



# Messenger of Peace

*"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"*

July 2015

**Peace Lutheran  
Church**

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Tues - Wed. - Bethlehem  
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**Secretary  
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Dear Members and Friends,



This Summer the lessons from July 12 through August 30 are from the book of Ephesians. I thought it might be helpful if I concentrated on this book in my Sunday Sermons. It is the Season of Pentecost - a season of growing in the Spirit that was given on Pentecost. Paul wants the Christians in the churches that he began to grow in their faith and service to the Lord. The Book of Ephesians is a blueprint for that. It was originally a circular letter that was intended to be passed from church to church.

In the Scripture readings for the Sunday in July and August the Epistle is taken from the book of Ephesians. The Sermon Topics will be as follows:

July 12	Eph 1:3-14	Solving the Mystery
July 19	Eph 2:11-22	One New Humanity In Christ
July 26	Eph 3:14-21	Willing and Able
Aug 2	Eph 4:1-16	Called to Unity
Aug 9	Eph 4:17 - 5:2	Teaching Children to Get Along
Aug 16	Eph 5:6-21	Children Walking in the Light
Aug 23	Eph 5:22-33	Marriages Restored by Love
Aug 30	Eph 6:10-20	We're at War

Perhaps in your Bible reading this summer you can read through the Book of Ephesians then join us for this series as we all seek to grow in our worship, understanding, fellowship, and service within the church.

Pastor Griesse

## O.W.L.S. July Potluck BBQ

OWLS will meet for a potluck lunch at Steve & Marcia Shotwell's house on Friday, July 17th at 11:30. If you plan to attend, please let Marcia know so they will know how many burgers to cook! (697-4543 or [shotwell@elltel.net](mailto:shotwell@elltel.net)).



## Vacation Bible School

Bethlehem Lutheran will have Vacation Bible School July 7th - 9th, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. If you know of any children that may like to attend just give Bethlehem a call, 457-5822. They would also appreciate anyone who would like to volunteer to help with V.B.S.



## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Griesse will be on vacation July 6th - 16th. If you need pastoral assistance during his absence, we have Lay Ministers who can assist you. Call the church office during office hours for contact information if needed.

## It's A Girl !

Congratulations to Jared & Justine (Sinclair) Yoakum on the birth of their baby girl, Olivia. She was born June 13th and weighed 8 lbs.12oz.



## Stephen Ministry Supervision

Due to Pastor Griesse being on vacation, the Stephen Ministry Supervision group will meet on July 20th at 6:30.

## Council Meeting

There will be a Council Meeting on Monday, July 27th at 7:00

## Saturday Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Saturday Men's Prayer Breakfasts are on hiatus for the summer. However, you can still attend the Wednesday morning Men's Breakfast with Bethlehem. They meet at Denny's in Union Gap at 7:00 a.m.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

## Thank You Volunteers!



On June 16th the Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank was at Peace. Even though it was 92 degrees, we were still blessed with 32 volunteers who helped distribute 5,344 pounds of perishable food and bags of personal items to 174 families.

Only because we have such wonderful volunteers is this event possible. Thank you for all your assistance. The Mobile Food Bank will be at peace again on October 6th.

## Baptism

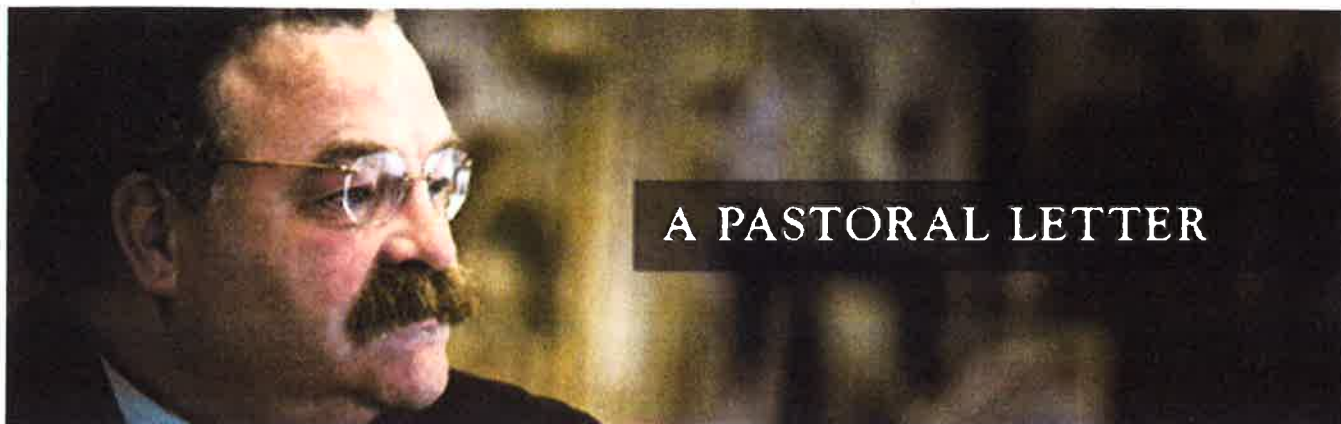
Kade William Groth was baptized on Sunday, July 5th during the worship service. Kade is the son of Nicholas & Teasha Groth



## Church Lawn

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to mow the church lawn so far this season! If you haven't signed up for a mowing date yet, please consider it.





## **President Harrison offers words of comfort, hope regarding South Carolina shootings**

Another brutal and senseless killing spree by a crazed gunman, motivated by racial hatred, sends our thoughts swirling between despair and numbness. Why were these nine Christians martyred as they were taking in the life-giving Word of God in Christian Bible study? We know and are too often reminded that there is horrid evil in this world, and an “evil one” who bedevils the minds of such killers. Jesus said it would be so (John 17:15).

As the world devolves around us from insanity to insanity, I’m reminded of the statement of John Adams that “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” Nowhere is that more true than in the case of the Second Amendment. As both religion and morality are on steep decline among us, we can only expect more of this insanity by individuals unhinged from the safety of families and a society normed by natural law and influenced by the genuine teaching of the Bible. “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31).

No truth of the New Testament is so loudly stated by Jesus than that the Triune God is the creator of all people (Matt. 19:4); that God loves all (John 3:16); that all are equally indebted to God and valuable to Him (2 Cor. 5:14–15; John 8:12). Racism is a fundamental denial of the Word of God (cf. Acts 2:5ff.; Matt. 15:21ff.) and natural law. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal” (Declaration of Independence). The denial of human rights, maltreatment of persons due to race, including the forbidding of the right for a man and a woman to marry without regard to race, is contrary to natural and divinely revealed law (Holy Scripture). It also contradicts the universality of the truth of the Gospel of Christ, who died for all (Romans 3:9–10, 19; 2 Cor. 5:19).

We mourn the loss of these dear Christians and pray for their loved ones. May they be consoled by “the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting,” and the picture of heaven painted by St. John in Revelation of “a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands” (Revelation 7:9).

We reject racism and racially motivated hatred in all its forms. We repent where we have fallen short, and we pray for strength to stand for what is good and right and true. We pray for the perpetrator and his family, even as we demand the swift execution of justice.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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