



SHARING THE PEACE

2017 - Now is a good time to think about what 2017 will bring — especially as we look back at 2016. It's becomes a natural, practical process as you file you 2016 Income Tax. Just as you plan for the coming year financially you consider the practical things in life. Perhaps this is a good time to look at your Spiritual life. This is something you can do in the context of your Christian family. In doing so consider this tension in your Spiritual life. Also, your life within the Body of Christ.

Are you a member who seeks to SERVE? Or seeks to be SERVED?

A question came up recently in a conversation regarding our church as being a "Fulfillment Center." Kind of a comforting thought. The Church is the place where your hopes and dreams are fulfilled. But is that what it really is?

Our mission statement is constructed around the word "**PEACE**"

**PRAISING GOD
ENCOURAGING FAMILIES
APPLYING GOD'S WORD
CONNECTING WITH CHRIST
EQUIPPING FOR SERVICE**

"Equipping" Consider the difference in these two words—"Equipping and "Fulfill." How do they relate to the Christian Church at large and specifically, Peace Lutheran Church.

So, I leave you to ponder this. You may view it as a discussion for your family, friends and whomever.

Is our church a "Fulfillment Center" or an "Equipment Center?"

I would be interested in hearing how your discussions go.

Article II - Purpose

The goal and purpose of Peace Lutheran Church is to build a family of believers upon the foundation of Jesus Christ by spreading the Gospel through preaching, teaching, and ministering to the community and the world.

The overriding purpose of our congregation is built upon the foundation of the inspired Word of God as well as a respect for the diversity of God's Means of Grace in everyone's lives. As we move into 2017 let's keep **OUR** overriding purpose in mind. **OUR** overriding purpose represents our highest aspirations. It is **OUR** identity in **OUR** community. It is **OUR** ability to be "salt" and "light" in the world. It is **OUR** mission that

lets the community know who we are. Foremost then is that we are united in **OUR** overriding purpose. It is something we all can own and claim. People in **OUR** community have different backgrounds, experiences and personal preferences. We must guard against our own personal preferences so they do not take an inflated importance. We must consider needs rather than wants. And that **OUR** decisions are infected by **OUR** overriding purpose and **OUR** values and we don't confuse the essentials with nonessentials.

We have specialized ministries to meet the diversity of our community. It is my prayer that these ministries are drawn from and into **OUR** overriding purpose and the function of **OUR** congregation. This is what unites us. When we are focused on that same goal—the goal of the Cross of Christ—we will moved forward together.

Pray for the leaders and servants in this congregation. Their task is to make decisions directed by **OUR** overriding purpose. They also maintain decency and order as they direct the activity of **OUR** congregation to the glory of God.

Pray about your part in moving **OUR** mission forward to the glory and honor of Jesus.

2017 - there is much we can accomplish but above all is our unity of purpose in the mission God has given us. Then we as the whole body of Christ can take on the challenges of meeting the needs.

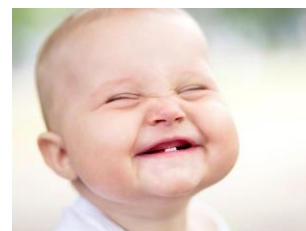
Because of Jesus, Pastor Bronner

NURSERY

If you would like to volunteer in the nursery during second service, please contact Korina Weigand.

WIGGLES & GIGGLES

A room for babies & small children with their parents to get their wiggles & giggles out.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS FOR WORSHIP

The children's activity bags were developed to occupy little hands and to make church a more welcoming place for children.



The bags were designed for children under the age of six. Finished paper artwork may be brought home after the service to remind children of their visit to church. "Let the little children come to me" Mark 10:14

PRESCHOOL



Our Preschool Christmas Program!

Happy New Year! Preschool will resume on January 3rd when we will begin studying snow-n-ice, winter animals, dinosaurs, African animals and farm animals. During dinosaur week, the students will have a fun day to wear their dinosaur/crazy hair. Our farm animal week will include a lesson on milking cows with a chance to milk a replica cow during class. In the 4s and Begindergarten classes the students will be participating in the preschool version of the Winter Olympics during class. Learning in preschool is a lot of fun but this quote by Fred Rogers sums up the truth about the importance of play, "Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."

Once again, the preschool giving tree brought in a wonderful assortment of gifts. They were delivered to Toys for Joy sponsored by the Kent Regional Fire Authority. The aim of Toys for Joy here in Covington is to provide a memorable holiday season for as many families in need as possible. We are so thankful for the generous preschool families we have this year and a huge thank you to all who donated for teaching your young children about giving to those in need!



Youth Sunday School with Mishell Roys at 9:30am. Hey Youth aged people! Are you a fan? Come to the Sunday school room. YES, it's time ask some really good and hard questions about your experience and faith with Jesus. Bring yourself and friend. All are welcome. Mishell



I would like to thank all who helped with our "Blanketing Foster Teens" project this year. The youth set out to make 14 blankets for local Foster teens, but why limit Gods love, we ended up delivering 17 blankets to Olive Crest which is a foster care agency. Way to share the love guys!



FELLOWSHIP

Everybody's Birthday is coming! Set your calendar to remind you to stay after church, or come back to church, on January 29th for a potluck and birthday cakes in the Event Hall to celebrate everybody's birthday! There will be a sign-up sheet for birthday cakes, one for each month, which will cover all desserts for the meal. Food will be served buffet style, potluck with those whose last names begin with A – L bringing a side dish, M – Z bringing main dishes. More details will be in the bulletin and January newsletter. We hope to see you there! PS. Shhhhh, there might even be a piñata for the little kids!



WOMEN AT PEACE

Women At Peace - Kick off the holiday season by attending the Women's Breakfast on **Saturday, January 7th** at 9:00 am. It is a potluck, bring a breakfast dish to share. Contact Anna Moen 360-886-2323 for more info.

Coffee and Conversation - We meet at IHOP (near Home Depot). Every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. All women are invited. For more info contact Anna Moen 360-886-2323.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - "Living Whole in a Broken World." We meet in the church library from 7:00 to 8:30 each Monday evening. All women are invited to attend, and

we encourage those who stay home with young children or can't attend during the day to join us at this evening meeting. If you have any questions, contact Brenda Jacober at bjjacob@comcast.net

GOD'S GALS – Meets Monday mornings at 10 am in the Library. Contact Marilyn Worsham 425-433-1683 and/or Evelyn DeFrisco 425-413-0809. **The study will resume on Monday, January 9th.**

NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

New Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study - Just imagine, a 500-year-old man building a boat in the dessert anticipating the coming of a flood. Sounds like the making of an incredible story. **IT IS!** so, come jump in and get your feet wet with: **Noah; The Man--The Ark--The Flood--The Aftermath.** Four lessons starting **January 8th, 9:30 am** meets in the **Library.** Led by David Simons.

PVOC (PEACEFUL VISION OUTREACH)

PVOC (Peace Outreach Center for the Blind/Visually Impaired) meets in the 1st Saturday of the month at 12:00 p.m. in the ARK (Activity Room for Kids).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Mishell Roys 1/5/2013

Robby & Jennifer Gonner 1/12/2013

Mike & Leanna Borland 1/16/2003

*Happy
Anniversary*

Deadline for the Wednesday Peace Weekly Email is **Wednesday 10 am**

Deadline for the **Sunday bulletin** is **Wednesday at noon**

Deadline for the **Monthly newsletter** is the **15th of the month**

Email the church office at kristen.peace@comcast.net or place a handwritten note in the administrative assistant/volunteer coordinator mailbox in the copy room.

JANUARY 2017

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Lisa Graves 1/2

Pris McDevitt 1/3

Luke Qualey 1/3

Kittie Eddy 1/4

Darrel Huft 1/6

Alan Munson 1/7

Marilyn Worsham 1/9

Jesse Thomas 1/10

Larry Hollums 1/11

Ruth Ann Newlander 1/12

Kaitlyn Qualey 1/15

Abigail Mein 1/16

Amber Mein 1/16

Max Duarte 1/17

Charlie Ward 1/17

Kari Lewis 1/21

Yvonne Milbrandt 1/21

Tim Powers 1/21

Alan Munson Jr 1/23

Wayne Ingersoll 1/24

Gaylord Schroeder 1/24

Ric Younkin 1/25

Ortrun Schauer 1/26

Theodore Roys 1/28

Felecia Thomas 1/30

MISSIONS

Mission of the Month - Vine Maple Place - a Christian organization that addresses the complex issues of family homelessness. Their mission is to break the cycle of homelessness by helping single parents and their children build lives of hope, stability, and greater self-sufficiency. Their vision is to end family homelessness in Maple Valley and surrounding area. For more information and ways, you can help check out their website <http://www.vinemapleplace.org>

BE A BACKPACK BUDDY - Check the bulletin for the up to date information. If you have questions contact, Carrie 253-335-2181, Kristen 253-630-7573 or Karlia 206-818-0454. Can't wait to see you there

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