

November 2014

Sharing the Peace

2014 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS @ PLC
Wednesdays 12/3, 12/10, 12/17
soup@6pm service@630pm
12/17 Children's Presentation!

Sundays @8am & 1045am
Christmas Eve 12/24
Family Service @5pm
Traditional @7pm & 11pm
Christmas Morning @ 10am

Love
came down

**For God so loved
the world that he gave...**

In Prayerful Perspective

Thoughts for the month from Pastor Paul

While at the mall with his mother, a seven-year-old boy named Robby watches as children, with great anticipation, line up to see Santa Claus. "Get in line! Come on, let's get in line," they say excitedly to their parents. Some of the children are jumping up and down on their toes to get a glimpse of the jolly bearded man they are so eager to see. They can hardly wait! Robby looks ahead, too. He gets a glimpse of Santa's red suit at the front of the long line. His eyes at first widen with delight, but then a look of puzzlement comes across his face. That look stays there for a while before he turns to his mother, and with the innocence that only a child can have, asks her, "Where's the line to see Jesus?"

Little Robby has been taught that Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, God's son, and the Savior of the world. If that's so, (and it surely is) then we may wonder with Robby: Why don't we see more of Jesus at Christmas time? Do people *want* to see him? Do parents want their *children* to see him? I'm with Robby. I want to ask, "Where's the line? Where's the line to see Jesus?"

During the Advent Season, the weeks that lead up to our celebration of Jesus birth on Christmas Day, Christians recall how God's people waited for years, centuries even, for the coming of Jesus, the promised Savior. Similarly, we now wait for Jesus to return, just as he promised. In a sense, we're all in line, waiting to see Jesus. The church, the community of Christ's followers, is in line, waiting to see our Master come down from heaven again!

Let me encourage you: Get in line! With all the excitement and anticipation of children (for, to God, that's very much who we are), let's get in line to see Jesus!

Our theme for Advent and Christmas this year is "Love Came Down," reminding us that Jesus came to earth to bring God's love to us. God is love (1 John 4:16). As the "exact imprint of God's very being," Jesus is the embodiment of love (Hebrews 1:3). In him, we see what real love is. We need this love. Our children need this love. A love above all others, it is more than sentiment or emotion. The love of God in Christ is commitment and action. It's unconditional and self-sacrificing. It forgives, heals and restores. It brings hope, joy, and peace. Remarkably, and wonderfully, this heavenly love came down to earth in Jesus, and that's the whole reason we celebrate Christmas.

Do you want to see Jesus this Christmas? We see him as God shares his love with us through his Word and Sacraments. (This is what happens when we gather together for worship.) We see him as we share his love with one another, and with the hurting people of this world. (This is what happens when we come together as a forgiven and forgiving family of faith, and when we serve others.) Here at Peace Lutheran Church we're "getting in line" to see Jesus this Advent and Christmas. As for me, I can't wait! I'm jumping up and down on my toes. *This* is the line to see Jesus!

With all the love of Jesus, Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

Pastor Paul

SAVE THE DATE!

Congregational Voter's Meeting on the 2015 budget, Sunday December 7th after second service.

YOUTH & MUSIC INTERNS

Annie and Alex Duarte will be attending Concordia University in Portland starting [January 5th](#). They are both enrolled in the Director of Christian Education program and will study for two years on campus and finish up their degrees with a 6 month internship. Annie and Alex will be part of the Praise Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Christi Crux select vocal ensemble. Both Alex and Annie are so appreciative of the opportunities extended to them by the Peace family and the loving environment the church has provided for them to get their feet wet in ministry. They hope that their training at Concordia will enable them to continue their service to the body of Christ professionally. Your prayers for them on this new chapter of life are greatly appreciated.

The Duarte family will be hosting a reception after second service on **Sunday, December 21st** with cake and punch. Please join us in saying thank you and goodbye.

PRESCHOOL



Peace Lutheran Preschool

WE WANT YOUR RECIPES! This year, for the first time, the preschool is putting together a cookbook for its annual fundraiser. While you're pulling out your recipes for Thanksgiving and Christmas, think about this cookbook and send in your favorites to the preschool office, either hand-written or by email to preschool.peace@comcast.net. Hand-written ones can be put in the preschool business administrator's mailbox in the copy room. Recipes can be of any type, not just "holiday" fare.

Last month, our main theme was community helpers, so two of our classes got to visit the fire station. For our Threes class, the fire department came to us with their Camp Safety program and also an engine for the kids to climb through. Besides learning about professions that serve the community, we gave the children hands on experience with *I them* helping the community by doing our annual "Count to 100 Food Drive." Not only do the children learn about giving to others in need, but they get to practice their counting skills as they count the items that comes in each day (cumulatively), all the way up to 100!

In December, we're gearing up for Christmas, of course. Everyone is welcome to attend our annual Christmas program, put on by the Fours and Begingergarten classes. It is on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary.

If you signed up to be a prayer pal, you should have received your prayer pal student's information by now. If not, please contact the preschool office at preschool.peace@comcast.net or 253-631-5876.

We will be closed for Christmas break from Dec. 19-Jan. 2.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School Update - Sunday school classes are excitedly preparing for our Christmas Program on December 17th at 6:45. The kids and adults are working hard to put on a great program. Besides our Christmas Program, our Sunday School Classes have been GROWING!! We regularly have 25-30 students each week. If all students were to show up on one Sunday, we would have 34 students! Our teachers are doing a great job and bringing to life each lesson.

Four of our students in grades 1st-3rd have earned a bible by memorizing and reciting one of the five options below:

1. Recite the books of the Old Testament
2. Recite the books of the New Testament
3. Recite 5 of the following 7 verses that help you when you are feeling:
 - a. Alone – Genesis 28-15
 - b. Angry – Ephesians 4:26
 - c. Confused – Psalm 25:4-5
 - d. Sad – James 1:2-3
 - e. Scared – Joshua 1:9
 - f. Sorry – Psalm 86-5
 - g. Worried – John 14:1
4. Recite the Apostles' Creed
5. Recite the 10 Commandments and the Lord's Prayer

Each of the teachers has an incentive program for the class they teach. The Pk3-K earns the opportunity to pick something from the Treasure Box after attending 3 Sundays. Our 1st-3rd grade class earns a prize if they can recite the faith words given during class. Our 4th-6th graders receive a bible verse to memorize each week, when they memorize and recite 5 of the verses sent out, they receive a king size candy. Our students are eager to earn the prizes! Many of the students can't wait to share what they know.

Dates and reminders:

11/30/14 No Sunday School or Practice

12/7/14 Sunday School at 9:30 with the first 15/20 minutes to practice program.
Practice during JAM

During voters meeting, parents are encouraged to attend meeting and child(ren) will practice program in the sanctuary. Parents please bring a snack and/or a lunch for your child(ren) to eat in the café until practice starts.

12/14/14 Sunday School at 9:30 with the first 15/20 minutes to practice program.
Practice during service after children's message.

Our last movie night was a huge success! We had 30 kids & parents show up (many from our preschool!) The next **FREE Movie Night** we will feature "Polar Express" on Saturday, **December 13th** at 6 pm in the Event Hall. Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite blanket. We will have hot cocoa, candy canes, and popcorn! For more information contact Linda McKenzie at 253-347-2527.

Our next **Club 456** Event is **December 14th**. We are headed to Kent Bowl!! The cost will be \$10 for bowling and shoe rental. Please bring extra money for lunch. We will stop at McDonald's on the way. Please meet in the café area after the 10:45 service. Please pick up your child(ren) at 3:00, in the church parking lot. Permission slips going out soon. I will need 2 parents to help Chaperone this outing. If you have any questions please call or email Leanna Borland. 206-356-5965

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YOUTH AT PEACE

Youth at Peace has had a fun November thus far. We kicked off the month with Mustache Night, and played "Pin the Stache on the Beiber" and "Beard Cheese." Kylee Moen led her team to victory as she caught more cheese puffs than anyone else with her shaving cream beard. Nov. 9th was Neon Night. Some of the youth enjoyed glowing in the black lights so much that they chose to eat their dinner in the dark. Sunday, November 16th, the AVENGERS ASSEMBLED at Peace! Alex was our "guest" teacher, and some of us even got to put on Avengers gear, like Captain America's shield and Hulk's muscles. We will wrap up this month with a Thanksgiving themed youth night (Nov. 23) and roller skating at Pattinson's West in Federal Way (Nov. 30).

Please check out the Youth Group calendar, featuring the talented photography of your very own Youth @ Peace! Calendars are going for a suggested donation of \$20 and will be available every Sunday morning until they are gone! All proceeds go towards our mission trip this summer.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help run youth nights starting in January. You don't have to be a superhero or a professional, just have a desire to serve God and His young believers. We ask you to thoughtfully pray over this opportunity. All inquiries can be directed to Annie Duarte or Jeannie Bolton.

Youth Fundraiser: Our Youth at Peace again have plans for a major service trip. This coming summer they will travel to northern Idaho to participate in the Idaho Servant Adventures. In previous years our youth have been grateful for the generosity of Peace Lutheran members, who have responded to their fund-raisers and helped them pay for their mission trips. This year the youth have designed an attractive wall calendar that contains beautiful photos the youth themselves have contributed. They are giving these to those who contribute to the youth mission trip fund. The suggested donation is \$20, but you may certainly contribute more. Likewise, you may give less, especially if you want to receive several calendars. We simply ask that you consider that the calendars cost \$11 dollars each to produce. These calendars will be available in the entryway area along with more information on the mission trip itself, between and after services. Thank you for supporting our youth in this way!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women At Peace - Cookie Exchange, December 4th, 6:00 pm at Moen Residence, 22506 SE 322nd St. Kent. Bring 3 or 4 doz cookies to exchange. Light dinner is provided. Questions???? Contact Anna Moen 360-886-2323

Women At Peace - Women's Breakfast, Dec. 6th, 9:00 am in the Event Center. Bring a potluck breakfast item to share. For more info contact Anna Moen 360-886-2323.

PVOC (Peaceful Vision Outreach to the Blind & Visually Impaired)

It is time once again for PVOC'S Christmas event. We will be having baked ham, scalloped potatoes and other good things to eat. A good time will be had by all.

We are always looking for volunteers so if you would like to help out at our events, you can call Gina Allen, Director at: 253-6311-1198 or Sharon Schauer, Assistant Director at: 253-639-0659.

We hope to see anyone there who would like to help out.

Sharon Schauer
Assistant Director/Correspondent PVOC

Hope for Wellness A new ministry support group at Peace, will be meeting the first Sunday of each month right after second service. The group welcomes those with chronic illness or disabilities, and seeks to offer mutual encouragement and support for their journey to wellness. Contact Pastor Paul for more information. **Meets in the Fireside.**

MISSIONS OF THE MONTH



As the Holiday Season approaches, the need for non-perishable food items for the Maple Valley Food Bank, has increased. The MVFB serves residents of Black Diamond, Covington, Hobart, Maple Valley, Ravensdale and also parts of unincorporated King County.

What many of us are not aware of, is that the Food Bank currently serves **250-300 families per week!** Households served are about 30% in Covington, and 30% Maple Valley residents, and **half of the individuals are either children or senior citizens.**

The **monthly distribution** of food averages to 70,000 - 80,000 pounds. Last year the total amount donated from Peace Lutheran Church was about 890 pounds. **This year to date, that amount is 166 pounds**, which is significantly lower. We are failing. The numbers of needy families are rising, and there is not enough food to cover the needs of the Community. In addition, personal products are needed as well. Personal paper products, personal hygiene items, as well as toothbrushes and toothpaste. When you walk past the Food Bank donation container in the Narthex area, please remember, Matthew,25: verse 35, "For I was hungry, and you fed me." If I can share any information or answer questions about the MVFB, please feel free to contact me. Evelyn DeFrisco

The Storehouse started in early 1999. We started with just four churches: Covington Christian Fellowship (now Real Life Church), Covington Baptist Church (now Hope Fellowship), Cornerstone Church and Covington Community Church. Members of these churches joined together to serve with just nine families in need originally. Just a year later, growing only by word-of-mouth, we were helping more than 2 dozen families on a regular basis. In a few years, we took the steps to become an official non-profit (501.c.3) and started collecting larger donations to expand our ability to feed people. We now have 9 supporting churches along with businesses and civic groups who contribute food and finances.

The Storehouse is a food distribution program for needy families in the greater Covington area. Home deliveries are made each Saturday to single-parent families, the elderly, the ill, shut-ins, and any hungry or disadvantaged adults or children, free of charge. The Storehouse is a non-profit organization, and all workers are volunteers who care about the people of our city.

The Storehouse partners with local businesses, civic groups, schools, youth organizations and neighborhood groups to identify hungry families. We gather organize and deliver fresh and non-perishable food items to homes each week as long as they need it. The Storehouse advertises services through local organizations and "word of mouth." We deliver to anyone within the city or its service area. We are helping people provide adequate food for their home without qualification or discrimination of any kind. Contact Roger Arhntkiel for more information.

FELLOWSHIP

January New Member Luncheon

Join us in welcoming all of our new member families on January 11th following the 10:45 service in the Event Hall.

Please come and enjoy a soup & sandwich lunch to welcome our new members into our Peace family, get to know them and let them know how happy we are they are here!

There will be a sign up form in the narthex for lunch meat and sliced cheese - if you plan on attending, please sign up on the list so we know how many to expect and we have enough food. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

If you would like to help please contact Lisa Graves at 206.914.3928

*New members please don't bring a thing, you are our guests

SAVE THE DATE! The annual **Bavarian Ice Fest** in Leavenworth is Saturday, January 17th, 2015. Join us for this fun day trip that you will never forget! We all meet at Peace Saturday morning, jump in a charter bus with our coffee for the fun filled ride to the Bavarian town of Leavenworth. We spend the day enjoying the town, watching the festivities and participating in our very own scavenger hunt! At the end of the day we load back up on the bus and head home. It is a wonderful fellowship event that many enjoy.

Tickets will be on sale starting in December. Seats are limited, first come first serve basis, so get your tickets before they are gone! More info to come. *This is an adult only trip.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE:

CRY ROOM: Within the next two weeks a vinyl covering will be put on the windows for one-way viewing. Mark Benson is working with Max Duarte on the sound system. No completion date set but hopefully we can have the Cry Room functional within the next 2-3 weeks.

HOUSE ON THE HILL: Gaylord Schroder, Roger Ahrnkiel and Jack Phillips have worked very hard on the house and garage these past two weeks. Gutters and roof were cleaned, the yard was cleared and junk hauled away. There is no water intrusion to the house. Two main items that hopefully will be completed in the next two weeks are, to professionally clean the carpets and, do some interior painting. At that point, the house will be ready for occupancy. Council and/or Congregation need to decide if the House is to be immediately rented or wait for a Called Assoc. Pastor.

GRASS BEHIND PLAY AREA: A second landscaping opinion was given on whether to sod, hydroseed, or just put in grass seed now. Both landscapers said to wait until late March or April and suggested hydroseeding.

DUMPSTER CONTAINMENT: No official requirement has been given us by the County.

The upstairs has been cleaned and somewhat organized.

We have two dishwashers but people are not putting dirty dishes in the dishwashers.

Gutters on the east side of the new Sanctuary were full of debris and were cleaned by John Hearing and Gaylord Schroeder. The gutters drain into corrugated pipe that is buried so we need to keep the gutters clean. Steve Kummert is looking into various products.

The old facilities need to be locked after Sunday School and the thermostats need to be on AUTO. If left on HEAT the heaters will work 24/7.

O.W.L.S. (OLDER, WISER, LUTHERANS)

The OWLS will have a potluck lunch on Wednesday December 17th at noon in the cafe. Please bring a dish to share. We will also have a White Elephant gift exchange and if you would like to trade cookies then please bring cookies for a Cookie Exchange. We will also be singing some Christmas Carols. If you need a ride please contact Gwen. Please come join us!! If you have any questions please contact Gwen Olson 425-432-9205.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Max & Kristen Duarte 12/12/1981
Mark & Annette Buchholtz 12/20/1980
Paul & Pris Gossman 12/20/1980
Shannon & Angie Curry 12/21/1991
Jack & Diane Phillips 12/30/1966



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

12/1 Beth Meyer
12/2 Carly Pereira
12/4 Brian Worsham
12/5 Barret Matthews
12/6 Kent Rime
12/7 Kari Davis
12/11 Amy Carpenter
12/11 Lisa DeSiga
12/11 Joshua Schlipp
12/17 Alyssa Cole
12/17 Anna Moen
12/19 Joe DeFrisco



12/20 Josh Harrington
12/21 Nick Albers
12/21 Jason Gullidge
12/23 Mildred Adam
12/23 Gina Legowski
12/23 Larry Schlipp
12/24 Jillian Curry
12/24 Lisa Lincoln
12/27 Ryan Gallagher
12/29 Steve Dalgleish
12/29 Oliver Graves

PROPERTIES

Jesse Thomas - Properties Chairman, heading up the meetings every two weeks and going to the council meetings once a month,

Project Manager - Don Moen - Maintenance of the buildings.



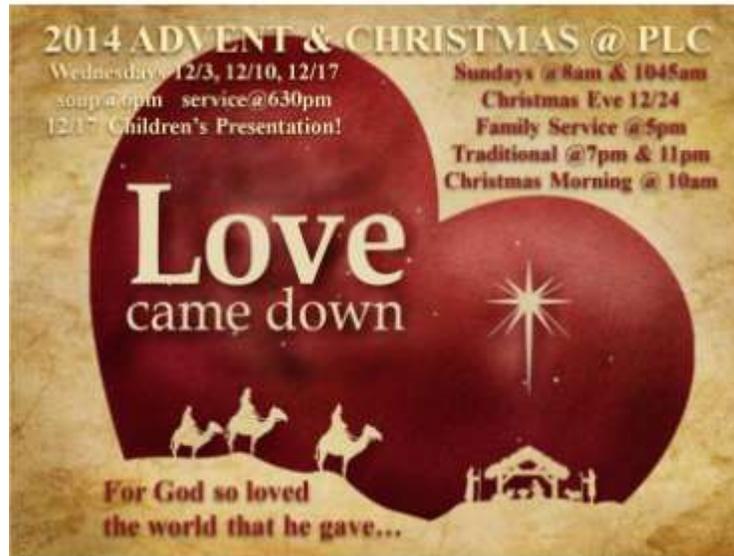
Project Manager - Roger Ahrnkiel - New Projects - in the new building (building things, approving what can be added, etc.) There should be no new nails, painting, or taping done without approval. There should be no cleaning products used on the new chancel furniture (altar, lectern, baptismal, and the soon to be advent wreath stand), only dusting is needed. If something is spilled it only needs to be wiped up quickly as the surface is fairly waterproof with the finish that is on it. Contact Dave Dierks for additional help if needed.

Project Manager - Gaylord Schroeder - House on the Hill, with the help of Jack Phillips and Roger Ahrnkiel, getting it ready for living in.

Project Manager - Verdelle Ahrnkiel - Housekeeping (the go-between Gina and the other volunteer cleaners with the Properties Team, finding out what is needed etc.)

Project Manager - Unknown - Landscaping, including sod or seeding behind the old building - planting and getting all ready for the permanent occupancy permit.

Project Managers - Ralph Hennig and Brian Meyer, (need others) - landscape maintenance, lawn mowing, etc.



About Peace...

Welcome! Here at Peace Lutheran Church we are an imperfect family of Christians being healed and knitted together by the perfect and unconditional love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Our worship is a response to all that God is and does for us, as he reveals himself to us and shares himself with us in his Holy Word, and through the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

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