

The Dove



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Nancy and I just returned from San Antonio. It was a nice time to fly on an airplane through San Diego, to San Antonio then back from San Antonio through Las Vegas to San Francisco. I hope we were not exposed to anyone with Swine Flu.

The purpose of our trip was to begin our second year of Pastoral Leadership Institute. The theme this year is "Change". The theme was presented under the topic of "The Missional Leader as 'Prophet' Leader". This is part of a four year program. Each year is a different theme. These themes are:

1. Servant Leader – Nurturing Personal Spiritual Growth
2. Prophet Leader – Nurturing Positive Missional Change
3. Servant-Shepherd – Missional Teaming
4. Apostle – Aligning the Mission

The two specific skills we were taught this year are:

1. The Skill of managing change
2. The alignment of resources

In addition, significant time is spent on family and personal spiritual growth.

I will present a more detailed power point presentation to the council. After that I will present the same information to some of the Bible classes.

There is much more I would like to share with you through this letter, but there is not enough space or time. I would like to thank you, the people of Peace Lutheran Church, for your financial support of this very important ministry. It has truly been a blessing to both Nancy and me.

Christ's Peace,

Pastor Adams

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**Sunday Service
9:30am
Fellowship
10:30am
Sunday School
11:00am
Adult Bible
Class
11:10am**

**"To help all
people know,
believe in, and
follow Jesus
Christ."**

II Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

(NIV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We want to let you know that the current economic crisis has affected Peace Lutheran. Our intention is to inform you, not alarm you.

If you look at the first 15 weeks of this year vs. last year (including Easter), contributions are off by -16.6% or (\$8,385). We chose to review the contributions so that Easter was included for both years, because of the impact of Easter contributions.

One bright spot is the facility rental is up +9.1% or \$733, but unfortunately this is not enough to offset our current losses. As a Council we are evaluating potential options.

These options include managing income and managing expenses. The budget for this year is somewhat optimistic regarding income. However, as the year unfolds, expenses are being carefully reviewed so that the difference between income and expenses does not get out of control.

We ask for your prayers and any ideas that you may have as we navigate through this rough economic environment. We will get through this! As a family of believers, we need to remember we have a risen Savior who loves and cares for us!

Bob Atkins
President

Jim Sides
Treasurer

	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
APPROVED BUDGET		
INCOME:	\$19,310	\$ 50,950
Income	15,908.	42,996.
Less Total Expenses	<u>-18,762.</u>	<u>- 46,541.</u>
NET GAIN/LOSS	\$-2,854.	\$ - 3,545.

Jim Sides, Treasure

BIRTHDAYS

5-4 AnaHilda Mosher
5-15 Ernest Brockschmidt
5-17 Art Strassburger
5-18 Lois Kline
5-19 Warren McGowan

ANNIVERSARIES

5-13 Helen & Jim Geiger

President's message –

Our April Council meeting was held on the day the Feds and the State were scheduled to receive our Income Tax. In spite of that, the meeting went fine and was quite productive.

We had great attendance on Easter Sunday (58) and the highest Good Friday offering since Pastor's arrival at Peace. This is a good counter point to the budget news that Jim Sides and I will discuss with you elsewhere in the Dove and with a separate note to each of the congregation.

We had a great discussion about our efforts to reach out to the new Buckeye Apartments now being filled for the first time. This is a great opportunity to show Peace Lutheran as a good neighbor. A Council committee will look at various ways to reach out and report back next meeting.

The website that we have has been updated. Please visit at your convenience. We are looking for someone to help keep the website up. This is one of those pesky tasks where you mostly need to spend the time to do the work; the work itself is pretty easy for those who know what to do. We are exploring the expansion of the website to include audio programs on a regular basis, so that Pastor's great sermons can be more widely distributed.

Cleaning the Church prior to Easter was a great success – it's clear that a few folks from Peace can turn to and get stuff done. The front of the church was power washed as part of the cleanup. The effort made the front look very nice, but it also exposed the fact that the paint is old and needs to be redone.

The year is off to a good start. The Council has a good membership this year, with plenty of energy. Stay tuned as the year unfolds.

OFFICE HOURS

Our church office is open Monday thru Friday, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Mondays are Pastor Adams day off. He is available in his study Tuesday thru Fridays from 9 a.m. – 12 noon and also by appointment. Sally is in the office Monday thru Thursday. If you are in need of ministry please stop by or call the church office at 388-2065.

HOME PHONE

You may also reach Pastor Adams at home. His number is: (415) 388-7190. Please feel free to call him as you like.

Please remember to bring
non-perishable food items
for the **Southern Marin Food Pantry**.

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If you would like to help serve or donate a dish for our homeless hot meal program **PEACE MEAL** please contact Lee Rosevear. Our time to serve is the second Thursday of each month at 12n at West Minister Presbyterian Church in Tiburon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MAY 2009 GRADUATES

Carl Erickson
Valparaiso University
With a degree in Sociology
And a minor in Studio Arts

STORY TELLING

A former Pastor at Peace, and someone who I always ready to help, Gerald Wyneken, obtained the numbers for the last census and the estimates for this upcoming one for Marin. In 2009 our total population would be 246,507. There is no estimate of how many are Church attending faithful Christians.

But these numbers tell us nothing of the real need to promote Faith around us. So on to Storytelling.

1. The first story should come from the person who has given you an opening of some sort. I am confident we all can come up with encouraging words that will help that person to unload.
2. When your turn to talk comes be sure your story is not overpowering. This may cause two reactions. First, your listener may feel you did not listen or even hear the story he/she unfolded to you, and, second, your listener may feel that your only interest in him/her was to show how rough, tough, and challenging your life has been compared to his/hers.
3. Somewhere in this back and forth what you hear may be words which you feel enable you to introduce the Lord and the strength you get which helps you to weather the trials of life from Church and all the caring people there. But remember this is not a recruiting tool for Peace. Many people have left the Church because of the seeming competition for people. It's not some sort of contest between one part of "The Body of Christ in the World the Church" with another part of the Body. However, there is a battle pitting the hard core people who would do away with God, Christ, and all Christian Churches. Remember that old hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers Marching on the War With The Cross of Jesus Marching on Before." I do believe we are at war for our Faith and our church. Before I was born, the Russian people set on their hands and their strong, wonderful Church disappeared. God restored it after many years. Do we want our children, grandchildren and maybe more to suffer that?

All the thought on story telling are mine and I'm positive there are many wonderful ideas in the brains of you people of Peace. Could this be the summer of our reaching out?

Yours in Faith, Bill Kerr

Informational Career Teleconference Hosted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans!

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For convenience, there are three call times (all at Pacific Std. Time) from which to choose:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Call Number (toll-free)</u>	<u>Confirmation #</u>	<u>Host</u>
May 21st (Thursday)	12:30 PM	1 (800) 264-7882	24398179	Guy Ellison
May 21st (Thursday)	7:00 PM	1 (800) 264-7882	24398184	Guy Ellison
May 23rd (Saturday)	10:30 AM	1 (800) 264-7882	24398186	Guy Ellison