



Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

May 2016

**Peace Lutheran
Church**

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**Pastor
Mark Griesse**

Office Hours
9:00 - 12:00
Tue & Wed - Bethlehem
Mon. & Thu. - Peace
Afternoons by Appointment

**Secretary
Tammy Peterson**
9:00 - 1:00

Sunday Worship
9:00 AM

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

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Dear Friends in Christ,



This month we celebrate two holidays, each of which is celebrating a gift we have been given. On May 8 we celebrate Mother's Day. Each of us has been given the gift of a mother. They gave birth to us, so you could say they have given us life. They nurtured us as we grew, they prayed for us, they loved us unconditionally. They still do if you are blessed to have a mother who is still alive. If she has passed through the gate of death to eternal life we still remember and know the blessings each of us received through her. We learned about Jesus from her. We learned how to forgive. We learned to love because she first loved us.

On May 15 we celebrate another gift. It is a gift from Jesus just like our mother was. The gift that Jesus gives is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gave us life as well. We met him in our baptism. He came to us to give us faith, and with it life. He continues to sustain and keep us in the faith. Without him we are pretty helpless spiritually. Luther says in the explanation to the third article of the Creed "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ or come to him. But the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and keeps me in the one truth faith." Through the Holy Spirit's power we grow in the practice of our faith serving others in the Name of Jesus.

Come and join the celebration this month as we celebrate the life we have been given by our mothers and the Holy Spirit.

-- Pastor Mark Griesse

Bethlehem LWML Prayer Service



You are cordially invited to attend our National Day of Prayer Service May 5th at 7:00 p.m. It is entitled: "Wanted: Workers in God's Harvest Field". It is a printed service with Power Point photos written by former LWML Counselor John Heckman. Refreshments will be served in the lounge following this very meaningful service. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!

O.W.L.S. May Lunch



The O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 on **Friday, May 13th**. They will have lunch at:

Daniel's Kitchen in Selah (formerly Sweet Beez).

If you plan to attend please let Marcia Shotwell know, 697-4543 or shotwell@elltel.net

Wednesday Bible Study



Pastor Griesse continues to lead the Wednesday Bible Study on the Augsburg Confession. Class times are 11:00 at Bethlehem and 6:30 at Peace.

May Recipe

Here is the recipe for the asparagus casserole that was a hit at the Ladies Salad Dinner in April. This recipe is from Jody Hert.



Asparagus Casserole

- *2 cans asparagus spears (or equal fresh)
- *Break into 3-4 pieces per stalk, (par boil them a little)
- *1 can peas
- *1 can mushroom soup
- *Fold together put into a buttered 9 x 13 pan. *Add 3/4 c grated cheddar cheese to the top of the asparagus.
- *1 cup soft bread cubes with 2 Tbsp. melted butter on them. Put cubes on top of casserole.
- *Bake uncovered at 350 for 1/2 hour.

Ladies Salad Dinner

April 19th, a Ladies Salad Dinner was held at Peace. 36 ladies attended the event with some from Peace and some from Bethlehem. Not only were there a variety of delicious salads, but there were some wonderful desserts, too.



The speaker was Marcia Shotwell, who gave an interesting presentation on their recent trip to Costa Rica.

Many thanks to the ladies who provided the salads and desserts, those who decorated lovely tables, those who attended and especially the Fellowship Board who hosted the dinner.



Church Office Closed

The Church office will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Member Info

Transfer

Kyle Smith transferred his membership to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Everett, WA

Phone Number Correction

John Skogen's phone number should be 509-731-8911. Please change in your directory

Mowing Time



It's that time again! The grass is growing and we need volunteers to mow it. If you would like to volunteer to mow the church lawn there is a

sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Just pick a weekend and write your name on it. (Mower, trimmer & blower provided by church.)

Church Council Meeting

There is a Church Council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 16th. All Board Chairpersons or representatives are asked to attend.

Baby Bottle Campaign



FYI: During the last Life Choices of Yakima Baby Bottle Campaign Peace Lutheran collected \$498.27. Way to go Peace! Thank you for your generous donations

Missing Your Sunglasses?

Someone left a pair of sunglasses in the kitchen following the April food distribution. If you are missing a pair of sunglasses check with Tammy in the office.

Second Harvest Food Distribution

We have all the scoop on the food distribution held on April 14th:

143 families were served

9,326 pounds of food was handed out

30 volunteers helped distribute the food

Again, thank you to all who helped with this food distribution. Without the volunteers we wouldn't be able to carry out this ministry.



Thanks Jim & Paul!



Thank you to Jim Lewis and Paul Rath for their hard work re-siding the pump house. They spent several days in the hot weather making it look nicer. Thanks, guys!

