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CLARION

July 2016



*"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God."*

- Isaiah 35:1-2

"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."

- F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

I once heard a Midwesterner joke that "Jesus goes to the lake in the summer." We in the Pacific Northwest might say, "Jesus goes to the mountain," but the implication is the same. Things just slow down a bit at church during the summer, right? A break from church goes hand in hand with a break from school, work, or other responsibilities.

Don't get me wrong: there is nothing wrong with a little Sabbath. In fact, time away from your regular routine can be refreshing and deeply meaningful. But, if people of faith step away from the spiritual life altogether during the summer, we miss out on an opportunity.

God has arranged the seasons so that everything flourishes in the summer months. Why not your faith? Instead of thinking of summer as spiritual down time, why not attend to your spiritual life in a new and vibrant way?

For instance:

Take a thought-provoking book on vacation, like one of these:

- *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*, by Marcus J. Borg
- *Messy Spirituality*, by Michael Yaconelli (good for youth)
- *Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence*, by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks
- *Stitches: A Handbook on Meaning, Hope and Repair*, by Anne Lamott

Try out a new spiritual discipline, like daily Bible reading or prayer.

Seek out a new opportunity to serve the community.

Step into a new role at church, like Sunday worship assistance.

Reconnect with a friend from Peace, or reach out to someone new, or someone you haven't seen at church in a while. Or, schedule a visit with your pastor.

As the world around you thrives this summer, my prayer is that your faith will, too.



It's New!

Call Ministry

Have you noticed that someone is missing from church? It has been a long time since you have seen them and want to know if they are okay. Now you have two options – You could call them or you could let us know and I will call them. I have a current list of people that we haven't seen. I will begin calling them July 1st. I will just be checking to see how they are doing and if we could do anything for them. If you would like to leave a name to have me call, call the office, Pastor Nate or leave a note in the mailbox labeled Call Ministry. The box is in the bank of mail boxes outside of the sanctuary. All messages will be kept confidential. If you have any further questions, please call the church office or myself, Diane Dean 253-752-6159.

Thank you

*"...God called to him out of the bush,
"Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I
am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove
the sandals from your feet, for the place on
which you are standing is holy ground."*

- Exodus 3:4-5

Sunday, July 10th, is **Holy Ground Sunday!** Just as God encounters Moses in a burning bush, God also encounters us - in a sacred story, in a greeting of peace from friends and strangers, and in a holy meal. So, as you enter the sanctuary on July 10th, remember that our gathering takes place on holy ground, and feel free to remove your shoes. You may also keep your shoes on if you prefer.

*"Leave your shoes at the door, and don't
take a nicer pair when you leave."*

STILL STITCHING

We're quilting in the summer so others can keep warm when the weather cools.

Evening quilting will be changed to **Thursdays**, June 29, July 7 & 21, and August 4 & 18 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Daytime quilting will be Thursdays, July 7 & 14, and August 4 & 11 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

As always our church has been most generous in support of the Quilting Ministry. Flat sheets in good condition are needed! Material is always welcome. And most especially, we invite you to come tie quilts or do some home sewing. We will be giving the gift of warmth to folks who need our help. And we will try to keep you in stitches!

Summer Formation in Faith

Come together every other Wednesday evening this summer to eat, talk, and pray. Families, friends, and acquaintances, this is an opportunity to explore faith practices in your home.

How do we read the Bible together?

How do we pray?

What songs do we sing?

How do we talk about tough questions?

Receive guidance and resources, share stories of your own faith life, and strengthen your relationships with each other and with other members of the congregation.

We'll share a meal, have a guided conversation, and finish with a brief time of worship.

All are welcome!

Mark your calendar for **July 6th, July 20th, August 3rd, and August 17th** from **5:45-7:00pm**.

FORMATION IN FAITH - July

Wednesdays - July 6 and 20

5:45 - 7:30 p.m.

Our first dinner and Faith session was held June 22. The meal was accented by some delicious salads and Janet Culpepper's incomparable pies! Our discussion time centered on Spirituality, with four questions about how we practice our faith and how we share with others. The evening ended with a quiet time of prayer and song.

On **July 6** the church will supply salad bar lettuce, salad dressings, and meat. If you can, come with additions to our salad bar (veggies, fruits, croutons, but not nuts since some of us have allergies). Dessert will be ice cream and toppings to make some fabulous sundaes!

Intergenerational means ALL are WELCOME! And not just welcome, but needed! We have plenty of space at our brand new round tables, and discussions and quiet worship time.....a very special summer time of FORMATION IN FAITH!

Thursdays
July 7-August 11
7-9 p.m.
FREE Admission

JAZZ UNDER THE STARS

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY



PLU's annual Jazz Under the Stars (JUTS) professional summer concert series marks its seventeenth year this summer. This series is FREE to the public, and a "gift to our community" from Pacific Lutheran University.

On Thursday, July 14, 2016 from 7-9 pm, Peace member Keith Henson leads his acclaimed eight piece band playing in the outdoor amphitheater of the Mary Baker Russell Music Center on the PLU campus.

Bring your lawn chairs and your picnic food. Free coffee, select wine and beers, and snacks for sale are available.

JUTS concerts are NEVER cancelled due to weather. On days with inclement weather, concerts will be held in Lagerquist Concert Hall of the Russell Music Center.

<https://www.plu.edu/jazz/concerts-events/jazz-under-the-stars/>



Women of the **ELCA** 

Ladies Aid

There not be a Ladies Aid meeting in July.
Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 10th.

Happy Summer!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

There will be no Men's Breakfast in July

A Success Story!!

BLESSINGS! Who were the ones that were blessed? Who were the ones that received blessings? If you served food, cleaned up tables, visited with many homeless people for the past two weeks, here at Peace, YOU were one of those that were blessed! Fifty to sixty people came into our Gathering area and ate a hot meal each evening for two weeks while the Armory was unavailable. THANKS to ALL who were a part of this outreach into our Community. It was appreciated by many!

Submitted by Nancy Jo Armstrong, representing many busy faithful people of Peace!



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.

Peace Lutheran Elementary Youth
Entering 1st - 6th



VBS Carnival Day at First Lutheran in Bothell



Thursday, July 21st

Leave Peace at 8:00 am - Return at 3:00 pm

This fun day includes singing, crafts,
pizza lunch and inflatables.

Children entering 1st & 2nd grade must
have a parent come along

Please sign up on the Youth Board by
Sunday July 10th.

Wednesday, August 17th



Day Hike at Mt Rainier

Please sign up on the youth board by **Sunday, August 13th**

SAN JUAN & ORCAS ISLAND BIKE ADVENTURE TRIP



July 24th - 25th

Sunday & Monday

\$45.00



Leave Peace at 5:30 am on Sunday

Return on Monday evening

Trip Includes

Biking on beautiful San Juan Island

Visiting Friday Harbor

Great camp site on Orcas Island

Scenic Ferry Ride

Sleeping in tents

Great food

Beach combing

Swimming

Campfire



What to Bring

Clothing for 2 days (for both sunny and rainy weather)

Sunscreen

Water Bottle

Sleeping bag/Pillow/Sleeping pad

Swimsuit & Towel

Toiletries

Money for snacks and 1 meal along the way

Requirements

Your bike must be in good riding condition. Please do some riding ahead of time. A helmet must be worn.

Have your money turned in by

Sunday, July 10th





Pastor Nate, Bethany and Alex are moving in to their new home and could use some help!

Saturday, July 9th - 9:00 a.m.

Moving from: 1617 E. Main, Apt. J101

Moving to: 402 7th St. NW

Any help will be much appreciated!

WELCA's Mt. Rainier Cluster Annual Ice Cream Social



Wednesday, July 27th

6:30 pm

Mt. View Lutheran Church
3505 122nd Ave E, Edgewood

Each congregation is asked to bring a plateful of cookies to share. Ice cream sundaes will be provided.

All women are invited! Please bring along a friend to enjoy the evening as well!

For more information please contact Nancy Armstrong or Barb King.



Work Day - June 25th.

Thank you to all who participated!



Graduation Sunday - June 12th.

Congratulations Graduates!

Happy Birthday


Michael Fairbanks	1	Ron VonWahlde	11	James Whipkey	15	Wayne Solberg	24
Brandon Siemsen	2	Ron Dymond	12	William Faria	17	Ruth Myles	27
Alex Thompson	7	Laury Togstad	12	Bryce Baker	21	Rachel Dymond	27
Virginia Baisch	8	Darlene Sandefur	13	Sara Anderson	22	Scott Togstad	28
Joan Siburg	10	Ron Glaser	14	Leigh Storm	22	Rodney Swenson	31
Lucas Albenesius	11	Ed Siemsen	14	Vivian Johnson	23		



Happy Baptismal Anniversary

Kaitlynn Albenesius	Gabe Kolsrud	Ruth Rantanen	Gracie Williams
Nancy Armstrong	Tray Larson	Hannah Thompson	Jacob Williams
Ellen Aronson	Marshall Lee	Jessica Thompson	Tristan Williams
William Barrett	Sharon Littlefield	Laury Togstad	Beverley Zook
Emily Dymond	Paula Nordby	Ron VonWahlde	
Dave Hamry	Ashley Parker	Jill West	

JULY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30 - Worship (Jill) w/baptism 7:00 - Tacoma Rainiers	4 OFFICE CLOSED  Happy 4th of July	5 10:00 - Bible Study 12:00 - PPH@ FM Starbucks 5:45 - Finance Meeting 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:00 - PVP 4-H	6 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:45 - Summer Formation	7 9:30 - Quilting 5:30 - Quilting 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	8 3:00 - PC Juv. Court	9
10 Holy Ground Sunday 9:30 - Worship (CS)	11 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	12 10:00 - Bible Study 7:00 - Boy Scouts	13 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 6:00 - Teams 4 & 5 Meeting	14 9:30 - Quilting 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	15 3:00 - PC Juv. Court	16
17 9:30 - Worship (Jill)	18 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	19 10:00 - Bible Study 12:00 - PPH (tbd) 7:00 - Boy Scouts	20 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:45 - Summer Formation	21 8:00 - E.F. Jr. Chinese English Immersion 5:30 - Quilting 7:00 - A.A. Meeting Youth VBS Carnival Day	22 8:00 - E.F. Jr. Chinese English Immersion 3:00 - PC Juv. Court	23
24 9:30 - Worship (Joan) 10:45 - Outreach Comm. Youth Bike Trip	25 8:00 - E.F. Jr. Chinese English Immersion 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones Youth Bike Trip	26 8:00 - E.F. Jr. Chinese English Immersion 10:00 - Bible Study 7:00 - Boy Scouts	27 8:00 - E.F. Jr. Chinese English Immersion 3:00 - PC Juv. Court	28 8:00 - E.F. Jr. Chinese English Immersion 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	29 3:00 - PC Juv. Court Youth Mission Trip	30 3:00 - Wedding Youth Mission Trip
31 9:30 - Worship (CS) Youth Mission Trip						

THE LITTLE BLUE ENGINE

Remember the story of the little happy train that broke down and could not get its cars full of toys to the little boys and girls?

Remember how the old engine, the shiny new engine, the big important engine passed by the little happy train? And then along came that famous little blue engine and those words "I think I can." And problem solved...the kiddies got their books and toys and good things to eat.

The Peace Lutheran Church Sunday School train needs help! We have a super engineer (Pastor Nate) and a car full of musical joy (Jill Burch and Dennis Steinberg), a car full of material (Sermon4Kids, a free weekly online lesson that follows Pastor's sermons, has not only a story but suggestions for games and crafts and coloring pages), a whole baggage car full of paper and glue and craft supplies, and three conductors (Charlene Cook, Trish Siltala, and Bill Haines) who make up a great train team.

We need more conductors for the primary grades....and we need someone to keep the train schedule and let the children and their families know about departure times and activities....a stationmaster of sorts.

Can you help? Can you "I think I can"? The rewards are hugs and smiles and kids who discover books (the Bible), toys (crafts to help keep their hands busy while they listen) and good things to eat (the Word of God told simply and with love). Please talk to Pastor Nate or one of the conductors....they'll get you on board!

I THINK YOU CAN!



Please Check Your Calendars

The office is looking for volunteers to help answer the telephone and greet visitors at the door the week of July 18 – 22nd while Sara is out visiting family in MN. If you are able to fill in for a day, or just a couple hours, please notify Sara in the office via email at office@peacepuvallup.org or phone at 253.845.8819. Thank you!



Communities in Schools Food Drive

Through August 28th!

WE HAVE MOVED

It is very exciting. We are much closer to church by at least 30 minutes. Our new address:

Dennis & Diane Dean

2010 Union Ave. Apt.422

Tacoma, WA 98405

Our phone: 253-752-6159



Dennis and Diane

Puyallup Parks & Recreation Presents

Concerts IN THE park 2016



PIONEER PARK 325 South Meridian & **BRADLEY LAKE PARK** 531 31st Ave S



Noon Tunes for Kids

DATE	TIME	EVENT
TUESDAYS:		
July 5	12-1pm	Tweenland Bradley Lake Park
July 12	12-1pm	Reptile Isle Pioneer Park
July 19	12-1pm	The Not Its Pioneer Park
July 26	12-1pm	Roberto the Magnificent Pioneer Park
Aug 2	12-1pm	Recess Monkey Pioneer Park
Aug 9	12-1pm	Rowdy Refs Pioneer Park
Aug 16	12-1pm	Comic Dominic Pioneer Park
Aug 23	12-1pm	Reptile Isle Bradley Lake Park

Family Series

DATE	TIME	EVENT
THURSDAYS:		
June 30	6:30-8pm	The Beatniks Bradley Lake Park
July 7	6:30-7:15pm	Strangely Alright Pioneer Park
	7:30-8:30pm	Sweet Kiss Mama Southern Roots Rock
July 14	6:30-7:10pm	The Islanders Pioneer Park
	7:20-8:30pm	The Coats A capella
July 21	6:30-8pm	Doctorfunk Pioneer Park
July 28	6:30-7:15pm	The Windbreakers Pioneer Park
	7:30-8:30pm	Bobby Sox & The Juke Box 50's & 60's
Aug 4	6:30-7:10pm	Slim Wizzy Pioneer Park
	7:30-8:30pm	The ABBAgraphs Abba Tribute
Aug 11	6:30-8pm	Jonathon Harris Pioneer Park
Aug 18	7:30-8:30pm	Heart By Heart Pioneer Park
Aug 25	6:30-8pm	Spike & The Impalers Bradley Lake Park

Community Campout

August 13, 6:30-8pm at Bradley Lake Park: Afrodisiacs – Disco

In the case of inclement weather

All concerts would be moved inside the Pioneer Park Pavilion.
The Saturday concert at Bradley Lake would be cancelled. **QUESTIONS?** Call: 253-841-5457.

Visit WWW.CITYOFPUYALLUP.ORG for updates and possible changes to the entertainment schedule.

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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