



Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

October 2014

Peace Lutheran Church

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

Pastor
Mark Griesse

Office Hours
9:00 - 12:00

Tues - Wed. - Bethlehem
Mon. & Thu. - Peace
Afternoons by Appointment

Secretary
Tammy Peterson
9:00 - 1:00

Sunday Worship
9:00 AM

Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m.

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PeaceLutheranSelah.org

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From the Pastor

Dear Members and Friends of Peace Lutheran Church,

Picture yourself as a sponge. Squeeze a dry sponge and nothing comes out. It cannot yield what it does not have. But squeeze a wet sponge and watch the water flow!

In Holy Baptism you and I have been immersed in the water of life. Through Baptism we participate in Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection (Rom 6:1-10). We have been reborn through the waters of Baptism and washed in the blood of the Lamb and we are now saturated with the righteousness of God. "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20).

In many ways our children are like sponges. They soak in the knowledge that is around them. If they go to school and everyone is using filthy language, it won't be long before we start hearing that same language in our homes. We are being given the opportunity to bring our children and ourselves to Sunday School and Bible Class to soak up the blessings and instruction that the Lord has for us.

In the Nicene Creed our whole congregation confesses with all other Christian congregations throughout church history that we "acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins." The church as a whole has received the washing of water with the word (Eph. 5:26). But Baptism is not magic. In the Baptismal vows you made as parents you promised to teach your child the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and when they grew in years you would put into their hand the Scriptures and teach them all that God in his grace and mercy has done for you and for them. It means you need to be involved. God is using you as an instrument to bring spiritual growth to your children. The church, the community of saints, is gathered here to help you in your duty to teach your children the Word of God.

We all have busy lives. There are so many things to do and so little time. It seems that when the church asks us to do something, it is just one more thing in a pile of things that needs to get done. I suppose we could complain about all the things that make us so busy. Or we could Rejoice in the squeeze. (Phil 4:4). Be thankful for the times when we are put under pressure to bring glory to our Lord and Savior. Stress is no fun and no one likes being in high pressure crisis situations, yet this is often the best time for the living water of God's grace to flow out from us and nourish the lives of others.

- - Pastor Griesse

O.W.L.S. Calendar

The O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at **Magic's Pizza** (Selah) on **Friday, October 10th at 11:30**. Following the lunch the group is invited to view the Halloween House at the Shotwell's.



Lifegate

The 2nd quarter membership fee for Lifegate is due. We only need \$15.00 to meet the \$150.00 quarterly fee. If anyone would like to donate, mark your check "Lifegate" and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

Women's Bible Study



A women's Bible study class has begun at Peace. The class runs from 10:30 to 11:30 every Wednesday morning. Yvonne Griesse leads the class in a Bible reading, prayer, and fellowship time as we prepare our hearts to receive the message of the week. If you have questions or comments about the class, contact Yvonne at **(509) 697-6765**.

It's not too late to join the class!

**** Please note: There will *not* be a class October 1st. Class will resume October 8th.**

Stephen Ministry

Is someone you know experiencing a crisis in their life? Do they feel like God has abandoned them during this crisis? Are they feeling alone and lost? This is just one of the many situations where a Stephen Minister can help. A Stephen Minister walks alongside a person who is struggling and provides them with encouragement and emotional support in a caring, Christian manner, all confidential. If you know of someone who would benefit from having a Stephen Minister please let Pastor Griesse or a Stephen Leader know.

Fresh Apples

Marv & Gladys Liebert want to invite the congregation at Peace to come and pick apples. The apples are free; they farm for privacy, not for profit. The apples are clean and great for baking or eating. This year's apples are on the small side. The apples (Red Delicious and Golden Delicious) will be ready the weekend of September 27th into the first couple of weeks in October. Bring your own containers and go to the back of the house and help yourselves; ladders will be available for your use.



Recycling

The **first Sunday of every month**, JoAnn Adams collects papers for recycling. Proceeds from the recycling go to the Feeding the 5000 program. If you have old newspapers stacking up, bring them to the church and load up JoAnn's car.

Second Harvest Food Distribution



The Second Harvest/ Thrivent Food Distribution truck will be at Peace Lutheran on Wednesday, October 1st from noon-2:00. We will need volunteers to help distribute the food. All volunteers need to be at the church at 11:00. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for those wishing to help.

Pastor at Conference & Vacation

Pastor Griesse will be attending the All Workers' conference in Seaside, Oregon the first week in October. Following the conference he will be taking some vacation time so will be out of the office until October 12th. If you are in need of pastoral assistance during his absence please contact a Lay Minister. You can call the church office during office hours for contact information.

Peace Quilters

The Peace Quilters are meeting every Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. They could use help with pinning, tying and sewing the quilts. Anyone who would like to help is welcome. Bring a sack lunch and come enjoy the fellowship. Stay for a couple of hours or all day. For more information, contact Leota Lewis or JoAnn Adams.



Halloween Open House



Steve & Marcia Shotwell invite the congregation of Peace to a Halloween Open House on October 21st or 23rd, 6:30-8:30. Their house is located at 705 W. Naches Ave, Selah. Please bring a can of food for the food bank.

Mission U

Time is flying and the excitement is building for the Mission U event scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 18th, 2014 to be held at Mt. Olive Lutheran in Yakima. See the attached information and the MU-203 registration form. I hope to see many of you there!

For more information call or text Gary Treece at (509) 833-9725 or email him at glt528@charter.net.

Church Council Meeting

A Church Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM. All Board chairpersons are asked to attend.

A Special Message from Wally Kreutzman's daughter, Cyndee:

With special thanks to you all

To know you is to know people who are kind, considerate, and thoughtful.

To know you is to be grateful for the special things you do.

Thank you for your outpouring of love, prayers, and cards, the delicious luncheon following the service, and the memorials given in Wally's name.

*For everything you have done...
for everything you have given...
for being the special people you are...
thank you so very much.*

- - Cyndee & Steven Sundquist and Family

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

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SCHOOL OF WITNESSING

SYLLABUS

MU-203: SHARING THE GOSPEL IN A DIGITAL AGE

In **section one**, we will identify our message and our audience when sharing information digitally. We will discuss mechanisms for Gospel proclamation throughout the years and why social media is so important.

Section two focuses on the popularity of social media for families, individuals and churches. We will recommend social media venues and discuss witnessing goals while utilizing them. You will learn about the advantages of Facebook and how to use it in this capacity.

Section three focuses on how to utilize both Twitter and YouTube for Gospel proclamation.

In **section four**, we will discuss blogs, texting and Skyping. We will also look at creating a vision for social media use in the church and how to craft our message appropriately.



Mt Olive Lutheran Church
7809 Tieton Dr., Yakima, Wa., 98908

Saturday, October 18th, 2014
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Light Lunch Served

Register by October 11th by contacting
Gary Treece (8339725 or glt528@charter.net)
or sending a completed registration form
to the Church Office

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Join us for this outreach training workshop from **MISSION U**, a program of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Become equipped through this one-day event to fulfill your mission with boldness to the diverse mission field around you.

Course: MU-203 - Sharing the Gospel in a Digital Age

Location: Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 7809 Tieton Dr, Yakima, Washington 98908

Date: Saturday, October 18th, 2014

Time: 9:00 A.M TO 2:00 P.M LIGHT LUNCH SERVED

Contact: Gary Treece at 5098339725 or GLT528@CHARTER.NET. Register by 11 October.

Registration Form:

Print Name(s): _____

Number attending: _____ Number of children for daycare: _____ Ages: _____

More information can be found at
WWW.WHATSMISSIONU.COM