

**PEACE  
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# Messenger of Peace

Dear Members and Friends,

This month we celebrate the primary festival of the Christian faith. Easter is the highest of high days in the church calendar. Easter is the queen of feasts. True Christians everywhere celebrate the Resurrection. On Easter morning it is an ancient tradition for Christians to greet each other as follows: "Christ has risen!" and is answered "He is risen indeed!"

**Joy.** Easter is prime time for rejoicing. It is the church's happy day. The "Alleluia" dropped for Lent is now heard once more. The Lenten fast is ended, and there is rejoicing not only for a return to normal eating but for the fact that now there is no reason to fast. This joy is expressed in a 14<sup>th</sup> century hymn:

Jesus Christ is ris'n today Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save Alleluia!

**Life.** Easter means eternal life for the believer in Christ. This is symbolized by the abundance of flowers used on Easter.

**Newness.** The risen Christ is a "new" being with a glorified body. He is now the exalted Christ, the eternal Christ not touched by death. This newness for a Christian through dying and rising with Christ is expressed in the custom of wearing new clothes on Easter.

**Hope.** Easter brings hope to those who have dead loved ones and to the dying. The Resurrection brings assurance that we too shall live with Christ forever. Death has been conquered by the Resurrection.

**Victory.** Jesus is delivered from the worst of man and the worst of Satan – the power of death. Like a mighty warrior, Christ comes forth from the grave as victor. Christians express their joy over this victory of Christ and participate in his victory by faith. This note of victory is expressed in the 17<sup>th</sup> century Latin Hymn:

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

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The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed,  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst, Alleluia

The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

He broke the age bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia.

The mood of Easter is reflected and expressed in the liturgical color. It is white because it expresses celebration, festivity, joy, and victory. Gold may be used as an alternate color for Easter Day to express the special prominence of the greatest day of the church year.

May God richly bless your Easter Celebration!

~~Pastor Griesse

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The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for **Monday, April 15th**. 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.

## April O.W.L.S. Lunch

O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on **Friday, April 12th** at **Magic's Pizza** in Selah. Hilde Hibdon is in charge of O.W.L.S. for April so please let Hilde know if you plan to attend, (509) 961-1793 or email her at [hilde\\_88@yahoo.com](mailto:hilde_88@yahoo.com).





## Church Cleaning...

There is a **Church Spring Cleaning Day** scheduled for **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-???. Anyone who is able to help clean the church inside and out that day would be greatly appreciated! See Sandy Phelps for more info.

## Pastor on Vacation...

**Pastor Griesse will be on vacation** April 1-5. If you are in need of pastoral care during his absence please contact our Head Lay Minister, Mike Phelps, or one of our other Lay Ministers.



## “Hats for Missions”

Ladies from Peace turned in the hats they knitted/crocheted for the Orphan Grain Train. As of 3/24 the ladies had made 160 hats to be distributed to needy countries all over the world. Way to go Ladies!!

## Update on Vicar Program...

We have reached our goal for the Vicar Program! (Please hold off on any more donations.) At this point we just need to wait and see if we are selected to get a vicar. Thank you to those who donated.

## Easter Breakfast...

The food sign-up sheet for Easter Breakfast is up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to bring an item just write your name under that item. All food must be here by April 20th. (Hams to be brought Easter morning before 7 a.m. Service.)

# Easter Worship Schedule

- April 18:** 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship @ Peace
- April 19:** 7 p.m. Good Friday Worship @ Bethlehem
- April 21:** 7 a.m. Easter Worship 1  
8 a.m. Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Easter Worship 2

## Bible Classes...

- Pastor's Wednesday Bible Classes will resume April 24th.
- The Women's Friday Class meets each Friday (except the 2nd Friday of the month) at 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.

## Lent Season...

We are almost through the Lent Season. We have Soup & Sandwich Suppers each Wednesday evening at 6:00 followed by Devotions at 6:45. The food sign-up sheet for the suppers is on the bulletin board.

## Member Update...

**New Members:** **Tim & Deb Funkhouser** were brought into our Peace Family on March 10th by Affirmation of Faith.

**Dan & Vickie Sly** were brought into our Peace Family on March 10th by Adult Confirmation.

**Baptisms:** **Vickie Sly** was baptized on March 10th.

**Ava Groth** and **Margaret Derting** were baptized on March 24th. Ava is the daughter of Carsten & Samantha Groth, and Margaret Derting is the daughter of Will & Nicole (Groth) Derting.

# Welcome to our New Members...

The following are brief backgrounds on our newest members. Please introduce yourselves and get to know Dan, Vickie, Tim, Deb and Helga.

## DAN & VICKIE SLY

Dan and Vickie recently joined Peace Lutheran by Adult Confirmation, as well as, Vickie being baptized at the same time. Dan is formerly from the Roman Catholic Church and Vickie had no strong religious connections. Both were born in the Clarkston, WA area and graduated from Clarkston High School.



Shortly after high school Dan joined the U.S. Army. He served a combination of 34 years in both active duty and reserves of the Army National Guard. More recently he was employed as a machinist at the Yakima Training Center and fully retired in the year 2007.

Vickie worked at CCI Cartridge Factory in Lewiston, ID, for many years. She moved to this area in 1974 and worked at Dunbar Jewelers. She retired from Dunbar's in 1998 and then worked as a Para-Pro for the Yakima School District until 2014. They have two daughters, one living in California and the other in Terrace Heights. They also have five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dan and Vickie love to go RV'ing with friends, primarily during the summer months, as well as, fishing, hunting and boating. It was one of these friends who encouraged them to attend a Lutheran Church when, while on a RV trip, they stopped for a few days and a Lutheran Church was nearby. Since they live in Selah, they decided to find a Lutheran Church in this area and started attending Peace Lutheran. We welcome Dan and Vickie to the fellowship of Peace.

*<sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47 (NIV)*



### Tim & Deb Funkhouser

Tim and Deb Funkhouser recently joined Peace Lutheran by Affirmation of Faith. They were members at Peace prior to 1995. Tim was one of the Charter members of Mt. Olive Lutheran over 50 years ago.



Time and Deb have three children and are blessed with seven grandchildren, which they are busy helping with as the opportunity arises. Tim grew up in Tieton before moving to this area. Deb was born in Nebraska and her family moved to this area when she was a child. She says she is glad she does not live in Nebraska today!

Tim retired as Postmaster from the Tieton Post Office after 20 years. Prior to that he was a Postal Carrier Supervisor for the Yakima Post Office for 16 years.

Deb retired a few years ago from the bookkeeping occupation. She did serve as treasurer at Peace years ago for a short time, but felt she had to quit due to “too many things on her plate.” She is also an active quilter and was Chairman of the Yakima Valley Quilters Guild show that is held every two years in May at the Yakima Convention Center; it is scheduled again for this May.

In their free time, if that ever happens, they love to fish, hunt and take grandchildren camping. Tim also helps with the feeding of the elk at the feeding station near Naches.

We welcome them back “home” to Peace Lutheran after being gone a little more than 20 years.

*<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.*

*1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NIV)*

### Helga Johnson

Helga joined Peace Lutheran by Transfer this past December. She has an interesting life history.

Helga was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1937. During the early years of WWII she and her older brother were separated from their mother and sent along with many other children in a train boxcar to Austria. Her mother and younger siblings were sent north of Berlin while her father was serving in the German Army. It was a frightening experience being separated from her mother and father.



She went back and forth to Berlin a couple of times, but the bombing became so bad that they then stayed in Austria till the end of the war. After being reunited with her mother they got two horses and a wagon to try to return to Berlin, but were discouraged as Berlin was a shambles. They then settled in southern Germany in a Rhoen mountain village.

While working at a small restaurant after growing up, she met a U.S. Army soldier who volunteered to take her home after work. That's when love sparked and they soon got married.

Once their first son was born they got transferred back to the States. Helga came to the U. S. on March of 1959 (60 years ago), and she became a proud citizen on February 26, 1964. Her husband was then stationed in Omaha, NE. While in Omaha she was named "Miss Budweiser" for the Omaha area.

After she divorced she remarried and she and her husband moved to Whidbey Island, WA. Her husband worked on the ferry system of Puget Sound. Helga was a real estate broker for 26 years. She also did volunteer work at hospitals and adult care facilities which she still does today in the Yakima area.

Helga later moved to Hayden Lake, ID, before finally moving to Cle Elum, WA. She started a "Free Library" in S. Cle Elum and also spearheaded getting a large mural put onto the bridge heading into S. Cle Elum. Look for it the next time you are in the Cle Elum area. Helga moved to Selah about a year ago. She met Hilde Hibdon who invited her to attend Peace Lutheran. Being a life-long Lutheran she immediately fell in love and at home at Peace.

*<sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20*