



# Peace Progress

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## A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Peace family,

I wish you God's blessings this month as you celebrate Thanksgiving. Each family celebrates Thanksgiving in their own unique way. Almost all enjoy the day with turkey and all its fixings. Some, like my wife, Alicia, dedicate themselves to rooting on their favorite football team (Detroit Lions). Almost all of us make preparations for the Civil War—the Beavers do have a realistic chance at pulling out a win this year—yahoo!

As a church family we too have our traditions and customs for celebrating Thanksgiving. We gather on Thanksgiving Eve for worship and prayer. The Gospel lesson each year comes from Luke 17:11-19. This passage relates the time Jesus cleansed ten lepers with only one returning to offer thanksgiving. Take a look again at the leper and his response, "Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks (v. 15-16)." There are a couple of points worth mentioning here that I think are highly relevant to how we should celebrate our Thanksgiving Day.

### 1. The primary object of our Thanksgiving is Jesus.

Sure, we give thanks for the pleasantries, the needs and wants provided to us by God. It is absolutely praiseworthy to be thankful. But, our deepest feelings of thankfulness should be pointed toward Jesus. The thankful leper positions himself down with his face and body turned to Jesus. We too should take time and direct our highest praise to Jesus on Thanksgiving Day—remember Him in your prayers of thanks.

**2. Grace is not just something we receive. Grace can be something we give too.** The word for thanksgiving in Luke 17:16 is *eucharist* in the original Greek. This is the only time in the entire Bible

that this word is used this way. Typically *eucharist* is used to describe God's grace being given to us. Makes sense—this is why we call the Lord's Table the Eucharist. Yet here in Luke 17:16, the word *eucharist* is used to describe an individual person's thanksgiving or grace to God. You see, we too can give grace. How important it is to not just be a taker of grace, but also a giver! What are the ways that we can give grace this year on Thanksgiving Day?

**3. True thanksgiving is rare.** Ten were blessed with restored health. Only one returned and offered genuine thanks. If my math serves me correctly, that is 10 percent. A recent article from the Harvard Business Review stated that it discovered the ideal Praise-to-Criticism ratio. Highly effective teams averaged six words of praise to one word of critique. Consider your ratio in your family, work, school, team, church. Does your thanksgiving, appreciation beat out your criticism and judgmental statements at a ratio of six to one?

The family of Peace is high on my list for giving thanks. I need to do better in expressing my appreciation for you. You have truly gone out of your way to accept me and my family. You have greatly contributed to a healthy, thankful culture at Peace—a rarity in many places right now. Please receive my thanks for you this year!

God's blessings as you count your blessings this year. Let us just hope that this will be the year the Beavers break through with a win!

In thanksgiving,

*Pastor J.*

**GIVE THANKS  
TO THE LORD  
FOR HE IS GOOD**  
*His LOVE endures FOREVER!!!*

**Preparing for Worship**

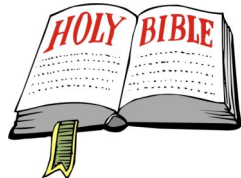
Scripture lessons for November:

**November 6:**

Revelation 7:9-17

I John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

**November 13:**

Malachi 4:1-6

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-28

**November 20:**

Malachi 3:13-18

Colossians 1:13-20

Luke 23:27-43

**November 27:**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 21:1-11

## All Saints' Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>

What a special day All Saints' Sunday is for the Peace family. This year we will be celebrating on November 6<sup>th</sup>. A moment of silence for each person who has joined the Church Triumphant will be given in the worship. Those who passed away this year include Nita Ross, Louise Leslie, Georgia Hering, Bob Maddux and Jim Garrison. Please let Sandi know of names of others that you would like included in the bulletin and in the moment of silence. Thank you, Jesus, for your work in the lives of your saints!

**Honoring our Veteran's**

Military Service photos are requested as soon as possible for the creation of a photo collage that will be displayed at Peace around Memorial and Veteran's Days each year.

Please send digital pictures to me, Carole Gutbrod, at: [gcarole@comcast.net](mailto:gcarole@comcast.net) or, bring your favorite to church; I will take a snapshot, and immediately return the original to you. These could be in dress uniform, or otherwise. Even a small sharp close-up will work if it can be enlarged. Hopefully, we can have something completed for November 13, 2016. Please include name, dates of service, branch of service — and rank, if desired.



Let's remember and honor our servicemen and women.

Thanks for your help,

*Carole Gutbrod*

**Fred and Dianne Taft's Mission Trip**

Fred and Dianne Taft will be coming to Peace on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to share about their experience on a recent mission trip to Romania. The focus of the trip was to offer mercy to specific orphans and families in Romania. We will share pizza at 6:00 pm—bring a side dish to share and a drink for yourself. Shortly after dinner we will then hear about and see pictures of the Taft's trip.

**Attendance and Grace of Giving**

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
9/18/2016	97	Offering	\$2,660
9/25/2016	116	Offering	\$3,126
10/2/2016	109	Offering	\$5,406
10/9/2016	107	Offering	\$2,507
10/16/2016	97	Offering	\$2,022



## Peace Lutheran Church Solar System

### Importance of Keeping Panels Clean

From June 11, 2016 to June 29, 2016, we conducted a survey to determine if washing Peace's solar panels would increase their output efficiency. Please see below for the survey spreadsheet. For the ten days prior to the summer solstice, we kept track of the watts and weather conditions. On the first day of summer (June 20), Rob Schultz and Ed Haines washed the solar panels. A reading was taken prior to washing and another was taken afterward. A 10% output increase in watts was noted. We continued tracking the watts for another ten days and concluded that at least a 10% increase in watts was obtained.



Rooftop solar panels get dirty primarily from wind-blown dust and pollen. Bird droppings are usually not a problem. As panels get dirtier, their output declines. A small amount of soiling (a light dusty film) may only cause a 3 to 5 percent output decline. However, when panels get very dirty (in an agricultural area or location that does not get regular rainfall) the output decline can be greater than 20 percent. Peace's 10% output increase warrants regularly cleaning of the solar panels to increase maximum efficiency.

George and Nicholas Abele

Date	Time	Watts	Cumulative KWh	Weather Conditions	
6/11/2016	2:45 PM	1570	16579.9	Partly Sunny	Before Washing
6/12/2016	12:10 PM	2013	16586.9	Sunny	Before Washing
6/13/2016	6:00 PM	430	16604.7	Cloudy	Before Washing
6/14/2016	6:20 PM	701	16615.8	Partly Cloudy	Before Washing
6/15/2016	6:15 PM	504	16624.6	Cloudy/Showery	Before Washing
6/16/2016	6:20 PM	318	16635.1	Partly Cloudy	Before Washing
6/17/2016	6:20 PM	822	16647.1	Sunny	Before Washing
6/18/2016	5:05 PM	1372	16657.1	Sunny	Before Washing
6/19/2016	12:15 PM	1641	16668.4	Sunny	Before Washing
6/20/2016	11:00 AM	1895	16677.4	Sunny	Before Washing
6/20/2016	11:55 AM	2100	16678.1	Sunny	After Washing
6/21/2016	6:20 PM	912	16706.2	Sunny	After Washing
6/22/2016	6:15 PM	552	16722.1	Partly Cloudy	After Washing
6/23/2016	6:20 PM	935	16728.7	Partly Cloudy	After Washing
6/24/2016	3:15 PM	1757	16739.9	Partly Sunny	After Washing
6/25/2016	12:40 PM	2283	16756.9	Sunny	After Washing
6/26/2016	5:00 PM	1530	16772.4	Sunny	After Washing
6/27/2016	6:00 PM	910	16787.3	Sunny	After Washing
6/29/2016	2:00 PM	1736	16814.4	Partly Sunny	After Washing



### Bazaar Reminders

Just a few last minute reminders about the Harvest Bazaar:

- Donation deliveries can be made any time after November 1st.
- Grandma's Attic items can be delivered after November 6th.
- Fresh baked items can be delivered Friday, November 11th or Saturday the 12th **BEFORE 8:00 AM.** We need to be able to have time to price the items before 9:00 when we open.

### LutherFest 2017 Coming Soon

The 5th annual Luther House beer and cheese pairing to benefit our OSU campus ministry is set for Sunday, February 26, 2-4:30 pm, at the Boulder Falls Event Center (same location as last year) in Lebanon. For \$50 (\$350 for a table of 8), you get a six-course, seated-and-served menu of local microbrews and Oregon craft cheeses while hearing from representatives of the OSU Brewing Lab and Creamery teach us timely tidbits about craft brewing and local cheese making. Additionally, Luther House students will share what Lutheran Campus Ministry means to them. Prizes and gift baskets will be awarded. And – brand new this year – the congregation bringing the most guests wins the LutherFest traveling trophy! Tickets must be purchased in advance. They go on sale December 1 online at [lutherfest.luther-house.org](http://lutherfest.luther-house.org). Only 250 seats are available.

Not to be missed is the emphasis we'll place on the culmination of the Luther House 90th anniversary year AND the beginning of the year-long 500th anniversary commemorating the posting of Martin Luther's 95 Theses. Sponsors include the Grace Lutheran Church (Corvallis) Foundation, St. Mark Lutheran Church (Salem) Endowment, Faith Lutheran Church (Albany) Endowment, Atonement Lutheran Church (Newport) Endowment, and Ron and Virginia Mohr (Thrivent Financial for Lutherans).

All ticket sales support Luther House programming through 2017. Join us please. Tell your friends. Let's make this the biggest and best LutherFest yet.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 2-4:30PM  
SAMARITAN EVENT CENTER  
605 Mullins Dr, Lebanon, OR 97355



## HEALING CIRCLE

We have all been through difficult things.

Are you feeling stressed or troubled by hurts or wounds in your life? Grief and loss, disappointment, or some other trauma?

Whether it is recent or in your past, burying a wound does not heal it.

Connecting with others can help you heal.

Join with other women who are walking the road you are walking. When we bring our wounds together, we can help each other heal.

Open to the public – Free

Meets the first and third Thursday of the month at Peace Lutheran Church in Philomath

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

This is a facilitated group of women who wish to connect and share healing together.

For more information:

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