

**PEACE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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Mon. & Thu. @ Peace

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Afternoons by Appointment

**Secretary  
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9:00-1:00  
Mon-Fri

**Sunday Worship**  
9:00 a.m.

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Bible Class**  
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# Messenger of Peace

Dear Members and Friends,

As I write this the Old Testament text for this coming Sunday, August 19 is from Joshua 24. It reads:

**"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."**

Joshua led the people to rededicate themselves to the God who had brought them out of Egypt, led them through the wilderness and was now bringing them to the brink of entering the Promised Land. He sought to encourage them in their walk with their Lord. As we begin a new fall season, I would like to encourage you in your walk with Jesus your Lord and Savior.

Here are some practical ways that you can recommit yourselves to Jesus. There are others, but this will help you get started. First these are ways you yourself can grow personally in your relationship with Jesus.

- \* Plan to attend worship more this year than last.
- \* Get involved in a regular Bible Study
- \* Hold family devotions on a more regular basis
- \* Re-examine your financial commitment to the Lord's Kingdom.

Ways you can help others grow in their relationship to Jesus.

- \* Volunteer to serve on the Altar Guild, as a Greeter, or Usher
- \* Serve on a committee or board of the Church
- \* Visit someone who needs God's care and concern
- \* Invite some of your unchurched friends to come to church with you.

There are many other ways you can be involved in the work of the kingdom. Jesus has called you in your baptism, he has equipped you with special gifts and talents and he wants you to put those gifts and talents to work in his kingdom. He wants to work through you. He wants to give your words and actions his power. Let him go to work in your life. You may be surprised at what he can do through you.

~Pastor Griesse

# Ladies Salad Supper...

The Fellowship Board hosted the annual Ladies Salad Supper last month. There were 27 ladies who attended. They watched a presentation of the Germany trip taken by several members of Peace in July of 2017. Thank you to the Fellowship Board for an enjoyable evening.



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for **Monday, September 17th**. All Peace Lutheran men and a guest are invited to meet at Tailgaters in Selah at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of relaxing and just shooting-the-breeze.

## September O.W.L.S. Lunch

This month O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on **Friday, September 14th** at **Magic's Pizza** in Selah. Please let Louise Schenk know if you plan to attend (697-4747).



## Join a Bible Study Class...

Bible Study Classes are set to resume this month...

- Pastor Griesse's Wednesday Evening Class resumes September 5th. Class starts at 6:30 p.m. at Peace, with a morning class held at Bethlehem Lutheran starting at 11:00 a.m.
- The Saturday Women's Bible Study resumes September 8th. Class runs each Saturday 11:00-12:30 (no class the first Saturday of each month).
- Sunday morning Adult Bible Study resumes September 9th. Start time is approx. 10:30 a.m.

"Let's  
Study  
God's  
Word"

# Western Days!!



Western Days is almost here! **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** Harlan & Mary Lyso will host the event at their house. Activities will start at 12:00 p.m. (directions are on the table next to food sign-up list). We will need a head-count of those planning to attend so we know how many hamburgers & hotdogs to make so please write your name on the list (next to the food sign-up sheet) if you plan to attend. The food sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring either a salad or dessert (please designate which you are bringing on the food sign-up sheet). If you have questions contact Harlan & Mary Lyso (Harlan's cell: 509-388-6603 or home: 457-2741).

**For those of you who are unfamiliar with Western Days:** Every year we celebrate the "kick-off" of our upcoming Church year. Western Days celebrates the start of Bible Classes, Quilting, and various other events during the year. Along with good food there are activities such as croquet, bocce ball, horseshoes, basketball, heated pool, etc., or you can just sit and enjoy the day and company.

## Sew Day...

We are having a "Sew Day" on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 3:00 at Peace to sew a few items for the shoeboxes. We will be sewing an easy little-girl pillowcase-style dress and doll blankets. If anyone would like to participate all you have to do is show up. If you can, please bring a sewing machine and/or serger (if you have one). Fabric for the shoebox items is being supplied by quilting group. Bring your lunch or a dish to share. Also, if you are working on a quilt for church, feel free to join us. If you have questions contact Shirleen Wilhelm at 966-0544.



Let's  
Do Some  
Sewing!



## Welcome to Operation Christmas Child "Christmas in September"!

The Shoebox Committee is collecting toys & school supplies for the shoeboxes. The Christmas tree is still on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall with numerous tags on it. Each tag has an item needed for the shoeboxes. You can pick a tag (or two), purchase that item and help a child in a big way.



**The tree will be up until the end of September  
(or until all the tags are gone!).**

The shoeboxes are shipped all over the world and each child receiving a box gets the good news of the Gospel of our Lord in their own language. Think of the joy in knowing that they will know "We are Christians by our Love"!

If you have any questions contact Jean, Sandy or Linda.

Thank you & God Bless you all.

~~The Shoebox Committee

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## Office Closures...

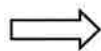
The Church Office will be closed on the following dates this month:

**Monday, September 3rd** in observance of Labor Day

**Tuesday, Sept. 18th**

**Wednesday, Sept. 19th**

**Friday, Sept. 21st**



Tammy on Vacation that week (Pastor will be in the Office on Monday & Thursday)

**"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ, God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32**



Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 8:07 AM -0700

Greetings,

Rev. Daniel Paul, and the three pastors he instructed in Nord Est Haiti (Yves, Richard, and Pepe) are going to a "Pastors' Retreat" in Jacmael (southern Haiti) this week. In Cap Haitian (northcentral Haiti) they will be joined by Rev. Elonia Bernard and several pastors from his area. Reverend Paul will be speaking at the retreat. His topic is "The Means of Grace." These opportunities do not occur very often. We pray for their fellowship and safe travel.



Before he goes on this trip, however, he has some details to settle. When he called, I asked how things were going, and he responded, "Oh, things are not going well at all. We had an accident over the weekend. A hired worker fell, and we took him to the hospital, but three hours later, he died." Rev. Paul went on to explain that this worker was married and had six children. "We have our lawyer, and it was an accident, but there will be some investigation." He then explained that it is their responsibility to take care of the funeral, because his family cannot provide for it. There is also the responsibility to care for and provide for the dead man's family. These "responsibilities" might be official Haitian law or cultural expectations, but they can be applied to Christian care for orphans and widows--James 1:27, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

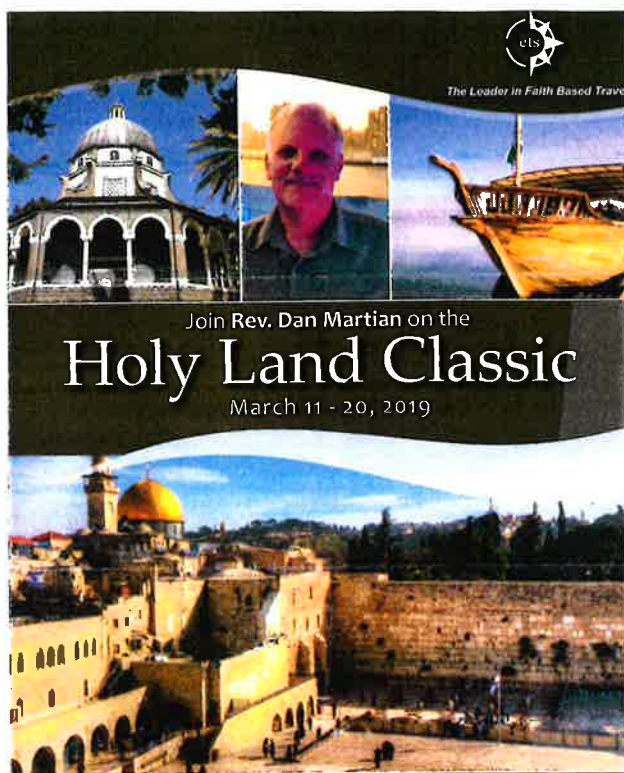
Another detail is securing some furnishings to complete the classroom construction at the school. With more older students, the cost of education is greater. NEHLM's \$20 a month sponsorship for a student greatly eases the financial strain. NEHLM is also working on a giving option especially crafted for groups or schools, to adopt/ sponsor a class. Watch for details to come in the upcoming newsletter and on the website. We praise God for all the resources we receive for the ministry.

Mentioning resources, the NEHLM officers are working with LWML member on a grant proposal to the National Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) to begin work on a worship center. At the present facility, people regularly have to stand outside. Another concern at the present facility is that it is inside the walls of the girls' orphanage complex; it is a bit awkward to welcome the community into their living quarters.

Even though they could use more rain, Rev. Paul reported, "We are able to be harvesting bananas and plantains. More things will be ready soon."

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman  
NEHLM Pastoral Adviser



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

Click on tab that says "Connect", then "News/Announcements". All the news and upcoming events from the weekly bulletin are posted here. ☺