



# Messenger of Peace

*"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"*

July 2014

**Peace Lutheran  
Church**

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Pastor  
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Office Hours

9:00 - 12:00

Tues - Wed. - Bethlehem  
Thur.-Fri. - Peace  
Afternoons by Appointment

Secretary

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**Sunday Worship**

9:00 AM

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## From the Pastor

What a blessing we have been given in the Northwest, where the rainy weather gives way to glorious flowers and heart stopping beauty. It reminds one of Psalm 8.

**<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

**<sup>2</sup> From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise**

**because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**

**<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**

**<sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?**

**<sup>5</sup> You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.**

**<sup>6</sup> You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:**

**<sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field,**

**<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.**

**<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Have a great summer, enjoy the outdoors, your family gatherings, graduation celebrations and all the other gifts God has given you. Join us to give Him Glory and Honor.

**O LORD, our Lord how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

## O.W.L.S. Calendar

The O.W.L.S. will meet for a BBQ at the Shotwell's house (705 W. Naches, Selah) on Friday, **July 11th** at **11:30**. The Shotwell's will provide the hamburgers, drinks, utensils, and plates. Those planning to attend with last names beginning A through L, please bring a salad and M through Z bring dessert. Please let Steve & Marcia know if you plan to be there so Steve will know how many burgers to cook! (697-4543)



## LifeGate

Thank you to all who donated towards the LifeGate membership. Thanks to your donations we now have enough to cover this quarter's fee.



## Vacation Bible School

Peace Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches are combining Vacation Bible School this year. VBS will be July 29th—31st, 5:30—8:00 p.m., and will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran (see attached flyer). Dinner is included and fun will be had by all. For more information contact Peace Lutheran at 697-4353 or Bethlehem Lutheran at 457-5822.

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, July 19th at Peace Lutheran. All Lutheran men and their guest(s) are invited to join in the Bible study, food and fellowship.

## Rod's House



Rod's House is currently in need of sunscreen for the youth. If you would like to donate sunscreen you can bring it to the church and place in the box below the coat rack. Thank you.

## Please Note:

The church office will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day

## Portals of Prayer

The new Portals of Prayer are in. You can find them in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall at the church.

## Second Harvest Distribution

On Thursday ( June 25th) Peace Lutheran volunteers assisted with the Second Mobile Food Bank event. 6,224 pounds of produce and perishable food was distributed to 169 households. This outreach to our community is possible only because we have such willing volunteers.

Volunteers, you are much appreciated!



## Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Family Swim Party & BBQ



On July 13th Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will have a Family Swim Party & BBQ at Franklin Park (South 21st Ave. and Tieton Drive). The pool is reserved for this private "Thrivent Party" Sunday, July 13th from 5-7p.m. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND ENJOY THE FUN! For more information, call Jean Gunderson at (509) 966-5335.

Have a Safe and Happy  
4th of July!



# LCMS reaches out with mercy following Nebraska tornadoes



LCMS Disaster Response | [Give Now!](#) | [lcms.org/disaster](https://lcms.org/disaster)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

Yesterday, tornadoes struck and devastated the small town of Pilger, Neb., killing two, including a 5-year-old child, and injuring more than two dozen, many critically.

In addition to laying waste to nearly the entire town, the storms destroyed the building of our congregation, St. John Lutheran, and the home of its pastor, the Rev. Terry Makelin. Numerous homes of LCMS members also were damaged or destroyed. By God's divine providence, Rev. Makelin and his family were not home at the time and are safe, and no LCMS members were seriously injured. Still, we grieve for all, Lutherans and non-Lutherans alike, who were affected.

The long-term recovery for Pilger's residents will be greatly aided when St. John Lutheran and its members, under the leadership of Rev. Makelin, are restored to service and able to effectively act as a center of Christ's mercy and compassion for their neighbors. Meeting the additional and specific human-care needs of those affected depends largely on the amount of disaster-relief funds not already committed to other relief and recovery efforts, such as those underway in our LCMS Southern and Rocky Mountain districts.

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LCMS Disaster Response already is moving to assist St. John, the congregations in surrounding communities and especially the Nebraska District Disaster Response Team in identifying specific local needs and a strategy for long-term recovery. The Synod is making an initial \$100,000 in available disaster fund donations to the Nebraska District to aid in responding to the needs of St. John's and the surrounding communities. Updates will be provided via the Synod's website and social-media channels.

Because Jesus freely gave Himself up for the sake of all of us, we urgently appeal to you – as His body – for special gifts to help in this relief effort. We appeal to you for prayers on behalf of all those who are hurting today and facing the long road to recovery.

To make a secure, restricted gift for disaster relief efforts using a major credit card, click on the Give Now button or call our donor care line at 888-930-4438. The Give Now button will open a form to make a donation to Synod's disaster fund. ***One hundred percent of donations received will go toward LCMS relief efforts, as fundraising and administrative costs are being covered by a special grant.***

***Helping those in need . . .***

**For more information and to find out how  
you can help go to: [lcms.org/disaster](https://lcms.org/disaster)**



He hears  
our Prayers



Letter from LCMS President . . .



***\*Supreme Court Ruling Emboldens Us to Continue to Carry On\****

*Two years ago, I sat on a panel before Congress, testifying to the importance of religious liberty in America today.*

*It seems like a long time ago.*

*Since then, we have seen and heard a steady stream of news, from the church and the culture, about the Health and Human Services' mandate and the Affordable Care Act, abortifacients and the conscience, religious freedoms and what this means for women.*

*Thankfully, the wait is over. The Supreme Court has ruled, and the verdict is in: In a landmark case, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of religious liberty, specifically in regard to closely held corporations (those with a small number of shareholders and offering no public stock, such as corporations that are family-owned, not operated by boards).*

*While we rejoice in this strong upholding of religious freedom, this decision does not signal an end to this discussion. It simply emboldens us carry on, doing what we do best as Christians: praying, confessing the faith and living it out in our daily callings.*

*We pray that Americans, whose consciences are burdened because they have been forced to violate their religious beliefs, would know God's comfort and forgiveness.*

*We confess that life, which begins at conception, is a gift from God and ought to be held in the highest regard in this country.*

*We live, knowing that the First Amendment guarantees us not only the right to worship, but also to practice our faith as Lutheran citizens of this great nation, serving our neighbor where the Lord has placed us.*

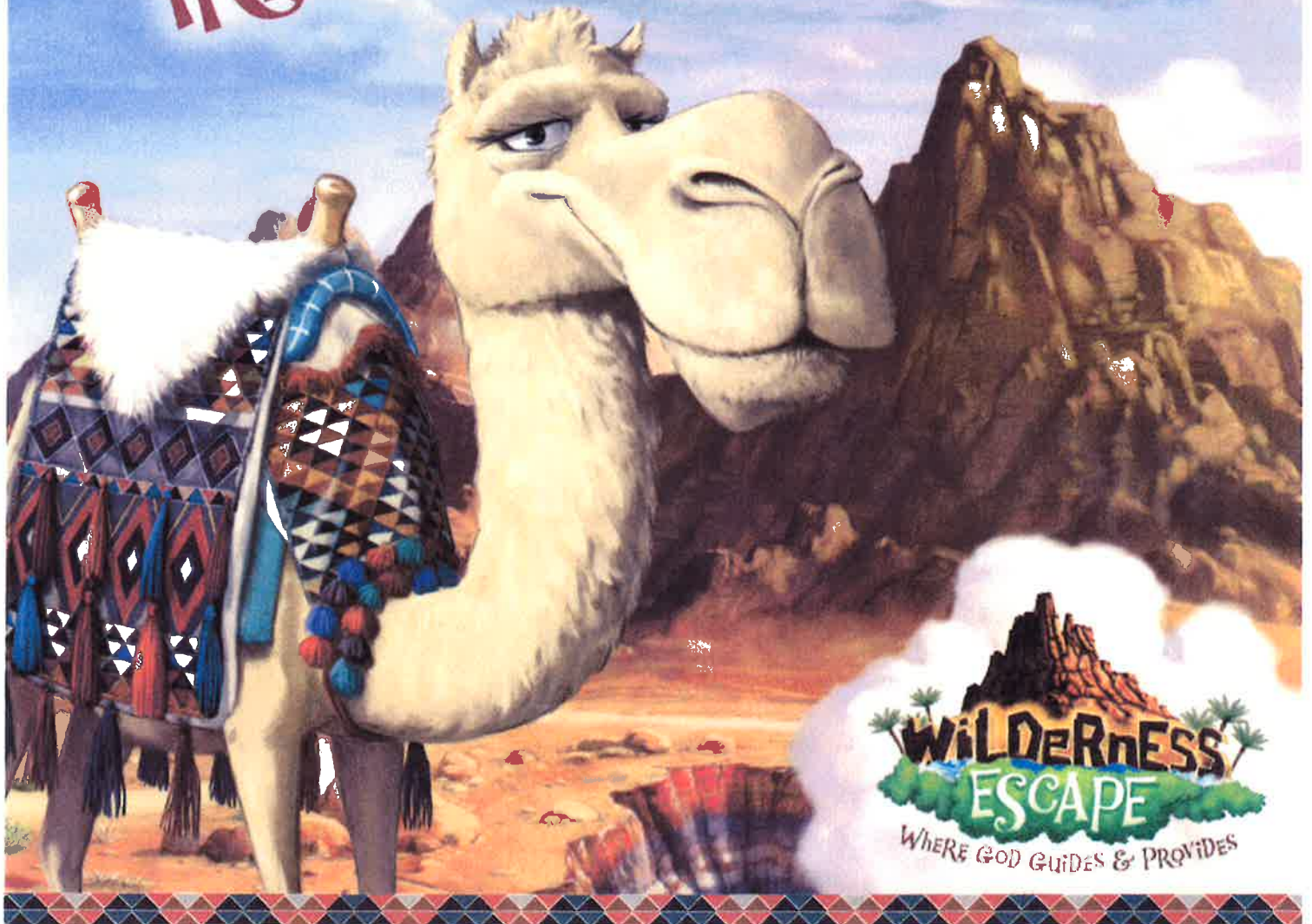
*We do all of this, even as we rejoice with the Greens of Hobby Lobby, with the Hahns of Conestoga Wood Specialties and with our millions of brothers and sisters in the United States who believe just as strongly in the religious liberties guaranteed in our Constitution.*

*Today we are thankful for this step toward maintaining the integrity of our religious freedoms inherent in the First Amendment, but we will also remain ever mindful. The issue is and will continue to be purely and simply about religious freedom.*

*And so we pray. We confess. We live. "We fought for a free conscience in this country," I told the committee two years ago, "and we won't give it up without a fight." I meant that, and I pray you do too.*

*\*The Rev. Matthew C. Harrison, President,  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod\**

# TREK BACK IN TIME!



Join us at Wilderness Escape VBS, where we'll explore what life was like for the ancient Israelites. They've escaped slavery in Egypt... but now what? You'll craft cool projects in the Israelite Camp, race through the wilderness as you play games, visit with Moses, and eat some interesting new food. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

This year we are having a joint Vacation Bible School with Bethlehem Lutheran Church. It will be from July 29-July 31 @ Bethlehem, 801 Tieton Drive, Yakima.

We will open with a prepared meal at 5:30 followed by activities from 6-8 pm. Volunteers are needed, so if you are able to volunteer please call Kim Closner (DCE) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 457-5822.