

# The Dove

## Happy Halloween!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My article this month is rather insular. By that I mean quite a few non-Lutheran may not appreciate it. For that matter, many Lutheran may not appreciate it. In addition, it might be rather long.

In October Lutherans observe the Reformation. Lutherans have a worship service where they sing robust guttural German sounding hymns about Scripture Alone, Grace Alone and Faith alone. Lutherans believe these are the three themes of the Reformation.

Oh, wait! You do not know what the Reformation is. Simple, it is Halloween. On October 31, 1517 a monk by the name of Martin Luther nailed a document called the 95 Theses to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Now, every Halloween or there about Lutherans sing guttural hymns and talk about those themes. It's a lot more detailed than that but I think you get the drift.

In the United States, many Lutheran churches have even hijacked Oktoberfest from September to October and celebrate Oktoberfest as a Reformation festival. Whatever the reason, Lutherans get together to drink beer, eat sausage and push sauerkraut to the side of the plate. Thank you Martin Luther!



## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Service  
9:30 am

Fellowship  
10:30 am

Sunday School  
11:00 am

Adult Bible Class  
11:10 am

Luther's real concern was acceptance before God. It seemed he never felt loved by God. It seemed he never measured up to God or anyone else, especially his own father. He became obsessed trying to be accepted by God until he came along a passage in Romans which states: "For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law."

It changed Luther's life. He discovered he was already accepted by God. He did not have to try and please God. Instead, through the life, the death and the resurrection of Jesus, God was already pleased with and accepted Luther. What was true for Luther is true for the rest of us.

For the most part, realizing he was accepted by God through Jesus Christ took a big weight off Luther. He no longer had to prove himself to God. Neither did he have to prove himself to others. This does not mean life got easy. On one hand Luther was kicked out of the church and put under a penalty of death. On the other hand, Luther was no angel, he wrote some terrible things about others.

Anyway, here's my point. Reformation is not about singing guttural German hymns. It's not about drinking beer and eating brats. It's about me. It's about you. God has declared you and me accepted and loved through what Jesus Christ has done. That lifts a weight off our shoulders. That gives us a certain freedom. It frees us to love God and not be afraid of God. It also frees us to look at each other no longer according to our shortcomings. After all, Jesus has taken care of that stuff. But now we are free to see others according to what Christ has done for them.

That freedom makes us a better spouse, a better parent, a better child, a better friend. That's not just a Lutheran thing. That is a human thing.

Christ's Peace

Pastor Ricky Adams

## From The President

Dear Friends and Family of Peace:

I realize that my letters as President of the Congregation have been few over the years that I have been blessed to serve as your President, but my constant thoughts and prayers have been with you all this entire time. I have always been so pleased to hear the Sunday morning reports of the various committee persons and what has been happening in our church. For a small congregation, we are remarkably active and people are committed to our missions and our in-house projects and Bible studies. Our Wednesday evening Council meetings are open to all members of the Congregation and are well attended by the chairs. The meetings are interactive with everyone feeling free to voice his/her opinion.....which can sometimes be a challenge to chair!

I had the privilege of attending a church service on Waikiki a week ago.....I looked for the church I had attended there many years ago. I discovered that the church still exists, though in a different location and in different circumstances; it once had its own home on the top floor of a high rise but was now meeting in a conference room in a small hotel. This little church has 32 active members and they were rejoicing in the fact that they had been able to raise \$250,000 to purchase their own space on Waikiki. They have bought a condo in a Waikiki complex for \$500,000 (which in itself is a miracle) where they are going to continue their mission in Waikiki. They have a loan of \$250,000 and already have commitments so that they plan to pay off the loan in three years. There were 22 members in attendance when I was there on the 7th and they all greeted my cousin Judy and me. There were guests from Australia, Baltimore, Los Angeles and Mexico. Following the service, the members had a project at a homeless center so many were wearing their gold "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church" t-shirts.....including two fellas who looked as though they were "Fonzis of the 50s" with sleeves rolled up over their shoulders and tattoos down their arms.....but, boy, could they sing the hymns and psalms! I talked to the two of them following services and they had similar stories of how they had happened to come to church one day hearing the music and "found Christ." You could not find two more committed Christians and it was a joy talking with them.

The reason I'm telling this story is that everyone with whom I spoke that day said how important it was for them to be in church on Sunday morning. They attend not only to participate and hear the word of God, but to support their fellow member Christians. This is the point I'm trying to get across and it merely reflects how I personally feel.....I **HAVE** to go to church on Sunday morning (not because I think my parents are going to chastise me for missing when I get to Heaven), but because church on Sunday morning is my Anchor for the week. I really **need** to hear the Word of our Lord.....I **need** the Hymns.....I **need** the prayers.....I **need** to see my church family! It gives me the 'peace' I need to get through the week.

**PLEASE** make time in your lives to be 'at Peace' on Sunday morning. The breakfasts, the games, the fun times considered more important..... they can wait. Our Christ is there for you....all the time.....won't you be there for Him for just one hour on Sunday morning?

In Christ's love,

Marlene

## OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, Oct. 25

6pm-9pm

Peace Hall

Wear your dirndl and your lederhosen!

LIVE music for dancing, networking and drinking will be provided.

We encourage you to bring ONE of your neighbors so we have a full house!

Sign up sheets will be posted in Narthex Hall and any monetary contributions towards beverages will be gladly accepted.

## FIRESIDE

### BROWN BAG MEAL PROGRAM

#### Beef, Chicken or Vegetable Soup

We will be preparing 51 bags.

We need:

30 Campbell's Low Sodium Chunky Soup (Beef, Chicken or Vegetable)

36 Marie Callendar Complete Corn Bread Mix

Monetary Donations for fresh fruit or vegetables

We will deliver on Tuesday October 14th.

Thank you for your participation.

## 2014 Officers, Council & Lay Ministers

### OFFICERS

**President** - Marlene Rice

**Vice President** - Jim Sides

**Treasurer** - Peter Pardini

### COUNCIL

**Evangelism:** Gary Glover

**Education & Youth:** Sharon Sides

**Fellowship:** Dahlia/Sebastian Stein

**Properties:** Gary Glover

**Social Ministry:** Mary Ann Griller

### LAY MINISTERS

Sheri Maier

Beverly Erbel

Jane Green

Gary Glover

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## **Sunday Bulletins**

The Sunday Bulletins for Peace Lutheran Church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is <http://bulletin.plcmarin.org>

## **PLC Website**

Visit our website:  
[www.plcmarin.org](http://www.plcmarin.org)

We encourage you to click around and see what upcoming events are going on, where you can volunteer, and it even gives you the opportunity to hear our weekly sermons or make a prayer request right from your own computer desk or smart phone.

## **New PLC Twitter Account (Social Media)**

Find awesome announcements in the Lutheran community by visiting our own PLC twitter account: [marinplc](https://twitter.com/marinplc)

The hyperlink is:  
<https://twitter.com/marinplc>

## **October Birthdays**

10-13  
David Green

10-13  
Sebastian Stein

10-24  
Marion Ball

10-24  
Bob Atkins

10-26  
Jane Green

10-27  
Doug Sides

## **Anniversaries**

10-16  
Bob Atkins  
& Nancy deVillers

10-20  
Mark & Laureen Schneeberger

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The FIRESIDE will be having PARENTING WORKSHOPS and are in need of volunteers for child care on Wednesday, October 22 and Saturday, November 1 from 5 till 7. Please sign up in the narthex.

## "Crosses for Peace"

PLC received a large donation of cross necklaces and religious jewelry. We were given these Crosses as a gift to take and enjoy and also give to someone else as a gift. The cross is a visible symbol of Christianity. By wearing one we show that we believe in Jesus Christ and are proud to display it! There is a gift card with PLC information on it enclosed in each gift bag that is given out.

The program is starting to take off. Many church members have taken crosses during coffee hour and are wearing and distributing them. The experience is very rewarding and more and more people are participating.

Donations at the Kid's Fair on 9/7 totaled \$91. We also collected \$159 at the Carlos Herrera Concert on 8/3 bringing total cash donations to \$250.

## Attention all Mary & Martha Ladies!

### MARY AND MARTHA BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 7PM in Luther Lounge.

Please bring a food item or beverage to share.

**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped at our **10th Annual Kid's Fair** on September 7. We continue to get great appreciation from our community for holding the annual event.

**IN MEMORY** John Schaller who attended Peace for many years passed on September 17 at his home in Pocatello, ID.

## CHURCH GROUNDS

The planting on the church grounds is complete. The total cost is \$7,375.00.

If you would like to contribute to the grounds upgrade please write a check to Peace and earmark "**Landscaping**"

Plant prices were \$7.99, \$9.99, \$24.99, \$34.99, \$69.99, \$149.99, \$299.99.

Thank you.

## FINANCIALS

	Sept. 2014	Year to Date
APPROVED BUDGET INCOME:	\$ 13,260	\$171,700
Income	12,778	110,040
Expenses	13,732	118,646
Net Gains/Loss	\$ - 954	\$ - 8,606

Peter Pardini, Treasurer

# 2014 - October Calendar

## OCTOBER

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>KEY:</b> PC- Pilates Class- SD SD- Stage Door VL -Violin Lessons LL-Lolo Nursery	<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> M-Thurs. 9AM-12N <b>M-Pastor's Day Off</b> <b>F-Secretary's Day Off</b>	PH-Parish Hall LL-Luther Lounge N-Nursery S- Sanctuary P-Parking Lot	2:15-6:30pm VL (S) 6:30-8p SD (PH)		10a Women's Bible Study	8:30-9:30a PC-SD (LL) 9:30a-12:30p SD (PH)
<b>5</b> 9:30am- Worship Service 11:15a Adult Bible Study	2:45-4:45 VL (LL)	9:30a-12:30p SD (PH) 3:30-4:30a LL (N)	2:15-6:30pm VL (S) 6:30-8p SD (PH)	9	10 10a Women's Bible Study	11 8:30-9:30 PC-SD (LL) 9:30a-12:30p SD (PH)
<b>12</b> 9:30am- Worship Service 11:15a Adult Bible Study	2:45-4:45 VL (LL)	9:30-12:30p SD (PH) <b>10:30am Fireside Meal Program (LL)</b> 3:30-4:30a LL (N) 7p Ladies Bible Study	2:15-6:30pm VL (S) 6:30-8p SD (PH) 7p Church Council Mtg.	16	17 10a Women's Bible Study	18 8:30-9:30a PC-SD (LL) 9:30a-12:30p SD (PH)
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<b>26</b> 9:30am- Worship Service 11:15a Adult Bible Study 12n Lunch on the Town	2:45-4:45 VL (LL)	9:30a-12:30p SD (PH) 3:30-4:30a LL (N)	2:15-6:30pm VL (S) 6:30-8p SD (PH)	30	31 10a Women's Bible Study	

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# SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 2014

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Betty Erickson Jane Green	Vicki McGowan John Moorhead	Mary Ann Griller Eddie Walters	Jeanine Hillebrandt Marlene Rice
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Sally Erickson	Jane Green Jeanine Hillebrandt	Vicki McGowan	Nancy Adams Sally Erickson
	<i>Coffee Hour Supplies for October: Jeanine Hillebrandt</i>			
<u>Counters</u>	Vicki McGowan Lee Rosevear	Put in Safe	Don Erbel Ulla Kerr	Vicki McGowan
<u>Flowers</u>	Marlene Rice	Sally Erickson	Rusty Rush	Beverly Erbel
<u>Greeters</u>	Peter Pardini	John Moorhead	Ulla Kerr	Laureen Schneeberger
<u>Lay Ministers</u>	Marlene Rice	Gary Glover	<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Beverly Erbel
<u>Ushers</u>	Vicki McGowan	Ulla Kerr Laureen Schneeberger	Keith & Jackie Stoneking	Jim & Sharon Sides
<u>Lay Readers</u>	Cynthia Smith	Art Strassburger	Beverly Erbel	Sharon Sides
<u>Cantor</u>		Ernie Au		

*(If you cannot serve on your assigned date, please find a substitute and inform the Church Office, 388-2065)*



# SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 2014

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janice Hellman Vicki McGowan	Dorlane Krausse Ulla Kerr	Betty Erickson Jane Green	Vicki McGowan John Moorhead	MaryAnn Griller Edie Walters
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	John & Anahilda Mosher	Don & Beverly Erbel	Lee & Janet Rosevear	Betty Erickson	Ulla Kerr Laureen Schneeberger
	<i>Coffee Hour Supplies for November: Ulla Kerr</i>				
<u>Counters</u>	Dave Erickson Marlene Rice	Vicki McGowan Lee Rosevear	Don Erbel Ulla Kerr	<i>Put in safe</i>	Vicki McGowan
<u>Flowers</u>	Marlene Rice	Rusty Rush	Beverly Erbel	Sally Erickson	<i>Cornucopia</i>
<u>Greeters</u>	Rick Kenney	Vicki McGowan	Ernie & Marilyn Au	Lee & Janet Rosevear	Jeanine Hillebrandt
<u>Lay Ministers</u>	Sheri Maier	Jane Green	<i>Communion Asssts.</i>	Jim Sides	Marlene Rice
<u>Ushers</u>	Rick Kenney Vicki McGowan	Don & Beverly Erbel	Ulla Kerr Laureen Schneeberger	Keith & Jackie Stoneking	Jim & Sharon Sides
<u>Lay Readers</u>	Mary Ann Griller	Nancy Adams	Rick Kenney	Janet Reese	Cynthia Smith
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