

Seeking the Kingdom

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness... Matthew 6:33

In this first of five articles, we will be taking a look at what and how we become *everyday missionaries*, joining Jesus on His mission.¹



Amid all the other basic needs we have (food, clothing, shelter, relationships) Jesus says our foremost need has to do with His kingdom and His righteousness. This has to do with who God is and what He does which then defines who we are and what we do. It is about being beloved, belonging, and purposely placed by and for God... for the sake of others!

The kingdom of God reminds us that we belong to far more than the eye can see (yet). As Jesus would tell Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). He would also say, "The kingdom of God is in your midst" (Luke 17:21) referring not only to the reality that Jesus was in their midst but that the kingdom would be a way of being and living, empowered by Holy Spirit whom would be sent to dwell not with them but within them (Luke 24:49, John 14:17).

And God's righteousness has to do with God making us right with Himself through Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). We do not make ourselves right with God, we do not and cannot save ourselves, God does this exquisite and excruciating work, as Jesus carries out His will, laying down His life for us, making us alive while we were dead (Ephesians 2:1-4, Romans 5:8-10).

Seeking the kingdom then has to do with praying attention to where the need for the kingdom needs to be made known. Who is that neighbor, co-worker, friend, family member who is overwhelmed with the things of this world: out of or over worked, family crisis, financial struggles, a health challenges... an opportunity to share the kingdom with others, where they belong, and where there is the One who says, "Come all you who are weary and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). This is an opportunity to offer a cup of cold water to a thirsty soul (Proverbs 25:25).

As those who belong to His kingdom, we pray attention to those who do not yet know the kingdom is at hand, in their midst, as Holy Spirit leads and guides us to others. We are given the opportunity to share about how God has chosen them and made them alive in Christ to be part of a people who walk with one another through this life for the sake of the kingdom coming. As Charles Spurgeon is credited saying, sharing the good news of the kingdom and Christ's righteousness, "...is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread."

Everyday Missionary question of the month:
Where have you seen the kingdom of God today?
Who in your neighborhood needs to find bread?

Pastor Jon

¹ Learn more from the book *Joining Jesus on His Mission* by Greg Finke

Sunday, Sep 1: Backpack Blessing

Students are welcome to bring their backpacks to worship on Sun, Sep 1, for a special blessing during KidZone as they enter the new school year and begin their studies and activities. There might even be a little something special for you!

The church office will be closed Aug 30 and Sep 2 for the Labor Day holiday. Pastor Jon will be out of the office Sep 2-6.

Sep 3: The Coeur d'Alers 3Cs

This enthusiastic singing group and wide supporter of charitable community endeavors will be meeting here Tue mornings beginning Sep 3, from 10:30am-12:30pm. The Coeur d'Alers are a talented group of women dedicated to singing and giving to others. Ruth Clark has offered to take temporary rehearsal direction of the group while the current director rests and recovers from cancer treatments. If you would like to join this group, please speak to Ruth!

Sep 4: The PLC Choir will begin the fall/winter season and meet each Wed at 6 pm. *Come sing with us!*

Sep 5: Ecumenical Food Kitchen

We're serving on Thu, Sep 5, for a final time at the Ecumenical Food Kitchen at First Presbyterian, CDA. Marge Freligh has coordinated a luncheon menu for us, and a donation sheet is out on the table in the hall for needed items. Thank you for your donations and serving that day.

Also on Sep 5, our Security Team is holding their quarterly meeting here at Peace at 6 pm. They always welcome those that would like more information, can help or want to join the team. Members are assigned a Sunday on a rotational basis, and a final quarterly assignment schedule for the year will be discussed. Please speak with Rick Straub if interested – *thanks!*

It's RALLY DAY on Sep 8!

Get ready for a funtastical morning as we gather together again this fall with new activities, engaging bible studies, and a terrific potluck using our new kitchen! Rally Day is often celebrated when the new school year begins and is a way to kick-start the fall and the return from summer. Throughout the summer, many of us have been away on vacation, some of our ministries have been on pause or only with limited gatherings, and so, Rally Day is a great way to get us excited for everything starting back up again! The Fellowship Team will provide delicious pulled pork and have a signup out for potluck side dishes (our last one was super!). Then walk off those potluck goodies along the Resurrection Path to find some peaceful time and view newly engraved pavers. Have a swing on the playground, play some lawn games or just relax in the shade.



Beautiful **2025 God's Creation Calendars** will go on sale Rally Day. This annual fundraiser for Youth Ministry at Peace is always a favorite for personal or gift giving each year. High quality calendars with NIV scripture are still only **\$10 each**. We're not raising the price – *no inflation here!* You'll find them on the table with a basket nearby for your **CASH** only purchase. Get them before they're gone!

Men's Study: Sep 9

Men's Group startup is Sep 9, at 6 pm and always a great gathering of guys for study and potluck creations. Please join Pastor Jon as we explore a new season together and fellowship. *For more info, please see page 5!*

One more VBS session on Wed, Sep 11, from 5:30-7:30 PM!

There is one last stop on our jungle cruise from Genesis (creation) to Revelation (new creation). Come one and all to learn how God's plan comes together! Children from Pre-Kindergarten to 6th grade will enjoy a special time of study, songs, snacks and games! Students may register: <https://forms.gle/pNDVsShXjqh3XJi58>

Adults are welcome to come and enjoy a special study too...or help lead and teach the children. **THANK YOU** to all the wonderful volunteers, for the donations, prayers and support!! Please contact Karen with any questions!

Two services this month on the fifth Sunday, **Sep 29**. *The final Heritage service for the year is at 8 am. Come encounter this traditional Lutheran worship style. Our regular, blended service is at 10 am as usual.*

Picture Wall Update

Many of you have inquired about the picture wall in the hallway. *Is it coming back? Will it be the same as before? When will it be done?* Tanya Frey has been working diligently in the background this summer preparing our pictures for upload, ordering, printing, labeling and helping with a new creative display (*and she works full-time!*). Her picture order just arrived last week. Soon we'll be enjoying all the smiling faces of Peace again with a fresh, new look.

Fall Bible Study Groups

- Sun Adult Study:** Please join us at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall for the continuing study of Amos with Karen Robison.
- KidZone:** A special message time for kids during worship with Pastor Jon, then off for special KidZone for activities!
- Mon Men's Group:** We're back on **Sep 9** for tasty potluck dinners and good study together at 6 pm with Pastor Jon.
- Tue Matins:** Matins continues with Pastor Jon at 7:30 am for quiet, morning prayer time to begin your day.
- Wed Bible Study:** Pastor Gail continues the Gospel of John at 10 am. You're invited to attend anytime during this in-depth study. Share prayer concerns and pray together at 9:45 am before the study begins.

September Memory Verses

- Sep 1:** Ephesians 6:10, Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.
- Sep 8:** Mark 7:37, He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.
- Sep 15:** Mark 9:24, I believe; help my unbelief
- Sep 22:** Psalm 54:4, Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- Sep 29:** James 5:13, Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.



HELPING CAPTIVES Annual Fundraiser GALA – Sept. 27

Peace supports **HEALING CAPTIVES** (HC) as a ministry partner serving throughout the Inland Northwest. HC is an anti-trafficking organization that partners with our community to help survivors (victims escaping forced sex slavery) and brings them freedom and support through prevention, intervention, and recovery services, because of Christ's love, through the power of the Gospel.

WHAT CAN WE DO? Help HC pay off the ownership debt to begin the remodeling of the "shut-down/closed" Déjà Vu strip club building, purchased miraculously last year. Be a part of the transformation from the dark black past to the shining Light of Christ, truly freedom from slavery for trafficked survivors. HC does not accept government funding as this ministry is under God's authority. If inclined, you may donate to: www.helpingcaptives.org

ALSO, "This is the Time" to register to attend the annual fundraiser **HELPING CAPTIVES GALA, Sept. 27**. Come join other Peace Gala goers and enjoy a night of fine dining, live music, local inspiring stories. The special speaker will be Author (*Fighting for Your Purpose*), Minister, and Abolitionist, Sula Lael, www.sulalael.com who is an encourager and sex trafficking survivor expert.

Date: Friday, September 27, 2024

Time: 6:00-9:00 PM (Doors open at 5:00 PM)

Location: Spokane Convention Center, 334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. Centennial Ballroom 300, Spokane, WA
[Helping Captives Annual Gala 2024 \(givevirtuous.org\)](http://HelpingCaptivesAnnualGala2024.givevirtuous.org)

Pastor Jon, along with the Ministerial Group then I (on a later date) had the opportunity to tour the past strip club building, so now we all share the same sentiments with HC, "We ultimately felt that we could honor God by turning this building from a place of exploitation into a place of healing."

Thanks, and in God's Peace!

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DID YOU KNOW? **Helping Captives** operates a thrift store at Eagle Plaza, 14415 E Sprague, Spokane Valley, WA. Your purchase and donations make a difference toward helping survivors of trafficking as all proceeds are used for programs. Consider donating your goods to change lives! Donations accepted Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm.



Help Captives while you enjoy coffee! Every purchase of their delicious varieties of Freedom, Rescue, Justice, Summer, Espresso, and Decaf Blends helps trafficking survivors rebuild their lives. Helping Captives Ministries has teamed up with LaShaw Ranch Roasters to raise money & bring freedom to those in human trafficking. Support HC Ministries in their mission of ending human trafficking while enjoying your favorite cup of coffee! **How?** We're going to have a coffee fundraiser right here at Peace during Sunday fellowship time on **Sep 15 & 22**. Please stop back at the special display table in the hall to purchase your favorite blends. Bring cash or make checks to Helping Captives. Can't be with us those mornings? Go online to <https://helpingcaptives.org/coffee> for a one-time purchase, or better yet, become a subscriber.

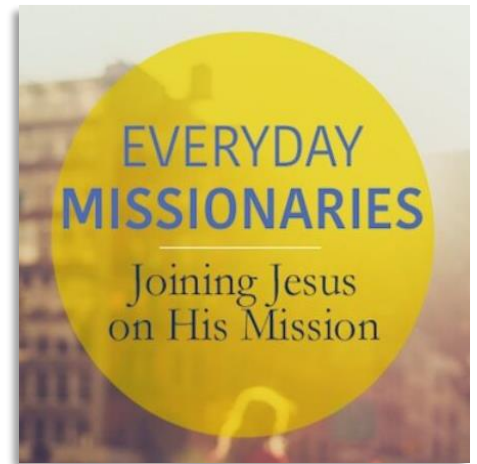
Men's Group is back!

We will begin our Monday night gatherings on September 9th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This fall we will continue our focus on becoming everyday missionaries who:

- seek the kingdom of God
- hear the voice of Jesus
- have conversations with others who do not yet know Jesus
- do good in the neighborhood
- pray for and with others.

Looking forward to being together!



Remember

The word "remember" is used 234 times in the English Standard Version of the Bible. The majority of its usage encourages the people to remember God, all that He is and all that He has done. For example:

- [Deuteronomy 6:12](#): Take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
- [Deuteronomy 8:2](#) And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you
- [1 Chronicles 16:12](#) Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles and the judgement He uttered

Why is this call the remember so frequently repeated? Because we so easily forget!

- [Judges 8:34](#): and the people of Israel **did not remember** the Lord their God, who had delivered them from the hand of all their enemies on every side

The Bible is the story of God's work of salvation...but also the revealing of God's Holy character. When we read it, drawn by Him, we begin to know Him, in our heads and hearts. Though we so quickly forget or are unable to see His hand in our current situation, He is there. He is with you, always ([Zephaniah 3:17](#), [Matthew 28:20](#)).

*How can you remember God this month? Consciously recalling **what He has done** ([John 3:16](#), [1 John 4:10](#)) and **who He is** ([Genesis 1:1](#), [Psalm 54:4](#), [1 Timothy 1:17](#), [1 John 1:5](#), [Revelation 22:13](#)) and even, **what He has done in your past**. *Looking back, where have you seen God at work in your life?**

In the [Psalms](#), we often read of the various Psalmists imploring themselves to remember, praying to hold fast to Him, to recall all He has done, is doing and will do:

- [Psalm 77:11](#): I will remember the deeds of the Lord, yes, I will remember Your wonders of old
- [Psalm 103:2](#): Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget any of His benefits
- [Psalm 119:55](#): I remember Your name in the night, O Lord, and keep Your law
- [Psalm 137:6](#): Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember You

How can you pray to remember and hold fast to God this month? How can we pray for you? While acknowledging God, all that He has done and is doing? What good can we do here and now, as His purposely placed and beloved people?

Throughout the Gospels, we read of Jesus' followers remembering His words ([Mark 11:21](#), [14:72](#), [Luke 24:6](#), [8](#), [John 2:22](#), [12:16](#)). This shows both our feeble human understanding and the power of our Helper, the Holy Spirit, to remind us of Jesus' words ([John 14:26](#)). *What is the Spirit revealing to you through His Word? How can you share this, share Him, with others?*

May He strengthen us to remember Him, to set our eyes, minds and hearts always upon Him, and to share Him, the Mighty One who saves.

Your friend in Christ,

Karen

From the Family: Thank you for all the sympathy cards received by Bill, Connie & Ervinette Arthur on the passing of Bill & Ervinette's mother, Jill Jackson.

Charlotte Newman wishes to thank everyone for their care, prayers, cards, and love on the death of her son Dean Newman.

A memorial service will be held for Roy Anderson on Saturday, Aug 31, at 10:30 am with a luncheon reception following. All are invited to remember Roys life and memory among us.

I wanted to let everyone who read my book and left a written review, how much it helped me. I was informed that I won the SILVER MEDAL in The Global Book awards for Biographical-Memoir. It's a Big Deal so thanks to all again! – Margie Hill

PLC Weekly Calendar & Events

Mon: Dorcas, 9 am; Staff, 10 am
Wed: Bible Study, 10 am; Music, 6 pm
Tue: Matins, 7:30 am; 3Cs, 10:30 am; Chorale, 6-9 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

- Aug 28:** Seal coat touchups | Aug 29: Striping Parking Lot
- Aug 30:** Church Office Closed (Lynn PTO)
- Aug 31:** Roy Anderson Memorial, 10:30 am
- Sep 1:** Backpack Blessing for Students!
- Sep 2:** Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sep 2-6:** Pastor Jon & Chris away
- Sep 3:** 3Cs Coeur d’Aleers begin, 10:30-12:30 | **Sep 3:** P&M Team, 6 pm
- Sep 4:** Fellowship Team, 11 am; PLC Choir begins, 6 pm
- Sep 5:** Ecumenical Food Kitchen; Security Team, 6 pm
- Sep 8:** Rally Day & Potluck Picnic!
- Sep 9:** Men’s Group begins, 6 pm
- Sep 11:** Historical Button Club, 12-3 pm; **VBS** Jungle Journey, 5:30 pm!
- Sep 23:** Chorale Board, 6:30 pm | **Sep 26:** 4-H Group, 6 pm
- Sep 29:** Two services: Heritage, 8 am; Regular 10 am *(no adult study this day)*



September Sunday Ministry Servants

	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Communion
Sept 1	Ken C, Tammi J	Barb N	Kevin S	Susan S, Juli L, Karen R
Sept 8	Mitch & Cindy M	Sam R	Samantha P	Ed & Catherine R, Darlene B
Sept 15	Ken & Rita B	Landry A	Teresa B	Bill & Connie A, Lynn A
Sept 22	Doyle & Julie J	Colt K	Roy V	Gail G, Larry F, Chris A
Sept 29 8 am	Paul & Lisa S	--	Karen R	Mike & Margie H, Jennifer M
Sept 29 10 am	Barb H, Betty N	Kendall A	Chris C	Randy & Jolene P, Dave P

Thank you to Cat Pagel for setting the Lord’s table and to Charlotte Newman for baking the bread in Sep.

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	KidZone
Sep 1	Barb N & Candy V	Rick & Doyle	Samantha P
Sep 8	Maren S & Chris C	Roy & Rick	Volunteer
Sep 15	Maren S & Chris C	Gordon & Jim	Karen R
Sep 22	Lee E & Roy V	Colby & Rick	Volunteer
Sep 29 8am	---	Ken	---
10 am	Lee E & Roy V	Karle & Darrell	Karen R

LCMC NW District **IMPACT** Youth Retreat
Shoshone Mountain Retreat: Oct 18-20

This retreat is being subsidized by our Northwest LCMC District and Peace will also support your cost so you can attend for **FREE!** *What a deal!*

Registration is now open and to be turned in by **Sep 15**. Please contact Karen Robison for more details. Grab friends and go out to the mountain during a most beautiful time of the year and grow in faith!



SAVED

YOUTH RETREAT

What are we saved FROM?

What are we saved FOR?

Romans 6:23

OCT 18th - 20th, 2024

Shoshone Mountain Retreat Wallace, ID

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WITH HIGH ENERGY GAMES,
FELLOWSHIP, AND GROWING IN FAITH
FOR YOUTH TO
HAVE A FUN-FILLED EXPERIENCE!
7TH TO 12TH GRADERS WELCOME!*

 **COST: \$50.00 PER YOUTH/CHAPARONE**
This includes 2 nights of lodging and all meals

 **REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 23RD, 2024**
Forms and additional information will be emailed

Contact us :
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Lutherhaven Ministries

Thanks to all for attending this year's Boots & Pearls event at Lutherhaven where a record number was raised to support camperships at the event!

Come enjoy cinnamon rolls, a shuttle up the river, worship, and a session about gold panning at **Fall Golden Agers Day Out!** This is a one-day retreat especially for retirees, senior adults and older adult groups, and a great day during a wonderful time of year at camp! Join us on Wed, Sep 18 from 10am-2pm for fun, laughs, food, song, and stories at Shoshone Camp!

Make Deck the Halls: Woodland Christmas Camp an annual tradition for your family or group!

Stunning wintry lake views, hot cocoa, and more... come enjoy all the fun of Lutherhaven Family Camp in the winter! We'll make Christmas crafts, enjoy worship around the campfire, play broom ball, and more. Start your day with a hot cup of coffee in an Adirondack chair overlooking beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene and spend the day making memories to last a lifetime. Two Awesome Dates to Choose From: Dec 13-15 or Dec 20-22. *Plan your Christmas retreat now!*

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

Coming to Peace Lutheran....



SAVE THE DATE:
Wednesday, December 4th

Christmas Decorating
Caroling
Cookie & Hot Cocoa Sampling
Advent Devotional
Kid's Craft
And More!

Carpooling / Pick Ups Available!

DECK THE HALLS



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Sun Adult Study 8:30 AM
Sun Worship at 10 AM
Weekly Bible Studies
Pastor Jon Anderson
Pastor Emeritus, Gail Gutterud