



Peace Progress

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A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Family of Peace,
Happy New Year! It will be a blessed one.

It is overwhelming to think of all the activities that Jesus wants us to do together as a church family. Jesus desires that churches be ready to provide for the least of these (Matthew 25:40). Jesus also requests that churches give great effort in bringing little ones to Him (Matthew 19:14). Jesus gives out His commission to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20). How can a church really take part in all of these important activities and do them well!?

The simple answer is that not one individual church can. There are only a certain number of activities and ministries a church can handle. The Lord blesses each church with time, talents and treasure, but we do not have an endless supply. There is a point in which each church and individual says, "I cannot do anymore!"

To accomplish His mission, Jesus desires for us to work in partnership. This ultimately teaches us to trust others with the work going on in His Kingdom. We lose a sense of control and ownership as we see and support others completing the work. Through this process of partnership—building trust and losing control—we then become the healthy people and church Jesus wants us to be.

Peace Lutheran Church has carefully thought over and prayed about the partners that it would like to support. This year the Church Council has designated the following partners to support financially: Philomath's Celebrate Recovery, LCMS Northwest District, Love INC., Luther House, Camp Lutherwood, Philomath Community Services, We Care of Benton County, and Zion Lutheran School. In addition, members of Peace have asked that certain partners come and share

the good work the Lord is doing through them. Here are the partners that will be coming to share during our non-communion worship services starting in January:

- ♦ Zion Lutheran School on January 8th. Zion's goal is to have educational excellence in a Christ-centered family. The principal will be visiting to share about Zion's ministry.
- ♦ Philomath School District on January 22nd. A representative of PSD will come to share the excellent work the administration, faculty, staff and students are doing to enrich the lives of many in our community.
- ♦ LCMS Northwest District on February 12th. A representative of the Northwest District will come to share some of the wonderful happenings in the District and why their partnership with us is so vital for them and for us.
- ♦ Love INC. on February 26th. Love INC. has played a vital role in making God known to those in need in our community. A representative will come to give updates.
- ♦ Camp Lutherwood on March 12th. Peace will be topping off this partner season by hosting a Camp Lutherwood. Big plans are in the works for Lutherwood and the staff will want to share. Also, staffers will lead our Sunday School opening and children's message time.

What a blessing it is to have partners! The body of Christ is at its best when it has a diversity of gifts and talents. Please join me and the rest of your Peace family in affirming our partners in the Lord's work.

God has pleasant surprises awaiting the Peace family and its partners. I look forward to seeing them unfold with you in 2017.

God's Blessings,

Pastor J.



Preparing for Worship

Here are the scripture lessons for the month of January.

January 1:

Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 2:21



January 8:

Isaiah 42:1-9
Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 3:13-17

January 22:

Isaiah 9:1-4
I Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-25

January 15:

Isaiah 49:1-7
I Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

January 29:

Micah 6:1-8
I Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Proposed Beer & Wine Policy

The church council will be considering a beer and wine usage policy for the patio and fellowship areas. The council will have this issue on the agenda for its February meeting. Below is a suggestion of possible wording.

Peace Lutheran will allow for the responsible use of beer and/or wine consumed at gatherings in the fellowship hall and patio area only. If the gathering exceeds 8 people, wine and beer must be served by OLCC licensed servers. When reserving these areas the intent to serve beer or wine must be explicitly stated. No spirits or cocktails are permitted to be served.



If you would like to make your preference known, talk to a council member before the third week of February.

Women's Bible Study Starting January 24th

The Egyptians in Exodus 1 were intent on enslaving the Israelites, wearing them down so that God's people would become disillusioned and not live up to their destiny. Of the original two million Israelites who received God's invitation to enter the Promised Land, only two of those actually entered it!

Similarly, modern day Christians often hear and understand the promises of God each Sunday morning at church but then rarely choose to experience them in everyday life. In *One in a Million*, Priscilla Shirer invites us to change that pattern for good, living beyond our circumstances and expecting God to move in miraculous ways day after day. Without a doubt, we can find and follow God's purpose for our journey. We can make the Promised Land!

The first day for the study will be Tuesday, January 24th from 9 to 11 am and will meet in the fellowship hall. The class will

go for eight weeks. If you have questions, please contact Janet Cornelius at 541-231-4899.



Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
11/13/2016	122	Offering	\$1,615
11/20/2016	120	Offering	\$1,843
11/27/2016	93	Offering	\$1,412
12/4/2016	123	Offering	\$5,582
12/11/2016	167	Offering	\$2,287

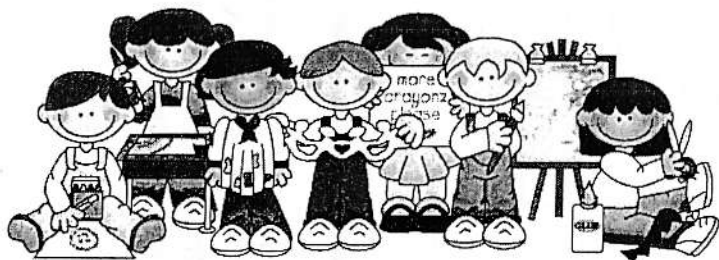


Appeal for Alpine Community Center

November 4, 2016

Peace Lutheran Church,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Alpine's Cooperative Preschool. As you may know, the school is our cornerstone program and has been up and running since 2003. We strive to prepare young children for a lifetime of success, with a focus on early childhood education, ages 3, 4, 5 within the Monroe School District. The preschool provides an experience that gets children reading, counting and learning words in both English and Spanish, so when they get to Kindergarten they are fully prepared. Our services are made available to all students within the Monroe School District. Children with language and literacy, social/emotional maturity, early math and self-regulation skills at kindergarten entry are strong predictors of future school success. As a parent-child cooperative preschool, we are also building strong family connections that are also critical to student success. The only limitation is the Community Center's resources and individual family's ability to financially support the preschool through tuition.



Many families in our community are economically disadvantaged and struggle to provide early childhood education until their child enters public school. The community center provides tuition assistance to deserving families as much as possible. This year there are seven families with need for assistance that we are unable to provide. We are asking you and other churches in the community if you would like to sponsor one student for the school year. Parents are expected to participate to some extent through volun-

teering and/or some level of tuition so the level of sponsorship is generally between \$60-\$70 per month or \$500 annually depending on the age of the child.

If you are able to sponsor a child for this preschool year or a portion of the year, please send check to ACC with preschool sponsor in the memo.

Thank you for your consideration of this appeal and any assistance you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,
Joyce Long, Board President

Update Request

As we begin a new year I would like to make a request for updates on the Birthday/Anniversary list. Each month birthdays and anniversaries are listed on the printed copy of the calendar. If your birthday and/or anniversary has not been listed, then I do not have it in my records. Please email me with your name or the names of your family members and the dates and I will update my information. Thank you!

Kay Glathar (kayglathar@comcast.net)

Gospel & Pizza Night!

On Friday, January 13th, at 6:00PM Matt and Talia Neely are joining us again for dinner and a time of song. Matt and Talia specialize in bluegrass and will be playing familiar tunes for our enjoyment. Bring a side dish and drink for yourself. The pizza will be ready at 6:00PM!

