

**PEACE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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**Pastor
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Office Hours
9:00-12:00

Tue & Wed @
Bethlehem

Mon & Thu @ Peace
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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Messenger of Peace

From Pastor's Desk

Dear Members & Friends,

The Birth of Jesus changes things. It changes the way I look at God. God has always been almighty, creator, ruler, king and judge. No one from any religion that believes there is a God would dispute these characteristics. God is great; he has power over everything and everyone. God made all that there is, he is the owner of this earth and all that is in it. God rules over this earth and to oppose him is to bring about his wrath and his judgment. God is someone I need to be at least in awe of and probably afraid of.

The Birth of Jesus changes things. In Bethlehem, I get a different picture of God. God becomes flesh. God becomes a helpless baby that must be cared for by his parents. God comes to experience my humanity, my weakness. God sets aside the use of his divine powers and makes due with my humanness. Why? He wants to bring me into a closer, better, intimate relationship with God the Father. He wants me to see that God does not relish bringing judgment and condemnation on humanity, but wants us to believe that Jesus is our Savior, our Lord, our Messiah, our brother.

The Birth of Jesus changes things. Through faith in a God who became man to help me understand God, I now have life and salvation as a free gift. Salvation has come to me. I can quit worrying about whether God loves me. Jesus demonstrated God's love for me. Jesus paid the price for all my failures and sins. I can now concentrate on living the life of a redeemed person in Christ. I can share the good news of God's salvation with others who need to know this message. I can become a part of the church, which is the gathering of the body of Christ and worship, praise and serve my God. The Birth of Jesus changes things.

ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE

I would like to thank you all for the many gifts and cards given to our family during the Christmas season. Your spirit of giving overwhelms us. Thank you also for the many volunteer hours you have given to your church. If I tried to name all the volunteers, I would leave many out, yet you know who you are and I want you to know that the work you do for your church is important and appreciated.

*Let the light of Christ so shine in your lives that they will see your good deeds
and give God the glory!*

Yours In Christ,
Pastor Griesse

Older,
Wiser,
Lutheran
Seniors

January O.W.L.S. Lunch

O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, January 12th at Tailgaters in Selah. Please let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend (697-4353 or shotwell@elltel.net).



Thank you...

I would like to thank everyone for the Christmas gifts and cards given to me this Christmas. It was very generous of you and I appreciate my church family. —Tammy

Special Voters' Meeting...

We will have a short Voters' Meeting on Sunday, January 14th following the service to vote on changing the By-Laws in regards to the schedule of Voters' Meetings. The proposed changes are on the Bulletin Board for everyone to look over before the meeting.

Portals of Prayer...

The new **Portals-of-Prayer** devotionals are here. You can find them in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex.

Office Closure...

**The Church office will be closed Monday, January 1st
in observance of New Year's.**

Important

Thank you!

Christmas Families...

Our Christmas Families appreciated all the food and gifts given to them by our Peace Family. Thank you to all who donated to this special ministry.

A Heartfelt Message...

"Thank you for the beautiful service, cards, memorials, emails, phone calls, and prayers, a special thank you to Joan Stocker for the music, and the Fellowship Board for the luncheon. Your love and concern has left footprints upon our hearts." The Ray Wondercheck Family

New Members...

Scott & Judene Neustel and their family, Gabriel, Jessica and Abigail, were brought in as new members at Peace Lutheran on December 17th. They transferred to Peace from Living Word Lutheran in Moses Lake but now live in Ellensburg. Welcome to Peace Lutheran Neustel Family!

Welcome!

Luther's Small Catechism...

A new edition of Luther's Small Catechism has been published and for a limited time Concordia Publishing House is offering a discount of \$14.49 on the purchase of the book. There is an order form on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. We will be taking orders through January 31st. If you are interested in ordering a book just fill out the order form, make checks out to Peace Lutheran Church with "Catechism Order" on the memo line, and place in offering plate or give to Tammy in the office.

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 will resume meeting again on January 20th, 11:00-12:30.

"Let's
study
God's
Word"

Game
On!

Game Night/Potluck

This month's Game Night is Monday, January 8th at 5:30 p.m. Games will be played and a good time will be had! Bring a dish to share and join the fun.

Peace Quilters...

Weather permitting, the Peace Quilters begin meeting again Thursday, January 4th, 9:00-1:00. If you'd like to join them just show up on Thursdays! Contact Joan Stocker for more information.



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for January 22nd (a week later than normal). 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.

*May you all have a Blessed
and Happy New Year!*