

**PEACE
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Messenger of Peace

From Pastor's Desk

Dear Members and Friends,

This month people across our nation are thankful. As Luther says in his explanation to the first article, God "richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life." We should never belittle the many things God does for us every day.

However, in order to put things in their proper perspective it is necessary that we also remember what he has already done for us and what he will do for us after we leave this world.

The greatest event in the history of the world took place long before anyone in this congregation was ever born. Yet it took place for our benefit. The greatest of all the events in the world was the world's own redemption.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16). That love, and that sacrifice which he gave for us is priceless.

God was not obligated to provide a way of salvation for mankind. Yet, He knew that unless he sent a Savior into the world every single one of us would be doomed to eternal damnation. So the Scriptures tell us that in his grace, at the right time, he sent a Savior for us.

However, God did not stop doing things for us after our redemption was gained. What good is freedom, if no one tells the slaves about it? God also preserved a means whereby men, women, and children like you and me, who live hundreds of years after Christ's earthly ministry, might still know of Christ and his work. I am talking about the preservation of the Holy Scriptures. God has preserved His Holy Word through every natural and unnatural catastrophe you can think of. God has seen to it that the Bible has survived through earthquakes, fires, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and volcanoes for one reason, because he loves you and me and he wants us to read this message. That message is not complicated, yet it is profound.

But his grace did not stop there. He also promised to send us his Holy Spirit so that through the Spirit's work in and through the church each of us would realize the importance of the message of salvation. Without the work of the Holy Spirit you and I would have little care of the contents of Scripture--Why? It is because we are sinners, and left by ourselves we would want nothing to do with God because we would prefer to lead a life of sin than to know about God and His righteousness. Just as darkness has nothing to do with light neither

would we have anything to do with God if it were not for the work of the Holy Spirit.

God did not stop with preparing great blessings for us before we came into the world. Right now at this very moment He is preparing even greater things for us when we leave this world. Listen to the words from John in Revelation 21:3-4, "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" As long as I know that, heaven is certainly a place where I want to be.

Many of us appreciate what God does for us every day of our lives, because he has surely supplied us with many temporal blessings; food, drink, house, clothing...and much more.

It is certainly good and right that we remember all these good gifts of God, yet we must never let these temporal blessings, great as they are, predominate over the spiritual blessings which God has given us through Jesus Christ, because it is only through Jesus Christ that we receive eternal life. And there can be no greater gift than eternity in heaven.

"Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and his mercy endures forever."

~Pastor Griesse

Game Night/Potluck

The Fellowship Board will be hosting Game Nights & Potlucks once again. The first Game Night is Monday, November 6th at 5:30 p.m., with others following the first Monday of the month thereafter. Bring a food dish to share and following dinner have some fun!

November O.W.L.S. Lunch

O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, November 10th at Twisted Sisters Creations in Yakima (910 Summitview Ave.). Please let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend (697-4353 or shotwel@elltel.net).



GAME ON!

Older,
Wiser,
Lutheran
Seniors

*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 so we will need volunteers to work at the tables. If anyone would like to make items to sell at the bazaar please sign the sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign-up for a shift to work the tables also. Contact Teri at (509)728-4710 if you have any questions.

California Wildfires...



The LCMS Disaster Response teams are assessing and devising a plan to help with immediate needs for those in northern California following catastrophic wildfires. If you would like to donate to the relief effort 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.

Recycle, recycle, recycle...

**Help for the
Feeding 5000
Program!**

Elaine Smith has volunteered to take our recycling to the recycling center for us. (Thank you, Elaine!) If you have any old news-papers or cardboard you aren't using bring them to the church the first Sunday of each month and Elaine will pick them up. (All papers need to be in sacks or boxes and all boxes for recycling need to be broken down.) You can leave your recycling by the back patio door. **All proceeds from the recycling goes to the Feeding 5000 fund.**



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"

Your Are Invited...

The **Bethlehem Lutheran Church Education Committee** cordially invites you to attend a fraud prevention seminar titled "Avoiding the Scammers" at Bethlehem Church on Sunday, November 12, from 12:15-1:30 p.m. This seminar will give practical help to protect your personal information from potential theft and will be led by Edward Jones Financial Advisor Brian Rafferty. A light lunch will be provided. The seminar is offered free of charge. A free-will offering will be accepted for the meal. If you plan to attend please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for November 20th. 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.

Office Closure

The Church office will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 23rd & Friday, Nov. 24th
in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Disaster Response Teams

*How could
you help
in a
disaster?*

As a part of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Peace Lutheran has an opportunity to organize a Disaster Response Training Event to be held here at our church. Together with the LCMS we will address the nature of disasters and explore what our response should be to disasters. We will explore how Christ has shown mercy to us, and how we can show our community that same Christ-like mercy. The goal is to prepare our congregation and individual members to be better prepared when a disaster strikes, and to help them know how to respond within our congregation, and in word and deed, within the greater communities.

Once trained, if a disaster were to occur in our vicinity the Synod or District office would contact the LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Team) here at Peace and we would activate our disaster response.

The training session consists of a registration fee of \$35 per person to cover cost of lunch, materials and travel (for trainer). Training sessions are generally scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on a Saturday. There are three main sections: 1) An introduction to the LCMS Disaster Response program, 2) congregation preparedness and 3) Lutheran Early Response Teams. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the training session. Only LCMS members who are 18 years or older, however, receive certification as LCMS volunteers.

We would like to get some feedback on whether we should hold a Disaster Response Training Event here at Peace. Is anyone interested in becoming involved in this program? Would you be able to attend a training session? Please let Pastor Griesse or Steve Shotwell know ASAP if you would be interested.

Quilts for Sale



The Peace Quilters have made small (40"x40") Christmas quilts. If you would like to purchase one for a Christmas baby, toddler, or as a lap quilt for a shut-in friend, the quilts will be available for \$25.00 on **Sunday, November 5th**. All funds raised will be designated for World Missions. In mid-November all Christmas quilts not sold will be given to local care centers.

Read Through the Bible in a Year!

November			
1	1 Timothy 3	Isaiah 36-37	Psalms 119:97-120
2	1 Timothy 4	Isaiah 38-39	Psalms 119:121-144
3	1 Timothy 5:1-22	Jeremiah 1-2	Psalms 119:145-176
4	1 Timothy 5:23-6:21	Jeremiah 3-4	Psalms 120
5	2 Timothy 1	Jeremiah 5-6	Psalms 121
6	2 Timothy 2	Jeremiah 7-8	Psalms 122
7	2 Timothy 3	Jeremiah 9-10	Psalms 123
8	2 Timothy 4	Jeremiah 11-12	Psalms 124
9	Titus 1	Jeremiah 13-14	Psalms 125
10	Titus 2	Jeremiah 15-16	Psalms 126
11	Titus 3	Jeremiah 17-18	Psalms 127
12	Philemon	Jeremiah 19-20	Psalms 128
13	James 1	Jeremiah 21-22	Psalms 129
14	James 2	Jeremiah 23-24	Psalms 130
15	James 3	Jeremiah 25-26	Psalms 131
16	James 4	Jeremiah 27-28	Psalms 132
17	James 5	Jeremiah 29-30	Psalms 133
18	1 Peter 1	Jeremiah 31-32	Psalms 134
19	1 Peter 2	Jeremiah 33-34	Psalms 135
20	1 Peter 3	Jeremiah 35-36	Psalms 136
21	1 Peter 4	Jeremiah 37-38	Psalms 137
22	1 Peter 5	Jeremiah 39-40	Psalms 138
23	2 Peter 1	Jeremiah 41-42	Psalms 139
24	2 Peter 2	Jeremiah 43-44	Psalms 140
25	2 Peter 3	Jeremiah 45-46	Psalms 141
26	Galatians 1	Jeremiah 47-48	Psalms 142
27	Galatians 2	Jeremiah 49-50	Psalms 143
28	Galatians 3:1-18	Jeremiah 51-52	Psalms 144
29	Galatians 3:19-4:20	Lamentations 1-2	Psalms 145
30	Galatians 4:21-31	Lamentations 3-4	Psalms 146