

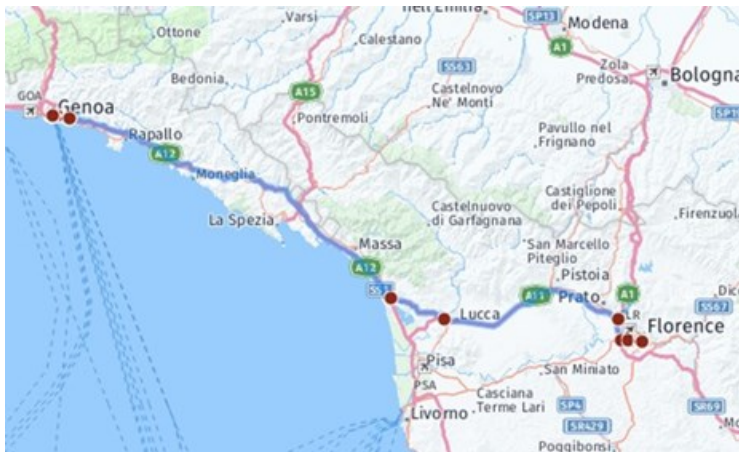
# Witness of Peace

# September 2024

## *Pastor's Sabbatical Pilgrimage*

As many of you know, September 1<sup>st</sup> marks eight years of pastoral leadership for me here at Peace. In recognition of this anniversary, the church council has granted my request for a couple of extra weeks of vacation in order to have the time and space to be able to make an extended trip. I will leave on September 16th for a month.

I have always been drawn to ancient sites of pilgrimage, places where the land has been consecrated by encounters between individuals or communities and the Holy One. What exactly is a pilgrimage? I suppose it is a journey that one undertakes with a particular intention of immersing oneself in the rich history and culture of destinations with deep spiritual significance. Walking in the footsteps of pilgrims who have gone before puts one in a unique kind of spiritual solidarity with one's forbears which feels very powerful to me.



The second part of my pilgrimage will be a solo journey on a portion of the *Chemin de Saint Jacques*, one of the French routes on the journey to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. I wasn't sure that I would ever do this, and I am grateful that I have the opportunity. Pray that my feet and spirit stay in agreement!



The first half of my pilgrimage will be to travel with my cousin to the places in northern Italy where our grandparents are from: the Malerbi family from outside of Lucca and the DeBenedetti family from near Genoa. In between we will explore the beautiful Cinque Terre.

I hope that you will enjoy the various guest preachers that I have lined up for you. Please welcome each warmly! Each week one of the local pastors will be available for pastoral emergencies. Please contact Mindy, Mary or Debra if you find yourself in need. But I pray you will all be safe and well until I return in mid-October.

Blessings to you! *Pastor Annette*

# Youth, Family, and Community News

I'm amazed that the hot summer months are coming to an end and the crisp cool mornings of fall are almost here. As I look back at these last few months, I think of all the laughter we have shared. The folks who gave so generously of their time to help make the church booth at the Silvana fair a success, Maudie and family who opened their beautiful oasis to us all for a wonderful afternoon of good food and modified Olympic games. We've gone to lunch and dinner, some places were better than others, but all places made a space for us and were kind and generous. I'm looking forward to the memories to be made this fall and all that God has instore for us.

**Out to Dinner group** will be heading south to the **Jetty Bar and Grille on the 3rd**. Please sign up with me early as I need to make reservations. The Jetty has had some really good reviews and is a local favorite.

The **Out to Lunch Bunch** Is heading North on **Wednesday the 18th** for a scenic drive to Bellingham and lunch at **Boundary Bay Brewery and Bistro**. **The bus will be leaving Peace at 10:45**. Sign up early for a fun day with friends.



I hope you're all getting excited for the kickoff to Sunday School! **Sunday the 22nd** is the big day and we have some fun games planned and tasty treats. All are invited to join in the fun! This year we have Kris and Stephanie joining Mindy, Karen, and I, so your guaranteed to have some interesting classes. Gods calling you for the next adventure, come and join in you never can tell where God will lead you.



If you're looking to try something new and you enjoy cooking for a crowd, maybe you should join us **Thursday, the 19th in Stanwood** as we serve at the **Gathering Place**. We always try to prepare something nutritious and tasty. **We start preparing the meal at 3 pm and serve from 5pm to 6pm**. We try to clean as we go, so we are usually out of the door by 6:15. This isn't a long commitment, but it is a very fulfilling one.

**Food Bank Item of the month:** Sandwich fixings—mayo, mustard, relish (not Costco size)

**Green Tip:** While you are out walking the trails or along the road pick up trash. Carry a bag along that you can fill up.

*Mary J Fuentes*

## Stillaguamish Cluster News



### Cluster Worship Event Stanwood-Camano Fairgrounds, Sunday, September 15th at 10 am!

The Cluster worship event is shaping up to be great! Our service begins at 10 a.m. It will be a sort of “breakfast church.” We will be sitting at tables throughout the service. Coffee and lovely prepared breakfast snacks will be available upon your arrival. Come and see what we have planned!

There will be special parking available for those with mobility challenges... and plenty of parking in the regular lot at the Stanwood-Camano Fairgrounds.

There will be NO service at Peace that Sunday, also due to the participatory nature of this service, there will be no live stream. Please come in person!

Pastor Annette (Peace), Pastor Scott (Camano), Pastor John (Our Saviour’s), and Deacon Marie (Faith) will be leading us!!

So come, enjoy, participate, get to know some of our neighbors at our cluster churches.

See you there!

### Mission Of The Month:

#### Faith Family Village

**Faith Family Village** is our latest and most innovative collaboration to provide shelter to families by helping them move off the streets and into homes. This Pallet Shelter community project serves families with children in Everett and provides an additional eight emergency shelter units.



Faith Family Village launched in October 2023, and is operated in partnership with **Faith Lutheran Church** of Everett, Faith Food Bank, the City of Everett, Snohomish County, and Pallet Shelter.



## From the Bishop:

You might have noticed that we are in the middle of another election season. The rhetoric, the tone, the attempts to vilify and amplify are all around us – coming from candidates and superPACs and social media and neighbors and family and more.

You might wonder where does faith fit into all of this?

As Lutherans, we believe that God loves and values every single person. This means all are beloved of God – even those who we might not agree with or even like. All are God’s children. This means that even those who are the farthest from our political views are humans and worthy of care. Further, as Martin Luther once said, we are called to be little Christs for one another. This means listening and wanting the best for one another.

In saying this, please know that loving one another is not the same as remaining quiet in the presence of hate speech or abusive actions. There are times to speak up and engage. As we know from the prophets and from Jesus, we are called to work and to speak out against powers and systems that have historically marginalized or silenced so many of God’s beloved people.

So I ask again, where does faith fit into all of this?

Well ... If you are full of anxiety for this coming year, if you wonder how to engage with others on issues that you care about, if you want to help foster a sense of community and love, we invite you and your congregation to join Northwest Washington Synod’s LiVE Project. This coming year LiVE is engaging faith and life with new classes, retreats, and cohorts. This year’s theme is *Faith Out Loud*. The 2024-25 offerings are chosen explicitly to address how to engage faith and life. This fall there is a multi-week class on Faith in Public Life starting on September 18. On October 19 there is a one-day retreat on Christian Nationalism. And from October 21-November 9 there will be an election prayer vigil. Further out in the year there is a retreat on land use, embracing difference, and a Lenten Journey along with other cohorts and more.

Together with what is happening in each of the individual congregations throughout the synod, LiVE is providing ways for people to share their faith stories, listen to one another, and connect with God and with one another to live their *faith out loud*. LiVE is a place where people from all over the synod and beyond engage in ways that foster growth, encourage conversation, provide mutual support, create community beyond difference, and ultimately connect one’s faith in day-to-day life. With the different offerings, all are encouraged to participate in what God is calling us to be and to do – to cultivate empathy, love, justice, and service. To live *faith out loud*.

This coming year is full of possibilities to together live our *faith out loud*. If you have been part of LiVE in the past, we urge you to invite others. If you are interested, please talk with others in your congregation and form a group together. Find the list of upcoming courses on our synod website here: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project>. If you have questions, please email [live@lutheransnw.org](mailto:live@lutheransnw.org)

As you know, we are not called to an individual “me and Jesus” faith isolated from the world. Instead, faith is a communal journey where we celebrate our uniqueness as we walk in the unity of Christ. We learn, grow, support, challenge, and travel together in Christ as we live as God’s beloved.

I am so grateful for the vision and leadership of synod staff members Rev. Dr. David Hahn and Ms. Mandy Neill, the LiVE Project Board, the professors and teachers, and all who have collaborated on the LiVE Project. Their work and the LiVE Project are truly gifts to this synod and to this church. Let us embrace God’s love and let us live our *faith out loud*.

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

[bishop@lutheransnw.org](mailto:bishop@lutheransnw.org)



## SEPTEMBER 13TH & 14TH!

We open at 9 am! All proceeds support the Guatemala Mission Fund.



If you have 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** all with a **9 am** start time.

\*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**



**Annual Church ELECTIONS**

## YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

The following council positions are up for election at the **November Congregational Meeting**. Please prayerfully consider whether or not you would like to serve in this capacity.

\*Treasurer

\*Member At Large

\*Youth Representative

\*Peace Lutheran Church Women Representative

♪♪ Happy Birthday To You ♪♪

- 3 Patti Jones
- 4 Jody Hoffmeister
- Paityn Brower*
- 6 Wynn Holdal
- 14 Carol Wall
- 17 Kim Moyer
- 25 *Khloe Markham*
- 28 Wayne Erickson

*\*youth are italicized*

**September Worship Assistants**  
**Thank you for serving!**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
1	Dennis & Karen	Patti	Al	Al & Judy	Phoebe
8	Pedro & Ashley	Stephanie	Alanna	Ralph & Gwen	Makenna
22	Spencer & Phoebe	Jordy	Simon	Jolene & Larry	Torunn
29	Larry B. & Isaiah	Ashley	Debra	Jolene & Larry	Makenna

**Out To Dinner Group**

September 3rd  
 Jetty Bar & Grille,  
 Everett  
 Bus leaves Peace at 5:20 pm

**Out To Lunch Bunch**

September 18th  
 Boundary Bay & Bistro,  
 Bellingham  
 Bus leaves Peace at 10:45 am

**Peace Lutheran Church Women**

**Lydia Circle: Monday, Sept 2nd @ 5:30 pm**

**PLCW: Wednesday, Sept 4th @ 11:30 am**

**Naomi Circle: Wednesday, Sept 11th @ 9:30 am**

**LWR Quilting: Friday, Sept 27th @ 10 am**



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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Worship 10:00 at Peace	<b>2</b> AA 10 am  Lydia Circle 5:30	<b>3</b> AA Noon Out to dinner Bus leaves at 5:20 pm	<b>4</b> Al-Anon 10 am  PLCW 11:30	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  AA Noon	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> School Kit Assembly 9 am  Worship 10 am	<b>9</b> AA 10 am  4-H 6:30	<b>10</b> AA Noon  Council 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> Al-Anon 10 am  Naomi Circle 9:30 am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> AA Noon  Rummage Sale	<b>14</b> Men’s Breakfast 8 am Rummage Sale
<b>15</b> Cluster Worship Stanwood Fairgrounds 10:00 am	<b>16</b> Pastor begins sabbatical  AA 10 am	<b>17</b> AA Noon	<b>18</b> Al-Anon 10 am Out to lunch Bus leaves at 10:45	<b>19</b> Gathering Place 3:30 pm  4-H Foods 6 pm	<b>20</b> AA Noon	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  Sunday School All Ages 9 am  Worship 10 am	<b>23</b> AA 10 am	<b>24</b> Lefse 9 am AA Noon  Witness Deadline	<b>25</b> Lefse 9 am  Al-Anon 10 am	<b>26</b> Lefse 9 am	<b>27</b> AA Noon  LWR Quilting 10 am	<b>28</b> Men’s Breakfast 8 am
<b>29</b> Sunday School 9 am  Worship 10 am	<b>30</b> AA 10 am					

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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!