



Peace Progress

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A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Family of Peace,

Summer is quickly approaching! The upcoming months will give us ample opportunity to relax and catch up on those things that we just have not had the time to do.

My summer list includes the following: bicycle riding on Bald Hill with Alicia, reading Charlotte's Web with the girls, and seeing my sister who will soon be moving to Tokyo. Each of these activities is long overdue and needs my full attention.

There is one more item on my list that I'd like to accomplish that I want to share with you. I am desiring to discover ways in which I can be a more effective leader in God's kingdom. Would you like to join me in this journey? You certainly are invited!



An aspect of leadership that is important is character. I recently read that one of the words that is close to character in meaning is the Hebrew word that is translated as "virtue." The author went on to explain that at the root of this word for "virtue" is also the meaning of "force." In other words, someone of virtue is also someone who is a force.

When we think of forceful objects we typically think of items that bring destruction. Immediately what comes to my mind are the forceful winds from a storm. This last fall I can remember a particular storm that developed in the ocean and then came our way. The devastation that it left behind was quite noticeable. Tree limbs lined the side of the road and I remember specifically seeing one tree on 53rd and Harrison that had completely toppled over.

The word force, however, does not necessarily have to be negative. A force can be for the good or a good cause. My mind directly goes to Star Wars when Luke is often reminded to "use the force." This was a power that had the potential to bring exponential good to the universe. Whenever a Star Wars main character is significant trouble remembering the force allows them to escape and achieve positive results.

I believe God's Word speaks of leadership as one of those positive forces. As God's people practice their leadership what is left behind is immensely long lasting and influential. How blessed God's people were with Moses' leadership! How inspired were the people when Deborah stood up when nobody else would! I can only imagine how dumbfounded and moved the disciples were when Peter got up from the boat and walked on the water.

You have force. Every single person in the Peace family has this force. It does not come from your own natural abilities. The force comes from God's work through the Holy Spirit inside of you.

Do you want to develop that force? Come and talk to me. The plan is for a small group to form this summer to investigate God's gift of leadership given to His people. All are welcome.

God be with you,

Pastor Lucke



End of Year Sunday School Picnic

The last day of Sunday school for the children is June 11, 2017; and we will be having a picnic right after church. Hot dogs, all the fixings, chips, and ice cream will be provided. If anyone would like to bring a side dish, that would be great. Music will be provided and there will be games for the kids. Thanks!



Sally Stouder

Reminder!

We are almost to the end of the school year and that means we will begin a summer schedule at church. There will be no Sunday School for the children but the adults will still have an adult class. The schedule change will begin June 18th. Adult class starts at 8:30 with regular worship at 9:30. This will continue until the Fall season.



Administrative Assistant Hiring Process

Kay Glathar, Ruth Post, Sally Stouder and Ellen Holroyd were appointed by the church council to help hire an Administrative Assistant. We wrote a job posting and description, and posted the position. We had 14 applicants that we narrowed down to five people to interview. After relooking at the five we eliminated one more and were set to interview four. Only two of the four responded so we interviewed the two. Both had excellent interviews but Callie had specific church secretarial skills and experience. We referred Callie to Pastor for an interview and final selection. We believe a good choice has been made for the church and for our Pastor. Callie will begin her position June 5, 2017.

Kay Glathar

Preparing for Worship

The scripture lessons for the month of June:

June 4:

Numbers 11:24-30
Acts 2:1-21
John 7:37-39

June 18:

Exodus 19:2-8
Romans 5:6-15
Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 11:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Acts 2:14a. 22-36
Matthew 28:16-20

June 25:

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Romans 5:6-15
Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
4/16/2017	197	Offering	\$3,142
4/23/2017	105	Offering	\$1,719
4/30/2017	108	Offering	\$2,066
5/7/2017	124	Offering	\$5,972
5/14/2017	93	Offering	\$2,838

Men's Breakfast



June 3rd will be the last Peace Men's breakfast until October 7th. Deacon Larry Oliver will be discussing why men don't seek medical care and then discuss some health concerns common to men: Heart Disease, Cancer,

Stroke, Prostate issues and Diabetes. Please make this an important priority for the day. I am sure if you have a burning medical concern Larry would be willing to answer those questions also. Remember coffee on at 8:00 – come early for some fellowship time and then breakfast served at 8:30. Topic and discussion 9 – 10. As the official egg counter please let me know if you can attend. Thanks.

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Tables of Peace

During Jesus' day, to sit down and have a meal with a person meant something. The act of eating a meal meant much more than simply "grabbing a bite". As Jesus ate with Pharisees, tax collectors, disciples, and all sorts of people, he was in essence saying "you and I are one". We can imagine just how well Jesus came to know these individuals as these meals sometimes took whole afternoons and evenings to complete.

Some things never change. In today's very busy world having a meal with someone is quite significant. Taking the time to share a meal communicates, "I care about you" "I am interested in what is happening in your life" "I want to know more about where you came from and what you want to do".

We want as many people as possible in the congregation and in the community to take part in Tables of Peace. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the hallway on the way to the Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up and joining a group for fellowship. If you would be willing to "host" put a star by your name. We will form groups of about eight people.

Hosting does not mean you have to cook for the group. It does not even mean that you have to use your home. You can choose to use the Fellowship Hall and/or the patio. Hosting means you will organize the group by coordinating dates and making food assignments.

After each meal there will be time for a devotion, discussion and prayer. Pastor will prepare the devotion for the group. After every home has had their meals, we will then "mix" everyone up and send a different group to a new hosting home.

The meals will take place once every month for three months and at least one of the groups will meet during the day so that those who don't like going out at night will not have to.

Please sign up on the Bulletin Board by June 1st or speak with Kay Glathar or Pastor Lucke if you would like to participate. It's a great way to get acquainted with your fellow Christians.

A Welcome from our New Administrative Assistant

Hello Peace Family!

I just wanted to say 'Thank You' for welcoming me and my family into your church family circle. I have enjoyed worshiping with you and now hope to have just as much fun working with you and for you!

I am originally from western Washington where I was raised with my older brother and two younger sisters. Growing up my parents took us on back country camping trips. That is we packed everything on our mules and saddled our horses and disappeared into the wilderness for a week or two at a time. I still enjoy the outdoors but definitely not on that remote of a level!

After High School I enrolled and was accepted at Washington State University where I received my bachelors in Nursing and worked as a nurse for eight years. In between all that I got married and had my one and only child. At this point I realized that the health care career path was not for me, since it took me away from my family so much. Moving to Oregon helped me make the transition into lighter more fulfilling work. Yes...I absolutely love being a Church Office Assistant!

I am so looking forward to joining Team Peace and getting to know my way around! I know I will make mistakes (heads up...I am human!) and I know there will be a time of adjustment. But

with the excellent help and leadership of Ellen I am sure that I will be able to get a legible bulletin out to you for Sunday Worship.

Callie Santora

