Peace Lutheran Church



Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

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Peace Lutheran Church

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Office Hours 9:00 - 12:00 Tue. - Wed. @ Bethlehem Thu.- Fri. @ Peace *Afternoons by Appt.

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9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

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A Message From Our Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! We are coming to the beginning of a new calendar year. Of course the Church year began with Advent and we are basking in the glow of Christmas. We celebrate the wonderful gift of a Savior who has set us free from sin, death and the power of the devil.

Let's begin the year by exploring the ministry and teachings of Jesus. On Sunday mornings beginning January 5th at 10:30 a.m., our Elders will be leading a Series on the Parables of Jesus. Each gives Christians the opportunity to get "up close and personal" with the person, work and teachings of Jesus as they study God's word and discuss applications to their lives with other Christians. Each session contains 4 parts: Focus, Inform, Connect, and Vision.

Focus: introduces the participants to the concepts that will be explored

during the session.

Inform: guides participants into Scripture to learn what God says about

different issues.

Connect: provides activities and questions to help participants apply the

truths found in scripture to their lives.

Vision: suggests activities for additional growth during the week to come.

"Parables"

1. Reading the Parables

2. The Prodigal Son

3. The Great Banquet

4. The Talents

5. The Sower

6. The Unmerciful Servant

7. The Lost Sheep & the Lost Coin

8. The Rich Fool

9. The Pharisee & the Tax Collector

10. The Good Samaritan

11. The workers in the Vineyard

12. The Ten Virgins

I pray that God will richly bless your time together as you study God's word and grow in your Christian walk with each other and with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours In Christ.

Pastor Griesse

Hats For Missions

Peace will again participate in the "Hats For Missions" project. Knit or crochet a baby, child or adult size hat with a pattern of your choosing. The hats will be dispersed to mission teams and Orphan Grain Train to be distributed to foreign missions. Collection date for the hats is March 30th. Questions? Contact Leota Lewis or Joan Stocker.





Pastor and Tammy would like to thank the congregation for all the Christmas cards and gifts. We appreciate our family here at Peace and wish you a Blessed and Happy New Year!

Life Gate and World Vision

Membership fees for Life Gate and World Vision are due soon and we are in need of funds to cover these expenses. We still need \$100 to pay Life Gate at the end of this month for next quarter, and \$300 to cover the yearly fee to World Vision, due January 30th. If you would like to donate money to these funds, please make a check out to Peace and indicate whether your donation is for Life Gate or World Vision. Thank you.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, January 18th at Peace Lutheran Church and will begin at 8 a.m. All Lutheran men and their guests are invited to attend. Come enjoy the fellowship, food and bible study.





O.W.L.S. Calendar

The O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch Friday, January 10th at 11:30 a.m. at Abby's Pizza, 4804 Tieton Drive, Yakima.



There will be a Voter's Meeting on Sunday, January 12th following the worship service at approximately 11 a.m.

Christmas Families

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and/or money for our two Christmas families.

Once again we have shown what "Sharing Christ's Love" is all about.

Also, thank you to Mary Ackerman for all her work in coordinating this Christmas ministry.

Baptisms

- Cara Downs, daughter of Brian and Michelle (Dees) Downs, was baptized November 24, 2013
- Phillip McClanathan, son of Joshua and Jennifer (Hanna) McClanathan, was baptized December 8, 2013



In the New Year

Lord, give us a tender heart. Let us do loving things that surprise even ourselves.

Let us stop daily to talk to people who need a good word, Mend what is broken, and touch what needs to be loved.

Make us more aware of the tiny surprises that are scattered Like secrets all around us.

Let us notice such things we have forgotten, and those Persons of whom we have grown weary.

May we see them in a new way so that we have a new word for Them. As we busily set out to do the large tasks, may we find More time for small celebrations.

O Christ, give us the grace to live out each day as though it were A gift. O Spirit, surprise us often. Then let us show our great surprise.

Written by Herbert Brokering, Wheat Ridge Ministries Staff Associate



Evangelism Quiz (True/False)

- To evangelize someone you have to spend years studying the Bible and Christian theology.
- God's Good News is very complicated and understandable only by religious professionals.

The answers to this quiz are all false. Here's how you can discover the truth...

Learn how to grow in your faith and naturally share Christ with others by joining us in the course: *Caring Evangelism: How to Live and Share Christ's Love*.

The course begins January 8th at 6:30 p.m. and will be led by Pastor Griesse. Learning methods include a combination of lecture, small group discussion, discovery learning, and skill practice. You will not be asked to make evangelism calls.

There will be a registration fee of \$25.00 to cover the cost of materials, refreshments, and other supplies. Registration indicates a participant's commitment to attend the class faithfully, as each session will build upon the previous session.

Sign up now! Complete the attached form and drop it by the church office.

	YES, I would like to be part of the course entitled <i>Caring Evangelism: How to Live and Share Christ's Love</i> . Enclosed is my registration fee of \$25.00.
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