



# Messenger of Peace

*"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"*

February 2016



**Peace Lutheran  
Church**

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Tue & Wed - Bethlehem  
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Dear Members and Friends,

Easter is early this year, so that means that we begin Lent a few weeks early as well. During the Lenten season it is our custom to have soup and sandwich suppers at 6 p.m. followed by a devotion at 6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday is on February 10, and we will again begin the Lenten season with the imposition of ashes. It is a way for humbling ourselves before God and recognizing our need for a Savior from sin. This year we will focus on traditional customs of the Lenten season. The topics for our devotions are listed below.

I hope you will use this season to deepen your faith in Jesus. It makes the joy of Easter that much more joyous.

~~~ Pastor Griesse

## Customs of Lent

|              |                              |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| February 10: | Ashes—Genesis 3:19           |
| February 17: | Fasting—Matthew 6:16–18      |
| February 24: | Penitence—Psalm 51:10        |
| March 2:     | Foot Washing—John 13:3–15    |
| March 9:     | The Veil—1 Corinthians 13:12 |
| March 16:    | Palms—Philippians 2:10–11    |

## Wednesday Bible Study



Wednesday, February 3rd is the last Bible Study on the Augsburg Confession before we start the Lenten Season. (See article below for details on the Lenten Schedule.)

## LifeGate

Don't forget to check the back corner table in the Fellowship Hall for items from LifeGate that you may be able to use. New items are added about every two weeks.



Our Lenten schedule will begin on February 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have Soup & Sandwich Suppers at 6:00 p.m. with Devotions following at 6:45 p.m. The Maundy Thursday

Service will be at Peace and the Good Friday service will be at Bethlehem, both at 7 p.m. The food sign-up sheet for Soup & Sandwich Suppers is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

There is a **Voters' Meeting** Scheduled for **Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m.**  
All members are invited to attend.



## Mission Jar

The Fellowship Board thanks all who have donated their change to the Mission Jar on Sunday mornings. If you enjoy the coffee & goodies offered each Sunday morning, they're asking that you leave a penny, a nickel, a dime, or a quarter in the "Mission Jar". At the end of the year the change will be counted and given to a local charity. (Charity to be determined).

## Sunday Morning Class

Steve Sinclair is leading a video-based class on Sunday mornings about Martin Luther. Discussion follows the videos. The class starts at approximately 10:30 a.m.



## O.W.L.S. February Lunch

The O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at:

**River Ridge Restaurant**  
(Golf Course Road, Selah)

**Friday, February 12th at 11:30 a.m.**

The Barbershop Singers will perform for your entertainment. Please contact Marcia Shotwell at 697-4543 or email [shotwell@elltel.net](mailto:shotwell@elltel.net) if you plan to attend.



## New Member

On January 24th John Skogen was officially brought into Peace Lutheran's family by Confirmation of Faith. Welcome John!



LifeChoices of Yakima has kicked off its Baby Bottle Campaign for 2016. Peace Lutheran is once again participating in the campaign.

For those unfamiliar with the campaign, all you do is take an empty baby bottle home, fill it with your spare change, and when it is full return it to the church. There are still a few baby bottles left so if you would like to participate just pick one up at the church. Last year Peace Lutheran contributed just over \$400 to the campaign. The money raised during this fundraiser helps LifeChoices offer free services and support for those facing unplanned pregnancy. They offer free pregnancy tests, early ultrasound screening, classes, and more. *Your small change can make a big change in someone's life.*

## Where the Pills Go

HOW MANY of us can relate to this poem shared by Etta Cisco of Bradenton, Florida?

*A row of bottles on my shelf  
 Caused me to analyze myself.  
 One yellow pill I have to pop  
 Goes to my heart so it won't stop.  
 A little white one that I take  
 Goes to my hands so they won't shake.  
 The blue one that I use a lot  
 Tells me I'm happy when I'm not.  
 The purple pill goes to my brain  
 And tells me that I have no pain.  
 The capsule tells me not to wheeze  
 Or cough or sneeze.  
 The red one, smallest of them all,  
 Goes to my head so I won't fall.  
 Such an array of brilliant pills,  
 Helping cure all kinds of ills.  
 But what I'd really like to know  
 Is what tells each pill where to go!*



\*Contributed by Peace Member, Grace Rath.

# Spreading the Good News

Nord Est Haiti  
Lutheran Mission

November 2015

## In Haiti

# With God, All Things are Possible

The mission project in Ouanaminthe started in 2003 with what appeared to be almost impossible goals—to build and maintain an orphanage for girls and to support the ministry of Rev. Daniel Paul, newly named Bishop for northeast Haiti. God called two small congregations—Lamb of God in Lake Stevens WA and Faith Lutheran Church in La Grande OR—to walk together in the effort. With God's blessing and guidance those goals were reached after approximately 7 years. But that was not the end of the story. Now some 12 years later the Lord has further blessed this mission project. His people around the USA have come along side NEHLM's efforts to expand and provide for this ministry. Rev. Paul now has a girls orphanage for 50 children, a boys orphanage

housing 20 children, a school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade for 250 students, and most recently—a church plant and kindergarten in Baja, a small town about 5 miles from Ouanaminthe. The ministry in Baja is led by a lay pastor who also serves as a teacher in the school. Older children from MADO assist in teaching.

Looking to the future, plans are underway for school expansion to include a 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the College le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe (new buildings pictured below). In addition, classes will be gradually added at the Baja location. Currently, all Baja students are in one beginning grade.

The Lord does marvelous things, and we have been blessed to participate in His works. Thank you for walking beside us.

—John Herbst, NEHLM chairman

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# Faith Lutheran Says “Let Jesus Work Through Us”

Faith Lutheran Church in La Grande, Oregon sent eight people on a mission trip to Ouanaminthe, Haiti, June 7-17, 2015. Faith Lutheran has been doing a mission trip in La Maison des Agneaux Orphelinat (MADO) on the odd numbered years since 2005. The members of the team included Letty and Jessica Miller previously from Union, Betsy Crist from Haines, Jeremy Yancey from Starkey, and Kathy Coffman, Anneliese Wiseman, and Pastor Sam Wiseman from La Grande. Anneliese's college roommate Mallory Cox from Troutdale, Oregon, rounded out the team.

The team worked on laying a cement floor at a church plant in Baja, Haiti (about five miles from Ouanaminthe). There was a lot of water to be carried up a hill from a hand pump, along with all the leveling of ground, mixing of cement, hauling of cement, and laying the floor. We had five Haitians working with us, doing the more skilled cement work. These men worked hard, ten to twelve hour days. They were paid at or maybe a little above the going wage: two men at \$6.25 a day, two at \$10 a day, and the most skilled cement worker \$12.00 a day. (Those are US dollars, and yes, it is per day that they were paid.) By Sunday, June 14th, the floor was complete enough for the team to present one lesson of a Vacation Bible School that they had done in Ouanaminthe earlier in the week.

The daily schedule was construction work in the morning for most of us; however, Kathy Coffman is proficient in French and was able to be involved at the school for four of the mornings. The afternoon was our time to get cleaned up and provide the Vacation Bible School of “Camp Discovery: Jesus at Work through Us,” for an average of two hundred and fifty children for five days. Evening was gathering with the seventy orphan children and a hand full of workers for catechism instruction on the Lord's Prayer or a worship service.

This was the second trip for Anneliese Wiseman and Jeremy Yancey. Anneliese commented, “After this second trip I am way more committed to this ministry.” To which Jeremy responded, “I agree. I want to come back soon.” 2017 is Faith's next trip, Lord willing.

- Rev. Sam Wiseman, NEHLUM Pastoral Advisor



## Website Shares Updated Info and Ways to Give

The NEHLM website ([www.nehlm.org](http://www.nehlm.org)) continues to provide supporters and interested people with information of the developments at MADO. The newsletter blog features updated photos and the sponsorship page highlights students or orphans available for sponsorship. The newest element is info on Amazon Smile. This program allows you to support NEHLM with your purchases on Amazon. Customers can now elect to donate 0.5% of their purchase to the charity of their choice. This is made possible by shopping on [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Either follow the QR code (see back page of the newsletter) or add Faith Lutheran Church, La Grande, OR as a support organization. NEHLM is under the umbrella of Faith LOMS, so the funds will be designated for NEHLM/MADO.

-Jennie Yancey, Treasurer



## Give the Gift of Love for Christmas



During these upcoming months, we celebrate God's gift to us—His Son. This time of the year we look for creative gifts to give. One meaningful present could be to sponsor an orphan or student in someone else's name. Our sponsorships can be for an individual or shared as a gift for several people. Through student sponsorships MADO can provide education and a daily nutritious meal to 250+ Pre-K-6th Graders. To maintain the educational program, the student sponsorships are crucial. The orphan sponsorships not only provide for their education but also room and board in a loving environment. One-time gifts are also gratefully accepted. Thank you for the support to this ministry. Share this ministry with someone else—tell about your involvement, ask for their prayers, or share a gift in their name.

-Jennie Yancey, Treasurer

## How You Can Help:

I prefer to support ongoing work of the Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) by:

- ☐ Sponsoring an orphan (\$600 per year/ \$50 per month) ☐ boy ☐ girl
- ☐ Sponsoring a student (\$240 per year/ \$20 per month) ☐ boy ☐ girl
- ☐ Sponsoring a teacher/classroom (\$600 per year/\$50 per month)
- ☐ Sponsoring NEHLM missionary (\$600 per year/\$50 per month)
- ☐ Other— one time gift, etc

Please see our website for other ways to give and current projects.

Make checks payable to: Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) and mail to  
Faith Lutheran Church 104 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street, La Grande, OR 97850

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional notes: \_\_\_\_\_

See our website for information about using PayPal or setting up automatic withdrawal of funds.



Experience the blessing of sharing the gospel with children in Haiti.



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"The only thing that counts is faith  
expressing itself through love"  
Galatians 5:6b

NEHLM supports a mission in Ouanaminthe, the Northeast District, Haiti. The mission includes the ministry of Pastor Daniel Paul, a native Haitian, as he operates an orphanage, primary school and church. The orphanage is called "The House of the Lambs of God" or in the Haitian official language, French-"La Maison de Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat" (MADO).

## Ministry Provides Food for Body and Soul

One of the unique aspects of Rev. Daniel Paul's ministry in Haiti is that his team grows fresh fruits and vegetables for the children to eat. Rev. Daniel Paul has numerous garden sites, which provide about 30% of the diet for the 70+ orphans. In addition, a lunch of beans and rice is served to every child enrolled in the school. For some, that is the only real meal they have that day. Sponsorship support as well as programs like Trinity/Hope Feeding Program allow these MADO to provide these blessings to the needy.

However, protein is one aspect of the diet that is expensive and hard to come by in Haiti. Currently, goat meat is available, but it is difficult to maintain enough goats for a steady amount of meat. For that reason, Rev Paul is hoping to raise pigs. "Pigs offer several litters a year and multiple piglets. The pigs will also be able to eat kitchen scraps and garden debris." These practical efforts continue to sustain those in MADO's care.

-Susie Rahn, NEHLM Vice Chairman

