



The Clarion

July
2017



PEACE L

 *From Pastor's Desk...*

FREE GIFT: SEE INSIDE!



"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."

- Ephesians 2:8-10

"Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the Cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The reader board out front of the church is ancient. Its plastic face is clouded from decades of scratching, and the metal block letters fit precariously into slots behind it. The message is only visible to the first car or two stopped at 3rd and Pioneer. Otherwise, motorists pass quickly by, vaguely aware of our historic church on the corner, a seeming relic of bygone years. Nevertheless, the reader board tirelessly invites them to find here a thriving community gathered every Sunday around God's word of promise and a holy meal, and sent out again to meet Christ in the faces of friends and strangers.



If you haven't looked recently, the message on the board reads "Free Gift: See Inside!" Reflecting a world of commercial publicity designed to woo new customers, this phrase carries a dramatically different meaning when it is posted outside a Lutheran congregation. Of course, we might see a few curious visitors eager for a prize. These will receive an earnest welcome and a handsome refrigerator magnet. But the message on the reader board points to a much more profound truth: the dignity of belonging, acceptance in spite of our imperfection, renewal amid our exhaustion – in short, *grace* – is the gift of God, freely given in the ministry, cross, and resurrection of Jesus, in baptism, in the word proclaimed in community, in the Lord's Supper, and in our sacrificial love.

Grace has always run the risk of dilution. Those of us already "inside" are liable to take grace for granted, mistaking it for divine permissiveness or indifference. This is what Dietrich Bonhoeffer called "cheap grace," the notion that, according to the love of God, anything goes. When Jesus' high expectations go by the wayside and we go about our business unchanged, grace is depreciated.

But grace is not cheap. Grace is costly, to God in the first place. Crucifixion is the end result of so much human logic, yet it is a devastating event at the heart of the divine life. Imagine losing a child to rejection and violence and you begin to understand. What's more, grace is costly to those who dare to call ourselves disciples. "Take up your own cross," the Messiah urges, calling his followers to die to our self-preoccupation in order to live for the world.

Yes, grace is costly. And grace is free. This goes against the grain of our conditioning. Everything is earned, we have learned, and everything is for sale. But God's goodness cannot be merited or purchased. Filled to the brim by a generous host, our cup overflows. And, recognizing the extravagance of the gift, we allow God's abundance to spill over into the lives of others.

Grace is a free gift, but God willing, it won't stay inside. My prayer is that when members of the community drive by the church on a Sunday, they'll see more than a sign and an old building. They'll see hungry people filled with good things streaming out onto the street.

Pastor Nate



HAPPY 4th of JULY

Church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th



If you are planning to do your own fireworks, remember that cities in Pierce County have laws about private firework displays. In Puyallup

fireworks are LEGAL

July 4th - 9:00 a.m.—11:00 pm.

STAY SAFE

Sara will be out of the office on vacation the week of July 10-14. If you are able to help out in the office between the hours of 9:00 am - 3:00 pm greeting guests and answering phones, please contact Sara at

office@peacepuyallup.org or 253.845.8819.

Thank you!

We can benefit others through our actions by being warm and generous toward them, by being charitable, and by helping those in need.

Dalai Lama

Items needed:

Small or travel size:

- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Lotion
- Sunscreen
- Nasal spray
- Saline Eye drops

Other:

- Reading Glasses
- Deodorant
- Wet Wipes
- Band-Aids
- Chap stick

If you are able to help out with any of these items, please bring them to Sara in the office during business hours of 9:00am - 3:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday

Thank you!

pastor's public hours



Tuesday, July 11th
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

* There will only be one PPH this month due to the office closure on the 4th, and Pastor being at camp on the 20th. We will resume our regular 1st & 3rd Tuesday schedule in August!

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WHEN: SATURDAY, JULY 29

**WHERE: MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SEEKING SHALOM

Saturday, July 29, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Mountain View Lutheran Church

An array of speakers, including Shaine Claiborne and Andrew Root, engage in conversation about what it means to be Christian in a changing world.

Lunch and dinner included.

Registration fee may be defrayed by Peace.

Please notify Bill Haines of your intent to participate!

Reserved Seat Ticket

Ballpark Meal: Hot Dog, Chips & Bottled Water

Group Recognition on Video Board

PEACE LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Sunday, July 3

7:05 PM

vs Albuquerque

\$13.50 per person



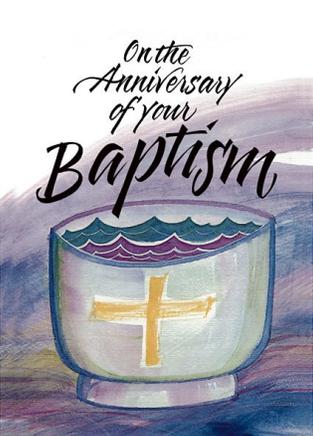
Please sign up on the clipboard in the Gathering Space. For more information, contact Jenny Moore at (253) 848.4522 or moorejennysue@gmail.com





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Conner Hamry	1	Ron Dymond	12	Wayne Solberg	24
Morgan Lange	1	Laury Togstad	12	Tanner Kohoutek	25
Kennedy Mann	2	Darlene Sandefur	13	Tristan Williams	25
Brandon Siemsen	2	Ron Glaser	14	Karn Glidewell	26
Alex Thompson	7	Ed Siemsen	14	Karn Sevig	26
Virginia Baisch	8	James Whipkey	15	Rachel Dymond	27
Emma Minor	10	William Faria	17	Scott Togstad	28
Joan Siburg	10	Sara Anderson	22	Grace Fredrickson	31
Lucas Albenesius	11	Christopher Long	22	Rodney Swenson	31
Ron VonWahlde	11	Leigh Storm	22		



Beverly Zook	Jill West	Marshall Lee
Paula Nordby	Ellen Aronson	Kaitlyn Albenesius
Nancy Armstrong	Ryan Johnstone	Tray Larson
Dave Hamry	Ashley Parker	Gracie Williams
Sharon Littlefield	Emily Dymond	Tristan Williams
Ron VonWahlde	Hannah Thompson	Jacob Williams
Laury Togstad	Jessica Thompson	Quinn Denton

JULY 2017

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Sara Out of Office

Youth Lutherhaven - Pastor Nate Out



Elementary Youth

(youth entering 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades)

Week at Camp



LUTHERHAVEN

July 16th - July 21st



Mount Rainier Day Hike

Wednesday, August 16th

Leave Peace at 9:00 a.m.

Return at 7:15 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch, hiking boots or good tennis shoes, water bottle, protective hat and sunscreen.

We will stop for dinner on the way home.





Vernell Doyle: for the lovely carnations on Mother's Day.

All our **Sunday School Teachers:** for their dedication teaching this year

Joan Linden, Jill Burch, Greg Kronlund and the choir, Carolyn Hoebelheinrich and the Cornerstones, Paula Nordby and Resounding Joy: for all the beautiful music they shared with us..

WELCA: for the cake on Senior High School Celebration Sunday.

Bill Haines and Vicki George: for the kind words celebrating our seniors.

Randall Tron: for trimming our bushes, they look so nice.

Joe Brozick: for all you are doing around the building

To ALL who participated in Work Day!!!!

Women ^{of the} **ELCA**



Mt. Rainier Cluster Annual Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 25th

6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

12115 Park Ave. S, Tacoma, WA 98444

The Ice Cream Social is for all women of the church. There will be a presentation by those who went to the Triennial in Minneapolis. Any attending are asked to bring cookies. Trinity will provide ice cream & toppings. For more information please contact Nancy Armstrong or Barb King.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

July 12th & 26th / August 9th & 23rd

Picnic Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a side dish, drink or dessert.

There will be indoor and outdoor activities for all ages.



Blessing Conspiracy News!

³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And 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,^[a] you did it to me.'

Matthew 25:34-40

Peace Lutheran is becoming a host site for Family Housing Network!

This is an amazing opportunity to live out the gospel by providing food and housing to families and single parents that are in need of a place to stay while securing permanent housing!

Family Housing Network is an overnight family shelter program that is well-established, that screens and background checks our guests, provides us with 24 hour support and help, and goes to great lengths to ensure that the program is safe for the host site. All guests are already qualified and accepted into a rapid rehousing program and working with social workers on a permanent housing placement. These guests just need a temporary place to stay while they complete the process of securing new housing. Three members of the blessing conspiracy ministry team have completed training with Family Housing Network and are ready to start preparing for our guests.

What does this look like at Peace Lutheran?

We will host guests from Saturday August 5th through Saturday August 12th!

We will provide a safe, warm, and welcoming place for parents and their children to stay for one week. Our guests will arrive starting at 5:30 pm in the evening. We will provide overnight accommodations until 7:30 am. We will also provide a hot dinner each evening and a continental breakfast in the morning.

Where do you fit in?

You can serve by helping with dinner, visiting with our guests, playing with the children, hosting at night, or donating games, books or toys. A member of the outreach ministry team will be present and volunteering along side you! Please consider becoming involved in this opportunity to serve our neighbors and be on the lookout for how to get involved and serve! Mark the dates on your calendar to help. Sign Up sheets will be in the fellowship area starting on Sunday July 9th. If you have questions just ask Karen, Mary, Charlene or Trish!



Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA Synod Assembly

On June 16th and 17th, delegates from around the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA gathered at PLU for Synod Assembly, the biannual meeting of the church in our region.

We attended to synodical business, but we also worshiped together and heard from distinguished Lutheran thinkers, Professors Doug Oakman and Marit Trelstad, about the implications of living Lutheran in our world.

Ryan Johnstone, Jenny Moore, and Pastor Nate served as Peace's delegates. Special thanks to Ryan and Jenny for their time and attentiveness. The congregation's large cross made of tiles painted by Sue Casillas enclosed in a frame built by Tony Marino was displayed prominently for all delegates to see. Thanks also to Les Gerstmann for building a custom stand for the express purpose of including the cross at Assembly!



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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!



ADULT EDUCATION

Discover Islam:

Documentary Films and Discussion

July 23 - Islam: Faith and History

July 30 - Islam: An American Faith

August 13 - Christians and Islam

August 20 - Women In Islam

September 3 - Islam: A Faith Hijacked



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