

**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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Messenger of Peace

Dear Members and Friends,

Merry Christmas!

Christmas is a time for rejoicing. The angels and shepherds praise God with joy over the birth of the Savior. This is celebration time, we sing "Joy to the World." Our greeting to each other is "Merry Christmas." A large segment of society sees nothing about which to rejoice. There are problems: bereavement, divorce, despair, poverty, hunger, winter cold, and loneliness. How can people in these conditions rejoice? The congregation needs to realize we are not happy over the world conditions or personal tragedies, but we rejoice in the coming of the Christ who can deliver us from the darkness of our world.

Christ is born! The good news is that a baby has come into the world. Today over 300,000 babies are born every day in the world. What is so special about this one? It is not a matter of another baby but who the baby is. **"What Child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping. This, This is Christ the King** whom shepherds guard and angels sing....**Joy, Joy for Christ is born** the babe the son of Mary." Unless we know this, our Christmas celebration is simply humanism, leaving us after Christmas with empty purses and physically and emotionally exhausted.

My family hopes your preparations and celebration of Christmas is filled with joy because you know that **this baby was born for you** that you might believe and live joyfully in his grace and mercy.

~~ Pastor and Yvonne Griesse



Pastor on Vacation...

Pastor Griesse will be on vacation December 26th-31st. If you need pastoral assistance during his absence please contact our Head Elder, Mike Phelps, or one of the other Lay Ministers.



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for **Monday, January 21st**. 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.

January O.W.L.S. Lunch

This month O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on **Friday, January 11th at Peace**. They will have a potluck lunch and view photos from Steve and Marcia's trip to Alaska. Anyone interested in seeing the pictures are invited to attend.



New Member Received...

Peace received Helga Johnson into membership on December 2, 2018. If you haven't done so, please welcome Helga to our Peace Family!

Council Meeting...

There is a Church Council Meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 13th, at 7:00 p.m. All Board Chairpersons (or a Board Representative) are asked to attend the meeting.

Game Night!

Game Night will resume this month. It's scheduled for Monday, January 7th at 5:30 p.m. We will have a potluck followed by Bingo. Bring a food dish to share and have some fun!

TIME
FOR
SOME
FUN!

Update on Vicar Program...

So far we have received \$11,700 in donations toward the Vicar Program. We need to have approximately \$22,000. **IMPORTANT: If you plan to donate to the Vicar Program your donation MUST be on a separate check (or cash in separate envelope) from your regular offering. If they are combined everything will go into the General Offering.**

“Hats for Missions”



Do you enjoy knitting, sewing or crocheting? During the winter months join the fun and make some hats (baby, children or adult size) for missions. Watch for suggested patterns posted on the bulletin board, but feel free to be creative.

After the **March 31st collection date** the hats will be delivered to an Orphan Grain Train distribution center. This Lutheran mission organization works with needy countries through the world.

THANK YOU!

Pastor Griesse and Tammy would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts given to them for Christmas. We appreciate each and every one! Thank you.

“In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.” Proverbs 16:9

Driver Safety Class...

The opportunity to save on auto insurance premiums is here again! An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Yakima. This 8-hour refresher course (lecture, video and discussion) is designed for seniors (age 55+) to help update their driving skills. Completion of the classroom-type course may provide up to a 10% discount on car insurance premiums (check with your insurance agent).

Date: January 15 & 16

Place: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
7809 Tieton Drive, Yakima

Cost: \$15.00 for AARP Members
\$20.00 for Non-AARP Members

(Fee is to cover the cost of materials.)



For more details or to register contact: Darcy Closner at Mt. Olive 966-2190, or Glenn/Joan Stocker 697-5022. You can also sign-up on the registration sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall at Peace.

Bible Classes Resume...

Let's
Study
God's
Word

- Pastor's Wednesday Bible Classes resume on January 9th. The class at Bethlehem is at 11:00 a.m. and the one at Peace is at 6:30 p.m.
- The Women's Friday Class resumes on January 4th. Start time is 1:00 and runs until 2:30. Talk to Carol Heidt if you have any questions.
- The Sunday Adult Class will continue each Sunday at approx. 10:30 a.m.

Serving Peace...

Thank you to all who have served as Ushers, Acolytes and Readers here at Peace. We appreciate everything you do. We are in need of a few more people to serve in these positions in the upcoming year. If you are interested please let Tammy know.