



Peace Progress

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April 2016

A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Friends,

Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th will be important days for our community. These are the two days that the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack will be coming to the Benton County Fairgrounds. This is an opportunity for you, our church, school or business to pack meals on-site for God's children around the world.

The hungry of our world should have our attention. There are currently 805 million undernourished people in the world today. This means that one in nine people are not taking in enough calories each day to be healthy and lead an active life. The world's hungry are of all ages and places but most are children, women and those living in rural communities.

Have you ever asked your child what they would like to be once they grow up? Maybe they responded in one of these ways, "A journalist... lawyer, businessman....actress.....soccer player musicianbaker....engineer....doctor.....teacher." My own daughter would answer, "A dancer!"

Hungry children are unable to dream or even think about tomorrow. They are weighed down by their doubts and the gloom of the next day. Our work together on **May 6th and 7th** will go a long way to ensure that many more children dream the dreams that every child should.

You can make it possible for children without hope to dream again! Consider participating in these tangible ways:

- **Volunteer.....** The event is on **May 6th and 7th** in Guerber Hall in the Benton County Fair-

grounds. Sign up at www.fundraising.fmssc.org/corvallis. Our goal is to have 500 volunteers.

- **Donate.....**You can give directly to Feed My Starving Children at www.fundraising.fmssc.org/corvallis. We will be packing 100,000 meals, which means that we will need to raise \$22,000. Save your coins and contribute--.22 cents provides one meal.
- **Learn.....**Go to www.fmssc.org to discover more.
- **Share.....**Encourage your church, school and business to get involved.
- **Pray.....**We desire to partner with God in taking care "of the least of these".

In busy and frenetic times, many of us hesitate to get involved in opportunities like this. But I believe that God's Word should compel us to act, "*Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sister of mine, you did for me* (Matthew 25:40)."

May the Lord bless you and our work together in His kingdom!

Gratefully,

Pastor J



*Blessed are those who are generous,
because they feed the poor.
- Proverbs 22:9*



Preparing for Worship

Scripture lessons for April:

April 3:

Haggai 1:2-9 and Matthew 7:24-29. Read Chapter 19 in The Story (pages 263-273).

Consider this question: When the temple was re-established, some were over-joyed, some were heart broken. Many churches go through stages of growth, reconstruction and challenge. How should we respond when mixed feelings pull us in opposite directions?

April 10:

Esther 9:26-28 and John 16:31-33. Read Chapter 20 in The Story (pages 275-289).

Consider this question: The book of Esther has been named "the godless book" because God's name is never mentioned. Prayer, the Law, sacrifices, and temple worship are conspicuously absent. Where can you find God's supernatural blessings in the story anyway?

April 17:

Nehemiah 1:1-9; Mark 1:1-8. Read Chapter 21 in The Story (pages 291-304).

Consider these questions: Nehemiah prayed for protection, but he also posted guards. Does this show a lack of faith on Nehemiah's part? How should we follow up after we have prayed for something?

April 24:

Isaiah 60:1-6 and John 1:1-14. Read Chapter 22 in The Story (pages 309-316).

Consider this question: Joseph was found to be faithful in the law (Luke 1:19), but was not considered so by others (John 8:41). What examples can you find of his faithfulness?

Men's Breakfast



Please **NOTE:** the April Peace Men's Breakfast will be held on April 9th. Eric Nieman, a member of the Philomath City Council, will be discussing the status of having a marijuana dispensary within the city limits.

What are the options? Remember coffee on at 8:15 and breakfast served at 8:30, topic and discussion begins at 9:00 – 10:00. Plan to attend. Please let Oscar Gutbrod know if you plan to attend so there will be plenty of food for all. E-mail gutbrodo@ucs.orst.edu or call 541-231-3954 by April 7th – Thanks.

The egg counter,
Oscar G.

Immanuel's 125th Anniversary Celebration



Please join the Immanuel Lutheran Church family in Albany for the celebration of 125 years in ministry. The service is on Sunday, April 10th at 3:00 pm with a dinner to follow. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by March 27th with Immanuel's secretary (541-926-3495). Immanuel is located on 154 Madison Street S.E. in Albany.

Game Night

Bring your favorite game and teach the Peace family for Game Night at Peace, Friday April 15th at 6 pm. Pizza will be provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share, and a drink for yourself. Hope to see you there!





Why Do We Do That?

What is the Collect of the Day?

The Collect is often titled "The Prayer of the Day" in our worship at Peace. It typically takes place right after the Song of Praise and right before the lessons for the day. To understand the Collect it is helpful to be reminded of the distinction between orders and propers.

The "orders" are those parts in the service that do not change from week to week. Examples of "orders" include The Invocation (Calling on the Lord), the Lord's Prayer, and the Creed. It is good to know that some aspects of Christian worship have not changed throughout the centuries. The Lord's Prayer that we say is the exact same prayer early Christians spoke just a few years after Jesus' death. That is powerful!

The "propers" are those parts of the service that do change from week to week. Some examples of the "propers" are the lessons, the Collect of the Day (Prayer of the Day), and the hymns. It is good that we change some aspects of our worship so that each week can have its own theme and tone. The Collect puts together the theme that can be drawn from the lessons for the day. In a sense, it gives us focus. If you ever have a hard time understanding what the lessons are saying, look to the Collect and it will give you the focus.

In my humble opinion, focus can be a problem in today's Christian worship. We have wandering minds. We don't always put points together as we should. Sometimes we don't grasp completely what the pastor is saying. And it goes the other way too—sometimes the pastor doesn't make his point as clearly as he should.

In cases like this, The Collect is our friendly helper. Just look to the Collect and you will know what the message should be about. In this sense—it is the target that we aim for in the worship service.

Pastor

Concordia University's Wind Ensemble Spring Tour

Concordia University-Portland's Wind Ensemble will be at Zion Lutheran Church in Corvallis on Friday, April 1st. There are two concert times: 1:45 pm and 7:00 pm. Please join us for a free concert that will be an enjoyable and spiritually uplifting experience for the entire family. Admission is FREE. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. A free-will offering will be received. For more information regarding event times and locations, please visit www.cu-portland.edu/music or call 503-280-8687.

Philomath Community Blood Drive

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood. The Philomath Community Blood Drive will be held at Peace on Friday, April 8th from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. To schedule your appointment or for more information, contact Ellen at 541-753-4021, or sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor code: philomathcommunity.



**American
Red Cross**

Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
2/21/2016	110	Offering	\$1,299
2/28/2016	107	Offering	\$2,105
3/06/2016	124	Offering	\$4,827
3/13/2016	116	Offering	\$2,366



Spring Luncheon

Ladies Guild is hosting a Spring Luncheon for all women of the church as well as friends and family on May 14th. Your invitation will be in your box on April 3rd. Tickets go on sale from April 3—May 1st. See Sandy Labahn for ticket purchases. Tickets are \$17 each.



Diane Crocker will be providing entertainment and our inspirational speaker will be Katie Trautman.

Menu:

- ◆ Coffee, Tea, Punch
 - ◆ Mixed green salad with strawberries, hazelnuts, and goat cheese with poppy seed dressing
 - ◆ Bread basket
 - ◆ Pan seared chicken breast with apricot glaze (gluten free)
 - ◆ Herb rice pilaf
 - ◆ Roasted spring veggies with asparagus, carrots, corn
 - ◆ Lemon cake with berry drizzle, chocolate cake with chocolate drizzle, or gluten free bar
- (Dessert must be selected when buying tickets, and people asking for a vegetarian meal must request it then, too.)

Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser for Feed My Starving Children

Sunday, April 14th, immediately following the worship service, there will be a baked potato bar in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a fundraiser for Feed My Starving Children so we will be asking for a goodwill

offering. Our goal is to raise \$500 on that day. Please consider staying and having a baked potato with plenty of toppings.



LWML Mission Grants

Listed below are the Mission Grants Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is supporting this year:

LWML Mission Goal: \$2,000,000 | 2015–2017

1. Clean Water and Evangelism Ministry
MOST Ministries – Michigan \$50,000
2. Disaster Response Trailers
LCMS Disaster Response \$80,000
3. Cancer Care Packages — Phil's Friends
United States \$50,000
4. Renovation of JEM Seminary Buildings
Nigeria \$120,000
5. Redeeming Life Maternity Home
Sanford, Florida \$100,000
6. Hope and Healing to the Navajo People
LCMS Rocky Mountain District \$75,000
7. Outreach in Refugee Camps
Lebanon \$72,000
8. Healthy Families
Lutheran Family Services \$60,000
9. LCMS Global Seminary Initiative
International Student Scholarships \$100,000
10. Training Teachers and Leaders
Concordia Seminary St. Louis \$100,000
11. Opportunities in Uganda
Women of the Pearl and Seminary Completion \$100,000
12. "In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts"
Lutheran Bible Translators
Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, Namibia \$50,000
13. "We Are God's Workmanship"
International Scholarships St. Paul High School \$32,500
14. Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel
Apple of His Eye Mission Society Israel \$100,000
15. Helping Hands Initiative
LCMS National Housing Support Corporation \$100,000
16. Deaconess Training
Support for International Partner Churches \$90,000
17. Lutheran Youth Corps
Scholarships Lutheran Mercy Youth Corps \$25,000
18. Providing Hope for Detroit
Acts 2 Enterprise \$100,000
19. Rosa Young Academies (Partial)
Rosa Young Projects Initiative \$14,063.94