



Peace Progress

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A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Family of Peace,

On Sunday, May 7 Peace will be beginning a five part series on “Understanding and Helping People with Mental Health Issues”. This will be our focus during the adult Sunday School hour. The purpose of the study is to learn how to be more intentional in our spiritual care of people. Each week an expert will be visiting Peace to share their insights on the subject and better equip us to serve those who truly need assistance.

Take a moment and answer the following true/false questions regarding suicide.

True _____ False _____ About 50 percent of the people who attempt suicide actually succeed.

True _____ False _____ People commit suicide because it is the only way they can see out of unbearable emotional pain.

True _____ False _____ Women attempt suicide more often than men, but men successfully complete suicide more often than women.

True _____ False _____ Once a person is suicidal, the person will always be suicidal.

True _____ False _____ The Bible says that those who kill themselves have committed an unpardonable sin.

Answers:

False. Authorities estimate that for every person who dies by suicide, between 8 and 20 others attempt suicide without dying. *Source: Stephen Ministry.*

True. People who commit suicide frequently see their lives as hopeless. They feel trapped by increasing stress coupled with decreasing ability to cope. Dying can seem much preferable to continuing to live with such pain. *Source: Stephen Ministry.*

True. Women attempt suicide three times more often than men. However, there are over four times as many suicides among men as women. *Source: Stephen Ministry.*

False. Among adult psychiatric outpatients, approximately 40 percent who commit suicide have made previous attempts. With help from a professional, some can heal and leave thoughts of suicide behind. *Source: Stephen Ministry.*

False. The Bible does not specifically address the morality of suicide. Certainly there is the commandment against killing, and other passages tell us to take care of our bodies, but no commandment specifically forbids suicide. In fact Hebrews 11:32 Samson is identified as a great example of faith in God. Yet Samson took his own life while taking revenge on his enemies (Judges 16:30). *Source: Stephen Ministry.*

There are many commonly held myths about suicide and mental health. It is time that we unmask those myths and find ways to better minister in Jesus’ name to those who need assistance.

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Make it a priority to be in adult Sunday School this month to hear from the community's experts on some very relevant topics. Here is what we have scheduled:

- May 7 Suicide and Suicide Awareness
- May 14 Depression with Dave Jackson as our guest. Dave works for Friends of the Family Ministries.
- May 21 Dementia with Jerry Wylie. Jerry is a member of the Dementia International Alliance.
- May 28 Schizophrenia with Mike Rincon. Mike is the founder of Compassion Ministries.
- June 4 Anxiety and Overcontrol Tendencies with Kent Schnake.

Jesus surely came to give us an abundant life filled with joy. What I like especially of our upcoming series is that each of the experts understands and believes that true joy comes from Jesus. By His power and strength, we receive full healing. May the Lord continue to work through us as we deliver that joy to others.



In Jesus' Name,
Pastor Lucke

Duane's Fundraiser— May 7th

Duane Hellesto will be serving at Mission Springs: Frontier Ranch down in beautiful Scotts Valley, California this summer. He will serve alongside other passionate staff from all over the country bringing the Good News of Jesus to hundreds of kids. Duane is excited to pursue this new ministry opportunity and he would appreciate support of prayer and financial gifts. The total cost of this upcoming summer will come to around to \$1000 and Duane has orchestrated a dinner to help raise this support. Feel free to come and ask Duane questions as you enjoy a meal; give as you feel led.

This meal will replace our monthly potluck following church worship on May 7th.

Preparing for Worship

The scripture lessons for the month of May:

May 7:

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 21:

Acts 17:16-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 14:

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:15-21

May 28:

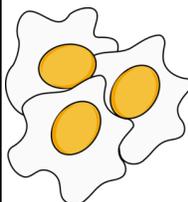
Acts 1:12-26
1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
3/19/2017	96	Offering	\$1,460
3/26/2017	98	Offering	\$831
4/2/2017	112	Offering	\$6,507
4/9/2017	101	Offering	\$2,062
4/13/2017	67		Maunday Th.
4/14/2017	65		Good Friday
4/16/2017	197	Offering	\$3,142

Men's Breakfast

May 6th is once again time for the Peace Men's Breakfast. This month the topic will be, "Why Men Hate going to Church". We will begin with a short video by the author David Murrow on, *why are men and boys fleeing Christianity?* Pastor Lucke will lead us through a discussion after watching the video.



Remember, coffee is on at 8:15 or earlier, breakfast is served at 8:30 and the discussion is from 9 – 10. As the official egg counter, please let me know if you plan to attend. Thanks.

Oscar Gutbrod - 541-231-3954



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Peace Lutheran Church has set up a link on Smile.Amazon. When you use smile.amazon 0.5% of the cost of eligible purchases are donated to our church quarterly. This may not seem like a lot but it all adds up.

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If you have questions, you can contact Jim Holroyd .

News Release!

Mite Boxes are Spreading the Gospel

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) announced the 2015-2017 Mission Goal of \$2 million was met and has been surpassed.



“Praise and thanksgiving to God! Through **Mite Box** offerings and generous responses to our Lord’s blessings,

LWML will be able to fund all 19 grants chosen by the Des Moines Convention in 2015. In humble adoration and with praise to our faithful God, we dedicate these dollars to Him for the work of missionaries and ministries around the world who work to spread the saving message of Christ’s love and forgiveness,” President Patti Ross.

Mite Box Sunday in our church is May 14th. We have Mite Box Sundays the second Sunday of every other month. If you need a Mite Box see Peggy Krueger or any guild member.

Peace is Hiring an Administrative Assistant

The church council appointed a committee to advertise and hire an Administrative Assistant for the church. Committee members are Kay Glathar (chair), Ruth Post, Ellen Holroyd and Sally Stouder. The committee has met, written a job description and interview questions, and have posted the position in several locations. If anyone in the church is interested in applying for the position, the job posting as well as the application requirements are as follows:

Peace Lutheran Church, Philomath, OR

Administrative Assistant, part-time (approximately 10 hours per week; \$15/hour)

Start date June 1, 2017

Performs office duties, coordinates volunteers, and functions to ensure day-to-day operations of the congregation in a smooth and organized manner

For a list of **qualifications and complete job description**, see www.peaceinphilomath.com.

Submit cover letter and resume to Peace Lutheran Church, 2540 Applegate St., Philomath, OR 97370 or **pastorlucke@gmail.com** for consideration.

