

Peace Progress

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## Pastor's Notes

Peace family,

Craving hope. Even though I don't hear people say these two words exactly, I really think that is what they are often seeking.

Craving hope. It happens when you are facing an uncertain future because of a diagnosis. It happens when you are facing a transition in life. It happens when you are angry about your situation. It happens when you are facing difficult changes with the start of school. At moments like this you might even ask the question, "Could God use this mess for any kind of good?"

The Peace family is going to be spending intentional time in our worship services and in adult Bible Study on this topic as we unpack Max Lucado's book, "You'll Get Through This." The series begins on Rally Day, Sunday, September 9 and will go through Sunday, October 14. For the adult Bible Study hour (9:45 am) we are encouraging you to have the Study Guide material for the series. The cost is \$5. Please see Oscar Gutbrod if you would like to purchase a copy—Peace has ordered 50 copies and will cover the cost above \$5. The messages during worship will also follow the series. Here is the schedule:

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|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| September 9  | "You'll Get Through This"            |
| September 16 | "Down and Out, but Never Alone"      |
| September 23 | "Stupid Won't Fix Stupid"            |
| September 30 | "Is God Good When Life Isn't?"       |
| October 7    | "Now, About Those Family Scandals.." |
| October 14   | "God Can Use This for Good"          |

The life and times of Joseph (Genesis 37-50) will serve as the basis of our study and discussion. Joseph was indeed someone who craved hope (Genesis 37:23-25). Yet at the end of his life Joseph saw all his life happenings as a part of God's dynamic and good plan.

A poem from the study goes like this. I like to think that Joseph recited it to himself in the midst of life's challenges.

I'll get through this. It won't be painless.

It won't be quick. But God will use this mess for good.

In the meantime, don't be foolish or naïve,

But don't despair either. With God's help, I will get through this.

I truly believe that as we discover hope, we will also find joy and laughter.

It is a great privilege to serve you as your pastor. I look forward to our journey together this year.

In Christ,

Pastor J

## Scriptures - Series B

Sept. 2 - 15<sup>th</sup> S. a. Pentecost

- Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9
- Psalm 119:129-136
- Eph. 6:10-20
- Gospel - Mark 7:14-23

Sept. 9 - 16<sup>th</sup> S. a. Pentecost

- Is. 35:4-7a
- Psalm 146
- James 2:1-10, 14-18
- Mark 7:(24-30) 31-37

Sept. 16 - 17<sup>th</sup> S. a. Pentecost

- Is. 50:4-10
- Psalm 116:1-9
- James 3:1-12
- Mark 9:14-29

Sept. 23 - 18<sup>th</sup> S. a. Pentecost

- Jer. 11:18-20
- Psalm 54
- James 3:13-4:10
- Mark 9:30-37

Sept. 30 - 19<sup>th</sup> S. a. Pentecost

- Num. 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-2
- Psalm 104:27-35
- James 5:(1-12) 13-20
- Mark 9:38-50

## Youth Mentor Program

We are in need of mentors to listen each week to our confirmation youth's memory work. It won't take too long, but it does require the mentor's commitment each week to check in with their youth you by calling them on the phone or meeting them after church. It is simple, but an important process. The youth will study their section of the Luther's Small Catechism and memorize it. In their meeting with their mentor, they will then recite it. The mentor will then document the work accomplished and report back to Pastor. This program will begin in late September and end in early November.

This year's confirmation class will consist of at least 7 youth. This means that we will need at least 7 mentors. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Lucke.

## Connections Corner

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*Joyce Long*

Greetings Peace Family! Hard to believe it is already August! This summer at Peace we are setting up some fun ways to connect with our youth. But don't feel left out. You would be surprised how much you and the youth can learn and appreciate about one another. The youth are at a time in their lives when they can start thinking about what faith in God really means to them. It is a time for them to begin to make it personal. If you feel inclined, come to one of the events and just spend time with them. You will be surprised at what this generation can bring to all our lives. Late teens and early adulthood is the start of a lot of new connections for them. Connections to God, the church, school, the community and jobs. They really do enjoy learning about how God can guide them in their journey. Well, stay cool Family and don't forget to reach out to others this summer. Matthew 5:16 says "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

*to be continued...Blessings Peace Family*

## Peace by the Numbers

| Date      | Attendance              |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| July 15   | 120                     |
| July 22   | 107                     |
| July 29   | 97                      |
| August 5  | 119                     |
| August 12 | 82 morning & 20 Evening |

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# Getting on the Calendar

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Hi Folks! As we enter the summer months there are many of you who would like to use the church as a place to gather with family and friends, perhaps celebrate and play. It is important that you **VERBALLY** reach out and let the office know you would like to reserve the fellowship hall or patio, because many of the events are being put on our digital calendar first then being transferred to the handwritten calendar in the office. So to avoid disappointment or double bookings...please talk to Callie via text or phone 541-220-8425 or email the office directly at [peaceinphilomath@gmail.com](mailto:peaceinphilomath@gmail.com). Let's have a great summer!!!

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## National Youth Gathering 2019

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**LCMS YOUTH GATHERING** | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019

As we grow ever closer to 2019 Peace will be gathering together youth and adults to start planning for the National Youth Gathering. Please pray for the planning, fundraisers and the group that is starting to meet! If you have any question about what this event is and what the youth will experience please visit the website [www.lcmsgathering.com](http://www.lcmsgathering.com) this incredible event is not to be missed.

- Youth Gatherings proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ and God's saving grace to His people through Christ. In this setting, young people grow in their personal relationship with God and grow in their fellowship of Word and Sacrament in Christ's Church.
- Youth Gatherings are a vehicle by which the Church reaches out to, cares for and affirms young people, both church and unchurched.
- Youth Gatherings equip youth and adults for ministry in a variety of settings in their congregations, communities, and world.
- Youth Gatherings affirm, equip, and support adults who work with young people.
- Youth Gatherings celebrate the meaning of Christian joy in all of life's situations.
- Youth Gatherings recognize and affirm the diversity of God's people.
- Youth Gatherings affirm, support, and promote the ministry of LCMS Districts and congregations.

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# LADIES GUILD

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Ladies Guild will meet September 6 at 1:00 pm. Ladies Guild is part of LWML and strives to serve the Lord by supporting local and national missions. Guild is open to all women of Peace.

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## Lutheran Women in Mission

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**Tithe September 9**

The Mission Grant for September is *"Equipping Youth to Witness for Life"*—Y4Life

Y4Life seeks to equip young people to be the voices for life in a culture that glorifies the choice of death. The need is especially true for teens, college students, and young adult who are bombarded with secular life styles that are contrary to God's wonderful plan for life. Currently, the Y4Life program is serving college campuses. The mission grant funds will go directly towards expanding the initiative to include Lutheran High School campuses. By training student leaders and providing ongoing mentorship and support for the individual campus ministries, they can raise their voices for life.

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## JUNE'S KIDS KLOSET

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We will be meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 1-3pm at June's Kids Kloset to help sort donations and restock racks. All women are invited to come and participate. It is a very enjoyable way to serve the Lord. Please contact Peggy Krueger if you have any questions regarding this ministry.



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## Disaster Preparedness Coordinator

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Within the District, there is an idea in the works to create this position for each congregation that falls under District 4. While there is not definite description some possible responsibilities are as follows:

- assisting the congregation in identifying potential emergencies/disasters that could occur in your location.
- recruiting other members to form a disaster preparedness and response team
- providing educational/learning events for congregation and/or community
- facilitating a congregation disaster plan
- providing resources/information on disaster preparedness and response
- encouraging congregation members to be trained

Please talk to Pastor if you would like to know more.



# Youth Sunday School Kick-Off

Please join us as we kick-off our fall schedule! On Sunday, September 9, 2018; we will be celebrating after church service with a picnic, games, bouncy play structure, balloons, and more!  
Invite a friend or come with your siblings and join in the FUN!!

**Who:**

YOU, FAMILY, & FRIENDS

**When:**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018, at about  
NOON

**Time:**

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS @ 9:45 AM,  
CHURCH STARTS @ 11:00 AM,  
PICNIC AND FUN BEGINS @ 12:00-ish

**Where:**

Peace Lutheran Church, Philomath



We hope to see you every Sunday!  
You are always free to invite a friend! —  
All are welcome!







Invites you to our FREE community event:

## *Open House Celebration on National Grandparents Day!*

Sunday, September 9th, 2018  
980 NW Spruce Ave  
Corvallis  
1pm to 4pm

Live Music  
Chair Massages  
FIRETRUCK  
TOURS  
All Ages Welcome!  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
BILLIARDS  
WEY  
GAMES  
petting zoo  
Pony  
Cart Rides  
DANCING  
Karaoke  
Strawberry  
Shortcake

## The Grace Center Aging Summit:

### *Conversations About Aging & Families*

An event hosted by Grace Center for Adult Day Services and the Church of the Good Samaritan to help community members learn more about aging issues. This event will feature geriatric and gerontology practitioners and academics who will share practical information about:

- compassionate care
- adult child/older parent relationships
- Alzheimer's and other dementias
- respite programs for caregivers

Speakers include Dr. David Grube, MD, Margaret Manooogan, PhD, Melissa Cannon, PhD, Heidi Igarashi, PhD, and Sunita Vasdev, ADO

WHEN: Saturday, September 8th, 2018  
8:00am to 12:30pm

WHERE: Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan  
333 Northwest 35th Street, Corvallis

COST: Donations to Grace Center are welcomed

TO REGISTER: Go to Grace Center's website:  
[www.gracecenter-covallis.org](http://www.gracecenter-covallis.org) or call at 541-754-8417

