

A close-up photograph of several yellow daffodils with white centers, growing in green grass. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, and the background is softly blurred.

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April 2016

Peace Lutheran Church



*Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

-Isaiah 43:18-19

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

-Revelation 21:5

Darkness and dawn. Winter and spring. Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Dying with Christ and rising again with him. Renewal is the gift of God, and faith means taking seriously God's promise to bring about newness of life in spite of even the worst case scenario.

This is as true for congregations as it is for anything else. The ELCA's slogan at our 25th anniversary as a denomination was "Always being made new." It's a nice phrase, but the question is whether or not we believe it. One of the great threats to a congregation's participation in the kingdom of God is complacency. We know the Holy Spirit is constantly at work to renew our ministry for the sake of our community and the world, but we are tempted to resist it. We like things the way they are. We don't want to change.

But a willingness to change opens our eyes to God's possibilities. It can be uncomfortable to try something new, but that discomfort is a birth pang, a necessary step in the process of renewal. Or, in other language, dying to our old selves makes a way for new life.

I have already witnessed an openness to renewal on the part of Peace Lutheran Church. You have graciously adjusted to new pastoral leadership. You have received new members, and new members, you have made a new commitment to the congregation. You have begun to envision new ministries. Several of you ventured into the neighborhood on Palm Sunday to greet new faces and invite them to church. And on Maundy Thursday, you washed each other's feet for the first time. You have even renewed the congregation's website (many thanks to Kyle Aronson). Check out the new peacepuyallup.org!

Where do you see signs of new life breaking into our midst? How are you drawn to participate in it? In this Easter season, pay attention to the ways God is at work to renew us for our own sake and for the sake of others. Don't resist, but celebrate resurrection. Alleluia, Christ is risen!



We invite you to participate in the Offering of Letters Workshop, Saturday, April 9, 10-12.

This workshop will give the information and resources that congregations need to do effective advocacy.

Foreign Aid is the focus this year. There is legislation before Congress to transform foreign aid so that it is used to make countries self-sufficient in food and no longer in need of continuous hand-outs.

Strengthening small-scale farming is the key to this long-range solution. And there is a particular emphasis on strengthening the role of women.

This transformative approach has sponsors from both parties. What it needs is getting the attention of Congress as a whole when so many other matters are pressing for attention.

The workshop program:

Linda Faaren will use 7 years of experience as an ELCA missionary in Cameroon leading a Literacy Program to make the human side of this issue come alive, describing the impact this transformation would have in the homes and villages, especially on women and children.

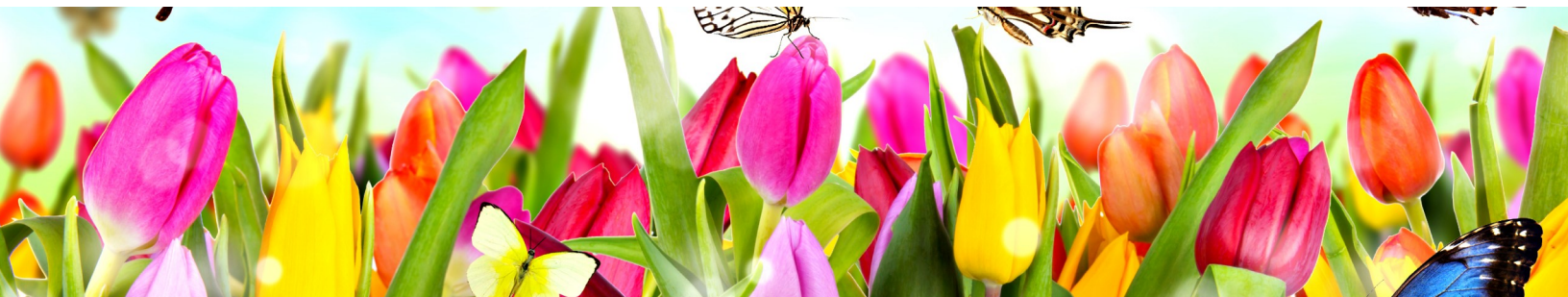
Representative Denny Heck has designated his District Director, LaTasha Wortham, to talk about foreign aid legislation now before Congress.

This is an ecumenical workshop by Bread for the World for all congregations in Pierce County. Peace Lutheran will receive free a \$10 Offering of Letters kit prepared by Bread for the World with all the resources you'll need.

Come to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Center, 1001 N. "J" St., Tacoma, for the workshop. Pre-registration (optional) before April 6 at fblair39@centurylink.net.

Please contact me if you have questions.

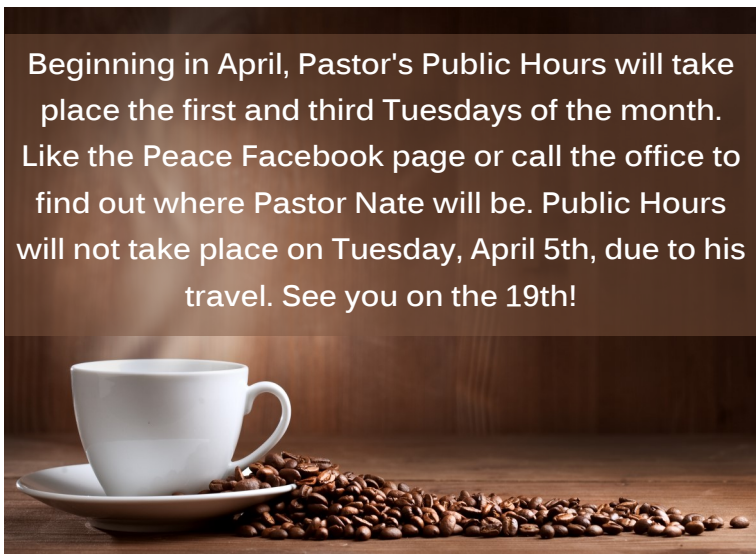
Herman Diers, member of the local chapter of Bread for the World
1707 N Vassault St #6-6
Tacoma WA 98406-2566





FYI

Pastor Nate will be out of the office the week of April 4-8. If you are in need of assistance while he is away, please call or email the office.



You are invited to join the fun of the

Peace Lutheran Church

3rd Annual Concert & Hymn Sing

Friday, April 8th, 2016

6:45 pm

Presented by Peace Choir, Cornerstones

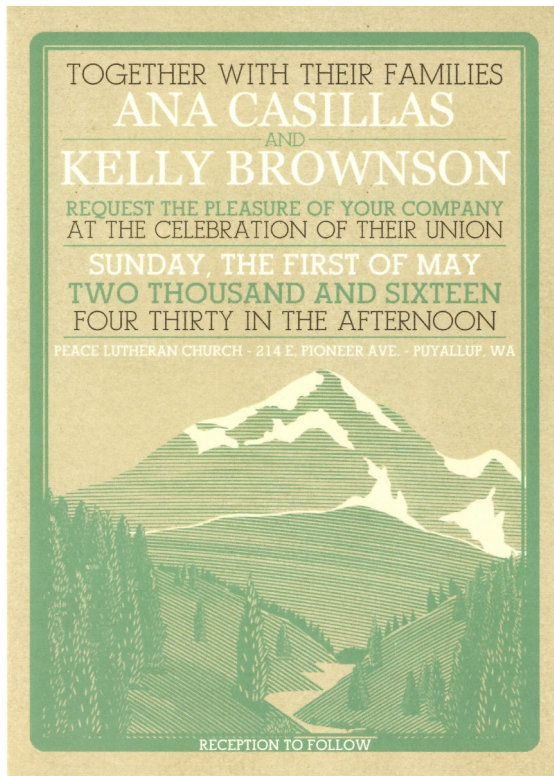
And Peace Lutheran Musicians

Website Launch Celebration

Join us in between services on Sunday, April 10th as we introduce and bless our newly renovated church website. Bring your smart phones and we will show you how to navigate through the site.

Until then, feel free to visit www.peacepuyallup.org!





COMMUNITY EASTER CELEBRATION



On Easter Sunday, John 17 Fellowship of Local Churches, Washington State Fair Events Center, Charlie's Restaurant, Puyallup Food Bank sponsored a Community Easter Celebration. Guests were invited through local social service organizations targeting homeless, elderly, and low-income families. This special community event featured dinner, music, kids 'activities and family fun in celebration of Easter, all free to homeless, elderly and low income families.

The Casillas family invites our family at Peace to celebrate this special occasion with us!
 RSVP by March 20th, so that we may accurately plan for our guests at the reception.
 When responding, please let us know your names and how many guests will be attending the reception.
 Contact by email: stukertz@yahoo.com. Contact by phone: 253 770-6788

This was Peace Lutherans first year being invited to participate with about 20 other churches in the area. A big thank you to Jean Glaser, Ellen Aronson, Trish Siltala, Sally Otterson, Nancy Armstrong and Barb King for providing food for this event. Over 800 people benefitted from the generosity of our community on Easter.



Bridal Shower

for

Ana Casillas

Saturday, April 16th - 2:00 pm

Questions? Contact Jenny Moore or JoAnn Robinson

Youth News

2016 Summer Mission Trip



July 29th – August 8th

Mt Cross Lutheran Camp near
Santa Cruz, CA

Cost is \$400.00 –

Fund raising will pay for the rest

We will be joining our friends from First Lutheran in Bothell for this 11 day trip. We are participating in the Special Friends Camp where you are paired with another youth to work with special need adult campers. We will also have beach time and a day in San Francisco.

We are asking for half the money (\$200.00) This trip is open to those presently in 8th grade and above.

7th - 12th Grade



GYM NIGHT

Friday, April 8th

Meet at Peace at 5:00pm

Please sign up on the youth board

Elementary Retreat

~ Camp Lutherwood



Youth Synod Gathering
Camp Barachah

Ladies Aid

Wednesday, March 13, 2016

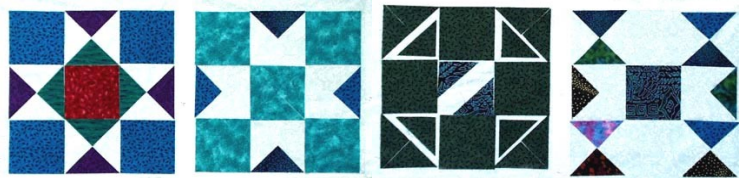
9:30 am

Bible Study: Christian Citizenship 101
- Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Session Four: "Keep On Keeping On"
Phil. 4:4-23

Study Leader: Liz Haworth

Hostess: Baerbel Lorenz



We would like to invite you to share in our quilting mission. There are two groups who meet for fellowship and tying the quilts. One on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm, and the other on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays of the month at 9:15 am.

There is also a great need for people who will sew the tops from packages of three different size squares. Another task that would be of great help is cutting squares in three sizes from the abundant supply of available fabric.

If any of these activities interest you, please contact Jane Smith, Lynn Coleman or Joan Siburg.

Thank you for your interest!

Tuesday Bible Study

Sink your teeth into the weekly Bible texts with Pastor Nate, 10:00-11:00 am on Tuesdays in the gathering area.

See you there!



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What's Happening?



Daffodil Parade

Saturday, April 9th

Tacoma	10:15 am
Puyallup	12:45 pm
Sumner	2:30 pm
Orting	5:00 pm

Clean Sweep

Saturday,
April 23rd - 10:00-1:00 pm

Downtown Puyallup

Join us Saturday, April 23rd as we take to the streets of downtown Puyallup with brooms, pressure washers, and garbage sacks for our annual Downtown Puyallup Clean Sweep. Join forces as many individuals, community groups, school organizations, church groups and more come out to make our downtown a cleaner, nicer living environment.

Meet at the Puyallup Main Street Office, 319 S. Meridian, by 9:45 to receive your cleaning assignment. All volunteers should be dressed in work clothes, shoes and bring gloves if you have them. Cleaning equipment will be provided. We'll have a pizza party afterwards for all who volunteer!



HOURS

Thurs: 2pm - 10 pm
Fri & Sat: 10 am - 10 pm
Sun: 10 am - 8 pm

ADMISSION

Pre-Fair (online until 4/13)

Adults: \$7.50
Students (6-18): \$6.50

Regular Price

Adults: \$10.00
Students: \$8.00
Kids 5 & under: FREE



Starts April 16th!!!



Thursday, April 28th

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

\$20.00

April 2016

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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8:15 - Worship (Jill)
9:40 - Resounding Joy
10:45 - Worship (Jill)

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3:00 - PC Juv. Court
4:30 - PC Juv. Support
5:00 - Cornerstones

5

10:00 - Bible Study
5:45 - Finance Committee
7:00 - Boy Scouts

6

3:00 - PC Juv. Court
5:30 - Quilting
7:00 - Choir Practice

7

9:30 - Quilting
7:00 - A.A. Meeting

8

3:00 - PC Juv. Court
6:45 - Choir Concert
Youth Gym Night

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Daffodil Parade

10

8:15 - Worship (Jill)
9:40 - Resounding Joy
9:40 - Website Blessing
10:45 - Worship (CS)
11:45 - Community Ministry Meeting

11

3:00 - PC Juv. Court
4:30 - PC Juv. Support
5:00 - Cornerstones

12

10:00 - Bible Study
6:30 - Council Meeting
7:00 - Boy Scouts

13

9:30 - Ladies Aid
3:00 - PC Juv. Court
5:15 - Worship Asst. Meet.
7:00 - Choir Practice

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7:00 - A.A. Meeting

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3:00 - PC Juv. Court

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Spring Fair

17

8:15 - Worship (CS)
9:40 - Resounding Joy
10:45 - Worship (Joan/PC)

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3:00 - PC Juv. Court
4:30 - PC Juv. Support
5:00 - Cornerstones

19

10:00 - Bible Study
12:00 - Pastor Public Hours
7:00 - Boy Scouts

20

3:00 - PC Juv. Court
5:15 - Sunday School Meet
5:30 - Quilting
7:00 - Choir Practice

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9:30 - Quilting
7:00 - A.A. Meeting

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3:00 - PC Juv. Court

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8:15 - Worship (Jill/PC) *
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* Quilt Blessing

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3:00 - PC Juv. Court
4:30 - PC Juv. Support
5:00 - Cornerstones

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10:00 - Bible Study
7:00 - Boy Scouts

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3:00 - PC Juv. Court
5:45 - Worship Meeting
7:00 - Choir Practice

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7:00 - A.A. Meeting

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3:00 - PC Juv. Court

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10:00 - Confirmation

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday

Pam Lewis	1	Elaine Fredrickson	9	Devin Culpepper	13	Laura Casillas	21	Jordan Teddy	27
Gracie Williams	6	Jordan Culpepper	10	Nick Teddy	13	Diane Filkins	22	Jan Engelkes	28
Tray Larson	7	Khm'ron Meas	10	Jennifer Whipkey	16	Linda Tilman	26	Kaitlynn Albenesius	28
Ben Woodbury	7	Dylan Tait	11	Virginia Spaulding	17	JoAnn Robinson	27	Leanne Cook	29
Baerbel Lorenz	8	Phyllis Bench	12	Don Larson	19	Jasmine Lee	27	Patrick Dymond	29

APRIL

Happy Baptismal Anniversary

Connor Aronson	Jordan Culpepper	Vernell Doyle	Dr. Paul Gerstmann	Tanner Kohoutek	Sohpia Pless
Isabelle Boben	Diane Dean	Diane Filkins	Jean Glaser	Joan Linden	Ariana Schueler
Brendan Cook	Kevin Doerr	Susan Gerard	Jean Hirt	Karlene Perkins	Linda Tilman

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

"Church is the church only when it exist for others." (Bonhoeffer)



Since January, committee members have been meeting to research a community outreach program that would fi the many talents we have at Peace.

Committee meetings are always the first Sunday of the month directly after second service, however, due to spring break, the April meeting will be held on April 10th. At the March meeting members agreed to do research on a before and after school program for elementary students.

Please prayerfully consider joining the committee for your input and your show of support for this worthwhile program.



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