



Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

February 2015

**Peace Lutheran
Church**

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9:00 - 12:00

Tues - Wed. - Bethlehem
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Dear Friends and Members,



Ash Wednesday (February 18) begins the penitential season of Lent: forty days (not including Sundays) of reflection and sorrow over our sin and its consequences. During this time, we also meditate on what Jesus Christ suffered for us because of our sins and what his perfect obedience to the Father, even unto death on the cross, brings for us.

Around the sixth century AD, seven psalms were designated as the Penitential Psalms. These psalms were especially used during the penitential season of Lent. We will use these seven psalms as the basis for our midweek Lenten meditations, beginning with the first of these, Psalm 6. Because of the great misunderstanding regarding the nature of penitence at his time, Martin Luther wrote a commentary on the seven Penitential Psalms already in 1517, at the very beginning of the Reformation, so that people would understand the nature of true penitence. We'll refer to what Luther wrote now and then throughout our midweek meditations in order to help us better understand penitence, beginning with the question -- What Is It to Be Penitent?

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES Psalms of the Penitent

February 18	Ash Wednesday:	What It Is to Be Penitent	Psalm 6
February 25	Lenten Midweek 2:	Blessed Are the Penitent	Psalm 32
March 4	Lenten Midweek 3:	The Disposition of the Penitent	Psalm 38
March 11	Lenten Midweek 4:	The Penitent Prays for a Purified Heart	Psalm 51
March 18	Lenten Midweek 5:	The Afflicted Penitent Hopes in the Lord	Psalm 102
March 25	Lenten Midweek 6:	The Penitent Waits Patiently on the Lord	Psalm 130
April 2	Maundy Thursday:	The Penitent Thirsts for the Lord	Psalm 143
April 3	Good Friday:	Our Lord Did This for You!	Psalm 22

Services at Bethlehem will be during the noon hour beginning at 12:10 pm.

Peace Lutheran will have a 6pm Soup & Sandwich supper followed by a 6:45pm Devotion.

It is our hope that this devotional time will be meaningful for you and your family as you prepare for that most glorious event -- THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

- - Pastor Griesse

OWLS February Lunch



The O.W.L.S. will meet for their February luncheon on Friday, February 13th at **11:30 a.m.** at **River Ridge (Selah).**

We will need a headcount so please let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend the luncheon. You can call her at **697-4543** or email her at shotwell@elltel.com.

Men's Prayer Breakfast



The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Howard Johnson Plaza (9 North 9th St, Yakima) on

Saturday, February 21st at 8:00 a.m. Please join us.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is in need of volunteers to help care for the altar. Volunteers will be trained in their duties. If you are interested, please speak with one of the Altar Guild members: Crystal West, Sara Bicsak, Judy Jacobson, or Leota Lewis.

Offering Envelopes

Don't forget to pick up your 2015 offering envelopes. They are available in the Fellowship Hall.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Just as reminder: If you participate in the Thrivent Choice Dollars program, it's time once again to designate where you would like your Choice Dollars to go. Even if there are no changes, you still need to contact Thrivent each quarter and let them know.

Baby Bottle Campaign



Life Choices of Yakima has started their yearly Baby Bottle Campaign! There are still a few empty baby bottles in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to participate in the campaign, just take a baby bottle home and over the next several weeks, fill it with your loose change (bills and checks work great too!) The change provided from the Baby Bottle Campaign helps provide clients with life-affirming services free of charge - pregnancy tests, early ultrasounds, options counseling, practical support, and more. Please consider taking a baby bottle home and supporting Life Choices of Yakima.

Your small change could make BIG changes in someone's life.

Recycling Schedule Change

There has been a change in the recycling schedule. JoAnn Adams would like to start collecting recycling materials on the 2nd Sunday of the month instead of the 1st Sunday. It's easier for her to deliver the materials that second week. If you have old newspapers lying around the house bring them to church the second Sunday of the month and load them in JoAnn's car. The proceeds go to Feeding the 5000.

Name Tag

If you are new to Peace and need a name tag (or an established member who has misplaced theirs) please let Kara Mantey or Tammy Peterson know so one can be made for you.

Valentine Potluck Brunch

On Sunday, February 15th we will be having a Valentine Potluck Brunch in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. (Watch for food sign-up sheet on a table in the Fellowship Hall). We will be taking donations at the brunch to help replenish the Love Fund here at Peace, so even if you can't stay for the good food and fellowship please consider donating to this important fund.



Bunko Party for Feeding 5000

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church will be having a Bunko party for Feeding 5000 on Friday, Feb. 6th at 7 p.m. Join them for an enjoyable evening out with the family. (There will be a suggested donation of \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 for a family. All proceeds will benefit Feeding 5000 packaging day which is scheduled for April 18th.

Email from the Selah School District

We received the following email from Sasha Valdez of the Selah School District:

Sorry this is so late ... but I just wanted to thank your church for adopting families during the holiday season. I greatly appreciate all that you guys do for families in the Selah School District. Thank you for your hard work, time, and money you invested in these families. It is always a pleasure to work with you.

I hope you had a great holiday season! Thank you again, and I look forward to working with you next year.

Thank you,
Sasha Valdez

An Early Look at Lent and Easter Worship Schedules

Ash Wednesday, February 18th

(Bethlehem: 12:10 Devotions)

Peace: 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:45 p.m. Devotions

Midweek Lent Services February 25th—March 25th

(Bethlehem: 12:10 Devotions)

Peace: 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:45 p.m. Devotions

Maundy Thursday April 2nd

7:00 p.m. **Worship at Bethlehem** for both churches

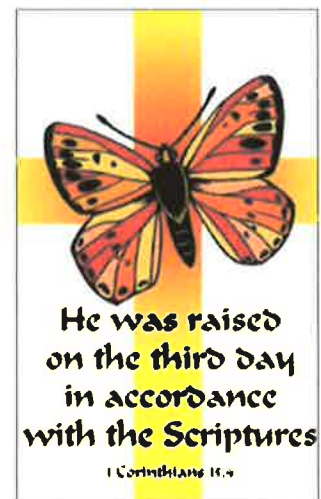
Good Friday April 3rd

7:00 p.m. **Worship at Peace** for both churches

Easter April 5th

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

9:30 a.m. Worship II



Mail Boxes - Please remember to check your church mailbox in the outer church office.

LCEF provides opportunity

Lutheran Church Extension Fund provides great opportunities to all ages. Consider the following as to which may suit unique needs. For further information contact Northwest District LCEF Marketing Director Susan Olson at 1-888-693-5267 or Rev. Laurence Meyer, Inland Empire Advocate 1-509-582-5368.



ConnectPlus

ConnectPlus investment opportunity is to new investors. With a \$500 minimum investment it pays 3% interest on the first \$5,000 two-year term note and gives a second-tier rate on the balance. Each new ConnectPLUS investor in the Northwest District-LCMS prior to June 1, 2015 will be entered into a monthly drawing

January-June, 2015. If the investor's name is drawn, LCEF will gift \$100 to a ministry of investor's choice in their congregation.

PartnerPLUS

PartnerPLUS gives existing investors opportunity to invest new money (no transfers from other LCEF investments) for 2% on two-year investments and 2.5% on four-year fixed rate notes with minimum investment of \$500. Balance over \$25,000 earns a second-tier rate of 1%. IRAs are allowed.



Take Heart Scholarship

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The first annual LCEF Take Heart Scholarship is for Young Investors World Changers who are high school seniors and plan to attend college. Three seniors will be awarded \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500 as they enter college. Seniors must complete and return the application and required essay by March 2, 2015. Find what you need to apply at <http://lcef.org/scholarship/index.cfm>

LCMS Credit Union approved

After almost three years of work and collaboration with partnering agencies and individuals, LCEF announces the the National Credit Union Administration has granted a charter for the launch of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod focused credit union. The approved name is Lutheran Federal Credit Union (LFCU) with offices at 10733 Sunset Office Drive, Suite 460; St. Louis, MO 63127.



The approved field of membership is to include the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; associated districts, congregations and schools and their members, LCMS agencies, employees and their families.

It will be a totally separate entity from the LCMS and LCEF with its own governing Board of Directors. LCEF's role has been to provide organizational assistance and start-up capital to bring this new entity to fruition.

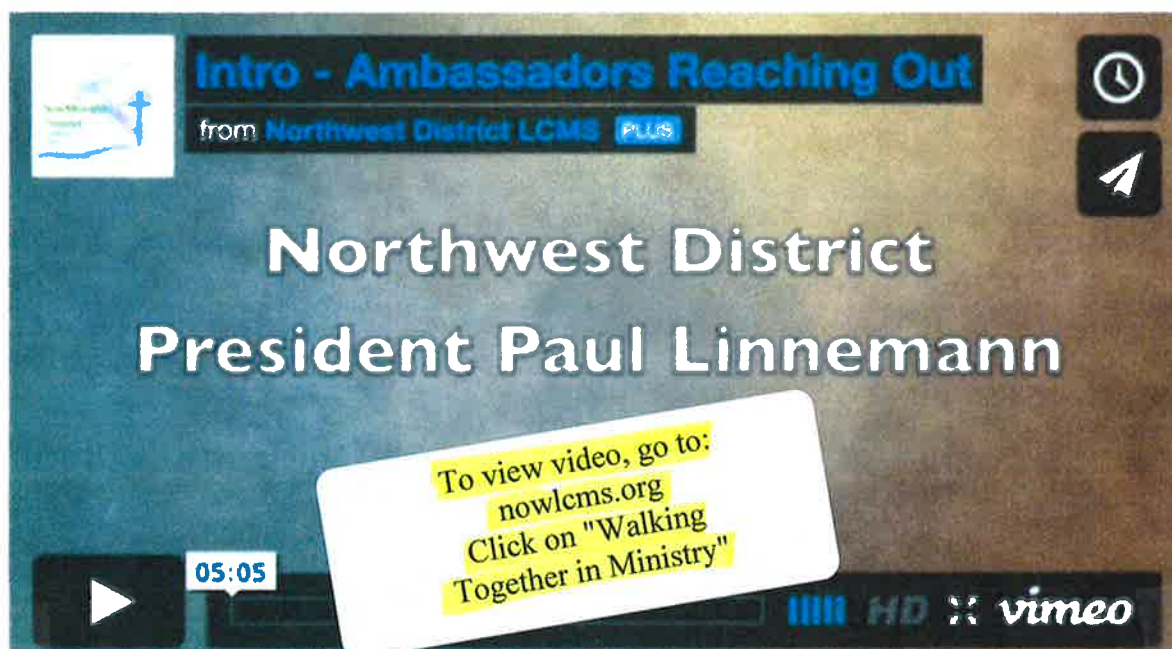
LFCU will serve the transactional banking needs of nearly three million prospective members through a broad array of deposit and lending products with state-of-the-art technology, providing responsive and exceptional customer service. Watch for further announcements.

Walking Together in Ministry

From District President Paul Linnemann

As we travel around the District and interface with many different people and ministries, the members of the NOW District Executive Staff are regularly asked the question, ***"What does the District do for us and what can we expect?"*** In an effort to answer these questions, the staff and I have made a series of short videos describing some ways in which we can walk with you and help you in your ministry.

We have begun the release of these videos on the District website beginning with the President's Office (available now - click on the photo below to go to the videos). In the coming weeks we will release videos for the Education Department and conclude with videos for LCEF and our District-Office Operations. They will remain available for your use within your ministry context.



It is our intent that these videos will provide you with some answers and help to stimulate your thinking as to what God is calling you toward in your area of ministry. We see this as a way to start an important conversation with you. Please take a few minutes to watch them.