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Clarion

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## Confession and Forgiveness

*"What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." - Romans 6:1-4*

*"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." - Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Do you ever get tired of confession and forgiveness?

Maybe it feels like self-flagellation: *It took a heroic effort to get to church in the first place, you might think to yourself on a Sunday morning, and the first thing we do is acknowledge how bad we've been.*

Or, maybe you're skeptical that confession and forgiveness makes any difference: *Do we really mean it? Are we really going to change our ways? Does God's forgiveness really matter?*

All the more reason to keep it up. Confession and forgiveness is certainly not an instrument of shame, and it's not an empty ritual. **Confession and forgiveness is a regular exercise in honesty and hope.**

Christian faith takes seriously the power of self-centeredness to prevent the world from experiencing fullness of life. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," that is, we are all complicit in suffering. But, our faith does not allow us to resign ourselves to the way things are. Instead, it refocuses our attention on the self-giving love of God, love that is capable of motivating change for the sake of the world God intends for us. Honesty about our human condition, and hope for a better life – that's what confession and forgiveness is about.

And in Lent, confession and forgiveness gets the spotlight: "As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor," we hear on Ash Wednesday. "I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament."

From this perspective, what may feel like a tired liturgical exercise becomes a vital spiritual discipline. Recognizing the limitations of our own will and ability, we practice active trust in a God who has the power to make us agents of God's reign. Thanks be to God!

*Pastor Nate*

Preschool and Elementary School kids and families

Weekend food packs for spinning elementary

## **PACKAGING PROJECT** March 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am during the Sunday school hour

Parents and families are invited to join their children during the Sunday school hour on March 11<sup>th</sup> and help serve our neighbors at Spinning Elementary. We will sing, have a short lesson activity about serving our neighbors, and assemble weekend food packs! We hope to package 150 bags of food!

Currently needed food items include pop top cans of soup and pasta (or just add water mac n cheese works!), juice boxes (100% juice please!), fruit cups or apple sauce, and individual serve peanut butter.



Cleaning Kits for the

## ***Circle of Welcome Refugee Resettlement Program***

Lutheran Community Services Northwest works to help new refugees with settlement in our area. These are legal, vetted refugees that often arrive in our country with very little or even nothing. One way we can help is by providing “starter” kits. During the season of lent we will be collecting supplies and assembling “cleaning” kits to support Lutheran Community Services Northwest’s work with refugee families. We can use the following items and all items must be new.

- Mop and Bucket
- Broom and Dustpan
- Pack of Sponges
- Bottle of All-Purpose Cleaning Spray
- Toilet Brush
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Light Bulbs
- Paper Towels
- Tissues

Items can be left in the box labeled Lutheran Community Services on the pew in Koinonia.

# Council News

*Be on the lookout for news from the council in your clarion each month!*

So what is your council up to?

You may recall that a few years ago the council reevaluated and reorganized our ministry teams. If you are wondering about our ministry team structure take a look at the large poster, indicating a circle which includes our ministries here at Peace, hanging in the gathering area. With a new year and a new council we will have some new liaisons to our ministry teams, as well as some returning liaisons. At our February council meeting we established our council liaisons for our ministry teams. Liaisons are an avenue for which ministry teams can bring concerns or needs to the attention of the council and for the council to understand the needs and bring support to the ministry teams.

Your council is also implementing a practice of highlighting an area of ministry each month. In January you heard from our RIC ministry. Upcoming in March we will learn more about the work of Outreach ministry and in April we will learn more about CARE Team ministry. We hope this gives everyone the opportunity to learn what our ministry teams are up to, ask questions, and when inspired by the opportunities to serve, get involved!

**DID YOU REMEMBER TO TITHE ON  
YOUR INCOME TAX REFUND?**



## *Prayer Shawls*

We have three students graduating this year and will need prayer shawls knit. If you can help please let Jenny Moore or Diane Dean know. One student has a knitter so we only need two more. Thanks



## Ladies Aid

March 14th at 9:30 a.m.

Multiple Meanings: Learning from other Interpretations  
Session : The Good Samaritan  
Text: Luke 10:30-37  
Study Leader: Evelyn Swenson  
Hostess: Barb Hamry

Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

## Care Ministry News

*If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolations from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: Be of the same mind, having the same love, being full accord and one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition out conceit but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not your own interest but to the interest of others. ~ Philippians 2:1-4*

Ministry Meeting Care, March 11<sup>th</sup>, between services in the library. This meeting includes all who are part of Care Team, Card Ministry, Prayer Shawls, WELCA, and Prayer Chain.

This meeting is not for just those in leadership, it is for anyone who participates or just wants to listen to the planning. You will not be required to do anything just attend.

One item we will be discussing is a Care Ministry Fair on April 11<sup>th</sup> (please remember that is the start of day light saving time).



**JoAnn Robinson**

for organizing the memorial reception.

To all who came and helped by bringing food, set up and cleaned up.

A very special thank you to

**Steve Smith**

who dropped what he was doing and came to the church on the day of the memorial reception and fixed the dishwasher.



*Holden*  
**EVENING PRAYER**  
WEDNESDAYS IN LENT AT 6:30 p.m.

For the remainder of Lent, we hope that you will join us for a Soup Supper each Wednesday evening. It is a time of delicious soups and breads and wonderful fellowship.

All are welcome. Please feel free to bring a friend!!

Supper is served at 5:45 p.m. Following our delicious meal, we meet in the sanctuary for Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.



# HOLY WEEK

*Maundy Thursday - March 29<sup>th</sup>*

*6:30 p.m.*

*Good Friday - March 30<sup>th</sup>*

*6:30 p.m.*

*Easter Sunday - April 1<sup>st</sup>*

*8:15 am & 10:45 am*

# MENS BREAKFAST

Join us for good food and great conversation the 1st Saturday of each month. Build up your body, mind and spirit with a great group of Peace men!



MARCH 3 - 8:30 A.M.

RANDALL / GLENN



## Pastors Public Hours



Tuesday, March 6th  
12:00 - 2:00

## Pastor's Public Hours



Tuesday, March 20th  
12:00 - 2:00

115 W. Meeker #B - Puyallup



Sunday, March 11th



### General Fund January 2018

January Giving	\$16,546.00
January Expense	\$23,346.67
January Difference	(\$6,797.67)

2018 Budget

\$290,586.00

9th - 12th Grade

# Holden May Youth Weekend

*"I called you by name, You are Mine"*



May 18th - 20th

Elementary Youth

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

## week at camp



# LUTHERHAVEN

July 15 - 20

\$210

Please sign up by Sunday, April 15th

See youth board for more information



Sunday, March 18th

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Bring a friend and join the fun!

## Custom Design Camp

Camp Lutherhaven (Idaho)

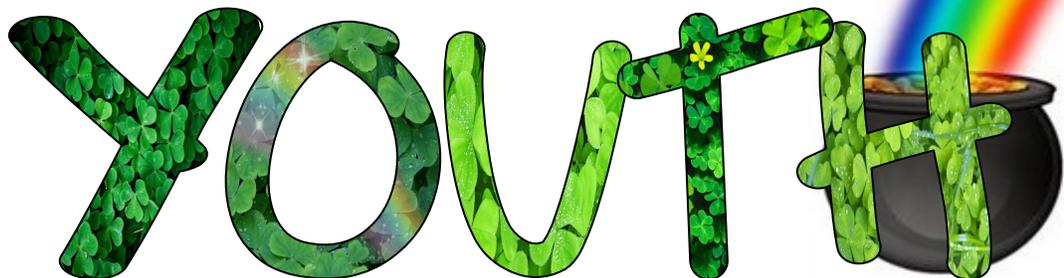


July 15 - 20

\$320

Please sign up by Sunday, April 29th

See youth board for more information



# OUTREACH

mark  your **Calendar**

**MARCH 11, 2018**

Come and support the efforts of

Lutheran Community Services Northwest!

Lutheran Community Services Northwest is hosting a brunch to support their work in our area! We would like to gather some interested members to fill a table and support the work of LCSNW! Their efforts in our area include home care, a senior companion program, caregiver services, meals on wheels, refugee reception and placement and senior media services. There is not cost for the luncheon and program, but you will be asked for a donation in support of their efforts.

The luncheon will be held at McGavick Conference Center at Clover Park Technical College at 4500 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood. Social hour begins at 12:30pm, followed by lunch and a program at 1:30pm. RSVP on line by February 25th at Lutheran Community Services Northwest <http://www.lcsnw.org/>

## Mountain View Community Center's Kid's Club Program Hosted Here at Peace Lutheran!

We have opened our doors to Kid's Club! Kid's Club is an afterschool childcare program; however, it is not your typical childcare program! Kid's Club provides enrichment through childcare on an affordable, sliding scale. Part of the Kid's Club mission is to bring quality and enriching childcare to kids in all income demographics. We here at Peace Lutheran are blessed to be able to provide meeting space for this program.

In order to provide an affordable, sliding scale, Kid's Club utilizes volunteers to help run their program. If you are available between 4 pm and 6 pm and like tutoring kids, playing games, helping with arts and crafts or working with kids in small group activities, Kid's Club is looking for some enthusiastic, positive role-models. Volunteers can be high school juniors through adults of all ages.

There are lots of ways to get involved in the Kid's Club program! For more information or to find out how your talents can contribute to the program, email Gretchen Johnsrud at [gretchenj@mtviewcc.org](mailto:gretchenj@mtviewcc.org), she would love to hear from you, answer your questions, and find a fit for you at Kid's Club.

## PERSONAL CARE KITS ARE ON THEIR WAY!

Thank you to all those who donated items and helped assemble personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. We shipped 64 care kits! Care kits are distributed in a variety of situations including refugee camps and natural disaster locations. Our care kits have a personal tracking number that enables us to follow them to their final destinations. Keep an eye out for updates on the final destination of our care kits!



Amanda Egeland	1	Hannah Steinberg	21
G.B. Kohoutek	8	Karlene Perkins	22
Kaitlyn Cheek	9	Mark Burch	26
Francesca Bucher	12	Kevin Doerr	26
Curt Filkins	12	Arlen Storm	27
Donna Richardson	14	Keith Henson	27
Robert Thompson	18	Denise Aho	28
Jeff Carter	18	Kalex Gerstmann	29
Paula Schulz	21	Barb King	29



Jerry Larson	Janet Culpepper	Linda Kongsle	Ashley Carrigan
Beth Kaes	JoAnn Robinson	Kyley Lamberton	Darla Anderson
Roan West	Kaleb Lamberton	Ani Smith	
Jim Baisch	Laura Mandt	Lacie Filkins	
Allison Burch	Leigh Storm	Darlene Olson	

# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8:15 - Worship (Joan) 9:40 - Resounding Joy 9:40 - Sunday School 10:45 - Worship (Jill)	2:30 - Kids Club 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	10:00 - Bible Study 12:00 - PPH @ Wanna Cupcake 2:30 - Kids Club 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:30 - Finance Committee 6:30 - Executive Committee 7:00 - Boy Scouts / 4H	2:30 - Kids Club 7:00 - Choir	9:30 - Quilting 2:30 - Kids Club 6:00 - Rowland & Assoc. 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	2:30 - Kids Club	8:30 - Men's Breakfast (Randall/Glenn)
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# YOU KNOW YOU ARE FROM WASHINGTON STATE WHEN?

- You know how to pronounce Sequim, Puyallup, Sammamish, Enumclaw and Issaquah.
- You avoid driving through Seattle at all costs.
- You consider swimming an indoor sport.
- You see a person carrying an umbrella and instantly think "tourist".
- Your lawn is mostly moss and you don't really care.
- You're extremely picky about your coffee.
- "The mountain is out today." isn't a strange statement.
- While out of state you just tell people you're from Seattle, since that's the only known city in Washington according to the rest of the world.
- Going to the Space Needle DOES get old.
- You rarely wash your car because it's just going to get washed by the rain tomorrow.
- You're used to the phrase "No, not DC." when telling out-of-staters where you're from.
- Northfaces are always in fashion.
- You take a heavy coat and a hat with you for a day at the beach.
- You have mastered the art of doing everything in the rain, because, well, Washington.
- You play the "No, you go!" game at four-way stops.
- You are the only one in the entire state who actually knows how to drive in the rain.
- You have had the thought of how beautiful Mount Rainier is, while simultaneously accepting that it will probably kill you someday.
- You believe 'Twilight' ruined Forks.
- You know the story of Mt. Saint Helens all too well.
- You use Tacoma Narrows bridge as a distance marker.
- You're used to going from shorts and t-shirts to jeans and hoodies - and back - in a single week.
- You are used to having rain on one hill and sun on another.
- You dread I-5 construction as much as you dread driving in Seattle.



# TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sink your teeth into the weekly Bible texts with Pastor Nate, 10:00-11:00 am every Tuesday in the gathering area.

Hope to see you there!



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