

**PEACE
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Tue & Wed @
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Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m.

**Sunday Adult
Bible Class**
(on summer break)

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Messenger of Peace

Members and Friends;

The Concordia Journal came out this week and Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, President of Concordia Seminary in a sermon at Multiethnic Seminary wrote the following:

"Where does the worship of God take place?

Most of us would probably say in a church in the divine service, in those appointed times when the Spirit uses Word and Sacrament to nurture our saving faith in Jesus. That is true but it is too restricted an understanding of worship. It suggests that the first three commandments, our duties toward God make the rest of the commandments less important. Phillip Melancthon, Martin Luther's right hand man wrote, "We should learn that works of the Second Table are truly the worship of God, that is, when our works are guided by the fear of God and by faith.

When we followers of Jesus give attention to the bodily needs of people who don't know Jesus, the fifth commandment. . . When we the followers of Jesus give attention to the family life or broken family lives of others, the sixth commandment. . . When we give attention to the economic needs of others the seventh commandment. . . When we give attention to the reputation of other people, the eighth commandment. . . And when we do so because we fear and love our God and Savior above all things, then we are truly worshipping God.

It is too small a thing to compartmentalize the worship of God only to the First Table of the Law or to the Sunday morning hour. The Sunday morning hour is important for our continued growth in the faith, but God is also deserving of our worship during the week. Jesus tells us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength," and then adds "Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these. (Mk 12:30-31)"

As we contemplate the celebration of our Independence Day, we might also think about the purpose of the United States and our collective relationship to God. There is a poem I used in Crossways Bible Studies when we were studying the prophets and their instruction to Israel regarding their responsibilities to God and to their neighbor. The poem speaks to contemporary America.

A Charge to America

I urge thee on thy knees to bow, America,
And to recall thine old-time vow, America,
God gave thee as a place of rest
A refuge for the earth's oppressed
Oh, tell me hast thou stood the test, America?

I charge thee in this solemn hour, America,
Trust not in thine own paltry power, America,
Remember that in God we trust
Return to Him the nation must
Lest thou be humbled in the dust, America!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Griesse

Pastor on Vacation...

Pastor Griesse will be on vacation July 5-14. If you are in need of pastoral care please contact Mike Phelps or another Lay Minister. You can get contact information by calling the church office.

Office Closed...

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day!

Bible Classes...

All Peace's Bible Study Classes are on summer break. Classes will resume in the fall. You are encouraged to stay in the Word and study God's Word throughout the summer months.

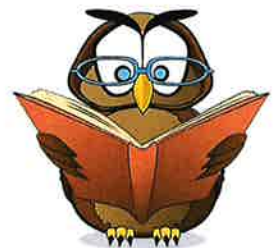
Study God's
Word



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for **Monday, July 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.

July O.W.L.S. Lunch

This month O.W.L.S. will meet for a BBQ lunch at 11:30 a.m. on **Friday, July 13th**, at the **Shotwell's house**. Please let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend (shotwell@elltel.net or 697-4543).



NEW ADULT VERSION OF JESUS LOVES ME

Submitted by Larry Walbridge

A pastor once stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

Here is a new version just for us who have white hair, or no hair at all. For us over 40 (or even those almost there) and all you others... Check out this newest version of "Jesus Loves Me":

**Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.**

(CHORUS)

**YES, JESUS LOVES ME... YES, JESUS LOVES ME...
YES, JESUS LOVES ME. THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.**

**Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go.
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.**

(CHORUS)

**Though I am no longer young,
I have much which He's begun.
Let me serve Christ with a smile,
Go with others the extra mile.**

(CHORUS)

**When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."**

(CHORUS)

**When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.**

(CHORUS)

**I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.**

(CHORUS)