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Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper, A Meal for the Road

From the Pastor's Desk

"Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." -Luke 15:1-2

"At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel."

-The Use of the Means of Grace, 1997

"Christianity is a meal fellowship," writes liturgical theologian Gordon Lathrop, "and Christian leaders are table servers." The Greek word *diakonia*, which is often translated "ministry," has as its basic meaning "table service." It's no mystery why Christian ministry in general is associated specifically with serving at a meal. *This is my body, given for you*, Jesus insists at the Last Supper, *this is my blood, shed for you. Do this in remembrance of me.* The simple meal at the heart of Sunday worship is the principal manner in which we recall God's mercy and sacrificial love for our sake and for the sake of the world.

How is it that a morsel of bread and a sip of wine constitute the fullness of God's grace for us? The answer to this question lies in the mystery of Christ's presence, or communion, with us in the meal. Unlike some other Christian theological expressions, Lutheranism affirms the "true presence" of the living Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. If this offends our rationalistic sensibilities, it is only because the Christian confession is a scandalous proposition in the first place. If God's word of hope can become incarnate in a baby, then it can also become incarnate in a shared meal.

And if God's word of hope can become incarnate in a shared meal, then it can also become incarnate in the people, dissimilar and imperfect, who leave the table refreshed. Through the sacrament of Holy Communion, we are formed and reformed into a holy communion, the body of Christ, in order that, through us, God might continue to feed the hungry. To quote *The Use of the Means of Grace*, "God nourishes faith... and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel." In this way, Holy Communion is "bread for the journey," or "a meal for the road."

God hallows the bread and wine, and in so doing, God hallows us. You, kindred in Christ, are precious in God's sight, not only for the sake of your hunger – hunger for bread, for mercy, for a life of purpose – but also for the sake of your place in the reign of God. You are fed at the Lord's Supper that you might feed others; you are blessed with simple sustenance that you might sustain others.

So come to the table, and come often. Reach out your hands as a gesture of need and gratitude and receive the bread and wine, Christ's very life, given and poured out for you. And when you leave, go out with good courage, not knowing exactly where you're being sent, but that God has given you what you need.

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Are you interested in preparation for first Communion for yourself or loved one? Please reach out to me to begin the conversation: pastor@peacepuyallup.org or 253.845.8819.

And, come explore the sacrament of Holy Communion with me at adult formation on the third and fourth Sundays of October (20th and 27th).

Peace,

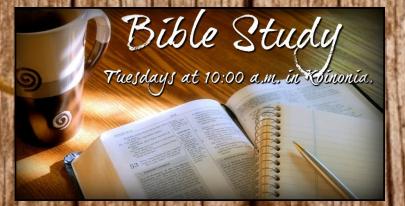
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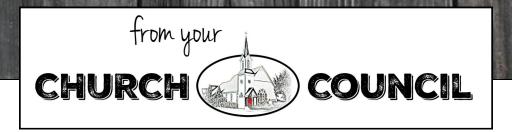


Jesus died on a cross because the crabby people and the king wanted to get rid of him. On the night before he died, Jesus and his friends gathered for a very special meal. Jesus gave thanks to God and broke the bread. Then all shared the bread and a cup of wine . Jesus said to his friends:

"Whenever you share this bread and cup, I will be with you, feeding you, loving you, forgiving you."







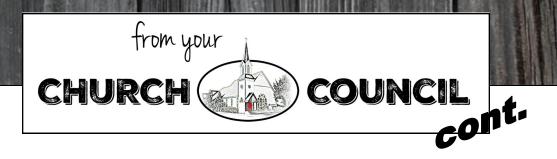
Did you know....

That we have a continuing resolution to our constitution? That outlines structure for our ministry teams.

This continuing resolution to our constitution was last updated in 2015. This resolution currently specifies the following:

Excerpt from the Continuing Resolution of the Constitution

- B. There shall be a Spiritual Growth and Nurture Committee. The purpose of this committee shall be to oversee the Christian education of the congregation; to facilitate ministry to and with families, and to facilitate the integration of youth into the full life of the congregation. The committee shall be responsible for: Identifying and supporting teachers and mentors who will provide loving guidance and educational opportunities to the entire congregation; stocking and maintaining a library of Christian educational and devotional literature and electronic resources for the use of the congregation; encouraging the use of teaching and worship material published or approved by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
 - a. There shall be a Children and Youth Program Sub-Committee.
 - i. Oversee the Sunday Church School program.
 - ii. Provide other educational and faith development for children from birth through high school graduation
 - iii. Act as an advocate of the children and youth to the entire body.
 - iv. Support programs developed specifically to nurture faith, service, evangelism, worship and fellowship in our children and youth.
 - B. There shall be an Adult and Family Program Sub-Committee
 - i. Provide an Adult education program
 - ii. Oversee other educational programs
 - iii. Work with other committees to provide programs and supports to meet special needs
 - iv. Work with parents to provide Christian nurturing
 - v. Provide inter-generational programs.



The council has recently reviewed this section of our continuing resolution and noted the following:

- We have a number of "traditional" ministry teams and individuals that serve to carry out several of the bullet points in this resolution, but in isolation to each other;
- The new CYFI ministry is addressing several points in this resolution; and
- The intent of the resolution is a collaborative team approach.

The council has tasked the CYFI task force propose a revision, for council discussion and approval, to this section of the continuing resolution. The proposal will outline a ministry team structure to best incorporate the existing ministry teams of education and youth board, incorporate individual programs such as confirmation and adult formation, and at the same time best represent the new Children, Youth, Family and Intergenerational ministry (CYFI) vision.

In the interim, we will continue forward with our new 9:30 hour programming for CYFI ministry and the council task force will work together with the current youth board, as a collaborative group, to discuss, vision and plan for youth ministry in the upcoming year.





Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26

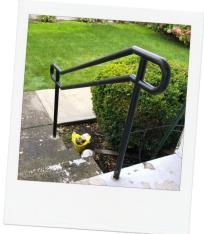
As we walk alongside one another in this community of faith, we celebrate each others' triumphs, support one another in our trials, and mourn together as a beloved brother or sister leaves this life.

One of the things we often do to honor someone who has died is to contribute to a memorial fund in that person's name. After Randall Tron's death, Marlys Tron expressed a desire to dedicate the funds given in Randall's memory to replacing the railings to the steps leading to the church office. The railings were loose, too low, and difficult to use. The new ADA compliant railings have now been installed, and Pastor Nate plans to bless "Randall's Rails," to set them apart for God's good use, on **Tuesday, October 8**th, **at 11:30 AM**. Please feel free to join us if you are able!

Our Finance ministry team tries very hard to use memorial funds given in a member's name to Peace Lutheran Church in ways that honor that person's memory. If you're curious about funds given in a loved one's memory, please don't hesitate to reach out to Andy Burch, Deena Jamison, Pat Moore, Paula Schulz, or Pippa Younger.

Your Brother In Christ,
Dave Ekse
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OCTOBER: HOLY COMMUNION

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' - Luke 15:1-2

Children, Youth, Family & Intergenerational Ministry (CYFI for short) is a new approach to the 9:30 Education Hour here at Peace Lutheran. We hope you will join us and we look forward to growing ALL together in faith, hope, and love!

Here is a lineup of events and classes for the month of October:

- >> 1st Sunday (October 6th): Intergenerational Service Project
 - Help us feed students at Spinning Elementary. We will be packing food packs to go home on Fridays with students who need supplemental food over the weekend. There is a task for every one and together we can assemble enough packs for many weeks.
- 2nd Sunday (October 13th): Biblical Storytelling
 - Come hear and read stories related to this month's theme, Holy Communion! These activities are meant for children of all ages and adults.
- 3rd Sunday (October 20th): Peer Group Instruction
 - Elementary Youth: Meet in Koinonia to sing with Ms. Jill and Mr. Dennis and then go to Sunday School
 - Middle and High School Youth: Meet in Shalom and Hesed for Sunday School
 - Adults: Join Pastor Nate in Koinonia for adult formation
- **4th Sunday** (October 27th): Peer Group Instruction
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If you have any questions about upcoming activities or CYFI in general, please reach out to the members of the CYFI Task Force - Pastor Nate, Karen Ekse, Becca Johnstone, or Ellen Aronson.



Peace Lutheran Church Council plays a critical role in the leadership of the congregation.

Do you have a member in mind whose gifts and perspective you admire? Please consider nominating them for a position on Council beginning January 2020. The election will take place at the congregational meeting in December. Nominees will be contacted prior to the election in order to receive 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. At the fourth-quarter congregational meeting in November, we will elect at least four and **up to <u>nine</u>** members to Council.

Outgoing members of Council who are **not eligible for reelection** include: *None!*

Members currently serving who will remain on Council and do not need to be reelected include: Ellen Aronson, Sue Casillas, Diane Dean, Karen Ekse, Becca Johnstone, and Pippa Younger.

Members of Council whose first term is ending this year but who are eligible for reelection include: Dani Jo Andrews, Allison Burch, Andy Burch, Lily Mace, Dave Mahaffie, Tim Mahaffie, and Lisa Woodbury. All other baptized and confirmed members of the congregation are also eligible.

What gifts v	vould s/he bring	a to Council?		
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Youth Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze

Join us!

Who: Youth in grades 6th-12th When: Sunday, October 13th - 11:00am Where: Meet @ Peace - we will be going to Spooner's Cost: \$5 (plus money for lunch on own)

Save The Date

Youth Annual & Auction

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More info to come!



PLC kids serving at the armory



IMPORTANT NOTICE

We will no longer be collecting used ink cartridges or batteries in the blue bins near the kitchen.

Thank you for your cooperation.









Peace Lutheran continues in our partnership with local churches and community organizations to provide supplemental food during the summer to kids who are registered in the weekend food pack programs. It has been such a blessing for us to work with such an amazing group of partners to provide for kids experiencing food scarcity during the summer months.

The summer food program just completed our second summer!

Thank you to all who supported the program through food packaging projects, food donations and food distribution. The program is becoming a smooth running operation!

Peace Lutheran along with two other partners, All Saints Community Services and Cornerstone Community Church provided and packaged all food for distribution.

Peace Lutheran along with our partners, All Saints Community Services, Cornerstone Community Church, Christ Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Highpointe Church distributed food on a weekly basis at 6 locations.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST SUMMER!

- * We expanded and offered our program to 12 elementary schools this past summer!
- * We distributed a total of 9380 meals to 213 kids! (up from 7140 in 2018)
- * We increased our partner churches and partner organizations!
- * Transportation and work schedules still remain the #1 barrier for program access.

WE ARE ALREADY PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR!

- * We will offer our program in all 17 elementary schools next year!
- * We will open up all pick up locations to all participants to offer maximum flexibility.
- * We will adjust distributions schedules.
- * We will offer a pilot delivery program to select schools and areas next summer.
- * We will add additional distribution locations on South Hill and North Hill.
- * We will recruit some additional partners to cover distribution at new locations.

OUR WEEKEND FOOD PACK PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING

We have just started our fourth year of providing weekend food packs to our local neighbors at Spinning Elementary! We will be packing food on October 6th at 9:30 am as part of our new CYFI 1st Sunday of the Month Service projects. We hope you can come join us!



A couple of months ago a flyer was printed in the Clarion and a box was placed on the "Outreach" pew to collect items for the Selma R. Carson Home in Fife. As usual our congregation opened their hearts and contributed snacks, clothing, blankets, water bottles, and toiletry items. Here is some more information about the home:

The Selma R. Carson Home (SRCH) is a 23-bed facility that serves undocumented and unaccompanied boys between the ages of 12 and 17 who are in the United States, and are, or will be, going through immigration proceedings. The youth have been apprehended by state or federal law enforcement and come from all across the country. The SRCH works with the federal Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children & Families, and the Office of Refugee Resettlement to assist in family reunification efforts. This program serves boys between the ages of 12 and 17 who are in the country illegally. Youth are referred by the Division of Unaccompanied Children Services, within the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement.

Programs/services offered by the home include:

- Individual intake and assessment services
- Access to routine and emergency medical care
- Mental health care
- Education and recreation
- Classes on decision making and future planning skills
- Individual and group counseling
- Access to legal, religious and other social services
- Educational assessment for future placements
- Transition into community life

The home is run by the Seattle non-profit, Pioneer Human Services. It has been accepting youth since 2003. They try to reunite the boys with family while their immigration proceedings go through the system. The boys have entered the U.S. by choice, force, or desperation. Due to new federal requirements, it is taking longer to release the boys to family. The average stay is 100 days but some stays have been over a year. If a boy turns 18 in the home, he is sent to the detention center in Tacoma.

When I delivered the collected items to Nancy, a volunteer, she told me that the boys arrive with no background information. They get the stories from the boys about how they came into the country. Some of them come because they have been told that they can work and send money back to their families. They are brought into the country illegally, the jobs they were promised are illegal, and they are then picked up by ICE. Dr. Penalver from Puyallup volunteers at the home. For more information check out this News Tribune article:

https://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/matt-driscoll/ article213016629.html#storylink=cpy or this article http://www.nwcatholic.org/features/nw-stories/caring-forgods-children.html

(submitted by Charlene Cook)





Dear fellow members of Peace,

Almost five years ago the Worship Teams were started as a way to try and get more members involved in helping our Sunday morning services, instead of just relying on a single monthly sign-up sheet. Over the past four and a half years there have been things that have worked well and there have been some things that have not been very successful in each team. It is now time to prayerfully revisit how we as a congregation want to move forward during our worship times on Sunday mornings. As a way to get your thoughts and suggestions, I am hoping that everyone will complete one a time and talent sheets that will be made available with the main question being do we continue with the worship teams or go back to a monthly sign-up that is available to everyone. These will need to be completed by the end of November so a decision can be made and started in January.

On these sheets there will be questions about whether the teams should continue or not, and if they are to continue how could they be organized? For example, there are several multigenerational families who attend, should they all be on one team? There will also be space for you to write what you have felt worked well and what could be improved upon. A box will be provided for you to drop your sheets off. If the teams are to continue, then we can work to make sure they are well balanced. If the decision is for the monthly sign-up sheet, please be willing to help fill in the spots.

Please understand that I know not everyone will like whatever change is made, but we need to work together to make our Sunday mornings run smoothly. Please feel free to drop an anonymous note in the box to let me know your thoughts.

Thank you for your prayerful considerations,

Crystal Cunningham
Worship & Music Committee Chair





Since 1939 Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has been faithfully carrying out its mission bearing witness to God's love for all people, welcoming migrants and refugees to the United States, and caring for their needs. Locally, Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW) carries out this mission in our area under the leadership of LIRS.

Today, this proud legacy and our nation's long and cherished tradition of welcoming migrants and refugees is at risk. At a time of the most severe global refugee crisis in recorded history, there are efforts underway to shut the door on vulnerable people, mostly children and women seeking refuge in our country. The Circle of Welcome initiative is a response to those wanting concrete and transformative ways to welcome refugees and embrace them in love and service.

LCSNW is set up to provide immediate help to refugee families for the first 90 days of their entry into the United States. Ninety days is not a long time to get acclimated to a new country! In the 1970's many Lutheran congregations "co-sponsored" refugee families and stood with them as they rebuilt their lives. The Circle of Welcome initiative came out of this co-sponsorship. Its goal is to reclaim and invigorate this tradition by increasing the successful outcomes for welcoming and integrating refugee families. This is done by engaging faith and community groups and our local resettlement partners in a structured and sustained way.

As you know our congregation, along with All Saints Catholic Church, formed a Circle of Welcome team consisting of volunteers from both churches. We were given the opportunity to provide support for a refugee family for a year. Even if you were not a trained volunteer, many of assisted through donations of household goods, food, clothing, Christmas monetary gifts, the initial funding support, through prayer, and in other ways.

Our family arrived from the Ukraine in August, 2018 and a little over a year later with the children in school and the father working, they are well on their way to long term integration in the United States. Our church, by sponsoring a Circle of Welcome team, has been a major influence in their integration. Since Circle of Welcome teams are a fairly new part of LIRS, a research study is underway to determine the effectiveness for refugees served in a Circle of Welcome group as compared to refugees who receive only the initial 90-day assistance. In order to help with this research, Pastor Nate, Karen Ekse, Emma Loest from LCSNW, and I met a couple of weeks ago with a professor from Stanford and one of the researchers who are both part of a Stanford/Dartmouth research project. They recorded an interview with us. They will compile information from our interview along with interviews from refugees and other Circle of Welcome groups. They will share their findings with us when the research is completed. (Submitted by Charlene Cook with information from the Welcome Team Volunteer Guide)

Soup to Go

Does a cup of hot soup on a cold winter day sound good?

Would soup taste good after a "bad day"?

Do you need a quick lunch or dinner?

Would you take soup to a shut-in?

The freezer in the Peace kitchen will be YOUR soup kitchen.

HELP YOURSELF!

Directions for soup makers:

- Bring your ingredients to the church kitchen on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
 - Make your soup
 - * Package it
 - * Label (kind & date)
 - * Put in freezer

WELCA has purchased some containers (3 cups) or you may package yourself.

OR

- Make your soup at home
 - Package it
 - * Label (kind & date)
 - * Put in freezer

(Please use the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to let us know is you are making or bringing)

Directions for soup "takers".

Pick up at your convenience, but please do not take more than two (2) containers at a time. If possible, please return empty containers for the kitchen to be used again.

Questions or Comments? Please call Nancy a253.845.0346 or Barb 253.864.0998









Falling Into our Faith

OK, now that I'm here, what does it mean?

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20.

Get to class. Find that job or career path. For some of us we marry. We find a home to raise kids in. We save for retirement. Richard Rhor calls this "Building the container". We build this container, so that we can live in it. But for many of us, just as we think we have this container built, something comes along and smacks our container to smithereens. Divorce. Job loss. A tragic death. For others, we never really quit building the container, and forget to start *living* in it.

I certainly don't have any answers. But, for those who feel called to participate, we could gather together in prayer, contemplation, and conversation about "Second Half of Life". We will use Richard Rhor's "Falling Upwards", as a spring board to the conversation. Let's see where the Spirit takes us as we talk about our faith and struggles as we enter into "second half of life". I'd like to meet once a month, Sunday after second service. First meeting at my house, BYO Lunch. Beverages provided. We'll use Richard Rhor's "Falling Upwards" as a springboard for the conversation. We'll open in prayer, and try to keep the gatherings in the range of 60-90 minutes.

Some ground rules:

- * First meeting October 20th 12:30 schedule to be decided then.
- * Anyone can host.
- * Reading not required—but really helpful! If you let me know I can get you a book.
- * What goes in the group—stays in the group, this is not an 80s party line.
- * We promise to listen to one another, to engage one another, and to hold one another up in Christ.
- * NO ADVICE: This is not the Dear Abby column come back to life.
- I promise not to bad mouth Pastor Nate. Or the Council President. Or anyone at Peace.
- * We promise to pray for one another in between gatherings.
- * Anyone can join us, (after they have made a blood oath of secrecy—just kidding)

Interested? Cost of the book is about \$15; I can place a group book order if you let me know.

Is there a small group you would like to start? Are you currently coordinating a bible study or ministry team? I'm putting together a "Small Group Facilitator Survival guide"—a packet of resources and tools to help. I'd also be happy to help you get your group started, to include visioning, finding resources, and being with you during the first few meetings.



happy birthday

Trish Siltala	1	Leonard Barrett	17
Alice Kaes	2	Ann Pierson	18
Charlene Cook	3	Leo Armstrong	21
Marlys Tron	4	Chris Lee	21
Brenda Mandt	6	Bill Haines	22
Christian Henson	6	Karen Lohrman	22
Lucy Younger	7	James Aske	22
Leigh Ann Mahaffie	13	Janis Barrett	23
Pat Moore	13	Paul Cheek	24
Katherine Kempe	13	Micah Doerr	26
Beck Von Wahlde	16	Eralow Kropelnicki	30
Mary Ann Larson	16		

happy baptismal anniversary

Bark KingVivian BroshiousJudy LangeDevin CulpepperLauren AndersonDarlene HaleSimon SuttonAlex SuttonTony MarinoRon GlaserHenry JohnstoneCrystal Cunningham

Michelle Crochet Paula Andrews Christian Henson

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Confirmation

- October 2nd, 6:30-8:00 PM: Confirmation session
- November 3rd: Affirmation of Baptism (other confirmation students serve in worship)
- November 6, 6:30-8:00 PM: Confirmation session









CONFIRMATION LOCK IN 9/6/2019











A belated thank you to all who served at my son,
Mark Parker's memorial on June 27th. Your
dedication and service was truly appreciated. A
special thank you to Pastor Nate who was not only
helpful to me and my family at this time, but also
when my husband passed away in April.

Blessings,

Rae Carbone





Saturday, November 2 at 4:30 pm

You are invited to a fun fellowship activity with other adults at Peace. We will meet at the church at 4:30 for appetizers. Then disperse to the salad and main dish host sites. Finally, we will return to Peace for dessert. We are planning on around 8 people per site for salads or main dishes. If you would like to host a group in your home or assist a host, contact Charlene Cook

(dbccook@comcast.net).

Sign ups will be on the table in the gathering space. Don't like to drive at night, put your name on the list and we will line up some transportation!



On September 15th Jennifer Berube participated in the Neurofibromatosis walk. With the support of many of you in the Peace congregation, she was able to meet her goal of \$2000!

General Fund August 2019

 August Giving
 \$21,961.14
 YTD Giving
 \$258,314.74

 August Expense
 \$21,051.47
 YTD Expense
 \$259,538.35

 August Difference
 \$909.67
 YTD Difference
 (\$1,223.61)

 2019 Budget
 \$312,237.00