



Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

March 2014

**Peace Lutheran
Church**

91 Wernex Loop
Selah, WA 98942
Phone: 697-4353

Pastor

Mark Griesse

Office Hours

9:00 - 12:00

Tues - Wed. - Bethlehem

Thur.-Fri. - Peace

Afternoons by Appointment

Secretary

Tammy Peterson

9:00 - 1:00

Sunday Worship

9:00 AM

Sunday Bible Study

10:30 AM

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From the Pastor

Using Luther's Catechisms for Lent

The concept for our midweek Lenten series was inspired by the Book of Concord:

Such matters also concern the laity and the salvation of their souls. Therefore we also confess Dr. Luther's Small and Large Catechisms as they are included in Luther's works. They are "the layman's Bible" because everything necessary for a Christian to know for salvation is included in them, which is handled more extensively in the Holy Scriptures. (FC Ep I 5)

As part of our Lenten emphasis I would like to ask every member of the congregation to make the catechism a part of their daily Lenten routine. Each week we will focus on one of the six chief parts of Luther's Small and Large Catechism. So in preparation for our time together on Wednesday evening I ask you to read through the catechism topic of the week. Consider the following:

Spiritual Growth in Lent: Many people choose to give up something for Lent. Instead, you may want to take on something for your Lenten discipline. You may want to read the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine from Luther's Small and/or Large Catechism each day according to the following schedule:

Week 1 —The Ten Commandments

Week 2 —The Apostles' Creed

Week 3 —The Lord's Prayer

Week 4 —The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Week 5 —Confession

Week 6 —The Sacrament of the Altar

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Themes for our Wednesday Devotions at 6:45 pm

Taking On Something for Lent: Luther's Catechisms

1. Ash Wednesday: The Greatest of These Is Love: The Ten Commandments, Exodus 20:1–17
2. Lenten Midweek 2: This I Believe: The Apostles' Creed, 1 Corinthians 15:3–8
3. Lenten Midweek 3: Our Father Who Is in Heaven: The Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:9–13
4. Lenten Midweek 4: The Washing of Regeneration: Holy Baptism, Matthew 28:18–20
5. Lenten Midweek 5: We Are Forgiven: The Office of the Keys, John 20:19–23
6. Lenten Midweek 6: We Eat a Holy Supper: The Sacrament of the Altar, Matthew 26:26–28

For your convenience we have printed the small catechism from LSB 321 - 330. You can pick up a copy in the Narthex. Soup and sandwich suppers begin at 6 pm.

-- Pastor Griesse

New LCMS App



Ever need to find an LCMS congregation while on the road? Want to connect with other LCMS Lutherans? Seeking a daily devotional resource? Then the new, free LCMS app offers these advantages and more. "We're delighted to offer this new means for LCMS people to connect to their church with their mobile devices," said David L. Strand, executive director of LCMS Communications. "Now, wherever you are, a wealth of beneficial resources concerning the church and our lives of faith is literally at hand."

Available on both the Apple and Android (Google Play) app stores, the easy-to-use app features links to some of the most popular information on the LCMS website, including the LCMS church locator and links to news stories, giving opportunities, LCMS social media and other ways to connect with LCMS.

To get the app, search "LCMS" on the Apple or Android app stores or visit www.lcms.org/resources/mobileapps.

DayLight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks forward before you go to bed on March 8th! Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, **March 9th**.



Maundy Thursday Seder Service



This year we will be observing Maundy Thursday (April 17th) with a joint Peace/Bethlehem Seder Service in the social hall at

Bethlehem at 6:30 pm. **We need to know how many will be attending, so if you would like to participate you must sign up.** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall (at Peace). A maximum of 126 will be served. The traditional meal of lamb, horseradish, bitter herbs, and unleavened bread will be provided by BLC. You are encouraged to bring potluck food to supplement the basic fare.

Lenten Services

Wednesday evening Lenten Services begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. We will have our usual Soup & Sandwich Suppers at 6:00 and Devotions at 6:45. Please come join us for these informal services. If you would like to bring food for the suppers, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Also, if you can't make it to the evening devotion, Bethlehem offers a 12:10 Lenten Service (no lunch is held before worship).

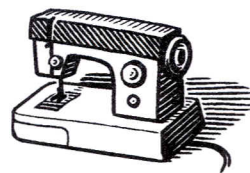
Hats for Missions

Peace is participating in the "Hats for Missions" project again this year, and several ladies at Peace have been busy making hats for this ministry. The collection date for the hats is March 30th so you still have time to participate if you like. Just knit or crochet a baby, child, or adult hat with a pattern of your choosing and bring all the hats to church on March 30th. If you have questions, contact Leota Lewis or Joan Stocker.



Saturday Sew-In

On Saturday, March 8th, 8:30 - 2:30, Grace Rath and Cathy Hull will give a sewing/quilting presentation in the Fellowship Hall at Peace. They will share some of their quilting techniques and give demonstrations. Everyone is invited to attend. You are encouraged to bring your sewing machine and take part in the demos! For more information contact Grace at 697-8667.



Ladies Salad Supper



Looking ahead to Monday, April 7th at 6:00 pm, there will be a Ladies Salad Supper at Peace. We will have a guest speaker, great food, and great fellowship. We would like to have the tables decorated, so if you would like to decorate a table for this event please contact Kara Mantey at 453-1681.

Lock the Church

Please remember to shut and lock all the church doors and turn off all lights when you leave the church building! We have had some doors left unlocked or not completely latched, as well as some lights left on. Take a few extra minutes to make sure the church is secure before you leave. Thank you!

Life Choices



Thank you to all who participated in the Life Choices of Yakima Baby Bottle campaign. We received quite a few bottles filled with your spare change that will go to Life Choices to help them continue their life-saving, life-changing work.

Member News

Death

Long-time Peace member, **Earl Bladow**, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 2, 2014. (No services were held per the family's request)

Baptism

Ethan Matthew Deccio, son of Robert & Marsha Deccio, was baptized into God's family on February 23rd, during the Worship Service. Welcome, Matthew!

New Members

Peace received two new members by Profession of Faith on February 2nd. Abuit & Dora Leticia Fajardo became the newest members of Peace Lutheran. Welcome Abuit & Dora!

Church Council Meeting

There will be a Church Council Meeting on Sunday, with the time to be determined. All Board Chairpersons are asked to attend.

Member Mailboxes



Some of the member mailboxes (found in the outer office) are getting a little full. Please stop by and check your mailbox for any goodies that may need to go home with you!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held at 8:00 am, Saturday, March 15th at Mt. Olive. All Lutheran men and their guests are welcome to attend.

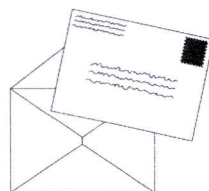


Mobile Food Distribution

2nd Harvest/Thrivent food distribution truck will be at Peace Lutheran on Wed., March 26th, Noon-2:00. Volunteers will be needed to help with distribution. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

O.W.L.S.

O.W.L.S. will meet March 14th with the location to be determined.



The following article was taken from the October edition of the Stewardship Newsletter.

Dear Editor:

There is an increasing tendency on the part of some Christians to take the attitude that "I will give to the church only if my money is not used for some radical cause of which I disapprove." Some do not give at all, for fear their money will be misused.

Giving money to the church is giving it back to God. It is the recognition that the goods and property we have comes from God and thus a part of these should be given to the worship of God and to the church that represents him. This is simply a recognition of God's ownership of all things in life and a proof of personal appreciation for having received them from him.

When we give to the church, we are not giving to the particular people who administer God's works in this world. **Our only motive should be to promote God's work.** When we give generously out of love for God, we live in relation to him and therefore will receive our reward from him, not from the temporal administrators.

The efficacy of our gift does not depend on whether the human agent administers the funds according to our reasoned conviction. Regardless of how the money is used, we have returned our share to God. The human agent has the responsibility, and will be accountable to God for his or her stewardship, not yours.

~David

Love and Lifejackets! Wrapped in HIS Love

Ephesians 2:5 "For it is by grace you have been saved....."



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Do you have your life-saving jacket on today? While visiting in Norway, Harlan and I spent an early evening with our Norwegian family way out on the Fjord. The motor was loud and vibrating! The water from the ocean sprayed over us. The shorelines were distant. And the life jackets we were leaning against felt pretty good!



Do you have your life-saving jacket on today? The one that is wrapped around you by a God who loves us so much He has us in His grasp! The one that grace molded just to fit us! The one that goes with each of us each day to protect us through life and death! The one that enfolds us in the loving arms of a Savior who loves nothing more than to hold us with His scarred hands! Unlike most other life-saving jackets, this one is comfortable! We are saved; We are safe; We are loved!

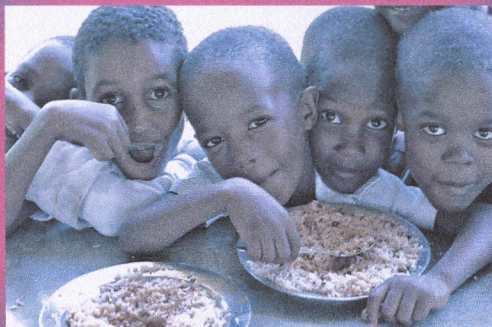
I pray that through our congregation and through our Stephen Ministry, God will continue to work in all of our hearts – throughout the year - bringing greater compassion, a deeper faith, and a fuller understanding of his love as we reach out to those in need around us.

In His Service,
Mary Lyso, Member Stephen Leader Team



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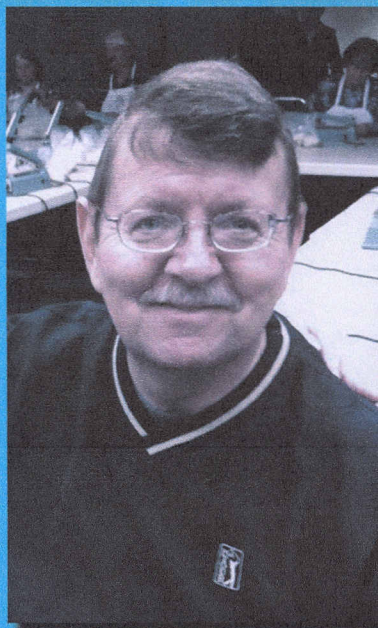
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MEALS



A total of **344,000** meals have been packaged in Yakima since the program started in 2008.

Meals go to
Sierra Leone,
Uganda,
Malawi,
Dominican
Republic &
have now started
going to **Haiti.**

This years
packaging event
is dedicated to
Dale Carpenter
former co-chair



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WAYS TO HELP:

Recycle: take donations
to Central Washington
Recycling & designate
to "Feeding 5000"

OR

Recycling day is
Saturday March 8th
10am-1pm at
Mt Olive Lutheran,
bring newspapers,
catalogs, magazines,
telephone books &
aluminum cans.

Donate: to Feeding
5000 through
Mt Olive Lutheran
Church

Meals will be
packaged on
March 29, 2014 at
Mt. Olive Lutheran
Church, in two
shifts,
9am-11:30am &
12 noon-2:30pm.



***Thrivent Financial
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A Mobile Food Bank

is coming to your area soon!

Peace Lutheran Church and Yakima County Chapter Board of Thrivent

- Free produce and perishable products for low-income families and those in need of food assistance
- No appointment or documentation necessary to participate
- Must have note from recipient in order to receive product for them if absent
- Held rain or shine

WHEN: Wednesday, March 26th, 2014 12 – 2pm

WHERE:

**Peace Lutheran Church
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**For more info please call: Church office (509) 697-4353 or
24 hr. Mobile Food Bank Information line (509) 252-6270**

**** PLEASE BRING A BOX FOR YOUR FOOD ****