

**PEACE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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9:00-12:00

Mon. & Thu. @ Peace

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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.

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Bible Class**  
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# Messenger of Peace

**September 8, 2019**

**10 am Installation Service**

**The Beginning of Peace/Bethlehem Lutheran Parish**

Sunday September 8, 2019 is a special day for Peace & Bethlehem Lutheran Churches. We have been sharing a pastor for the past six years on a temporary basis. This past year we decided to formalize this relationship and are entering into a dual parish. This means that from the N.W. District's point of view we are one parish of two congregations. Practically for each of our congregations there will be little change. We have been operating as if we were a dual parish for a while. What it really means is that when you call a new pastor, after Pastor Griesse retires, you would do it jointly as a single parish.

The formal beginning of this relationship will be an installation service where Pastor Griesse will be installed as pastor of both congregations. This will be at a **joint worship service at 10 am Sunday, September 8, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. (There will be no service at Peace on September 8)** The vice president of the Inland Empire Conference, Rev. Mike Von Behren, will lead us in worship and install Pastor Griesse. After the worship service there will be a potluck luncheon at Bethlehem Lutheran Church to celebrate our coming together.

Please plan to attend this important beginning.

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# Joint Installation Service...

On Sunday, September 8th, there will be a Joint Installation Service at Bethlehem Lutheran at 10:00. Pastor Griesse will be installed as Bethlehem's pastor in the dual parish. **There will not be a service at Peace that Sunday.** Please join us at Bethlehem on the 8th. There will be a reception following the service.



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for **Monday, September 16th**. 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.

# Pastors' Conference...

Pastor Griesse will be attending the Inland Empire Pastors' Conference in Spokane September 16-18. If you need pastoral assistance during that time please contact a Lay Minister.

# Ladies Salad Supper...



The Fellowship Board will be hosting the Ladies Salad Supper on Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall at Peace. All Peace ladies and a guest are invited to attend. Please bring a salad to share.

# September O.W.L.S. Lunch

O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on **Friday, September 13th** at **Nier the Nook** (in Naches). If you plan to attend please let Marcia know at 697-4543 or [shotwell@elltel.net](mailto:shotwell@elltel.net).



# Bible Study Classes...

- Pastor Griesse will resume his Wednesday Bible Study classes on September 11th. There will be a class at Bethlehem at 11:00, and an evening class at Peace at 6:30. (There will not be a class on the 18th as Pastor will be out of town.)
- The Sunday Adult Bible Study class will resume Sunday, September 15th at approximately 10:30.
- The Women's Bible Study class will resume Friday, September 20th. The class runs from 1:00 to 2:30.
- Children's Church resumes September 1st.

# Office Closure...

The Church Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 2nd in observance of Labor Day.





## Spotlight on Peace Member JoAnn Adams

JoAnn was born in Billings, Montana, on February 16, 1936. She was baptized soon after, and as a teenager confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Billings. JoAnn graduated from Billings High School in 1953. (The same high school that Peace member Sara Bicsak also graduated from.) Following graduation, JoAnn was employed at a Woolworth Store.



A year after graduation, JoAnn met the love of her life, John Adams, who was in the Air Force. After just a few dates they married on September 18, 1954. John was then assigned to Greenville, S.C., where JoAnn started work at the Greenville Woolworths. John was transferred to Iwo Jima for a short time and JoAnn remained in South Carolina.

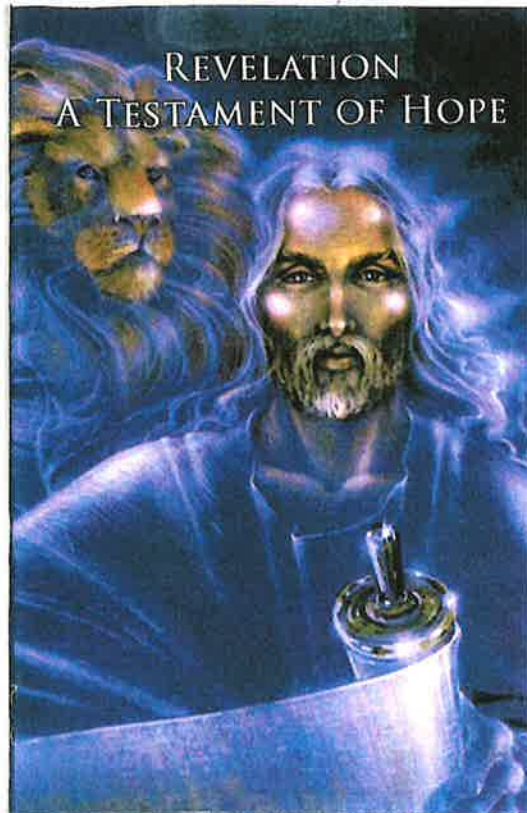
Upon returning to the U.S., John was discharged from the Air Force in 1955 and the couple moved back to Billings, MT. JoAnn went back to work at the Billings Woolworths. Shortly thereafter they moved to Seattle where John was employed at Boeing. They lived there eight years.

Next was a move to the Wapato area where John started construction with Peterson Construction Company. About 1966 John established the J & J Construction Company (JoAnn & John). In 1972 JoAnn started her career with Sears in Yakima, where she worked for 25 years. She was the appliance salesperson until her retirement.

When JoAnn and John moved to the Wapato area they joined Hope Lutheran Church and when they moved in 1992 to the Selah area they transferred membership to Peace Lutheran. While at Hope Lutheran, JoAnn taught Sunday School, confirmation classes, and was an active member of LWML. At Peace she was also involved in the quilting activities and a very willing volunteer in many projects such as summer VBS.

JoAnn and John have three children—Byron, Lynn and Betsy, and currently have eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She loves to rock the dog in the rocking chair, make towels for church bazaars, and help with quilting. She purchased some of Peace member Eileen Bartkus's paintings for herself and others. She also loves to tease Pastor Griesse.

JoAnn and John has been married for 63 years when John passed away in April, 2017. JoAnn still resides in her home in East Selah but is limited in her activity due to health concerns. She said she misses attending worship services and the members of Peace.



# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

## Bible Study Material

Mark Brighton

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Wednesdays begining September 11, 2019  
@Bethlehem Lutheran 11am  
@Peace Lutheran 6:30 pm

### **Preface**

This Bible study is designed to highlight the major points of Revelation in eight weeks. I encourage you, the participant, to maximize your learning by working through the study questions for each week prior to coming to class. These questions are not designed as a test of your knowledge and should not be treated as such. Instead, they are provided to help you begin to ask important questions about the interpretation and contents of Revelation. We will focus on each of these questions when we gather together.

You will also find questions for personal reflection at the end of each session. They are open ended questions which have no right or wrong answers and are designed to help you meditate and pray about how the contents of Revelation apply to your life. I encourage you to bring your insights to class to share with others.

There is perhaps no more misunderstood book of the Bible than Revelation. Yet it has a clear message for all who would devote themselves to its pages. May God bless our study of His Word!



## Hope and Healing

*How the Lord Comforted a Ugandan Man's Heart and Restored His Marriage*

**U**GANDA IS A LANDLOCKED COUNTRY located in eastern Africa. The country gained its independence from Britain in 1962. Today, 40 million people live there.

Known for their gentle, easygoing nature, 56 ethnic groups make up the Ugandan people. You can find this rich cultural blend in their attire, food, and cultural festivals. Most people get around by bicycle.

While Christianity is the majority religion, Islam is also on the rise, particularly in the east.

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM—Uganda) carries Christ's love and hope to those in need—people like Mpagi.

### Mpagi's Broken Heart

Mpagi is 32 years old. He lives in Kampala, where he works as a security guard. He sensed something awry with his wife, so he searched for answers. What he discovered devastated him.

His wife had had an affair.

When Mpagi confronted her about her unfaithfulness, they decided to separate. She moved in with a friend. Yet Mpagi's heart continued to break. He still loved her. As his sadness grew, he wondered if *he* was to blame.

"I judged myself harshly, thinking that my poor financial status must have caused her unfaithfulness," Mpagi says. "It was at this time I contemplated suicide."

That's when he heard LHM—Uganda's weekly radio broadcast for the first time.

### Restoration Begins

Besides Christian teaching, drama is another important facet of our radio program. These segments explore issues that ordinary people face. For Mpagi, the content struck close to home.

"As I followed the events in the drama, it seemed like my entire marriage life was being replayed before me," he says.

Mpagi tuned in weekly. He never missed an episode. And as he listened to the simple presentation of the Gospel, the Lord ministered to his heart. In time, he felt a desire to forgive his wife.

Little did he know, the Lord was working on her heart, too. Mpagi didn't need to go to her. She came to him. The two reconciled. The Lord restored their marriage.

Mpagi also requested our Bible Correspondence Courses to help him grow in faith. He continues to listen to our broadcast today. When he returns home, he discusses the things he'd heard that day.

"My hope in life was restored," he says.

LHM has served in Uganda for 23 years. Our weekly radio program proclaims the Gospel to non-Christians and encourages believers. Film showings, musical performances, and live dramas are also popular outreach venues among Ugandans. In impoverished, marginalized areas, we distribute food, clothing, and healthcare items.

Uganda has one of the world's highest rates of HIV/AIDS. Civil war has also taken its toll over the years. As a result, almost half the population is *younger than 15 years old*. We air a Q&A radio program to reach them. In addition, our peer-to-peer program trains youth to lead programs in local schools and help those close in age to make godly decisions.

Listen in to the Lutheran Hour Sundays:

91.5 FM at 7:00 a.m.

93.0 AM at 8:00 a.m.