



Peace Progress

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A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Family of Peace,

Thank you to all who assisted with the Lucke's move on Palm Sunday weekend. It was undoubtedly a stressful time for us with the extra responsibilities of Holy Week and Easter right around the corner. What a relief it was to have so many willing volunteers. What we estimated to be 8 hours of heavy lifting, turned out to be 4 hours with all the extra help—thank you!

A home is a place where we can feel safe and secure. Be sure to give God thanks for the goodness that your home provides.

Having and being able to sustain a home is difficult in Oregon. Consider these statistics posted on the website of Benton County's Habitat for Humanity:

- Since 1980 housing prices in Oregon have risen by 315%, making it 4th in the nation for housing price increases.
- Oregon is the 3rd most unaffordable rental market in the US, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition.
- 55 percent of renters in Oregon pay more than 30 percent of their income to housing, leaving too little to cover other fundamental costs.

For these reasons, I ask that you pray for the new home that one

fortunate family will receive soon in Philomath. The ground on 246 N 15th Street has just been broken. Concrete will soon be poured and hammering sounds will echo down the street. To make your prayers



more real, please drive by the location and envision what the house will look like.

I had an opportunity to meet the family that will be living in the new home. They are more than excited to be a part of the community. In my brief encounter with the father, he expressed his desire to put in the "sweat equity" (one of Habitat's requirements to secure home ownership) to make the project a success. Gratefulness was the most accurate word to describe his feelings.

In addition to prayer, there are opportunities to volunteer. On May 7th, 8th and 9th Benton Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring *Women Build!* Women with all kinds of backgrounds and skill sets are invited to volunteer. Check the Benton County website for other opportunities:

<http://bentonhabitat.org>.

The gospels fail to mention whether Jesus had a home. During his public ministry, it is likely that he did not. In Matthew 8, Jesus says, "Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the

Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." In Luke's gospel, we learn that Jesus lived day to day from the support of his followers. I like to think that Jesus had no home so that he could make sure that you and I could have an eternal home.

Giving us an eternal home was prime motivation for Jesus. I believe, too, that Jesus wants us to have secure earthly homes.

In Peace,
Pastor Lucke

Preparing for Worship

Scripture lessons for May:

May 3:

Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:1-11
John 15:1-8



May 10:

Acts 10:34-48
1 John 5:1-8
John 15:9-17

May 17:

Acts 1:12-26
1 John 5:9-15
John 17:11-19

May 24:

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 31:

Isaiah 6:1-8
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
John 3:1-17



Join Us!

Tuesday, June 9th from 1:30 to 3:30 at Peace Lutheran Church, Linda Smith's life story writing class is giving a potluck party with the other classes to celebrate our writing. We have a special treat this year—renowned memoir teacher and author, Matilda Butler, is doing a multi-media presentation on her award-winning book, **Rosie's Daughters: The "First Woman To" Generation Tells Its Story**, about the generation of women that broke through centuries of limitations to take their place in the world. Interested members of Peace Lutheran Church are invited to share this event with us. Please be there by 2:00 P.M.

Jewelry Party

When: Friday, May 1, noon to 5:30PM

Where: Elaine Schwartz's home, 4713 NW Jean Place, Corvallis, (treats and wine served)

Elaine's sister, Kathryn, will be bringing all new inventory of her handmade jewelry:

- One-of-a-kind handcrafted earrings, necklaces, bracelets, lanyards, anklets
- Precious and semi-precious jewels, metals, and stones / all hypo-allergenic findings
- Reasonably priced and equal to or better than craft fairs
- A portion of proceeds are for a local baby currently under Dornbecher Hospital care.

Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
03/22/2015	100	Offering	\$1,324.00
03/29/2015	119	Offering	\$2,525.00
04/05/2015	195	Offering	\$6,803.00
04/12/2015	110	Offering	\$2,064.00
04/19/2015	107	Offering	\$1,933.00

Donations from Peace Lutheran Church

Month	Food Bank	June's Kid's Klostet
January	70.5 pounds	7 Bags
February	45 pounds	8 Bags
March	35.5 pounds	4 Bags

Camp Lutherwood Cleanup Day

Come and enjoy a day cleaning up Camp Lutherwood on May 23. We will be meeting in the parking lot at Peace at 8 am to take the hour long trip down to Camp Lutherwood in Cheshire, Oregon. Lunch will be provided. Please bring appropriate outside work clothing, water bottle and sunscreen. The work that is done will do much to prepare the camp for the adventures to come in the summer.



Humor Corner

You gotta love compassionate Christian Seniors.

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and she yelled: "Stop! Acts 2:38!" (Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.) The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

The police arrived quickly. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture verse at you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an Ax and Two 38's!"

Remember:

Knowing scripture can save your life - in more ways than one!



7 Steps to Kill Conflict and Stay Healthy as an Organization

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Why does conflict seem to run in some organizations and not in others? Are you plagued with conflict? Strife? Tension?....Not very much fun is it?

The answer is not to fire people, or to run away. The solution lies in changing the culture of the organization. This is not a quick answer but it is the best long-term remedy.

Every organization has its culture. What is your culture? Now, if you have been in the organization for a long time you may not even recognize what the culture consists of; it has become too familiar for too long.

There are 7 secrets, or elements, of a culture that create a conflict-resistant organization. Each one, when in place, adds a positive, and necessary, component in the conflict-resistant organization.

7 Steps to Kill Conflict and Stay Healthy

- **Relational**

The result is Commitment.

A relational context puts people first. While outcomes are key to success, people matter. The opposite of relational is utilitarian, or using people and discarding them when they are no longer useful.

- **Transparent**

The result is Trust

Transparency is having "inspectable integrity."

- **Proactive**

The result is Protection

Being proactive is setting boundaries that are just and appropriate, and then keeping them.

- **Grace-full, or full of grace**

The result is Redemption and Hope

Grace-full is standing with people and enabling them to be successful.

- **Truthful or full of truth**

The result is Solutions

Truthful speaks the truth in love, without condemnation, while allowing natural consequences.

- **Confessional**

The result is Healing

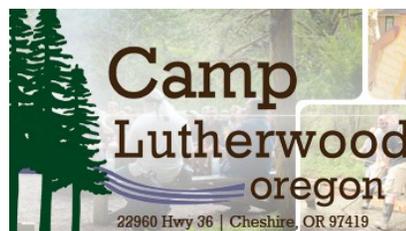
Confessional is being willing to own our mistakes and failures while responding in a manner that heals broken relationships.

- **Forgiving**

The result is Freedom

Forgiveness is releasing others from our judgment and trusting God with outcomes.

When these 7 elements are active, it creates the environment where people feel safe to address conflict.



Camp Lutherwood Scholarships Available

Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild has chosen to give \$200 scholarships to any youth that would like to attend camp this summer. There are a total of five scholarships available so anyone who is interested in spending a week of fun and fellowship please see Kay Glathar or Pastor Lucke. Camp information is available online at <http://lutherwoodoregon.org/>