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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2016



An Open Letter to Candidates for Elected Office

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity." - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

"Thus says the LORD: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say: Hear the word of the LORD, O King of Judah sitting on the throne of David — you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates. Thus says the LORD: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place." - Jeremiah 22:1-3

Dear Candidates:

Thank you for your willingness to serve on behalf of your community. Public leadership is a holy calling that you have heeded, and, should you be elected, a critical responsibility that I trust you will strive to fulfill. Recognizing the challenges of your work, I commit to praying earnestly for your well-being, as well as for wisdom, patience, persistence, and humility to ground and guide you.

Some will insist that religion and politics do not mix, but my faith makes a claim on every aspect of my life, to include my expectations for public leaders. Thus, I cannot suspend matters of faith as I consider my highest priorities for your work. My interest in this letter is not in purportedly "Christian" values defined narrowly in relation to specific, hotly contested issues in the political sphere. Rather, I uphold a more fundamental Christian understanding of the role of public leaders – "kings and all who are in high positions" – in community life.

Of course, leaders are accountable to the populations they serve. As is evident throughout Holy Scripture, however, that accountability extends especially to *the most vulnerable among us*, "the alien, the orphan, and the widow," so to speak. The powerful, in other words, are called to exercise their power with an eye to the margins. I can think of no better measure of your service than the manner in which you attend to those whose interests are routinely neglected, yet whose voices are also ignored in political discourse.

There can be no truly "quiet and peaceable life" so long as some of our neighbors are excluded from the abundant life that God intends for all of us. Even when these neighbors are hidden from view, please keep them in mind.

Best wishes as your campaign comes to an end, and thank you again for your service.

The peace of Christ be with you,

Pastor Nate Sutton - Peace Lutheran Church, Puyallup, Washington

Proposed Change to the Congregational Constitution!

Please review the following proposal for the purpose of discussion and referendum at the
December congregational meeting

After discussion with the Finance Committee, Treasurer and Financial Secretary, the Council proposed changes to the term of office for the Treasurer and Financial Secretary. Currently the terms of office are one year with the possibility of a second consecutive term in that office. The Council is proposing a two year term of office with the possibility of a second consecutive term in that office. It takes considerable time to learn these positions and the software involved. It was felt that allowing the option of a longer term of office would be beneficial.

The Council approved these changes at the October 12, 2016 Council meeting and these changes will be voted on by the Congregation at the December 11, 2016 Congregational meeting.

The changes are:

Current version of C11.02 in the constitution

C11.02. The Congregation Council shall elect its officers and they shall be the officers of the congregation. The officers shall be elected by written ballot and shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their terms shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

Proposed change

C11.02 The Congregation Council shall elect its officers and they shall be the officers of the congregation. The officers shall be elected by written ballot. The President, Vice-president and Secretary shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for a two-year term or until their successors are elected. Their terms shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

The existing section C.11.03 limits all officers to a maximum of two consecutive terms in the same office.

C.11.03 No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.





Council Nominations

The congregational Council is privileged to serve in leadership on behalf of Peace Lutheran Church.

Do you have a member in mind whose gifts and perspective you admire? Please consider nominating him or her for a position on Council beginning **January 2017**. The election will take place at the congregational meeting in December. Nominees will be contacted prior to the election in order to provide insight into the work of the Council and an opportunity to accept or deny the nomination.

Per the Constitution, Council members serve a two-year term, at which point they are eligible for reelection once. We would like to elect **eight** members to Council this year.

- Outgoing members of Council who are **not eligible for reelection** include: Kyle Aronson, Andy Casillas, Les Gerstmann, and Steve Smith. *Please do not nominate them.*
- Members currently serving who will remain on Council and **do not need to be reelected** include: Janet Culpepper, Carole Lee, Pat Moore, Paula Schulz, Trish Siltala, Linda Tilman, and Ben Woodbury. *Please do not nominate them.*
- Members of Council whose terms are ending but who **are eligible for reelection** this year include: Leo Armstrong, Crystal Cunningham, and Becky VonWahlde. All other baptized and confirmed members are also eligible. Please **do** nominate them!

Council Nominations are due **Monday, December 5th**.

Nominee's Name: _____

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

Calling all budding actors and actresses, or how about all of the wonderful children of Peace Lutheran! It's time to begin preparing for our annual Children's Christmas Play. This year we will present the "Christmas Alphabet Poem" on December 18th at 10:00am. During Sunday School, November 6th, 2016, we will be picking the letter(s) of the alphabet and reading through the poem so everyone knows the poem and our next steps. Rehearsals will be during Sunday school starting with practicing our songs in November and then December 4th and December 11th practicing our poem during Sunday school. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, I'm looking forward to our work together! Kathy Fellenstein 253-304-4257.



BOOK FAIR

Looking for that perfect Christmas gift for your kids or grandkids? Stop by our Book Fair and shop award-winning Bibles, books, and videos for babies to twelve-year-olds. Save up to 40% PLUS free shipping on all Book Fair titles.

October 23 - November 6

Our Book Fair, sponsored by Sparkhouse Family, will feature a wide variety of new resources based on the beloved Spark Story Bible, including a family devotional, a collection of prayers for kids based on the Psalms, a picture book about Noah's Ark, the first-ever animated Spark video (starring Squiggles the caterpillar!), and a new line of Spark Play and Learn Books to help make family faith formation easy and fun. Other noteworthy titles included in the upcoming Book Fair are a new Christmas picture book from the Frolic series and a gorgeous Advent pop-up book that will make a delightful gift.

Each book and video is designed to help parents instill an open-hearted, transformational, lifelong Christian faith in their children at every age and stage.

Christmas Generosity

Christmas is only eight weeks away!! Once again, we at Peace have the opportunity to make the holiday season a little brighter for children. The Christmas tree is up with names from Helping Hand House.

Please take a tag or two from the tree with a child's name, age, and gender and purchase a gift for the child. DO NOT wrap the gift, but be sure to tape the name tag to the gift. Lastly, return your gift by November 20th or sooner.

If you need more information, please call:

Becky or Michelle VonWahlde at 253.848.2856

Jane Smith at 253.863.7988 or

Marlys Tron at 253.863.9556

One last, but important possibility. You may give a monetary donation to one of the above names and they will purchase items.



Team 2 Worship Assistants

I wanted to send out a big thank you to team 2 for your service this month of October. Serving as your team leader for this month has been extremely easy because of your willingness to serve at Peace. I would like to give an extra big thanks to Nancy Jo Armstrong for being my assistant team leader this month, would not have been possible with your help. Also big thanks to Jenny Moore, Crystal Cunningham and Boe Woodbury for picking up extra worship assistant duties.

Our next opportunity to serve will be March, 2017. Blessing and peace to you all, thanks again for all you do for Peace Lutheran.

Paula Schulz

RACISM AND THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Recent events around our nation have repeatedly shed light on the pervasiveness of racial inequality in the United States, especially in the realm of criminal justice. Conversation around this topic can be uncomfortable as it forces us to confront a reality we would prefer not to acknowledge, a reality Christian author Jim Wallis calls "America's original sin."

Nevertheless, as Jesus calls us into solidarity with all who suffer, including those who suffer disproportionately on account of the color of their skin, we bear a responsibility to face up to the sin of racism, collectively repent of it, and take steps to overcome it. Abundant life for God's people is at stake.

Is the Spirit stirring your heart to explore this work further? Are you willing to make a commitment to dismantling racism in our time? Pastor Nate is seeking a group of seven members or friends of the congregation to partner in learning, prayer, and action. Please contact him at pastor@peacepuyallup.org or 253.845.8819.



Ladies Aid

Wednesday, November 9th

9:30 a.m.

Bible Study: When God Chooses the Unlikely

Session 3: Paul and the Power of Failure

Study Leader: Barb King

Hostess: Marlys Tron

All women are invited!

Coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed by study.

- Friday, November 11th
Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 24th
Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 25th
Day after Thanksgiving



OFFICE
CLOSED

Parking

Parking can be an adventure at Peace! There is usually ample parking on streets surrounding the church, as well as in the City of Puyallup parking lot across Pioneer (on Sundays). You may also park in the Hill Funeral Home parking lot behind their building across Pioneer. *Please reserve the parking spaces in church lots for those with mobility impairment.* Thank you for your consideration!



Sunday School News

Dates to remember:

November 27th – Thanksgiving Sunday - Sunday School

December 18th -Children's Christmas Program*

December 25th - No Sunday School

January 1st - No Sunday School

*more information to follow



WESTERN STATES YOUTH GATHERING 2017

June 26 - July 2, 2017

California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California

The Western States Youth Gathering happens every 3 years for high school youth. It takes place on the campus of California Lutheran University. It will feature mass gatherings with great speakers and musicians, learning and small group experiences. It will also include an immersion experience in LA and a Southern California beach party and much more! In addition to the gathering, we will go down early and spend a day at Disneyland.

Cost - \$450.00

Sign up by Sunday, December 11th. (\$250 due at time of sign up. The remaining \$200 will be due by June 4th)

CHRISTMAS SWAGS



Swag Making & Decorating Party

Saturday, December 3rd

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

*lunch provided

Confirmation Students & Families

Mini-retreat at Peace: Saturday, **November 19th,**

10am-2pm.

*Lunch included. Please bring at least one adult in your family.



PROGRESSIVE DINNER & CHRISTMAS PARTY



Sunday, December 11th

3:30 pm - 8:00 pm

We will be going around to 4 of our youths homes for:

- Appetizers
- Soup & Salad
- Main Course
- Dessert

We will also be having a gift exchange.

For more information and to sign up please see the youth board. Sign up by Sunday, December 3rd.

Outreach Ministry

“And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:38-40

I am inspired by all the amazing contributions toward hunger relief I have witnessed in the past month! A team of youth participated in the hunger walk, we made a special offering to ELCA World Hunger ministry, we made our second delivery of food to Mt. View Community Center to help with the Communities in School backpack program, and helped package the food as well as learn a little bit more about this ministry. Thanks to everyone who has generously contributed to the ministry of serving our neighbors!

The outreach ministry team meets the third Sunday of each month after the second service. All are welcome to join us!

Upcoming Outreach Ministry Opportunities!

Puyallup Food Bank Donations

In November and December we will focus on a general food collection for the Puyallup Food Bank. The Puyallup Food Bank is especially in need of baby items such as diapers, baby formula, and baby cereal. Other helpful items include peanut butter and tuna fish! Think about picking up one or two items each time you shop and make food bank donations a regular part of your giving!

Armory Dinner

We are preparing and serving a meal for the St. Francis House meals program at the Armory location just around the corner! We will be serving our neighbors on Tuesday, November 8th. Check the sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall for how you can contribute!

Christmas Raffle

December 18th

There were several wonderful items given to WELCA for the Fall Festival auction. These items will be put in to a raffle for Christmas

Tickets will be sold Sunday, December 11th and December 18th with the drawing being on December 18th. Tickets are \$2 for one or 3 for \$5.

Some of the items include:

Christmas Quilt (Peace Quilters)

Large Red Bowl

Christmas motif pillow and towels

& more!

All would be wonderful gifts, or you can enjoy them for your own holiday!



A very big thank you to:

Ellen Aronson, for your generous donation of cards and to WELCA for the very generous donation of postage stamps.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!



Card Ministry - Diane Dean & Amy Randall-Vradenburg



Our Outreach Ministry team at Peace is excited to sponsor a Thanksgiving Basket project this year! If you are in need of Thanksgiving meal support, or know of a family in need, (including local, non-congregation members) please contact Mary Boben (253) 576-9576 or Pastor Nate. You may also fill out a nomination form for a family in need; forms will be located in the fellowship hall at church and may be returned to the church office, or

dropped in an envelope in the collection plates during services. All nominations are strictly confidential.

Nomination forms for Thanksgiving Baskets are due on or before Sunday, November 6th.

Food collection will begin in October and end November 20th.

We will bless our food collection during services on November 20th and have a service project to put together food baskets after last service November 20th.

If you wish to donate food for our Thanksgiving Ministry, please select items (or like items) from the following list and drop food in the boxes at church marked "Thanksgiving Ministry." Gift cards for turkeys may be left with Mary Boben, Pastor Nate, or placed in the collection plate in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Ministry"

Gift Card for turkey OR (***Frozen Turkey may be brought on November 20, day of delivery***)

- Cans or Jars of Gravy or Gravy Mix
- Canned Corn
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Yams or fresh, if brought on day of delivery, November 20
- Canned Cranberry sauce
- Potatoes: Instant potatoes or fresh if brought on day of delivery, November 20
- Marshmallows
- Brown Sugar
- Boxes of Stuffing Mix
- Canned Chicken Broth
- Non-perishable pie mix and crust or other desert mix
- Boxes of corn bread mix
- Dinner Rolls if fresh and brought in on day of delivery, November 20
- Hot Chocolate
- Apple Juice (non-perishable)
- Pumpkin Pies if fresh and brought in on day of delivery, November 20; Fun themed napkins, fall treats

~There is something gracious and graceful about serving~ Maya Angelou



Happy Birthday

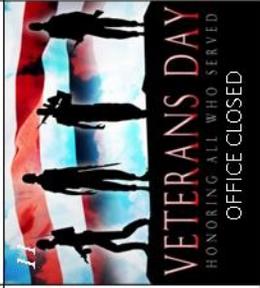
Axl Ahnert	2	Carrie Mandt	4	Erin Smith	12	Rebecca Togstad	19
Tyra Larson	2	Paul Ortega	4	Eric Anderson	13	Paul Gerstmann	20
Ed Lorenz	2	Connor Aronson	7	Dr. Paul Gerstmann	13	Tim Mahaffie	21
Lisa Woodbury	2	Donald Carbone	8	Kyle Aronson	15	Pastor Nate Sutton	23
Kayla Henderson	3	Sue Corak	8	Carolyn Hafterson	15	Sandy Boettcher	24
Lauren Storm	3	Livia Mahaffie	8	Emily Smith	15	Barb Mazetis	25
Lynette Young	3	Brandy Williams	8	Lily Mace	16	Matthew Smith	25
Susan Boone	4	Kevin Mandt	10	Becca Hanson	18	Lacie Filkins	27



Happy Baptismal Anniversary

Martha Gerstmann	Scott Togstad	Brenda Mandt	Ron Dymond	Memphis Brownrigg
Colleen Thrift	Chris Lee	Karen Schueler	Edward Andrews	Francesca Bucher
Hank Brehon	Carole Lee	Christopher Long	Sara Anderson	Cannon Hein
Pam Brehon	Emily Smith	Amanda Long	Kalex Gerstmann	Max Parker
Marlys Tron	Jenn Doerr	Becky VonWahlde	Isaiah Barrett	David McIntyre

NOVEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 8:15 - Worship (Joan) 9:40 - Resounding Joy 9:45 - Adult Ed. 10:45 - Worship (CS) *Pastor Loren Leapaldt & Josh Sullivan covering Pastor Nate Out	7 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones Pastor Nate Out	8 ELECTION DAY 10:00 - Bible Study 5:00 - Serve Dinner @ Armory 6:30 - Council Meeting 7:00 - Boy Scouts	9 9:30 - WELCA 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 6:00 - Church Potluck 6:30 - Team sign up 7:00 - Choir	10 7:00 - A.A. Meeting Martin Luther's Birthday (1483)	12 	5 8:30 - Men's Breakfast 9:30 - Prop. Maintenance Pastor Nate Out
13 THANKOFFERING 8:15 - Worship (CS) 9:40 - Resounding Joy 9:45 - Adult Ed. 10:45 - Worship (Jill w/PC) Pastor Nate Out	14 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones Pastor Nate Out	15 10:00 - Bible Study 12:00 - PPH @ Thr3e 5:30 - Finance 7:00 - Boy Scouts	16 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:30 - Quilting 7:00 - Choir	17 9:30 - Quilting 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	18 3:00 - PC Juv. Court	19 10:00 - Confirmation Mini Retreat 1:00 - Celebration of Life for MaryBeth Higgins
20 8:15 - Worship (Jill w/PC) 9:40 - Resounding Joy 10:45 - Worship (Joan) 11:45 - Outreach Team	21 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	22 10:00 - Bible Study 7:00 - Boy Scouts	23 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 7:00 - Thanksgiving Worship (Jill)	24 	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
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WELCA Thankoffering

Sunday, November 13th - Both Services

The idea of collecting coins in small offering boxes goes back to the early 1800's when women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to raise money. In the late 19th century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings. Women would add coins to the box, jar or can daily for blessings received.

Peace Lutheran Church Women have followed this tradition for over 100 years. This yearly offering goes to Church-wide for Evangelism, Education Racial Justice and Advocacy, Intergenerational programs, to name a few. In 2015, 35% of the Women of ELCA budget came from Thankofferings (\$793,000).

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." The Widow's Mite, Mark 12:41-44

Present your offering on **November 13th!!**



**Saturday, December 3rd, at 5:00pm
Downtown Puyallup**



Bring the kids down to welcome Santa! See the jolly old elf arrive on one of Puyallup's finest fire engines! Included in the festivities is the Holiday Market (12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) in the Pioneer Park Pavilion and the lighting of the Community Tree in the Park! This wonderful community tradition is a great way to kick off the holiday season! Nibble on cookies and sip on hot cocoa as you watch the lighted delights pass by.

Holiday Market

**FARMERS
MARKETS**
*Holiday
Market*

Saturday, December 3rd, 2016

This year our Holiday Market will coincide with our Lighted Santa Parade. The Holiday Market will be located in Pioneer Park Pavilion and will be open from 12 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for one day only. The Holiday Market will feature unique holiday gift items, holiday home decor, and specialty food items.

Come down early and shop and stay late to enjoy the holiday festivities!

Santa Parade begins at 5:00pm followed by the lighting of the Community Tree in the Park!

To all of the following Veterans, and
those who are not listed..

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THANK YOU.



LEO ARMSTRONG - Navy

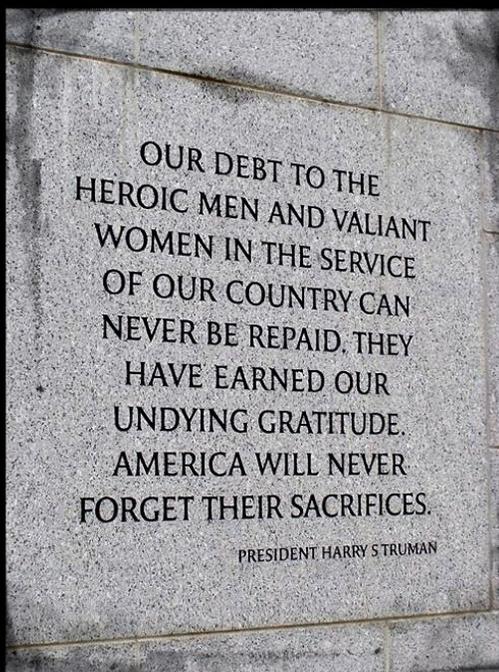
DICK SHIPMAN

DAVE EKSE

WAYNE GLASER - Army

ELSA PAGE - Navy

GLENN WILSON - USAF



WILL BOONE

ROB ALBENESIUS - Navy

RANDALL TRON

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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