



Peace Progress

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A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Family of Peace,

Peace Lutheran Church is a family of God's people that says "thank you". The words seem so simple, but truly they say so much.

Luke 17: 11-19 details well the thanks Jesus received from a healed leper. These few words and actions of "thank you" must have meant something to Jesus because he asks the question, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" I also think the healed leper benefited too, by saying "thank you" as this moment gave him an opportunity to recognize the source of grace.

I am thankful for the elders who recently suggested that we should seek to build a culture at Peace that says "thank you". The best way to say "thank you" is by being very specific about how a person has blessed you. Consider all the servants who help make Peace run smoothly: Sunday School teachers, Sunday School Superintendent, officers, trustees, bulletin folders, cleaners, fellowship helpers, those who order supplies, newsletter editor, choir members, musicians, audio visual assistants, ushers, readers, greeters, frozen food preparers, soup makers, bread makers, lawn mowers, ladies guild, food deliverers. There are certainly more that could be included. The point in sharing this list, however, is for the family of Peace to recognize that church does not happen automatically. Peace runs smoothly because of the valuable contributions of so many.

Saying "thank you" actually does three things. First, it acknowledges that a task has been done well. The best way to motivate someone is not to point out their flaws and missteps. The best way to motivate someone is to genuinely say "thank you". It sure is nice to know that people have recognized what you have done.

Second, saying "thank you" communicates that you value the person. How important is that! Very few people feel validated and special these days. By saying "thank you" you are communicating way more than just pleasantries, you are saying something very personal.

Third, saying "thank you" actually gives the person who says the words a blessing. For they are then able to pause and reflect upon the source of the grace they have received. Life is better lived when we are cheerful and seeking to give praise rather than looking for the faults and problems in others. It makes so much sense. These three points are not my own. They were shared with me this month in a Podcast on leadership from the Northwest District. I invite you too to listen in on this conversation about saying "thank you" The conversation can easily be found by going online to <https://soundcloud.com/nowleading> or on iTunes at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/nowleading/id1166353961?mt=2>. I know I really benefited from this conversation and will be looking to enhance my "thank you" skills in the future.



I hear often from people how thankful they are to be at Peace. I know that I am! Thank you for allowing me to serve you at Peace. I pray for God's power and strength to be with you as you celebrate Easter.

In thanks!

Pastor Lucke

**Preparing for Worship**

The scripture lessons for the month of April:

April 2:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

John 11:17-27, 38-53

April 9:

(Palm Sunday)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

John 12:20-43

April 16:

(Easter)

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

April 23:

Acts 5:29-42

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

**April 30:**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 1:17-25

Luke 24:13-35

Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
2/12/2017	107	Offering	\$3,009
2/19/2017	103	Offering	\$2,407
2/26/2017	108	Offering	\$1,340
3/5/2017	100	Offering	\$6,944
3/12/2017	100	Offering	\$2,220

You are invited to sing in our.....

Easter Sunrise Community Choir

Rehearsals will be from 8:30-8:55am. at Peace Lutheran Church:

March 26

April 2

April 9



We will sing at the 7am Community Easter Sunrise Service on April 16th at the College United Methodist Church. All are welcome! (Music will be provided.)

Easter Celebration**Important Information**

Although Easter isn't until April 16th there is planning going on already to ensure this important date is an uplifting celebration. Here are some important reminders:

- ✝ Palm Sunday is April 9. It is the first day of Holy Week. Everyone will receive a palm. The palms are placed in vases at the front of the church during the first hymn. This tradition commemorates the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days before his suffering and death on the cross.
- ✝ Easter is April 16th. Church will begin at 10:00 that day with no Sunday school. An Easter egg hunt will follow at 11:15 for all of the children.
- ✝ Each year a wooden cross is placed at the entrance to the church and it is decorated with cut flowers. We request people to bring cut flowers to help decorate the cross prior to Easter Sunday. Be looking in your yard and think about contributing flowers.
- ✝ The altar and the area in front of the altar are also decorated, only with Easter lilies. If you have an Easter lily, please bring it to help fill the front of the church with beautiful lilies.
- ✝ Plastic eggs will be available for people to take home and fill with goodies for the Easter egg hunt. Candy, stickers, money, anything fun that can fit in an egg.
- ✝ If you contribute to Fellowship Easter Sunday, please bring finger foods only as everyone wants to get home that day to be with family and friends. We try to make it an easy cleanup day.
- ✝ Last, and very important, is our church cleanup day. That day will be **April 8th**. We will be cleaning the church inside and out. There will be a list of jobs that need to be done and you can choose where you would like to work and what you would like to do. Many hands make light work!

**Men's Breakfast**

April 1st is the date for the Men's First Saturday Breakfast. Pastor Bill Seagren of the College Methodist Church will visit with us about the decision he and his wife made to become missionaries in Prague, Czech Republic. The Czech Republic is listed in the top five of the most atheistic, non religious, or secular countries in the world. Come and listen to their story about what lead them to take this big step in life. Remember, the coffee is on at 8:15 and breakfast is served at 8:30. Pastor Bill's discussion will be from 9:00 – 10:00. I'm always looking for a few good cooks to help with the breakfast. Please let me know whether you plan to attend so there will be enough food for all. E-mail me or call 541-231-3954
Oscar Gutbrod – Thanks.

**Just for Fun**

"Lexophile" is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless." A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location. Here are this year's winning submissions:

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar, got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully re-covered.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

And finally: Those who get too big for their britches will be totally exposed in the end.

Submitted by Jim Holroyd

Caterers

There has been a need for a list of caterers in our area. We are designing a notebook that will include menus and prices. There is a comment page available for each caterer, feel free to enter your opinion. Here's where you can help: if you are at a catered event and are impressed, ask for a menu or tell Peggy Krueger about it. This notebook is located in the Church Secretary's office.

Blood Drive

Peace Lutheran church is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on April 28th. The online account for this blood drive is now available. Be among the first to select a time for your appointment and get signed up by going to www.redcrossblood.org.

At our last blood drive 31 pints of blood were collected. Each pint collected can help as many as three people. As we get closer to the date prepare by eating lots of iron rich foods, get lots of rest and stay hydrated. For more information on donating blood check out the Red Cross web-site.

If you can't give blood consider volunteering to help the day of the drive or bring fruit or cookies to help those who have just donated. Thanks for all the support we have had in the past. With your help this drive will be just as successful.

Ellen Holroyd



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If you have questions, you can contact Jim Holroyd .



Love Inc. is sponsoring a City Service day on April 29th and 30th. This is a church wide day of service where local church congregations get together and do projects in their communities.

There are some large projects you can sign up for on the love Inc. website, like cleaning play areas at Philomath Elementary School. Other projects can be more local like doing yard work for individuals in our church family.

More information is available at your-loveinc.org

The phrase
“do not be afraid”
is written in the
bible 365 times.
That’s a daily
reminder from
God to live
every day being
fearless.