



# Messenger of Peace

*"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"*

June 2016

**Peace Lutheran  
Church**

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**Pastor**  
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**Office Hours**  
9:00 - 12:00  
Mon. & Thu. - Peace  
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Afternoons by Appointment

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

**Sunday Worship**  
9:00 AM

**Sunday Adult  
Bible Class**  
10:30 AM  
(currently on summer  
break)

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Dear Members and Friends in Christ,

This month we celebrate Fathers' Day on June 19.

24 million children, or 34 percent of all children in the United States, will wake up today without the household presence of their biological father. Of these 24 million children dwelling in an absent-father household, 40 percent have not even seen their father in the past year. In our nation, one child out of three is born out of wedlock—that is, without a father and mother committed to one another in Holy Matrimony.

In our sin and rebellion, we have kept our own wants and desires first. "What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight" (James 4:1-2). Keeping our wants and desires first brings forth fights and quarrels in the human family. This selfish rebellion separates us from the blessings of our Father above.

The wonderful news of the Bible is that our heavenly Father kept us first in his mind as he planned our salvation. In his loving grace he promised Abraham that all the nations of the earth would be blessed through him (Gen 12:3). He kept that promise through Jesus, God's Son, and a Son of Abraham. Jesus suffered and died on the cross to bring the wonderful blessing of forgiveness to fathers and all those who have not kept first things first. Jesus rose from the dead, offering the promise of eternal life to an undeserving people. God kept us first: "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:10). God gives his children an extraordinary gift at an extraordinary price! In Christ, all sinful human fathers find forgiveness from our heavenly Father.

With so many responsibilities, obligations, and opportunities in a father's life today, what's first? Is it the needs of his wife? Is it the schooling of his children? Is it honoring his parents? Is it the demands of the job? Is it the community fire department? Is it pro football? Is it the morning news? Is it the fitness center? Is it service for the church?

First things first: salvation is more important than anything, just as it is for our heavenly Father. With the help of God, cultivate your spiritual life. Grow in grace. Come to church. Bring your family. Hear the Word of God. Receive the Holy Sacrament. Read your Bible. Pray.

Fathers are also called to be husbands. The husband-wife relationship is second only to a relationship with God. The role of a loving, loyal, faithful, forgiving husband is paramount to a child's physical, emotional, and spiritual welfare. It has been rightly said that one of the best things that a father can do for his child is to love the child's mother.

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The next priority is to be a faithful, forgiving father. Paul says, "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Eph 6:4). What greater blessing can a father impart to his children than sharing faith and forgiveness in the Savior? What greater legacy can a father leave behind than that God has a purpose and plan for life? What greater inheritance can be given than faith in Jesus for eternal life?

How wonderful it is that our heavenly Father kept us first in giving his only Son for our forgiveness. As he imparts grace through Word and Sacrament, he will continue to strengthen and help fathers to keep first things first.

Pastor Griesse

### • Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor Griesse's Wednesday Bible Study continues through June 1st. Class times are 11:00 a.m. at Bethlehem and 6:30 p.m. at Peace. After June 1st the class will break for the Summer.

### • Sunday Bible Study

Our Sunday Bible Study led by Steve Sinclair is on Summer break until September.

### Second Harvest/Thrivent Food Distribution



The 2nd Harvest Mobile Food Truck will be at Peace on Tuesday, June 21st from Noon to 2:00. If you would like to volunteer to help with the distribution watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

### Father's Day

Sunday, June 19th is Father's Day. We would like to honor all Dads, whether they are still with us or living with Jesus, and wish them a **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**



### New Email Address

The Church has a new email address:

[peacelutheranselah@gmail.com](mailto:peacelutheranselah@gmail.com)

The new address is active now so please disregard the old one.

### Remember...

We are still needing volunteers to mow the church lawn. If you would like to volunteer 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.)



### O.W.L.S. June Lunch

The O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at **11:30 on Friday, June 10th.**

They will have lunch at:

**The Kabob House** in Rainier Square  
(2706 W. Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima)

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





Come July, elected delegates and visitors from around the world will gather in Milwaukee for the **66th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**. We'll gather as living stones being built together "Upon this Rock" (that is, upon Christ), and it will be our joy to *repent* of our sins, to *confess* Jesus Christ as God's Son and our Savior, and to *rejoice* together in His unfailing grace and love. On Sunday, June 12th, we will gather our gifts from Peace for the National Offering. We will have information inside that Sunday's bulletin regarding your donation. If you wish to donate prior to receiving the Synod insert, you may do so by making a note on your offering (memo line on checks, etc.) and placing it in any offering up to June 12<sup>th</sup>.

With all thanks and praise to God, Trinity/Messiah, Pasco/Basin City announce that they have received a candidate from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to be pastor of the dual parish. He is Nathan Scheck, who, along with his family, wife Kendra and children Cedric, Marek, and Eloise, will move to the Tri-Cities in late June. His ordination/installation will take place **July 3rd at 4 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 291 Loen Drive, Basin City, WA.** (For map to: <https://goo.gl/oZduvA>) A meal is being planned following the service.

### Voters' Meeting

There is a Voters' Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. All Peace members are encouraged to attend.



### AARP Drivers Safety Class

Glenn Stocker will be leading an AARP Drivers Safety Class at **Bethlehem Lutheran** on June 22 & 23, 8:30-12:30. If you are interested in taking the class or for more information contact Glenn at 697-5022.



**Summer Starts June 20!**