



Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

November 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

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10:30 AM

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Dear Members and Friends,



Over the past decade or so we have seen our share of disasters. There was the World Trade Center disaster, the Tsunami in Japan, Hurricane Katrina, the ongoing drought in the west, the mudslide in Oso, WA, the floods in South Carolina, the school shootings that continue to confound us all. All this is truly evidence of sin, death and the power of the devil being played out year after year in our world.

At the same time you have witnessed the generosity and kindness of the American people who have come alongside those who are hurting, those who have lost all that they have in this world, those who grieve the loss of loved ones. You have seen their generosity well up in the millions of dollars raised in a short time for aid relief and we continue to marvel as the contributions of people keep coming.

To the Christian, however, this is not a marvel, it is a way of life; from its very roots, Christianity has sought to instill a spirit of generosity in its people. The root of this is in the giving of God to us his people. God gave himself, he sent his son Jesus to be our Savior. He sacrificed his life on a cross, that through faith in him we might be delivered from a world of sin, death and the power of Satan. We have been transformed. God's amazing gift to us has made us givers. With joy we share the bounty of God's gifts to us with others in need.

St Paul encouraged the believers at Corinth:

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. ⁵ And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. ⁶ So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. (2 Cor 8:1-7)

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This month we focus on the joy of giving. You will be receiving information from the Stewardship Committee as it seeks to aid you in helping your church grow. Please take the time to read over the material. Next month we will be setting a budget for the coming year. Your continued support of your church and its ministries is greatly appreciated. May God continue to give you his great blessings.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Griesse

Covenant Players

On **Sunday, November 8th**, the Covenant Players will be at Peace (and Bethlehem) to perform a chancel drama during the Worship Service.

What is Covenant Players? Covenant Players is an interdenominational Drama Ministry that performs anywhere, anytime and needs only a bit of space, a table or two, and a few chairs. Since 1963, Covenant Players has pioneered the modern use of live drama as a communications resource for the church. With over 3,000 plays in the Covenant Players' repertoire, they can bring a life-changing message of hope to any age group. A free-will offering will be taken.

The performers (1 guy/2 girls) will need a place to stay while they are here. If anyone would be willing to open their home to them, please let Pastor or Tammy know.

Voter's Meeting

There is a Voters' Meeting scheduled on **November 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** We will be reviewing and voting on the 2016 Budget. We will also be voting on nominations for Synod positions (President, 1st Vice President and Regional Vice President). We have been presented with three names that will be brought before the Voters at the meeting. If you have someone you would like to nominate for one of the above positions come to the Voters' Meeting and present your nomination.



Stephen Ministry

A new class to train people to become Stephen Ministers is scheduled to begin January 11th. This is a 20-week class running weekly on Monday evenings through May. We need at least nine people to have a training class. We ask that you consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Pray about it. If you feel God is leading you to this ministry and would like to attend this class to become a Stephen Minister please let Pastor Griesse know.

Peace Lutheran Quilters

The Peace Lutheran Quilters still have Christmas lap robes and baby quilts for sale. The cost is \$20 per quilt. If you would like to purchase either a lap robe or baby quilt for a loved one, contact JoAnn Adams or Leota Lewis.



Holly Jolly Bazaar

Our Lady of Lourdes in Selah will be holding their annual bazaar and bake sale on **Saturday, November 14th**. If anyone would like to make items to sell and/or help with Peace Lutheran's tables at the bazaar please contact Teri Sanchez.



A Trip to Germany in 2017

Is anyone interested in a planned trip to Germany in 2017? (Celebrate the 500 year anniversary of church reformation by Martin Luther.) There is a display on the back wall of the Fellowship Hall with all kinds of information regarding the trip. If you have any questions contact **Hilde Hibdon at 961-1793** or email her at **hilde_88@yahoo.com**.

Concert at Peace

Peace will be hosting a concert by Dave Anderson & Roger Walck on Friday, November 20th at 7:00. Join us for an evening of praise and worship as these men present a concert which includes gospel music, old-time Sunday school songs, contemporary Christian music and stories of God's grace and mercy. Come and bring friends for a great time of music and fellowship. (A free-will offering will be taken.)

O.W.L.S.

O.W.L.S. will have lunch on Friday, **November 13th at Gold Creek at 11:30**. If you would like to carpool be at the church at approx. 10:30-10:45.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service



There will be a joint Thanksgiving Eve worship service with Bethlehem Lutheran on **November 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Bethlehem**. (There is no service at Peace.)

Pledge Cards

You should have received a letter, brochure and Estimate of Giving Pledge Card in the mail. These cards help the Stewardship Board estimate what the giving will be in 2016, but more importantly they serve as your own written pledge to God. You are not making a commitment to the church, but rather to God. Please read through the brochure, fill out the Pledge Card, and return the Pledge Card to the church by **Pledge Sunday on November 22nd**.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed **Thursday and Friday, November 26th & 27th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday

November Recipe...

slice of heaven

A cupboard staple stars in this delightfully moist quick bread

Spiced Apple-Cinnamon Bread

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mist an 8½-by-5-inch loaf pan with **cooking spray** and dust with **flour**, then sprinkle bottom with 1 Tbsp packed **light brown sugar**. In a large bowl, whisk together 1 cup **unsweetened applesauce**, 1 cup packed light brown sugar, 4 Tbsp melted **unsalted butter**, 2 large **eggs**, and 1 tsp **vanilla**. In a separate medium bowl, whisk together 1 cup **all-purpose flour**, 1 tsp **baking soda**, ½ tsp **baking powder**, 2 tsp **cinnamon**, ½ tsp **nutmeg**, and ½ tsp **salt**; stir into applesauce mixture until just combined. Fold in 1 peeled, cored, and chopped **apple** and ½ cup **raisins**. Pour batter into prepared pan, and bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, about 1 hour 15 minutes. Cool 30 minutes on a wire rack; remove from pan.

PER SERVING: 200 cal, 38g carbs, 2g protein, 5g fat, 40mg chol, 240mg sodium, 1g fiber

