Peace Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Where Everybody is Somebody Because Jesus Christ is Lord!



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		Thanksgiving Office Closed		1:30 Peace Stitchers		10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Service
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				1:30 Peace Stitchers 5:30 Peace Council Meeting		10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Service
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			WSU Dinner	1:30 Peace Stitchers		Daylight Savings Time Ends 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Service
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SATURDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY	SUNDAY

"There is a kind of listening with half an ear that presumes already to know what the other person has to say. It is an impatient, inattentive listening, that despises the sibling and is only waiting for a chance to speak and thus get rid of the other person. This is no fulfillment of our obligation, and it is certain that here too our attitude toward our sibling only reflects our relationship to God. It is little wonder that we are no longer capable of the greatest service of listening that God has committed to us, that of hearing our sibling's confession, if we refuse to give ear to our sibling on lesser subjects...But Christians have forgotten that the ministry of listening has been committed to them by God who is the great listener and whose work they should share. We should listen with the ears of God that we may speak the Word of God."

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I get really excited each time a new ministry starts! When a new program is started or a ministry event is planned, we certainly cannot tell how it will turn out. And yet, we start anyway! It is a faithful leap into the deep end as we follow God's call into unchartered territory, knowing that Christ is leading the way. I am particularly excited this month as we walk together with those who have been trained as Eucharistic Ministers. Those who will take communion, the body and blood of Christ, to those who are not able to make it to church on Sunday. We are sustained in faith by the Sacrament and I will be forever grateful that six people in this church have felt the call to enter into a sacred space with those in our church community.

Communion is important. We all know that. However, so is the practice of simply showing up, the practice of simply listening. Of asking questions and hearing struggles, of sitting in silence and hearing our sibling's confession. Of creating relationship and walking alongside people. All Chrisitans have the opportunity to do this. Eucharistic Ministers, I think, have an opportunity to do this in a unique way.

So, I invite you into the sacred space of walking with the other. The space where stories are told and hurts are healed in community. The space that God calls us to each and every day as Chrisitans who care deeply about broken world and whose response to it is the wholeness of God, manifested through community and relationship.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, come talk to me! The training is minimal and the reward is wonderful. If you are reading this and would like a visit from one of our ministers, call the church or send me a note. I would love to set that up! Bonhoeffer, and ultimately God, calls us to walk with each other during the good, the bad and the mundanely normal. Let's grow in community together by learning more about one another! For in the end, it is the stories that build relationships and relationships can help heal a broken world!

Peace,
Pastor Ian

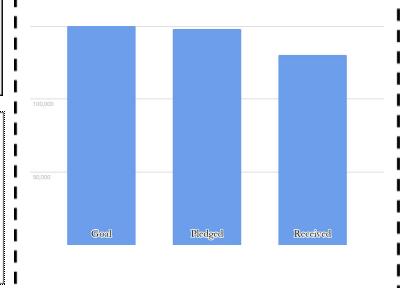
As of the end of September we are short \$23,600 in offerings to cover the church operating expenses. With year end approaching, if you are able to catch up on any tithing you might have missed over the summer months it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any additions to any future newsletters, please let the office know by the 20th of the month prior.

Growing into God's Future

Campaign News

With less than a year left of the capital campaign, we are inching closer to our goal of \$150,000. As of the end of August, we have raised \$130,200.



Birthdays

7th - Lyndell Repp

15th - Rob Smith

18th - Becky Hart

19th- Hans McMichael

21st - JP Wigen, Mary Ann Wigen

24th - Steve Larkin

25th - Brett Kincaid

27th - Chad Maki

Anniversaries

1st - Pete & Brandy Wigen (2003)

