our nation is divided on many different levels. There is a growing number of Americans who either don't believe in God, think God has no relevance in their lives or have no faith community. How can we talk with these people about faith? The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class will look at Spiritual Conversations in today's world with the goal of helping us learn how to effectively communicate the Gospel message with the people we encounter. This is not about a program with "pat" answers. It is about ongoing conversations, reaching out in love, to bring Christ to the people around us.

The Elder's and Director's of Peace are Hosting a Brunch on May 19th at 9:45 AM

During the brunch we will take time to thank Ann Schebor for her 18 years of service to Peace, as she is stepping down as Music Director. Please sign up at Peace to bring a dish to share for the Brunch (egg dishes, baked goods, juice, etc.)

Sunday Evening Worship Service

Join us at 6:00 PM Sundays in May. The 6:00 service is a casual, abbreviated version of the 11:00 AM Service. Please note, there is no Evening Worship Service on Sunday, May 26th as it is Memorial Day Weekend.

Future Staffing Meeting

The number one goal that came out of the annual Peace Leadership Workshop earlier this year was the need to address future staffing needs with a focus on Youth Ministry. Concerns were also raised about continuity for ministry at Peace when Pastor Courson retires. To help get more information and begin formulating suggestions for the members of Peace to consider, the Board of Directors and the Board of Elders will be meeting with Pastor Rob Kasper from the Michigan District office on June 3rd at Peace.

Pastor Kasper is the Mission and Ministry Facilitator for our region of the District. He will help the elected leaders of Peace consider a variety of options for moving forward. Options he may present include:

- Calling a Youth Minister / Family Life staff person who is currently in ministry.
- Applying for a Youth Minister / Family Life graduate to be placed at Peace.
- Calling an Associate Pastor who is currently in ministry.
- Applying for a Spring, 2020 seminary candidate to be placed at Peace.
- Begin the Call process for a Pastor before Pastor Courson's retirement.
- Waiting until Pastor Courson retirement and asking for an Intentional Interim Pastor to help Peace through the ministry transition.
- Any other options that Pastor Kasper may be aware of.

After their meeting with Pastor Kasper, the leaders will come up with two or three options to present to all of the members of Peace for consideration. No actions will be taken until the members have been informed and given the opportunity to express their support or concerns. The date for that meeting still needs to be determined.

Pastor Courson is in his 24th year of ministry at Peace and has passed the "normal" retirement age. He plans to continue serving at Peace for the near future as long as his ministry remains effective and no health concerns arise for either him or his wife Joan. He has made it clear to the leaders that his retirement date is likely to come sooner without staffing help; but be delayed with additional help to take over some responsibilities and grow the ministry of Peace.

Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the leaders of Peace as they consider our future ministry staffing options. Feel free to contact President Matt Burr (matthew.burr@gmail.com) or Head Elder Carroll DeLancey (carrolldelancey@aol.com) with your thoughts, insights or concerns. Look forward to the time when they will share their thoughts with the members of Peace.

Music Director / Changes

After 18 years of Music Ministry at Peace, Ann Schebor is stepping down as our Music Director. Matt Towers will begin leading the Praise Band starting with the May 26th services. Since both Ann and Fred Schebor will be leaving the Praise Band, Matt is looking for singers and musicians to join the group. Contact Matt (mtowers77@gmail.com) if you are interested or want more information. Juliette Harrison will begin playing for the 8:30 services in September. Ann is still deciding her role with the choir and the hand bell choir next fall.

We will set aside time at our morning brunch on May 19th to express our thanks to Ann for all of her years of service to Peace and to the glory of God. Cards and expressions of thanks may be dropped off ahead of time or brought to the brunch that day. Be sure to thank Ann (and Fred) for their faithful service.



The last Sunday School class for the school year will be Sunday, May 19th. A special thank you to all of the Sunday School and Bible Study Leaders, families, teachers and helpers who have helped make this a great year! Sunday School will resume in the fall!

Confirmed Youth Meet Sundays at 6:45 PM!

Nick and Maxine Santoro and Alexander Kauffman will continue to provide leadership and direction for the youth. They would love to have a couple parents join with them in working with our youth and inviting their friends to be part of the special events and activities. The Youth meet Sunday evenings from 6:45—8:00 PM. Food is provided. This is a great time for the youth of Peace and their friends!

May Schedule:

- May 5 Parent's Night
- May 12 Pastor Courson will meet with the youth to discuss social media (see Pastor's note below)
- May 19 BBQ and youth activity
- May 26 Memorial Day Weekend—No Youth Activities

Youth Night with Pastor Larry—May 12th

The Youth of Peace and their friends are invited to talk with Pastor Larry about the role and influence of Social Media in their lives. The first part is a look at and talk about how Social Media is designed to be addictive, to get us to spend more time on them. Then, if there is time, a look at how Social Media often misrepresents reality and how that can impact lives. This is a time for everyone to talk, to interact and to share their experiences. Please come and join the discussion on May 12th, following the 6:00 Service.



Donations for Veterans at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital

The Youth of Peace will be putting together donations for patients at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor during the month of June. The Youth will sort and pack all the donations on Sunday, July 1st, following the 6:00 PM Worship Service, so that they can be taken to the Ann Arbor VA Hospital for distribution around the 4th of July.

Items being collected:

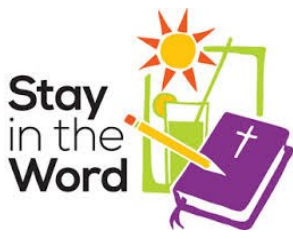
Chap Stick Razors (with 3 blades), T-Shirts, Soap (liquids only, no bar soap), White Socks, Toothbrush and Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo, Combs, Shaving Cream, Puzzle Books

Snack items: Lifesavers or other hard candy, Rice Krispie bars and Granola bars
Plastic utensils, Ritz snacks, Trail Mix, Easy open canned meats



Each Sunday we remember our military men and women in prayer. We pray for all those deployed outside of the United States.

If you would like to add a friend or family member to this prayer list, please email the church office (peacelutheran@peaceaa.net) or note the name of the person on the Military Prayer Sheet posted on the bulletin board in the entryway at Peace.



Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study—10:00 AM

The group is studying the Gospel of John, using the DVD series “Stuff They Didn’t Teach Me in Sunday School,” from the Lutheran Hour Ministries with Bruce Wurdeman. The series is a look at what John has to say about the purpose of Jesus’ life, ministry and mission, from the manger to the cross and beyond.

Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study—10:00 AM

Study time is from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the first Sunday School room every Thursday. Children are welcome. Contact Dorothey (734-426-1535) or Ruth (734-645-8352) for more information or questions.

Worship Service Helpers Needed!

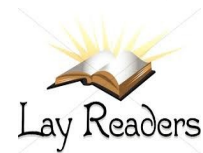
Follow the links below to sign up to help at all Worship Services!

Our Worship Services here at Peace are made possible with your help! Each Sunday we need people to help run video, acolyte, usher and read Scriptures. Please use the link below to sign up to help in one of these areas. If you are a first time helper and have questions, please talk with one of the Elder’s.

Please click on this link to sign up to help! <http://goo.gl/APhYGZ>

Scripture Readers for the 11:00 AM Worship Service Use *Sign up Genius* to sign up to read Bible Scriptures during the 11:00/10:00 AM Sunday Worship services.

Click on the link below to sign up for the Sunday that works best for you!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4ea4ae2da64-readers>



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You only pay for tickets to a movie, concert or ball game when you go to those events because those are things that we do. Do you only make a contribution to Peace when you come to worship services? Or do you support the ministry of Peace with your donations regardless of attendance? Do you give because you feel you have to or in response to God’s love for you? God doesn’t need our money. He wants our hearts. He invites us to give back to Him first as an expression of our love and commitment to Him. Summer will be here soon. That means attendance will be down because of vacations, among other reasons. If you have not already done so, please consider signing up on Kindred to give your support to Peace even when you are not here.

Click on the link below and follow the steps to set up an account with Kindrid!

<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/Peac9999957>

A Note From Ann Schebor, Peace Music Director

Dear Friends at Peace,

As Pastor Courson has indicated, I will be gradually stepping away as Music Director of Peace. I was mainly concerned about wanting to see a smooth transition in the music worship program now, before Pastor comes to decisions concerning his own plans.

What started out as an opportunity to help out when our last music director moved, turned into an 18 year blessed journey to serve Peace and glorify God.

I wanted to be sure and thank all the Praise Team members and other music contributors who have been so dedicated to helping with the playing and singing over the years. And to thank my best supporter, my husband, Fred, who's playing and singing is always a blessing. I would also like to thank Pastor Courson for his leadership and support over the years, and our secretary, Ellen, for all her hard work. I've so enjoyed working with everyone.

Then, I would also like to thank all of you in the congregation for your support and encouragement. With talented musicians in our midst, I would ask that you would give that same support to those taking over the music at Peace.

With love in my heart for all of you and thanksgiving to our dear Lord, I will pass the music baton and continue to serve Peace in whatever other ways God has planned.

Yours in Christ,
Ann

Thrivent Action Team Grants!



If you have life insurance or investments with Thrivent Financial, you are eligible for two "Thrivent Action Team" grants each year. These grants give you a \$250 gift card that can be used as seed money for a fund raiser or to support a variety of service and educational activities.

The Thrivent Action Grants have helped Peace reach many people in our community beyond our budget. Here are some suggestions for how you may be able to use a Thrivent Action Team grant to support the ministry of Peace and the service outreach to people around us.

- ~ Purchase supplies and food for the Spring Clean-up at Peace
- ~ Purchase plants and food for the Spring outdoor planting at Peace
- ~ Purchase food and supplies for a Peace *End of Sunday School Cookout* on May 19th
- ~ Purchase food for the End of the Season Wheel Chair Basketball Team party on June 10th
- ~ Purchase food and supplies for the Adaptive Adventures Sailing Program this summer

Sitting Volleyball

Sitting Volleyball was originally started for athletes with physical disabilities. It can and is played by everyone, young or old, male or female, disabled and able bodied! For more information about sitting volleyball and to find clinic locations, visit their Facebook Page, *Michigan Sitting Volleyball*, or email MI.sitting.volleyball@gmail.com.

Walker Soccer

Walker Soccer Begins Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 AM in the Gym. Walker Soccer is sponsored by UMAISE, in partnership with Peace. This program is open to children ages 5 to 18 years old with limited mobility. Players may walk, use a walker or a wheelchair. To register, email: PMR-UMAISETR@UMICH.EDU

Peace Spring Soccer League

Play Dates are May 4, 11 & 18 and June 1
No games Memorial Day Weekend, May 25
3 & 4 year olds play at 9:00 AM
5 & 6 year olds play at 10:00 AM



Help us Update our Files with your Emergency Contact Information!

Peace is often contacted when there is a family emergency or if we need to make contact with family members for you. In order for us to best help out, we are asking everyone to update emergency contact information on the sheet below and return it to Peace. *The information will be kept confidential and used only in an emergency.* Additional forms are located at Peace. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name(s), Relationship & Contact Information:

1) _____

Name

Relationship

Phone: (Cell): _____ (Home): _____

Email: _____

2) _____

Name

Relationship

Phone: (Cell): _____ (Home): _____

Email: _____



Pastor's Courson's Daily Blog

You have been invited to join Pastor Larry in reading through the New Testament in 2019. His plan is to read the Book of Proverbs and reflect on it. This is the Book of Wisdom in the Old Testament. Instead of a list of daily readings, Pastor Larry will write about the verses he reads each day. So please join in the search for God's gift of wisdom.

May Daily Bible Reading Plan (Daily readings are printed in the weekly bulletins)

1. Matthew 28:1-10
2. Luke 24:13-35
3. Luke 24:36-49
4. John 20:19-29
5. John 21:1-19
6. Luke 24:50-53
7. Acts 2
8. Acts 3
9. Acts 6-7
10. Acts 9:1-31
11. Acts 12:1-19
12. Acts 13-14
13. Acts 16:16-40
14. Acts 27
15. Revelation 4

For the remainder of the month read from the book of Proverbs

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, please contact the Church office so we may update our records



Matthew Biggs	May 1	Kurt Walworth	May 18
John Forrester	May 1	Barb Hertlein	May 21
Tracey Melody	May 5	Raylynn Fendt	May 22
Michael Geer	May 6	Ron Waldron	May 24
Ken Visel	May 7	Shari Gardiner	May 25
Laura Linder	May 8	Debbie Stone	May 25
Jeff Melody	May 11	Elliot Visel	May 28
Dan Polens	May 12	Becky Geer	May 29
Mallory Towers	May 12	Abby Yuan	May 29
Jaime Wetzel	May 13		

Ronnie & Maryanne Bruce	May 1	15 years
Larry & Mary Bruce	May 11	56 years
Todd & Heidi Biggs	May 15	20 years
Fred & Ann Schebor	May 21	42 years
Dennis & Sue Betz	May 27	47 years
Julie & Mark Bauer	May 30	32 years
Ray & Karen Essell	May 31	50 years



Official Church Acts

Baptism: Cael William Russell McLeese, April 28, 2019

May at a Glance. . .

- May 5 Confirmation during the 11:00 Service**
- May 12 Mother's Day—Sunday School children sing during the 11:00 Service**
- May 19 Potluck Brunch, 9:45 AM
BBQ, 6:45 PM**
- May 22 Last Day of Co-op for 4 year old's**
- May 23 Last Day of Co-op for 3 year old's**
- May 26 Start of Summer Worship Schedule
Services at 8:30 & 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM
(Note: no evening service this day)**
- MAY 28 Dexter Co-op Clean Up Day**

Peace Board of Directors

President ~ Matt Burr
 Vice President ~ Todd Stites
 Treasurer ~ Nathan Lamb
 Secretary ~ Rebecca Luken,
 At Large ~ Jessica Towers
 Head Elder ~ Carroll DeLancey

Board of Elders

Tom Arbaugh
 Mark Bacon
 Carroll DeLancey
 Larry Jones
 Edward Krzysik
 Ken Visel
 Charlie Yuan

◀ Apr 2019	May 2019						Jun 2019 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study	2 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	3 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 PM AA Group	4 Soccer on Tyler Steffey Field 9:00 AM ages 3 & 4 10:00 AM ages 5&6 10:00 AM Walker Soccer in the gym 11:30 AM Praise Team Practice	
5 Communion Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Confirmation During the 11:00 Service 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 6:00 PM Evening Worship 6:45 PM Youth 7:00 PM 12 Step Grp	6 10:30 AM Jackson Trippers 6:00 PM UMAISE Basketball 7:30 PM Men's Basketball	7 <i>Pastor Courson at South East Pastor's Conference</i> 9:00 AM Quilter's Spanish Classes 6:30 PM Beginning 7:30 PM Advanced	8 <i>Pastor Courson at South East Pastor's Conference</i> 5:30 PM Brownies	9 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	10 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 PM AA Group	11 Soccer on Tyler Steffey Field 9:00 AM ages 3 & 4 10:00 AM ages 5&6 10:00 AM Walker Soccer in the gym 11:30 AM Praise Team Practice 6:00 PM Saturday Night Dinner & Bible Study	
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26 Start of Summer Worship Schedule Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:00 No Evening Worship Or Youth Events— Holiday Weekend	27 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	28 Dexter Co-op Clean Up Day Spanish Classes 6:30 PM Beginning 7:30 PM Advanced	29 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study	30 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	31 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 PM AA Group		

May Peace Helper List

Sign up to help online!

<http://goo.gl/APhYGZ>

May 5 — Communion

8:30 Service

Elder: C DeLancey & M Bacon
Usher: R. Ponitz & D. Betz
Video: Cathy Ponitz
Acolyte: Charlotte Wetzel
Greeter: Aufdemberge
Altar Guild: Bonnie Stowe
Coffee Setup:

11:00 Service

Elder: C. Yuan & K. Visel
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Arbaugh
Altar Guild: Jane Harlow
Coffee Setup: Cleanup:
Counters: C. Roberts / N. Woodruff

6:00 PM Service

Elder/Usher: Larry Jones
Altar Guild: Karen Walworth

May 12—Mother's Day

8:30 Service

Elder: Ken Visel
Usher: C. DeLancey & D. Betz
Video: Nathan Biggs
Acolyte: Jason Biggs
Greeter: Biggs
Coffee Setup: Ann Schebor

11:00 Service

Elder: Tom Arbaugh
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Lennon
Coffee Setup: B. Klaus Cleanup: B. Klaus
Counters: Ruth & Ted Aufdemberge

6:00 PM Service

Elder/Usher: Larry Jones

May 19 Communion

8:30 Service

Elder: M. Bacon & C. DeLancey
Usher: R. Ponitz & B. Stone
Video: Nathan Biggs
Acolyte: Cayden Cappelli
Greeter: DeLancey
Altar Guild: Sue Betz
Coffee Setup: Debbie Stone

11:00 Service

Elder: E. Krzysik
Usher:
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Woodruff
Altar Guild: Alice Jopps
Coffee Setup: Cleanup:
Counters: K. Piatek / P. O'Hara

6:00 PM Service

Elder/Usher: Larry Jones
Altar Guild: Joan Courson

May 26 Start of Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 Service

Elder: Charlie Yuan
Usher: R. Ponitz & T. Biggs
Video: Cathy Ponitz
Acolyte: Charlotte Wetzel
Greeter: Ramos
Coffee Setup:

10:00 Service

Elder: Tom Arbaugh
Usher: E. Krzysik
Video:
Acolyte:
Greeter: Mitchell
Coffee Set Up: Cleanup: B. Arbaugh
Counters: Ray & Karen Essell

No 6:00 PM Service