

Witness of Peace

August 2024



Peace Prayer for the Privileged

In the style of St. Francis, written by contemporary Franciscan friar, theologian, author and professor Daniel P. Horan.

Lord, make me an instrument of your holy discomfort
 Where there is privilege, let me sow equity,
 Where there is violence, let me work for peace,
 Where there is division, let me seek unity,
 Where there is racism, let me pursue racial justice,
 Where there is environmental degradation, let me care for creation,
 Where there is political discord, let me seek the common good,
 And where there is economic inequality, let me seek justice.

O God of Justice, grant that I may not so much seek comfort, as to welcome hard truths,
 To be heard, as to listen; To hold power, as to empower;
 To seek control, as to follow; For it is in humility, that we learn,
 It is in seeking forgiveness, that we are reconciled,
 And it is in dying to self, that we are born to new life.
 Amen.

This prayer was recently shared with me. It struck me as so pertinent to our times. I think St. Francis would approve. How might our lives- my life, your life- change if we embraced this prayer as our own?

Pastor Annette

Youth, Family, and Community News

August is a hopping month! First off thank you to all who helped at the Silvana Fair with

the church hospitality booth. The booth is just one way that we show God's work by being a place to rest and have good conversation.

Come out and support the youth as they participate in the Stanwood Camano Fair on August 2nd through the 4th. This is a great way to meet the youth as they are doing something they enjoy.

Lydia will gather up at Janice Bakke's on the 5th. We will depart Peace at 5:10 if you want to carpool. We are all excited to be able to go and visit her oasis.



Looking for some camping fun? Camp Bedal is back by demand we will be going up on Tuesday the 6th and coming home on Thursday the 8th. Bedal is on the loop between Darrington and Granite Falls. This is a fun trip full of nature walks and worship on the river. The campground is rustic, but does provide out-houses and a beautiful natural setting. This is open to middle and high school students. We will be camping in tents and cooking over the fire, ok not a fire as I just received an email informing me that all fires are prohibited due to the extreme fire danger, we will be using my trusty Coleman camp stove. Please sign up with

me soon, so I can plan the menus accordingly and give you a list of what you need to bring.

Out to Dinner will be heading to the Conway Pub to enjoy dinner outside on the 6th, plan to arrive at 6pm. This is our annual excursion for some good conversation delicious burgers. (also, many folks requested it) Please sign up so I can give Conway a number to expect.

Team Pictionary at the farm is set for Friday the 16th at 5:30pm. Come out and sit by the campfire and bring a tasty side dish to share with everyone. This month we will be having BBQ Chicken, so plan something around that.

Out to Lunch Bunch is Tuesday the 20th, change of day, this month we are going to Bleachers at Cedarcrest. We will leave Peace at 11 if you're wanting to ride the bus or carpool. Please sign up so we can give a number to the restaurant.

Food Bank item of the month is Instant Suddenly Salad. Ok folks I had to look up what this request, suddenly salad comes in a box and appears to be mostly pasta salads. Maybe I will have to give it a try myself.

Go Green Tip- Carry your own bottle. Suppose it's a sustainable bottle made of wood with an inner lining of copper..

-MaryJ Fuentes-

Stillaguamish Cluster News



Members of the Lay Cluster Group from Camano Lutheran, Peace Silvana, Faith Lakewood, Our Saviour's Arlington and Freeborn Stanwood have continued to work together to make our third annual Cluster Worship Service a meaningful time of worship and fellowship.

Our Worship event will be ***Sunday, September 15, 2024 at the Stanwood/Camano Fairgrounds.***

We would like to extend the opportunity for members and friends of all our fellow congregations to be involved and share in some of the "hands-on" work to ease the load. We still need people willing to contribute

their energy and enthusiasm to help make us STRONGER TOGETHER as we join together in this mutual worship service.

Saturday afternoon 9/14 – help assemble "finger food" at Peace Lutheran Church

Saturday afternoon/evening 9/14 – help set-up tables & chairs at fairgrounds

Sunday worship 9/15 – greeters, music (musicians), technology (livestream/film)

Sunday worship 9/15 – assist with food table (NO SERVING INVOLVED)

Sunday worship 9/15- general wherever/however needed

Sunday worship 9/15 – takedown & cleanup

If interested in helping please get in touch with your cluster rep. At Peace our reps are: **Kris Rinnert, Jolene Rod, Debra Compton, and Karen Dicken**

Because we recognize we are STRONGER TOGETHER and our offerings can make a bigger impact when concentrated to one cause, this year's offering will be directed towards Stanwood/Camano Resource Center, Arlington Resource Center, and LINC NW—designated specifically to their programs designated to serving the unhoused.

How are you, really? Do you need help with anything?

During my 16 years working with children and families in child welfare in different capacities, being involved with Tiny Blessings, and now through my work at Peace and LINC NW I've had the opportunity to have a front row seat to all different areas of need. From the child who needs immediate safety and shelter, to the foster parent that is struggling to understand the complexities of the system, the mother in need of diapers and clothing for her child, the grieving church member in need of prayer, and call after call to LINC from those in need of help to keep their electricity on or a roof over their heads. Overwhelming amount of need all the time.

Last month the church council met for a time of reflection and thoughtful conversation. The following week Pastor Jane preached a sermon that was the perfect exclamation point on the gathering that the council had. One of the things that came up was, "What kind of church is God calling us to be?" My immediate response to this was that we need to move from the transaction of coming and being fed by the Word, exchanging our friendly "How are you?" and move to the transformational phase and take it further... **"How are you, REALLY?"**

Then, just a week later, Pastor Jane invited us within the church to ask for help. Guess what, folks did! Guess what else, other folks immediately offered help for the asks!

Our family has the honor of spending a lot of time with the Tulalip people. Pulling together and meeting the needs of one another is a natural part of the culture. Everyone is an auntie or uncle or sister or brother and there's no shame or guilt associated with asking for help and pitching in to meet the need. It's just what you do. What if we started doing a bit more of that here within Peace? Maybe you have a minor home project that you can't get finished but some sitting nearby you in church could handle that for you with ease because they're gifted in that way? Or are you skilled at growing flowers and know that someone is feeling down and you could drop off a bouquet to them, or a meal, or maybe call the folks on the prayer list and check on them? These seemingly small acts within these walls begin the transformation outward to the greater community.



Here's a perfect example:

Last winter Jolene walked into the office and Colbie was working on a writing assignment. Jolene, not knowing Colbie very well at all, simply asked her how she was doing and what she was working on. My Colbie, who HATES writing, had no problem letting this stranger know that. Jolene laughed and let Colbie know that she used to be a teacher and offered to work on her writing with her. Week after week Jolene met with Colbie for an hour at the church and what began as her helping with writing has blossomed into something way more valuable! Jolene and Colbie go out on adventures every week, Colbie has become a gifted sewer, and seeing her confidence soar has been life changing.

July 22nd was Colbie's 13th birthday. All she wanted to do was spend the day with Jolene. This photo was taken that morning.

That's the transformation, friends. How are you, really? Do you need help with anything? Can we pitch in for each other?

God's Peace- Mindy Livingston



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August Mission Of The Month:

Josephine is a caregiving community for all generations. We are an ever growing, ever changing, successful ministry serving thousands of individuals and families since

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[Homepage | MATA Mission Aviation Training Academy \(mata-usa.org\)](http://mata-usa.org)

MISSION AVIATION AWARENESS DAY SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 Arlington Municipal Airport

See and Learn

about the mission work God is doing around the world.

Explore

our aircraft fleet and facility.

Engage With

pilots who serve on foreign mission fields.

Thank you, Janice Bakke for sharing this event with us!

♪♪ Happy Birthday To You ♪♪

- 4 Pam Holdal
Rick Love
- 6 Steven Livingston
- 8 *Kaden Livingston*
- 9 Irene Anderson
- 12 Linda Legler
- 14 *Audrey Wood*
- 20 Jan Cabe
- 23 Char Tyler
- 29 Coni Moyer

**youth are italicized*

August Worship Assistants
Thank you for serving!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
4	Debra & Patti	Connie	Ellyn	Al & Judy	Khloe
11	Mary & Phoebe	Patti	Connie	Ralph & Gwen	Mason
18	Coni & Mindy	Simon	Alanna	Karen & Dennis	Emmie
25	Larry & Wayne	Connie	Wayne	Jolene & Larry	Colbie

Out To Dinner Group

August 6th
at 6 pm we will meet at
Conway Pub

Out To Lunch Bunch

August 20th at Bleachers
(Cedarcrest Golf course in
Marysville)
Bus leaves Peace at 11

Peace Lutheran Church Women

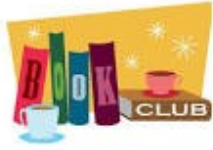
Lydia Circle: Monday, Aug 5 @ 5:30

PLCW: Will resume in September

Naomi Circle: Wednesday, Aug 21 @ 9:30

LWR Quilting: Wednesday, Aug 28 @ 10:00





“A Calamity of Souls” by David Baldacci

Set in the tumultuous year of 1968 in southern Virginia, a racially-charged murder case sets a duo of white and Black Lawyers against a deeply unfair system as they work to defend their wrongfully-accused Black defendants in this courtroom drama. Jack Lee is a white lawyer from Freeman County, Virginia who has never done anything to push back against racism until he decides to represent Jerome Washington, a Black man charged with brutally killing an elderly and wealthy white couple. Desiree DuBose is a Black lawyer from Chicago who has devoted her life to furthering the causes of justice and equality for everyone. Lee and DuBose could not be more dissimilar. But together, the pair fight for what once seemed impossible: a chance for a fair trial and true justice.

Book Club is scheduled for August 27th at 7p.m. Place to be determined. Join us!



Our next sale to raise money for our next trip to Guatemala will be **September 13th and 14th**. You may begin bringing in your donations.

Please place them in the north Sunday School room.

Reminder: We can't accept computers, printers, clothing, microwaves, or mattresses. Please only bring in furniture that is clean and in good working condition.

Thank you- Stephanie Bean.

UPCOMING BAZAAR PREP DATES:

- *Lefse making days are coming up! September 24, 25 and 26 and October 8,9 and 10
- *Help make Flatbread on October 3 at 9 am
- *Make Krumkake on October. 21 at 5:30 pm
- *If you are a sewer or crafter what could you create for the crafts room?
- *If you want to donate gift cards or \$ for gift cards you can do so in the office
- *If you would like to sign up to be on the clean up crew please speak to Stephanie Bean

Silvana School Reunion

All classmates reunion of Silvana School potluck at 11:30 am on August 8th at Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please call 360-652-7220.

Hope to see you there,
Robin Sather

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, messages, gifts and cards during my cancer journey. You raised me up in spirit which got me through some dark days!

I couldn't have gotten through it without you lifting me up.

I had a colonoscopy in late June and there was no sign of cancer or disease. Also, I just had a CT scan and no signs of cancer. Hallelujah! Praise God!

Thank you again and I appreciate each and everyone of you. May God bless you.

Love and Peace- Debbie Norman

August 2024

Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement:
*“Called by Christ to offer help, hope,
 and healing.”*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
*OTLB=Out to Lunch Bunch *OTDG=Out to Dinner Group				1	2 AA Noon	3
4 Worship 8:30 Peace 10:00 LWCH	5 AA 10 am Lydia Circle 5:30 @ Janice Bakke’s	6 AA Noon OTD Conway Pub 6 pm Youth camping trip	7 Office Closed Al-Anon 10 am Youth camping trip	8 Office Closed Youth return from camping Silvana School Reunion	9 AA Noon	10
11 Worship 8:30 Peace 10:00 LWCH Church Picnic	12 AA 10 am	13 AA Noon Council 6:30 pm	14 Al-Anon 10 am	15 Gathering Place meet at 3:30 pm	16 Pictionary Potluck at the farm 5:30 pm AA Noon	17
18 Worship 8:30 Peace 10:00 LWCH	19 AA 10 am	20 OTLB Bleachers bus leaves Peace at 11 am AA Noon	21 Al-Anon 10 am Naomi Circle 9:30 am	22 Witness Deadline	23 AA Noon	24
25 Worship 8:30 Peace 10:00 LWCH	26 AA 10 am	27 AA Noon Book Club 7 pm	28 Al-Anon 10am LWR Quilting 10 am	29	30 AA Noon	31



Wanna Picnic?

Old members—new members —community members! Come join us for a great time at our annual church picnic. We will be gathering on Sunday, August 11 at the home of Maudie Gedstad right after the 10:00 am worship service. (12:00 ish) Burgers, hotdogs and lemonade will be provided. What can you bring? I'm glad you asked....please bring a side dish, lawn chair, old

tennis shoes and a towel if you plan to tackle the river, group games, and a few dollars (if able) to help cover the porta-potty cost!

Maudie's address is: 2533 Stanwood-Bryant Road, Arlington.

Need/want more info? Give me a call at 425-231-2356.

Peace,

Debra Compton #loveyourneighbor

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If you happen to be visiting one of our beautiful cemeteries, kindly remove any dead flowers that you see. We have also been having issues with broken glass. Please don't bring glass to the cemetery and if you see it, please pick it up.

Thank you,
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Look Inside for information about church and community events and post the calendar on your wall so you don't miss a thing!