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A Word from Our Pastor:

Proverbs 15:30: A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.

The value of a smile! Have you ever thought about it?

I have always come back from mission trips to Guatemala with a great appreciation for the people. If you had to give just one word to describe their demeanor it would be "happy". They live so simply, yet are wanting to give all they have to make visitors feel appreciated. The children are especially friendly climbing all over you as if they were balancing on a jungle gym. I can remember the little ones feeling my hairy arms and being fascinated as they had never seen such a thing. The people, in general, were some of the warmest that I have ever met.

I greatly looked forward to picking up the pictures from my trips to Guatemala. But the pictures never turned out quite like I expected. It wasn't until my most recent trip that it really struck me. Expecting to see smiling faces from the people who were so warm to me, I instead saw sadness. Each picture showed serious faces with very little expression. I was always disappointed with my pictures because they failed to capture the

smiles, joys, and all around friendliness that was so clearly shown.

Why? How Strange!?

It wasn't until Alicia pointed something out to me that I finally figured it out. The Guatemalans were expressionless in photos because they did not want others to see their teeth. Their teeth were a sign of great shame and a permanent mark of embarrassment.

Our Guatemala experience has made me think about these words from Proverbs 15:30, "A cheerful look brings joy to the heart." In other words, how important it is to have a smile!

I share this because there are many people in Philomath with the same challenges as the people in Guatemala. Lacking dental coverage, their teeth have not been cleaned. Bypassing significant pain, many have let the tooth pain go in hopes that it would magically go away. Many do doubt if they will ever have a cheerful look again.



Peace will be doing its part to help those having these significant dental needs. In partnership with Love Inc and Medical Teams International, Peace will be hosting a dental clinic for disadvantaged people in Benton County. The clinic will be held on Thursday, October 2nd from 8 am

to 1 pm in our fellowship hall and parking lot.

As host, Peace is providing volunteers, a lunch for all volunteers, and an overall welcoming atmosphere to help the patients feel more at ease as they wait for their appointments.

Please do consider participating. Let me know if you would like to join the team.

Thank you for the partnership of bringing more cheerful looks to our community!

In His Service and Yours,
Pastor Lucke

Smile

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."





Bible Study Invite

All are invited! The Schulze's are opening up their home for Bible Study on Thursday, September 18th. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided—Colleen Schulze style! Pastor Lucke will be leading the discussion. For the time being, we will be looking at some of the earliest letters of Christians. What



were the early Christians like? How were they treated by others? How did they get along with people who were different? How were they similar to Christians today? Good conversation and great company to be had for sure.

Preparing for Worship

Scripture lessons for September:



September 7:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:1-10
Matthew 18:1-20

September 21:

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 14:

Genesis 50:15-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 28:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18
Matthew 21:23-27

Sunday School Reminders

- Sally & Tenille have posted a snack list for Sunday School students on the round table in the Narthex. Please sign up to bring a snack/drink for our Sunday school students.
- We will be using all three Sunday School rooms this year, so we can no longer use the Sunday school room on the west end of the building for storage, nor the old kitchen as the high school students are using that room.
- A gentle reminder—supplies in the Sunday school rooms are for use during Sunday school. Please leave them in the classrooms so they are available for teachers to use with their students.
- Check out our new bulletin board, in the fellowship hall too!

Cookbooks for Sale!



Ladies Guild still has church cookbooks and are continuing to sell them! They are selling for \$10 and are full of great recipes from our very own members.

See Ellen Holroyd to purchase. They would make a great birthday or Christmas gift for your friends and family members. Think how nice it would be to have some of your Christmas shopping already done!

Fall Bazaar

Our Ladies Guild hopes that you are all planning to donate handmade items for the Fall Bazaar. If you haven't started, now is the time! The date is November 9th, but it will be here before you know it. We are hoping for a large selection of different types of items from woodworking items to baked goods to knitted items. Some groups are working together to make items already. We will be putting together some themed baskets again this year so be on the lookout for sale items that can be included in a themed basket. Whatever your talent is, this is your chance to serve.

Once again we are inviting the public to come so we would like to have many items to sell. The monies will go both to church related activities as well as local missions.

Peace Lutheran Church Sunday School Kick-Off!

Please join us as we kick-off our fall Sunday school schedule on September 7. Classes for adults and children ages 3 and older will begin at 9:45 a.m.; our church service begins at 11 a.m. We will be having a celebration after church in the parking lot where lunch will be served with free hot dogs, chips, ice cream for dessert, music, games, balloons, and more! Please come, bring your friends, and join in the fun!!!



Community Food Bank & June's Kids' Klostet June—July 2014

We did well in the month of June. We had a total of 132 pounds of food and related products donated to the Philomath Food Bank and five bags of clothes and books to June's Kids' Klostet. Our biggest month was July. A total of 210 pounds for the Food Bank and 16 bags of clothes and books for June's Kids' Klostet. They have been very appreciative of all of the help that we are giving. A special thanks for the school supplies for June's Kids' Klostet. Keep up the good work that you are doing. It may not seem like a lot but it all adds up.

These updates will run a month behind due to the time that we publish the newsletter, but it does make it easier to track what we have donated.

Jim Holroyd

New Handbook Directories

Handbook/Directories will be available within the next couple of weeks. Check your mailbox to receive yours. This is a work in progress. Please let Elaine Schwartz or Peggy Krueger know if there are corrections that need to be made.

Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
7/20/2014	75	Offering	\$1918.00
7/27/2014	62	Offering	\$973.00
8/3/2014	85	Offering	\$6278.25
8/10/2014	78	Offering	\$1832.00
8/17/2014	74	Offering	\$1957.00

Baskets for Bazaar

Maybe you don't feel talented enough or are short of time to make something for our Fall Bazaar. Would you consider sponsoring a basket? You get the items for a basket our basket wrapping team will put them together and wrap them. Here are some ideas to get you started. Use your imagination! These are just a few ideas to get you started.

- Coffee Basket
- Spa Basket
- Dorm Basket
- Wine Basket
- Baby Boy or Girl Basket
- Taste of Italy Basket
- Chocolate Lovers Basket
- Breakfast Basket
- OSU Basket
- Doggie Basket
- Get Well Soon Basket



When you have your items ready, put them in a bag and bring them to church. We will include a list of the items in the basket when we prepare it. If you have a basket, include it, but we would be happy to provide the basket for you. No need to include ribbon or wrap. We will take care of that for you. Please try to get your items to church by **Sunday, October 26th**. Thank you!

Kay Glathar

Humor Corner

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said, "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."