



# Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

October 2015

**Peace Lutheran  
Church**

91 Wernex Loop  
Selah, WA 98942  
Phone: 697-4353

**Pastor  
Mark Griesse**

**Office Hours**

9:00 - 12:00

Tues - Wed. - Bethlehem  
Mon.-Thu. - Peace  
Afternoons by Appointment

**Secretary**

**Tammy Peterson**

9:00 - 1:00

Mon.-Fri.

**Sunday Worship**

9:00 AM

**Sunday Adult  
Bible Class**

10:30 AM

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Dear Members and Friends,

I have heard people say that when they come to Peace Lutheran Church they are welcomed and feel the support and strength of others who surround them with their love. At least I have heard that from the people who have stuck with us after visiting our church. It is a telling comment and instructive when we talk about growing in faith as well as in numbers.

When we believe and act as if Peace Lutheran Church is an active happening place, where people are cared for, programs are offered for the good of all, and the Word of God is proclaimed, then chances are good that those things will happen. On the other hand, if working and serving the church and its people becomes a chore, then that drains one of energy, then that attitude will show through as well.

People who are looking for a church home are looking for those people who are excited about the Lord and want to use their gifts and talents to serve him. Sometimes, we need to rest and be refilled with strength from God's Word. So I encourage you to take the time for Bible Study, Worship, and personal devotional time. Let God fill you with his Spirit, let his love for you invigorate and strengthen you. Then you will be able to serve him and your church with joy and that joy will be contagious and inviting for those around you.

St. Paul encourages us to have the mind of Christ: "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:5-13)

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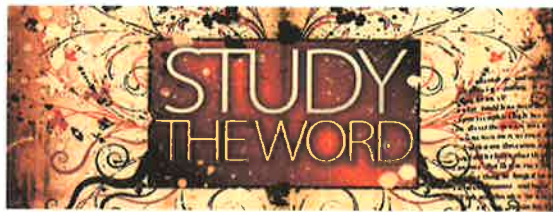
Take your strength and your attitude from God, and your life will be blessed. More than that, your church will be blessed, your family will be blessed, and you will truly be at peace.

In Jesus Name,  
Pastor Griesse

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A **Celebration of Life** for **Earl Reynolds** was held at Peace on Saturday, September 26th. Earl was a long-time member of Peace and will be greatly missed.



### Sunday Morning Bible Class

Steve Sinclair is leading a Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class. It starts at approximately 10:30. Topic of the class is "The Challenge of Islam". It presents an eye-opening perspective on Muslim beliefs, religious practices and social philosophy.

### Wednesday Bible Class

A Wednesday Bible Study class has begun. Pastor Griesse is 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.



An informal **graveside Interment Service** for **Earl Bladow** will be held Saturday, October 3rd, 1:30 p.m., at Einan's at Sunset/Sunset Garden (915 Bypass Highway) in Richland.

## Sidewalk Improvements

As you all know, the sidewalk and patio outside the front of the church is in bad need of replacement. It has become a hazard for young and old alike. The Stewardship and Church Properties Boards would like to ask the Congregation of Peace for help in covering the costs of replacing the old sidewalk and patio with new concrete. If you would be willing to donate to this project please write "sidewalk project" on your donation and place in the offering plate. We are in the process of getting estimates from several companies, so once we receive these estimates we will have more information as to what the costs will be.

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## Quilting Season

This fall Peace Lutheran Quilters are making Christmas lap robes and baby quilts. The quilts are available to purchase for \$20.00 each and are on display in the fellowship hall. Early in November the lap robes will be given to our shut in's and also to care facilities. If you would like to purchase either a lap robe or baby quilt for a loved one, contact JoAnn Adams or Leota Lewis.



If you would like to assist with this project join us on Thursday at 9 a.m. Come for an hour or two or bring a lunch and join us for the day. New people are always welcome!



## Food Distribution Truck

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest/Thrivent Food Distribution truck will be at Peace Lutheran on **Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Noon-2:00**. We need volunteers to help distribute the food. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Volunteers need to be at the church at 11:00 to get things ready. If you have questions contact Joan Stocker.

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

Just a reminder that there is a Men's Prayer Breakfast every Wednesday morning at 7:00 at Denny's in Union Gap. Men from Bethlehem Lutheran and Peace Lutheran gather for Bible study, fellowship and breakfast. Why not join them?

**O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch on Friday, October 9th at 11:30 a.m. at Magic's in Selah. Following lunch the group is invited to Steve & Marcia's house to welcome Halloween "Shotwell Style"!**





A new Stephen Minister class is scheduled to begin January 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a 20-week class running weekly on Monday evenings through May. We need at least nine people to have a training class. Please pray about and consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

If you would like to participate in the upcoming Stephen Minister training class let Pastor Griesse know.

### Pastor Out of Office

Pastor Griesse will be attending the Inland Empire Pastors' Conference October 20-22. If you need pastoral care during his absence please contact a Lay Minister. Call the church office for contact information.

**Reminder: Please be sure to check your member mailboxes!**



### LETTERS TO PASTOR...

Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. *Stephen. Age 8, Chicago*

Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, *Arnold. Age 8, Nashville.*

Dear Pastor, Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, *Pete. Age 9, Phoenix*

Dear Pastor, My father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something. *Robert Anderson, age 11*

Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, *Patty. Age 10, New Haven*

Dear Pastor, Please pray for all the airline pilots. I am flying to California tomorrow. *Laurie. Age 10, New York City*

Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. *Ralph, Age 11, Akron*