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A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Peace Family,

I am so thankful for your friendship. You could have looked at my family as strangers from a distant country, a country called Florida. You could have thought, "My goodness, why doesn't hair grow on the top of his head!" You could have wondered, "You know—he is awfully young to be a pastor, I don't know about this?"

The very clear and consistent message you have given me and my family is that we are friends. Friendship always runs deep. One of my favorite poems is about friendship. I thought I would share it with you this month.

Friendship needs no studied phrases,
 Polished face, or winning wiles;
 Friendship deals no lavish praises,
 Friendship dons no surface smiles.
 Friendship follows Nature's diction,
 Shuns the blandishments of art,
 Boldly severs truth from fiction,
 Speaks the language of the heart,
 Friendship favors no condition,
 Scorns a narrow-minded creed,
 Lovingly fulfills its mission,
 Be it word or be it deed.
 Friendship cheers the faint and weary,
 Makes the timid spirit brave,
 Warns the erring, lights the dreary,
 Smooths the passage to the grave.
 Friendship—pure, unselfish friendship,
 All through life's allotted span,
 Nurtures, strengthens, widens, lengthens,
 Man's relationship with man.

This poem speaks about some of "rules" of friendship. Friends are genuine with each other. There isn't ever a need to put on appearances by trying to look better than what we actually are. I am so

thankful that I can be me with you.

This poem also speaks to the "rewards" of friendship. Having friends simply makes life more enjoyable. You can wake up in the morning with a smile on your face knowing that friends are there to give you a lift. I am so thankful that you have given this too to me. There has not been a single day that I have said with a heavy sigh, "Oh boy.....I've got to go to work today." I begin each day at Peace looking forward to seeing you and looking forward to what each day has to offer.

I am also thankful for the kind of friendship Jesus offers. Jesus once said to his disciples, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." During Jesus' day, there was a big difference between someone being a servant and someone being a friend. A servant would have been someone who was simply an agent, doing what the master said. A servant followed orders without completely understanding the master's full purpose. We could say that a servant relationship was mainly a business relationship. Jesus wanted something more out of his disciples than a business like relationship. Jesus desired friendship.

Jesus has offered this relationship too to me. And I know that is the friendship he wants with you.

This Thanksgiving, be sure to thank the Lord for friends. Give thanks for the rules and rewards of friendship. Give thanks too for the special friendship God offers through His Son—Jesus.

Keep Looking Up,

Pastor Lucke





Bible Study Invite

All are invited! The Schulze's are opening their home for Bible Study the second Thursday of every month. The next Bible Study will be November 13th. 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. Discussion begins at 7 pm. Join us!



December Men's Breakfast

Mark your calendar for December 6th; once again it is time for the men's breakfast at Peace. At the October breakfast there was some discussion about giving testimonies in church. A classmate of mine at OSU and a very devout Christian will be sharing his testimony during the discussion time on the miracle of the well and a Sunday School start. The Lord works in miraculous ways, you won't want to miss this testimony! We begin with coffee at 8:15, or before, breakfast served at 8:30 and the topic at 9:00 – 10:00. We will be serving scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and, of course, potatoes. Please let Oscar Gutbrod know if you plan to attend, always good to have enough eggs on hand – Thanks.

Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
9/28/2014	106	Offering	\$914.00
10/5/2014	103	Offering	\$6,421.00
10/12/2014	87	Offering	\$2,288.00
10/19/2014	93	Offering	\$2,085.00
10/26/2014	117	Offering	\$1932.00

Preparing for Worship

November 2:

Revelation 7:9-17
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 16:

Zephaniah 1:7-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 9:

Amos 5:18-24
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:14-30

November 23:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Matthew 25:31-26

November 26:

Thanksgiving Eve
Isaiah 61:10-11
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Matthew 6:24-34

November 30:

1st Sunday in Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 11:1-10

Fall Bazaar

If you have items to donate for the Fall Bazaar please deliver them to church by Friday, Nov. 7th unless they are freshly baked items. Baked items can be brought in on Saturday, Nov. 8th. The Bazaar will begin at 9:00 A.M. on the 8th and will continue until 3:00 P.M.

Whether you have donated or not, please join us for a fun time at the Bazaar. Many people have worked hard to make our Bazaar a success and we would love to have your support by joining us for a cup of coffee, a cookie and a good visit.

We, in Ladies Guild, would like to thank everyone for helping to put this event together.

Thank You

To my Peace family,
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers regarding the death of my oldest brother, Randy H. A special thank you to those who sent cards and condolences. Your love and support has been a huge blessing in my life for which I am forever grateful.
God's Blessings,

Karen Motlok



Harlem Ambassadors

Your pastor USED to be good at basketball—notice the emphasis on “used”! I will be joining other local leaders as we play a basketball game to help promote a great cause. On Sunday, November 16th, the Harlem Ambassadors are challenging the Philomath Dream Team. The Philomath Dream is made up of “an eclectic group of local leaders and celebrities”—including yours truly. The game starts at 6 pm. Tickets purchased in advance are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors (Come see me if you would like to purchase a ticket). Tickets purchased at the door will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. All proceeds from the event help fund Philomath Rotary’s “Service Above Self” scholarship award. The game promises to be entertaining with high-flying slam dunks (sorry—none from me), games for kids, and comedy.



Willamette Valley Symphony

One of our members, Kenyon Iverson, will be playing with the Willamette Valley Symphony in a couple of concerts in November. One show will be on Saturday, November 15th at 7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church (1115 SW 28th Ave, Albany, OR). The second will be on Sunday, November 16th at 4:00 pm at Ashbrook Independent School (4045 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR). Tickets can be purchased online at www.willamettevalleysymphony.org for \$18 (adults) and \$12 (students). The symphony will be playing Saint-Saens, Berlioz, and Dvorak.



Now Organizing
**Willamette Valley
 New Horizons Orchestra**

All ages...all levels — beginner through intermediate!

If you once played an instrument (maybe as far back as junior high) or would like to learn how now, the **Willamette Valley New Horizons Orchestra** is for you!

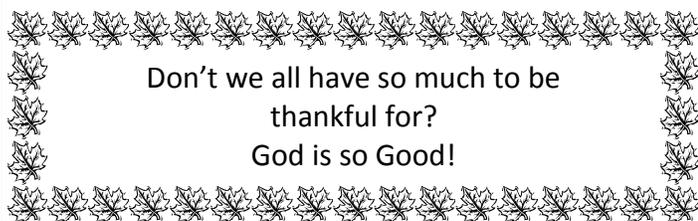
It doesn't matter if you are brand new to your instrument or if your instrument has been in the attic for years...or even if you've never played. Our new orchestra is designed for people like you — string players, woodwinds, brass, horn, etc. (Sorry, saxophone players, but there are no saxophones in an orchestra; switch to a clarinet or an oboe.)

We meet Mondays from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Central High School in Independence.

Call **Paul Doellinger** at [503-838-4884](tel:503-838-4884) for more information.

Thank You for Pastor Appreciation Month

The recognition, well wishes and gifts for Pastor Appreciation month were overwhelming. Thank you. Alicia said to me as we walked through the door at home, “Peace has really adopted us”. We feel that with the Peace family we have not just gained a church, but truly a home. Every day I come to Peace looking forward to seeing you and serving you as pastor. You know just what to say and do to make a pastor and his family welcome and at home!



Don't we all have so much to be
 thankful for?
 God is so Good!