

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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“For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:13-14)

These are the words to Esther (the Jewish Queen of the Persian King, Ahasuerus) from her Uncle Mordecai. God's people are in exile, living in a foreign land—brought there years earlier as captives of the Babylonians. But now, the Jewish people are under the threat of extermination because of the scheming of the malevolent official, Haman. Through a series of providential events, Esther has been placed in a position to have an influence with the king—an influence that will result in the salvation of her people. But before she says or does anything, her Uncle Mordecai challenges her to take the risk before the king. And she does, even knowing the danger: She says, “If I perish, I perish.”

Esther did not seek out her role. She was chosen because the king rounded up all the pretty girls in his kingdom for his harem. Esther was a standout in the beautiful department and had that special something that marked her as one of unique character. The king chose her to be the queen. But God's hand was behind it all and now she is in the position to make a difference. And while she didn't seek out that role, she was faithful to the right thing within that role. (By the way, this fall our Tuesday morning Bible study will be studying the book of Esther.)

October is the month when we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. This year will be 500 years since Luther nailed his famous 95 theses on the church door at Wittenberg. We've been going through the 95 theses in Adult Sunday School and one of the things that I've

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STAFF:

Pastor: Gib Botten
Music Director: Rob Gillespie
Director of Children's Ministries:
Lauryn Smith
Organist: Carole Hansen
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Berlin Vance
Preschool Director:
Michelle Nilsen
Preschool Secretary:
Melanie Zamora
Custodian: Pam Vien

Worship Schedule

Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am
starting Sept. 10th.

Sept. 3rd Service: 9:30am

Communion on the 1st and 3rd
Sunday of the month

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday:
8:30am—4:00pm

Friday: 8:30am—3:00pm

Special Dates

Oct. 1 World Communion
Sunday
Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday
Oct. 31 Reformation Day





MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

October 21st

8:00 - 9:30 AM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, doughnuts, and a devotion time. This will be followed by a mission-oriented business meeting, a Bible study, and a discussion. We will close in prayer at approximately 9:30 AM.

Dan Chadrow, President

Tom Bannister, Recorder

2017 Women's Ministry Bazaar Raffle

The annual Christmas bazaar will be held on *Saturday, October 28*. As always, we will be holding a raffle. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex for any items you would like to donate. All items must be new. Items from past years include: cord of firewood, gift cards, tickets to sporting events, crocheted sweaters, baby doll with wardrobe, fleece throws, afghans, gift baskets, basket of Beanie Babies, art work, etc. The possibilities are endless! Any questions, please contact Corrine Gust (425-355-3577) or the church office (425-337-6663). Thank you for your continued support of this annual event.



Bazaar

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Each quarter the AmazonSmile Foundation makes donations to registered charitable organizations by electronic funds transfer. Donations are generally transferred approximately 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter.

The annual congregational budget meeting is scheduled on November 12th.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All items to be included in the announcement insert of the Sunday bulletin must be submitted to the office by noon on the Wednesday preceding the worship service.

PRAYERS

Please call the church office to request prayers or to be added to the prayer chain. You may also email Char:
charkaiser@comcast.net.

PRAYER CHAIN GUIDELINES

Names in the bulletin remain for one month unless renewed by either calling the church or Char Kaiser at 425-338-2874.



MUSIC AT PRINCE OF PEACE

We have an urgent need for handbell players. It's a lot of fun and no music experience is necessary. Please join us on Tuesday at 6pm.

Choir rehearses at 6:30pm on Wednesday.

For more information, contact Rob Gillespie at 425-501-1505 or robgillespie@comcast.net

During the month of October we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Here is how we are remembering this great event:

On Wednesday, October 4th from 6 to 8:30pm we are showing the feature length Luther Movie in the sanctuary. There will be snacks during the intermission.

There will be a Reformation teaching focus each Sunday during the adult Sunday School period beginning at 9:40am.

The confirmation class this year will be going through a special Reformation oriented curriculum for 5 weeks.

On October 15th, David Lund will be our special guest and talk on the theme: Martin Luther: Man or Myth? As well as preach the sermon during worship.

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th, we will be having a German BBQ with Brats and sauerkraut following the service.

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pointed out was that Luther had no intention, nor idea, that he would be the leader of a church Reformation—a revolution of sorts that would shake the foundations of the western world. The 95 theses were written as a challenge to the Roman Catholic practice of selling papal indulgences (getting people out of purgatory for money). It was also a challenge to the whole theology of the Roman penitential system. It also challenged the idea that the church had a “treasury of merit” which held that, on account of the saints’ extra merit, the church could dispense that merit to others that needed it. It was all contrary to the gospel revealed in Scripture, i.e. that salvation and grace could not be merited. Salvation was free on the basis of faith and grace alone. But while Luther was angry with the sales of indulgences, he wasn’t looking for a fight—just a scholarly debate about what was going on in the church. The 95 theses was written in Latin and could not be read by most people. Luther just wanted to talk.

But then someone with one of those newfangled printing presses got hold of the document, translated it into German, printed a ton of them for sale, and the cat was out of the bag. Overnight Luther became a theological celebrity (and enemy of the church) and was placed at the center of a Reformation he

had no clue he was starting. Like Esther he didn’t seek out his new role, but he did what God’s providence had called him to do in the situation he now found himself—even to the point of losing his life for the cause. I wonder if Luther ever thought about his situation and recalled the words of Mordecai to Esther, “And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

God continues to call Esthers and Luthers to live as faithful disciples in the places where he has providentially brought them. We may never have imagined where we have landed in life, but there are no accidents for God’s people. Wherever the Lord has placed us, he calls us to do what we need to do, and to say what we need to say in the name of Jesus. And as Esther said, “If we perish, we perish.”

The Prince of Peace be with you,
Pastor Gib Botten



PRINCE OF PEACE WEBSITE

If you missed a Sunday service, or would like to listen again to the most recent message, visit our website at www.pplc.org. On the home page click ‘Listen to last week’s message.’

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PARISH NURSING NOTES

by Linda Whitesell, RN/NP

“We are family”

Are you a social butterfly? If not, maybe you should be one. Friendships are a great investment for both the brain and body. They help lift your spirits, and this includes our relationships with our animal friends, too.

These are some great socializing benefits:

- Lowers your blood pressure and inflammation which lower your risk for heart disease, stroke and other harm to your brain.
- Improves your immune system and lowers the risk from infectious diseases that can harm your body and brain.
- Helps you take better care of your health. Seniors who socialize live 2.2 years longer!
- Lowers or delays your risk of memory loss/dementia by keeping your brain active.
- Reduces pain. Just holding or shaking hands or hugging someone lowers your pain perception.

This is one reason why our church “family” is so vital to our overall well-being. We truly need each other!

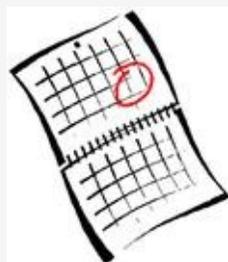
Interfaith Shelter Needs

Everett’s Interfaith Shelter can use your unwanted kitchen items (except electronics). Please bring them to the narthex and mark “Interfaith Shelter” on them. New items will also be gladly accepted. Most of the residents there come with very little and, when ready to leave, have no or little household items to take to their new home. If you have questions about donations, please talk to Dave or Linda Whitesell.

Calendars for Bethany

Residents

The residents at Bethany love to have calendars for the walls in their rooms. If you have some you would like to donate, please bring them to church and put them in the marked box in the narthex.



Prime Timers

This 50+ group meets the 2nd Thursday of the month in the fellowship hall at church for a 12 noon potluck and informational presentation. This is a fun way to meet others, have some great food and fellowship by having some time together. Please come and bring a friend!