

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Luke 12:34

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

Within the last year, the congregation received a series of bequests from the estates of three former members: Harold Hoogakker, Alvin Bjornstad, and Elaine Frederickson. With no strings attached, these gifts have enlarged our capacity for ministry to the tune of over \$200,000, an enormous blessing.

But, large gifts also have the potential to hinder our ministry. "The money's already spent," one leader remarked, recognizing the tendency to lay claim to a gift, if only in our minds, for our preferred purposes. We can end up squabbling over a gift of grace, privileging our own pet projects at the expense of God's much grander agenda. Moreover, we can be lulled into assuming we no longer need to practice generosity ourselves.

The bequests, however, serve as notable reminders that *all we have* comes by God's grace alone. We are daily blessed with material abundance, time, energy, the loving care of family and friends, forgiveness and reconciliation, wisdom, laughter – the good things that constitute a full life, for which we are indebted entirely to a generous Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. When we return a portion of our treasure to God for God's purposes, we find that we love God and our neighbors more freely and more joyfully.

So, let the bequests not only expand your vision of the kind of ministry that is possible in our congregation, but also strengthen your own practice of generosity. Where do you want your heart to be? Put your treasure there.

At this time, an advisory team, the Bequest Planning Team, has assembled to begin discerning the most faithful use of the bequests over time. Final decisions will fall to the Council. The first and most important use of the bequests has already been approved: a tithe (10%) to the Southwestern Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to support the ministries of the wider church. The bequests have also been put to use for a much-needed improvement to technology in the office.

Moving forward, the Bequest Planning Team will consider both the short-term and long-term needs of the congregation, with a commitment to ministries that deepen the congregation's spiritual life and expand our capacity for discipleship in the community. Thank you for your prayers and support as we begin this task.

And, thanks be to God – and to Harold, Alvin, and Elaine – for their generosity. May God grant us all hearts as generous as theirs.

Peace.

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# Worship assistants

Looking forward to September:

September 4<sup>th</sup> -Labor Day – end of one Worship Service.

September 11<sup>th</sup>- 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.

#### God's Work, Our Hands



It's that time of year again! Mark your calendars!

God's work, our hands Sunday is September 11, this year; we will be participating on September 10th, Saturday, in the morning. If you are not familiar, this is the ELCA's national day of service.

If you already have a shirt that fits you, you can stop reading now.

If you need a shirt, here's the info you will use:

Although the event is in September, we need to order T-shirts (pictured above) by August 15th.

They come in all sizes, from Youth S through adult 5X. They cost \$6.50, with additional charges for the sizes 2XL – 5XL. One color, see above.

Call the church office at 253-845-8819 or call or text Trish Siltala, 253-224-8315 to order.

P.S. these shirts also come in Spanish and Arabic. There are also (English) hoodies, long-sleeve tees, and regular sweatshirts available on the Old Lutheran website, under Group Specials: ELCA Products, if you are interested.

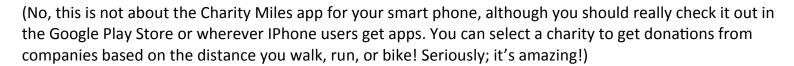


## fruit spotters needed!

Do you enjoy walking in your neighborhood? Or any neighborhood in Pierce County?

Would you like to put your walks to good use to feed the hungry?

Here's your opportunity!



The Pierce County Gleaning Project has openings: If you are a walker, you might be interested in the Fruit Scout position.

The Gleaning Project, a program of Harvest Pierce County, harvests excess produce from farms and back-yard fruit trees and shares the bounty with local food banks and shelters. Since 2011, the project has harvested and shared over 250,000 pounds of food with people in need. Gleaning events last between 2-4 hours and involve picking fruit, harvesting veggies, and hanging out with a fun group of people. Learn about the Pierce County Gleaning Project online.

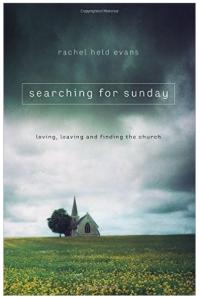
#### 2016 Gleaning Season

Applications are now been accepted for Neighborhood Fruit Tree Scout and Harvest Leaders! Fruit Scout Position Fruit Scouts are volunteers who commit to registering new fruit trees for gleaning and checking on registered fruit trees to make sure they are healthy and ripe for picking. This is a great independent volunteer opportunity. Whether you like to walk, bike, or have a car to get around, fruit scouts are an important part to making sure that healthy fruit gets harvested. Fruit Scouts receive training in early summer to learn basic fruit tree care and maintenance. They are also responsible for taste testing the fruit to make sure it's ready for eating!

Harvest Leader Position Harvest Leaders are the point person leading volunteers on urban fruit harvests and organizing logistics like food bank drop off and record keeping. Since all volunteers get to take home a portion of the harvest, Harvest Leaders have access to fresh fruit all season long. This is the perfect opportunity for people who like to preserve food and who want to give back to the community. Becoming a Harvest Leader is a way to meet new friends and gain experience leading small groups. All Harvest Leaders receive training from Harvest Pierce County staff in early summer.







This month, we conclude our year-long congregation-wide devotional, Brian McLaren's *We Make the Road by Walking*. For those of you who participated, my prayer is that your reading challenged and nourished you for stronger faith, hope, and love.

The week of <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 11th</u>, 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!

Peace, Pastor Nate



## Ladies Aid

Wednesday, August 10th 10:30 a.m.

We will review the 3-part summer study and enjoy lunch together. *Please join us!* 



# School Supply Drive

Its about that time again! BACK TO SCHOOL!!!!!!

JoAnn Robinson will once again be heading a Back to School Drive! Donations will be collected for the following Puyallup Schools starting in August: Stewart Elementary, Spinning Elementary and Karshner Elementary. There will be a marked box in the gathering space for your donations.

For a list of items needed, please see the Puyallup School District website at www.puyallup.k12.wa.us.



For questions please contact JoAnn Robinson.



# evening quilting on Vacation!



Evening quilting will go on vacation from August 4 through August 31. We will resume on Wednesday evening, September 14, from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

In the meantime, lots of square packets are available for sewing tops. The 12 1/2 inch squares make into pretty designs and are easy to sew! So turn a warm summer evening into contemplative, creative relaxation....and use your hands for God's Work by helping someone less fortunate.

Questions? Call Joan Siburg or Jane Smith......and Peace of the Lord to each of you.

Morning quilters will still be meeting at 9:30 am on August 4th and 18th.

I wanted to give my sincere thank you and heartfelt appreciation to all of the members of Peace. Earl completed chemo a few months ago and now has also completed radiation. Your faithful prayers and compassion has meant the world to our family during a very unnerving and uncertain time in our lives. No words could ever express how much your support has touched our hearts.

With Love,

Earl and Dolly Kropelnicki

#### formation in faith

#### Wednesdays Aug 3 and 17

5:45 - 7:30 p.m.

Our July 20 Formation in Faith centered on prayer and how we pray as individuals and in our home settings. Our ending worship time began with Pastor Nate ushering us into the courtyard where chairs and quilts were waiting on the lawn. He then invited us to "be still and know" in a time of silence while enjoying the blue sky and evening breeze. Eyes closed, voices stilled, and we were refreshed.

On Aug 3, we will be treated to fried and baked chicken. You are invited to bring sides and desserts (but not nuts since some of us have allergies). Please bring your contribution in your own take home dish. The kitchen crew will thank you!

All are welcome to enjoy a meal, and join in discussions and quiet worship.....a very special summer time of FOR-MATION IN FAITH!

#### **Fall Festival**

Sunday, October 30th

Brunch † Book Sale † Jar Project † Silent Auction

Fun for the whole family!

Save books, fill jars with fun items, possible auction items.

Everyone is invited to participate.

Call Nancy at 253.845.0346 or Barb at 253.864.0998 for more information.



### OUTREACH MINISTRY INFORMATION

Our ministry team meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month and our August meeting will be Sunday, August 21st. Please join us if you feel the call to share your time and talents in this critical aspect of our work at Peace, or if you simply want to learn more about what we are doing. ALL are WELCOME! If you would like more information about our outreach team and cannot attend a meeting, please contact Trish Siltala, Karen Ekse, Charlene Cook, Virginia Spaulding, Mary Boben, or Pastor Nate.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our Communities in Schools *Back Pack Food Drive* that will benefit school age children in Puyallup. In anticipation of the upcoming school year, we are extending our backpack FOOD DRIVE through the end of the summer and beyond. Our immediate goal is to continue gathering as much food as we can, and to host members of Peace for a service event to sort and package all of the items we've collected for delivery to Communities in Schools in September. Families with young children are encouraged to participate in this sorting and packing event, as there will be things very young children can help with. Please watch for a date to follow.

As some of you know, I work as an elementary school social worker/ counselor, and have firsthand experience with running a Food Backpack Program in my school. I am witness to the difference it makes when children are well nourished and ready to learn and achieve. You cannot imagine the looks on the faces of children as they come to privately receive their food packs for the weekend. For some of these children, the food that is provided through the Weekend & Holiday Food Backpack Program means the difference in having a full stomach, or going to bed hungry. During the weekend, children who receive free and reduced lunch and breakfast at school, often don't have access to food over the weekend. I recall delivering backpack food for the weekend to the home of a student who had been ill. When I got to the house with food for Sam and his little sister, their mother met me with tears in her eyes because it was the end of the month, and she didn't know how she was going to feed her children over the weekend. She worked, but was struggling to make ends meet. This type of need is something that many of us have never experienced. Due to various circumstances, children in Puyallup go hungry every day, or are food "insecure." This means they often do not know where there next meal will come from, or don't have enough food to meet their nutritional needs.

At Peace, we have a FABULOUS opportunity to continue to partner with Communities in Schools to help meet the basic food needs of Puyallup School Children. **Thank you** for your commitment and generosity in considering this program as one of your regular contributions. In August we will be collecting a specific item each week.

Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>: single serve peanut butter /small jars (for longer breaks)

Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>: pasta (single serve such as mac and cheese) or other single serve main dish items)

NO RAMEN NOODLES PLEASE

Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>: instant oatmeal and cereal

Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>: milk (shelf stable) and 100% juice boxes

Let's watch our food donations continue to grow!

With deep gratitude and appreciation, Mary & the Outreach Ministries Team

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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.

# VBS Carnival Day









#### Wednesday, August 17th



#### Day Hike at Mt Rainier

Location chosen by group

Leave Peace at 10:00 am - Return to Peace at 7:00 pm

#### **Please bring:**

- A small day pack (book bag size)
  - A sack lunch
  - 2 water bottles
- Broken in hiking boots or tennis shoes
  - Sunscreen and protective hat
- Money for dinner stop on way home
  - Ice cream money

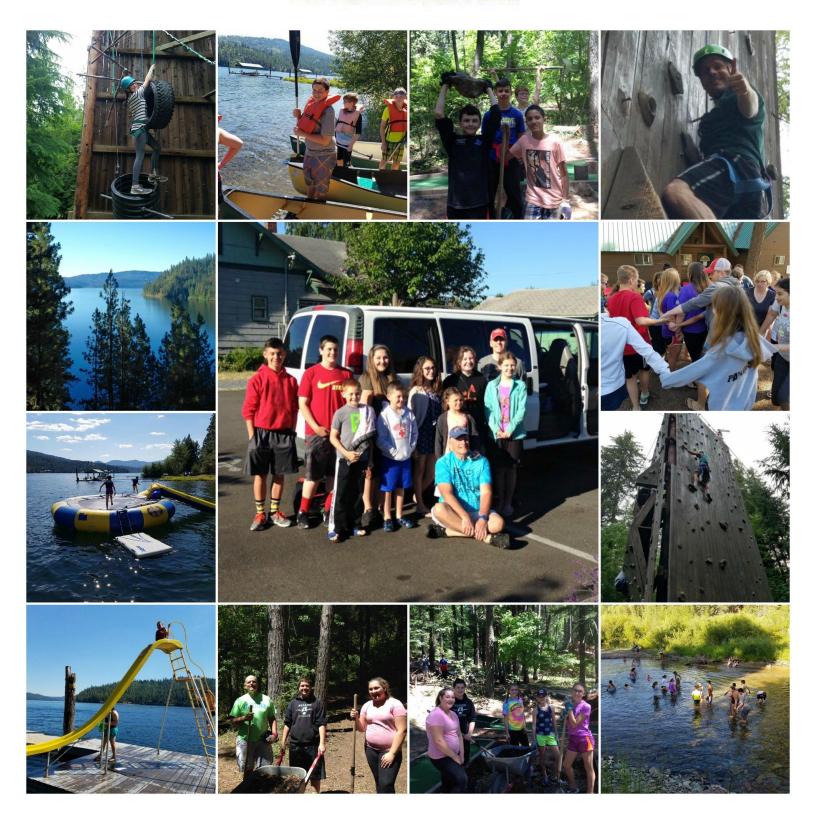
Please sign up on the youth board by **Sunday, August 13th.** 



Tangled Blue concert at Olympic Lutherhaven







# Happy Birticlay

Kristine Suter	2	Jean Hirt	12	Nicole Richie	19	Evelyn Swenson	29
Dylan Barnett	2	Jessica Gaboury	15	Tom Alvord	20	Barbara Lane	29
Jenny Moore	6	Glenn Wilson	16	Janet Storm	22	Benjamin Johnson	29
Hannah Boben	6	Edward Andrews	16	Dale Hoogakker	23	Alex Sutton	30
Linda Kongslie	10	Dani Jo Andrews	17	Kayley Lamberton	23		
Ali Whipkey	10	Ricka Gerstmann	18	Kelly Grimm	24		
Eleanor Kronlund	11	Lauren Anderson	18	Boe Woodbury	24		



Happy Baptismal Anniversary

Sue Casillas	Mike Larson	Thomas Faria	John Mahaffie	Phyllis Bench
Zackary Fellenstein	Nelly Alvord	Dave Runkel Jr.	Jenny Moore	Kelly Grimm
Virginia Spaulding	Jonathan Dymond	Layne Runkel	Terra Leachtenauer	Anna Grimm
Ruth Myles	Shannon Faria	Virginia Baisch	Les Gerstmann	Jenny Grimm
Alex Thompson	Dylan Barnett	Ana Casillas	Austin Carrigan	Brandon Siemser

# Homebuyer Needed

From June to October 2016, churches around Pierce County are partnering with Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity to construct this year's "Building on Faith" house. Habitat for Humanity is currently accepting applications for this home at The Woods at Golden Given in Midland. Qualifications for application are:

3- to 6-person household

Demonstrated need (e.g., overcrowded or unsafe living conditions)

Minimum gross household income of \$49,476/year

Ability to make a monthly mortgage payment of at least \$1,235

Ability to pay additional monthly expenses (escrow, utilities, and COA dues of \$75/month)



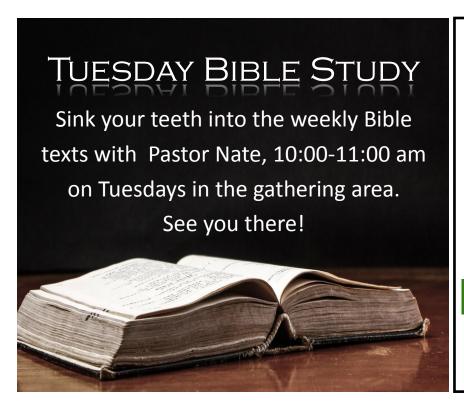
If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please contact homeowner@tpc-habitat.org for more details about eligibility and our application process.



# Washington STATE FAIR

September 2 - 25 Closed Tuesdays

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