#### PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Messenger of Peace

Dear Members and Friends,

Today we sent the call documents to our pastor elect Matthew Warmbier. It took our call committee a little bit of effort to gather information about our schools and community, our congregations individually and together. We sent copies of our bulletins, newsletters, constitution as well as descriptions of our facilities and challenges we face in the community. There are many advantages to living in the Valley and many opportunities of recreation and enrichment. We appreciate the work the call committee has put forth to get us to this point.

Ultimately, we are calling a pastor to speak the Word of God to us and administer the sacraments and forgive our sins. Luther says in the small catechism "Where there is forgiveness of sins there also is life and salvation."

Please pray for Pastor Warmbier, his wife Halle, and children Henry and Rachel as they consider the call to serve our congregations here in Selah and Yakima. They will need you to get involved in bringing people to church if we are to grow.

We need to understand that Matthew now has two Divine calls. He still has the call to serve his current church and now he also has a call to serve our churches in the Valley. We pray that the Lord would lead him in his deliberations as he seeks to follow the path that God has laid out for him.

**Pastor Griesse** 

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### Pastoral Call Update...

At a joint Call Service on July 18<sup>th</sup>, the congregations of Bethlehem and Peace elected to issue a call to Pastor Matthew Warmbier, of Graham, WA. The necessary packet of information was submitted to Pastor Warmbier, and we now wait to receive his acceptance or declination. We ask that you lift Pastor Warmbier up in prayer as he considers this Call.

## Men's Night Out...

Men's Night Out is scheduled for Monday, August 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Tailgaters in Selah. Peace men and a guest are invited to gather for good fellowship and good food. If you have any questions contact Ralph Miles.





## Western Days are Coming...

We are having Western Days this year! We didn't get to have it last year due to Covid, but this year get your cowboy hat and boots ready. The event will be held on **Sunday, August 29th, at 12:30 p.m.** Harlan & Mary Lyso have offered to host it at their house again. Watch in the bulletins and the church webpage for more information!

## **Update on Worship Services...**

The requirement for calling the church to register for Worship Services has been lifted. You no longer need to call ahead. Peace offers a morning Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. We offer communion on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

### **Roof Fund Drive...**

Thank you to all who have donated to the Roof Fund. So far we have received \$9,665.00 in donations. If you would like to donate to the roof replacement project, mark your check "Roof Fund" and place in the plate with your offering, or drop it by the church office.

## Haiti Mission Update...

Greetings,

"The Lord is a refuge to His people..." (Joel 3:16b). Praise God for assuring us that He is, indeed, our "Refuge."

We deal with a variety of challenges in life that cause instability in our world, and through it all, God is with us, offering forgiveness, love, and His grace.

The people in Haiti have been impacted with the challenge of the assassination of their President Jovenel Moise. It occurred early Wednesday, July 7th. When we were in Haiti on the mission trip in May, there were concerns about elections, most notably the lack of elections that should have taken place. When I talked with Rev. Daniel Paul recently, he commented, "He (President Moise) knew that this could happen at any time. He had threats against him." Let us pray for some noble people to rise to pursue effective leadership for the country of Haiti. Let us also pray for President Moise's wife who was wounded when he was attacked.

Rev. Paul reported that the ministry is striving to make good use of resources as they add the final three rooms to the school in preparation for the next school year. We are thankful for steadfast stewardship and continual efforts to impact the people of his ministry with the Word of God, which will raise up noble Christians in Haiti. Praise be to God! We rejoice that we have this opportunity for positive impact.

God's peace, Rev. Sam Wiseman www.nehlm.org

Photos of construction projects at the school complex





### The Life and Times of Ida Wilson

Ida Mae Henning was born in 1932, and lived most of her life in the Yakima-Selah area. She is one of seven girls and three boys born in the family. She said that only four girls and one boy are still living.



She has a German background and probably Irish heritage. She thinks her grandfather came from Germany. However, she doesn't know much of the ancestry past, as it was never a topic of family conversations.

She attended a nearby Covenant Church when she was younger and was able to walk to the church for Sunday School and other activities. She also attended Grace Lutheran Church in Yakima some years ago as she especially loved the Bible classes taught by Marlene Juderland who was also a former member of Peace.

She was married to Loren Wilson in 1951. The marriage lasted for 54 years. Her husband was a bricklayer initially, and later established a construction business. He was quite busy during much of the year, but on a couple of occasions, when employment was off during the winter, they traveled to California for work. Another time they traveled to Western Washington. Other than their travels, they resided primarily in the Selah area.

They were blessed with five children: Douglas, Diane, David, Debby, and Lori. Lori was married at the end of June. Most of the family was present for a "family reunion" and to attend the wedding. Other family weddings and family events have since taken place or are planned for this summer.

Ida's husband died sixteen years ago. At that time they were attending the Covenant Church. It was friends like her sister-in-law, Lillian Wilson, and Pat Smeback, who invited her to come to Peace. That was eighteen years ago, and Ida said it was a very pleasant move and found the family of Peace very welcoming.

While at Peace, Ida assisted in the kitchen crew for many of the social dinners, and was part of the quilters for a time. Due to some medical issues, however, she has had to withdraw from some of these activities. She said she misses the members of Peace, but felt she had to stay home due to the Covid situation this past year. Due to her medical issues she is very cautious and does not allow herself to attend many functions anymore. For this she is sorry, but still values her church family of Peace Lutheran.

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