



Peace Lutheran Church

# Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

April 2016

**Peace Lutheran  
Church**

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**Pastor  
Mark Griesse**

**Office Hours**

9:00 - 12:00  
Mon & Thu - Peace  
Tue & Wed - Bethlehem  
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,

**The Prayer of the Day for Easter Sunday is:**

*Almighty God and Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

God overcomes death, we don't. I wonder how often we fail to speak this way. We often catch ourselves talking about "going to heaven" like I go there in the same way that I might go to the grocery. The fact of it is, I will be a helpless corpse when that day comes. God will raise me, lift me up, carry me there, open the door, set me inside and bless my presence there. I am no more able to go to heaven than go to Mars in my Honda Accord. Even if I do live to that last day when the Lord reappears in glory, I still don't know the way to heaven, except I know Him. Still he must carry me there. I am but a passenger in that train, not the conductor. I go, yes, but perhaps better said, as this prayer says it, I am the recipient of God's amazing love and grace for me.

Grant that we may celebrate with joy the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. It proves that he truly has overcome sin, death and the devil from me. It says that his sacrifice was accepted by the Father and because he lives, I too have the promise of the resurrection from the dead.

How do we express this joy? There is a pastor who equips all the children in the congregation with bells on this day and tells them they must ring them every time they say or sing "alleluia!" it not only keeps them attentive it adds a decidedly festive air to the worship service. How about a parade? How about a party? How about laughter? Christ has risen, now is the time for joy.

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie  
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia

Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall,  
You have opened paradise, and Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Griesse

## THANK YOU!

**A big Thank You to the Sinclair Family for preparing Easter Breakfast. Once again they did a great job and breakfast was delicious!**



Pastor Griesse will be taking some time off April 3rd-9th. If anyone is in need of pastoral care during that time, please contact a Lay Minister. (You can call the church office during office hours for contact information.)

### O.W.L.S.



The O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at **11:30** on **Friday, April 8th**. They will have lunch at: **The Taj Palace 2710 W. Nob Hill, Yakima.**

If you plan to attend please let Marcia Shotwell know, 697-4543 or [shotwell@elltel.net](mailto:shotwell@elltel.net)

### Omelet Feed

The ladies from Mt. Olive will be serving omelets to the congregation at Peace on Sunday, April 3rd, following the service. You will be able to put together your own omelet from the ingredients provided. This event is on behalf of Feed 5000. There will be a free-will donation taken.

## Women's Salad Supper

Peace will have a Women's Salad Supper on Tuesday, April 19th at 5:30 p.m. Everyone attending is asked to bring a salad to share. We will get to hear about some "Costa Rican Adventures". If you plan to attend please let Marcia Shotwell or Louise Schenk know by April 10th so they have an idea how many place settings they will need.



### Inland Empire Pastors' Conference

The Inland Empire Pastors' Conference is being held on April 18-20 in Yakima. Pastor Griesse will be attending the conference, so he will be out of the office on those days.

**Pastor Griesse's Wednesday Bible Study class on the Augsburg Confession resumes March 30th. However, there will be no Bible Study on April 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> as Pastor will be unavailable.**



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest/Thrivent Mobile Food truck will be in the Peace parking lot on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2:00. Free produce, nutritious perishable products and other groceries for all families in need of food assistance will be handed out. We will need volunteers to help distribute the items. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**There is a Voters' Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. All Peace members are invited to attend.**



Kara Mantey is making cloth bags for the Shoeboxes and is in need of fabric. If you have fabric that you no longer need and/or would like to donate, please bring it to the church and mark "for Kara". (Any size and color will work.)



Coming in April, the Fellowship Board will begin **Secret Pals**.

On Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, those interested in participating will fill out an information card, then names will be drawn a week or two after that. If you have any questions contact Marcia Shotwell.

## UPCOMING SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY



On April 10<sup>th</sup>, Steve Sinclair will lead the Sunday Morning Bible Study on the topic of "The First Rosa".

Rosa Jinsey Young was born on May 14, 1890, in the rural community of Rosebud in Wilcox County, to former slaves. Her story is that of joy and hardship. Jesus had given her important work to do for Him, and she set about finding a way to do it. In the poorest, rural regions of the American South, Rosa Young dedicated her life to teaching the Good News of Jesus.

Known as the "mother of Black Lutheranism in central Alabama" and a strong advocate of education for rural children, Rosa was instrumental in founding and promoting the development of Lutheran schools and congregations in Alabama's Black Belt.

We invite you to join us in the study of Rosa, and learn about her struggles to do the Lord's work.

**He is risen.**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

The altar is the center of the church's worship. It is not a piece of church furniture like the pulpit or lectern; it is a monument.

The altar is a symbol of God's gracious presence in His church. Its significance is that of sacrifice. It signifies primarily the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ for the redemption of the world. The altar is also the Lord's table for the preparation, consecration, and distribution of the bread which is the holy body and the cup which is the precious blood of Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar.



Thank you to all who helped with the Church Spring Cleaning just before Easter. The church was spruced up inside and out!

**FEEDING THE 5000**

Packaging Day for Feeding 5000 is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th at Mt. Olive Lutheran church. This year they will only have one shift, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. If you would like more information contact Mt. Olive at 966-2190.

*A Little Chuckle...***"Show & Tell"**

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religion.

The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin. I am Jewish and this is a Star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I am Catholic and this is a Rosary."

The third student got in front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Lutheran and this is a casserole." ☺☺

