

the Clarion

MAY 2019



You Will Be Honored Here.

Lesser Festivals and Commemorations

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

-Hebrews 12:1-2

The seasons of the church year carry us, like a river, through the Christian story, punctuated throughout by holy days that mark critical moments in Jesus' life and the life of his community: Christmas, Epiphany, Baptism of Our Lord, Transfiguration, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost, Christ the King.

But along the way, we also come across "lesser festivals" and "commemorations," often-neglected shrines on the banks of the river. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* explains that "lesser festivals are additional days when we celebrate the life of Christ, the witness of those who accompanied and testified to him, and the gifts of God in the church. Commemorations illuminate various aspects of the church's life and mission through the lives of women and men who have followed Christ in succeeding generations." In the Protestant tradition, we do not pray to saints, nevertheless we honor the ways they've enriched the Christian life.

You might be surprised at how frequently lesser festivals and commemorations appear on the calendar. In May alone, there are twelve: Philip and James, Apostles (May 1), Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria (2), Monica, mother of Augustine (4), Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church (8), Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter (9), Matthias, Apostle (14), Erik, King of Sweden, martyr (18), Helena, mother of Constantine (21), Nicolaus Copernicus and Leonhard Euler, scientists (24), John Calvin, renewer of the church (27), Jiří Třanovský, hymnwriter (29), and the Visit of Mary to Elizabeth (31). Commemorations generally fall on a saint's death date.

How much do you know about the people and events we remember this month? As a spiritual exercise, why not come up onto the river bank for a few moments to notice and appreciate one or two of them? While you're there, say a prayer of thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before you, and recommit yourself to your own pilgrimage with Christ.

"Almighty God, we praise you for your servants, through whom you have called the church to its tasks and renewed its life. Raise up in our own day teachers and prophets inspired by your Spirit, whose voices will give strength to your church and proclaim the reality of your reign, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen" (*ELW*, Leaders Desk Edition, p.131).

stewardship

Giving With a Generous Heart

"Faith the size of a mustard seed...Can move mountains"

Just 6 weeks ago, on March 3rd, two new ministry teams, Stewardship and the Mortgage Reduction Team, nervously prepared to share a bold vision with all of you. We honestly didn't know what the outcome would be, but we knew we had the support of everybody on the church council, both spiritually and financially. Their support emboldened us to take a leap of Faith to initiate a capital campaign to change the financial equation at Peace Lutheran Church. The vision, as you all know, was to raise money to re-amortize the Mortgage to reduce our monthly mortgage payment. We prayed that we might raise \$50,000. Some of us worried we wouldn't reach \$60,000 (which was our goal).

We received \$83,911 in gifts from all of you.

Not only that, but we received gifts from 56 different members, or well over half, of our congregation. Dollar amounts varied, but all gave from the heart. It is overwhelming when we think of how you all have responded to this request. Combined with the bequest funds that our council has approved, we are able to make a re-amortization principle payment of \$180,000. This will reduce our monthly mortgage payment from \$5,716 to approximately \$3,800, or a savings of almost \$23,000 per year. If you are among the minority of members haven't made a decision to contribute yet, it's not too late! Gifts of any size designated to "mortgage" or "mortgage reduction" will continue to be used to reduce our mortgage. On behalf of the stewardship ministry, thank you. We feel blessed to be part of this community in Christ.

Ellen Aronson, Dave Ekse, Werner Boettcher
Stewardship



It's been another busy month around the beloved, and historic, Peace Lutheran Church of Puyallup. We've added closing springs and stall locks to the bathroom stalls in the women's restroom, got the floor replaced in the gathering space restroom (now the door sticks—we are working on solving that), the wash sink in the kitchen and the gutter over the Ed wing has been repaired (thank you Andy Casillas, Chris Lee, and Les Gerstmann), and the office bathroom is now fully functional and draining nicely. In the exciting opportunity department, we've discovered that the men's urinal is leaking! On the plus side, the men's room in the Ed wing has been freshly painted—thank you Steve & Jane Smith, Dave & Karen Ekse for painting, and Lenny Barrett for supplying the paint. Spring has arrived and mowing and tending to the landscape beds has begun in earnest. (A big thanks to Pat and Jenny Moore, Chris Lee, Kevin Doerr, Andy Burch, and Steve Smith)

Projects that currently have our attention include the garage roof, which appears to be losing shingles at a rather alarming rate, the rental house roof, repairing and expanding the sprinkler system, the balcony, carpeting, and improving lighting in the courtyard area behind the office, along with others. Additionally, we are still getting water through the door of the Hessed classroom during high wind and heavy rains, and our leak in the gathering space still isn't *quite* solved. Clearly, plenty of work to be done moving forward.

Sometimes, there is a problem we are unaware of. While we really do appreciate you letting us know, we have, on occasion, gotten a bit grumpy when presented with, shall we say, “New opportunities in Property Maintenance” while passing of the peace during worship, or during fellowship hour. If we are more sinner than saint during one of these times, we humbly ask your forgiveness. What would be really cool is if you sent us an email with your property observations to daveekse@gmail.com, or smeefrogs@aol.com. (Hey, a guy can dream, right?)

Gentlemen, come join us for men's breakfast and fellowship from 8:30 to 9:30 Saturday, May 4th. Afterwards is the property meeting at 9:30, all are welcome!

Confirmation

Confirmation Lock-In

Friday May 31st - Saturday June 1st

Weeding Party!

Saturday, May 25th

10:00 a.m.



Thank You Sew Many Times

The Quilters send you warm thanks for:

Your donations of material, sheets and yarn, your time and energy, and your support of our quilting. We thank our gentlemen for their help in packing, batting pick up, and quilt delivery. We thank those patient souls who moved our heavy tables.

At least 50 quilts will shipped to Lutheran World Relief to help in world wide crises. The rest will remain in the Puyallup area to warm folks in need.

Thank you all and may God continue to bless you as you have blessed our ministry.



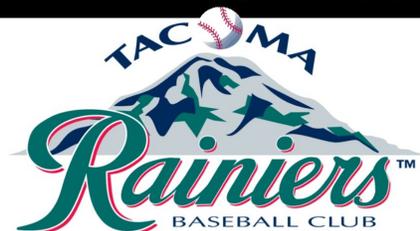
Men's Breakfast

THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Senior/Retiree Potluck

Wednesday, May 1st - 12:00 p.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK



WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD
7:05 P.M.

vs. Salt Lake Bees

\$14.00 PER PERSON

Reserved Game Seat
Ballpark Meal: Hot Dog, Chips and Water
Group Recognition on the Video Board
Post Game Fireworks

Tickets available to the first 20 people who sign up and pay in the office. Please use the sign up sheet in the Gathering Area. Contact Sara in the office for more info.

Pastor Nate was honored to share the following reflection at this year's Cross Walk on Good Friday.

Unity

Good Friday is a strange day to contemplate unity, given that this holy day recalls the moment of perhaps the least unity in the story of Jesus. Among his followers, most of the men have disappeared in the confusion of his arrest, Peter's courage has collapsed under the weight of fear, and the women stand silently near the cross, helpless to intervene. For Judea's Roman occupiers, the cross serves as an instrument of political repression and terror, a brutal public relations campaign designed to stifle local resistance to the Empire. And for Israel's religious establishment, it quells a disruption to the time-honored system. For all its violence and alienation, what chance does the cross give to unity?

If Good Friday points us to a truth about ourselves, it's that unity doesn't come naturally to us. Sometimes we are capable of uniformity, which suppresses but does not eliminate difference. Assimilation may gratify those whose values and patterns others are expected to adopt. But uniformity is not unity, not really.

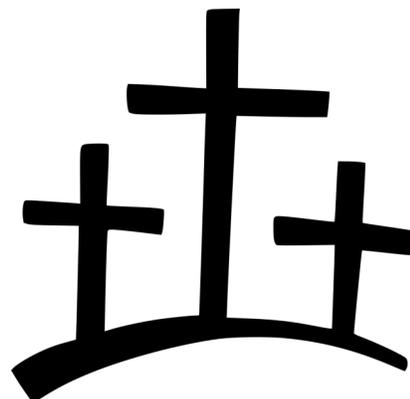
As a function of our brokenness, we do not celebrate diversity, but fear it. And, one of the great tragedies of religion is that it has often served to reinforce our biases. But God refuses to be confined to our conceptions of God. Rather, God surprises us by becoming known in the least likely of people, in the least likely of circumstances.

For that reason, maybe Good Friday is precisely the occasion to contemplate unity. The God of the cross, that is, God-with-us in even the worst suffering we're capable of inflicting on each other, absorbs in his own person the full force of world's hostility in order that he might "renew a right spirit within us."* The Apostle Paul puts it this way: "In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made [us] into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us."**

Dear friends, our walls do not define us, no matter how high we build them or how fervently we trust in them. Christ has already broken down our barriers and brought us face to face. The question is how clearly we will see God's purpose in proximity to the other, how fully we will acknowledge God's image reflected in her, and how well we will love beyond our limits.

*Douglas John Hall, *The Cross in Our Context*, 6.

**Ephesians 2:13-14.



Summer Worship Schedule

May 26th - September 1st

Memorial Weekend - Labor Day Weekend

Peace Lutheran wants to recognize and give a thank you to Thrivent for their generous gift card to be used to purchase salads and fruit for the Puyallup Community Easter Dinner which was held at the Washington State Fairgrounds Easter Sunday. They planned on serving 700 meals! We were able to deliver 14 large containers of potato salad, 7 large containers of macaroni salad, along with 12 bags of oranges and 12 bags of apples. I know that they were really appreciated and enjoyed by many. Thank you to Diane Dean, Barb King, Nancy Jo and Leo Armstrong for helping and delivering.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



MAY

- 5th - Spinning Weekend Food Packaging Project
- 5th - World Vision Race Team Bunco Night
- 5th - Confirmation Mini Retreat
- 9th - Outreach Kitchen Use
- 19th - WELCA Bake Sale
- 24th - Youth Holden Weekend
- 31st - Confirmation Spring Lock-In

PPH

Pastors Public Hours



Wednesday, May 8th
12:00 p.m.

909 S Meridian - across from the fair

Wednesday, May 22nd
12:00 p.m.



The Locals Store - 301 3rd Street SE

Last Day of Sunday School!



May 19th

Thank you!

This is a time when finding adequate words to say "thank you" is difficult. To Pastor Nate, Sara and members of Peace, THANK YOU for all you have done these past months. For your prayers and support. You have been, and continue to be a blessing. A last thank you is for the wonderful reception on April 13th and for the work done by so many.

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Scholarship Applications

Application are available for graduating seniors. Please send graduates name to the office and an application will be sent to you.

Also, if you have a graduate this year, high school or college, and you would like to recognize them on graduation Sunday, please email Sara their name and school to office@peacepuyallup.org

*REMINDER: Previous scholarship recipients have a year to use their scholarship monies.



MONDAY, MAY 27TH - OFFICE CLOSED



Sara will be out of the office Tuesday, May 28th - Friday, May 31st. If you are able to come in any time between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm to help with visitors and answer incoming calls, please contact the office via email at office@peacepuyallup.org.

Thank you!

OUTREACH

**MONTH OF MAY PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE
TO SUPPORT THE SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM**

We are collecting 16oz size jars of peanut butter to distribute in our summer food program. Peanut butter can be left in the box in Koinonia.

Crock Pots and Soup Kits

Mountain View Community Center and Cornerstone Community Church (one of our summer program partners!) are starting a "crock pot" program. The program will provide crock pots to some of the families involved in our weekend food pack programs. The program will supply weekly soup kits to use in the crock pots. The program also hopes to provide soup kits to distribute through our summer food program.

**Soup Kit Assembly Project
At Mountain View Community Center
Saturday May 4th at 10:00am**

9th - 12th Grade

Holden May Youth Weekend



**READY
SET
GLOW**

May 24 - 26

Just a Reminder!

Confirmation Mini-Retreat
Sunday May 5th 12pm - 3pm



Questions about youth activities?
Please contact:
Bill Haines or Becky VonWahlde at
youth@peacepuysallup.org

Youth Summer Mission Trip IDAHO SERVANT ADVENTURE

July 13th - 20th

Shoshone Base Camp



7th - 12th Grade

Shuswap Lake Trip

(Wicklenders cabin in Canada)



August 5th - 8th

See Bill for more info

OUTREACH

Summer Food Program News!

We are getting ready for Summer 2019. This will be the second summer for our program and we have a few exciting changes on the horizon.

We have expanded our program this year!

Schools to be served this summer include:

- EACAP Preschool located at First Presbyterian
- Firgrove Elementary, Hunt Elementary, Karshner Elementary, Meeker Elementary, Pope Elementary, Spinning Elementary, Stewart Elementary, Sunrise Elementary, Waller Road Elementary, Wildwood Elementary, Woodland Elementary, Zieger Elementary
- Aylen Jr. High School, Ferrucci Jr. High School, Kallas Jr. High School
- Walker High School

We have been evaluating and reducing barriers to program access! This year we have expanded our pick-up times and locations, we will offer reminder texts or emails, we are offering the ability to change pick-up locations and times, we are offering a drop in pick-up location and we are coordinating with the Right At School daycare program.

We have two *new* church partners!

Our church partners now include Christ Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, All Saints Catholic Church, Cornerstone Community Church, Joy of Life Church, South Hill Baptist Church, South Hill Christian Church, and Highpointe Church.

Communities in Schools continues to support our program and will take care of registration in all our schools this year! This allows us to send out reminders and to offer a contact number for making changes to pick-up schedules.

We are so blessed by this amazing community partnership.

Mark your Calendar!
First Food Boxing Project!
Sunday June 2nd after service

Food Delivery Starts Monday, June 24th!

Peace Lutheran will distribute food at the South Hill YMCA parking lot on Mondays from 11:30am to 12:30pm. We start deliveries Monday June 24th. If you are new to food distribution we will train you and show you the ropes! Look for a sign-up sheet at the end of the month.



Celebrating 121 Years!

Sunday, May 19th

We are celebrating with an old-fashioned bake sale! You are invited to bring an "old" family favorite, the family's favorite cookie, pie, cake, candy, bars etc!

Please bring in disposable containers.

Here's the good part - you will be able to buy goodies to take home! All proceeds will be donated to STEP by STEP - a local agency that serves moms and young children.

Also, we will raffle the "Busy Baker Basket". Tickets are 3 for \$1 to be purchased Sunday, May 12th - May 19th.

All this delicious business will take place between services on May 19th. We hope you will join the fun!!



Thank you to Shannon O'Donnell, chaplain at King County Jail, for speaking at Peace as a part of the downtown community's annual Cross Walk on Good Friday.

God of heartbreak
And compassion,
Your beloved people
Call many places home.
For so many now,
Home is far away
A strange unfriendly place.
Hear our voices rising up
Asking for justice
And home and peace
For all.
Widen our circles of welcome.
Bless our attempts to live
In your peace.
Give us the courage to speak
For those who cannot.
Do not forget your people, O God.
Amen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BAPTISM

Anniversaries

Dee Marino	1
Everett Womack	2
Lacey Henderson	3
Emily Dymond	4
Kellen Doerr	4
Steve Smith	6
Tim Siltala	6
Karla Steinberg	12
Jill Burch	13
Kaleb Lamberton	14
Les Gerstmann	16
Marshall Lee	19
Jayla Albenesius	19
Laura Mandt	22
Nancy Armstrong	26
Andy Bennett	26
Ron Butler	27
Jerry Lange	28
Ellen Aronson	28
Paula Nordby	29
Simon Sutton	30
Paul Bench	31

Kaitlyn Cheek
Hannah Steinberg
Ben Woodbury
Baerbel Lorenz
Laura Casillas
Kellen Doerr
Paul Bench
Jane Smith
Wayne Glaser
Rebecca Aske
Mary Larson
Livia Mahaffie
Kyle Aronson
Jakob Steinberg

May

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:00 - Sr./Ret. Potluck 5:30 - Quilting 7:00 - Choir	2 9:30 - Quilting 6:00 - Rowland & Assoc. 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	3	4 8:30 - Men's Breakfast
5 8:15 - Worship (Jill) 9:40 - Resounding Joy 9:40 - Food Packaging 10:45 - Worship (CS) 6:00 - O.A.	6 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	7 10:00 - Bible Study 3:00 - PC Juv. Court 5:30 - Finance Committee 6:30 - Executive Committee 7:00 - Boy Scouts	8 10:00 - Ladies Aid 12:00 - PPH @ Starbucks 7:00 - Choir	9 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	10 6:15 - Girl Scouts	11
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RECONCILING IN CHRIST



EVERYONE IS DIFFERENT, EVERYONE BELONGS!
- Priscilla Waple

BEING WELCOMED
Acknowledges that I am different
and that I am not alone
- Priscilla Waple

Steps to Reconciling a RIC
Congregation

Welcome... everyone is welcome
- Priscilla Waple

You are welcome to be here and play with me.
- Leah

Welcome... means that I am accepted
- Leah

Welcome makes me feel like I belong.
- Leah

Welcome... Everyone belongs. Everyone has a place. Everyone is accepted for exactly who they are.
- Priscilla Waple

Welcoming others as I'd like to be welcomed!
- Kyle

WELCOME means everyone gets to belong and be themselves.
- Steve Minton

Welcome means mental & physical accessibility. Faith, doors & all!
- Priscilla Waple

Welcome means helping I get out of my comfort zone.
- Priscilla Waple

Every person has worth and each person's value will be recognized here.
- Jani Dier

Welcome means everyone can play in the sandbox.
- Priscilla Waple

Welcome means love, friends and refugee families.
- Alex Sutton

We are family and Christ is our guide.
- Jane

WHAT DOES WELCOME MEAN TO YOU?
- Priscilla Waple



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Love, Learn, Pray, Serve