



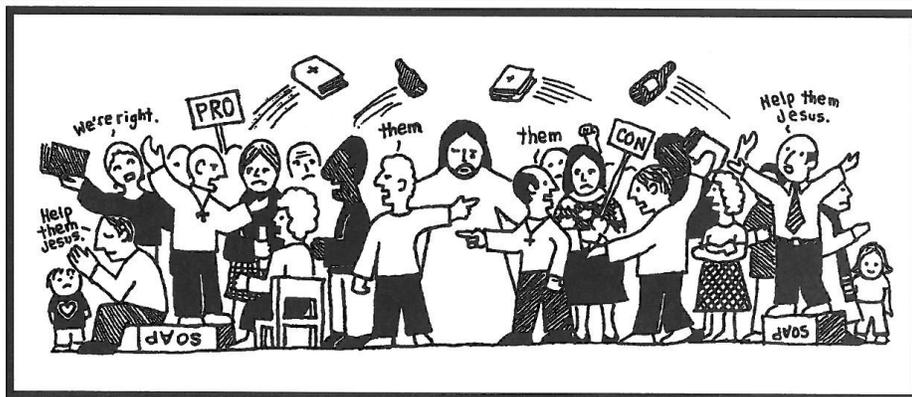
the CLARION

June 2016

Peace Lutheran Church

From Pastor's Desk...

*"He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?" - Micah 6:8*



"Politics is what people do together on behalf of the common good." - Barbara Lundblad

Ask any expert in social etiquette to name the two subjects that are off limits in mixed company, and they'll tell you: **religion and politics**. Avoiding these topics has become standard practice. Don't talk about it, and everyone will get along, right? In the end, it's not worth the hassle.

Except that religion and politics strike right at the heart of our identities and values; religion and politics reveal our hearts. There is a reason these are charged topics of conversation. Religion and politics get at what really matters.

Universal welcome, baptismal equality, forgiveness for the broken, hope for the weary – these are all religious priorities that we cannot keep to ourselves for the sake of avoiding discomfort. And, politics refers to much more than partisan affiliation. The word *politics* comes from the Greek *polis*, or city. Any matter that involves the community and those who dwell in it, therefore, is political. Human rights and liberties, equitable distribution of resources, health and well-being, care and education of children, our relationship to the rest of creation – these are all political considerations worth careful deliberation.

As we have learned, however, religious and political conversations are not easy. Differences abound, and public debate is often rife with hostility. Our current religious and political climate is especially tense, causing many of us to question whether meaningful discussion and progress are possible.

But we *have* to talk about religion and politics. If we have hope for a world in which God's kingdom can come – if we have hope for a world ruled by God's justice and mercy – we have to open our mouths about what really matters in public life.

And, we have to open our ears. Too often, religious and political discourse is characterized by shouting, by polarizing rhetoric, by blaming and shaming. But the only way to understanding is through honest, respectful speech *and* true listening.

So, don't be afraid to speak up for the sake of Christ. Don't be reluctant to advocate for the sake of Christ. Don't hesitate to vote for the sake of Christ. And, be prepared to listen for the sake of Christ. In the end, your religious and political engagement is nothing less than a calling, an expression of your faith in the crucified and risen Lord.

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

“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

The Outreach Ministry Team would like to thank everyone for purchasing scones and donating in support of LOVE INC! Together we raised \$227.00 to support this incredible ministry in our community!

Our next project will support the Communities in Schools Backpack program. This program provides supplemental weekend food to students at several Puyallup elementary schools, one of which is Stewart Elementary right down the street. This food helps support the well-being of kids in need over the weekends and holidays when school meal programs are not available. Kids who have enough to eat on the weekends can better focus and learn during the week!

To start off we will collect food items, beginning in June and continuing throughout the summer. All items need to be non-perishable, single serving, healthy and nutritious items that can be managed by younger elementary kids without adult supervision.

Examples of some great backpack items might include instant oatmeal, single serve peanut butter, crackers, single serve tuna fish, granola bars, fruit cups, microwave single serve hot meals such as soups or stews or pasta, and/or juice boxes. Think about picking up one or two extra items each time you shop to contribute to the backpack program and help make a commitment to kids in our community!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Reminder: Worship time change - One Service only at 9:30 a. m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend).

Next team meeting will be on June 8th at 6 p.m. Team three will be recruiting for positions still open for June. Your Leader is Laury Togstad.

Team four you will be meeting to elect a new leader and start signing up for July.

Review and training will be focused on Sacristan.

LOCKED DOORS:

Either Cary or Virginia lock doors during the last Fellowship Hour, however, they seldom are the last to leave.

Please: If you are the last one out the door, try reopening The door to make sure it was closed firmly. We are having reports of doors locked but not closed.

Red door -ED Wing door: These two doors have been reported unlocked and in some cases ajar. Please if you have unlocked these doors make sure they are locked when you leave.

Ushers: Please make sure all pews are neat and clean after each and every service. All hymnals should be in holders or at end of pews, waste paper off seats, out of hymnal holders etc. Personal items left behind placed on the usher desk.





June 17—19

Friday noon - 9:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Just a reminder that during the Meeker Days three day festival, the street in front of the church and church office (Pioneer) is closed to traffic.

This is also a reminder to plan ahead when heading to church Sunday, June 19, that the parking lot across the street and street parking along 3rd street might not be available.



GRADUATION SUNDAY

June 12th

Please let the office know if you have a graduate this year (high school, college, grad school...etc.) at office@peacepuyllup.org.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
GRADUATION PARTY
 HONORING
BECKY VONWAHLDE
 GOV. JOHN ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL | CLASS OF 2016

JUNE 19 | VONWAHLDE RESIDENCE
 8312 123RD ST E
 PUYALLUP, WA

Open house starting at 1:00pm! | *Stop by for a few minutes or stay for a few hours!*

You're off to
 Great places!
 Today is your day!
 Your mountain
 is waiting, so...
 Get on your way!
 - Dr Seuss -

Endowment Committee is pleased to offer gifts on behalf of the congregation to ministries across the church. This year, the committee would like to challenge the congregation to join them in making two offerings to Churchwide ministries, the first of which is **ELCA World Hunger**:

"Working with and through our [congregations](#), in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty."

(<http://elca.org/hunger>)

The Endowment will match the congregation's gifts to ELCA World Hunger dollar for dollar up to **\$575** on Sundays through June 5th.

The *second* of which is **ELCA Fund for Leaders**:

"The ELCA Fund for Leaders, a merit-based scholarship program, enables us to attract men and women of tremendous promise to become pastors and rostered lay leaders, and to study at an ELCA seminary. The fund serves as the ongoing promise of this church that candidates for ministry will have the opportunity to pursue a path toward informed faith and passionate discipleship."

(<http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Leadership/ELCA-Fund-for-Leaders>)

The Endowment will match the congregation's gifts to ELCA Fund for Leaders dollar for dollar up to **\$575** on Sundays through June 19th.

If you would like to support this effort, please make your check payable to Peace Lutheran Church and write "ELCA World Hunger" or "ELCA Fund for Leaders" in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!

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 **June 22nd, July 6th, July 20th, August 3rd, and August 17th** from **5:45-7:00pm**.

All our friends at Peace:

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for us. Ed is holding his own right now, we're praying for strength. Wanted to let you know we are now residing at:

609 43rd Ave. S.E. Unit D

Puyallup, WA 98374

Just got there on the 2nd of May, still living out of boxes.

God directed our ways in helping us to find this place.

Thanks be to God and all of you.

Ed & Baerbel Lorenz

Custom Design Camp

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.



Camp Lutherhaven (Idaho)

June 26 - July 1st



During this 6 day adventure our activities are all done as a group and we are assigned camp counselors to assist us. Activities will include service projects around camp, study time with Pastor Nate, challenge course, climbing tower/zip line, swimming, canoeing and campfires. We will also spend a day at Silverwood and a day at Shoshone.

YOUTH NEWS



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

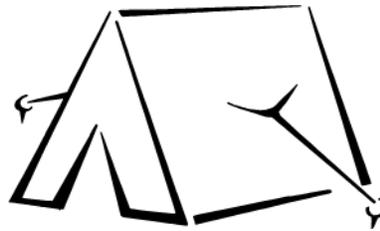
Sleeping in tents

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**

NOTE – We will supply the tents, cooking supplies and food. A support vehicle (church van) will be traveling with us. You do not need to carry any of your own gear.

Wednesday, August 17th

DAY HIKE

Day Hike at Mt Rainier

Location chosen by group

Leave Peace at 9:00 AM

Return to Peace at 7:00 PM



Please Bring

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

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

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 Sun-
day July 10th



JUNE 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:30 - Quilting	2 9:30 - Quilting 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	3 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:45 - Kronlund Concert	4 9:30 - Prop. Maint. Comm.
5 9:30 - Worship (Joan) 10:30 - Congregational Mtng. 10:45 - Outreach Committee	6 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones 5:00 - St Francis House	7 10:00 - Bible Study 12:00 - PPH 5:00 - St Francis House 5:45 - Finance Committee 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:00 - 4-H	8 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 6:00 - Worship Teams Mtng	9 5:00 - St Francis House 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	10 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:00 - St Francis House	11
12  Graduation Sunday 9:30 - Worship (Jill)	13 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones 5:00 - St Francis House	14 10:00 - Bible Study 5:00 - St Francis House 6:30 - Council Mtng. 7:00 - Boy Scouts	15 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:00 - St Francis House	16 9:30 - Quilting 5:00 - St Francis House 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	17 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:00 - St Francis House	18 MEEKER DAYS
19  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 9:30 - Worship (CS) MEEKER DAYS	20 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	21 10:00 - Bible Study 12:00 - PPH 7:00 - Boy Scouts	22 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:15 - Worship Committee	23 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	24 3:00 - PC Juv. Court	25 MEEKER DAYS
26 9:30 - Worship (Joan) 2:00 - D. Dean Event	27 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	28 10:00 - Bible Study 7:00 - Boy Scouts	29 3:00 - PC Juv. Court	30 7:00 - A.A. Meeting		

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).

I think you can!



Please talk to Pastor Nate or one of the conductors....they'll get you on board!

- pre game autographs
- group video board recognition
- post game fireworks
- kids run the bases



PEACE LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

SUNDAY, JULY 3rd

7:05 PM

vs Las Vegas 51's

\$12.50 per person

- ◆ Reserved Game Seat
- ◆ Ballpark Meal: Hot Dog, Chips & Beverage
- ◆ Complimentary "The Dirt" Game Program

If you wish to carpool, please sign up in the Gathering Space and meet at the church in the "old" parking lot at 5:00 p.m.



For more information contact: Jenny Moore (253) 848.4522 or moorejennysue@gmail.com

MEN'S BREAKFAST

There will be no Men's Breakfast in June or July

Women of the ELCA

Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid will not be meeting in June or July. Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 10th.

Happy Summer!

Happy Birthday

Jennifer Alfano	2	Katie Smith	16	Jonathan Dymond	23
Jenn Doerr	3	Nelly Alvord	17	Dave Mahaffie	24
Lionel Haywood	4	Mike Larson	17	Lynn Coleman	27
Jill West	5	Ana Casillas	17	Bart Gaboury	28
Martha Gerstmann	6	Jacob Woodbury	17	Dolly Kropelnicki	29
Amanda Long	6	Thomas Faria	17	Sue Casilla	29
Layne Runkel	7	Russ Hafterson	18	Jenny Grimm	29
Veronica Lamberton	12	Andy Burch	20	Joyce Ryden	30
Jane Smith	15	Alina Johnson	20		
Beverly Zook	16	Dave Hamry	21		



Happy Baptismal Anniversary

Denise Alvord	Heidi Denton	Zack Halstead	Khm'ron Meas	Karla Steinberg
Linnea Aronson	Janie Dymond	Liz Haworth	Gary Pierson	Arlen Storm
Janet Baurichter	Patrick Dymond	Keith Henson	Brayden Richie	Jim Storm
Bianca Bucher	Amanda Egeland	Hazel Kluwe	Kalani Scanlan	Dylan Tait
Jill Burch	Curt Filkins	Jerry Lange	Beth Siltala	Alanna Unruh
Mark Burch	Caroyln Hafterson	Dee Marino	Steve Smith	Brendan Unruh
				Glenn Wilson

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Hello, Body of Christ!

We'd like to update on this church network and the impact working together has made in our county. This year marks 15 years that Love INC has carried out it's mission of Mobilizing the Church to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ.

We need your help!

We were created by 11 churches throughout the county who wanted to work together to help our neighbors in need instead of each one doing their own thing and feeling overwhelmed by all the need. They created our centralized clearinghouse, and did an inventory of what each church wanted to do regarding outreach to the community and we kept track of all of that. Then when people called the churches for help, they referred all those neighbors to us and we interviewed each family and then resourced them to agencies who may already be set up to help with certain needs, or with those churches and their member's who told us how they wanted to help their neighbors. We could ensure those who had a legitimate need found the available resources to meet the need and also helped ensure some people weren't bouncing from church to church relying on the church's to be their budgets.

We help the churches do the work of ministry and free up some of their staff for other ministry responsibilities. We grew from those 11 churches to over 100 in a matter of a few years who got involved in various ways. Some would help support the expenses we had to help the churches, other's do not, but they refer people to us still to find help for. Some churches inform their members of volunteer opportunities to get involved in helping support the ministry or the neighbors in need, many do not. Historically out of the costs associated with running the ministry to help the churches, only 33% of that has come from church donations and investments into the ministry. The rest of the funds we have to find through other sources, mainly individual donor solicitations. 2015 was a tough year for us. Church donations were down \$16,000 from the previous year, but our call volume of needy neighbors continue to be around 175 neighbors per month. This year, 2016 our church donations are down \$6700 in the first 5 months from what they were last year, which is putting us in a crisis mode.

That still small voice says, "You have not, because you ask not". So, I am asking, and informing once again of the value of this ministry to the community and the need for financial support to keep up with the expenses to help the churches help our neighbors in need.

In our 15 years we have had more than 43,389 families referred to us by churches, agencies and word of mouth who needed a helping hand. There were more than 102,866 people living in those families that were directly or indirectly talked with and assisted as resources were available. We were asked for more than \$12,281,023 in emergency assistance. (that's in the millions!) We were able to find assistance for \$ 1,239,935. We also assisted in the distribution of \$6,030,198 in GIK (items the household needed, or volunteer time to help with service projects).

In the past 4 years we have also added to the ministry the Jobs for Life program. Instead of continuing to just give away fish, so to speak, we wanted to help people learn how to fish. We have had over 120 church volunteer mentors, instructors, and business relations people come alongside over 94 Jobs for Life students for long-term (16 +weeks) of transforming relationships. We have had a 83% success rate in teaching people Godly ways, building Godly character traits and overcoming roadblocks to building professional resumes, utilizing career assessments and teaching updated technology skills to find and keep not only a job, but to build a career.

I am asking that you consider a special offering to help support Love INC enabling us to continue helping the churches help our neighbors in need. I'd welcome the opportunity to come talk to the church leadership team or small groups or the congregation, if you feel that is acceptable to help get the word out about our need.

I pray you see the value of this ministry to the churches and the community and choose to invest in it with time, talent and treasure as you have the potential to invest.

Blessed, to be a blessing,

Sherry Phinisey

Executive Director

Love INC of Pierce County

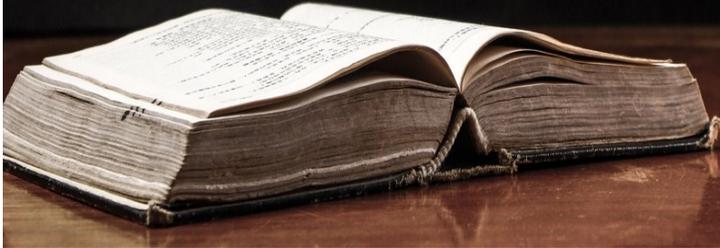
253-468-6236

execdir@loveincpiercecounty.com

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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