



# Peace Progress

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## A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Family of Peace,

I am pleased to announce that Peace will be beginning a Mentor Program after the start of the year. Many of the youth will be intentionally matched with an Adult Mentor from the Family of Peace. These mentors are to pray for their youth, encourage them in their Spiritual development and participate in their lives. My prayer is that this program will better connect even more of our members with one another.

I cannot overemphasize the importance of having a mentor or coach in life.

A high school basketball coach named Wayne was the first mentor that I ever had. I would have to say that I did not choose him, but he chose me—that is often how I have found it works. To the casual observer, Wayne and I did not appear to have much of a relationship. He would yell at me (quite frequently, I might add), “Lucke, your feet are too slow!!!” When he found out that I was doing something that I shouldn’t be doing, he would be the first to call me out and challenge the decision. As the relationship developed I would seek him out for advice. Often what he had to say went against my intuition—I still listened.

All of this is to say is that without Wayne’s help, I know that I would not at all be the person that I am today. Wayne was unique in my life,

but he was not alone. Mary Lou, Jim, Dennis, Rick, Gene, and Rick are just some others who have played this role of coach and mentor. They were friends who were more than friends. I could trust that they had my best interest in heart—even and especially when they challenged me about a decision or a direction I was taking in life. I think that they loved me enough to speak the truth when needed. And I think that they were secure enough with me that they would open up about their own disappointments, troubles and losses in life. They patterned and taught me how to live.

I believe that having mentors is a way that God grows us up in life and in better relationship with Him. Many of the great leaders in the Bible indeed had coaches. What would Moses have been if he had not been shaped by Jethro? Not only did Jethro provide Moses a daughter to be his wife, Jethro was there in Moses’ life during his formative years. His tutoring and guidance must have been a great boost to Moses (Ex. 4:18).

The youth of today in many ways face challenges that are quite different than a previous generation. But.....the need for a coach and mentor still remains. What joys and challenges can you share from your life with someone who is discouraged about their future? What advice can you give to someone who must make life altering questions? What encouragement can you speak to someone who is down in the dumps?

If you would like to be a mentor to someone at Peace or if you would like to find out more information, contact me, I would greatly enjoy getting you connected.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you for making 2013 a great year for our family! We are overjoyed to be here and feel privileged to serve you.

In Peace,  
*Pastor Lucke*



## Preparing for Worship

Scripture lessons for December:

### December 1:

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 21:1-11

### December 8:

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

### December 15:

Isaiah 35:1-10  
James 5:7-11  
Matthew 11:2-15

### December 22:

Isaiah 7:10-17  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

### December 29:

Isaiah 63:7-14  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Matthew 2:13-23





## Healthy Families

### Tip for Parents:

Many parents feel guilty about putting themselves first. Why? Because they have a little voice in their head that is always telling them what good parents "should" do, for example:

- Good parents *should* do everything for their kids.
- Good parents *should* sacrifice all of their own needs so that their children are never uncomfortable.
- Good parents *should* never be happy if their kids aren't.

Don't fall into the trap of raising your kids according to these "shoulds." Doing so creates kids who aren't prepared for the real world. Doing so also creates kids who are a terror to be around!

When we put our children first all of the time, we are typically too drained to show them how much we love them.

Never feel guilty about taking good care of yourself. Feel guilty if you don't.

*Dr. Charles Fay* (Submitted by Pastor Lucke)

## Church Bazaar!

Our church bazaar was a great success. The Ladies Guild raised about \$2500 for missions, our seminar, and Guild projects. Thank you to all of the people who contributed baked goods, basket contents and handmade items. It's not too early to begin thinking and planning for next year's bazaar!

### Note!!!

Men's weekly coffee hour has moved to Thursday morning at 7:00 A.M.

## Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
10/27/2013	102	General Fund	\$2006.00
		Relocation	\$10.00
		Building Fund	\$100.00
11/3/2013	105	General Fund	\$5821.28
		Relocation	\$160.00
11/10/2013	98	General Fund	\$1370.00
		Relocation	\$10.00
11/17/2013	96	General Fund	\$1351.50
		Relocation	\$10.00
		Building Fund	\$100.00

## Family/Game Night

If you did not attend November's Game night you missed a great time. If you did attend November's Game Night you will have an idea of how much of good time December's Family Night will be. We will gather at 6 pm on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at Peace for dinner, the decorating of the Christmas Tree and a gift exchange (all gifts under \$5). Bring a gift that you think someone would like.....or bring a gift that you think nobody would like. Either way, we will have fun and laughs. Pizza will be provided, donations are appreciated. Also, bring a salad, dessert or side dish to share. If you do not want to participate in the gift exchange, come anyway to enjoy a good time with friends!



## Congratulations!

A big congratulations to Larry Oliver as he accepts a position to lead Immanuel Lutheran Church in Albany for the next six months. Larry was recently installed as a Deacon and will offer his spiritual support and leadership for this congregation as they seek direction for a new Pastor. We will miss his presence but wish him well.



## Parish Nurse

To help the congregation have an understanding of my role as Parish Nurse, the following brief description is being written.

My name is Gayle Taylor and I am a Registered Nurse in Oregon and California. I have been in Home Health Care for over twenty years and , additionally, worked in hospitals and clinics.

It is my hope to be able to address general health concerns and questions pertaining to preventative health care. Confidentiality is a priority and the small rooms adjacent to the Fellowship Hall will be utilized when necessary.

Periodically, I will take blood pressure and pulse, and answer health questions to the best of my knowledge and ability.



Please introduce yourselves to me as I do want to become more familiar with Peace congregation and guests. It is a privilege to serve as Parish Nurse at Peace Lutheran Church.

*Gayle Taylor, Parish Nurse*

## Thank You!

Alicia and I think we know how the Apostle Paul felt when he said these words, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with JOY because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now (Phil. 1:3-5)."

What an amazing baby shower you put on for Claire Noel! We will remember Claire's shower always with JOY as we think about the colorful Dr. Seuss decorations, the Dr. Seuss themed food, the wonderful gifts and cards, the organizing of the event, and the prayers that you have given for the safe arrival of baby Claire. Thank you for the love and support, it means so much to us.

After the baby shower, Alicia and I had some time to reflect upon the event. Alicia turned to me and said, "you know, it really feels like we are a part of a family at Peace." Thank you for the warm welcome into this great family of Peace. You SO are appreciated!!!

*Pastor and Alicia Lucke*

## Church Council Highlights

From November 19, 2013

- A motion was passed to upgrade the video equipment in the fellowship hall by purchasing a cart and large screen TV not to exceed \$1500.
- A tree has been donated in honor of Cody Patterson. A motion was passed to have an exception made to the no plaque rule because of the special circumstances. The tree will be planted in front of the church along Applegate Street.
- Church By-laws were update by President Todd Muhley and approved by the council.
- Pastor explained a mentoring program and "Tables of Peace" coming after the holidays.

## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to my 90th birthday celebration and helped me celebrate. I appreciate having so many people there to join me. And thank you for all of the wonderful cards.

*Ethel Post*

