

the Clarion



November 2018

Peace Lutheran Church - 214 E. Pioneer - Puyallup, Wa. 98372
253.845.8819 - www.peacepuyallup.org

Dignity First

*Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?*

*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?*

- Isaiah 58:6-7

Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.

- Matthew 8:20

When he cast a vision for the fullness of time, the Master cautioned that we would all be accountable for the ways we have attended to him throughout the ages. *Master, how could we possibly have recognized you?* we'll ask. And he'll reply, *Just as you did it to the least – the poor, the ill, the stranger – you did it to me* (Matthew 25:31-46).

Our community is fiercely divided over the fact of homelessness. The tenor of public debate has reached a fever pitch, inhibiting any kind of genuine collaboration to address the complex dynamics related to homelessness.

Moreover, the terms of the debate are polarizing, and often obscure the wisdom at the heart of our sacred story. How are people of faith to stand under the commands and promises of God in order that we might view the members of our community who experience homelessness through the proper lens?

In unison with other biblical voices, the prophet Isaiah describes right worship in terms of right relationship with our most vulnerable neighbors. And Jesus makes it personal by insisting that his own likeness is reflected in the face of every marginalized person we meet. Clearly, the stakes are high.

Strategic policy with regard to homelessness is vitally important. But, let us never forget that our homeless neighbors are not simply a problem to be solved (or willfully neglected), but people to be seen. Instead of talking about them, let's talk to them. And, let's begin by affording them the dignity we would afford the Master himself.

Peace,

Pastor Nate



Baptism of

Simon Mark Sutton

Sunday, October 14, 2018





Helping Hand House Stockings!

The tree is up!
Come by and take a tag or two, or three!!

Please return your unwrapped gift with
the tag attached by

November 18th



Helping Hand House



Contact Becky VonWahlde or Jenn Doerr with any questions.

Thank You

Thank you, people of Peace, for celebrating Simon's baptism with us! We are very grateful for your commitment to supporting him in his life of faith, and the loving care you provide our family.

-The Suttons



Join Us!!
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sundays





2019 Council Nominations

The congregation's council plays a critical role in the leadership of Peace Lutheran Church.

Can you think of a member whose gifts and perspective would benefit council? Please consider nominating him or her for a position beginning **January 2019**. The election will take place at the congregational meeting in December. Nominees will be contacted prior to the election in order to provide insight into the work of the council and an opportunity to accept or refuse the nomination.

Per the constitution, council members serve a two-year term, at which point they are eligible for reelection once. We would like to elect **5** members to council this year.

- Outgoing members of council who are **not eligible for reelection** include: Deena Jamison, Becky VonWahlde, Paula Schulz, Leo Armstrong and Crystal Cunningham.
- Members currently serving who will remain on council and **do not need to be reelected** include: Tim Mahaffie, Dave Mahaffie, Lisa Woodbury, Allison Burch, Dani Jo Andrews and Andy Burch.
- Members of council whose terms are ending but who are **eligible for reelection** this year include: Becca Johnstone, Mary Boben, Diane Dean, Karen Ekse and Pippa Simpson-Younger.

All other baptized and confirmed members are also eligible. Please do nominate them!

Council nominations are due **Monday, December 3rd**.



The church has updated all the first aid kits. There are maps on the walls that indicate the location of each kit. All have the basic first aid supplies. The kitchen kit is significantly larger should you ever need it. The kits also have an attached plastic bag. This contains a pen, injury report forms and hypoallergenic band-aids and report forms.

Please familiarize yourself with the kit locations.

Submitted by: D.Dean

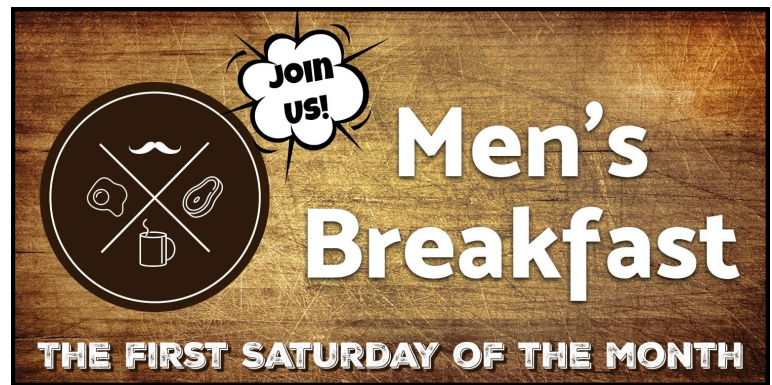
Thank you, Diane, for all your work on this project!

Welcome to Peace!

Are you a new participant with the congregation within the last year or so? We're so glad you're part of our community and we'd like to get to know you better.

Please join other newcomers as well as longstanding members for conversation and treats on **Sunday, November 18, 4:00-5:30**, at the Johnstones'.

RSVP to Pastor Nate at pastor@peacepuyallup.org or 253.845.8819.



Church office will be closed Monday, November 12th.



GENERAL FUND

September 2018

September Giving	\$25,953.69	YTD Giving	\$186,974.05
September Expense	\$26,567.42	YTD Expense	\$218,277.38
September Difference	(\$774.24)	YTD Difference	(\$14,618.46)
		2018 Budget	\$290,586.00



Sunday, November 4th



OFFICE CLOSURES

Monday, November 12th - Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 22nd - Thanksgiving

Friday, November 23rd - Day after Thanksgiving



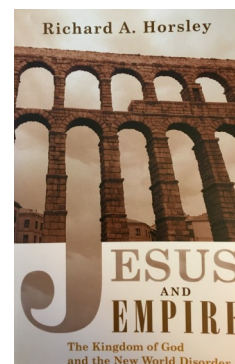
Adult Formation: Jesus and Empire

(Sundays between services beginning November 11th)

The Roman Imperial world is the social-political-economic context of Jesus' story. How does that context shed light on our understanding of the Gospel, both in the ancient imperial context and in our own?

Sessions will include: "American Identity and a Depoliticized Jesus," "Resistance and Rebellion in Judea and Galilee," "God's Judgment of the Imperial Order," and "Covenantal Community and Cooperation," among others.

Our discussion will be rooted in Richard Horsley's *Jesus and Empire: The Kingdom of God and the New World Disorder*. Please read along, or simply join the conversation!





Tyra Larson	2	Dr. Paul Gerstmann	13
Lisa Woodbury	2	Emily Smith	15
Lauren Storm	3	Kyle Aronson	15
Carrie Mandt	4	Lily Mace	16
Connor Aronson	7	Becca Hanson	18
Brandy Williams	8	Rebecca Togstad	19
Bobbi Van Alstyne	8	Tim Mahaffie	21
Livia Mahaffie	8	Pastor Nate Sutton	23
Donald Carbone	8	Matthew Smith	25
Kevin Mandt	10	Lacie Filkins	27
Andrea Bennett	11		
Erin Smith	12		
Eric Anderson	13		



Francesca Bucher	Ron Dymond	Max Parker	Marlys Tron	Emily Smith
Kalex Gerstmann	Sara Anderson	Colleen Thrift	Brenda Mandt	
Jenn Doerr	Christopher Long	Pam Brehon	Becky Von Wahlde	
Amanda Long	Scott Togstad	David McIntyre	Chris Lee	
Martha Gerstmann	Edward Andrews	Carole Lee	Janis Barrett	

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 8:15 - Worship (Jill) 9:40 - Resounding Joy 9:40 - SS Packing Project 10:45 - Worship (CS) 12:00 - Conf. Mini Retreat 6:00 - N.A. / O.A. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS - FALL BACK -	5 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	6  10:00 - Bible Study 3:00 - PC Juv Court 5:30 - Finance 6:30 - Executive 7:00 - Boy Scouts	7 5:30 - Quilting 7:00 - Choir	1 9:30 - Quilting 6:00 - Rowland & Assoc. 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	2	3 8:30 - Men's Breakfast 9:00 - Circle of Welcome Zoo 2:00 - Parents of Youngish Families
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For righteousness, and I will bring praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.
 When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence.

The Lord has made known to us his righteous judgment, the wicked are found in the work of their own hands.



Peace Choir is welcoming to all singers interested in our ministry. Practice is Wednesday night 7pm-8:15pm...We can also arrange for child care. If you love to sing, you are invited to join us. You do not have to read music to join with our ministry.

Using the van for a ministry event?

Please plan ahead and check with Sara about the van's availability! (office@peacepuyallup.org or 253.845.8819)

Travel safely!



Caring and Calling

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2



Have you noticed someone's absence from church? Have you perceived that someone is carrying a burden? Please call your friends and fellow members and let them know you've missed them! And, with permission, please let the office know if there is a pressing concern. 253.845.8819.



Sunday, November 11th is Thankoffering Sunday during both services. Peace ladies have been involved with this for many years. Some ladies collect coins all year long from their feeling of thankfulness and bring their offering on this special Sunday. All ladies can participate with the donations send on directly to Women of the ELCA for supporting of many projects.

Parents of Youngish Families



There is a new ministry at Peace. The ministry is aimed at Parents of Youngish Families. If you think you might have a youngish family, then you probably do.

The aim of this ministry is to enable parents to come together and participate in spiritual growth together. This might mean a book study that we all do, or we can discuss raising children of faith. Whatever we do, we want to be able to do it together so that we can grow together.

We have an initial meeting on **Saturday November 2nd at 2pm** at the Church with the idea to move onto CaskCades on Meridian. There will be child support at the Church so more than one parent can come. If you are interested in helping to build this ministry then you are invited to attend. For more information please talk to Pippa on Sundays or email Pastor Nate.

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Postcards!

Let's celebrate our wide welcome at Peace. Please take as many postcards as you'd like, and send them to your friends, neighbors, community organizations, or others you think might be looking for a church home.

God graciously welcomes us into this community, joining us to the body of Christ by the movement of the Holy Spirit.
Therefore, **we welcome all.**

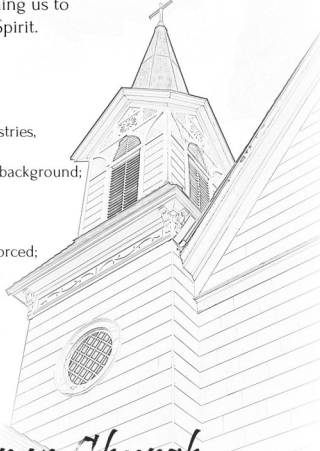
We welcome...

- People of all races and ethnicities, countries of origin, ancestries, and cultures;
- People of all religious backgrounds, including no religious background;
- People of all gender identities and sexual orientations;
- People with differing physical and/or intellectual abilities;
- People of all ages and from all family structures;
- People who are single, partnered, married, widowed, or divorced;
- People of all economic backgrounds, homeowners, renters, and people without permanent homes;
- People of diverse political views; and
- People with all kinds of gifts and challenges.

You will be honored here.



Peace Lutheran Church



Wednesday, November 14th



Wednesday, November 28th



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.



Women of the ELCA



November 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Ladies Aid

Study Leader: Evelyn Swenson

Hostess: Barb King



SPONSORED BY PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH



AUCTION & *Spaghetti Dinner*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

Suggested Donation

ADULTS \$12
CHILD (12 & UNDER) \$6

- 4:30 PM - DOORS OPEN (APPETIZERS & BROWSING)
- 5:00 PM - DINNER
- 6:00 PM - DESSERT & AUCTION

FOR TICKET PURCHASE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT OFFICE@PEACEPLU.ORG



There is still time! DO you have an item or service you would like to donate to the youth for the auction? If so, please contact Bill Haines or Sara in the office.



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| Nov 4: | Confirmation mini retreat 12pm - 4pm |
| Nov 8: | Confirmation service project - serving dinner at the armory 5:45pm - 6:30pm |
| Nov: | CONNECT |
| Nov 17: | Youth Auction |
| Nov 25: | CONNECT |

Confirmation Families!

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Sunday, November 4, 12-4 PM - mini-retreat

*please note this is a date change from the original schedule

We will continue to begin with a potluck meal, and parents/family members will be encouraged to participate during part of each of these retreats.

This fall, we'll be taking a closer look at Jesus and the cross, the very heart of the Christian faith! Karen Ekse will continue to provide valuable adult leadership, for which we are very grateful.

An intercongregational Youth Group

CONNECT

**CONNECTING HIGH SCHOOL
AND PLU STUDENTS**

**CONNECTING TO SERVE
AND LEARN ABOUT CHRIST**

To get a weekly reminder text:

TEXT '@6e28hc' TO '81010'!

PLU (Trinity Lutheran) 12115 Park Ave. S.



@connectPLU





Elementary Kids Party

Hosted by Peace Lutherans High School Youth

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Games, gingerbread house making and a movie.

Christmas Swags Making & Decorating Party

Saturday, December 1st

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

CHRISTMAS SWAGS



Sell dates: December 2nd & 9th





Are You A Steward, or Trustee, of the Congregation?

Contrary to what you may think, at Peace Lutheran Church we are all stewards and trustees of this church. It is not only those on the Stewardship Team or the Church Council who are stewards. Let me explain...

Stewardship is defined in Webster's Dictionary as follows: "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to our care." Has not God entrusted each of us at Peace to assist him in carrying out his mission in this world through this church? We are asked to use our time, talents, and treasure to spread the good news of the gospel, to glorify God, and to help those in need.

An important part of being a good steward, or trustee, is the giving of some of our "treasure," which we have received through the grace of God. In 2 Corinthians 9:11-13 we find the following: "God will give you so much so that you can give away much... so two good things happen as a result of your gifts - those in need are helped, and they overflow with thanks to God... they will praise God for this proof that your good deeds are as good as your doctrine."

Your willingness to give cheerfully is more important than the amount you give. But the goal is to tithe (10% of your material blessings), if you can give cheerfully. We should not treat our offering as an obligation, or another bill to pay. We are all stewards, or trustees, of this church, which is God's house. Our offerings are really gifts to ourselves as stewards or trustees of Peace Lutheran, resources that we will use to glorify God and help the less fortunate. Please give cheerfully, as you are able!

Werner Boettcher



The biblical standard for our offering is the “**tithe**,” or **10%** of our household income. Many people of faith have found great purpose in making strides toward the tithe, discovering that their lives are transformed by this discipline of generosity. How does your current practice of giving relate to your life of faith? Are you capable of giving more generously? How might growing your giving be transformative for you?

Please refer to the chart below as a reference for pursuing your own goals for giving. And, thank you!

Income: \$20,000

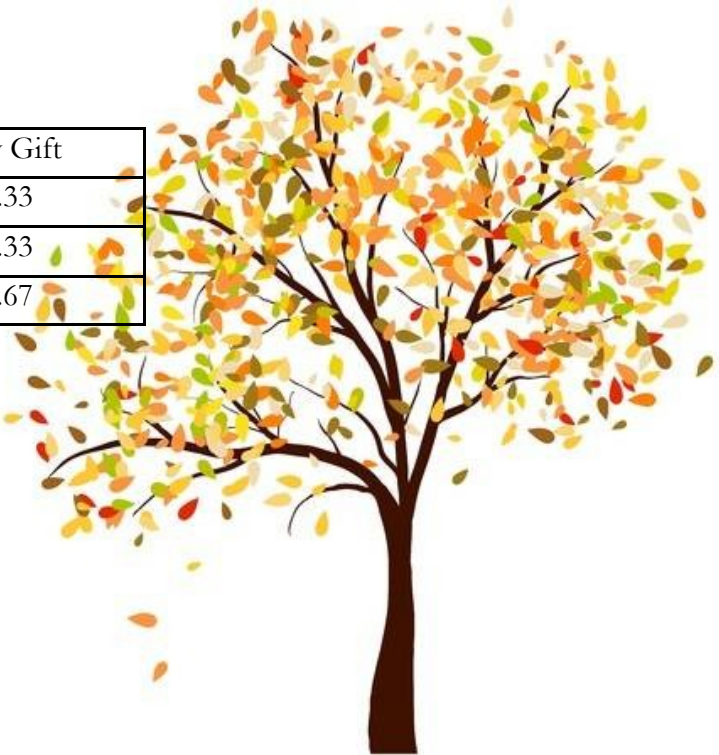
Gift Percent	Annual Gift	Monthly Gift
10%	\$2,000	\$166.67
7%	\$1,400	\$116.67
5%	\$1,000	\$83.33

Income: \$50,000

Gift Percent	Annual Gift	Monthly Gift
10%	\$5,000	\$416.67
7%	\$3,500	\$291.67
5%	\$2,500	\$208.33

Income: \$100,000

Gift Percent	Annual Gift	Monthly Gift
10%	\$10,000	\$833.33
7%	\$7,000	\$583.33
5%	\$5,000	\$416.67





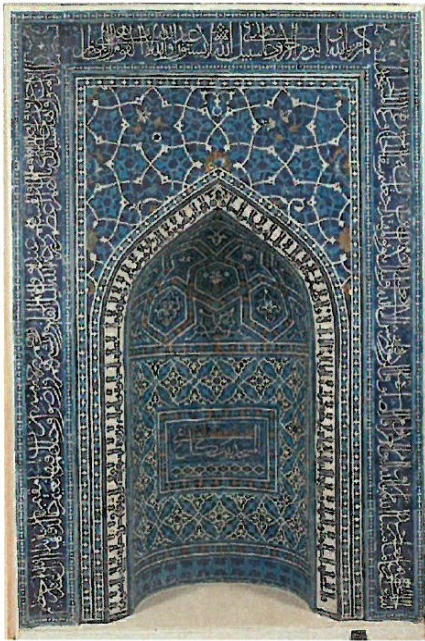
Thanks to the continued generosity of Dick Shipman, we will have turkey dinners available again this year! What a blessed tradition!

If you know of a family who would enjoy one of these meal baskets, please fill out a nomination form and place it in the box marked "Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets" in the gathering area, turn it into Sara in the office or turn it into Karen Ekse.

Feel free to nominate members of our congregation or to nominate relatives, friends, neighbors, acquaintances or community members. All are welcome to the meals. We have limited meals available so please sign up as soon as possible. Please submit all nominations by **Sunday, November 11th**.



*Potters, Wood Carvers, Painters,
Jewelry and Gem Artists, Weavers,
Printers, Cartoonists, and more*



FAITH over FEAR

Standing with Our Muslim Neighbors *Roadshow*

Each year the Islamophobia industry spends over \$30 million dollars to make people afraid of Islam and American Muslims. The websites, YouTube videos, books, white papers, lobbying, and media stars of the Islamophobia industry turn the hearts and minds of people against one another, paving the way for a more divided, fearful future. We don't have to live in that future. Together we can build a future based on our shared values and vision for America!

We cordially invite the public; faith leaders from all churches, mosques, synagogues, and temples; and civic, education, and community leaders to join Aneelah Afzali (MAPS-AMEN) and Pastor Terry Kylo (Neighbors in Faith) for an overview of the Islamophobia industry, the threat it poses to our nation and civil liberties, and what we can do about it together. This event will include time for Q & A and interaction with faith, political, and education leaders in your area.

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 • 5:45 p.m. dinner + 7:00 p.m. presentation
Mountain View Lutheran Church, 3505 - 122nd Avenue East, Edgewood WA 98372

Speakers:

Aneelah Afzali, Esq. is the founder and Executive Director of the American Muslim Empowerment Network (AMEN), a new initiative of the Muslim Association of Puget Sound (MAPS). Aneelah graduated from the University of Oregon Honors College, and was named a Chayes International Service Fellow at Harvard Law School.

The Rev. Terry Kylo is a pastor serving as the director of Neighbors in Faith an interfaith effort to recognize Muslims as neighbors and partners in building a more peaceful world. NIF is authorized by the Lutheran and Episcopal Churches in western Washington State.

Sponsors:

MAPS-AMEN (American Muslim Empowerment Network) • Neighbors in Faith • The Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign • Faith Action Network • Council on American-Islamic Relations WA • Church Council of Greater Seattle • The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia • The Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA • The Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA • Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ • Associated Ministries of Tacoma-Pierce County • Mountain View Lutheran Church

www.eventbrite.com/e/faith-over-fear-standing-with-our-muslim-neighbors-tickets-50449291188
Please sign up at the above link by Sunday 11/11.

FALL CLUSTER GATHERINGS

**FAITH
ACTION
NETWORK**
A Partnership for the Common Good



**Tacoma/
Pierce Co.**

**November 8, 2018
7-9PM**

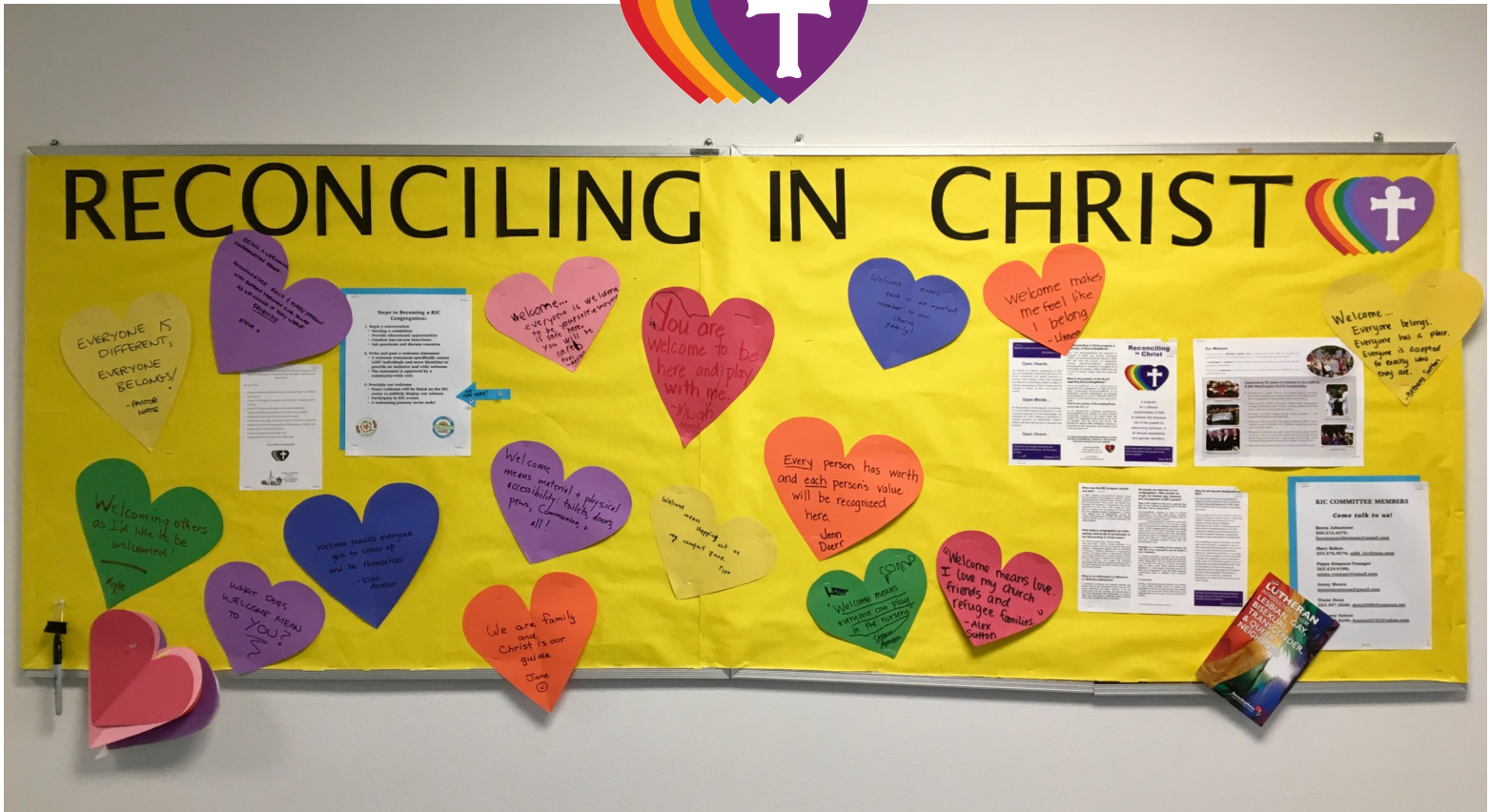
Bethany Presbyterian Church

**4420 North 41st St.
Tacoma, WA 98407**

Join faith communities throughout Pierce County as we connect and discuss each community's current work and advocacy. Through partnership, we will begin strategizing for the 2019 legislative session.



RSVP at fanwa.org



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