



*Tough Year... But God just made us*

*Tougher!*

Black Friday sales for all the major chains have already been leaked. You can get a great deal on an 85-inch television at Best Buy. But how big a room would you need to hang it up? You wouldn't want to put it in your garage. How far back would you have to sit so your head wasn't on a swivel? 85 inches is half the length of a mid-sized sedan!

I refuse to pander to all the Black Friday hype. Mostly. Wal-Mart will be closed on Thanksgiving this year. So there's that. They've decided to celebrate Black Friday on Black Friday. What a concept! So will Target, Best Buy, Macy's, J.C. Penney and a slew of others. They're saying it's a Covid thing, but a survey last August found that 88% of Americans wished they would.

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## Save the Date...

### November '20

11/1 All Saints Day  
 11/3 Election Day  
 11/6 F&FF  
 11/10 SuperTuesday  
 11/11 Veteran's Day  
 11/25 Thanks service  
 11/29 Advent begins

### December '20

12/2 Advent service  
 12/4 F&FF  
 12/7 Church Council  
 12/9 Advent service  
 12/16 Advent service  
 12/20 Xmas program?  
 12/24 X Eve Service?  
 12/25 Xmas Day 10am

### January 2021

1/1 New Year's Day  
 1/6 Epiphany  
 1/8 F&FF  
 1/12 SuperTuesday  
 1/15 Sr Hi Snow Day  
 1/19 Church Council  
 2/17 Ash Wednesday



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That's great news for all the folks who work so hard in retail. But I don't expect that means Christmas decorations won't appear on Saturday.

I'm thankful that there are stores still open to still have sales. And I'm thankful for people who have the means to shop because that means they probably still have a job.

Maybe the pandemic has forced us to take a look at our values. When I go on Amazon these days I don't see a thing to buy other than the kinds of consumables I could get at the store. It's just nice to save a little and find it on your doorstep in a few days.

I did splurge on one thing lately, but I don't think it counts because my old one broke when I got a little too energetic with it. A 20-inch wooden handled leather fly squasher made by Amish craftsmen. You have to figure that since they don't believe in electricity they probably have to keep all their doors and windows open to stay cool. They should be pretty good at squashing flies.

Just so you know, if they came in an 85-inch model I wouldn't have bought it anyway.

Maybe when you reach a certain age your values change. Too bad it doesn't happen earlier, right?

You know what gets me excited today? You do. Peace people. The only good thing about the Covid was that it distracted us from the election for a while.

First they closed churches. Then you funded the equipment to do church online, which I get lots of compliments on and people are watching all around the country. A whole new ministry was launched. A lasting ministry.

When I was growing up back in Toledo my pastor taped a worship for shut-ins that was broadcast on local television. A simplified, abbreviated version of church back in the 60's. But it was much appreciated. I looked for it not long ago and it's been taken over by some younger pastors who still carry on the tradition. And now we're part of that tradition, that badly needed ministry for folks literally all over the world who just can't get out.

It's a great feeling for Peace to have become a part of that.

In spite of not actually being able to worship at church, you still continued to support the church and its ministries financially. Thank you for that. You have always been so generous and it is and has always been appreciated.

Then we were allowed to do church outdoors.

We'd never done church like that before. And you embraced it! Attendance was back to over 100 people a week, and with all the people who really do need to stay away from crowds right now, that was a great number. It was awesome to see so many of you, even if it was only from the nose up. It was great fun, and people are asking if we can do it every summer.

And so we added some weeks to our

outdoor worship

to-do list for next

year.

Now we're back in church, and it feels good to be back, even in restricted numbers. Thanks for putting up with the restrictions. You make each other feel safe and cared for. It's great to have the band back at 9:30, and they haven't lost a beat! You are blessed with a terrific worship team and you should check them out. They are a blessing.

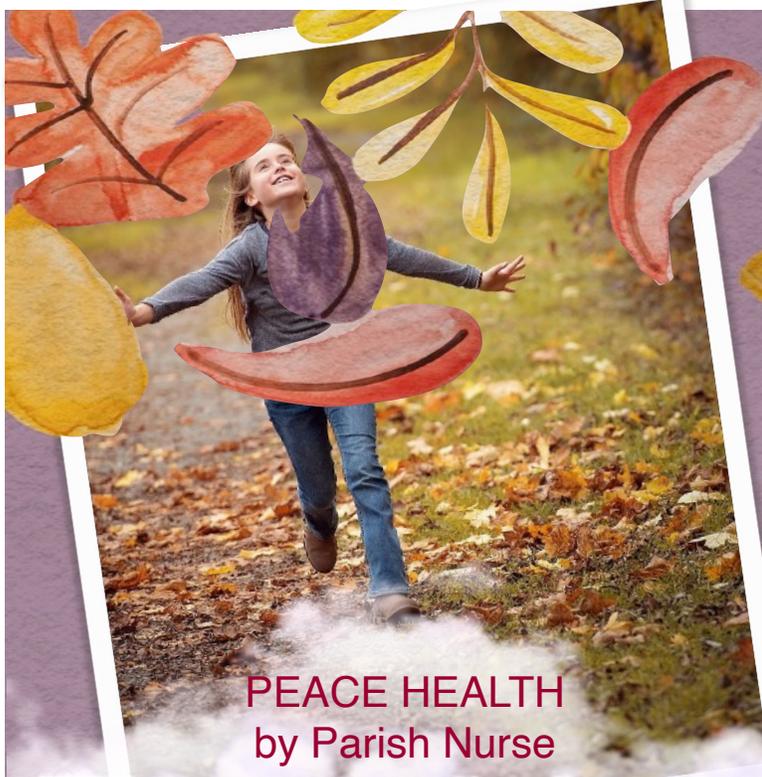
Thanks to all of you for learning how to do Bible study in a whole new way—online. And thanks to all of you who are hosting studies. Online and even socially distanced in person.

Thanks for reaching out to all our people who aren't able to attend for now. For making sure they haven't gotten lost. That's what family does. It's what God enables us to do. Reflect his love. And when I come to church on Sunday I feel like I'm in a whole room full of mirrors, God's love reflecting all over the place. And I am blessed by it.

Anyway, those are a just few of my reflections. And if I haven't said it clearly enough yet, I am so thankful.

- Pastor Rob





PEACE HEALTH  
by Parish Nurse

# Transitions

As we stroll, or sometimes run the path of life, from childhood to adulthood, we come upon many ruts and bumps along the path. Some of these bumps are exciting, becoming a “legal” adult, voting in a national election for the first time, moving to a new home, closer to family. Some of these ruts create obstacles in the path that result in much fear, anxiety, or stress, starting at a new school or a new place of employment, or receiving an unexpected medical diagnosis. And some of these bumps causes major upheaval or sadness, the loss of a child or spouse to death or the loss of independence.

The current year definitely has been a huge bump in the path of everyone’s life. The pandemic with all its limitations, restrictions, and regulations has altered the life of everyone, from child to adult. Things that were considered “normal” are no longer “allowed”. We are being encouraged to celebrate Thanksgiving with a maximum of three families, limit the celebration to two-hours, and hold it outdoors. The family Thanksgiving feast around a barbecue table and not the dining room table! Needless to say, this has resulted in major stress for many.

Stress and anxiety are a part of living; however, excessive stress and anxiety can cause many physical and mental issues. Stress causes headaches, muscle tension and pain,

fatigue, sleep issues, and it even causes digestive system issues and inflammation. These physical symptoms then affect your mood and behavior, causing increased anxiety, restlessness, angry outbursts, overeating, a lack of motivation, withdrawal from family, increased use of alcohol and tobacco, and a decrease in motivation, especially motivation to exercise.

What can you do to manage this stress? There are simple methods that will help your body cope with stress. Some of these include:

- Getting regular physical exercise.
- Practicing relaxation techniques, such as deep breathing, meditation, yoga, or tai chi,
- Keeping a sense of humor
- Talking with family and friends. Plan and keep “phone-dates” with loved ones.
- Setting aside time for hobbies, such as reading a book, doing needlework, or listening to music.

One thing to remember is that sedentary activities, such as watching television, surfing the internet, and playing video games may seem relaxing at the time, but in actuality they will cause increased stress over the long run.

If you look up transition in the thesaurus, one of the synonyms for transition is growth. When thinking about the turn of events this year, have you viewed the experience as a time of growth? Perhaps you have grown in your ability to home school your children, perhaps you have grown in your ability to use the computer. A year ago, who would have thought school, Bible Studies and church meetings would be held via Zoom or other platforms. Perhaps daily family dinners have returned to your household, or maybe board games and jigsaw puzzles have found their way into your home. However, this period has changed your “normal”, it definitely has been a time wherein you have grown. Look at this as a “glass half-full” and find the positive in it.

And most importantly, always remember, as Jesus said in Matthew 28:20, “And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lili Baehr	11/6
Logan Farrell	11/6
Tom Waddell	11/9
Adam Bedard	11/10
Alicia Miller	11/11
Veronica Lee	11/12
Luci Pommers	11/12
Bill Fitch	11/14
Ken Mobley	11/15
Sharon McCracken	11/17
Chandler Supple	11/21
Dave Miller	11/26
Melissa Hamilton	11/26
Aija Rebensal	11/30

Bill & Linda Young	11/6
Tim & Robin Schmidt	11/6
Ken & Rita Reuter	11/16
Adam & Tiffany Bedard	11/16
David & Vicki Hutter	11/17

Dear Saints who departed this life this past year and are now with the Lord:

Mickey Kohut  
Ingrid Poehler  
Dave Stuart  
Ron Miller

## Remember in your prayers...

Edith Anderson, Lili Baehr, Mrs. Cheung, Brody, Rodger & Carolynn Bronner's family, Crystal, Remi Chatelain, Marshall Denninger, Dwayne Field, Bill Fitch, Bruce Fraser, Father of Gail Goesch, Beverly Gandy, Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann, Jim Hogan, Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Dale Larson, Dawn Logan, Mrs. Mai, Scott McComas, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ken Nipstad, Jim Pedersen, Rawlin Radle, Joanne Riccardi, Shane Shelton, Orion Solu, Llewyn Rae Spencer, Leslie Stenke, Bev Toro, Jon Volpei, Carol Yung, Sue Zinger;

Our military; Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentlandt. Also remember their families and our gov't leaders.

*"And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks  
to God the Father through him."*

COLOSSIANS 3:17



Fall is here. Our clocks have been turned back. And, praise GOD, we are back worshipping our LORD indoors. The outdoor services were really a great blessing as we were finally able to come together for worship and communion as the Peace family of Christ. After being unable to gather together for such a long time, it was a wonderful experience to finally gather together and to see the amazing turnout. We are so very fortunate as a congregation to have been blessed with an outdoor area that so perfectly met our needs to come together once again. And now that we are finally back to worshipping indoors it feels as if we have come full circle or almost full circle anyhow. We are all looking forward to when there will be no health regulations required to function as the Peace body of Christ.

We can look back on this and think about the many things that we were unable to do that we particularly look forward to each year. Lenten services and Easter Sunday services immediately come to my mind but there are many others - no choir and no barbecues. These things will be celebrated by us again just as they were in the past when the time is right. I think that going through this experience will also make us even more thankful for these things than we may once have known would always be a part of our walk with our LORD. This congregation has demonstrated its' love for our LORD, for each other and for this church through its' steadfastness and desire to do whatever we can to stay together, pray together and worship together.

Finally, remember that wonderful assurance that our Lord and Savior gave us all in John 16:33. "I have said this to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

*Praise the Lord!  
Elders*



# Giving Thanks in November



Patch Volunteers



Harvest Fruits



Youth Board Members



Preschool Staff



Pumpkin Purchasers



Musical Ladies of the Fold

Pastor Rob & I also give thanks for all the thoughtful cards & gifts we received during October!

- Pastor Mike

As we remember the saints of the faith this month...

## the story of Henry of Zütphen

*A research paper by Beulah O'Neal*



*Charles V, Emperor of  
the Holy Roman Empire*

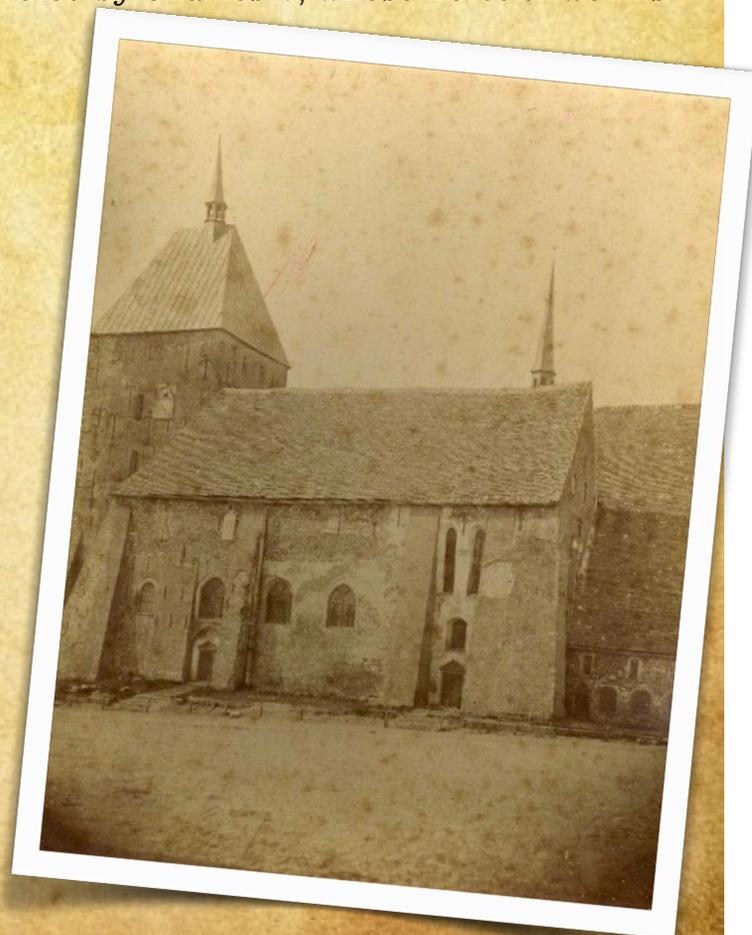
Henry of Zütphen, also referred to as Heinrich Möller, was born in 1488 in Zütphen, the Netherlands. He became an Augustinian monk in 1504, and in 1520 went to Wittenberg to study. Here he became friends with Martin Luther and Melanchthon. Brother Henry took his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1521, writing his theses on Justification by Faith.

In the summer of 1522, Brother Henry returned to the Netherlands, where he held several high offices in the Augustinian Order. At this time, the Netherlands was part of the Holy Roman Empire, ruled by Charles V, whose Edict of worms

outlawed Luther and his teaching. The Edict went into effect on May 25, 1521 - "We forbid anyone from this time forward to dare, either by words or by deeds, to receive, defend, sustain, or favor the said Martin Luther. On the contrary, we want him to be apprehended and punished as a notorious heretic." It also banned the reading or possession of all of Luther's writings.

Because Henry preached the new Reformation teachings, he was persecuted and forced to leave Holland. He traveled as far as Bremen, intending to return to Wittenberg. When the people of Bremen heard him preach the "real word of God," the whole congregation invited Henry to remain with them, which he agreed to do.

In 1524, Pastor Nicolas Boye, and the parish members of Meldorf in Dithmarschen, Holstein, called for Brother Henry to start a preaching mission at their church. He was received "with great joy" by the parish, and Henry preached his first sermon on December 4, 1524, from Paul's words in Romans 1, God is my witness. That afternoon, Henry preached again, this





time from Paul's words in Romans 15:1. Those who had invited him to the city were pleased with his message, but the civil and ecclesiastical authorities strongly opposed this new doctrine.

On hearing about Henry's arrival, Augustine Torneborch, the prior of the Black Cloister (the Jacobin friars), went to John Snicken to figure out how to prevent their beliefs from being corrupted. The friars summoned several of the regents and told them how this Henry was misleading the people with his preaching. They argued that unless they burned the heretic, the worship of Mary, and the two holy convents would be overthrown.

When Augustine Torneborch could not get prompt action from the authorities, he and the other monks plotted to capture Henry. To carry out the plan, Peter Nannen, a friend of the prior's, recruited men from near-by villages who were instructed to meet at Hemmingstedt, a half-mile from Meldorf at dusk. After consuming copious amounts of Hamburg beer, the men were in a fighting mood.

The Jacobin friars provided them with lights and torches. On the night of December 9, they came fully armed to Meldorf at midnight. They broke into the parsonage, looted it, and burst in upon the sleeping Brother Henry, dragging him from his bed, beating and stabbing as they did it. They tied his hands tightly behind his back and dragged him through the night as far as Heide. Some accounts say they tied his hands to a horse's tail as they forced him down the dark road. In Heide, they brought him to a priest named Reiner Hotzeck, who locked him in the cellar.

The rioters continued to guzzle beer. In the morning, a council was held in the village market place. Without a trial and without defense, Henry was condemned to the stake. The crowd moved to the selected spot at the edge of town. Every time Henry tried to speak, the angry mob hit him with swords,

mace, halberds, or pikes, the men stabbing in frenzy, frustrated because they couldn't get a strong fire going. After the protestors had beaten Henry to death, they threw him into the fire—a sad end to a man who just wanted to preach his faith.

Brother Henry died at age 36, killed by a band of drunken peasants instigated by the ecclesiastical and civil authorities. He was the third martyr in the Reformation movement.



It is likely we had ancestors living in Meldorf and the surrounding villages at this time; I just can't name them as the baptism records from Meldorf church began in 1653, and the earliest tax record located is from 1585. Could they have been sitting in the pews of the beautiful St. Johannis church and heard Brother Henry preach? It is possible.

Beulah O'Neal traces her ancestry back to the church in Meldorf. Her ancestors would have been baptized in this church. It turned Protestant in 1533.



- Soli Deo Gloria



# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Praise Service (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 AM Traditional Service (Sanctuary) 1PM New Life Fellowship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study via Zoom  10AM Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 5:45 PM LifeLight Bible Study via Zoom  6PM Sr High Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 PM Faith 'n' Fun Friday	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Praise Service (Fellowship Hall) 11AM Traditional Service 1PM New Life Fellowship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study via Zoom  10AM Women's Bible Study	<b>11 VETERANS DAY</b> 5:45 PM LifeLight Bible Study via Zoom  6PM Sr High Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 PM Confirmation	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Praise Service (Fellowship Hall) 11AM Traditional Service 1PM New Life Fellowship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study via Zoom  10AM Women's Bible Study	<b>18</b> 5:45 PM LifeLight Bible Study via Zoom  6PM Sr High Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00 PM Confirmation	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Praise Service (Fellowship Hall) 11AM Traditional Service 1PM New Life Fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study via Zoom  10AM Women's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 5:45 PM LifeLight Bible Study via Zoom  7PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 6PM Praise Band Practice	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Praise Service (Fellowship Hall) 11AM Traditional Service 1PM New Life Fellowship	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study via Zoom  10AM Women's Bible Study	<b>2</b> 5:45 PM LifeLight Bible Study via Zoom	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Faith 'n' Fun Friday	<b>5</b>



*Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!  
 For His mercy endures forever.*

1Ch 16:34