



Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

September 2015



**Peace Lutheran
Church**

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9:00 - 12:00

Tues - Wed. - Bethlehem
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Afternoons by Appointment

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Mon.-Fri.

Sunday Worship
9:00 AM

**Sunday Adult
Bible Class**
10:30 AM

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Dear Members and Friends,

As I write this month's article the hot news is the presidential primaries and the candidates vying for your attention and your vote. The press is eagerly vetting the candidates parading their shortcomings (sins) before us in a never ending litany, hanging on every word and deciding whether what they say is politically correct or not. It is great political fun if you are into that sort of thing.

- Hillary has dynasty, e-mail and national security issues
- Bernie might be a closet communist
- Donald has trouble with women and doesn't think before he talks
- Jeb is a Bush, and has a few skeletons in his closet as well.

Well it would be easy to go on with this list, but you get the point.

What seems clear in all this is that the candidates for President of the United States have all been caught in sin, one way or another. Some apologize others don't, justifying themselves and their behavior. It is unclear whether they apologized because they are truly remorseful, or because they are forced to because they were caught. The question facing the American people is what do we do now?

- * Do we forgive them and vote for them. Saying in Jesus words to the woman caught in adultery "Go and sin no more?"
- * Do we expect our government officials and leaders to exhibit a moral standard of behavior that is above that of the ordinary citizen?
- * Would you be fired from your job if you did the same things?

We want to look up to our leaders and it disappoints us a great deal when they are caught up in scandal. (Read 2 Samuel chapters 11-19) Notice how David's sin affected not only himself, but his family, his kingdom, the armed forces, in short the whole nation of Israel. David repented of

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his sin (Read Psalm 51). Even though God forgave David for his sin the consequences of his sin were played out in a national arena.

As this year progresses and the sins or perceived sins of the candidates are played out in the national arena we are reminded again that our own sins are never really just personal. When we sin it affects our relationships, our families, our jobs. There are always consequences to sin. While those consequences may seem severe at times, the good news is that God does truly forgive us. He wants us to come to him for forgiveness. We come every Sunday to church to receive the forgiveness of sins that we might be restored to the right relationship with God and with our fellow human beings. We pray that God would ease the pain of our sins not just on us, but on those who have been affected by our sins. As God has forgiven and restored us, we as God's children extend that forgiveness to others.

We pray that God would give us the courage and wisdom as a nation to deal forthrightly with our politicians, remembering that we too are sinners in need of God's forgiveness and love. May we learn from this as a nation that we cannot ignore the will and laws of God. When that happens destruction and chaos are the results.

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:5-10)

- - Pastor Mark Griesse

Church Cleaning



Thank you to everyone who has helped clean the church! It will be a couple more months before John (our janitor) is able to resume cleaning. There is a calendar on the bulletin board to sign up to clean.

Just pick a week and write your name. (We ask that you clean as close to Sunday as possible so the church will be nice and clean for Sunday worship.)

I Have Good News For You

A Wednesday Bible Study class will begin September 9th. Pastor Griesse will be leading a class at Bethlehem Lutheran at 11:00 a.m. and at Peace Lutheran at 6:30 p.m. The class is titled "I Have Good News for You". Come join our study of God's Word.



Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.



Stephen Ministry Supervision Class

The September Stephen Minister Supervision class will be Monday, September 21. This is a week later than normal due to having a guest speaker that evening.

Stephen Ministry



We are looking for people to become Stephen Ministers! A new Stephen Ministry class will be offered in January.

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

What are Stephen Ministers? Stephen Ministers are Christian lay people who have gone through training to develop and nurture their caring skills. They are not counselors or therapists; instead, they are caring Christian friends who can offer a listening ear to help others through the tough times in life. This could include a hospitalization, the death of a loved one, separated or divorcing, homebound, the loss of a job, adjusting to the birth of a child, or some other life changing situation. Stephen Ministers are there to listen and care in a loving, Christian manner.

If you would like to participate in the upcoming Stephen Minister training class, let Pastor Griesse or Tammy Peterson know you are interested.

Lutheran Hour Ministries

Lutheran Hour Ministries is having a Regional Outreach Conference at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Federal Way, on September 25 & 26. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for more information or go online to LHM.ORG/ROC.



Thank You, Lyso's!



A big thank you to Harlan & Mary Lyso for hosting our Western Days celebration. It was a great kick-off to the activities and events in the upcoming year.

Pastor at Retreat

Pastor Griesse will be out of town September 14-16 attending the Circuit Visitor Retreat in Portland. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, contact a Lay Minister. (You can call the church office for contact information.)



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Central Washington Fires Update

Hope Lutheran Church in Tonasket, WA is accepting monetary donations for fire victim assistance. Please send your personal check, cashier's check or money order to:

Hope Lutheran Church
Memo line: Fire Victims
PO Box 607
Tonasket, WA 98855



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