

PEACE PIPELINE

*Our Motto: "This is the place where love reigns supreme,
God's love to us and our love to one another."*

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From the Desk of the Pastor The Blessing of a New Year

*"But you are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. To the Lord I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people."
Psalm 3:3-4 and 8 (NIV)*

Although I am convinced that 2010 is going to be an amazing year for the people of God, I hear the voices of skeptics saying it is going to be another year just like all the rest, more of the same. Even though the skeptic in me wants to agree with the fellow skeptics, I am going to take a bold stand and proclaim 2010 the year of deliverance for all who are in need of that which only God can do and provide. I take this stance for these reasons:

When we look back over 2009 (or other years) when things did not go well or turn out the way we wanted, there is still good news. The good news is this—even though things may have been tough and very difficult your being here at the beginning of 2010 is a testimony to the fact that Satan and sin were not able to achieve and accomplish everything they set out to do. While it is Satan's desire "to steal, kill and destroy" us, our walk into a brand New Year is testimony to the goodness of God that is still at work keeping, protecting and providing. Pause for a moment (right now) and reflect upon something that Satan and sin sought to use to defeat you in 2009 and give God praise for foiling the plan of evil.

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2010 is the 50th anniversary year of our church, which will culminate in thanksgiving and celebration to God, on Sunday, November 21, 2010. To celebrate 50 years of anything in today's time captures the words of the hymn writer who wrote, "Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; His grace has brought me safe so far, His grace will see me home." Throughout the year we will pause to celebrate and give thanks to God not only for His past providential presence but also for the "fresh wind" that He is blowing our way – impacting our mission and ministry in powerful ways. Pause for a moment and reflect upon a time in the past when God blessed, sustained and gave you peace through His church, the Body of Christ, called Peace Lutheran Church and prayerfully anticipate the greater things you desire that are yet to come.

As much as we have to thank God for in the past, I'm more excited because of the "future" plans that God has before us that He will unfold. When we consider the very familiar words of Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future," these words affirm that God has a definite future for us that should give us hope for all of 2010. I encourage you to pause, meditate upon that which you need God to do for you in 2010 that would bring glory to Him and deliverance to you. Begin to thank Him now in faith for that which is to come.

And finally, we can go forth excited and on fire in 2010 because God's word is constant, true and can be trusted. In Psalm 3, God promises above that He would be our shield, lift us up, and that He would answer from His holy hill. The New Testament would tell us that the "holy hill" is called Calvary, the place where Jesus hung and died, the place where He said "it is finished." And because "it is finished" we are already the redeemed and delivered people of God. Let us go forth into this New Year to enjoy all that God has prepared in advance for us to do. Happy and Blessed New Year to you and your family!

Pastor Wiggins

Holiday Toy Drive Surpasses Goal

The Sunday School's Annual Holiday Toy Drive was a BIG success! Giving testimony to the Word in John 3:18, "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." Our Peace Family delivered! We collected over 85 toys and other gifts, surpassing our goal of 50 toys! These gifts were donated to D.C. Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) and Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of the National Capital Area for the children and youth serviced by these two organizations. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

Submitted by Dawn Doakes

News From the Congregation Meeting

At our December 12, 2009 congregation meeting, Mrs. Alice Keith was named the next Mother of Peace Lutheran Church, as of January 1, 2010. Look for a bio on the life and accomplishments of Mrs. Keith in the next issue of the Pipeline newsletter.

Also at the congregation meeting, the following men were elected to be Peace Lutheran Church Elders: John Peters, Sr., Bishop Brown, Sr., Dupree Graham, Larry Bailey, and Walter Person, Jr. Installation is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2010.

Pastor Belton Receives Thrivent CRESP Award

Reverend Doctor Victor Belton, son of Elder James Belton and Mrs. Delores Belton, and a son of Peace, was one of several recipients of the 2009 Thrivent Financial for Lutherans **CRESP** Award. He was honored at a banquet that was held on November 13, 2009 at the Emory Hotel and Conference Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Belton is the pastor of our sister church Peace Lutheran, Decatur, Georgia.

As a fraternal benefit society, Thrivent serves the people of our congregations, our community and our country through Charitable, Religious, Educational, Social and Patriotic (**CRESP**) initiatives; all this by the grace of God.

The metropolitan Atlanta financial professionals were asked to nominate members they believed best exemplify the spirit and core values of the organization. Other honored members included: Peter Dumpis, Jan Levengood, Marsha and Rick Goerss, Lorraine Dorough and Troudy Hough (posthumously).

Banquet guests included Thrivent Chapter presidents from throughout the tri-state region (Georgia, Florida, Alabama) as well as numerous other dignitaries. As part of the award, \$500 will be donated on behalf of each honoree to the Lutheran organization of their choice.

Submitted by Vanessa Belton Hubbard

Dear Pastor James Wiggins & the Peace Lutheran Congregation,
Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. I would like to personally thank you for opening your doors allowing me to minister through dance on November 22, 2009. It gave me great joy to be able to fellowship with you once again. Also, I do appreciate the love offering you blessed me with. May God bless your ministry greatly.

Sincerely, Monique K. Carter

Peace Family,

Your phone calls, prayers, cards and acknowledgements, and other expressions of sympathy meant more to us than you can know. You were all a great comfort to us and will be remembered always. Continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Minister Sheryl Freeman, Wanda & Janice Freeman on behalf of the Freeman, Monk, Howard, and Jeter Family

The Hall Family would like to thank Pastor James Wiggins, Jr. and the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church for their words of condolence and for your participation in the celebration of life for my mother Fannie L. Timmons. She devoted her life to serving the Lord, and was very proud of being a member of the Peace Family. Thank you for always being there for her, and recognizing my mom as the "Grandmother" of the Sunday School and Mother of the Church. I know she is proud of the honor.

Melva Hall & Family

Peace Lutheran Church—2010 Men's Retreat “The Righteous Man”

The 2010 Men's Retreat is schedule for May 6 – 8, 2010, at the Cacapon Resort Park, WV. Cacapon Resort Park received its name from being located in the shadows of the wide expanse of Cacapon Mountain. This mountain is the highest peak in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia reaching an elevation of 2,300 feet. The Cacapon River parallels the mountain in a meandering route beneath the mountains western slope. Cacapon Lodge is situated on the east side of the mountain overlooking the wide expanse of green on the golf course. This 48-room facility offers a relaxed setting complete with lounge. Downstairs a recreation room provides hours of entertainment with various games.

The cost is estimated at \$200.00 per man. This includes double occupancy rooms in the main Lodge with all meals; two dinners, Thursday and Friday evenings, one lunch Friday mid-day and two breakfasts, Friday and Saturday morning. The cost will include our conference room for the three-day retreat. We plan to have polo shirts to commemorate the retreat and this cost will be included in the price. Reservations and payments, full or partial, can be made starting now. We are finalizing the retreat program and agenda. There are opportunities for additional input and participation. Contact Walt Person on 301.218.1719 for more information and to get involved in this project.

Submitted by Walter Person

LCMS 2010 Black Ministry Family Convocation

Using as a theme “Ablaze! Empowered and Determined,” the 2010 Black Ministry Family Convocation will convene at the JW Marriott Hotel in Houston, Texas, July 8-11, 2010. An exciting and challenging agenda awaits both adults and young people. Our keynote address will be delivered by Dr. John Nunes, CEO and President of Lutheran World Relief.

Special highlights of the 2010 Convocation are:

- A segment called “Taking the Convocation to the Streets,” where participants from the Convocation will have an opportunity to partner with the four Black congregations—at three sites—to actually canvas an area surrounding each church for 35-40 minutes. Participants will register for this experience the same way as they do for workshops.
- Convocation attendees will travel to the George R. Brown Convention Center Saturday, July 10, to attend the Opening Service of the 64th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

Materials and registration information will be mailed at a later date. In the meantime, you are encouraged to reserve your guest room (\$99 plus tax per night). Use your credit card and ask for the “LCMS Black Ministry Family Convocation” block. Call 1-800-228-9290 or 1-713-961-1500.

Become a Red Cross Volunteer

The citizens of Washington, DC know they can depend on the American Red Cross. For over a century, the Red Cross has been there when people needed it most. But we can't do it without volunteers. As a volunteer, you'll promote the humanitarian values and ideals that are synonymous with the American Red Cross. You have the opportunity to educate and impart knowledge to our donors and the general public. You can share the goodwill for which the Red Cross is known throughout the world. You will take pride in being a Red Cross volunteer!

Come and enjoy a social atmosphere, where meeting friendly people in a positive environment combines with the mission of saving lives. Working with other American Red Cross staff at blood drives throughout your community, you will help: welcome donors, serve beverages and light snacks to donors, and thank donors for their donation. The hours are flexible and training is provided. The position requires a reassuring attitude and a welcoming smile!

If you are 14 or older, can provide your own transportation, and are available to volunteer twice a month, then the Red Cross is just the place for you! Join today and reap the many benefits of volunteering: help to save lives, meet interesting people, and make a difference in your community! Call 410-764-4602, ext. 1 or 1-800-272-0094, ext.1, or e-mail karlofft@usa.redcross.org to find out how to become a Red Cross Blood Services Volunteer.

Peace Lutheran Church – Ward 7 Food Center Holiday Giving

Peace Lutheran Church – Ward 7 Food Center keeps on being blessed. When it was time to start making plans for Thanksgiving we were able to use funds that were received earlier in 2009 from the Obama grant along with funds from a grant from the late Abe Polin. Ms. Diane Murray prepared a Thanksgiving Menu for us to shop by and she also helped give out boxes. We decided that we would prepare Thanksgiving boxes for 25 families. Thank you, Peace, for all you do.

The Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) offered an Excel Workshop earlier in 2009; they are now asking us to use the information that we were taught in keeping our records.

In 2009, Peace Lutheran Church – Ward 7 Food Center and Thrivent Care worked together to provide baskets for Peace Lutheran Church and the Ward 7 Community.

On Friday, November 20, 2009 the Youth Ministry Team, under the leadership of Minister Kim Green and Youth Leader Janice Ford, extended an invitation to the youth and parents who were waiting for youth during choir rehearsal to assist, decorate, and pack boxes of non-perishable items for Thanksgiving.

We provided 26 families with Thanksgiving boxes, which totaled 131 people who were blessed by Peace Lutheran Church Ministry of Outreach. It was decided to use the scripture from Galatians 5:22-24: "But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires". So each family was placed in a group by a fruit of the spirit (*Love Family of 2: 1 Family*), (*Joy, Family of 3: 6 Families*), (*Peace, Family of 4: 7 Families*), (*Patience, Family of 5: 8 Families*), (*Kindness, Family of 6: 2 Families*), (*Goodness, Family of 7: 1 Family*), (*Faithfulness, Family of 9: 1 Family*), (*Gentleness, Family of 11: 1 Family*) and (*Self-Control, Family of 1: 1 Family*).

For Christmas we prepared 17 baskets to give out to families who were struggling this Christmas season. We gave out baskets on December 21st & 22nd. We used the same scripture from Thanksgiving, Galatians 5:22-24.

Thinking about "*A Fresh Wind is Blowing*" in the New Year, there will be a book in the back of the sanctuary that has a referral form that members of Peace can complete and give to members or clients to contact the Center during the week.

Submitted by Yvonne Brown



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Human Care Mission Statement

Our mission is to reach out to others, using our God-given gifts. Peace Lutheran Church is part of a network of member agencies to address hunger and poverty in Ward 7.

Who We Are

The Peace Lutheran Church Food Bank known as The Ward 7 Food Center serves the Ward 7 community it functions under the Human Care Ministry with the leadership of the Outreach Ministry at Peace Lutheran Church. The Ward 7 Food Center, in partnership with Peace Lutheran Church, provides emergency food assistance, resource and nutritional information to the community.

We are one of the few centers in the Ward 7 Community that is open Monday through Thursday to serve the community with emergency food assistance between 10:00am - 2:00pm. Clients are provided with box, bag, can food and frozen meats. (Fresh vegetables when available) We have established a policy of requesting a one-day notice for agencies referring clients to the Ward 7 Food Center. We are unable to deliver food to our clients, provide transportation, car fare or money. At this time we are not handicapped accessibility.

Is Your Credit Report In Order?

If my life was a credit report and I was trying to obtain salvation, based on my score I wouldn't get it.

My history shows that I've been delinquent in praise, past due in prayer, my worship has been in collections, and I've missed a few payments (tithes) or only paid half (you know how we put \$20 in the basket and feel like we've done God a favor).

Not to mention that my debt (sin) to income (blessings) ratio is too high.

BUT I thank God that I was able to file bankruptcy (repentance) and it cleared me of all of my debt (sin). Now I have a cosigner (Jesus) whose score is FLAWLESS... Not one blemish (sin) on his report.

So now.... I QUALIFY for EVERYTHING! Most importantly I've inherited eternal life and I didn't have to put one penny down.

All of my closing costs were covered when Jesus laid down His life for me!!!! I hear that my future home has all of the upgrades too. Hardwood floors? Please!! I'll be walking on gold! : -)

Thank You Lord for Your unmerited mercy, grace & favor!!

Rules From God

1. Wake Up !! Decide to have a good day.. "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalms 118:24

2. Dress Up !! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart.." I Samuel 16:7

3. Shut Up!! Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3

4. Stand Up!!..... For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..." Galatians 6:9-10

5.... Look Up !!.. To the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.." Philippians 4:13

6.. Reach Up !!..... For something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, And He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6

7. Lift Up !!.. Your Prayers. "Do not worry about anything; Instead **PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING.**" Philippians 4:6

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

Deborah Crawford	1	Jeanene Hall	13	Kevin Hawkins	22
Renee Powell	1	Antonio		JoAnn Mobley	23
Jordan Bolder	2	Vaughn-Reynolds	13	LaDonnia Lee	25
Lawrence Coley	5	Kevin Woodruff	16	Greta Johnson	26
Chinara Anderson	5	David Fowler	16	Madison Keys	28
Kirsten Morgan	6	Daevon Greene	16	Daniel Petgrave	30
William Cary, Jr.	8	Makiyah Brown	16		
Amir Xavier Hall	9	Walter Person, Jr.	17		
Sheila Valentine	10	Briana Hayes	18		
Sharon Ross	10	Jayden Parker	18		
Margaret Carson	12	Patricia Young	18		
Diane Murray	12	Veronica Smith	19		
Larry Hawkins, Jr.	12	Tanisha Williams	20		
Tyler Graham	12	Daniel Fox	20		
Epiphany Smith	12	Donita Hubbard	22		



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Vision: Compelled by the Holy Spirit and the WORD we exist to be a growing and maturing church and community for spiritual empowerment, transformation, and the renewal of God's people. (Revised January 4, 2007)

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Sunday School: 9:30 am; Adult Bible Class:
9:45 am

Worship Services: 8:00 am and 11:15 am

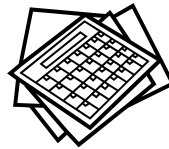
Fifth Sunday Unity Service: 11:15 am

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UPCOMING EVENTS



January 1: New Year's Day

Pipeline Publication Schedule: Articles for the **February 2010** issue of the Pipeline newsletter are due on **January 10**. Articles may be submitted via e-mail to Jo-Anne Dooley at jo_dooley@yahoo.com.