



# Peace Progress

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## A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Peace Family,

I don't have to worry about food for my family. We have more than enough.

Just recently we sat down as a family and did our best to devour an American Dream Pizza. It was one of the best pizzas I've ever had as it was loaded with olives, mushrooms, pepperoni and sausage. Any time that I can get olives and mushrooms is a treat for me—Alicia is not a big fan. After we had finished, I got to wondering about how many calories we all had just consumed. According to one internet site, it was likely that we had each consumed enough calories to last a day.

It is hard to believe that some people do not have access to enough nutritional food. The Willamette Valley is one of the food capitals of the United States. We have a rich assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables. I just recently had a conversation in which I had to explain what marionberries and blackberries were to out of town guests. We, of all people, would be likely to ask, "How is it possible that people do not have enough food?"

Yet, it is a reality. Consider the story of a boy named Fedner. At age 2 he was disowned and discarded by both his parents. Ex-

tremely malnourished, Fedner was brought into the care of his grandfather. A farmer by trade, Fedner's grandpa worked hard to grow bananas, beans and corn by hand. Fedner's grandpa had the responsibility of feeding 10 others in their home. Water was hard to come by as the family had to walk two days to find water. By age 4 Fedner had malaria and was severely malnourished. Little Fedner lives in Haiti, but his experience is all too common for many in this world.

Peace Lutheran Church and our community are blessed with the opportunity to help children like Fedner. This month you will begin to hear more information about the Christian non-profit organization Feed My Starving Children. The vision of FMSC is to "strive to eliminate starvation in children throughout the world by helping to instill compassion in people to hear and respond to the cries of those people in need". The approach of FMSC is simple: Volunteers hand-pack meals specially formulated for malnourished children. The meals are then sent to partners around the world where they are used to supplement orphanages, schools, clinics, and feeding-based community programs to help break the cycle of hunger.

The food packets for Feed My

Starving Children are simple—a far cry from our pizza at American Dream. The meals consist of dried foods scientifically engineered to provide high gains in nutrition. A malnourished child eating these meals for three months can expect significant gains in health and overall well-being. Please check out the FMSC website at [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org) to better prepare yourself for this worthwhile event coming to our community in May 2016.

An old Scottish blessing says this: *Some have meat and cannot eat. Some have no meat but want it. We have meat and can eat and so the Lord be thanked.*

We have meat. We also have American Dream Pizza. We have a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. In many ways, we live in a land abundant in food.

I look forward to seeing the Lord work through us as we seek to meet this significant need.

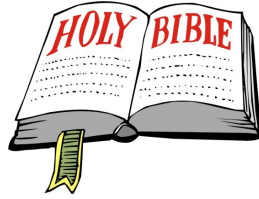
God's Blessings,  
Pastor Lucke





## Preparing for Worship

Scripture lessons for October:



**October 4:**

Exodus 3:7-15  
Luke 4:14-22

Read Chapter 4 of **The Story**. Question for consideration: During the scene at the burning bush, Moses has trouble believing God could use him. Do you think his hesitancy came from his own insecurities or from his lack of faith in God? Are there areas in your own life that you feel insecure? How does this story help you?

**October 11:**

Exodus 19:1-8  
Mark 9:2-8

Read Chapter 5 of **The Story**. Question for consideration: Moses was an intermediary between God and Israel. Has there been someone in your life who prayed for you, helped you see God’s will, or acted as a spiritual mentor? Would that type of relationship be a blessing for your today? How could you do this for someone else?

**October 18:**

Numbers 10:33-36  
John 6:30-35

Read Chapter 6 of **The Story**. Question for consideration: Israel’s complaining is a reminder of how easy it is to become ungrateful. When did you see the Israelites struggle with this the most? When do you struggle the most to have gratitude towards God? Why? What are five items that you are grateful for now?

**October 25:**

Joshua 1:1-9  
Luke 12:27-34

Read Chapter 7 of **The Story**. Question for consideration: When Moses passed the mantle of leadership, he told Joshua to be strong and courageous. What did God provide in order for Joshua to do? Is a lack of courage keeping you from becoming a leader? What might God be saying to you to provide you otherwise?

## Men’s Breakfast:

Please mark your calendar for **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, time for the Saturday Men’s Breakfast to begin the new year of coming together for men’s fellowship. I am looking for a new scramble egg cook. Kris Holt has taken a new job in Colorado Springs, so if there is someone interested in helping with cooking let me know. Hopefully, Chuck Lane will continue to be the head sausage cook. At this time no topic has been selected. We might discuss our 31 weeks of using “The Story” in our next year’s worship service? **Remember** – coffee on 8:15 and breakfast at 8:30 – discussion 9:00 – 10:00 Looking forward to our first fellowship in October. Oscar Gutbrod - (541)-231-3954

## Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
08/23/2015	96	Offering	\$1,773
08/30/2015		Church in the Park	
09/06/2015	68	Offering	\$4,021
09/13/2015	117	Offering	\$2,945
09/20/2015	120	Offering	\$1,895

## Donations?

Anyone who is willing to donate some pumpkins and/or gourds for decorating the church, please contact Sally Stouder or Colleen Schulze.



## Blood Drive



Philomath Community Blood Drive  
**Friday, October 16, 1:00 PM—6:00 PM**  
To schedule an appointment, contact Ellen at 541-753-4021 or sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) using sponsor code: **philomathcommunity**.



## Movie Night



October is the month that we celebrate the Lutheran Reformation. On Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> we will be watching the movie, Luther. The movie was produced in 2003 and stars Joseph Fiennes. Bring a side dish to share and a drink for yourself—pizza will be provided. Dinner

starts at 6:00 pm. The film is rated PG-13 and includes some violent scenes. Luther's influence on the Christian Church is immense. How much do you know about Martin Luther? See how well you do with the following multiple answer questions.

1. When Martin Luther heard that they were naming a church after him, he:
  - A. Celebrated with brats and beer
  - B. Quickly registered the domain name [www.luther.org](http://www.luther.org)
  - C. Said, "Why do you name a church after me, filthy person that I am? Call it the Evangelical Church"
  - D. Changed his name to Martin Baptist
2. Luther wrote the Small Catechism for.....
  - A. Parents to teach their children at home
  - B. Professors to teach their students at seminary
  - C. Popes to teach their cardinals at home
  - D. Pastors to torture their confirmation students
3. Which of the following is NOT a direct by-product of Luther's Reformation:
  - A. People receiving bread and wine at communion
  - B. Church music sung to popular tunes
  - C. Bibles translated into every major language in the world
  - D. Communion wafers that stack like poker chips and taste like Styrofoam

## New Member Class Blurb

What a blessing it has been to see new faces at Peace! If you are interested in becoming a member of Peace please see Pastor. There will be a new member class starting in the month of October. We will be meeting three times on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcomed to attend!

## 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 and our basket wrapping team will put them together and wrap them. Here are some ideas to get you started. Use your imagination! Think about what you might like in a basket.

- 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
- Movie Basket



When you have your items ready, put them in a bag and bring them to church. Give them to Kay Glathar or Elaine Schwartz. 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 get your items to church by **Sunday, October 25th**. Thank you!

*Kay Glathar*

***When you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a taller fence.***



## Peace Lutheran Patio Project

This past week the church Patio committee met with the Church Council to review their plans for a patio area east of the fellowship hall. The patio will feature a 20' x 32' covered gazebo that will provide ample shade in the summertime and some shelter for the rainier times of the year. The concrete patio surface will provide an easily maintainable area for a number of outdoor gatherings and activities. The committee is also considering a gas fired fire pit area to provide a warm atmosphere for fellowship. The area also plans to include space for future storage structures that blend into the church architecture.

The committee wanted to come up with a plan that could be started this fall (while the surrounding ground is still hard) and completed in the spring. This led to a two phased plan that is manageable from a budget and weather standpoint.

### Phase 1--- Ground preparation and gravel

This first phase includes scraping of the topsoil and removal of shrubs on the east wall of the fellowship hall and one spruce tree directly east of the fellowship hall. Posts for the gazebo will also be placed in the ground and the entire area will be covered and compacted with gravel. Drainage lines and conduits for lighting would be placed as well. If the congregation approves, we intend to complete this phase this fall. The anticipated cost of this phase is \$13,000. Donations for the patio amounting to \$2000 have come in since July and more is expected. The church has \$10,000 in its building fund remaining after the furnace upgrade. We expect that the church will be able to fully fund this first phase.

### Phase 2 ---Concrete and Gazebo

The second phase of the project would begin in the spring and entail the pouring of the concrete and completion of the Gazebo. The cost of the concrete will be about \$14,500 and the completion of the

structure another \$9,500, making Phase 2's cost to be about \$24000. The grand plan is to have room for storage buildings adjoining the patio in the future as they are needed, and as funding becomes available.

The total cost for this project is projected to be \$37,000. People have already been giving money for this project and the Council will set up a mechanism for tracking and reporting the progress of raising funds to complete phase 2. We are confident the church can raise enough funds to complete this project without affecting our ministry to the community.

On Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> the Council President Todd Muhly, and the patio committee chair, Bob Glathar, will conduct a "town hall" style information session to give members of the congregation the opportunity to have their questions answered. The following Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, a congregational meeting will be convened to vote to approve the project. If the project is approved, the committee will move to act as quickly as possible to complete the first phase of the project before the rains come in earnest.

*Bob Glathar, patio committee chair*

## Fall Bazaar

Ladies Guild is hosting a Fall Bazaar again this year. The Bazaar is an opportunity for people to make/bake/create items to sell to the community in order to raise monies for local charities. The Feed My Starving Children endeavor will be added to our list of projects we will sponsor this year.

The Fall Bazaar is a fun event that not only helps to raise funds but allows people to join together in fellowship. Whether you have a talent to contribute or not, we hope that you will join in for a fun-filled day. It's a great place to pick up some Christmas gifts! Thrivent will be providing some matching funds, as well.

**Fall Bazaar, November 14, PLC Fellowship Hall**