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A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Friends of Peace,

July is supposed to be a quiet month for pastors. In some ways the pace has definitely slowed down and there has been more time for reading, family and rest.

With my extra time in July I have also been thinking quite a bit about ministry opportunities for Peace this next year. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 6 these words of encouragement, "Now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." These words were meant to kick start the Corinthians into action. For some reason the Corinthians had likely hesitated on the opportunities that God was placing right before them. Paul was essentially saying, "Seize the day—God is for us!"

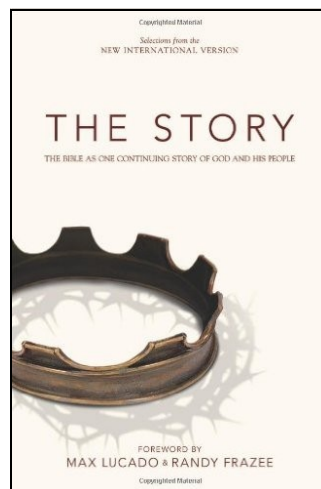
I would like you to take to heart Paul's nudge: NOW IS THE FAVORABLE TIME. The Lord will be placing some incredible opportunities for us this next year. How is the Lord speaking to us right now? What lies before us? Why do we hesitate?

Peace Lutheran Church will not be hesitating this year. On September 13th we will be kicking off the Sunday School and church year as we move back to our

regular times (9:45 Adult Study and 11 Worship). More importantly, we will be beginning a journey as we experience the Bible in a fresh way. Our worship, Sunday School and small groups will be examining the book, *The Story*. *The Story* contains 31 chronological chapters that contain large portions of Scripture. The chapters were carefully chosen so that the reader can get "a sense of the big picture of the Bible". I am excited to start this journey myself—I hope you are too.

The best ways that you can participate would be the following:

- Do a personal study on the STORY or journal.
- Lead or participate in a study with one of our small groups or with your family.
- Participate in the Adult Sunday School class which will be taking a deeper look into each chapter.
- Attend worship experiences.



Please see our elder Oscar Gutbrod if you would like to purchase a copy of *The Story* or you can order on-line for a reduced rate.



Another open door being placed before us is Feed My Starving Children. Peace will have the

privilege to impact our community in a significant way. Our desire will be to partner with other churches and organizations as we seek to provide 100,000 meals for children and adults experiencing great food needs. Please consider ways that you can join in this ministry as more information is shared and momentum builds.

More and more, I am coming to the understanding that hesitating and stalling are exactly what the Enemy would like us to do. Jesus asks us to move by partnering with him in his ministry. As Jesus left his disciples for a final time, he gave them words of instruction in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). Perhaps the most important word in the Great Commission is the first: "Go". I do believe Peace is entering a favorable time. Doors are opening. The community is ready and needs us.

In Peace,
Pastor Lucke



Preparing for Worship

Scripture lessons for August:

August 2:

Exodus 16:2-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:22-35

August 16:

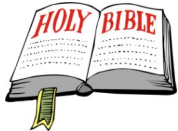
Proverbs 9:1-10
Ephesians 5:6-21
John 6:51-69

August 9:

I Kings 19:1-8
Ephesians 4:17-5:2
John 6:35-51

August 23:

Isaiah 29:11-19
Ephesians 5:22-33
Mark 7:1-13



August 30:

Church in the Park

Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
06/21/2015	88	Offering	\$1,110.00
06/28/2015	99	Offering	\$1,639.00
07/05/2015	82	Offering	\$3,856.00
07/12/2015	104	Offering	\$2,826.00
07/19/2015	87	Offering	\$2,008

Voter's Assembly on August 9th



VOTE

The church council, during its July meeting, voted "yes" to purchasing and installing of furnaces for the sanctuary. According to Peace's constitution, the congregation too must "yes" in a voter's assembly as the cost is a material amount. Be sure to make the special voter's assembly on Sunday, August 9th after worship. Information will be share about the bids and options presented to us.

Pictorial Directory

"Who is that person sitting over there?" "Is that person visiting new here?" "I think I've seen that person before, but I just can't come up with their name!" I have at different times heard these exact statements and questions made at Peace in recent months. It is wonderful to be adding people into our church family.

To put it simply, we need a new Peace Lutheran pictorial directory. With all of the new people, a new pictorial directory would go far in uniting us as a church family. If you would like to serve on the pictorial directory committee please contact Todd Muhly or Pastor Lucke. If you have software and/or expertise in taking pictures let us know as we would like to keep this project in-house. Our desire is to have the pictures taken in September!

National Night Out

Peace is one of the three hosts in Philomath for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4th. National Night Out is a national wide effort to promote involvement in crime prevention, police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. This year we will have representation from Philomath Fire and Rescue, Philomath Police Department, the library, Philomath Community Services, and the Scouts. Live music and food will be served. The event begins at 6 pm and ends at 8 pm. Thank you to all who contributed and gave of their time in preparation!





Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been very busy lately. For those who wanted to know and for those who wanted a refresher, we thought it would be helpful to share the purpose and significance of this ministry at Peace.

Each prayer shawl is made with love and in prayer. It is meant as a comfort to those who receive them. As the prayer shawls are wrapped around those who receive them, it is a reminder of the prayers that are offered on their behalf.



The prayer shawl symbolizes the cloak that Jesus wore as he traveled through the country side.

Matthew 14:34-35 tells us *"..And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. v.35 And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick v. 36 and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well."*

Just as the prayer shawl surrounds them, so God surrounds His people. When putting on the prayer shawl we pray that it separate and shield the recipients from their concerns so that they may be blessed with the knowledge that God loves them and he will not abandon them.

Our shawls have been given to members of Peace as well as family, friends, and community members who are dealing with difficult situations.

If you know of anyone who is in need of the comfort a prayer shawl can bring please let Pastor know.

The prayer shawl is a powerful reminder that God will never leave or forsake us.

Funeral Service Preparation Workshop

Presented by Healing Hearts Ministry
Karen Bull, Director

WHEN: Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Peace Lutheran Church

Many people have their wills, insurance policies, legal papers, and living wills in order and yet have given their "Home-Going Celebration" service little thought. This service can touch lives for God's kingdom and bring glory to our Lord. By having your wishes and desires carried out, your service would be very personal and alleviate undue stress for your family members. When you plan ahead, all the information will be available to help not only your family but your pastor, too.

Healing Hearts Ministry is offering, for young and old like, an opportunity to pre-plan your "Home Going-Celebration" service. Karen Bull will provide you with materials you can take home, discuss with your spouse or family, and complete at your convenience. Once completed, copies will be made for you and your family to keep on file. Later, this information will be a blessing for family members who desire to respect your wishes. It'll truly be a "Home-Going Celebration!"



Ten Years...Yikes!

This month marks for me, the completion of ten years of producing the monthly newsletter. I want to thank all of you who have helped me with this task by submitting articles and humorous stories as well as important information for the congregation. I know of many mistakes I have made and I know there are plenty more I don't know about, as many people are just too polite to bring them to my attention.

If you have anything you would like to submit, please know that you are always welcome, and I will do my best to remember and post your information.