

PEACE PIPELINE

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

MAY 2010

From the Desk of the Pastor Mother's Day 2010 "21st Century Motherhood— A Smelting Place"

As I turn my thoughts toward Mother's Day, May 9, 2010 and motherhood in the 21st Century, I am intrigued by the life and journey of a mother who lived many centuries ago in the Old Testament book of 1st Kings, chapter 17, which I encourage you to read in its entirety.

Normally, the focus of commentators and biblical writers is rightly upon the mighty prophetic work done by the great prophet Elijah in 1st Kings as he provides wicked King Ahab with words directly from God, regarding the doomed plight and destruction of him and the people who follow in his path. Yet, tucked away in 1st Kings 17:7-24, is the powerful and often overlooked story of a mother who lives in a place called Zarephath.

The widow is a nameless mother, whose husband died, leaving her as a single mom left to raise her son by herself. She lives during a time of great drought and famine, where the "heavens produced no rain for three years and six months (Luke 4:26)." Her place of residence is called "Zarephath," which means "smelting place" or "smelting workshop." Zarephath when further defined means place of separating or dividing especially in relationship to precious metals that needed to be "smelted" to be brought to a place of purity, purpose, and prosperity from any and everything that would hinder or harm the greater good of precious metals. When one reads about the experience of this mother she is going through a very tough time, a time of separation that brings her to the place where she tells the man of God, the prophet Elijah, "that I am preparing the last meal for my son and I—that we may eat and die."

*As sure as the Lord your God lives, she replied,
I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in
a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few
sticks to take home and make a meal for myself
and my son, that we may eat it and die.
Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid..."
1st Kings 17:12-13a NIV*

This Mother's Day it would certainly be our hope that all mothers would find their hearts and homes filled with purity, purpose, and prosperity that provides them with deep and meaningful satisfaction. Yet, the reality of the journey of life tells me that some mothers, especially single moms, are experiencing their own Zarephath, their own "Smelting Place," their own moments and times of being pushed and pulled on by the forces and dynamics of motherhood, good and bad, happy and sad, that often leaves one feeling empty and separated from that which brings deep and meaningful satisfaction leaving you pondering about your life or if there is a legitimate future.

The good news of this story is found in the fact that although in a "smelting place," the widow in the end found it to be not a place of separation but more of a place of refinement that gave her greater purity, purpose, and prosperity. How did she come to such a place? Through her trust in the word of God, that did not fail her. Although the word of man and even your children may fail you, this widow's story shows that when one puts their ultimate faith and trust in God he never fails.

May God bless you to have the kind of faith that clings to him in your "smelting place" with the knowledge that it can all be part of God's plan and purpose for you and your family. Happy and blessed Mother's Day! To God be the glory!

Pastor Wiggins

2010 Church Outing

Dear Family and Friends,



Just a quick note to let you know to Save the Date for the 2010 Church Outing that will take place on Sunday, July 18, 2010 at Birchwood Park, Oxon Hill, MD. We want to give you this heads-up so you can make plans to join us.

The Peace Lutheran Church Outing is a time for the Family and Friends to get together in an outdoor setting away from the Peace Lutheran Church campus. This will be a day that everyone can experience the joy of an away setting with worship and fellowship as we gather to enjoy the splendor and beauty of nature.

The team is making plans for this to be a wonderful celebration as we journey into our 50th year of spreading the good news about Jesus Christ in the Metropolitan Area.

As the time approaches, you will see more information about the plans for this day.

Submitted by Yvonne Brown

Finance Corner

On April 7, 2010, blackvoices.com/entertainment had an article entitled "Bad Economy Effecting Churches". Nearly 40% of US Christian churches saw a drop in offerings last year, according to a survey on contributions compiled by Christianity Today International. In the "State of the Plate" survey of 1,000 churches across the US taken for a second consecutive year, 38% of churches registered a drop in donations against 29% the previous year.

One-third of the churches surveyed, 32% against 14% of the previous year, cut expenses between 1 and 20%. Churches cut back on trips, conferences, renovations, and parish expenses. Nevertheless, 45% of the churches surveyed increased their budget allocated to help people in need. Representatives of Evangelical, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches along with a small percentage of Catholic churches, responded to the survey.

Although churches are feeling the pinch of the bad economy, Christians are still managing to show their faith in the Lord by serving and helping others in these desperate times. As in I Kings 17:7-16, Elijah experienced hard times but through the faith of the widow at Zarepath, Elizah and the widow's family survived through difficult times. Let us too be faithful and obedient to His Word as we struggle with our daily needs also remembering that He is the One who supplies us with everything!

Submitted by Finance Team

Easter Flowers

Thanks to all who ordered flowers for our Easter Sunday Celebrations!! Although we got off to a bit of a late start, we had a very successful turnout. In summary, we had about 30 orders that yielded 50 plants. This enabled us to decorate our Sanctuary, Narthex, and entry staircase with colorful and fragrant Azaleas, Peace Lilies, Tulips, Mums, and Easter Lilies, to name a few.



I'd like to send a special thank you to all who lent their time to this project. Your willingness to staff the service table, take receipt of the flowers, and assist with the setup of the flowers was truly a blessing and much appreciated.

Submitted by June Hoyt

Greetings From Spain

Hello

I'm just writing to give you all an update from Spain ! Everything has been going extremely well here and I couldn't be more grateful. Teaching here has been a wonderful experience and one that I won't soon forget when I return. One of the most memorable moments so far was teaching my class the "Electric Slide" as a part of the culture content. They were delighted and still talk about that experience and can't wait to share it at their next party. Recently I returned to my small town Baza, from Easter Break and I got to travel around northern Spain and that was awesome. Definitely no complaints here. I would like to take this time to say thanks again to all of you that helped to make my dream come true through your donations and prayers. I love you all very much and will see you soon.

Love

Donita Hubbard--from SPPPPAAAIINNN!!!!!! :)

Words of Thanks

Dear Peace Lutheran Church Family,

My family and I would like to thank you for your phone calls, your prayers, cards, hugs, gifts, the beautiful plant, and your expressions of sympathy on the passing of my mother Marjorie Tyner. We deeply appreciate your support during our time of grief. You have been a blessing.

Deborah Hawkins & Family



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH HONORS THE CLASS OF 2010



Family and friends of Peace Lutheran Church are invited to join us on Sunday, June 13th during the 11:15 worship service when we will honor Peace Lutheran Church's Class of 2010 graduates. The guest speaker for the Honor the Graduates service will be Howard University School of Divinity graduate candidate, Mark Jones, who is the son of former PLC member, Phyllis Jones (deceased).

Peace Lutheran Church high school, college, and technical school graduates and graduate candidates are urged to contact Minister Pamela Edge at (703) 968-5880 or by e-mail at bradeledge@aol.com by no later than May 5th, so that information can be forwarded to you. All deadlines will be firm and final.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION



Plan to join us on Sunday, June 6, 2010 during the 11:15 worship service as Peace Lutheran Church receives 12 young people into communicant membership. We ask members of the congregation to not only keep these young people in your prayers as they continue to study and prepare to complete the requirements to be confirmed, but to also be a witness to their commitment and profession of faith.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH HOPE CLUB PRESENTS STROKE EDUCATION SESSION



The Hope Club, under Senior Ministry director, Jolethia Chalmers, invites members, seniors and guests to their monthly meeting on Monday, May 10th where a special presentation concerning Stroke Education will be conducted by Shauna St. Clair and a team from Georgetown University. Lunch will be provided. Hope Club meetings begin at 11:00 AM.



The Board of Discipleship Ministry voted Tuesday, February 23 to host the Coalition of Lutherans in Black Ministry (**COLIBM**) Fall Gathering. This will take place the first complete weekend in October. (Friday, October 1st thru Sunday, October 3rd.) This information was announced at the COLIBM Gathering in March and is shared with the congregation at the congregational meeting in March. The COLIBM thanks Peace Lutheran Church (DC) for your prayers and support for our Ministry.

Theme: T B A

What does this mean for Peace?

Peace will be hosting the event and welcoming fellow Lutherans and Christians to our home. We are asking you to **JOIN THE CELEBRATION!!** This will be a weekend of fellowship, sharing, workshops & worship with the COLIBM.

What does Peace Provide?

Peace will provide the location for the event and light refreshments on Friday; breakfast and lunch on Saturday; and breakfast on Sunday with a light treat for our guests as they depart. (Normally there is a free will basket for donations to offset the cost of food.)

Who from Peace is invited to participate?

Peace adults, youth, members, families, and friends are invited to come out and welcome our guests. The COLIBM will need and will be looking for Peace family support.

Who does what?

Registration: Host Church

Welcome: Host Church (President/Pastor/Member)

Roll Call: Coalition President

Sharing: Every Church will share

Bible Study: Coalition Volunteer

Business: Coalition President

Youth Business: Coalition Volunteer

Saturday Closing Worship Service: Host Church/Coalition

Submitted by Yvonne Brown

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Please remember our members below in prayer and send them a card:



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Dominique Lassiter	10
Gail Thurston	11
Julia Hackley	12
Alvin Reeder	13
Reesa Williams	15
James Belton	15
Brittney Hayes	20
Robert Moten	20
Marilyn Kohn	21

Nicole Dancy	21
William Alexander, Jr.	22
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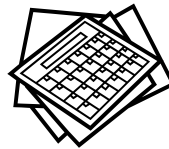
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Rev. James Wiggins, Jr., Pastor
Cora Boone, Church Administrator
Georgetta Watts, Assistant to the Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Adult Bible Class: 9:45 am
Worship Services: 8:00 am and 11:15 am
Fifth Sunday Unity Service: 11:15 am
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UPCOMING EVENTS



May 6: National Day of Prayer
May 9: Mother's Day
May 15: Armed Forces Day
May 31: Memorial Day (observed)

Pipeline Publication Schedule: Articles for the **June 2010** issue of the Pipeline newsletter are due on **May 9**. Articles may be submitted via e-mail to Jo-Anne Dooley at jo_dooley@yahoo.com.