



# Messenger of Peace

*"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"*

March 2015

**Peace Lutheran  
Church**

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**Pastor  
Mark Griesse**

**Office Hours**  
9:00 - 12:00

Mon & Thu - Peace  
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Afternoons by Appointment

**Secretary  
Tammy Peterson**  
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Mon-Fri

**Sunday Worship**  
9:00 AM

**Sunday Adult  
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10:30 AM

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Dear Friends in Christ.

We are in the middle of the Lenten Season, observing the passion and suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a forgotten season in much of American Christianity today. Folks want to have joyful celebrations, uplifting praise-filled worship, events filled with happiness and who can blame them. As Lutheran Christians we also greatly enjoy the joy of Christmas, the Victory of Easter as God overcomes sin death and the power of Satan for us, and we as his people receive salvation, hope, and blessing upon blessing.

Lent is the season that reminds us where we came from. It is a season that is a reality check in our worship life with God. It is a season that reminds us that we do indeed suffer illness, despair, depression, and the consequences of other people's sin as well as our own. It is an introspective time.

Luther in his small catechism developed some questions to help prepare us for the joy of receiving the body and blood of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar. He wanted us to know who we were and what we are doing when we go to meet Jesus in this special event. Some of his questions are:

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

How do you know this?

Do you hope to be saved?

In whom then do you trust?

What has Christ done for you that you trust him?

What are the words of institution?

Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

Luther does this so that when we go to the sacrament we are aware of what is being given and what is received in the blessed event. As we prepare our hearts and minds, confessing our sinfulness and our need for a Savior before coming to meet Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar, so Lent is a time of repentance, introspection, and confession preparing us for the joyful victory we celebrate at Easter.

The Law shows us our need, our inadequacy, and that our lives are not what God intended them to be. The Gospel brings us the forgiveness and victory won by Christ for us. We have truly been set free from the consequences of our sin, we have full and free forgiveness in Christ and the resurrection is the proof of it all. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Mark Griesse



The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, March 21st at 8:00 a.m.** at Howard Johnson Plaza (9 North 9th St, Yakima). All Lutheran men **and women** are invited. Please join us.

- There will be a **Council Meeting** on Monday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. All Board Chairmen are asked to attend.
- We are working on scheduling the **2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest/Thrivent food distribution** dates at Peace. Watch for more information.

### Baby Bottle Campaign

Thank you to everyone who participated in Life Choices of Yakima's Baby Bottle Campaign this year. Your donations will help provide services such as pregnancy tests, early ultrasounds, options counseling, practical support and more, all free of charge.

### O.W.L.S.

The O.W.L.S. will meet for a Potluck Lunch on **Friday, March 13th at 11:30 a.m.** at Peace.

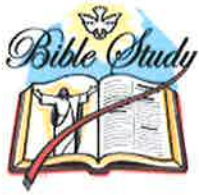


During the winter some of the women of Peace have been knitting and/or crocheting baby, children and adult hats for missions. The collection date for the hats has been set for March 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate in this mission project, just knit or crochet a hat(s) and bring to church by the deadline. These hats will be distributed to Yakima's Life Choices, Orphan Grain Train, and a medical mission team traveling to South America. Thank you to everyone participating in this mission project.

### Membership Updates

Transferred out: Abiut & Dora Fajardo to Oklahoma City, OK  
Mary Ackerman to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

Transferred in: Carmen Lowrie from Mt. Olive Lutheran Church



The **Sunday Adult Bible Study** has resumed. Class starts at approximately 10:30. Steve Sinclair is leading the class.

The **Women's Lenten Bible Study** has also resumed. They meet each Wednesday morning at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Yvonne Griesse is leading class participants through a time of Bible readings and prayer designed to focus our reflections on the Spirit of Lent. These devotional thoughts will harmonize with the Lenten services which began on Ash Wednesday. Please join us!

**Four members of Peace Lutheran Church are being commissioned as Stephen Ministers on Sunday, March 15th during the worship service. Sara Bicsak, Alexis Pitcher, Cameren Menzel and Carmen Lowrie have undergone extensive training to develop and nurture their caring skills. They join our current Stephen Ministers who are working with people who are experiencing many different kinds of crises and struggles in their lives. Congratulations ladies!**



**Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8th. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night!**

## Lent and Holy Week Worship Schedule

### 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  
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Worship II





## Go Behind the Scenes in Mexico!

Dear Project Leader,

Thank you so much for your partnership with Operation Christmas Child. We are grateful for the opportunity to work together in spreading the love of Christ through the power of simple shoebox gifts. Your service was crucial in the collection of more than 10.4 million gift-filled shoeboxes in 2014.

The message of the Gospel is being shared as these gifts are being delivered all over the world. We were on the ground in Mexico last week, and as an expression of our appreciation, we invite you to experience the excitement of distributions there and in Panama through exclusive behind-the-scenes content.

**View here:** [Delivering Joy in Mexico and Panama](#)

**Password:** ThanksProjectLeader

God is working through these simple gifts to inspire pastors, plant churches, and encourage children to share the Gospel with friends and family. Your partnership is helping make an eternal impact.

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the Gospel"*

(Philippians 1:3-5 ESV)





**APRIL 18TH**

**MT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**FEEDING**

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**MEALS**

**Meals go to  
Sierra Leone, Uganda,  
Malawi, Dominican Republic  
&  
Haiti**

**WAYS TO HELP**

**Pasta Feed & Dessert  
Auction  
March 8th  
5-8pm  
Mt Olive Lutheran**

**OR**

**Recycling at  
Central WA Recycling  
Designate for  
"Feeding 5000"  
Bring: newspapers,  
magazines, catalogs,  
phone books, aluminum  
cans**

**OR**

**Donate to "Feeding  
5000" through Mt  
Olive Lutheran Church**

**VOLUNTEER  
TO PACKAGE  
9-11:30am  
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