

**PEACE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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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

Members and Friends,

April showers bring May flowers. It is time to plant, the frost is gone and we bask in the blessings of spring that some of us thought would never arrive. We celebrate and thank God for our Mothers on Mothers' Day, May 12. The City of Selah will be celebrating 100 years of being a city during Selah Days, May 17-19. The Ladies of Peace and Bethlehem are gathering for a "Ladies Tea" on May 22. We also thank God for the veterans and those who have served our country on Memorial Day, May 27.

So much to celebrate! During all of this we are in the middle of the Easter Season. While we celebrated Easter on April 21, the Season of Easter is 50 days long and includes the observation of Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost Sunday brings an end to the festival half of the church year. In this half of the church year we have told the story of Jesus, his birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension. In the second half of the church year we will tell the story of the Holy Spirit as he works through the church to call people to life in Christ.

Because Jesus has risen from the dead, we who are believers in Christ have the assurance that we will rise to new life in him. This is the reason for our hope when a loved one dies or we face death ourselves. Christ has conquered sin, death and the power of the devil. We have life because he has risen from death. This gives us confidence as his people. Christ has won the victory so we can go forth without fear in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are Easter People!

Christ has risen, He has risen indeed, Alleluia

Pastor Griesse

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## Church Directories...

Updated Church Directories are available in the Fellowship Hall (on the white cabinet). Please let Tammy know of any changes or errors.

## Ladies Spring Tea...

The Ladies Spring Tea is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd at 4:00 p.m. at Marcia Shotwell's home. All Peace ladies and a guest are invited to attend. Invitations are in your member mailboxes. Please RSVP by May 12th.

## Mother's Day Brunch...

The men of Peace will host a brunch on Mother's Day, May 12th, for all our Mothers here at Peace. Thanks guys!



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for **Monday, May 20th**. 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.

## May O.W.L.S. Lunch

O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on **Friday, May 10th** at **Jeremy's in Prosser** (1232 Wine Country Road). If you plan to attend please let Marcia know at 697-4543 or shotwell@elltel.net.



**THIS MEMORIAL DAY....  
REMEMBER THOSE WHO FOUGHT  
AND DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY.**

## **Update on Vicar Program...**

The Vicarage Assignments were scheduled to be announced on April 29 & May 1. We will know then whether or not we have been assigned a vicar.

## **Bible Classes...**

- Pastor's Wednesday Bible Classes meet at 12:10 p.m. at Bethlehem and at 6:30 p.m. at Peace.
- 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.

## **Thank You...**

Thank you once again to the Sinclair & Yoakum Families for the wonderful Easter Breakfast they cooked for our congregation. You are very much appreciated here at Peace!

## **Pastors' Conference...**

Pastor Griesse will be attending the Inland Empire Pastors' Conference May 7-9. Please contact a Lay Minister if you need pastoral assistance during his absence.

## **Office Closure...**

The Church Office will be closed May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL  
OUR PEACE MOTHERS!**

# National Nursing Home Week...

Mother's Day, May 12th, marks the beginning of National Nursing Home Week. It is Scriptural to honor the aged. So let us remember these men and women who were the lifeblood of America. They now live in much reduced circumstances and are in need of our caring concern and the Hope of the Gospel.

We'd like to thank Carol Heidt for coordinating Peace's outreach ministry to Riverview Assisted Living in Selah. Each Sunday afternoon several folks from Peace have a short devotion, prayers and sing hymns with Riverview residents. If you are interested in helping with this ministry once a month, please contact Carol at 697-4191.

## Hats for Missions!!

Thank you to all who assisted with our "Hats for Missions project". From January till the end of March, **179 hats were knitted, crocheted and sewn.** These gifts of love are being donated to Orphan Grain Train, where they will be distributed to needy people throughout the world.

## Quilts for Sale...



The Peace Lutheran Quilters have been busy! The quilts they've worked so hard on are now available for sale. The large quilts are \$50 and the small ones are \$25. All funds raised from the sale will be donated to orphanages in Haiti and Kenya. Any quilts not sold will be given to Lutheran World Relief, local charities and care centers. The Peace quilters—**Cameren Menzel, Beckie Place, Pat Smeback and Joan Stocker**—would like to thank all who have participated in this project by generously sharing their extra fabric! If you would like to purchase a quilt talk to one of the above quilters.



## Background of Charter Member, Mercedes (Mert) Lehman...

Mercedes (Mert) Lehman was born in Iowa to Harry and Sylvia Lass in 1924. Her parents were farmers. Mert was an only child. After many moves, she and her family moved to Ft. Dodge, Iowa and later to areas around Boone, Boxholm, Des Moines and other communities to find work.



At the age of 12, she and her parents moved to Black Lake, WA, which is near Olympia, traveling in a Model-A car. In 1941, at the age of 17, she married Sid Lehman from Black Lake. In 1947, Mert, Sid and their two children moved to Northern California where they, along with Sid's two brothers, decided to work in the logging industry. They were there for about five years when Sid decided to move back to Washington where they settled in the Wenas Valley and set up a dairy farm operation on 140 acres.

There were many dairies in the Wenas at that time, but after eight years, with many of the other dairies closing down and with the Lehman's the only dairy farm left in the Wenas area, the dairy cooperative stopped coming to get the milk for processing. The Lehman's decided to also quit the dairy business and moved into Selah, later returning to live in the Wenas in 1961.

Mert, a lifelong Lutheran, attended Bethlehem Lutheran Church along with her parents, Harry and Sylvia, and Sid and Mert's children—Larry, Karen, Gary and Sherlyn. When Peace Lutheran started in 1961, Mert, her four children and Harry and Sylvia all became charter members. Sid soon followed after being baptized and confirmed. Ushering and mowing the church lawn were Sid's calling.

In the early years of Peace, the church was filled with families. Children's bible classes were always full. Mert would bring fellowship food, snacks for the bible classes and snacks for vacation bible school. According to Mert, some of her happiest times were with her church family.

Mert's husband of 74 years, Sid, passed away in 2015. Now Mert lives with her daughter, Karen. To quote Mert, "If it wouldn't be for my bad limbs, I would still be going to church every Sunday. I sure miss my church and my church family."

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