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# *Peace With Christ Staff & Leadership*

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Dan Prevedel—Endowment Fund Committee  
Connie Jessor & Linda Siegfried—Fellowship Co-Chairpersons  
Rhonda Kaiser—Evangelism Chairperson  
Betty Keeney—Hands in Harmony Chairperson  
Mark Leising—Head Trustee  
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Lori French—Youth Ministry Chairperson

## **Prayer Chain**

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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

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When we lose a loved one to death, it is a tremendous shock. This is true even when we anticipate the day because of a long illness or increasing age. With death, a real adjustment has to take place in our lives, reaching deep into our habits, emotions and thoughts. Some people make this adjustment quickly. For most of us it comes slowly and hard.

By ourselves we can never make this adjustment. We have to come to a sense of the continuing presence of our loved ones, and I don't mean as spirits or some kind of cosmic force. We can realize their presence if we realize the presence of our living Lord among us. As we seek and find our Risen Lord, we find our loved ones who have died. They are with Him, and we find the reality of their continued life through Him.

Those dear saints whom we love, and miss, are still part of the Church. We worship *with* them as they worship the Risen Christ face to face, while we worship the same Risen Christ as we receive Him with the bread and wine at the Altar. At Communion we are linked with heaven, with the Communion of Saints, with our loved ones.

God grants us more than the assurance that someday and in some way, we shall again meet our loved ones "in heaven." That is all true but think about the beautiful words in the Divine Service, "Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of Heaven," As we come to the Lord in Holy Communion, the nearer we come to the saints. to our own loved ones.

There is nothing far-fetched or unreal about this: it is the most real thing in our life. The Lord's Supper links us not simply to the Manger of Bethlehem and the Cross of Calvary, but to the whole world beyond the grave as well. The prayer of the day (collect) for All Saints says it well: "Almighty and Everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy

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communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love you...”

Your Servant for Jesus sake,  
Pastor David B Magruder

### *Just a Note*

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Wellness is complicated. To be well, we’re often told to eat better, sleep more, reduce stress, exercise, spend more time with the people we love and take every opportunity we can to pet baby goats. In reality, human beings are complicated, and no one trending health tip will keep us perfectly well.

Lutherans know that suffering is real, even for Christians. Depression and other mental illnesses can shake us to our core, but we are not alone. Christ is with us in the darkest places, for He is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome (LSB, p. 243).

Although prevalence estimates vary, the National Comorbidity Survey Replication found that 26.2 percent of adults – or one in four – suffer from some form of mental illness within a 12-month period. This same study also estimated that 5.8 percent of adults suffer from serious mental illness in a given year.

Mental illness, as well as all disordered creation, is a result of the fall. It is caused by biological, social, and psychological factors that often require a combination of treatment components, including counseling, medication, spiritual care and other life changes.

Diagnosing historical figures is a dangerous business but Luther knew what it meant to be afflicted. He wrote on spiritual anguish, “At such a time God seems terribly angry, and with him the whole creation. At such a time there is no flight, no comfort, within or without, but all things accuse. [...] In this instance the person is stretched out with Christ so that all his bones may be counted, and every corner of the soul is filled with the greatest bitterness, dread, trembling, and sorrow in such a manner that these all last forever” (Explanations of the 95 Theses (LW 35:129).

In Christ, we can look at every affliction (including mental illness) not as something that happens because we are going to hell and God doesn’t love us, but rather, as proof positive that the devil is hard at work, trying to draw us away from Jesus and His promises.

Mental illnesses have ways of teaching us to despair, to turn in on ourselves and to believe we deserve every problem and every bad thing happening to us. Scripture teaches that God gives us Jesus, forgiveness, life and all good things despite our wretched sinful nature.

Jesus knows our suffering and our pain. He will walk with us through all illness and affliction. In Christ, God gives us hope – He will hold us even when we cannot see a way out.

## *Marilyn’s Memo*

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Dear PWC Family,

November is upon us and in the spirit of thanksgiving, below are the final Thank you notes from Youth members who attended the Higher Things Conference and/or LVR Catechism Retreat last summer.

I would like to thank you once again for supporting the PWC Youth Group through the budget and our fundraising activities of the Scrip/gift card program, The Valentine's Dinner, and Easter Breakfast. These fundraisers help us to fund the trips and other activities throughout the year and mean we do not need to have other fundraisers during the rest of the year. Without the support of our fundraisers many of our youth would not be able to attend these conferences. We as a group are very grateful for the generosity of this congregation! I am very thankful for all of you too!

Wishing you a wonderful November & a blessed Thanksgiving!

In Christ,  
Marilyn

*Thank You*

I would like to thank the congregation of Peace with Christ Lutheran Church for helping fund our trip to Higher Things and LVR Catechism Retreat this year. Without your help, we would not have been able to go on these amazing trips and have these incredible experiences. Thank you for these amazing opportunities. – Christian Peterson

DEAR PWC,

I CANNOT BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I ENJOYED MY EXPERIENCE AT HIGHER THINGS. FROM THE EDUCATION TO SIMPLE RELAXING AND TALKING WITH FRIENDS BOTH OLD AND NEW, I WOULDN'T TRADE THE EXPERIENCE FOR ANYTHING. I BELIEVE MY FAVORITE SEMINAR I WENT TO WAS THE ONE ABOUT ISLAM AND ITS HERESIES. THE SEMINAR WAS VERY EYE-OPENING, AND THOUGH IT HAD MOMENTS OF DEPRESSION, IT ENDED ON A HOPEFUL NOTE. I LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF HIGHER THINGS, AND IT WAS ALL MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU.

~THANK YOU, LOGAN MOHR

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One thing I learned at the Higher Things Conference this year was you can be soldier and still have a good conscience. One thing I enjoyed was seeing the thousand other youth who were there. Thank you so much for supporting us so that we can go to Higher Things. The conference is always amazing and would not have been possible without your support.

~Iain Magruder

*Dear PWC Congregation,*

*I would like to thank you all for your support in sending us to Kansas for Higher Things 2018. This was my third Higher Things Conference, the first at CSU, second in Bozeman Montana, & this year in Lawrence, Kansas on the University of Kansas campus. It was an amazing week & we were all so fortunate for the opportunity to go with the support of our congregation. Each year that I have been to Higher Things, I have always enjoyed not only the amazing time spent with my friends, but I have also always enjoyed the teaching it offers to us. Each day we go to "Plenary" sessions where we are taught about the theme of that year's conference. This year's theme was Sanctification & I thoroughly enjoyed all that Pastor Wolfmueller had to teach to us on it. In addition to plenaries, we are given the opportunity to attend several "breakouts" throughout the week. These are hour long sessions held by pastors, professors, or other teachers on topics of their choosing. One that I thought stood out was "Islam as Christian Heresy" by Pastor Kachelmeier. In this breakout he did a spectacular job shedding light for us on Islamic teachings as well as explaining why it stands so opposite of Christianity by using his profound knowledge of the religion & highlighting contradictions & flaws it contains within its own teaching. Another breakout I greatly enjoyed was our own Pastor Magruder's session. His was titled "War and the Christian" & he did a phenomenal job tackling the question of whether a Christian can wage war & also have a good conscience with God. He explained this not only through his own knowledge of the Word, but also with his tremendous experience in war & his use of an anecdotal story of*

*a pilot in the Korean War.*

*All said & done I would like to again reiterate my gratitude to the entire congregation for your support in another spectacular week of God & fellowship. I slept far too little, laughed very frequently, & learned a great deal more about our faith & the amazing gifts given to us.*

*~Thank you all very much, Logan French*

## *Youth Activities*

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**Baking for the LWML Craft Sale! Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** after school until 7 pm & **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** 6 – 7:30 pm (Dinner provided both evenings!) Sign-up!

**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Blanket Tying/Movie Night. 5 pm – 10 pm. We will have a Bible Study, tie some blankets, discuss Valentine's Dinner, eat dinner and watch a movie. Sign-up.

**Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**, 5 pm -7:30 pm. Baking for College Students! Join Hannah and me to bake some treats for the College students and help get the bags ready to give out. Sign-up!

***Save the date!! PWC Youth Lock-In!!***

**January 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, (Friday/Saturday)** 7 pm to 8 am. Please eat dinner BEFORE arriving! This will be a “working” Lock-In! We will be having fun, baking/cooking & working on scenery/props for the Valentine's entertainment & rehearsing too! Spend some time with your friends & help get a jump start on Valentine's needs. Sign-up soon.

## Church Council

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The Council Minutes *Minute* gives you the opportunity to see highlights of the Council Meetings several weeks before the approval of the actual Minutes.

These minutes reflect business conducted at the Council Meeting on October 15, 2018.

- Council is continuing to develop a recommended 2019 Budget to bring before the congregation for the Voters meeting. The recommended budget will be available for PWC members to review prior to the meeting.

### ***IMPORTANT DATE TO NOTE:***

- **Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 1:00 pm.** Congregational Voters Meeting for elections and approval of the 2019 Budget.
- Council discussed the Financial Review recommendations and based on previous Bylaws and practices, agreed that the Treasurer should have a more active role in the oversight of the finances. Council will have additional discussion on this topic during the next year.
- Council briefly discussed the open positions for the 2019 Church Council; President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Youth, Education, Hands-in-Harmony, Fellowship, two Trustees and three Elders. Anyone interested in learning more about these positions can contact Dan Prevedel.
- “Every One His Witness” classes have begun with the first 12 participants. It is anticipated that additional classes will be held

in the future as there are other members interested in participating.

- Fellowship and Hands in Harmony Committees will be working to design a photo board to initially include pictures of new members, activities and groups (i.e. Elders, Council). A future goal is to have a picture directory available of all members through Servant Keeper.
- Head Trustee Mark Leising reported that two parking lot lights need to be replaced and will be working to determine if the warranty will cover the cost of the lights, which is \$1500.00 plus labor.
- The Financial Reports are provided in the Council Broadcast article instead of the weekly Greensheet to give Council members the opportunity to review and approve the monthly Financial Reports prior to providing the information to PWC members.

The Financial Report for September 30, 2018 was not approved by Council as there were questions on a variety of items. Treasurer Sara Buchleiter will be researching the questions and the report will be brought before Council for approval at a future meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Karen Carlson*  
Council Secretary



## *Lutheran Women in Mission*

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*November Program: Monday, November 12th @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall First, dessert and fellowship, then at 7pm, Julie Ward will present Part 2 in Paul Maier's video series, "Christianity- The First Three Centuries entitled "Jesus of Nazareth, What else do we know?"*

*Millie Miller has devotions.*

*Julie Ward and Colleen Rohlf's will hostess.*

*ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!*

• **Mites are Mighty!** LWML's mite box for World Missions will be in the Narthex November 4th! For a comprehensive listing of missions supported by LWML, including links to each, visit [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) & [www.lwmlrmd.org](http://www.lwmlrmd.org).

• **November's Mission: Turkeys & all the Trimmings for Fort Collins Rescue Mission.** A big basket in the Sunshine Hall awaits cans/boxes of all your Thanksgiving favorites...stuffing, cranberry sauce, veggies, potatoes, gravy...YUM!! All non-perishable donations are welcome the first 3 Sundays in November. Please bring your Turkeys to the church kitchen on Sunday, November 18th ONLY (due to limited freezer space). Let's make this a bountiful holiday for Fort Collins neediest families!

• **"Treasure of Christmas" Craft Fair is Friday, November 9th from 4-7 pm & Saturday, November 10th from 9 am-2 pm. The Homemade soup & pie luncheon served from 11 am-1 pm should NOT be missed!** Come shop, eat & visit with friends knowing that every penny spent supports the educational pursuits of four future LCMS Pastors; Benjamin Vanderhyde, Paul Horstmeyer, Charles Ridley & Luke Elowsky & one future Lutheran Musician; Liam Harms.

• **LWML's Executive Board** meets Monday, November 26th at 6:30pm in the home of Millie Miller. All ladies are welcome to attend this business meeting.

## *News and Announcements*

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**Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon –**

**TAG (Tuesday Afternoon Group)**

Let's all give thanks for the many blessings we receive each day & enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal! The turkey will be provided, & you bring a side dish. This will be followed by our Bible study led by Pastor Magruder at 1:00 p.m. titled "Picking My Outfit, Picking My God". All are welcome to come & enjoy the fellowship.

**St. John's Lutheran Church Dinner**

All members 55+ of Peace With Christ are invited to join St. John's Elderberries for a completely free Thanksgiving meal on **Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.** In the spirit of thankfulness, please bring a nonperishable food item for their Food Bank. The church is located at 305 East Elizabeth Street. Please RSVP to their church office, 970-482-5316 by Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Joy Circle**

Joy Circle will meet on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Please join us for food & fellowship. Nancy Moore will have the opening devotions & Cheryl Harsen will do the Bible study. Hostesses will be Shirley Farrier & Sharon Wiesner.

**Scrip/Gift Card Program**

It is almost that time of year again when we will all be preparing for the holidays! Whether you need groceries for a meal, a small gift for a co-worker or teacher, gifts for family & friends, a special meal out, a date night or even travel needs – the PWC Youth Scrip/Gift Card Program should be your first stop!! We have many different cards on hand, just stop by the table to see. There are numerous

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cards in various denominations to purchase, reloading available on many cards & SCRIPNOW which is a printable gift card. Watch for more information on how to participate & how easy this fundraiser can be for YOU! Dollar for Dollar value & no unnecessary items to purchase!

### **Evening Prayer**

This year, St. John's will be having an Evening Prayer service the last Tuesday of every month in conjunction with ChristLife Bible study. Members of both congregations are invited & encouraged to worship together with the college students. Join us Tuesday, November 27th at 7:30 p.m. St. John's for Evening Prayer.

### **Lutheran Family Services**

\*\*Continuing through December 20th, we are collecting your gently used hats, scarves, gloves & jackets to help keep our refugees warm. You can drop them off at the Greeley LFS Refugee office or let us know if you'd like for us to pick them up. Please contact Alex Kloehn ([alex.kloehn@lfsrm.org](mailto:alex.kloehn@lfsrm.org)) if you have any questions.\*\*

### **Radio Ministry**

The **2019** sign-up schedule to sponsor our **Peace With Christ Radio Program** is posted in the hall across from the kitchen. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry that provides Pastor Magruder's sermon to a vast radio audience.



## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Peter & Kerri Fagan  
Brian & Jodi Lacey

November 1, 1980  
November 24, 1990



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jodi Lacey	November 2
Ken Peterson	November 2
Isa Peterson	November 3
George Ivers	November 4
Larry Parke	November 4
Sherri Norman	November 5
Abigail Yeldell	November 5
Jana Black	November 6
Janice Long	November 6
CJ Muth	November 6
Addison Lacey	November 7
Ernestine Munsey	November 8
Jane Pennington	November 8
Sara Buchleiter	November 10
Robert Cribbs	November 12
Loren Wiesner	November 13
Sean Yeldell	November 14
Karen Dowdell	November 15
Elizabeth Geisler	November 17
Abigail Geisler	November 17
Kelly Nye	November 17
Cleve Moore	November 22
Bruce Long	November 23
Natalie Boehnke	November 24
Virgil Mohr	November 24
Josh Johnson	November 25
Joy Magruder	November 26
Joanne Dahmer	November 29
Hannah Walters	November 29
Emily Fox	November 30
Amy Hoy	November 30
Andi Lechman	November 30
Dave Muth	November 30
Conner Tolar	November 30

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