

**PEACE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m.

**Sunday Adult
Bible Class**
10:30 a.m.

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Messenger of Peace

Dear Members,

Some years ago I went through a training put on by the district called *Peacemakers*. It uses biblical principles to help us resolve conflicts in our life. I believe it has changed the way I deal with issues in my own family. I would like to share with you the *peacemaker pledge*. Perhaps it will be useful for you.

THE PEACEMAKER'S PLEDGE

As people reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believe that we are called to respond to conflict in a way that is remarkably different from the way the world deals with conflict. We also believe that conflict provides opportunities to glorify God, serve other people and grow to be like Christ. Therefore, in response to God's love and in reliance on His grace we commit ourselves to respond to conflict according to the following principles.

GLORIFY GOD Instead of focusing on our own desires or dwelling on what others may do, we will seek to please and honor God -- by depending on His wisdom, power, and love; by faithfully obeying His commands; and by seeking to maintain a loving, merciful, and forgiving attitude.

GET THE LOG OUT OF YOUR OWN EYE Instead of attacking others or dwelling on their wrongs, we will take responsibility for our own contribution to conflicts -- confessing our sins, asking God to help us change any attitudes and habits that lead to conflict, and seeking to repair any harm we have caused.

GO AND SHOW YOUR BROTHER HIS FAULT Instead of pretending that conflict doesn't exist or talking about others behind their backs, we will choose to overlook minor offenses, or we will talk directly and graciously with those whose offenses seem too serious to overlook. When a conflict with another Christian cannot be resolved in private, we will ask others in the body of Christ to help us settle the matter in a biblical manner.

GO AND BE RECONCILED Instead of accepting premature compromise or allowing relationships to wither, we will actively pursue genuine peace and reconciliation -- forgiving others as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us, and seeking just and mutually beneficial solution to our differences.

By God's grace, we will apply these principles as a matter of stewardship, realizing that conflict is an assignment, not an accident. We will remember that success, in God's eyes, is not a matter of specific results but of faithful dependence and obedience. And we will pray that our service as peacemakers brings praise to our Lord and leads others to know His infinite love.

~Pastor Griesse

Older,
Wiser,
Lutheran
Seniors

February O.W.L.S. Lunch

O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 9th. Location yet to be determined. Please let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend (697-4353 or shotwell@elltel.net).



Extra Yarn!

The Peace Quilters have extra yarn for anyone who would like to knit some baby caps. If you are interested, talk to Joan Stocker or Cameren Menzel.

Life Choices

Life Choices of Yakima has started their **Baby Bottle Campaign for 2018**. If you'd like to participate in their fundraiser just take an empty baby bottle home (there are empty bottles in the box on the table in the Fellowship Hall), fill it with your spare change, and when it's full bring it back to the church. Your small change can make a big difference in women's lives, as well as their unborn babies' lives. We will collect the bottles in a few weeks (date to be posted later).

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Voters' Meeting...

We will have a Voters' Meeting on **Sunday, February 11th** in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service.



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for February 19th. 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.



Caregiver's Compass/Stephen Ministry

The Caregiver's Compass is a common thread in the training and service of our Stephen Ministers. The symbol in the center of the compass is a Chi-Rho, an ancient symbol for Christ. It reminds Stephen Ministers of the Christ-centered nature of their caring ministry. The four points of the compass guide Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders as they use this compass as a guide for their ministry, always striving to provide Christ-like care on behalf of our congregation.

Peace's Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one, Christ focused care to individuals experiencing difficulties and struggles in life. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from meeting with a Stephen Minister speak to one of our Stephen Leaders: Pastor Griesse, Mike Phelps or Glenn Stocker. All discussion will be held in confidence.

A Way to Give...

If you have been thinking about ways you can show your support for Peace Lutheran, there are several ways to do so. You can support any of our Ministries such as Shoeboxes (Samaritan's Purse), Haiti Mission, Lutheran Hour, etc., or you can help closer to home by donating to our Love Fund. This fund is set up to help any member who may be in need of monetary assistance. This could involve money needed for medical expenses, travel costs to attend to an out-of-town family member who is ill or to attend the family member's funeral, financial hardship, etc. If you'd like to donate to the Love Fund just make your check out to Peace Lutheran Church, write "Love Fund" on the memo line, and place it in offering plate or give to the Church office.

Game Night...

The next Game Night is scheduled for Monday, February 5th at 5:30 p.m. Bring a food dish to share at the potluck and have some fun playing a game or two.

GET YOUR
GAME ON!

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 teaches a Wednesday evening Bible Class at Peace at 6:30 p.m. (He also has a Wednesday morning class at Bethlehem Lutheran at 11:00 a.m.)

Women's Saturday Bible Study - This class meets each Saturday (except the first Saturday of the month) from 11:00 to 12:30.

"Let's
study
God's
Word"

Season of Lent...

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. We will have Soup and Sandwich Supper at 6:00 p.m. with Devotions following at 6:45. The suppers and devotions will continue each Wednesday through March 21st. There is a food sign-up sheet for the suppers on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



Jeff gives it up for Lent.