



the Clarion

Peace Lutheran Church

September 2016

"For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known." - 1 Corinthians 13:12

From Pastor's Desk...

"As for me, I regard myself as a Christian. Nevertheless, I know how difficult it has been for me, and still is, to apprehend and keep this cornerstone [Christ]." - Martin Luther

"I'm sorry, but I don't see why anybody today would be a Christian."

You said this calmly and, it seemed to me, with a twinge of genuine regret. I knew that the regret, in part, was because you respected me, basically. You were "sorry" because you couldn't imagine how somebody you thought both truthful and intelligent would believe "all that." But I suspected that that your reluctance went deeper. Didn't it betray a certain wistfulness? Were you still harboring some hope that the Christian account of the world – or what you understood of it – might be true?

The above excerpt is from Douglas John Hall's **Why Christian? For Those on the Edge of Faith** (Fortress, 1998, p.1). It's a unique sort of Christian book, one that faces up to the nagging questions at the heart of contemporary belief. It takes the form of a dialogue with "doubting faith – or faithful doubt," in the words of the author. And, it serves as the basis for a seven-part adult education series beginning this month.

Each Sunday from **September 11th to October 23rd**, 9:45-10:30am, we will gather in Koinonia to discuss the questions that make up the structure of Hall's book, fundamental questions of Christian faith in our time:

- 1) Why Christian?
- 2) Why Jesus?
- 3) Saved from What?–For What?
- 4) ...But How?
- 5) What's the Difference?
- 6) Why Church? (And by the Way, What about "the Others"?)
- 7) Is There Any Hope?

Hall's writing will provide a starting point, but the aim of the series is to acknowledge and give voice to *your* questions and ideas. **Are you "on the edge of faith"?** Do you find yourself distanced from a tradition you once held dear? Do you struggle to reconcile your head with your heart? Are you probing the meaning of Christianity for the first time?

Anyone with a desire for a fresh look at the heart of faith – member of Peace, visitor, friend – is welcome and encouraged to participate. You may choose to read the book – one chapter for each corresponding session – especially if reading helps you organize your thoughts. Or, you may choose to simply show up, eager to listen and speak to matters that arise in holy conversation.

I'm looking forward to walking with you. The Lord bless and keep you along the Way!

Pastor Nate



Worship Assistants

Looking forward to September:

September 4th -Labor Day – end of one Worship Service.

September 11th- Two Worship Services begins.

September 13- All Church Potluck- Teams One and Two Meeting.

All Church Potluck:

Every second Wednesday there will be an all Church Potluck. Doors open at 5 p.m. eat at 6 p.m.

Bring a dish to share. Working late, coming in on the train why not have family meet you at the Potluck and join the fun?

Teams one and two will be guest and served first, they will start planning around six thirty or so.

CHANGES:

Starting in September the following changes will start for recruiting Worship Assistants:

Deacons: Two per service

Christmas Eve- Open signup

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter – Open sign up

ACOLYTES

Age: First Grade and up

Parents: Scheduling will be Parents responsibility.

Signup sheets will be available at each team meeting, after team meetings signup sheet will be on bulletin by kitchen door.

Thank You All for Serving!

Respectfully: Virginia S.

NEW VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP ROLES

Fellow servants and kindred in Christ,

Several opportunities for volunteer leadership are presenting themselves this coming year. Are you sensing a call to a new commitment to Peace? Do you desire to play a significant part in our ministries?

Please prayerfully consider the possibility of stepping into one of the following roles:

- **Sunday School Coordinator:** Partner with teachers and families to prepare and carry out meaningful Christian education for children of all ages. Contacts: Jane Smith, Pastor Nate

- **Visual Production in Worship:** Design and run Power-Point presentations for worship with Cornerstones. Contacts: Mark Siltala, Cary Nilson, Pastor Nate

- **Property Committee Chair:** Partner with the Property Committee and other volunteers to steward our building and grounds. Contacts: Steve Smith, Pastor Nate

Guidance and support are readily available for each of these positions! Thank you for your consideration and ongoing commitment to the life of faith at Peace.

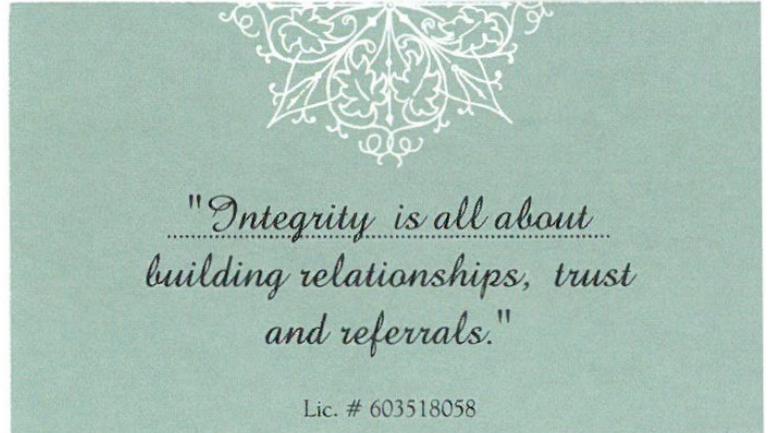
Pastor Nate



A BIG thank you to Teresa Smith for cleaning the carpets in the education wing. They look amazing!
If you are looking for someone to clean the inside, or outside of your home or business, please consider Teresa!

253.320.4891

tintegritycleaning@outlook.com



Our church is having a **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.

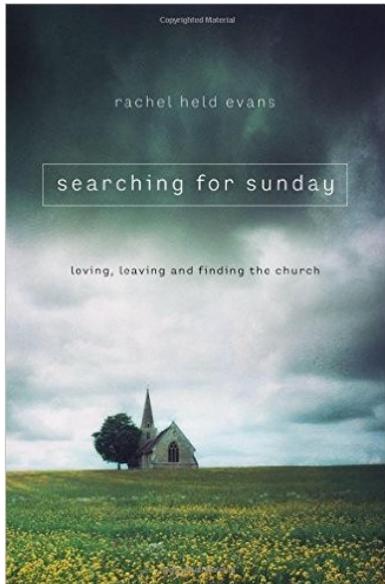
October 23 - November 6



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.

More information will be provided soon.



The week of Sunday, September 11th, we'll begin reading a new book as a congregation, one chapter per week, throughout the 2016-17 year:

Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church, by Rachel Held Evans (Nelson Books, 2015).

(https://smile.amazon.com/Searching-Sunday-Loving-Leaving-Finding/dp/0718022122/ref=sr_1_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1469135051&sr=8-5&keywords=searching+for+sunday)

If you're looking for a low-impact yet rewarding spiritual discipline for the coming year, I encourage you to participate. What's more, I recommend you participate with a friend or two, making room in your calendars for an occasional conversation. I will provide weekly reflection to guide your study and discussions, and look forward to hearing from you, too!

Backpack/Bag/Briefcase/Blanket/Bear Blessing

Whatever it is you carry to school or work on a regular basis, bring it to church on Sunday, **September 4th**. We'll bless the things we use for learning and work to God's glory!



New Member Welcome

"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" -Psalm 133:1

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the congregation?

We will welcome new members to Peace with joy on **Sunday, September 18th**, during worship. New members, please check in with the office to submit a Member Information Form and indicate your plan to present on the 18th. office@peacepuvallup.org or 253.845.8819



Women ^{of the} ELCA

Ladies Aid

Wednesday, September 14th
9:30 a.m.

Bible Study - 3 part session "When God's not fair:
Coming to terms with a merciful God"

Session One - "When God Forgives the Guilty" The
Story of Jonah

Study Leader: Kathy

Hostess: Barb Hamry

All women are invited! Coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed by
study found in September Gather magazine.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 3rd - 8:30 a.m.



Please Join Us!
2016

HELPING HAND HOUSE

Annual Fundraising Breakfast

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

**Tuesday,
October 25th**



For more information email: info@helpinghandhouse.org



Seniors/Retirees

You are invited to our first potluck of the year

Wednesday, October 5 at 12:00 noon

Please put the date on your calendar. We will also have a
potluck in December, February and in May. Join us for
lunch and conversation.



Fall Festival

Sunday, October 30th

Brunch † Book Sale † Jar Project † Silent Auction

Fun for the whole family!

Brunch in-between services.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!!!

Everyone is invited to participate.

Call Nancy at 253.845.0346 or

Barb at 253.864.0998 for

more information.





7th, 8th and 9th Grade Youth

Joint Event with First Lutheran of Bothell



CAMP GILEAD

Carnation, WA

October 7th & 8th

\$30.00

Friends are welcome!

Please sign up and pay by **Sunday, September 25th.**

For more information, please see the Youth Board or Bill Haines.



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)

Confirmation Students & Families

Mark your calendars for confirmation events during the fall:

- Escape to Camp Gilead, Friday-Saturday, **October 7-8.** (Refer to the Clarion or check in with Bill for details.)
- Mini-retreat at Peace: Saturday, **October 29, 10am-2pm.***
- Mini-retreat at Peace: Saturday, **November 19th, 10am-2pm.***

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



Resounding Joy handbell choir is a multi-generational "small group" that makes marvelous music, has fun and fellowship, and always welcomes new members. Teens, adults, rookie ringers, "old pros", and everyone in-between are welcome to join us. No handbell ringing experience is necessary, but an instrumental music background (even waaay, waaaaay, back) is helpful. Bring a willingness to learn and we will be able to comfortably bring new ringers "up to speed" whether you've never held a bell before or are just dusting off skills you haven't used in a while. We have veteran ringers who will happily help each "rookie" phase into the choir. The bell choir has a "family feel" and the rehearsals are times of fellowship as well as to learn new and exciting instruments! Resounding Joy meets in Jubilate on Sunday mornings between services and rings for services about once a month. Please spread the news about this opportunity and feel free to talk to me on Sunday morning, email me at pjenum@aol.com, or call me at 360-825-1391 for more info.

If you are interested, join with us between services on September 11th to polish bells and plan for the upcoming season.

Thank you

Thank you cannot express how blessed and grateful we are to all of you. During the past five years since Dennis was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, the outpouring of prayers, caring and love has been overwhelming. You have helped us in ways unimaginable. , from cards, calls, food, visits, care giving, packing, moving and most importantly your prayers and hugs. They have sustained us in a way I didn't know was possible. My family and I want to express to you how much you mean to us so with an insignificant thank you and even more we have asked God to bless each and every one of you.

In Love,

Diane Dean, Kristen, Rob, Kaitlynn, Jayla, and Lucas Albenesius, Matthew Carrie and Clayton Dean and Brian and Janice Dean

New Address Information

I am finally settled in. My new information is

Address: 2010 South Union Ave. Apt. 235, Tacoma, Wa 98405

Home phone: 253-267-5556, cell 253-307-2656

Email: DEAN2486@comcast.net

Happy Birthday

Rhonda Madison	1	John Mahaffie	10	Brendan Unruh	19	Dennis Steinberg	24
Ryan Culpepper	2	Kalani Scanlan	11	Jacob Williams	21	Will Boone	25
Gary Pierson	2	Janet Baurichter	12	Matthew Glidewell	22	Beth Grothaus	25
Kristen Albenesius	5	Paula Andrews	13	Isaish Barrett	23	Barb Hamry	28
Zane Lee	5	Larry Glaser	14	Pam Brehon	23	Crystal Cunningham	29
Max Parker	6	Wayne Glaser	16	Jay Fellenstein	23	Carole Lee	29
Henry Johnstone	8	Judy Lange	18	Jim Johnson	23		
Henry McMahon	8	Colleen Thrift	18	Tony Marino	24		
Konner Alfano	10	Rachel Gordon	19	David McIntyre	24		



Happy Baptismal Anniversary

Evelyn Swenson	Barbara Lane	Becca Hanson	Madeline Pilger	Layla Runkel
Darlene Sandefur	Randall Tron	Jacob Woodbury	Jayla Albenesius	Jakob McMahon
Rhonda Madison	Linnea Tilt	Ryan Culpepper	Emma Johnstone	William Faria
Dale Hoogakker	Scott Gerard	Zane Lee	Lucas Albenesius	

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:30 - Worship (Joan)	5 OFFICE CLOSED 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones 	6 10:00 - NO Bible Study 12:00 - NO PPH 5:30 - Finance Comm. 7:00 - Boy Scouts & 4-H Pastor Out	7 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 6:00 - Worship Assistant 7:00 - Choir Pastor Out	8 7:00 - A.A. Meeting Pastor Out	9 3:00 - PC Juv. Court Puyallup Fair Begins!! Free Admission 10-12	10 8:30 - God's Work Our Hands (Bradley Lake Park)
11 8:15 - Worship (Jill) 10:45 - Worship (Jill)	12 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	13 10:00 - Bible Study 12:00 - Pastor Home Visits 6:30 - Council Meeting 7:00 - Boy Scouts	14 9:30 - WELCA 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:30 - Quilting 6:00 - All Church Potluck 6:30 - Teams 1 & 2 7:00 - Choir	15 9:30 - Quilting 10:00 - Pastor Meeting in Koinonia 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	16 3:00 - PC Juv. Court	17
18 New Member Welcome 8:15 - Worship (Jill) w/PC 10:45 - Worship (CS)	19 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	20 10:00 - Bible Study 12:00 - PPH @tbd 7:00 - Boy Scouts	21 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 7:00 - Choir	22 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	23 3:00 - PC Juv. Court	24
25 8:15 - Worship (CS) 10:45 - Worship (Joan) w/PC 11:45 - Outreach Comm.	26 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	27 10:00 - Bible Study 12:00 - Pastor Home Visits 7:00 - Boy Scouts	28 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 6:00 - Worship Committee 7:00 - Choir	29 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	30 3:00 - PC Juv. Court	



COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Thanks to all who have supported the food drive for the communities in schools backpack program! Summer food drives help the program get started at the beginning of the school year! We are off to a fabulous start on food collection and we made our first delivery to help local kids with supplemental weekend food. We will continue to support this program through-out the 2016-17 school year and we hope you will consider making contributions as a part of your regular giving. We will be focusing on one item each month this fall. Feel free to bring any items from the list, but we will be focusing particularly on collecting fruit cups in September.

God's work. Our hands.

God's Work Our Hands
Saturday September 10th
8:30-11:30 a.m.

BRADLEY LAKE PARK WEEDING / CLEAN-UP

Peace Lutheran Church will be participating in a service project at Bradley Lake in Puyallup for "God's Work, Our Hands" this year. The Puyallup City Parks manager has assisted us with choosing this family friendly project and we hope to see many of you there!

What: Weeding and pruning flower beds & general parking lot trash pick up

When: Saturday Sept. 10th

Where: Meet at church at 8:30 a.m. if you wish to carpool, or meet at Bradley Lake at 8:45a.m. if driving on your own.

Address: 531 31st Ave SE Puyallup, WA 98374 (near the new Lowe's on South Hill)

What to Bring: Gloves and general gardening tools; sunscreen if it's sunny!

Other: This is a perfect activity for children to participate in. If you are not up to gardening and trash pick-up, PLEASE join us for fellowship as we will have a reserved table under the shelter covered area. Snacks of muffins, donuts, fruit, water, coffee, and juice will be available.

2016 Pierce County Alzheimer's Caregiver Conference

Saturday, September 17

Emmanuel Lutheran Church 1315 N. Stevens, Tacoma

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. FREE



Keynote Presentation:

Managing Agitation and Challenging Behaviors Stephen Thielke, MD

*Dr. Thielke, UW Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences,
is a geriatric psychiatrist specializing in dementia.*

RSVP Required – Limited space - www.PierceCountyWA.org/Alz or (253) 798-8787

Respite Care – Complimentary at Cascade Park Gardens - call (253) 475-3702

★ *DSHS/COPES caregivers approved for up to 4 hours of continuing education* ★

Workshop Sessions:

- Meaningful Activities
- Physical Environment & Home Modifications
- End of Life, Palliative & Hospice Care
- Legal Issues, VA and Medicaid
- Paying for Care
- Hands-on Dementia Experience



Making the link 2016

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MetroParks STAR Center

3873 S. 66th Street, Tacoma

An important Resource Fair for Physicians, Dentists, Chiropractors, Naturopaths, Office Staff, Allied Health Care Professionals, Discharge Planners, Care Managers, Elder Law Attorneys, Service Organizations, Parish Nurses, Social Service Providers, Faith Communities & Volunteers. Case managers can receive 1 CCMC approved credit during the event

For more information, call (253) 798-4600 or (800) 562-0332

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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