



Peace Progress

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A Word from Our Pastor:

“The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.”

Dear Friends,

“My goodness, I can’t believe how much the ladies at Peace did for family!” I recently heard this comment made at an event at Peace. It certainly was not the first time these words were spoken.

In so many ways the people of Peace know how to serve. Be sure to check out the back of next week’s bulletin to see all the people who serve. We list those who “Serve You”. This list includes the pastor, deacon, musicians, choir director, superintendents of Sunday School, secretary, nurse and webmaster. We also list “God’s Servants For Today”. Included in this list are the greeters, ushers, flautist, reader, those who provide flowers, fellowship hosts, audio-visual and cleaners.

One of the central points of Jesus’ teaching was servanthood. Jesus once took intentional time and cleaned the feet of his disciples. Soon after, Jesus challenged them to do the same for one another. Jesus then challenged his followers to provide a cup of cold water for those in need. Jesus taught on three different occasions that it was important for his disciples to take the lowest of positions and assume the servant role. In

thought, word and deed Jesus exhibited a ministry of servanthood. He expected his followers to join him.

When one does an in-depth study on the uses of servanthood in the Scriptures, two important points come to light. First, a servant does not act on their own authority, but acts as an agent of someone else. The servant is an intermediary given their position by someone else. Second, a servant does nothing for their own benefit, but simply acts for the benefit of others. The servant has a mind on the needs of others and pays little attention to how they themselves will benefit in the act.

To put it simply, service comes above self. As we serve, it is important to recognize that we are not simply representing ourselves—we are representing God. God has commanded us to do good for others. God has even provided the opportunities for those good works to happen. Our works are done all because of Him! As we serve, it is just as important to realize that we serve to enhance the joy and pleasure of others, not just our own. The floors are vacuumed in the fellowship hall so that the Chamber of Commerce can enjoy their meeting. The person greeting says hello at the front door not so that they feel better, but so that the person coming into church has a joyful spirit as they prepare for worship. The yard of the church is kept in good order

not just for our sake, but for the enjoyment for those who drive down Applegate. The cookies are made for the memorial service not so that a person gets credit and the approval of others, but so that a family’s time together as they mourn a relative is made special. Every role, including mine, is a servant role.

Even the smallest of servant roles is important and should be celebrated. This reminds me of the story of a young boy who was trying out for his first play at school. The boy had his heart set on one particular role in the play. His mother doubted that her boy would get the role, but supported and encouraged as she could.

The day for the tryouts came. The mother went early thinking that she would need to give extra support in case she found her son disappointed with the assigned role.

“Guess what Mom!” The boy shouted as he opened the car door to go home. “They chose me to clap and cheer!”

In an ironic way, the little boy learned the lesson of service above self.

What a blessing it is to serve at Peace! Thanks for calling me to serve as your pastor!

In Peace,
Pastor Lucke



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Preparing for Worship

Scripture lessons for June:

June 7:

Genesis 3:8-15
2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 14:

Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians 5:1-10,
11-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 21:

Job 38:1-11
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 28:

Lamentations 3:22-33
2 Corinthians 8:1-9,
13-15
Mark 5:21-43

Summer Adult Bible Study

A church is more than a building. A church is God's movement through His people. Come and join our adult Bible Study this summer as we discover God's powerful movement in the first generation of Christians. In this journey, we will also come to a better understanding of how God can move through us. This journey begins in Judea, travels to Samaria and will end up in Philomath. Bring your Bible and an open mind. We will meet each week during the summer at 8:30 am on Sunday morning in the fellowship hall. Our first session will be June 14th. See you there!

Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
04/19/2015	107	Offering	\$1,933.00
04/26/2015	126	Offering	\$1,852.00
05/03/2015	106	Offering	\$5,123.00
05/10/2015	107	Offering	\$2,185.00
05/17/2015	99	Offering	\$1,814.00

Join Us!

Tuesday, June 9th from 1:30 to 3:30 at Peace Lutheran Church, Linda Smith's life story writing class is giving a potluck party with the other classes to celebrate our writing. We have a special treat this year—renowned memoir teacher and author, Matilda Butler, is doing a multi-media presentation on her award-winning book, **Rosie's Daughters: The "First Woman To" Generation Tells Its Story**, about the generation of women that broke through centuries of limitations to take their place in the world. Interested members of Peace Lutheran Church are invited to share this event with us. Please be there by 2:00 P.M.



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Thank You!

Thank you to each one of you who helped with the memorial service for Terry's mom. So many people brought food, served, and cleaned up. A special thank you to Oscar for running the sound system, to Colleen for playing her beautiful music, to Pastor for conducting the service, and to Elaine for organizing the fellowship after the service. All of you worked so diligently, and we are so indebted to you; there isn't a more supportive church anywhere! What a joy it was to be with family and friends who helped celebrate Alvanita's long and happy life, and what a blessing you are from our Precious Lord and Savior.

God is great, and may he bless each one of you,

The family of Alvanita Stouder



Lupe's Community Garden: A place for Philomath residents to harvest food for those in need

By Alicia Lucke

Lupe's Community Garden, named after the late Lupe Maginnis, is found at Philomath Community Services' 360 South 9th Street location. Philomath Community Services, a tax-exempt nonprofit organization, operates various social service programs including: Philomath Food Bank, June's Kids Klostet, Philomath Gleaners and Holiday Cheer, a gift-giving seasonal program.

Lupe's Community Garden volunteer Program Manager, Chris Shonnard, is no stranger to gardening as the owner of the local family-operated Shonnard's, a Nursery, Florist and Landscape business. Shonnard remembers with



fondness the day he met Lupe and her eagerness to get the garden started: "I met Lupe at a meeting one week and she was persistent that a community garden was something Philomath needed", explained Shonnard, "[...]and a few weeks later her husband had a fender bender in the parking lot of the garden center. I remember Lupe came to get him and while her husband dealt with the accident paperwork Lupe wasted no time, right there in the parking lot, to plug the community garden again. Needless to say I was hard pressed to say no, so I said yes."

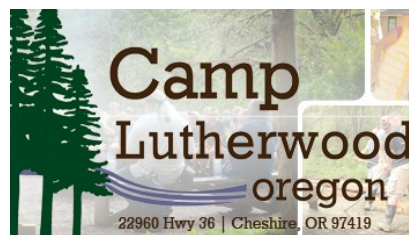
Lupe's spirit lives on in the garden and in Philomath as Shonnard continues to support its program along with the aid of Lupe's husband, who also is an active PCS board member. Starting this spring, Lupe's Community garden will go from a teaching focus to a production focus with a teaching component. It is the hope that a year-long harvest, supported by Philomath volunteer residents, will help to both diversify and maintain crops whose surplus will go

directly to PCS' food programs. "It will especially be helpful during the winter months", said Colene Lamberty of the PCS Food Bank, "as we have to limit the amount of vegetables families can take during that time." She continues: "Having fresh food right from our own garden will also give it better shelf life and what we don't use we share with our Philomath Gleaners."

There are also opportunities to partner with nearby Oregon State University students who are studying soils and agricultural sciences. "We have the Cadillac of community gardens", says Shonnard proudly, "and the possibilities are endless. What we need to take the next step to harvesting year round is a core group of volunteers from our community to help organize and supervise the planning, planting, weeding, watering and harvesting of rotating crops throughout the year."

If interested in joining Lupe's Community Garden core volunteer team please contact Alicia Lucke, PCS Board member at 541-609-8073.

The first to apologize is the BRAVEST
The first to forgive is the STRONGEST
The first to forget is the HAPPIEST



Camp Lutherwood Scholarships Available

Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild has chosen to give \$200 scholarships to any youth that would like to attend camp this summer. There are a total of five scholarships available so anyone who is interested in spending a week of fun and fellowship please see Kay Glathar or Pastor Lucke. Camp information is available online at <http://lutherwoodoregon.org/>