



Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

February 2014

Peace Lutheran Church

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**Pastor
Mark Griesse****Office Hours**

Peace: Thur. - Fri.
9:00 - 12:00

Bethlehem: Tues. - Wed.
9:00 - 12:00

Afternoons by Appointment

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

Sunday Worship
9:00 AM

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A Note From Our Pastor...

Dear Members and Friends,

February is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day. A day to express and show appreciation for the one we love. Weddings and proposals are popular. It is important to hear our loved one tell us they love us, and it is important for us to express our love for the one we love.

God expresses his love for us in sending his Son Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus showed his love for us by following his Father's will and submitting to death on a cross that we might be forgiven and through faith in Him incorporated into the Church which is the Family of God and made heirs of life eternal.

We as God's people seek to express our great love for God in worship and praise. God wants to hear and know that you still love him in the same way that our spouse wants to hear and see us express our love for them. Even though your spouse knows that you love them, it is still important that you remember them this Valentine's Day; so too, with God. If you haven't been to church in a while, now is a good time to renew your vow, to reaffirm your love and gratitude to God for all that he has given you.

Have a blessed month of February, and don't forget the flowers, chocolates, or whatever expression of love and gratitude you wish to give your loved ones. Remember also God and His great love for you as well.

Pastor Griesse

Hats for Missions

If you like to knit or crochet here's a project for you! 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.



O.W.L.S.

The O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch on **Friday, February 14th, 11:30 a.m., at River Ridge, Selah** (next to golf course). Please let Marcia Shotwell know if you are planning to attend. Contact Marcia at 697-4543.



Every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. men from Bethlehem Lutheran meet at Denny's Restaurant in Union Gap for a Men's Breakfast. They would like to invite the men from Peace to join them for a breakfast and fellowship!

Glenn Stocker will facilitate another AARP Driver Safety Refresher Course in February. The class will be held at the Selah Civic Center on February 18th & 19th, 8:30-12:30 each day. See the attached flyer for more details. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in taking the Refresher Course.



The next Men's Bible Study Breakfast will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran, Yakima, starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, February 15th, 2014. We will continue a video Bible study entitled "The Great Deceiver". Using Jesus's example we will investigate how to keep a balance in dealing with life's struggles and our need for rest, prayer and worship. Come yourself and bring a guest(s) and share in the fun, food, and fellowship of this exciting ministry for men. For further info contact Gary Treece, 833-9725 or glt528@charter.net

- ❖ Money received from the sale of their quilts allowed the Peace Quilters to send donations to orphanages in Haiti and Kenya. They sent \$500 to Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) and \$500 to 4Kenyaskids.org. Thank you to all who purchased the quilts and helped enable the Quilters to make the donations.

**The 2014 Offering Envelopes are here.
If you haven't picked up your envelopes yet
you can find them in the Fellowship Hall.**

Gary Hanna (Selah Fire Chief and Peace member) has offered to instruct a class on the use of automated external defibrillators (AED). Peace recently purchased an AED and we need to have people trained in the use of these life-saving devices. The class will be held February 9th at Peace, following the Worship Service (approx. 10:30). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to be a part of this class.



Installation Service

Pastor Ken Williamson will be installed at 5 pm at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church on February 16, 2014. Please consider attending this service as a show of support from Peace. A dinner will follow the service.



Long-time Peace member, Avis Groth, went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 10th, 2014. A funeral service was held at Peace Lutheran on January 17th, and Avis was then laid to rest at Wenas Cemetery.

"Life Choices Baby Bottle Campaign"

Life Choices of Yakima provides a much needed free, Christ-centered, early pregnancy medical clinic for young women at a very vulnerable time in their lives.



Here is how the Baby Bottle Campaign works:

- Please take a bottle home with you. They will be available in the Fellowship Hall at Church.
- Keep the bottle in a visible place in your house as a reminder to pray each day for the safety and salvation of the unborn in our valley and their mothers and fathers.
- Return the bottle to church by February 16.

The money we raise together will be given to Life Choices to help them continue their life-saving, life-changing work.

Remember – "spare change really can change lives."

Some Things to Ponder...

1. Don't sweat the petty things, and don't pet the sweaty things.
 2. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
 3. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
 4. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
 5. If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
 6. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?
 7. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
 8. Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
 9. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
 10. If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
 11. Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?
 12. How is it possible to have a civil war?
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AARP

Driver Safety Refresher Course

Why Take the AARP Driver Safety Online Course?

The AARP Driver Safety course is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. It has given millions of drivers the skills and tools they need to drive today's roads safely, so they can stay independent for many years to come. In fact, 97% of those who take it change at least one driving behavior. And the best part? There are no tests! - Just useful information to stay safe on the road.

The course is designed to help you:

- Update driving skills and your knowledge of the rules - and hazards - of the road.
- Learn about normal age-related physical changes and how to adjust your driving to compensate.
- Reduce your chances for traffic violations, accidents and chances for injuries.

Get an insurance discount. Auto insurance companies in most states provide a multi-year discount to AARP graduates!

Highlights of the course:

The AARP Driver Safety course is packed with useful information that you can use immediately, including:

- How to maintain a proper following distance
- The safest way to change lanes and make turns at intersections
- The effects of medications on driving
- Reducing driver distractions such as eating, smoking and cell phone use

Class Offered:

Date: February 18 & 19
Time: 8:30 -12:30
Location: Selah Civic Center—West Room
Fee: AARP Members \$15.00
Non Members \$20.00



Please call 698-7302 to get your name on the list and then you will register and pay at the class that morning.



NORD EST HAITI LUTHERAN MISSION

Supporting God's Children in Northeast Haiti

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January 1, 2014

Greetings Sponsors and Donors:

God's blessings to the friends of Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM). This year marks the 10th Anniversary of our involvement with Reverend Daniel Paul in Nord Est Haiti. In 2003, the initial mission team from Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Lake Stevens, Washington, visited and began the groundbreaking of what is now the girls' complex of MADO (The House of the Lambs of God). As the board reflects upon these past 10 years, we are humbled by God's continual hand and providence for the needs of this ministry. This past year marked the groundbreaking work for the primary school. We are thankful for the support and prayers through the years.

Through gifts from supporters many projects were accomplished along with continual maintenance. This past year, our sponsorship program supported about 70 orphans, and 35 of the approximate 200 students were sponsored as well as the missionary nurse. Thank you, sponsors, for your prayers and provision for these children. Through the financial support of allocated and unallocated gifts, construction is an ongoing task at MADO, in order to accommodate the growing ministry. Construction began on two additional rooms added on the roof of the girls' orphanage. With the support of our mission teams, groundbreaking for the school wall started. This summer following the mission teamwork, NEHLM received notice that MADO was selected as a grant recipient through the National LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) for Phase One construction on the school. This school will be able to accommodate 200+ children without impeding on the everyday function of the girls' complex (where school is currently located). We are very grateful to the LWML ministry walking along side us, through the past grants from WA-AK and Oregon districts, but now also from the national body. Thank you. In addition, donors supplied funds and supplies for the school. Along with construction, agriculture is another focus to provide food and provide labor and skills for the boys. We appreciate donations for the purchase of additional prime agriculture land. Thanks for your prayers and financial support.

Through your gifts other expenses for maintenance and repair for the buildings and the vehicles were made available. This included some needed electrical repairs for the girls' orphanage complex. Repairs to the truck were made following an accident. We are very thankful Rev. Daniel Paul was not seriously injured and thankful for the unallocated funds which allowed for vehicle repairs to be done in a timely manner. Rev. Daniel Paul's computer and other items were stolen while he was in the Dominican Republic. Likewise, donations given to the ministry were available to assist in the replacement of items stolen and new support systems for proper backup.

We thank the short-term mission teams that went to serve this year. One medical mission team with members from three Michigan churches (Trinity Lutheran from Utica, Faith Lutheran from Troy, and Shepherd's Gate Lutheran from Shelby Township) were at MADO providing health services for the orphanages and the community. It is wonderful to see the way people keep selflessly providing both money and time to support this mission. A special thanks to the churches that have supported this mission since 2003 and 2005 - Faith LCMS, La Grande, Oregon, and Lamb of God LCMS, Lake Stevens, Washington. Thanks to each of the members of the traveling teams, as well as the members of the churches that support the teams. We are thankful for the expanding number of churches throughout the United States who continue to support this ministry in a variety of means. These relationships are crucial to the ministry and a valuable support to Reverend Paul and his family. If you are led to serve in Haiti, we encourage you to consider joining a mission team. We are sad that we no longer have Emily, our resident nurse at MADO. However, we all are extremely joyful on her marriage to Cheyenne Yancey and her continual involvement as a volunteer with our Board.

We are looking forward to the New Year and God's plans for the support of this ministry, its orphanages and its school. As board members, we are continually humbled to follow God's direction to support this ministry in Nord Est Haiti. We are thankful for our prayer warriors who remember Reverend Paul, the ministry, and the Board in their prayers.

Blessings,

NEHLM Board Members

John Herbst, President, Susie Rahn, Vice President

Jennifer Yancey, Treasurer, Rev. Daniel Paul, administering Pastor, and Rev. Sam Wiseman, Pastoral Advisor

Dago Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Oyugis, Kenya, Africa

Dear Glenn Stocker:

May I take this opportunity to write to you this morning. I have stayed in America for two months and am going back on 5th January, 2014. Even though we did not meet, but I was very grateful that we could talk over the phone.

Attached to this letter is :

- 1- D C M information of our programe.
- 2- In our parish we have a church building project where we would like to request for some assistance. The building is done to the untel level. And we require funds for finishing. We are putting this across to Lutheran Church members in America to support this noble course. Members of this church still worship under a tree.

In case of any assistance you can contact Rev. Meshack Ngare at: 011-254-727-467577

Thank you and be blessed in this New Year 2014. Happy New Year!

Rev. Meshack Ngare

A note of explanation: Rev. Ngare is a Lutheran pastor in Kenya, Africa. He is a superintendent for the Lutheran schools in that area as well as a pastor of a Lutheran Church with the ELCK, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya. The ELCK is in partnership with the LCMS with us. Rev. Ngare assisted a medical team that I was on several years ago in Kenya and provided some of the daily devotions as well as helped to be an interpreter with natives who did not speak English.

Rev. Ngare was recently in the Atlanta, GA area visiting our Lutheran churches to also raise funds for a church building in the small village that he is the pastor. In his role as superintendent of the Lutheran schools in western Kenya, Rev. Ngare oversees 32 elementary schools, 4 high school age schools and one school for mentally handicapped children. He also is associated with the Diakonia Compassionate Ministry located in Kisumu where a grant from the LCMS World Relief and Human Care helped construct a medical clinic recently. Some of us held our medical team clinics on this facility prior to final construction while in Kenya.

Thus if anyone has further questions or desire to help with this new church facility, you may contact Glenn Stocker for more information.

DCM's Mission

DCM is building on and strengthening the capacities of individual, families and communities, giving hope and support to the vulnerable groups in society through the healing ministry of the gospel, physical and social support systems.

DCM currently focuses on the following projects:

- Orphan and Widow Support
- Microloans
- Children's Bible Clubs
- Disabled Children Ministry
- Healthcare services
- Short-term volunteer programs



Dr. Georgescu seeing a child during a medical mission trip

How You Can Help

DCM implements and coordinates short-term missionary activities focusing on health, Christian outreach programs to communities, home visits with deaconesses, and some Kenyan cultural experiences including a two-day visit to the Maasai Mara. Volunteer your skills and touch lives in Kenya by joining a short-term team. You may also generously give by sponsoring an orphan through the "1001 Orphans" project or by donating equipment and supplies for ELCK medical facilities.

Monetary donations may be designated to DCM Kenya and made to:

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