

PEACE PROGRESS

January 2018



BIBLE READINGS

SERIES A

Jan 7 – The Baptism of Jesus

- Genesis 1:1-15
- Psalm 29
- Romans 6:1-11
- Mark 1:4-11

Jan 14 – Second Sun. a. Epiphany

- 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
- Psalm 139:1-10
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- John 1:43-51

Jan 21 – Third S. a. Epiphany

- Jonah 3:1-5, 10
- Psalm 62
- 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35)
- Mark 1:14-20

Jan 28 – Fourth S. a. Epiphany

- Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- Psalm 111
- 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- Mark 1:21-28

Feb. 4 – Fifth S. a. Epiphany

- Isaiah 40:21-31
- Psalm 147:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 9:16-27
- Mark 1:29-39

Dear Peace family,

We tend to think of fixing our bad habits as we turn our attention to a new year. “This will be the year that I finally end late night snacking!” one proclaims. Another announces, “I’m going avoid hanging around the unhealthy influences in my life.”

Fixing bad habits is undoubtedly commendable. But it can be so hard and challenging. I recently heard the humorous interaction between a doctor and his patient:

“If you want to live much longer” said the doctor gravely, “You’ll have to stop smoking.”

“It’s too late for that,” the patient replied.

“It’s never too late for stopping,” the doctor said quickly in response.

“Well, then I have plenty of time left,” the patient concluded.

The New Year also gives us the opportunity to form new, positive habits. I am encouraging all of us to take a deep look into our spiritual lives and think about the new habits Jesus would ask us to develop.

To assist in this process, we will be studying the book “Joining Jesus on His Mission” by Greg Finke in the adult Bible Study hour beginning Sunday, January 7. For ten weeks we will be unpacking Jesus’ teaching about what it means to be faithful to Him and how we can develop new habits as we follow Him.

Here is a sampling of some of the questions we will be asking in our time together:

1. How are we seeing God at work in our life?
2. What has Jesus been teaching us in His Word?
3. What kind of conversations are we having with those in the church and those outside of the church?
4. What good can God do through us for others?
5. How can we pray for others?

Peace has ordered 50 copies of “Joining Jesus on His Mission”. The cost is \$5.00, which is well below the book’s retail price of \$15.00. See Oscar to purchase your copy.

I am praying for the Peace family as we look to a new year. God will open doors that we had never thought possible. Jesus is ready to renew and teach us. All is done for His glory!

God’s blessings in the New Year!

Pastor Lucke

Peace by the Numbers

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
November 12	132	\$2,907
November 19	105	\$2,604
November 26	119	\$1,961
December 3	125	\$5,526
December 10	146	\$3,342



S E R M O N *Series*

"Meeting Jesus"

By Pastor Lucke

In January we are entering into the season of Epiphany. The purpose of the Epiphany season is to emphasize the truth that Jesus is both God and man. The Bible shows this most explicitly when Jesus meets individual people. Pastor Lucke will be sharing a sermon series titled "Meeting Jesus" which will highlight some of these encounters. When Jesus met these people they were forever changed. The hope is that we too are changed this Epiphany season as we encounter Jesus. To best prepare for each Sunday, read the passages below:

January 7	<i>"The Three Wise Men Meet Jesus"</i>	Matthew 2:1-12
January 14	<i>"Nathanael Meets Jesus"</i>	John 1:35-51
January 21	<i>"Nicodemus Meets Jesus"</i>	John 3:1-15
January 28	<i>"A Woman at the Well Meets Jesus"</i>	John 4:7-29
February 4	<i>"Mary Magdalene Meets Jesus"</i>	John 20:1-3, 10-18





How to talk to someone with a hearing loss

From Reader's Digest, Savvy Support, found online at Readers Digest, Health Conditions

Hearing loss can have a side effect that a lot of people overlook, relationships can be difficult as friends and family struggle to know how to communicate. But help is here! Find out how to talk to those suffering from hearing loss.

People who have hearing loss may struggle with a surprising side effect: less satisfying relationships, says Katherine Bouton, author of *Shouting Won't Help*. Clinically deaf, she taught friends and family how to help.

DON'T: Shout

Speak in a normal voice and articulate as clearly as possible; yelling doesn't help a person with hearing loss hear you any better. The exception: if your voice is particularly quiet, you should speak louder.

DON'T: Lean in towards the ear

Almost all people with hearing loss read lips. Don't speak directly into their ear because the person won't be able to see your lips.

DON'T: Forget to eliminate white noise

Most people with hearing loss have a hard time distinguishing speech over a noisy air conditioner, a humming fish tank, or anything that whirs, murmurs or rumbles. Don't try to chat over the TV.

DON'T: All talk at once

At a dinner party or meeting, where there may be eight to ten people present, try to have one general conversation instead of several overlapping ones.

DON'T: Say "Never mind, it doesn't matter"

If someone doesn't hear what you've said after you've restated it two or three times, don't give up. Rephrase and retry. To the person who can't hear you, everything matters.



NEW!! Hearing Assistant system available

Peace has purchased a Hearing Assistant system, made possible by some generous memorial gifts for this purpose. At the present time there are four receivers available with around the ear hearing devices. Should you have hearing aides with Telecoil, the receiver we use will send a signal to your hearing aid without additional devices on or in your ear. See Oscar Gutbrod if you are interested in trying out the Hearing Assistant device.

Connections Corner

with Joyce Long

Happy holidays Peace Family. I am going to depart from my musings for a moment. We have just passed two major holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. These both are times to celebrate and give thanks for all that God has given us. It is a time to connect with family and friends in a meaningful way. We connect with our church family and put aside some of our daily routines to give thought to the reasons for the season. I hope you have had some memorable connections with others during this time of year. Now it is January and a new year. I would like to challenge you all to make a commitment to make connections with others this year. We see a person on Sunday or at work and we say "Hi, how are you?" and we are moving on almost before the person

answers. There are many times people will respond with fine or ok and not really mean it. My challenge to you is to go beyond the response and find out how they really are. Ask open-ended questions. Instead of a question that allows them to answer yes or ok, ask what's going on with you this week. You get the idea. Make it a point to connect and find out how they really are. If we have hope of building one another up as I believe God wants us to, we have to go beyond. We have to take the step of vulnerability to truly empathize with the people who cross our paths. Ephesians 4:29 says; Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. That is my challenge to you for 2018.

Lord, help us to be a vessel for your grace to our brothers and sisters.

...to be continued...Blessings Peace Family

Old Fashioned Hymn Sing & Potluck

Where:

Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

When:

January 5, 2018 @ 6:00 PM

Who:

Anyone and Everyone who loves great food and good old-fashioned gospel!
Come and join the fun!

Omelet Dinner

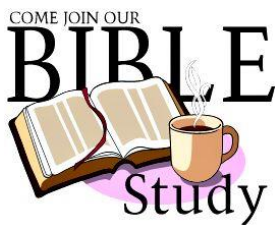
Every First Friday night of the month, 5 – 7 pm at the College Methodist Church is the best kept secret in Philomath, an Omelet dinner made to your liking. Come and join many other Peace members as they enjoy an omelet dinner with special scones. Cost is \$6.

Men's Breakfast

January 6th is time once again for the First Saturday Peace Men's Breakfast. The topic for January is "Death and Taxes". John Croy of Peace will share his knowledge of financial planning. John's business is with Edward Jones in Corvallis. Coffee on at 8:00, breakfast served at 8:30 and discussion/questions 9 -10. John said there would be plenty of time for questions. There is always a need for willing cooks. Give Oscar Gutbrod call if you are willing to help out in the kitchen. 541-231-3954.



2018 Adult Bible Study



Books have been purchased for the upcoming Adult Bible Class starting on January 7th. for the bulletin starting December 24, and 31, and maybe January 7th please mention book for the Bible class are available from Oscar Gutbrod at a price of \$5, I will make an announcement this Sunday also

THANK YOU

The Santora family would like to thank all of Peace Lutheran Church for their support, love and prayers for the adoption process. We know that it could not have gone so smoothly without all your prayers asking for our Lord to be present. We also want to thank you for the lovely baby shower -- What a wonderful experience! We don't know what we would have done without the meals provided to us! We are overwhelmed by all your generosity and love.

We are continuing to collect bottles and cans...which we also need to say thank you to all who have been bringing in the recyclables to us. It has helped in a major way and we ask that you keep on bringing them in!

With Love, Brian, Callie, Caleb & Andrew

FUN FACT: All of the nutcrackers in the fellowship hall are a gift from Georgia Hering (Earl Hering was Peace's pastor). She was a great collector of nutcrackers and bears ... we are privileged to use them as part of our yearly décor.



Coming Soon, to a Narthex Near You!

A new and improved library.

Pastor has asked me to work on updating the existing library but *I would like to know if anyone is in charge of the old one.* Please let me know.

This will be a small, select library in the Narthex but won't be happening until Feb. More to come later. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, again, please let me know - and you will be selected for the board! Call or text ([541-224-1719](tel:541-224-1719)), email (gjskaar@yahoo.com), or (gasp) talk to me.

Just a Reminder!

Due to the increased use of our Fellowship Hall,
please be sure to check with the office

IN ADVANCE

if you need to use the Fellowship Hall for an event.

We will coordinate the best we can.

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD!
