

**PEACE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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Office Hours
9:00-12:00

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.

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

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November

Messenger of Peace

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving (our worship service is November 21, at 7pm @ Bethlehem Lutheran Church) I began to ponder what it is that I am thankful for. So here is a list:

Personally: I am thankful for my family; God has richly blessed me here. I have a wonderful wife, nice kids, and beautiful grandkids. It is such a joy to gather with family and share the stories and the gifts we have all enjoyed in our lives together. I am thankful for the health God has given me and the ability to enjoy all the other gifts of creation.

As your Pastor: I thank God for each of you. You are a special blessing and gift God has given to Peace Lutheran Church. You are a gifted, redeemed child of God. I thank God for Peace Lutheran Church, an assembly of believers who live out their lives in God's grace and forgiveness. I thank God for the leaders of this church who give a special effort to provide programs and opportunities of each of you to grow in your relationship with Jesus. I thank God for the things we do together like Crossways, Stephen Ministry, OWLS, Men's Night Out and a host of other things we do to encourage and strengthen us in our walk with the Lord.

This certainly is not an exhaustive list as there are many other things and people that I am deeply grateful for, but you get the idea. Perhaps we all could spend some time listing those things and people we are thankful for. Our list helps to identify, then gives us the opportunity to take each of the gifts we have been given and thank God specifically for them. We could even thank those people who are special gifts to us and let them know that we think of them in that way.

May your Thanksgiving be joyful.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Griesse

*thankful
&
blessed*

Veterans...

We would like to thank all those who have served or are presently serving in our Armed Forces. Our Veterans serve to protect us and our continued freedom! THANK YOU!



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for **Monday, November 19th**. 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.

November O.W.L.S. Lunch

This month O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on **Friday, November 9th** at **Gold Creek**. Please let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend (697-4543).



Join a Bible Study Class...

All Bible Study Classes are in full swing...

"Let's
Study
God's
Word"

- Pastor Griesse's Wednesday Evening Class starts at 6:30 p.m. at Peace, with a morning class held each Wednesday at Bethlehem Lutheran starting at 11:00 a.m.
- The FRIDAY Women's Bible Study is each Friday, 1:00-2:30, (no class the second Friday of each month).
- Sunday morning Adult Bible Study starts at approx. 10:30 a.m.

New Door Locks...



New electronic door locks have been installed on several of the outside doors here at the church. Now in order to enter you will need to have a 4-digit code. **DO NOT USE YOUR CHURCH KEY IN THE NEW LOCKS!** (This could cause damage to the locks.) If you will be entering the church after hours or need access for one reason or another, see Tammy in the office for the code. We ask that you not give the code out to anyone other than church members. A big thanks to Larry Smith for installing the locks!

Holiday Schedule...

Thanksgiving Worship—Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Yakima. This will be a joint service as there will not be a service at Peace.

Advent Worship—December 5th, 12th, and 19th at 6:45 p.m.
Soup and Sandwich Suppers will be offered prior to worship at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Worship—Monday, December 24th at 7:30 p.m. at Peace.

Office Closure...

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22nd & Friday, Nov. 23rd in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Daylight Savings Ends!

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK before you go to bed on Saturday, Nov. 3rd! Daylight Savings Ends on Sunday, Nov. 4th.



Thank you...

"We would like to thank everyone at Peace for all your support, prayers and love you have given our families during this hard time we've had during Jared's cancer and after his passing. The new family dynamics without Jared will be a long road to travel and we're all taking it day by day."

Love,

Justine & Olivia Yoakum

The Sinclair & Yoakum Families

Holiday Bazaar...

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church will be holding its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 10th. Peace has a couple tables rented so we need items to sell! Ladies (& Gents)...get those fingers busy crocheting, knitting, sewing, baking, etc. We will also need people to help with set-up, take-down, and manning the table during the bazaar. If you have any questions contact Teri Sanchez at (509)728-4710.

Let's
get
"crafty"

Game Night is Back...

There is a Game Night w/potluck scheduled for **Monday, Nov. 5th at 5:30 p.m.** Everyone attending is asked to bring a dish to share for the potluck. Following dinner there will be games and fun!

It's time
for
some
fun!

**Wishing everyone a Blessed and
Safe Thanksgiving Holiday!**





YOU CAN'T DO IT ALL

BUT THAT NEVER STOPS YOU FROM TRYING.

Emails. Phone calls. Stops to chat. Sports after school. Grab dinner when you can. Is it 9 o'clock already? You had wanted to watch TV. But man, are you exhausted. Where did all the time go?

We live our days starving for time. The average person now receives more messages in one day than a person two hundred years ago would have received in a lifetime. We are bombarded with requests.

Every text, every phone call, every email is a demand for our attention, for our energy.

For our life.

Ticking away ...

Solomon knew this well. "All streams run into the sea." His wonderful Ecclesiastes encourages us to acknowledge fully the meaninglessness of life, to refuse the vanity of believing that our purpose in living is to make everlasting contributions to this age.

But it is St. Paul who best sums up our plight with his exhortation in Ephesians 5:

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil."

The power to change the world does not live within us. We won't by our own reason or strength bring an end to the fact that there is both a time to heal and a time to kill, a time to break down and a time to build up (ECCL 3:3). But even as we understand the frailty of our condition, we do not despair.

To walk wisely is to know that all that you build and all that you do and all that you say is but a castle made of sand. The waves of time will come in and wipe it all away. But there is another foundation on which we rest. Jesus of Nazareth and His undying words are the rock of wisdom that is higher than I (CF PS. 61). The days are indeed flush with evil, but the fullness of time is still very, very good. One last breath. On the cross.

"Father, forgive ..."

Yes, we should manage our time. Yes, we should turn down the noise. Yes, we should put our hands to more valuable tasks. But the most valuable task of all is to remember that our time and our lives will surely perish with their use. Hoarding them will be to no effect. But losing them under grace, we find in Jesus Christ another meaning. Only gift. Only giving. In Him, there is no vanity at all. *MF*