

**PEACE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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Afternoons by Appointment

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9:00-1:00  
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**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,

February is the month of love. We celebrate the love we have for our spouse, buy chocolates (I don't know why), give flowers, all to express our fondness for each other. Bobby Darren sang:

Roses are red my love violets are blue  
Sugar is sweet my love but not as sweet as you.

As Christians we celebrate a different kind of love.

**"For God so loved the world, that he gave  
his only Son, that whoever believes in him  
should not perish but have eternal life.**

God loved the world he created. He loved the world even though his creation rebelled against him. Our sin did not stop God from loving us. The sins of Adam, Eve, Sarah, David, Judas, Paul, Luther, and Hitler did not turn off God's love. He loved the world and excluded no one. Christians call this love by its Greek name **agape**. It is more than a feeling, it is a resolve. It doesn't dream passively it responds purposefully. It doesn't depend on the likeability of its object. In fact God hated our sin, but he loved the world that was trapped in sin and so he had to deal with sin.

He sent his only Son to pay sins price. He gave his life for the life of the world. Then Jesus says: **"whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."** We call this faith. We received this faith as a gift from God by the Holy Spirit work through the Word of God and in the Sacraments.

No human being could have devised such a plan. No one would have imagined it. It does not work without God.

As we pause to celebrate the love we have for our spouses and our families. We also reflect on the most amazing love story ever told. God loved the undeserving world so much that he sent his Son to save it. This is the majesty and the glory of our great God.

Yours In Christ,  
Pastor Griesse



# Game Night!

Game Night is scheduled for Monday, February 4th at 5:30 p.m. We will have a potluck followed by "Right, Left, Center". Bring a food dish to share and have some fun!

TIME  
FOR  
SOME  
FUN!



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for **Monday, February 18th**. 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.

## February O.W.L.S. Lunch

This month instead of meeting on a Friday, O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 14th (location to be determined). The Barbershop Quartet will play at the luncheon. Please be sure to let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend.



## Member Info...

- On January 27th, Tucker Royal Teas was baptized into the family of God. Tucker is the son of Royal and Paige (Smeback) Teas and grandson of Dennis & Tammy Smeback.
- Membership for Kayla Ebert was transferred to St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Horicon, WI, on January 15th.

# Update on Vicar Program...

So far we have received \$13,195.00 in donations toward the Vicar Program. We need to have approximately \$23,000. Application deadline for this year is March 1st. **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.

## Bible Classes Resume...

- Pastor's Wednesday Bible Classes have resumed. 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 has resumed. Start time is 1:00 and runs until 2:30. Talk to Carol Heidt if you have any questions.
- The Sunday Adult Class continues each Sunday at approx. 10:30 a.m.

**<sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."<sup>[a]</sup>**

**~~Galatians 5:14 (NIV)**