



Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

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**Peace Lutheran
Church**

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Dear Members and Friends,

Have you ever been in a situation where no one spoke your language. I grew up in India and I know the feeling you have when you are trying to communicate with someone who doesn't have the slightest idea what you are trying to say, and you can't understand a word that they say. It can be a very frustrating experience. I had almost the same experience in this country when I was trying to move my parents from Mississippi to WA. We were driving a U-Haul truck through Texas when the muffler fell off. I pulled into a U-Haul dealership in El Paso, Texas, and tried to communicate with the person behind the counter; he didn't speak English. It wasn't until he got his manager that I was able to tell him what was wrong with our truck. When you cannot communicate with others, especially in an emergency situation, it makes you feel isolated and helpless.

The day of Pentecost was glorious. How amazing it must have been that each of the people who came to hear the apostles speak on this glorious day, heard the message in their own language. It was an obvious miracle. But an even greater miracle occurred on that day. Scripture says: "When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart." (Acts 2:37) The Spirit of God was not just wanting people to hear with their ears, but also with their hearts. The Spirit of God wanted to affect their lives. God still uses people like you and me to preach his word. And he still wants to speak to our hearts, not just our ears.

The power of God's Spirit cuts to the heart. The Law of God is intended to affect us in this way. The Law of God is meant to bring us to repentance. Martin Luther in a sermon preached in 1522 said: "God wants to teach mankind to know himself through the Law. He wants him to see how false and unjust his heart is, and how far he still is from God." Peter on that first Pentecost did not spare the people the mirror of the Law. He told them how God had sent a Savior in Jesus Christ. He told them how he had healed the sick, calmed the seas, raised the dead, but that he had been rejected by them. They had crucified him. Imagine what God would do to them when he came again. By the Spirit's power, Peter's words did not bounce off. They cut to the heart of the matter. The people realized their sin and their rebellion and their guilt before God. They pleaded with Peter to give them a way out. What can we do? How can we avoid the terrible fate that awaits us? Is there any hope?



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Peter's answer: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38) The Spirit comes to us through the same means – Baptism and the Word. God's Word, Baptism, the Lord's Supper are all means by which God's love is communicated to us through the Spirit's power. This same Spirit empowers us to be the means through which God's Law and Gospel are communicated to the world.

Pentecost was a glorious day. The Spirit worked a miracle in communicating the message through Peter. In a matter of 30 years, the gospel was spread throughout the Mediterranean world, and the world was turned upside down. That same power, that same grace of God is available today. It has been entrusted to you and me for we are members of the Body of Christ. Can we make a difference in this community, this state, this country? You bet we can, by the Spirit's power.

- - Pastor Mark Griesse



June O.W.L.S. Lunch

Due to scheduling conflicts, the O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch on the first Friday of June instead of the second. They will meet **June 2nd at 11:30 at The Taj** in Yakima.

Please let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend (697-4543 or shotwell@elltel.net).



Pastor Out of Office

Pastor Griesse will be traveling to Germany this month. He will be out of the office June 22nd - July 9th. Pastor Jack Flachsbart will be filling-in for Sunday Services while Pastor Griesse is gone.

If you need pastoral assistance during Pastor's absence, please contact a Lay Minister (call Church Office for contact information).

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday, June 4th, is Confirmation Sunday. Dimitri Place, Joshua Valenta, and Alazaea Wilhelm will be confirmed. Congratulations DJ, Joshua, & Ally!



Father's Day Brunch



There will be a brunch following the service on Father's Day, June 18th, in honor of all our fathers!

Lawn Mowing Time!

Please don't forget we still need volunteers to mow the church lawn.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We finally have irrigation water so the grass will get water and will be growing like crazy! Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Please note: when you use the mower, please be sure to not lower the blades as there has been damage to the sprinkler heads from the blades being set too low. Thank you!



Men's Night Out



The next Men's Night Out will be **Monday, June 19th, at 7:00 p.m. at Tailgaters**. All Peace men are invited to attend. Just "shoot the breeze" and have a relaxing evening.

New Hymnals

In case you didn't notice, we now have new LSB hymnals in the pews! We purchased half of the needed hymnals and since Bethlehem Lutheran Church had ordered too many they agreed to let Peace have their extra. Thank you to Bethlehem's congregation!

Since the old hymnals have been replaced with the new LSB hymnals, Peace members who would like to have one of the old hymnals may pick one up (for free) in the Fellowship Hall. You can find them on the table in the back corner.



2nd Harvest/Thrivent Distribution



The 2nd Harvest/Thrivent Mobile Food Truck will be at Peace on **Tuesday, June 27th**, from **noon to 2:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship Hall.

New Members

On Sunday, May 7th we received five new members to our Peace family. **Bob & Renee' Darnell, Clarkette Hollan, Elaine Smith & Donna Fuge** were all brought in as members. Please welcome them to Peace.



Peace Quilters

The Peace Lutheran Quilters have ended their quilting season. Thanks to everyone who purchased a quilt. Proceeds will go to mission projects and unsold quilts will be dispersed to local charities.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL OUR
WONDERFUL FATHERS!



Desiderius Erasmus 1466 -1536



Erasmus of Rotterdam was a pivotal character in Luther's development as a true reformer. He was born in either 1466 or 1467, the illegitimate son of a priest and a physician's daughter. He was orphaned by 1485 and was pressured to join an Augustinian Monastery. He was ordained in 1492.

By 1515 he became councilor to 16-year-old Charles of Spain, who in 1519 would become Charles V, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. In 1516 Erasmus composed his critical edition of the New Testament, which included the Greek text along with his revised Latin translation of Jerome's Vulgate. In 1518 he translated Theodore Gaza's Greek grammar into Latin and thereby introduced Greek to many humanist students. Erasmus' second edition of the New Testament, printed in 1519 was the one Luther used to translate his German New Testament. Erasmus is also credited with spotting the mistranslations of Jerome.

Frederick the Wise's confidence in Luther was further confirmed when Frederick asked Erasmus what he should do about Luther. Erasmus responded that Luther's only crime had been to touch the triple crown of the Pope and the stomachs of the monks. These words from Erasmus help explain Frederick's actions back in 1518 when he was acting Emperor, and the Pope ordered him to send Luther to Rome to recant. Frederick refused on the grounds that Luther would not receive a fair trial. The Pope's representative Cardinal Cajetan would have to interview Luther on German soil.

Luther's interview with Cardinal Cajetan took place October 12-14, 1518. They met in the home of the Fugger bankers—the same bankers who in 1514 had loaned Archbishop Albrecht of Mainz the money so he could pay the fine for being archbishop over more than one see. Luther entered his interview believing Cajetan would give him a fair hearing and listen to his appeal. He was accompanied by Johann von Staupitz, his mentor. During the interview, Staupitz mediated between Cajetan and Luther and urged Luther to submit to authority.

Pope Leo X had directed Cardinal Cajetan not to engage Luther in dialogue, but to simply force him to recant. But Cajetan had a strong intellect and couldn't resist debating Luther. They spent three tense days debating indulgences, Thomas Aquinas, canon law, and church authority. In the end, Luther refused to recant and proposed that his case be referred to the universities. Cajetan refused. While George Spalatin was accompanying Frederick to the Diet of Augsburg, he learned that Cajetan was planning to arrest Luther and take him to Rome. When Luther got word, he escaped on horseback in the night and arrived back in Wittenberg on the first anniversary of the posting of the 95 Theses. Meanwhile, Staupitz had released Luther from his vows. He did not want Luther's reputation and words to damage the Order of the Augustinians. At the same time, this release gave Luther freedom to act.

In the next few months, a debate broke out between a colleague of Luther's and a priest named Johann Eck, the next man in our Reformation Twelve.

Read Through the Bible in a Year!

June			
1	Romans 7	1 Samuel 16	Psalms 61
2	Romans 8	1 Samuel 17:1-54	Psalms 62
3	Romans 9:1-29	1 Samuel 17:55-18:30	Psalms 63
4	Romans 9:30-10:21	1 Samuel 19	Psalms 64
5	Romans 11:1-24	1 Samuel 20	Psalms 65
6	Romans 11:25-36	1 Samuel 21-22	Psalms 66
7	Romans 12	1 Samuel 23-24	Psalms 67
8	Romans 13	1 Samuel 25	Psalms 68
9	Romans 14	1 Samuel 26	Psalms 69
10	Romans 15:1-13	1 Samuel 27-28	Psalms 70
11	Romans 15:14-33	1 Samuel 29-31	Psalms 71
12	Romans 16	2 Samuel 1	Psalms 72
13	Mark 1:1-20	2 Samuel 2:1-3:1	Daniel 1
14	Mark 1:21-45	2 Samuel 3:2-39	Daniel 2:1-23
15	Mark 2	2 Samuel 4-5	Daniel 2:24-49
16	Mark 3:1-19	2 Samuel 6	Daniel 3
17	Mark 3:20-35	2 Samuel 7-8	Daniel 4
18	Mark 4:1-20	2 Samuel 9-10	Daniel 5
19	Mark 4:21-41	2 Samuel 11-12	Daniel 6
20	Mark 5:1-20	2 Samuel 13	Daniel 7
21	Mark 5:21-43	2 Samuel 14	Daniel 8
22	Mark 6:1-29	2 Samuel 15	Daniel 9
23	Mark 6:30-56	2 Samuel 16	Daniel 10:1-21
24	Mark 7:1-13	2 Samuel 17	Daniel 11:1-19
25	Mark 7:14-37	2 Samuel 18	Daniel 11:20-45
26	Mark 8:1-21	2 Samuel 19	Daniel 12
27	Mark 8:22-9:1	2 Samuel 20-21	Hosea 1:1-2:1
28	Mark 9:2-50	2 Samuel 22	Hosea 2:2-23
29	Mark 10:1-31	2 Samuel 23	Hosea 3
30	Mark 10:32-52	2 Samuel 24	Hosea 4:1-11