



The next newsletter articles will focus on John 3:16



For God so loved the world

For God

In the beginning God... (Genesis 1:1) ...all things have been created by Him, through Him, and for Him (Colossians 1:16), He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion (Philippians 1:6), the author and finisher of faith...(Hebrews 12:1-2), He is the Alpha and Omega who was and is and is to come (Revelation 1:8). Just from this sampler of familiar texts, we begin to know God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – as the eternal One who has started all of this and will see us through forevermore. That God knows us – purposefully, fearfully and wonderfully His handiwork (Psalm 139, Ephesians 2:10) is the astounding truth which sets all the rest of this forever life with Him into motion.

...so loved

We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him (1 John 4:16). That we are so loved by God refers to both the measure and the manner of God's love for us. The measure as in *so much* of God's love is exquisitely expressed in passages such as: None greater (John 15:12-13), God, rich in mercy with the great love with which He loved us (Ephesians 2:4), inseparable from His love (Romans 8:36-39), the lavish love of God which call us His children (1 John 3:1-3). Within God's Love is found all His other attributes: joy, peace, long-suffering, mercy, justice, faithfulness... and the list goes on and on. We love only because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). That we are created to be loved and enjoyed by God is astounding!

The manner, God's love expressed *in this particular way* is revealed to us in passages such as: He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that free from sin, we might live for righteousness, for by His wounds you were healed (1 Peter 2:21-24, with reference to Isaiah 53); That His love is proven while we are still sinners, even enemies of God (Romans 5:8-10, Ephesians 2:1-8). That God in Christ died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust (1 Peter 3:18), that in Him there is therefore now no condemnation (Romans 8:1)... notice that the manner of God's love is excruciating, expressed in Jesus' submission to God's will, His willingness to become sin for us, to suffer and die in our place and on our behalf, in order to reconcile and make us one with Him (2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Ephesians 2:13-16, John 17:20-23). More on this in next month's newsletter, "that He gave His only Son".

...the world

And the object of this great love of God is us: you and me and our families and our friends and our neighbors and our employers and our enemies, yes even those who persecute you (Matthew 5:43-48). Cat Pagel taught us some sign language during Vacation Bible School for John 3:16, and her translation for "the world" was "all the people of the world" – I believe this captures the meaning well.

As we let this truth soak in, meditating upon them, may we be of those who believe and eagerly share in deed and word the never-ending love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor Jon



Grad Sunday at Peace is always very special. We get to bless and pray for our graduate(s), in this case, Keegan Rangel, and surround him with the love of this church as we wrap him up in a quilt, also stitched with love. Prayers for his success as he continues to the University of Idaho this fall with a focus in Mechanical Engineering.

Thank you for being ready during our recent Family Promise Week in June. There were no guests or incoming in the program during our week. We'll serve again Aug 3-10, so stay tuned via MealTrain at the end of July for donation and hosting needs.

Jun 26: VBS "Yee-Haw!" ALL Church Night

Saddle up for the big finale – **All Church Family Fun Day** on Thu June 26! The kids have been kicking up their heels and stampeding through the frontier, learning along the way that God is good and gives good gifts! They've enjoyed times of great moo-sic, Bible Adventures, Saddle-up Sports and more throughout this ranch themed VBS. On All Church Night, we'll have a BBQ and Second Chance Ranch will be here with all their animals to see, learn about, and touch. Thanks to all for donating food and serving in many roles during this fantastic week of learning about God's Good Gifts!

Vacation Bible Study: Thank you from Karen!

Thank you to all the volunteers, those who donated decorations, food, funds and time. Thank you for the prayers and support! We will have more of a report and photos in the next newsletter but want to express how grateful to God we are for this opportunity, for this church, for these children and for all of you! God gives good gifts! Yee-haw!



Jun 29: Two Services

Please join us for a traditional Heritage Service celebrating the liturgy at 8 am or our regular blended Service at 10 am. Our next Heritage services will be Aug 31 and Nov 30. The liturgy is beautiful when sung during responses – *please join us!*

Resurrection Path

Our Resurrection Path is currently under renewal with work provided by Terra Landscaping. What started out as a potential bid of \$30,000 was cut by \$10,000 when Terra mentioned they would do this project for no profit or overhead. **What a blessing to us!** Since we had \$5,000 available for this project, that left \$15,000 to raise in a short period of time **BUT** the ball quickly got rolling with a \$2,500 match challenge which was met plus more in only two weeks! Many gifts have been received since then that have graciously funded this project.

PAVERS: We're still shy of 20 orders for pavers and for the engraver to come out. If you have ever wanted to purchase a paver **now** is the time, otherwise you may be waiting until next year. Pavers are \$100 with order forms in the church office. Pastor Gail would like to contact the engraver now to get on his schedule after the path work is completed.

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PLC is at Faith Night out at the ballpark at Avista Stadium to watch Indians Baseball and it's also Family Feast Night! Here are the details:

Game Date: Wednesday, **July 9th**

Number of Seats on Hold: 20 Upper Box Seats (*comfortable seats with backs*)

Promotion: Family Feast Night

Game Time: 6:35 PM

Only \$13! This is our group link to purchase your tickets:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Peacelutheran2>.



>>> A sign-in sheet is available on the table in the hall just so we know who's going in our group!

Financial Summary May 2025 Submitted by Lynn Affeldt, Jun 10, 2025

May Balance Sheet

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Ministry & Facility Fund | \$ 32,911 |
| All Designated Funds | <u>\$115,422</u> |
| Total Mt West Checking | \$148,333 |

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|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Thrivent Mortgage Balance | \$237,353 | \$238,592 (Apr) |
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May Income & Expense

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|----------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Actual Giving | \$ 22,092 | (Plan for Giving \$23,761) |
| Actual Expense | \$ 23,703 | |

YTD Income & Expense (Jan-May)

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|----------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Actual Giving | \$121,575 | (Plan for Giving \$118,806) |
| Actual Expense | \$111,428 | |



| May Designated Funds | Income | Expense | Fund Balance |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Memorial Fund | 650 | 0 | \$ 4,190 (Barb Romine Mem) |
| Emergency Fund | 0 | 0 | \$15,000 |
| Property Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 6,012 |
| Refresh Team | 0 | 0 | \$ 159 |
| Good Samaritan Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 3,991 |
| Sabbatical Fund (accrual) | 100 | 0 | \$ 7,700 |
| Reception/Kitchen Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 1,759 |
| Campership Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 1,947 |
| Dorcas Fund | 0 | 10 | \$ 1,288 |
| Youth Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 5,226 |
| Uganda Fund (\$300 accrual) | 300 | 0 | \$ 600 |
| Other Misc Funds | 670 | 0 | \$ 5,839 (\$400 Chorale, VBS, Couch) |
| Scholarship Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 625 |
| Audio/Visual Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 7,708 |
| Snow Plowing Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 5,400 |
| Capital Fund | 0 | 0 | \$22,375 |
| Signage | 0 | 0 | \$ 7,500 |
| Safety Team | 0 | 0 | \$ 1,559 |
| Resurrection Path | 5,050 | 0 | \$12,344 (Path Project & Pavers) |
| Seminary Fund | 0 | 0 | \$ 4,200 |

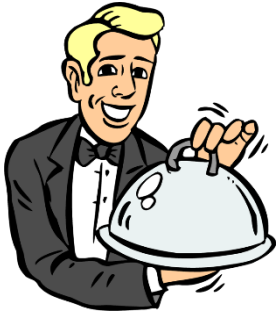
Behind the Scenes: When our NVR recorder failed for the security system, Lee Ely ordered the new equipment and spent a Friday installing and reprogramming all the cameras. On a recent holiday day off, Lee was back at it installing a new router for the AV Desk. Our beautiful new kitchen deserves good tools, so he went shopping for a quality set of knives. Voila! We are now overjoyed with a block set of Henkels to be used for years to come! Thank you, Lee!!

Every week, men and women faithfully come to mow the grounds – *our hats are off to you!*

Our food bank contributions for the month totaled **66+ lbs!** Thank you, Joyce Beghtel, for delivering our donations! A kind reminder that we **cannot accept** expired or open food – *thank you!*

NEEDED: More cheerful volunteers in these areas:

New Family Promise Coordinator – Contact Maren Snyders
Ecumenical Food Kitchen – Contact Rita Birge
Communion Setup for Aug & Oct – See Lynn in the church office
Ministry Servants for 8 & 10 am Services – Touch base with Barb Nimke
AV Desk for 10 am Service – Lee or Gail can explain this very easy, unintimidating task!



Men's Dinner: July 26, 5 pm

Our Fellowship Team has planned another great dinner event just for the guys! You'll be treated to a catered dinner by Sappy-Q Smoked Meats from Rathdrum with all the fixings, entertainment provided by the famous, Butch and The Banshee duo, and some extra surprises on Sat, July 26, at 5 pm. Look for the sign-in sheet in the fellowship hall and jot down your name as space is limited. Invite a friend! Up to two guests per person!

Welcome Christ Lutheran!

Peace will be a one-night base camp for a mission group of 24 youth and leaders coming from Christ Lutheran in Whitefish, MT, on Friday, July 11. Pastor Matt Davis asked if their group could stay overnight at Peace before flying out the next morning from Spokane to Lahaina, HI, to help rebuilt a church there destroyed by fire. Of course we wanted to support their effort! Since they'll be arriving about 5 pm, if needed, let's shine our hospitality and serve them a picnic style dinner, and/or supply them with grab and go breakfast. Details coming soon!

Two Services at Peace!

Many thanks to those who filled out a ministry servant survey to help at the 8 & 10 am services. We're hopeful each service will populate itself with cheery volunteers! For now, communion will be by Intinction at the 8 am service and 10 am will be as usual. Both services will follow the same order. We could use extra hands at the AV Desk for 10 am – *all you have to do is push a button* to advance to the next slide. Easy! Speak with Lee or Gail!!



Praying, always

"...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication." ([Ephesians 6:18a](#), ESV)

"...and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." ([Ephesians 6:18a](#), NIV)

"...with all prayer and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit." ([Ephesians 6:18a](#), NASB)

While phrased slightly differently in various translations, Paul, inspired by the Spirit, encourages believers to come to God in prayer. Throughout Scripture, we are repeatedly invited to pray to God, encouraged even when we don't have words, to pray with sighs ([Romans 8:26](#)). We are told and shown repeatedly in the Word, God hears us, that He is eager to listen to His children ([Psalm 66:17-20](#), [Proverbs 15:29](#), [John 9:31](#), [1 Peter 5:7](#), [1 John 5:14-15](#)).

What might praying, in various seasons, look like? Lately, from a past devotional, I have found help using the acronym **ACTS**. **A**doration: We can come to God simply to express admiration at who He is, at His work, His greatness, for what He will do. See [Psalm 34:3](#).

Confession: In the Ninety-Five Theses, number 1, Martin Luther described repentance not as something triggered by a particular sin but as a daily experience, throughout our whole lives. Repentance begins by acknowledging that we are truly deserving of God's judgment and then declares our desperate need for His mercy. See [Isaiah 6:5](#).

Thanksgiving: What we really believe about God is most evident when our current circumstances are different from what we expect, hope or prayed for. We are to give thanks in all circumstances ([1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)), knowing that there is always a reason to thank God, even in the hardest of times. See [Psalm 138](#).

Supplication: God knows just what His children need ([Matthew 6:8](#)) and every good thing comes from Him ([James 1:17](#)). We can and should ask for things, small or big, in His time, in His will, He cares for us ([1 Peter 3:12](#)). See [Matthew 6:9-13](#).

This encouragement to pray at all times, in all occasions, with all kinds of requests, is right after Paul has urged believers to put on the full armor of God, due to the reality of spiritual warfare ([Ephesians 6:10-17](#)). Too often, we use prayer as a last resort and are overconfident in our abilities, but it is through prayer, with the armor of God, that we are strong. That we can accomplish what He directs us to: praying for others, boldly making known the Gospel, giving all glory to Him, as His representatives on earth, until He calls us home or returns.

With many prayers for you, Karen Robison

Peace Bible Studies: What questions do you have about the Bible? About church? About theology? About apologetics and culture? Do you prefer Bible studies which focus on one subject matter or one book? As we continue to navigate through what two Sunday Services means for Peace, what would you like a Sunday Morning Bible Study to look like? Would you still like to have Sunday morning study? Send in your thoughts, comments, questions and ideas to Pastor Jon and Karen.

Summer Bible Study Groups

Sun Adult Study: We're on pause July and August and look forward to returning this fall on Rally Day!

KidZone: Kids will remain in the sanctuary with parents during Jul & Aug as our teachers enjoy a bit of respite. Please ask the ushers for a special "Sermon Notes" page from the cart!

Mon Men's Group: The guys are on summer break but continue to be actively involved with different ministry events plus they have their very own dinner event coming up this month on July 26 – *see page 4!*

Tue Prayer: Prayer Studio will regroup this fall with Pastor Jon as we learn how to listen and speak with God.

Wed Bible Study: The group will continue the study of Acts this summer led by Pastors Gail and Steve at 10 am. Prayer concerns are shared at 9:45 am. Please drop by any time as we dig deep into the scriptures.

Kid Zone Update: While there continues to be Sunday Kids Sermons, the children are welcomed to stay with their families throughout the full church service. There will be no Kid Zone class offered in July or August. Both the Kid's Room and the Nursery are stocked and ready for play, if a parent and child/children need to utilize these spaces during the service. Kids Sermon Note Pages are printed and can be picked up from the Ushers. We are blessed by all children in the sanctuary during the entire service! If you would like to be added to the KidZone Teacher rotation for the fall, please contact Karen today!

Security Team

The security team invites you to join them at their next quarterly meeting on Jul 10 at 6 pm. In lieu of the recent church shooting in Michigan, we are grateful to have our team keep watch while we worship in peace. Welcome to Allyson Baney who is joining the team and has a wealth of experience.

80th Anniversary at Lutherhaven and Upcoming Boots & Pearls



Lutherhaven delegates, Amy Birge and Lynn Affeldt, along with Ken and Rita Birge, attended the 80th Anniversary Celebration at Lutherhaven on June 8, and it was glorious! How can you possibly describe 80 years of ministry that have touched so many lives? We began with worship led by year-round staff, inspiring music, while former Director, Bob Baker, shared a heartfelt message that took us through time. The newly refurbished Bell Tower (a labor of love over a year) stood proudly as it was dedicated and rung eight times by eight children, once for each decade.

We enjoyed a BBQ lunch that was top notch under the shade of pines gazing out at the lake. After lunch, about 300 people were encouraged to explore camp and take part in various activities. We opted to try out the zipline. Here we are all harnessed up and waiting our turn under the direction of camp staffer, Owen DeWitt, making sure we were doubly safe and secure. We won't lie, the narrow stairs with no railing going up eight platforms was more daunting than the zipline, but once free and flying across the meadow...well, that was indescribable too!

On August 23, Lutherhaven invites you to another Boots & Pearls Hootenanny for their 10th annual celebration. Peace has purchased tickets (part of our benevolence plan) for 10 folks to go out to camp and enjoy a wondrous evening with a cruise boat ride, a delicious catered meal, custom wines and beer, live fiddle music, meaningful program, and paddle raise. It's the signature event of the year! We're keeping a list in the office of those that would like to attend, so please call or email us to reserve. Western wear encouraged! – Lynn Affeldt



Peace has purchased tickets for nine people to attend this event. Five spaces are still open, so please call or email us at the office to reserve your place. Go and enjoy this meaningful event. Thank you!



ORCHARD RIDGE

Senior Living

Annual Butterfly Event

- Where: Private Residence on Coeur d'Alene Lake via the Coeur d'Alene Cruise Boats
- When: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 5-9pm
*Boat will be boarding at 5pm and leaving at 5:30pm, with a 8:30pm boarding to return by 9pm
- What: Cruise, Mediterranean Dinner, Musical Entertainment, Paddle Raise, and a Butterfly Release
- Why: To raise funds to support our charitable care for residents who have exhausted their financial resources
- How: RSVP and buy tickets by calling Holly at (208) 664-8119. Tickets are \$104 each to commemorate our 104th anniversary!



PLC Weekly Calendar & Events

Mon: No Dorcas in July; Staff, 10 am

Tue: Prayer Studio, 1:30 pm

Wed: Bible Study, 10 am; Music, 6 pm

Thu: TOPS, 8 am weigh in; 9 am meeting

Chorale Board 4th Mon, 6:30 pm | Council 2nd Tue, 6 pm | Button Club 2nd Wed, 12 pm

*** The church office is open Mon-Thu from 9am – 4 pm ***

Jun 26: VBS Roundup, 5:30-8 pm – *Family Fun Night*

Jun 29: Heritage, 8 am & Regular 10 am; Open Arms Rep

Jul 1: P&M Team, 6 pm | **Jul 2:** Fellowship Team, 11 am

Jul 4: Happy Independence Day!

Jul 9: Button Club, noon; Baseball Game, 6:35 pm

Jul 10: Security Team, 6 pm

Jul 11: Christ Luth. Mission Group, 5 pm

Jul 13: Two Services Begin, 8 & 10 am

Jul 26: Men's Dinner, 5pm

Aug 3-10: Family Promise Week

Aug 5: P&M Team, 6 pm | **Aug 6:** Fellowship Team, 11 am

Aug 12 & 16: Chorale Auditions, 5-8 pm

Aug 13: Historical Button Club, 12-3 pm

Aug 18-23: Pastor Jon's *Selah*

Aug 22: Chorale Retreat, 5-8 pm | **Aug 23:** Chorale Retreat, 9-1

Aug 26: Chorale Season Begins, 6-9 pm

Aug 31: Heritage Service, 8 am & Backpack Blessing, 10 am



July Sunday Ministry Servants

| | Ushers | Acolyte | Reader | Communion |
|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| July 6 | 10 am John & Leanne P | Gail S | Beverly R | Rick S, Mary C, Susan S |
| July 13 | 8 am Barb H | -- | Tom C | Chris A |
| | 10 am Glen & Missy N | Sam R | Bonnie H | Edward & Catherine R, Amy B |
| July 20 | 8 am Jolene P | -- | Steve H | Jennifer M |
| | 10 am Wayne & Marsha H | Colt K | Brandon B | Ken & Rita B, Tammi J |
| July 27 | 8 am Roy V | -- | David K | Karen R |
| | 10 am Patty S, Peggy C | Barb N | Lee C | Randy & Jolene P, Lisa F |

Thank you to Patty Stills & Carolyn Beard for setting up communion and baking the bread in July.

Scripture readings are provided to our readers for review on Wednesday for the coming Sunday.

Many thanks to Barb Nimke for scheduling assistants. Kindly let the office know of any changes – *thank you!*

| | Counters | Safety Team |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Jul 6 | Maren S & Chris C | Gordon (10) |
| Jul 13 | Maren S & Chris C | Rick (8) & Roy (10) |
| Jul 20 | Amy B & Cat P | Doyle (8) & Allyson (10) |
| Jul 27 | Amy B & Roy V | Rick (8) & Jim (10) |

We welcome
Allyson to the
Security Team!

Save the Dates:

Aug 3-10: Family Promise Week
Aug 31: Backpack Blessing Sunday
Sep 4: Ecumenical Food Kitchen
Sep 7: Rally Day!
Oct 5-8: LCMC Gathering
Oct 5-12: Family Promise Week
Oct 19: OCC Shoebox Kick-off
Oct 26: Reformation Chili Cookoff

SAVE THE DATE



The Chuck Wagon Crew

First night...
**Our Yee Haw VBS
is off to a bronc
bustin' start!**

Cowboy
Crafts with
Paul & Lisa



Bible time with Becky learning
about Jesus' birth



Leaning to sign John 3:16 with Cat



Games like Cow...Cow...Horse or
Cowboy Freeze Tag with Brandon & Allyson



Let's Pray For...

June Goecke, hospital; JoAnn Solberg, upcoming back surgery; Rick Hall, heart procedure; Charlotte Newman, hernia; Mike Hill, Becky Fagge, Connie Arthur, Candy Dyson, Gail & Myron Gutterud, Dave Pollard, continued healing and recovery for all.

Nichole (Joyce Beghtel's niece) bleeding; Cheryl (Barb Nimke's friend) cancer, end of life; Adam Larson (Joyce Beghtel's nephew) jaw cancer, radiation; David Keener (Paula Carlson's son) esophageal cancer; Debra Cummins (Helen Burge's DIL) cancer; Victoria (Brittner's friend) Hodgkins Lymphoma; Sara Fisher (Shari Fisher) healing, ACL surgery; Darryl (Jennifer Murray) rare cancer; Ethan Bean (Judy Halone) healing, nose surgery; Raleigh Turley (Turley's son) pancreatic cancer; Sheila Jones (Andy Anders) massive infection; Rene Viviani (Jim Cady's cousin) health issues; Lorna LaCelle (Arthur's friend) stroke recovery; Beth Stire (Gordon Schoonmaker's daughter) cervical cancer; Renee Hoffert (Mitch & Amber Dow's cousin) cancer; Karen Dane (Charlotte Newman's daughter) heart surgery; Chris Schell (Lynn Affeldt's cousin) colon, liver & kidney cancer; Teresa Parker, breast cancer & Cindy Heitt, brain cancer (Ann Wylie).

Pray for PLC Ministry Partners:

Samaritan's Purse & Mercy Chefs (CA fire relief), Family Promise, Orchard Ridge, Open Arms, Helping Captives, Lutherhaven Ministries, St Paul Lutheran, Kodiak, AK, Union Gospel Mission, Ecumenical Food Kitchen, Food Banks, Uganda Medical Mission, OCC Shoebox Gifts, Northwest District, and LCMC.

Prayer requests will be revised periodically for space. Kindly keep the church office informed of changes. Thank you.



Sandpoint, ID

Lutherhaven Ministries

2025 Summer Camp Registration

[Click here](#) to see 2025 dates at a glance and register your child for the ultimate camp experience this summer communing with Christ and Creation! Peace Lutheran also offers a **\$100 per camper** scholarship toward the cost. Please note that on your camp registration and please contact us in the church office!

We're so grateful for these amazing leaders who have chosen to dedicate their summer to growing in faith and servant leadership as they serve campers with joyful hearts while they truly – TRULY – spread so much camp joy wherever they go. Will you join us in praying for these selfless leaders as they serve guests this summer? We are so grateful for this bunch! Want to thank them by gifting them a cup of coffee? Filling their fridge with Costco goodies? Sending a prayer card of encouragement or sponsoring their end-of-summer staff banquet? You can Say Thanks today via the Summer Staff Renewal Fund: <https://givebutter.com/Summerstaff25>

Questions? Please email us at volunteer@lutherhaven.com

Please register for all events at <https://www.lutherhaven.com/>



(Our own Owen DeWitt is sitting atop the rock on the left serving his FIFTH summer!)



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Sun Worship at 8 & 10 AM

Wed Bible Study, 10 AM

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Pastor Jon Anderson

Pastor Emeritus, Gail Gutterud