

The Witness of Peace

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Preparing for a Sixtieth Sabbath

A little over a year ago I started preparing myself for the idea of turning 60 this month. As I am sure many of you can understand, it just did not seem possible. But I began to think of this occasion as an opportunity to reflect on the story of my life. Then the idea of a pilgrimage, or an intentional reflective journey, began to take shape in my mind. I began to think of this journey as an extended time of sabbath, of acknowledging both familial and spiritual roots, giving thanks for important aspects of my past and preparing to enter the “elder” stage of life.

After a long time of consideration, this is the journey that has emerged:

- ◆ I will spend two weeks in Ireland with my husband Jim, visiting several ancient holy sites of Celtic Christianity as well as the ancestral lands of family on my father’s side (having visited the Italian lands of my maternal grandparents last time I was in Europe- 37 years ago.)
- ◆ Then Jim will return home, and I will travel to the Scottish island of Iona, a sacred site of pilgrimage for many centuries, for a time of retreat, and then see a bit of the Scottish Highlands;
- ◆ Finally, I will journey to Paris, to reminisce and re-connect with the language and culture which was so important to me (having majored in French and lived there twice.)

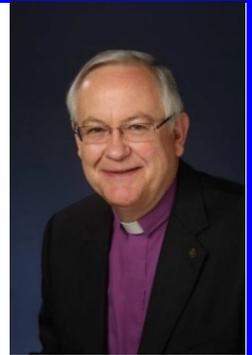
Many thanks to the congregation, to my local pastor colleagues, and to my late parents’ generosity, all of which enable me to take this sacred journey.

See you upon my return!

Pastor Annette

Come, Lord Jesus

Bishop Kirby Unti
NW Washington Synod / ELCA
From the October 2018 edition of *The Spirit*



The Unti family continues to meet at least once a week for a family meal. It is the rare occasion when we are not all in attendance. The meal always begins with the prayer, “Come, Lord Jesus.” We know not to move a fork until the prayer has been shared. I must confess that we do not always do the prayer with the reverence that it deserves but we always do the prayer.

It would be so easy, and maybe even more pleasant, if we suspended this practice - but the truth is it is nonnegotiable. Not because of guilt or shame. Not because of our personal piety. The prayer is essential because it helps us as a family to know our rightful place in the world. We are, as Luther might say, beggars. We are dependent upon God. God is the provider. We are grateful receivers.

Many of you know that Kim finds great delight in preparing meals. It is not only about the culinary challenge - it is about the gift that comes in gathering people around the meal. Kim knows how to turn a meal into an entire evening.

Kim is also the first to sign up to provide meals for others whether it is a friend recovering from surgery or helping at any one of several feeding programs. We often prepare and serve these meals as a family.

Our household has been shaped by meals because we have been shaped by the Biblical narrative.

Meals play such a critical role in the story of God’s people whether it is the cry for manna in the wilderness or breaking bread at home with Zacchaeus. Not to mention how central the meals of Passover and The Eucharist are. Meals are how God is known, faith is formed, forgiveness is experienced and remembrance of what matters most happens.

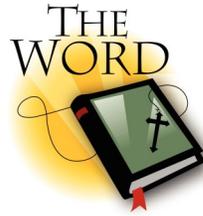
Meals are also what the ELCA is about. We not only gather often as the people of God around meal but we believe deep in our bones the importance of seeing that all people have access to the means of providing and receiving meal. We call this expression of the ELCA – WORLD HUNGER.

“Working with and through our congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Lutheran churches overseas, and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.” (ELCA Website: www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger)

Our Synod Hunger Team is ready for some new members to lead us in our local efforts. If you are interested in helping to shape this group, please contact the synod office. Additionally, on the flipside of this edition of *The Spirit*, you will find hunger facts and resources.

COME, LORD JESUS!

Readings For October:



October 7th—Pentecost 20

First Reading Genesis 2:18-24
 Psalm Psalm 8
 Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
 Gospel Reading Mark 10:2-16

October 14th—Pentecost 21

First Reading Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
 Psalm Psalm 90:12-17
 Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-16
 Gospel Reading Mark 10:17-31

October 21st—Pentecost 22

First Reading Isaiah 53:4-12
 Psalm Psalm 91:9-16
 Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-10
 Gospel Reading Mark 10:35-45

October 20th—Reformation Sunday

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm Psalm 46
 Second Reading Romans 3:19-28
 Gospel Reading John 8:31-36



*Thank you,
 Larry Hanson,
 for the beautiful
 new stands
 for our
 Paschal Candle
 and
 Procession cross!*



*And the lovely
 new finish on
 our entry table!*



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*Please note that all personal information has been removed from this listing. If you wish to contact anyone please use your Peace directory to find their contact information.

News from Josephine

“Christmas” Talk?

Dear Partner Churches... Let me start off as always by saying the word thanks. Your participation in our ministry here is wonderfully touching. Grace and peace to you as we continue our relationship together and continue to work together.

Please don't throw stones at me for bringing up “Christmas” even as we just enter October. However, it is time to start preparing for our Josephine Christmas Giving Tree. If you haven't heard of this project before, let me briefly paint the idea for you first. For the past several years now, Josephine has tried on the undergo a major gift-giving project by trying to provide gifts for each one of our nursing home, rehab, and assisted living residents. For the past few years, we have opened that opportunity up to our Partner Churches. We have to tell you, that the response has been tremendous! So, we would love to offer the opportunity again this year to you.



As you can imagine, as we prepare to coordinate with 18 of our partnering congregation in getting and matching meaningful gifts for over 200 of our residents, it takes some time to do this right. Our Activities Staff will be going around to each of those residents and asking them for three options of Christmas gifts, each under \$20, that they might like. With the help of your Josephine delegates, we will then get those requests out to those of you who would like to participate in this project. Let me take the opportunity right now to give you at least one instruction that we will also repeat on the gift tags themselves...you do not need to get all three of the gift options- choosing one of those options is all that is needed (but of course if the some of those options are on the smaller side, and your heart moves you to give more, you are certainly free to get more of the options). Once you are able to get those gifts, we will then need to get the gifts back to Josephine and process them before eventually giving them out to the residents. I know it sounds like a lot of work, but it is a gift of love that we try to do for every resident who is spending their Christmas at Josephine.

At this moment, I am asking you to pray about whether or not you would like to participate. The first step will then be your Josephine delegates helping us get the word out and then getting a list of names of everyone who would like to participate. So, expect that to happen soon. Thank you in advance for participating with us in this act of love! Made in the image of God, I believe from the bottom of my heart that we are made to love. May this be one way we practice that love as we are church together. God's peace be with you all! -Chaplain Andy

Thinking about Baptism? Becoming a member? Or just want to learn more about the Lutheran church?

Join Pastor Annette on **Sundays, November 11,18 and 25** from 9:00-9:45 am, as we explore the bible, theology, liturgy and YOUR questions.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Peace Lutheran Church Women

Women's Ministry

All women are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 3 at 11:30 am for a time of sharing lunch, a very short program and meeting! Hostesses this month are Mary Fuentes, Stephanie Bean and Lana Hanson.

The book of Ecclesiastes tells us that there is a time for everything under God's heavens. With that thought this month we will be looking at "Being Prepared" for the end of our life's journey. There will be a plethora of information available so that each person can take home a packet for review.

We are only one month out of Bazaar time so we hope that everyone has been busy making, growing, collecting or at least thinking of items for that day's sales. Lefse already has one week of mixing, rolling, baking, cooling and sorting under it's belt! If you didn't get a chance to participate in this round another is planned for later in October. Watch your bulletins for dates or talk with our Lefse Queen Mary! She can give you all the details! ☺ All other Bazaar questions can be directed to Chair Connie DiGregorio.

Time to get your Fall jackets out as the weather has definitely begun to change. See you in church!

Peace, Debra Compton, P: CW Co-Chair



It's Bazaar TimeAnd we need your help!

PLCW's Country Christmas Bazaar is set for Saturday, November 3rd from 10 am to 2 pm. To make this fundraiser a big success we need lots of help.

Do you have stuff at home that you no longer use...dishes, purses, wall art, decorations, books? Bring in your Used Treasures by October 31st and maybe they'll find a new home! Items can be placed in the classroom nearest the road prior to the 31st.

Maybe you have season passes and might be willing to give up a pair for a single game or show? Do you know your hair stylist, oil change guy, housecleaner enough to ask for a donation? Are you willing to donate \$10, \$20, or more to by items for raffle baskets? Do you have some great ideas and stuff to put in a basket? Do you have time to help put together and decorate the baskets? Let Carol Mendenhall know if you can help in any way with the Silent Auction.

Do you like to bake? We need lots of items for our Bakery. Cookies, breads, Scandinavian specialties, cakes, berry pies....are all big sellers.

Now's the time to show your creative side. Handmade items are always a success in the Craft/ Harvest area. You can share your garden's bounty in this area.

You can help make lefse on October 22 - 24, flatbread and krumkake dates will be announced soon.

Don't forget to pick up a few gift cards for the very popular Gift Card Tree. You can give them to Shirley Cupic or Becky Sather.

And remember, we hope each woman in the congregation will bring two pies to serve with lunch and sell in the Bakery. Please don't bring pumpkin or cream pies.

Help is needed to help prep the food on Thursday and Friday, November 1st and 2nd. Let Carol Maurstad know if you can lend a hand.

And, of course, everyone is invited to help at the Bazaar. If you haven't been asked to help already give me a call to volunteer.

Thanks to everyone!

Connie DiGregorio 360-387-2300



**HOUSING
HOPE**
we keep hope alive

October Mission of the Month—Housing Hope

From Housing Hope's earliest days, Housing Hope rejected "band-aid" approaches to local affordable housing and homelessness problems. Instead, the agency has been a pioneer in creating real solutions for the low income families that come to us for help. Buoyed by a vision of a community where everyone has a safe, decent and affordable home, our founders committed to the concept of a Service Enriched Housing Continuum that supports families on their journeys to real independence. By helping vulnerable families address the social and personal issues that may have contributed to their housing issues, cycles of poverty and hopelessness end.

Housing Hope's programs offer a full range of housing types—emergency shelter, transitional housing and affordable rental apartments, as well as homeownership opportunities for low-income households. The Continuum is an effective and efficient method of helping families break the cycle of poverty. It recognizes that a family must have the basic need for safe shelter met before they can deal with other significant challenges. Conversely, providing only housing to people is not enough to significantly improve their chances for becoming successful members of the community. Only the combination of housing and supportive services gives these families the opportunity to become self-sufficient by building skills and resources for a better future.

Mission of the Month Ballots

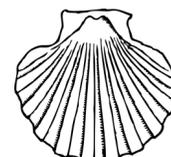
Several years ago Peace Lutheran members adopted a Mission of the Month plan for distributing part of our benevolences. **This program is for giving to outside organizations only.** They are not for local care needs of individuals or families and are also not used for mission projects like Guatemala and China. If you have questions about this please talk with Mary, Debra or Pastor Annette.

Please take a few minutes to reflect on organizations/agencies that are important to you, our church and our community and list them in the space provided on ballots. Ideas can also be jotted down on a piece of paper and placed in the wooden box located on the long table in the Narthex. We will tabulate your responses and post the results by the middle of December. Thanks for doing your part!

Congratulations to our newly baptized children!



*Mary Nicholas,
proud grandmother,
and Katelynn Hubbard,
big sister, join
Elizabeth Hubbard
at the font on September 16.
Elizabeth was baptized along with
her younger brothers,
Jonathan and Andrew Pearson.
They are the children of
Heidi and James Pearson.*



A great local opportunity to learn more about the contemplative life!

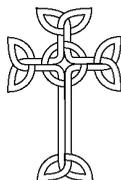
INTRODUCTION to CENTERING PRAYER

Be still and know that I am God. (Ps. 46:10)

A workshop led by Jeff Renner, Contemplative Outreach Northwest

Hosted at St Aidan's Episcopal Church

1318 SR 532, Camano Island, WA 98292



FRI, OCT 12th, 7:00—8:00 pm; SAT, OCT 13th, 10:00—2:00 pm

\$10 donation at the door, lunch provided

SIGN UP ONLINE <https://StAidanCamanoIsland.org>



PASTORAL COVERAGE **DURING OCTOBER**

Presiders for Sunday Worship:

October 7	Pastor Jim Leistikow
October 14	Pastor Bill Moos
October 21	Pastor Bill Moos
October 28	Pastor Jan Nesse Leistikow

Pastoral Care:

Four of our local Lutheran pastors are sharing on-call pastoral coverage for the month. Becky, Mary and Larry Sather will all have a copy of the schedule and contact info.

*** Youth and Family ***



The leaves have started to change and with that the mornings are crisp and I can already taste hot apple cider. Speaking of leaves the Out to Lunch bunch will be heading over the Mountains to check out the brilliant colors of fall. We typically go on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, but this month we will be going a week early on the Tuesday the 9th. The plan is to leave at 8:30 in the morning, so you might want to pack a snack. Please sign up in the office on the note pad on my desk.

Speaking of Out to Lunch bunch I had planned to take the group to Poulsbo, but the weather did not cooperate, so we went to the Snohomish Pie Company in Mount Lake terrace. The lunch was fabulous and afterwards we went in and made a few purchases from Double D Meats (owned by Kim Nygard). The plan is to go to Poulsbo next summer.



Have you heard of Bob's Corn Patch well if you haven't maybe you would like to join us on the 7th of October? We will be leaving right after church to go to Snohomish and check out the corn maze and maybe find a pumpkin or two. All are welcome to come and have a fun afternoon. Please wear appropriate shoes and clothing.

Homemade is the theme for this year's harvest party. The fun is set for the 27th at 5:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come in a homemade costume or something you feel comfortable wearing. Once again dinner will be provided and if you have something you would like to contribute to the harvest stew please send me a message. We will have a few of the old games, but we also will have a few new games and yes the donut eating contest will be happening. The night will end with the traditional cake walk, please bring a cake to contribute to the walk.



For all you Lefse lovers we will be preparing the potatoes on the 22nd and rolling on the 23rd and 24th if you are interested in learning the art of Lefse. All are welcome to join the fun and tasting. Oh-ya and learn how to make Lefse.

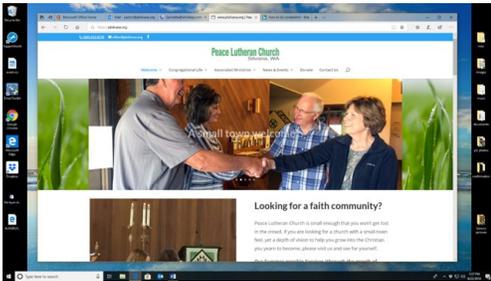
As the seasons change, so do the needs of the **FOOD BANK**. This month the food bank is asking for **SOUP**.

GO GREEN TIP:

40 Billion that's right 40 Billion plastic utensils are used every year in the United States. The majority of these are thrown out after just one use and end up in landfills and waterways. Most plastic utensils are not recyclable and it is not recommended to reuse them as they degrade with repeated use. It is recommended to use EcoTensil that is 100% recyclable or use standard metal utensils that can be washed and used for years.

MJF

*Have you seen our new website?
Still at www.plsilvana.org*



Lots of great information for both members and visitors. Feel free to share the link with others. See if you can find YOUR picture!

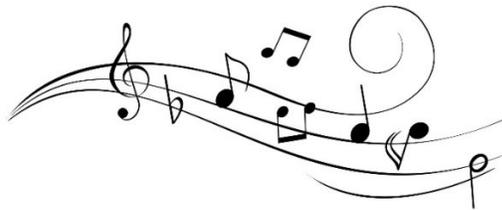
October Birthdays

- 5 Sharon Daoura
- Wayne Vroman
- 6 Whitney Huleatt
- 7 George Daoura
- Everett Fuentes
- 10 Evelyn Legler
- 11 Robyn Canteras
- 12 Delores Vanwinkle
- 13 Joyce Klabunde
- 16 Beatrice Ferguson
- Kermit Johnson
- 19 Marcia Conn
- 24 Dana Stoffel
- 25 Makena Rose Kombol
- 26 Pastor Annette Andrews-Lux

Happy Birthdays



PLCW serving group for October:
Group #3, Maudie Gedstad
Remember to keep coffee time simple!



Time to sing a new song!
Our beloved organist/pianist,
Pam Holdal, is planning to retire
from her regular musical
commitments here at Peace.
Plan to join us on
All Saints Sunday, November 4
to celebrate her 27 years of leading
us in worship.
(Don't forget to "Fall Back"!)



Thank you to all of you who **JOINED HANDS** and participated with the purchase of supplies, preparation and assembly of the school kits. Special thanks to Debra Compton who organized everything and Linda Legler who sewed all of the backpacks!



October 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous 5:00 Krumkake 5:30 Lydia	2 12:00 AA 5:30 Out to Dinner meets at a Marysville BBQ restaurant.	3 10:30 AlAnon PLCW 11:30 Lunch 12:15 Meeting 6:00 Youth & Family	4 Gathering Place 4:30 prep 5:30 dinner	5 12:00 AA	6 1:00 Beck funeral and reception at Peace
7 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship Bob's corn maze in Snohomish	8 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous 6:00 4-H	9 8:45 OTLB goes over the North Cascades! 12:00 AA	10 9:30 Naomi 10:30 AlAnon 11:30 Esther 6:00 Youth & Family here 6:00 Confirmation at Our Saviors, Arl	11	12 12:00 AA 7-8 Centering Prayer intro gathering at St. Aiden's, Camano	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10-12 Centering Prayer workshop at St. Aiden's, Camano
14 9:00 Sunday School for all ages 10:00 Worship	15 9:00 Flat bread Baking 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous	16 12:00 AA 6:00 District II AA	17 10:30 AlAnon 6:00 Youth & Family	18 10:00 LWR Quilting 6:00 4-H Foods	19 12:00 AA	20
21 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship with Blessing of kits & Quilts 3:00 LWCH Wedding	22 10:00 Women's AA 10:00 Lefse Potato prep 5:00 Pills Anonymous	23 10:00 Lefse Roll/bake/pkg 12:00 AA	24 10:00 Lefse Roll/bake/pkg 10:30 AlAnon 6:00 Confirmation at Our Savior's 6:00 Youth & Family	25	26 12:00 AA	27 8:00 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Harvest Party
28 Reformation Sunday 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship	29 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous	30 12:00 AA Bazaar set up begins	31 Halloween 10:30 AlAnon		Food Bank item: SOUP	

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Winter Schedule

9am Sunday School for all ages

Worship 10am at Peace

Youth and Family-Wednesdays at 6pm (except Halloween)

Harvest Party, 5:30, October 27

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Our Mission Statement

**“Called by Christ to offer help, hope
and healing.”**

