

The Witness of Peace

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Come, Holy Spirit!

I recently read one of the best descriptions of the Holy Spirit that I have encountered: The Spirit is *God at work in the world*. Throughout the entire biblical narrative – from Genesis to Revelation- the Spirit of God is at work: unfolding in creation, inspiring the prophets, sustaining the people, renewing hope, guiding God's people into the future.

Martin Luther described the work of the Spirit using four key verbs:

Calls The Spirit speaks to us both individually and collectively, leading us along life's pathways, guiding us in our life choices, stirring our hearts to compassion and courage.

Gathers The Spirit draws us together into relationships of care and service and into communities of faith and witness which embody unity and full inclusion of all God's children.

Enlightens The Spirit is the source of wisdom and understanding, helping us to share God's vision, teaching us through a variety of means and persons about the ways of God.

Sanctifies The Spirit works ongoingly to help us grow and form as children of God and disciples of Jesus, drawing us ever closer into the holiness of God in body, mind and soul.

We will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation on the feast of Pentecost, June 9th. In a very real way, each of us are asked to join with our confirmands in renewing the gift of our baptism and the Holy Spirit's work among and within us. The promises of Scripture tell us that when we look for God, we will find God: bringing comfort when we are sad, hope in times of despair, courage when we are afraid, boldness when we are called to action, understanding in the midst of confusion, truth when surrounded by lies and distortions.

Come Holy Spirit! Gives us open hearts and open eyes that we may see your holy work in the world, in our community and in our lives!

Spirit blessings, Pastor Annette

Life In Between

By Bishop Kirby Unti

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" --Luke 10:11-13

Our Synod Staff has been dwelling on Luke's story of the 10 lepers for the last several months. It has come to our attention that the story takes place where many, many Biblical Stories take place, "in between places." In this case Jesus encounters the lepers in between Samaria and Galilee.

There is a practical reason for this. The lepers would not have been welcomed in Samaria or Galilee. They were living in the only place they were allowed, on the margins. Given that Jesus was constantly on the move plays right into the likelihood that we will encounter him in between place.

But there is more to this than geography. The story of faith, hope and love is forged "in between." For Abraham and Sarah it was formed in between the invitation to leave behind family and home and the promise of becoming a great nation. For the Israelites it was in the wilderness between Egypt and Promised Land. For the people of exile it was between living in a strange land and the hope of returning home. For the disciples it was in between the sea of Galilee and the cross. And then there is the most holy of time between Good Friday and Easter Morning.

I have never been good at living "in between." The uncertainty creates anxiety for me. I want to know the outcome. I just want to get there. Forty years in the wilderness would have done me in.

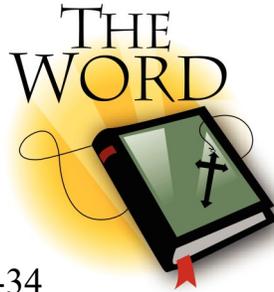
It is not easy for me to live in the present. I am often seduced into wanting to go back to the way it was or jumping ahead to what is waiting for me. Little did I know how prophetic the words of those were who said to Kim and me, "Enjoy your children because they grow up way too quickly." It is in the space and time of "in between" that we come to know, to love and to trust. It is precisely the place we are called to live.

Northwest Washington is entering "in between" time. In between two bishops. Please welcome Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee. Bishop-elect Shelley and I both are leaning into this in between space knowing that it is sacred encountering space. I encourage you not to look back or to race ahead. Rather welcome this new time and our new Bishop and take up residency in it. It is where we encounter Jesus.

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you." --Luke 10:20-21



Readings For June:



June 2nd—7 Easter

First Reading Acts 16:16-34
 Psalm Psalm 97
 Second Reading Revelations 22:1-14,
 16-17, 20-21
 Gospel Reading John 17:20-26

June 9th—Day of Pentecost

First Reading Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
 Psalm Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Second Reading Romans 8:14-17 or
 Acts 2:1-21
 Gospel Reading John 14:8-17[25-27]

June 16th —The Holy Trinity

First Reading Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
 Psalm Psalm 8
 Second Reading Romans 5:1-5
 Gospel Reading John 16:12-15

June 23rd—Pentecost 2

First Reading Isaiah 65:1-9
 Psalm Psalm 22:19-28
 Second Reading Galatians 3:23-29
 Gospel Reading Luke 8:26-39

June 30th—Pentecost 3

First Reading 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
 Psalm Psalm 16
 Second Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-15
 Gospel Reading Luke 9:51-62



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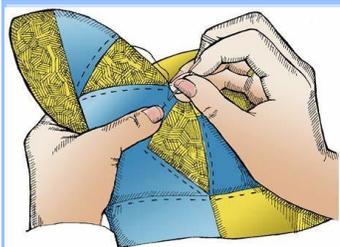


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Musicians

Richelle Tripp
Allyson Martinez



*Lutheran World Relief
 quilters meet the 3rd
 Thursday of the month at
 10 am. There are jobs for
 any skill level. Contact
 Alanna Stone for more
 information.*

QUILTING GROUP

Our Mission Statement

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



Dear Partners in Christ,

Let me draw your attention to a new section that we added to our website (www.josephinecc.com). We now have an “Events” section that intends to keep folks informed of events that are significant to life here at Josephine Caring Community. I invite you to check it out and participate in the event there with us! One of those events, I would like to highlight to you right now so that you can get in on your calendar early:

***The Josephine Caring Community Annual Picnic & BBQ
July 19, 2019 (4p-7p)***

Yes, mark it down right now and make arrangements to join us. It is always loads of fun to celebrate our communal relationships together. There will be food, a bouncy house, face painting, venter booths, a beer garden, and music!

Let me also mention why this is particularly important to me. The model of our denominational tie has always been that we are better as *church/ministry/mission* when we are *church/ministry/mission* together. Josephine might be able to do this ministry alone but Josephine believes that it is *better together* with others— we are better in community— important enough that it made it into our name and in our mission statement. This picnic and bbq helps us explore and live into that mission. It is certainly not the only way that we explore and live into it— but it is certainly one way. So, we invite you to join us and to check out our website for other ways in which to engage in our ministry and the ministry that we do here on your behalf. Blessings, my friends in Christ!

Warmly,
Chaplain Andy



Peace Lutheran Church Women



I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's day. I'd like to give a special "Thank you" to Mary Morcom for the lovely embroidered dishcloths she made everyone.

Our PLCW meeting was so much fun. I'd like to thank Connie DiGregorio for being our May speaker. She shared her trip to Turkey with us by showing a slide show. It was awesome! I learned so much about this land far away.

We had a wonderful luncheon as always, thank you to the ladies that provide these every month. They're always so delicious. Devotions were led by Mary Fuentes.

Our June topic will be Dairy Delight. This should be very interesting. Especially for me because I know nothing about Dairy except I love ice-cream... Devotions will be led by Connie DiGregorio and the lunch will be provided by the PLCW Board.

Please come and join us June 5th! There will not be any PLCW meetings in July or Aug. So I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and are able to get out and enjoy the beauty of where we live.

See you in church,
Carol Mendenhall



Peace Lutheran's April Financial Report

Donations / Expenditures

\$20,829.86 \$20,949.45

Mission of the Month: \$625.00—Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center

Mission Investment Fund

Interest Income \$130.80 Balance \$114,483.22

2019 Budget

\$214,789.00

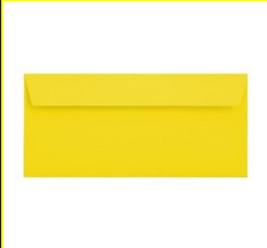
Average Donation Needed Each Month

\$17,899.00



BUDGET TASK FORCE NEEDS *YOUR* HELP!

Watch for a YELLOW envelope from the church in your mail.



It will invite you to **participate in a survey** which will help us to make important decisions to stabilize our church finances.

The PLC Budget Task Force is in the process of gathering feedback from the congregation for the church council on how to reduce budgeted expenses. Your input from the survey questions will be very important to us so **be sure to respond** to the information we send to you.

This survey is an important way for you to make your opinion known. Deadline for completion is June 15th.



Congregational meeting on Sunday June 23

Come be part of the conversation! At this special congregational meeting, the task force will **present the results** of their information gathering process to the congregation and **will seek feedback** from the members on both the information presented and any additional information from congregational members.

***Thank you to the members of the task force-
Larry Sather, Alanna Stone, Bruce Grimm, Lana Hanson, Debra Compton
and Jolene Rod- for their hard work on our behalf!***



On Pentecost Sunday, June 9,
we will be celebrating the
Rite of Confirmation of Baptism with three of our
youth:

Everett Fuentes
Taylor Haugen
Katelynn Hubbard



**Please plan to join us and
add to the festivities by wearing RED!**

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2019

On May 17-19 over 400 voting members and guests from all over the synod gathered at the Lynnwood convention center. The gathering also included three visiting bishops, Rev. Kevin Strickland from the main ELCA churchwide offices in Chicago and Rev. Elena Bondarenko, a visiting pastor from the Lutheran church of Russia. A key focus of this year's assembly was the election of a new bishop for our synod.

Welcome to our new Bishop-Elect, Pastor Shelley Bryan Wee!

A graduate of PLU and Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, Pastor Shelley celebrates 25 years of ordained ministry this year. She has been serving the synod as the Assistant to the Bishop for the last two years. Bishop Kirby will complete his term on July 30, and Pastor Shelley will begin her 6-year term as our Bishop.



My passion is to create places and spaces for people to experience God's love and grace in their lives and in the world. In my twenty-fifth year of Word and Sacrament ministry, I am called to preach, teach, and administer the sacraments – in whatever capacity God calls me to do these things – so that all may know God's love. I want to emphasize that I don't have all the answers. We are living in a complex world that is not neatly defined or managed. Truthfully, we all need to continue having conversation, continue reflecting, and continue living out our faith in this world of unparalleled change. Above all I rely on God's grace and love, trusting in the Spirit to bring direction, a sense of wonder, and the ability to dream into the future.

June Mission of the Month



Our Vision

Every individual aspiring to self-sufficiency should have access to a safe, secure, affordable home.

Our Mission

Housing Hope shall promote and provide affordable housing and tailored services to reduce homelessness and poverty for residents of Snohomish County and Camano Island.

In a nutshell...

Housing Hope, founded in 1987, recognizes that safe, secure and affordable housing is only the first step in solving poverty for struggling families. The innovative concept to provide a full range of housing with housing-related support services is a hallmark of the Housing Hope mission.

Housing Hope combines affordable housing with tailored services such as life-skills training, childcare, case management, and employment services.



Vacation Bible School

Come join the safari!

June 24-28, 9-12

Register now! Forms available in the narthex or by email.

Be part of the team. Helpers still needed as group guides. Food donations sign up is in the narthex. African décor is welcome.

LWCH UPDATE

Have you seen the photos in the narthex????
(Thank you Lana!)

The entrance and patio project is progressing nicely. The outer wall has been covered with the final stone product. By the time you read this, the lower patio will have been poured. The final steps to completing the project are:

- covering the lower patio with pavers
- finishing the brick work (brick layer)
- Pouring the ramp and the steps from the patio that will meet the entrance
- pouring the sidewalk along the side of the church
- blacktopping the handicap parking spaces and the road



A huge thanks to Larry Hanson who has overseen the project and kept the ball rolling along with several other people who have provided help as needed: Lana Hanson, Wynn Holdal, Spencer Fuentes, Bill and Bryan Rod, and Mike Cairus and crew. If you want learn how and help with the laying of the pavers, let Larry know. We will try to let you know when that will be.

Youth & Family

The first cutting of grass is done and in the bunkers or round bales, cows have been let out into the pastures, baby goats are bouncing around and the kids are almost out of school for the summer. Yes the school year is coming to a close and another group of youth will be graduating from High School and College with their future wide open. Blessings to all our young adults and may they feel the love of god in all their lives.

June is a very busy month and I hope to see you at one of the outings that we have planned. On the 4th the out to Dinner group will be going to the Conway PUB for some tasty pub food. On the 5th the PLCW will be hosting the Dairy Ambassador to talk on June being National Dairy month. On the 18th the Out to Lunch Bunch will be traveling to Fairhaven for an afternoon of good food and great conversation.

For those of you who have never been on either the Lunch or Dinner outing I want to tell you that you are missing out. We have great conversation, see some amazing sights, and try some fabulous food. Yes sometimes the food is less than desirable, but what the food lacks the fellowship far makes up for it. This last month we went to the 5 B's Bakery in Concrete and had a wonderful time and we even plan to go back in the fall when the leaves are changing. Please come and join us.



On the 21st we will gather for a bonfire to celebrate the beginning of summer. This will be a fun evening of storytelling and possibly even some music. I hope you can make it.

We are also planning a couple outings to the Mariners. The first trip will be on July 2nd, on this particular night the Stanwood Jazz choir will be singing the National Anthem. If you would like to go to the game please talk to me ASAP as I am looking at tickets and prices.

Thank you

MJ



***Turning the Church Inside-Out:
Liminal Spaces Where Jesus is Found***
A Workshop for Clergy and Lay Leaders

Saturday, June 15, 9:30am - 3pm
at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle

These are challenging times that call us to mobilize the Church to be more engaged in our communities and in the struggle for justice.

What does it look like for congregations to work for God's justice in the context of the communities in which we live, and move and have our being? Using a model for faith-based community organizing grounded in scripture, Dr. Pickett will invite participants to explore ways to discover Jesus in unlikely places, and have our hearts turned in life-giving and radical ways.

Workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Would you be interested in joining Pastor Annette to develop our skill as a congregation in engaging our local community in a new way?

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX. WE WILL REGISTER AS A GROUP.

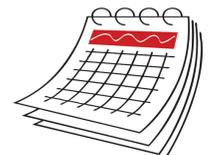


June Birthdays

3	Lee Woodington	23	Craig Backlund
4	Larry Hanson	25	Kim Keefe
5	Eva Ludwig		Stephanie Bean
9	Kelly Nicholas	26	Josh Tripp
11	Marlene Wing		Larry Bean
16	Sheila Woodington		Marcia Erwin
19	Tracy Legler	27	Taylor Morcom
21	Mason Field	29	Karen Dicken
	Andrew Pearson	30	Victoria Sather

Worship Participants Needed!

Please sign up in the narthex to participate in our services. Usher, greeter, lector or acolyte they are all easy jobs that make our services flow smoothly. All are welcome to participate!



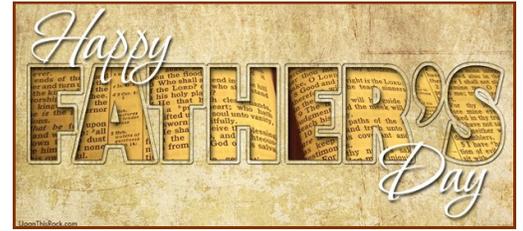
PLCW serving group for June:
Group #4

Ashley Kombol leader

Remember to keep coffee time simple!



June 2019



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

						1 9-2 Lutherwood Joined Hands Day
 2 10:00 Worship Recognition of graduates	3 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous 5:30 Lydia Circle	4 12:00 AA Out to Dinner Conway Pub 6:00 Voices	5 10:30 Al Anon PLCW 11:30 Lunch 12:30 meeting	6	7 12:00 AA	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast
9 Pentecost/ Confirmation 10:00 Worship with Confirmation 	10 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous 6:00 4-H	11 12:00 AA 6:00 Voices	12 9:30 Naomi 10:30 Al Anon 11:30 Esther	13	14 12:00 AA 11:00 Ness interment at Valley View	15 Final day of Budget survey
16 Father's Day 10:00 Worship at Peace	17 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous	18 9:30 Clergy text study OTLB 12:00 AA 6:00 Voices 6:00 Council 6:00 Dist. AA	19 10:30 Al Anon	20 10:00 LWR Quilting 6:00 4-H Foods	21 12:00 AA Bonfire 	22 8:00 Men's Breakfast
23 10-Worship/ Stewart Blessing/ Congregation <u>Meeting</u> 30 10-Worship	 9-12 VBS..... 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous	 9-12 VBS..... 12:00 AA 6:00 Voices	 9-12 VBS..... 10:30 Al Anon PLCW Board	27 9-12 VBS..... 	289-12 VBS 12:00 AA 	29

Peace Lutheran Church

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Worship: Sundays at 10:00 am
Sunday School: For all ages, Sundays at 9:00 am

Graduate recognition Sunday, June 2nd
Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday, June 9th
Congregational Meeting after church, June 23rd.

Check the calendar inside or our website for more activities at Peace!

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