PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Mark Griesse

Office Hours 9:00-12:00

Tue & Wed @ Bethlehem

Mon & Thu @ Peace Afternoons by Appointment

Secretary Tammy Peterson

9:00-1:00 Mon-Fri

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

Sunday Adult Bible Class

10:30 a.m.

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Messenger of Peace

From Pastor's Desk

Members and Friends,

This month we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in Germany. Actually for the past 12 months we have included in the newsletter a short blurb on each of the Reformation 12. These men were instrumental in this reformation movement either supporting it or trying to stop it before it got started.

I hope through your reading of those articles you gained some more insight into this movement that really had a profound effect on the whole world. Perhaps the greatest thing the reformation gave us was a rediscovery of the Word of God. Scripture says the Gospel (word of God) is the power of God unto salvation. It is in the words inspired by the Holy Spirit that we learn who God is and how much he loves us. It also tells us the great story how from the beginning God had planned out our salvation.

He used means. He used people like Luther, inventions like the printing press, politics that scattered people who took the word of God with them to the Americas and other nations around the world. The church of God continues to spread the word of salvation to all who will listen.

We are a part of this history, this spreading of God's word. We are instruments in the hands of God for his use. We tell of his blessings to us, we come and repent of our sins and receive God's gracious forgiveness that we might be empowered to give him praise and honor in all we do.

May God continue to fill you with his Word and Spirit and bless your witness to his glory.

~~Pastor Griesse

Note: Please consider traveling with us on October 29 to Overlake Christian Center to celebrate the Reformation with thousands of Lutherans around the Puget Sound and Eastern Washington. There is a sign-up for a bus that leaves Peace Lutheran Church at 12 noon and will return around 10:30 pm. I hope you can join us.

Fun, food and fellowship!

Men's Night Out

The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for October 16th. All Peace Lutheran men are invited to meet at Tailgaters in Selah at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of relaxing and just shooting the breeze.

Lawn Mowing Continues...

The end of mowing season is almost here, however, we may still need to mow a few more times. The sign-up sheet for October is up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

2nd Harvest Mobile Food Truck

The 2nd Harvest/Thrivent Mobile Food Bank will be at Peace on Tuesday, October 3rd, from Noon to 2:00. Free produce, nutritious perishable products and other groceries for ALL families in need of food assistance. The Food Distribution is open to the public and no documentation is required. Bring your own box to carry food. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone wishing to volunteer to help with the distribution.

Helping our neighbors in need...

Older,

Wiser,

Lutheran

Seniors

October O.W.L.S. Lunch

O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 13th at Magic's Pizza in Selah. Please let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend (697-4353 or shotwel@elltel.net). Following lunch those who wish to can tour Shotwell's Halloween House (705 W. Naches Ave, Selah).

Professional Church Workers' Conference...

Conference Time...

Pastor Griesse will be out of the office October 16th - 20th. He will be attending the Professional Church Workers' Conference in Kennewick. If you are in need of pastoral care during his absence, please contact a Lay Minister. You can call the church office for contact information if needed.

Bazaar Time!! Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Selah is holding its annual Holiday Bazaar on November 11th from 8:00 to 4:00. Peace will have tables at the bazaar but we need items to put on the tables to sell! If anyone would like to make items for the tables please let Teri Sanchez know, then get those fingers busy baking, sewing, knitting, crocheting...whatever your talent is. You can contact Teri at (509)728-4710.

Halloween Open House



You are invited to a Halloween Open House at Steve & Marcia Shotwell;s (705 W. Naches Ave.) on either October 24th or 26th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. To gain admittance to this ghostly tour please bring one can of food for the Food Bank.



If you'd like to ride the charter bus to the 500th Reformation Celebration and have not signed-up, you need to do so ASAP.

Celebrate the **500th anniversary of the Reformation** with Lutherans and fellow Christians from across the Puget Sound region and beyond.

This once-in-a-lifetime celebration is presented by LUTHERAN MINISTRY SERVICES NORTHWEST (LMSN), a recognized social ministry organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and a member of Lutheran Services in America.

WHAT: Northwest Reformation 500
WHEN: Sunday, October 29, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m.
WHERE: Overlake Christian Church, Redmond, WA

Bible Study Classes...

Sunday Adult Bible Study Class - Steve Sinclair leads the class. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the adult classroom.

Wednesday Bible Study Class - Pastor Griesse leads an evening class at Peace at 6:30 p.m. (He offers the same class at Bethlehem at 11:00 a.m.)

Women's Saturday Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (The class does not meet the first Saturday of each month or on holiday weekends.)

"Let's

study

God's

Word"

Harvey & Irma Relief...

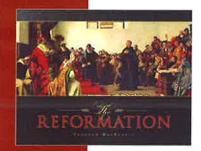


The LCMS World Relief and Human Care and LCMS Disaster Response are still assisting communities hit by Hurricanes Harvey & Irma. If you would like to donate to these relief efforts you can do so by mail. Make checks payable to "The LCMS", write Disaster Response/Relief on the memo line, and mail to LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166.

Life Choices of Yakima

Choose Life... Life Choices of Yakima's Fall Fundraiser is Friday, October 6th at West Valley Church. Dessert and silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m. Gianna Jessen, who was born after a failed saline abortion, is the keynote speaker. A group from Peace Lutheran will be assisting at this event. Tickets are \$10.00. (You may want to purchase tickets ASAP as seating is limited.) For more information call (509) 248-2273.

500th Reformation



As the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation nears, we have the opportunity to learn more about what the Reformation was all about. Concordia Publishing House is offering a 250 page, hardback book all about the Reformation at a discounted price of \$22.49.

There is a display board in the Fellowship Hall by the bulletin boards with a sample of what you can find in the book. The

discount price is only good for a short time; orders must be in by October 13th. If you are interested in ordering a book just fill out the order form on the display.

LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST

If you would like to listen to The Lutheran Hour Broadcasts, tune in each Sunday at 7 a.m. on 91.5 FM and at 8 a.m. on 930 AM.

Joshua 1:9

"I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go."

Northwest Disasters -- How Can I Respond?

Many communities in the Northwest are suffering the impact of wildfires, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. We are placed here to love our neighbors and help them experience Jesus' care, especially in times of crisis and change.

If you are in the direct line of one of these disasters *OR* are actively assisting your community as it prepares to help those impacted, please alert your District Circuit Visitor. He will connect with the Regional Disaster Preparedness and Response Facilitator (PRF).

"Closest to the ground" is the best response during times of high anxiety.



The following is how we respond as a District:

- Each congregation is the active, front-line provider of help to the local community.
- There is a support structure for congregations: PRFs support a region of congregations and are in touch with Circuit Visitors and the District Office. The best work happens locally within the network of the circuit and region. PRFs are volunteers, as are circuit visitors, so expect them to support you in your efforts but *not* to do the work for you!
- As PRFs gather information from congregations responding, they determine, in consultation with the District Disaster Response Coordinator and NOW District staff, whether there is need for assistance through the District or Synod.
- Note: District offices may serve as conduits for providing help and collecting funds for *large-scale disasters* (for example, the Texas District office following Hurricane Harvey); however, that is an exception for unique cases rather than the rule. Standard practice is that congregations are the front-line providers.

Here's what you can do:

- Continue to seek to be a blessing in your community and loving your neighbors however God leads you!
- Invite a PRF to help your congregation consider ways to prepare for disaster and service to your community.
- Seek to be an essential participant in your local community. The best help is often provided in the context of relationship and service with our neighbors - both those who are Christian and those who are not.

Heavenly Father, We ask for Your care and Your protection for those who are in harm's way. Bless each one with the certainty of Your love and Your presence. We pray for an end to the fires and for a speedy recovery from the damage that has been done. Use us as Your instruments of blessing now and in the recovery process. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Paul Linnemann
Northwest District President

Read Through the Bible in a Year!

October			
1	Revelation 1	Nehemiah 1-2	Psalm 96
2	Revelation 2	Nehemiah 3	Psalm 97
3	Revelation 3	Nehemiah 4	Psalm 98
4	Revelation 4	Nehemiah 5:1-7:4	Psalm 99
5	Revelation 5	Nehemiah 7:5-8:12	Psalm 100
6	Revelation 6	Nehemiah 8:13-9:37	Psalm 101
7	Revelation 7	Nehemiah 9:38-10:39	Psalm 102
8	Revelation 8	Nehemiah 11	Psalm 103
9	Revelation 9	Nehemiah 12	Psalm 104:1-23
10	Revelation 10	Nehemiah 13	Psalm 104:24-35
11	Revelation 11	Esther 1	Psalm 105:1-25
12	Revelation 12	Esther 2	Psalm 105:26-45
13	Revelation 13	Esther 3-4	Psalm 106:1-23
14	Revelation 14	Esther 5:1-6:13	Psalm 106:24-48
15	Revelation 15	Esther 6:14-8:17	Psalm 107:1-22
16	Revelation 16	Esther 9-10	Psalm 107:23-43
17	Revelation 17	Isaiah 1-2	Psalm 108
18	Revelation 18	Isaiah 3-4	Psalm 109:1-19
19	Revelation 19	Isaiah 5-6	Psalm 109:20-31
20	Revelation 20	Isaiah 7-8	Psalm 110
21	Revelation 21-22	Isaiah 9-10	Psalm 111
22	1 Thessalonians 1	Isaiah 11-13	Psalm 112
23	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16	Isaiah 14-16	Psalm 113
24	1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13	Isaiah 17-19	Psalm 114
25	1 Thessalonians 4	Isaiah 20-22	Psalm 115
26	1 Thessalonians 5	Isaiah 23-24	Psalm 116
27	2 Thessalonians 1	Isaiah 25-26	Psalm 117
28	2 Thessalonians 2	Isaiah 27-28	Psalm 118
29	2 Thessalonians 3	Isaiah 29-30	Psalm 119:1-32
30	1 Timothy 1	Isaiah 31-33	Psalm 119:33-64
31	1 Timothy 2	Isaiah 34-35	Psalm 119:65-96