

the Clarion

JULY 2019

You Will Be Honored Here.



The Spiritual is Political

"Hear the word of the LORD, O King of Judah sitting on the throne of David — you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates. Thus says the LORD: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place." -Jeremiah 22:2-3

"It would be fitting if the coat of arms of every upright prince were emblazoned with a loaf of bread instead of a lion or a wreath of hue, or if a loaf of bread were stamped on coins, in order to remind both princes and subjects that it is through the princes' office that we enjoy protection and peace and that without them we could neither eat nor preserve the precious gift of [daily] bread." -Martin Luther's Large Catechism

"Politics and religion don't belong together."

"We must uphold a strict separation of church and state."

"I don't want to hear politics from the pulpit."

What do you think is behind sentiments like these? Why is it that we imagine our spiritual priorities to have no bearing on our activity in the public sphere?

We know that religious and political power can become entangled in harmful ways. In fact, much of Christian history is marked by the close association of the church and the state, and much of that history is bloody.

On the other hand, the American myth insists that religion and politics remain untouched by one another in order that freedoms associated with both might be preserved. And, while the First Amendment forbids the establishment of any particular religion, the truth is that American politics have always been influenced, for better or worse, by religious or spiritual values. The dispute over slavery, for instance, was informed by competing religious claims, all of which were ostensibly "Christian."

How does Christianity speak to slavery? That is no longer a heated debate. But unresolved issues ranging from immigration to gun violence to economic policy – all the issues that shape our life together – demand a bold witness from people of faith. Our faith should and does inform the ways we organize ourselves for the sake of the common good. The spiritual, in other words, is political.

What's more, the cry for political justice in accordance with God's vision for human flourishing is consistent with our tradition. The prophets regularly directed their words and actions to the halls of power, and that witness to God's truth over against abusive power reverberates in the words and actions of latter-day prophets.

Where do your spiritual and political values intersect? How are you called as a person of faith into the public sphere? In what ways have you and will you continue to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God?

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ELCA
GOOD
GIFTS

Your Lenten Wednesday offerings of \$1,781 are going to good use! The congregation has given two ELCA Good Gifts: oxen and a plow and a family farm, as well as a small amount devoted to wherever it's needed most. Good Gifts support ministries of justice in 83 countries around the world. Thank you for your generosity!



With tractors and machines few and far between, a rural farmer can only till so much of a field by hand. **A pair of oxen and a plow is a transformational way to share God's abundance with those in need, with the possibility of doubling or tripling a farmer's annual harvest.** What's more, parents have extra time and income to support their families, pay for medical expenses and send their children to school.



Talk about transformation! A cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training and support, for example, can help a family achieve a fresh start. With new tools and techniques, crops will grow stronger than ever. Eggs, milk and meat from the farm animals provide a lifetime of food to eat and sell on the market, helping a family **escape the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.**



Wedding Policy

At the June 2019 meeting, the Council approved a Wedding Policy for the congregation that reads as follows:

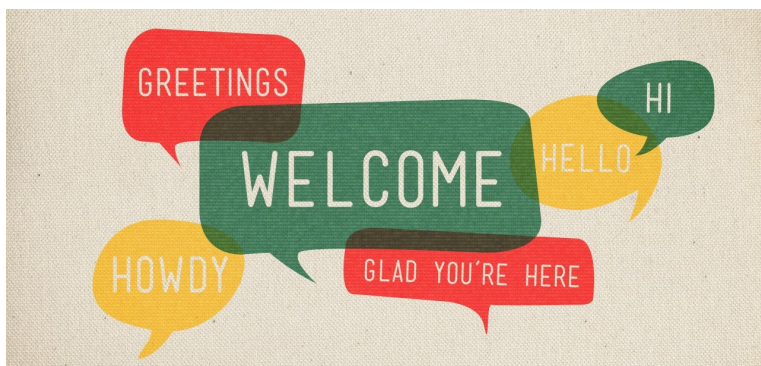
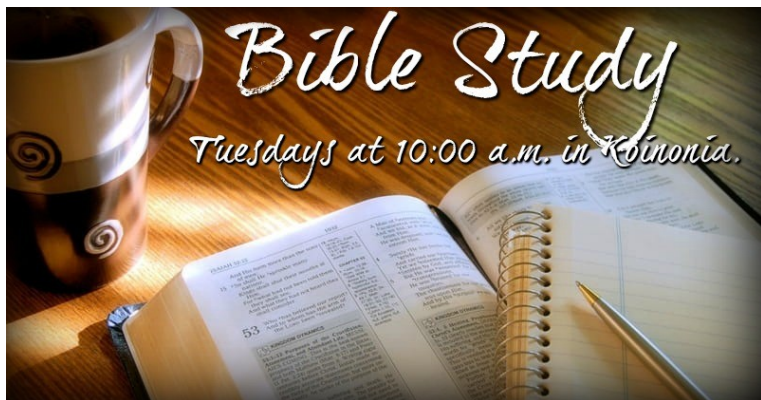
Peace Lutheran Church Wedding Policy

(Adopted June 11, 2019)

Peace Lutheran Church will honor and celebrate all weddings that conform to ELCA doctrine and the laws of the State of Washington.

Weddings are subject to approval by the pastor.

Premarital preparation is required for all couples seeking marriage.



We are in need of hospitality volunteers for the months of July and August. If you are able, please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Area! Thank you!!



vs. Salt Lake Bees

\$14.00 PER PERSON





GETTING INVOLVED IN THE SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

FOOD COLLECTIONS

Do you have an office, workplace, daycare or after school child care program that would support a food collection? How about summer birthdays? Think about adding a food donation to your birthday gathering. We have collection boxes and lists of helpful donation items. Talk to Charlene or Karen.

HELP AT A FOOD PICK UP LOCATION

Are you free on Mondays mid-day during the summer? Peace Lutheran will be distributing food at the South Hill YMCA parking lot on Mondays from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm starting June 24th.

- We provide a sandwich board sign identifying our pick up location.
- We provide a tracking list of participants indicating what size box to provide.
- We can pair you up with someone who participated last year.
- Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area!
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Save the Date!

Next Food Boxing Project
Thursday, July 25th - 6:30 p.m.

Join the outreach team and help assemble boxes of food for the summer program.





Mt. Rainier Day Hike

Wednesday, August 21st



Youth Summer Mission Trip IDAHO SERVANT ADVENTURE

July 14th - 20th

Shoshone Base Camp



Peace All Youth

(youth entering 1st-3rd must have a parent attend)

Fun Day at Lutherhaven

Tuesday, July 9th

9:30 am - 7:30 pm

Swimming

Canoeing

Boating

Games

Save The Date

Youth Annual
Dinner & Auction

11 | 9 | 19

more info to come!

7th - 12th Grade

Shuswap Lake Trip

(Wicklanders cabin in Canada)



August 5th - 8th

See Bill for more info

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

Our family at Peace Lutheran would like to announce an exciting addition to our youth leadership team!

After recommendations from youth, parents, and the church council, **Becky VonWahlde** was asked to partner alongside Bill Haines as co-leader of the Peace Lutheran youth program.

Becky grew up at Peace and in the Puyallup area. She is currently in her final year of nursing school at Pacific Lutheran University. For the past few years, Becky has been an active participant in our youth programming, from helping with fundraisers to chaperoning trips. She is excited to expand our youth ministries to include more events with our elementary aged youth as well as expanded ministry with local churches. We are very excited that she is officially joining our youth team!

In order to reach both Bill and Becky, and for the sake of retaining messages in a congregational account, please send all electronic communication to: youth@peacepuyallup.org

We are thrilled about the growing youth ministries at Peace and look forward to all that is to come.

Join Youth Board!!

Are you interested in planning, coordinating, or supporting youth ministry? Then a spot on the youth board would be a great fit for you!

What is the youth board? ~ We are a ministry of youth and adults who act as an advisory board for the youth programs at Peace.

Who are the "youth"? ~ The youth are all our kids! Our goal is to have programming for everyone, no matter their age!

How often does the youth board meet? ~ This is the best part - we only meet once a quarter! (And as needed if something comes up!) We meet on Sunday evenings at one of our downtown neighbor's businesses.

In addition to our two youth leaders, we are looking for to fill the following positions:

- 2 High School aged youth (9th-12th grade)
- 1 parent with at least one **elementary** aged student (Kindergarten-5th grade)
- 1 parent with at least one **middle school** aged student (6th-8th grade)
- 1 parent with at least one **high school** aged student (9th-12th grade)

If you are interested in joining our team, please email youth@peacepuyallup.org!

We hope to kick off our first meeting in **August!**

Youth Auction Planning Committee

With our youth auction right around the corner, we are looking for those who are interested in helping us to plan this fun event!

No matter your talents, we would appreciate your help planning!!

Anyone who is interested, please email youth@peacepuyallup.org!

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

YOUTH AUCTION ON NOVEMBER 9TH 2019!!






happy birthday

Morgan Lange	1	Michelle Crochet	17
Conner Hamry	1	Caleb Osborne	19
Brandon Siemsen	2	Alexys Carlson	22
Virginia Baisch	8	Leigh Storm	22
Joan Siburg	10	Sara Anderson	22
Emma Minor	10	Vivian Broshious	23
Lucas Albenesius	11	Jennifer Dvorak	25
Rob Dymond	12	Karn Glidewell	26
Laury Togstad	12	Scott Togstad	28
Darlene Sandefur	13	Grace Frederickson	31
Ron Glaser	14		

happy baptismal anniversary

Isabelle Crochet	Ellen Aronson
Ryan Johnstone	Paula Nordby
Tray Larson	Beverley Zook
Kaitlynn Albenesius	Dave Hamry
Emily Dymond	Laury Togstad
Marshall Lee	Emilie Crochet
Nancy Armstrong	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	2 10:00 - Bible Study 7:00 - Boy Scouts	3 5:30 - Quilting 7:00 - Rainier Game	4  HAPPY 4TH OF JULY	5 6:15 - Girl Scouts	6
7 9:30 - Worship (CS) 6:00 - O.A.	8 4:30 - Diversion 5:00 - Cornerstones	9 10:00 - Bible Study 7:00 - Boy Scouts Youth Day at Olympic Lutherhaven	10 10:00 - Ladies Aid 12:00 - PPH @	11 4:30 - Outreach Kitchen 7:00 - A.A. Meeting	12	13
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Congratulations TEAM World Vision®



The Seattle Rock and Roll Half Marathon was a huge success! All 10 of our team members finished the race. And we raised **\$4945** for clean water! Thank you for your financial support and encouragement throughout our race. We are grateful for you!

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



Family Social and Community
Band Concert

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Meeker Mansion

Red, White, & KABOOM!

Pioneer Park

12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Live music, food trucks, beer garden, car show, poker
run, splash park, kids activities and FIREWORKS!



BE PREPARED...

before you light fireworks

- Only use fireworks purchased from a state licensed fireworks stand - illegal fireworks are subject to immediate confiscation and possible criminal charges
- Store fireworks out of children's reach
- Keep pets safe indoors
- Always keep water handy



BE SAFE...

when lighting fireworks

- Only adults should light fireworks
- Only use fireworks outdoors
- Do not throw fireworks or hold them in your hand
- Protect your eyes
- Light one firework at a time and move away quickly - never relight a "dud"



BE RESPONSIBLE...

after your finish

- Soak used fireworks in water
- Be considerate and clean up used fireworks
- Remember firework debris belong in the trash, NOT the recycle bin
- Keep matches and lighters away from children

Discharge Times for Fireworks in Puyallup
July 4th 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

May 26th - September 1st

(Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend)



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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