



Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

September 2014

Peace Lutheran Church

91 Wernex Loop
Selah, WA 98942
Phone: 697-4353

Pastor

Mark Griesse

Office Hours
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tues. & Wed. - Bethlehem
Mon. & Thur. - Peace
Afternoons by Appointment

Secretary

Tammy Peterson

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Mon.-Fri.

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study

10:30 a.m.

Website

[Peacelutheranchurch.
360unite.com](http://Peacelutheranchurch.360unite.com)

Email

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Dear Members and Friends,

At a meeting of the leaders of Peace and Bethlehem Lutheran church it was decided to propose to the congregations that we continue the relationship we have together of sharing a pastor. We will be voting on this in our November Voters assembly. This would be an ongoing relationship with a yearly review. This relationship has worked out well for all involved. Each of the churches saves considerably by being responsible for 50% of pastor's salary and benefit package. The pastor can still receive the N.W. District's recommended salary package without having to take a severe cut due to the reduced budgets of each congregation. It will also allow each congregation to designate some funds previously unavailable to repairs and replacements that need to take place.

There are some adjustments that each congregation has had to make. First each congregation only receives 50% of pastor's time. Pastor is in the office two days a week at each church, but is available at all times if you call his cell phone (509) 594-6866. This means that as members you will need to step up your participation. Steve Sinclair is teaching the Sunday Morning Bible Class at Peace, Bryan Rafferty is doing the same at Bethlehem. Elders from each church will begin taking communion to Shut-ins every other month; there are currently 18 total shut-ins. Many members of Peace and Bethlehem have been visiting our Shut-ins and those in need of extra care. And there are many other things that could be done as we minister to each other.

There are opportunities for joint activities. This past year we had a joint Thanksgiving Service at Bethlehem, a joint Maundy Thursday Seder service at Bethlehem, and a joint Good Friday service at Peace. Pastor led a joint Caring Evangelism Class of 20 people at Bethlehem, and this year will lead a joint Stephen Ministry Training class at Peace. Kim Closner led a joint VBS at Bethlehem this past July and Bethlehem has invited us to their Rally Sunday Picnic on September 7 at 12n. This coming year we will again have noon services at Bethlehem and evening Soup and Sandwich devotions at Peace during Advent and Lent. I hope these opportunities for joint fellowship and ministry continue.

We continue to pray that the Lord of the Church will bless our ministry as he calls us into service in our communities.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mark Griesse
President: Steve Shotwell



The Church office will
be closed Monday,
September 1st in
observance of
Labor Day

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The O.W.L.S. will meet for
lunch Friday, **September
12th at 11:30** at **El Mirador
Restaurant**. Please let
Marcia Shotwell know if
you will be attending so she
can let the restaurant know
how many people to expect.
Contact her at 697-4543.



On Sept. 4th the Peace
Quilters will again start
meeting each Thursday,
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Anyone who
would like to help with the
quilts is welcome. Bring a
sack lunch and come enjoy
the fellowship. Stay for a
couple of hours or all day.
For more info contact Leota
Lewis or JoAnn Adams.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
at Peace Lutheran begins
Wednesday, September 17th
10:30-11:30 a.m.

2 Timothy 3:16-17(NIV) "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

All women of the congregation are invited to join Yvonne in a Bible reading, prayer and fellowship time as we prepare our hearts to receive the message of the week. We will be using "A Longer Look at the Lessons" as our outline in Bible study. This course offers guidance for personal meditation, group discussion and application of the Scriptures which will be used in worship on the following Sunday.

We will gather at Peace Lutheran Church on Wednesday mornings, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., beginning September 17th through November 19th. When you arrive, you will be given a lesson sheet that we will use together in class. We will not meet on October 1st and we will pause when Advent begins.

For questions or comments about the class, contact Yvonne Griesse [509-697-6765](tel:509-697-6765).

Please plan to attend!



Funeral services were held August 26th for long-time Peace member, Wally Kreutzman. Wally went home to his Savior Jesus on August 17th. He was a Charter Member of Peace Lutheran Church. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



Schedule Change

Beginning September 1st, Pastor Griesse's schedule will be changing. Pastor's day off will change to Friday instead of Monday. This means that he will be in the Peace office on Mondays and Thursdays (instead of Thursday and Friday). He will still be at the Bethlehem office on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you have any questions just call the Peace office.

SUNDAY SERMONS

Pastor's sermons are now posted on the Bethlehem Facebook page, and on the Peace Lutheran website. If you missed a Sunday you can still listen to the sermon; go to either of the following links:

<http://peacelutheranchurch.360unite.com/home>
<https://www.facebook.com/blc.church.7#> =

**Bethlehem Lutheran has
invited Peace to join them
for their Rally Day Picnic!**

**It will be at 12 Noon on
Sunday, September 7th.
If you attend, please take a dish to share.**



 Pastor & Tammy have been working on setting up a new website for Peace Lutheran Church. As of the end of December the old website will no longer be available so we have been learning how to use a new one. The new address is: peacelutheranchurch.360unite.com. We are still working on a few things but you can navigate around and see what we have on there so far. Just click on the various tabs and explore a little!

Pastor will be attending the All Church Workers' Conference in Seaside, OR, September 29-October 2. If you need pastoral assistance during his absence, please contact a Lay Minister. (Call church office for contact information.)



Men's Breakfast

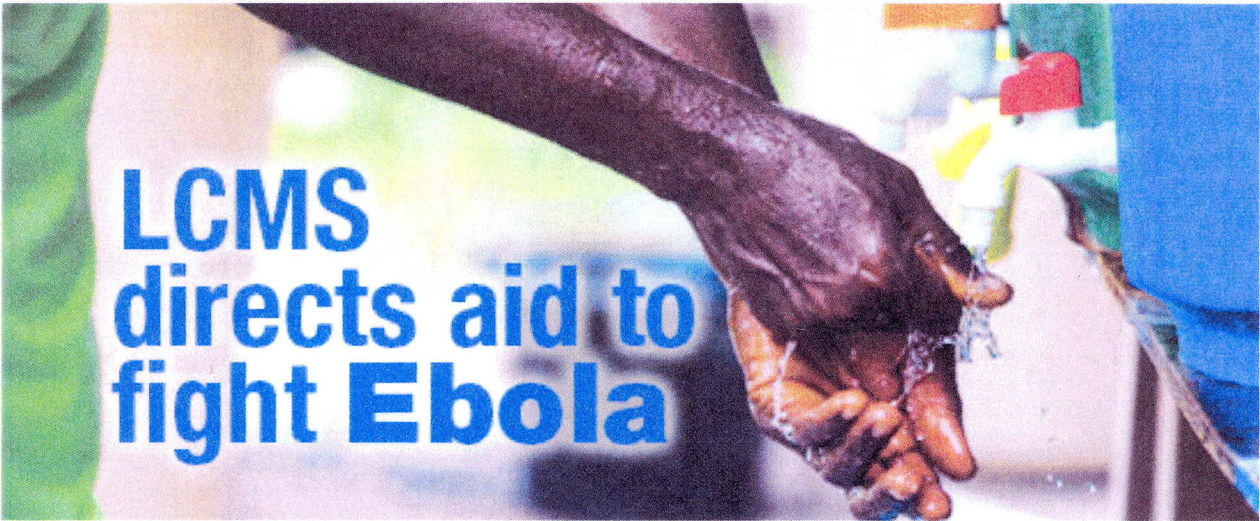
The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for 8 a.m., Saturday, September 20th @ Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Yakima. All Lutheran men and their guests are welcome to attend. Enjoy a good breakfast and a good Bible study.

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**Yahoo!!
It's
Western
Days!**

On September 14th we will have a brunch (at Peace) following the worship service to 'kick off' our events and activities for the upcoming year. There will be a food sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family and a dish to share and enjoy the food and fellowship!



LCMS directs aid to fight Ebola

African partners suffering effects of deadly Ebola virus

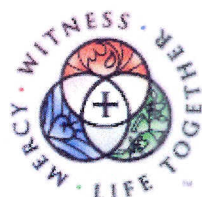
In answer to requests for help and reaching out in Christ's mercy, The Lutheran Church —Missouri Synod has given three grants — to Lutherans in Guinea and Liberia as well as to Lutheran World Relief — to assist people affected by the outbreak of Ebola in West Africa.

The effects of the deadly Ebola virus are “being suffered and felt in many ways” — including the deaths of two Lutherans suspected of having the disease, according to the Rev. Amos Bolay, president and bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia (ELCL).

The grants, totaling \$51,175, include \$25,000 to the ELCL; \$20,000 to Lutheran World Relief; and \$6,175 to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Guinea. The grants follow two previous grants totaling \$16,554, distributed to the Synod's African partners earlier this year.

[Click here to learn more about the deaths of two Lutherans in Liberia as a result of the disease and how the outbreak is affecting LCMS missionaries.](#)

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WHEN: Wednesday, October 1st, 2014 12 – 2pm

WHERE:

**Peace Lutheran Church
91 Wernex Loop Rd.
Selah, WA 98942**

**For more info please call: Church office (509) 697-4353 or
24 hr. Mobile Food Bank Information line (509) 252-6270**

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