

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 5, 2023 Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE — Amazing Grace, Early American Melody, Don Hustad, arr., ©1971 in HYMN SKETCHES, Hope Publishing Co.

Organist — Brenda Peck

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Holy One,

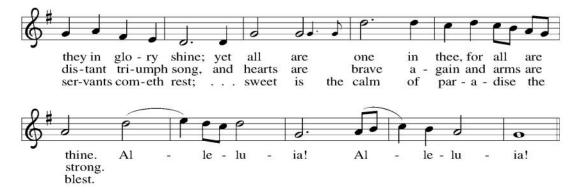
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.





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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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GREETING

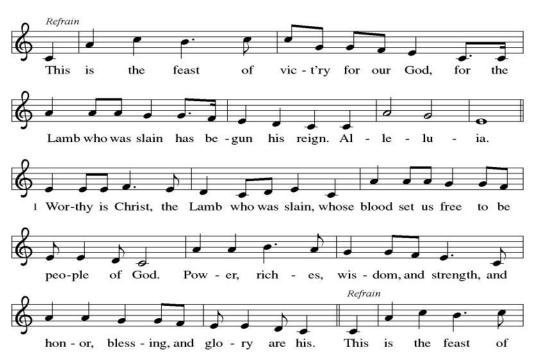
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

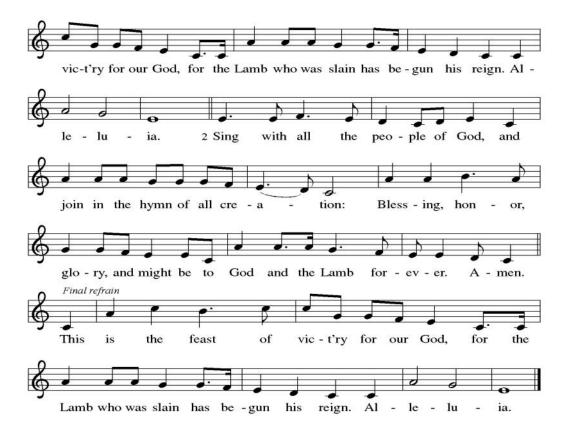
And also with you.



This is the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



+ WORD +

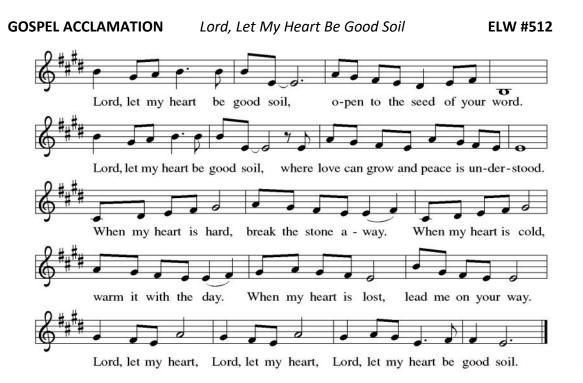
READING: I John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950
Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson
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GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION



¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

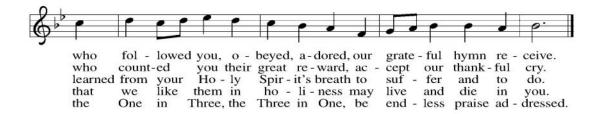
⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."



Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt. Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

You are invited now to join in prayer as we light candles honoring the newly baptized, our faithful departed, and the great cloud of witnesses who surround us.

We thank you O God for the newly baptized, that they might bear your light to the world:

Lillian Margaret Gieswein — Born: November 4, 2022; Baptized: April 6, 2023 Isaac Lober Morrison — Born: June 30, 2023; Baptized: August 13, 2023

We thank you O God for the lives of the saints from Peace Lutheran who have entered the church triumphant, and for the joy of knowing that through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ they are with you even now. This year we remember:

Maureen Lober (December 12, 2022)
Janet Turner (February 9, 2023)
Larry Weyhrich (February 13, 2023)
Robert Hart (March 29, 2023)
Rev. Thomas Christell, Jr. (April 14, 2023)
Evie Brodland (April 20, 2023)
Penny L. Lorenzini (September 20, 2023)

We give you thanks, O God, for all others whom we remember today – members of Peace, friends and family members who have entered the church triumphant over the past years, and whose light remains with us, and whose lives inspire us to goodness and grace:

Don Beemer (July 20, 2020) James L. Bement (July 8, 2023) Ken Berryman (January 7, 2018) Lisa Bethea (July 30, 2022) Steve Bethea (March 13, 2013) Jackie Blissett (September 13, 2023) Linda Bruce (February 25, 2023) Colton Bunn (June 8, 2015) Dorothy Calogeropoulos (October 21, 2021) Ruby Chelgren (November 10, 2021) Walt Chelgren (January 6, 2019) Arline Christell (February 17, 2017) Matthew Christell (April 11, 1982) Thomas Christell, Sr. (September 8, 2003) Sara Danke (December 23, 2022) Judy Etling (January 24, 2022) Jim Harris (August 14, 2022) Lois Harris (August 2, 2022) Ron Henderson (January 29, 2017) Herb Hosto (April 8, 1988)

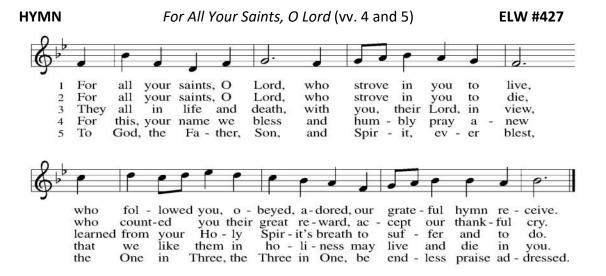
Lorna Hosto (April 15, 2015)

Herbert Humphrey (January 10, 2007) Virginia Humphrey (June 22, 2009) Kruckeberg Extended Family Mark Letterly (December 22, 2022) Arlyn Lober (May 12, 2022) Art Longworth (September 10, 2022) Joseph Neptune (August 27, 2013) Jim Rigdon (October 20, 2015) Barbara Roberts (May 10, 2014) Robin Rosenthal (February 4, 2023) Bob Shafer (January 16, 1996) Emma Shafer (July 11, 2023) Peg Stroh (January 31, 2002) Bruce Trester (April 27, 1979) Nancy Trester (December 15, 2001) Timothy Turner (August 6, 2020) Joice Tweedy (December 24, 2022) Florijan Urekar (May 29, 2007) Joseph Urekar (November 17, 2003) Verlene Urekar (August 21, 2022) **Urekar Extended Family** Gerri Walsh (April 5, 2023)

We remember our siblings in Christ locally and globally who have not been named this day. We hold their family and friends in our hearts and prayers.

Gracious God, as we remember these loved ones, grant us the vision and courage to fulfill our own baptismal mission, that we might live lives of love and compassion. We look with hope to the day when we will reunite with those who even now sit at the great high feast and sing around the throne of God. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

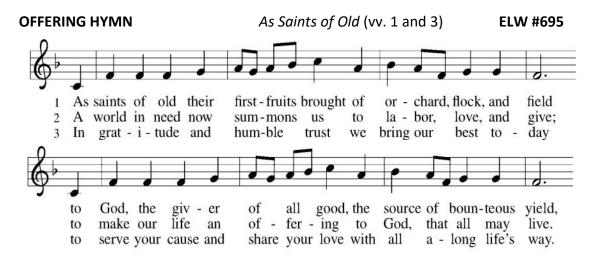
The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM - Headin' for the Promised Land Arr. Lloyd Larson ©1979 The Sacred Press and this edition 2016 Lorenz Publishing Co.

+ THE MEAL +

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so we to-day first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land, The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:

O God, who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand. a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new. teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

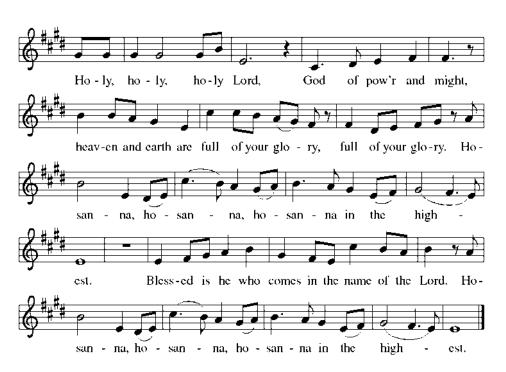
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return

to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

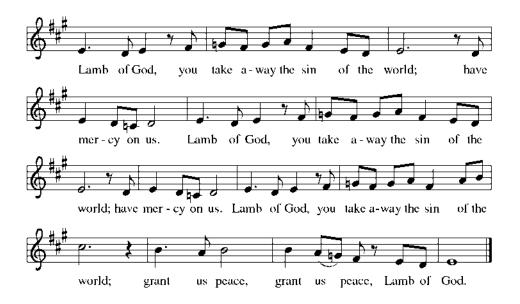
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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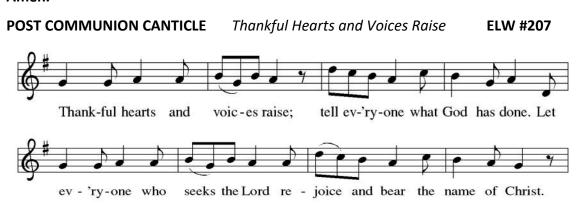
COMMUNION SONG/HYMNS All the People Said Amen Give Thanks for Saints Holy, Holy, Holy (repeat)

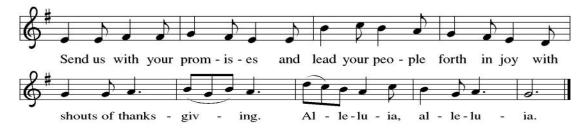
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TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.





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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

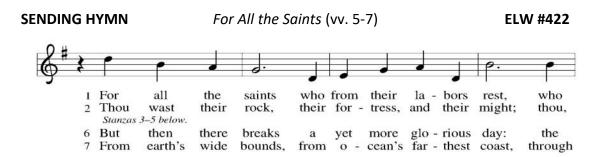
Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.





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DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TEXT

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATES THE BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD, LIVING AND DEAD, WHO ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST. AS NOVEMBER HERALDS THE DYING OF THE LANDSCAPE IN MANY NORTHERN REGIONS, THE READINGS AND LITURGY CALL US TO REMEMBER ALL WHO HAVE DIED IN CHRIST AND WHOSE BAPTISM IS COMPLETE. AT THE LORD'S TABLE WE GATHER WITH THE FAITHFUL OF EVERY TIME AND PLACE, TRUSTING THAT THE PROMISES OF GOD WILL BE FULFILLED AND THAT ALL TEARS WILL BE WIPED AWAY IN THE NEW JERUSALEM.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, PAULA TONELLATO, NORM KOEFOED, IVY KOEFOED, HERB KIEL, PASTOR MARY, RON WEBER, GENE WALKER

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5:

PRESIDING AND PREACHING: PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC CAMERA: JANET KOCIS

ASSISTING: ELIZABETH MITCHELL POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE USHERS: CHERYL SCHNIRRING, ANDREA BERRYMAN MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK

FELLOWSHIP: PANCAKE BREAKFAST

FLOWERS: ANN BECKER — IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

> IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM PANCAKE BREAKFAST — AFTER WORSHIP

FAITH FORMATION ADVENT ACTIVITY

SUNDAYS@6 — 6:00PM (ZOOM)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 **NO PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING**

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMM. MTG. — 5:30PM (ZOOM) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 FAITH FORMATION COMM. MTG. — 5:30PM (ZOOM)

CHOIR PRACTICE — 7:00PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 SUNDAY. NOVEMBER 12

EVANGELISM/FAITH INNOVATION COMM. MTG. — 5:30PM

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM

FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM

GRACE FOOD PANTRY BENEFIT CONCERT — 2:00PM

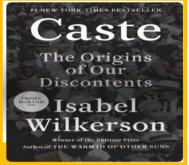
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAYS@6—6:00PM (ZOOM)



CROSS-GENERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Faith Formation will be hosting a cross generational event alongside the pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 5th. We will enjoy a holiday movie in the Fellowship Hall while we eat our breakfast and make Kindness Advent Calendars to take home in preparation for the Advent season!





SUNDAYS@6

Join us for Sundays@6 as we go through a book study on <u>Caste The Origins of our Discontents</u> by Isabel Wilkerson. Sunday evenings at 6:00pm via Zoom. A link to the meeting is in News You Can Use. Contact Pete or Debi Ellertsen 217-793-2587 for more information.

BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, November 12, 2023 2:00pm Grace Lutheran Church

This Concert will be comprised of several church choirs, including Peace Lutheran, along with small ensembles from the Land of Lincoln Chorus, the Springfield Choral Society and others to benefit Grace Food Pantry. A free will offering will be taken.



HELP STOCK OUR MICRO PANTRY: Items can be dropped off in the micro pantry or in the church office. We could use more personal hygiene products and laundry supplies, as well as food. Thank you to all who donate to this ministry!



10" - \$30.00 8.5" - \$20.00 6" - \$10.00

ALTAR FLOWERS:

THANK YOU to all who have sponsored flowers for our altar in 2023. All 2023 dates are now sponsored. We are now taking sponsors for the **2024** year. Please call the **church office** at 217-546-7646 and sponsor your Sunday now! Cost \$35.00.





If you would like a visit from Pastor Mary or you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor on her cell phone at 920.671.4338.

We continue to gather food and monetary gifts for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets for 20 Families at Blackhawk Elementary School in partnership with Grace Food Pantry. In addition to our focused need on November 5 of Peanut Butter and Jelly, we are still in need of the following items from previous Sundays:

Pork and Beans – 13 cans Beef Ravioli – 18 cans

Pasta Sauce – 20 cans

Peaches - 37 cans

Pears – 39 cans

Corn – 35 cans

Green Beans – 33 cans

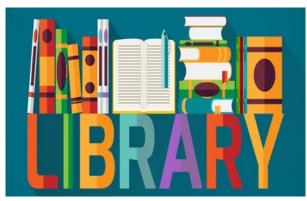
Cereal - 22 Boxes

Peanut Butter - 17 Jars

Jelly – 18 Jars

Spaghetti – 4 boxes





NEWS FROM PEACE LIBRARY:

There is a book missing from the library. It is "The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt" by Riel Nason. It is from the kids section of our library. It is a hard-cover picture book that was dedicated to our church quilters. If you have it, can you please return it. Thank you!

ALSO:

There are two NEW books coming to the Library:

"Ghosts of the Orphanage" by Christine Kenneally. (Adult non-fiction 362.73)

"The Place We Make: Breaking the Legacy of Legalized Hate" by Sarah L. Sanderson. (Adult non-fiction 305.8)



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REMEMBER TO TAKE A NAME FROM THE BOWL AND BE PRAYING FOR THAT PERSON THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.