



Peace Lutheran Church

Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

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**Peace Lutheran
Church**

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9:00 - 12:00

Tues & Wed. @ Bethlehem
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Afternoons by Appointment

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Mon.-Fri.

Sunday Worship

9:00 AM

**Sunday Adult
Bible Class**

10:30 AM

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Dr. Barry, Sainted President of the LCMS, used to say that we need to "Be in the Word." By this he meant that the people of God should respect, honor, study, and follow the Word of God.

But what is the Word of God? While the Bible is the Word of God, the Word of God is more than the Bible. Many take the narrow view that the Bible alone is the Word of God. The result is that it becomes a manual for righteous living. Do what the Bible says and you will live. But thank God that his word is more than the Bible. In Scripture we have **the written Word of God**. It is written for our learning, our edification, our understanding about who God is and what he does in our life. But the Word of God is a broader concept than just the written words we have in the Bible.

There is also the **spoken Word of God**. In the beginning God said, Let there be light and there was light. God spoke and it happened. Throughout the written Word of God we have examples of the spoken Word of God. The prophets spoke to the people about the coming destruction of Israel because of the apostasy of the people and their words came to pass. Jesus told the man at the pool of Bethesda to rise and walk and he did it. Peter, Paul and others proclaimed the story of salvation to those who had not heard the message and the spoken word created faith in Jesus. Today, Parents teach their children about God through the spoken word, and through the Holy Spirit's power faith is created.

There is the Word made flesh. "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God and the word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth." (John 1:1, 14) The Word of God is not only demands and laws and decrees. It is God in action. God taking on our human form, fulfilling the law on our behalf, taking the punishment we deserve, dying and rising again for our salvation, living a life we could not live in order that we might be saved. Those who would be in the Word of God must be in Christ. Christ gave himself as a sacrifice for our sin. He did it for us when we could not do it for ourselves. The story of the Good Samaritan is the story of Christ. Christ is the one who stopped along the road, poured healing ointment into our fatal wounds, took us to an inn, a safe place, and paid for our stay so that we could be completely healed. Those who are in Christ do the same

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for others. We are brothers in Christ because we have been forgiven, we love because Christ loved us, it is not optional.

Finally there is the sacramental Word of God. This is the word that is in, with and under the visible elements of water, bread and wine. Moses said: **“The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.”** It was in Baptism that your heart was circumcised. The Word of God gave power to the water and your sin was washed away in much the same way as dirt is washed from your hands as you apply water and soap. It is the Logos, the word made flesh that comes to us under these elements as in the Lord's Supper. This is the sacramental Word of God and it too has the power to heal, restore, and forgive.

Be in the Word. What does it mean? Surely it means to study the Bible; but it means much more. It means we are to speak the words of God. The proclaimed Word of God has power no matter whose mouth it comes from. It means to be in Christ the word made flesh. Let your life be a reflection of your Savior so that all may know who your God is. All those who have been baptized have been baptized into the death of Christ so that as Christ has been raised we too might walk in newness of life. It means to partake of the sacramental Word of God where God also provides his forgiveness and life through water, bread and wine. In this written, spoken, incarnate, and sacramental word there is power and life.

Pastor Griesse



Western Days

Western Days is approaching fast! Harlan and Mary Lyso will once again be hosting it at their house on Sunday, September 11th at 12:30. (Directions to their house will be available in the Fellowship Hall soon.) As in years past it will be a potluck with games, swimming, and fellowship. We encourage everyone to attend.



O.W.L.S. Lunch

The O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at **11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 9th.** Lunch will be at **Gold Creek Restaurant** (towards Chinook Pass). Please let Marcia Shotwell know if you are planning to attend (call at 697-4543 or email at shotwell@elltel.net).



Baptisms

Bowen Clyde, son of Josh & Katie Clyde, was baptized during the worship service on Sunday, August 21st. Grandparents are Steve & Kathy Freeborn.

Olivia Freeborn, daughter of Kyle & Emily Freeborn, was also baptized during the worship service on Sunday, August 21st. Grandparents are Steve & Kathy Freeborn.



Ladies Bible Study

Ladies...we are trying to find out how much interest there would be in a Ladies' Bible Study. Meeting times and topics can be decided and worked out by the participants. If you would like to participate in a class please contact Shirleen Wilhelm at 966-0544 or Sara Bicsak at 697-3862 soon and let them know.

Men's Night Out

The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for **Thur., September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. @ Tailgaters in Selah**. The men of Peace are invited to hang out and enjoy an evening of "man talk" and fellowship.



"Come and Quilt Day"

The ladies of Peace are invited to a "Come and Quilt Day" to be held October 8th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at Peace Lutheran. Those attending will get lessons in Triangles. See the flyer on the bulletin board and talk to Crystal West to sign-up or get more information.

A Look Ahead

Our Lady of Lourdes' Holiday Bazaar is scheduled in November. Peace will once again participate in the bazaar but will need items to sell. Now is the time to get those fingers moving and begin making items that can be sold at the bazaar. If you have any questions contact Teri Sanchez.

The Fellowship Board at Peace Lutheran hosted a ladies' **English Afternoon Tea** on August 16th. The event was held at the home of Marcia Shotwell. The ladies enjoyed various finger sandwiches, desserts and, of course, tea! Thank you to the members of the Fellowship Board for all your work putting this event together, and to Marcia for graciously allowing the event to take place in her yard. (Thank you to the "Butler" as well!!)

