

# The Witness of Peace

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## Power Surge

Usually two words I don't want to see together are *power surge*. I had a power surge once that knocked out a computer at my house. Last week the church copier went down due to one as well. So when I saw the book *Power Surge: Six Marks of Discipleship for a Changing Church* by Michael W. Foss, I thought, *What a horrible title*. Then I thought, *Sounds like one of those get rich quick books*. I was wrong. The book is a fantastic description of exactly what the church is going through right now, a changing world. It doesn't talk about how to change the church, but explores how the church is dealing with the changing world we live in. More importantly, it provides a vision and remedies for how we in little Peace Lutheran Silvana can respond to these changes. Way too many books I've read identify the problems the church faces without providing solutions. This one focuses on solutions, and they are solutions I think are scriptural and uniquely Lutheran.

The book focuses on discipleship. I have long told you that no one in my ten years of ministry has walked through the door and asked what they can do to support our institution. People today become disciples of Jesus, not members of churches. Jesus never established a congregation. In fact, he moved around too much to even build a house. He attracted followers, disciples, who had one thing in common--they moved. The church is a living body of Christ in motion. We were given a motion statement (what we call a mission statement) when Jesus told us to go and make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching. It is when we are out doing those things that we find Christ is with us as he promised he would be when he gave us those marching orders. We were not called to be sedentary and stagnant. Despite what your mother hissed at you when you were young, the church is not about sitting still, facing forward, and not wiggling.

Peace Lutheran has recently adopted a mission statement. It's in the bulletin, even in this newsletter. It should move our hands, feet, and lives to bring help, hope, and healing to the needs of others. But how will we now move in this mission statement? One way I am recommending is that every one read this book. I have never called the entire church to read a book, but I am doing so with this one because it is about the transformation of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Burnsville, MN, that came about when they began to move in mission. I am seeing a similar transformation of Christ the King in Tacoma under the leadership of Anne Pease (current president) and Pastor Peter Mohr, my friend, after he took my advice to read this book and then insisted that his congregation begin to move in their mission statement. I am giving a copy to each of your council members. Ask them, can I borrow yours when you are done?

God's Peace,

*Pastor Jeff*

### Peace Lutheran Mission Statement

*Called by Christ to love our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and our neighbors as ourselves, Peace Lutheran Church, by the power of the Holy Spirit, offers help, hope, and healing to all in need.*

January 6, 2012

I can't say enough good things about the capable, hard working and caring staff who choose to serve others here at Josephine. And we all appreciate the support you, our governing churches have shown to us during the year.

Last year was a busy year of service to our community. We accepted nearly 500 admissions, most of who came to our Sub Acute Rehabilitation unit for intensive treatment from our registered nursing staff and physical, occupational and speech therapists. Early in 2012 we will begin providing outpatient therapy to our patients and the community. We also provided ministerial support and loving care for about 50 of our beloved residents during their final days on this earth.

A 16-bed secure Memory Care Residence was opened in the Spring. Here we provide a calm, safe environment where the special needs of dementia residents are cared for in a manner to lessen anxiety and promote a happy lifestyle. It is full at the moment which I believe is a testament to the previously unmet community need for care of our growing Alzheimer's/dementia population.

Our annual State and Federal recertification survey went very well with only one minor citation received. Washington State average citations are 12, and normally at more severe levels. We are now a 5 Star rated nursing home. This is an improvement from a 2 Star rating just four years ago. Five Star is the best rating the federal government and Medicare can give a nursing home. It is derived from registered nurse and other staff to resident ratios, State survey outcomes and quality measures. Please check us out on the web at Nursing Home Compare.

Our Suites assisted living residents enjoy a safe and comfortable environment. We keep a busy schedule with bingo, massages, family nights and outings to concerts and special dining spots.

Our state funded ECEAP kindergarten program still provides 36 early learning students with preschool education, 'life' learning and special parenting meetings and instruction for the parents. Last year we began providing a 40% discount to staff members who desire Montessori instruction for their child. Scholarships are also available. Childcare is as fun and busy as ever. Combined service is about 150 children daily, with a total service to 250 children in one program or another.

We are a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity again this year and are active in the Stanwood/Camano area Rotary, Lions, Alzheimer Association and Chamber of Commerce organizations.

In 2012, we hope to secure property out of the flood zone to build a replacement nursing home. Our physical plant is clean and cared for, but very old and of antiquated design. And we are very tired of living in the threat of evacuation due to the possibility of flooding.

Financially our year was fine. We were able to reserve enough for a rainy day even though we provided over \$1,000,000 of uncompensated care.

God has been good and we are thankful. Blessings to you and your families in 2012.

Terry Robertson, CEO  
Josephine Sunset Home

(Editor's Note: Josephine is one of Peace Lutheran's benevolence recipients in 2011 and 2012.)

## Scripture Texts For February

### February 5 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

First Reading Isaiah 40:21-31  
 Psalm Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
 Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39

### February 12 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14  
 Psalm Psalm 30  
 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
 Gospel Reading Mark 1:40-45

### February 19 Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12  
 Psalm Psalm 50:1-6  
 Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
 Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-9

### February 22 Ash Wednesday

First Reading Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
 Psalm Psalm 51:1-17  
 Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
 Gospel Reading Mark 6:1-6, 16-21

### February 26 First Sunday in Lent

First Reading Genesis 9:8-17  
 Psalm Psalm 25:1-10  
 Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15



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## What??? I Didn't Know That

Someone commented the other day that they had never heard of how much money the PLCW Bazaar brought in this year. Everyone works on it; everyone attends; everyone is a member of the Church and everyone deserves to know what is going on. It takes a few months for all the bills to come in and all the late items sold to be collected, so the exact amount seems to vary for a few months. But the most recent report on the proceeds made from the Bazaar was just over \$9,000. Our 2012 budget is at \$11,000 based on the Bazaar proceeds and the monthly offerings collected at our PLCW meetings and Circle meetings. The budget is printed in the 2012 PLCW booklet which all women should already have or should pick up in the Narthex or from Debra in the office. It is also in the annual report that is coming out soon. Another bit of financial information that all should be aware of is that at the end of each year any excess money is given away to some project voted on at one of our meetings. There was \$800 excess from the 2010 budget that had been designated but was never utilized. At the last meeting we voted to give it to the Guatemala trip. We will most likely have some excess this year, although the amount is still undetermined, which will again be designated for some mission, benevolence or need to our building.

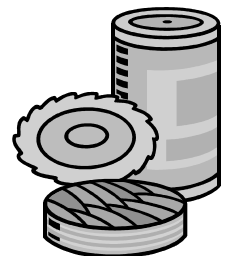
Once again I want to emphasize that ALL are welcome to attend our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. Lunch is served at 11:30 am followed by a speaker and a business meeting. We are usually done between 1:30—2:00 pm. Did you know that the ladies take turns in groups of three making a light lunch.....we all try to help clean-up.....we take turns with devotions.....we have great speakers that range from personal to spiritual to informational. Last month we had the Washington State Dairy Ambassador come and she did a presentation and a tasting event on cheeses made in Washington. In February a missionary from China will be our speaker.

When I first retired I fully intended to start coming to PLCW. But it took me over a year to “save” the first Wednesday of every month. There was always another commitment. And I knew that PLCW would go on without ME. I finally took a highlighter and I highlighted every first Wednesday.....and it became a priority! And I am so glad I did. It is one way for me to feel connected to what is going on in the church; it is a time for me to get to know the women who come; it allows me to grow and understand what we are called to do to “love our neighbors” and it confronts me each time with the concrete ways we are doing it. I am glad for this opportunity and I invite you to join us. Just come.....no strings attached.....just be with us!

- Jolene Rod, PLCW President

## Hunger Strike 2012

We're at it again! The second weekend of February the youth will be fasting for 30+ hours in an attempt to raise awareness about hunger and poverty in our community. Besides fasting we will be doing various service projects all day Saturday. We would love to have you join us—we just ask that you not eat in front of us! We will be gathering around the fire pit on Saturday night at 8:00 pm. Come and share the experience with us. We will be kicking off our food drive on Souper Bowl weekend. This is an annual event across the country. Here are Peace we will be ringing kettles in the hopes that on this day you will give generously to the food banks either financially or with canned goods!



## Remember in Prayer

**Church:** ELCA, Maasae Lutheran Girl's School

**Military**

**Missionaries:** Kristina Andersen

**Continued Care:** Selvin Stensen, Dorothy Madson, Doris Ohde, Sharon Daoura, Sandi Nysether, Judy Bressler, Randy Libby, Jyoti Mutschler, Darlene Crouch, Dennis Whitney, Rob Delbrauk, Peggy Parker, John Gedstad, Grace Dahline, Jenny Burgess, Hazel Allen, Dolly Pachur, Alice Jacobs, Audrey Carlson, Leilani Erps, Nate Maher, Renae Cupic, Cille Krock, Jack Pryor, Carol Maurstad

## Little Bits.....

- Special thanks to Karen Fuentes for writing the Sunday School program and to all the teachers for their hard work!
- Out To Lunch Bunch will be traveling to Sedro Woolley on February 21 at 10:00 am. They will be dining at the Emerald City Grill!
- Food bank item of the month is PASTA!
- Go Green Tip: Green means GO! Just take the first step (start). It's January—make a pledge to help protect our planet by picking 1 thing in your life to change.

## February Birthdays

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 3  | Roy Strotz       |
| 6  | Janet Stangeland |
| 7  | Greg Erwin       |
| 8  | Sue Ann Smith    |
| 13 | Clayton Ludwig   |
| 14 | Jesse Driscoll   |
| 17 | Thor Stangeland  |
| 18 | Jolene Rod       |
| 25 | Evan Thorpe      |
| 26 | Shirley Ahrens   |
| 27 | Signe Cairus     |
| 28 | Phoebe Fuentes   |
| 30 | Greta Ashley     |
| 31 | Tony Canteras    |



Best wishes to  
**Tony and Robyn Canteras**  
 as they celebrate their  
50th wedding anniversary this month!

## Grief Care

It's the beginning of a new year! Whatever has caused our feelings of loss, our lives are suddenly divided into the before and after. There is no going back to the *Before* so we enter into 2012 holding onto our memories and looking forward to the *After* and the new life journey's that are beginning. Each of us will travel in our own unique way.

Come and join us at Grief Care where we can journey together. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please feel free to call me at anytime with questions or concerns—360-435-6299.

In Christ's love,  
 Joan Johnson, Grief Care Coordinator

## February Prayer

Let the rain come and wash away  
the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds  
held and nurtured over generations.

Let the rain wash away the memory  
of the hurt, the neglect.

Then let the sun come out and  
fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the sun heal us  
wherever we are broken.

Let it burn away the fog so that  
we can see each other clearly.

So that we can see beyond labels,  
beyond accents, gender or skin  
color.

Let the warmth and brightness  
of the sun melt our selfishness.  
So that we can share the joys and  
feel the sorrows of our neighbors.

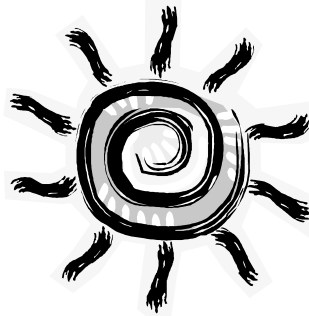
And let the light of the sun  
be so strong that we will see all  
people as our neighbors.

Let the earth, nourished by rain,  
bring forth flowers  
to surround us with beauty.

And let the mountains teach our hearts  
to reach upward to heaven.

Amen.


**Rabbi Harold Kushner**



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**Note of Thanks**  
 Dear PLC Family,  
 I would like to thank all of you for the  
 prayers, lovely cards, phone calls and visits  
 that came my way following a nasty fall and  
 ensuing surgery. It made my days at Regency  
 Care Center “pass a bit quicker”. I am into a  
 simple routine now and very thankful to be  
 back home. Again, many thanks for the bless-  
 ings that you are in my life!  
 ~ Cille Krock  
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Congratulations to  
 Ms. Sunny Moyer!  
 Sunny has recently had  
 a name change and we  
 rejoice with her on  
 achieving one of her  
 long-term goals!  
**YEAH!**

**More Thanks!**



Dear Friends:  
 Thank you for the cards and phone calls I  
 received during my recent illness. Your continued  
 prayers were very much appreciated.  
 ~ George Burlingame

## Straight From The Bishop

*In short, we confessed that legitimate civil ordinances are good creations of God and divine ordinances in which a Christian may safely take part.<sup>1</sup>*

Last November I participated in the annual visit of ELCA bishops with members of Congress and the White House staff in Washington D.C. This year I began my conversation with them by referencing Article 16 of the Augsburg Confession. I reminded them that Lutherans see government to be a “good creation of God” and as such working for the good of all creation and its creatures. Frankly that introduction seemed to catch those involved in government by surprise. In the middle of the partisan posturing that is occurring in halls of government this belief that those who are called to the vocation of leader are a gift from God is not part of our political dialog.

As we begin a year that will be dominated by political campaigns and advertising, I pray that we might bring this understanding to our body politic. Understanding that good order and the common good is in fact a gift from God does change the way we talk about government. This does not mean that one side in our political debates can claim theirs is the God given position. Rather it sees the whole process and all of those we elect as stewards of a call from God for the good of all.

I am convinced that we need to be reminded that as we think about the problems facing the world, our country, state or local community, we are part of something far beyond ourselves. God is at work in the world and we are called to share in that work. Luther defines the creative activity of God as not just calling the world into being, but also “daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property—along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all!”<sup>1</sup>

The work of government is God’s work. Government does not have the task of preaching the gospel. That is still the task of the church. Caring for the creation and for all people is the reason that God calls leaders to serve in government. So, as you exercise your political vocation this year, listen to how those running for office will exercise this call from God for the good of God’s world.

The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop

<sup>1</sup>Kolb, R. 2000. *The Book of Concord : The confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*. Fortress Press: Minneapolis

## Guatemala Service Trip

We have 170 days till we leave for our service trip and there is still time for you to join us. Passports have been applied for and we’ve been finding out what need to do medically. Did you notice the Stars of Spring quilt in the Narthex? If not, the team is raffling it off to help raise funds. We are also raffling off a ½ hog. Some of the other upcoming fundraisers are garage sale, and the dinner/silent auction. To date we have raised just over \$10,000 with a ways to still go. Our expenses are: Stoves, \$200 x 80 = \$16,000; Individuals expenses w/travel, \$2075 x 10 people = \$20,750. Yes, this is quite a bit of money but we are excited about this unique opportunity to do some amazing service work for some of God’s family. If you have any questions please ask a team member or maybe you would like to go along! Come to our next team meeting and find out some more information or maybe you would like to sponsor a stove. We have paperwork for that also.

Team Guatemala: Larry, Amanda, Andi, Ashley, Tammy, Jeff, Cody, Danielle & Mary

## February 2012 Faith and Care

### 8:30 Service at PLC

February 5

February 12 & 26

|                                   |                          |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Head Usher</b>                 | Larry Bean               | Brian Johnson            |
| <b>Usher</b>                      | Andrew Bean              | Jesse Driscoll           |
| <b>Greeter</b>                    | Stephanie Bean           | Carla/Claire Driscoll    |
| <b>Lector</b>                     | Larry Bean               | Jeanne Watanabe          |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                    | Kenji Watanabe           | Elise Driscoll           |
|                                   |                          |                          |
| <b>Communion</b>                  |                          | Carla Driscoll           |
| <b>Serving Group (Fellowship)</b> | Jolene Rod Serving Group | Jolene Rod Serving Group |
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### 11:00 Service at PLC

February 5

February 12 & 26

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Head Usher</b>                 | George Daoura             | George Daoura             |
| <b>Usher</b>                      | Donna Burlingame          | Susan Edmundson           |
| <b>Greeter</b>                    | Lyle Kellogg              | Debra Compton             |
| <b>Lector</b>                     | Lyle Kellogg              | Marjorie Wild             |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                    | Simon Fuentes             | Sierra Edmundson          |
|                                   |                           |                           |
| <b>Communion</b>                  | Judy Camp                 |                           |
| <b>Serving Group (Fellowship)</b> | Joan Rapose Serving Group | Joan Rapose Serving Group |

### 10:00 Service at PLC

February 19 (One Service)

**Head Usher:** Larry Bean

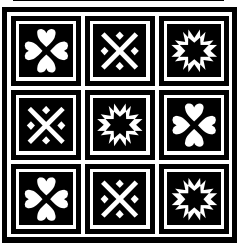
**Usher:** Andrew Bean

**Greeter:** Patti Holden

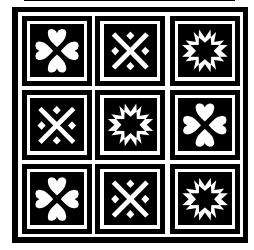
**Lector:** Larry Bean

**Acolyte:** Andrew Bean

*Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services: Youth Group*



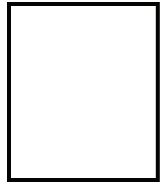
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| SUN   | MON   | TUE   | WED   | THU                                      | FRI  | SAT  |
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|   |   |   | 1<br>11:30—PLCW<br>Lunch & Mtg.<br>6:00—Youth<br>7:00—Bible<br>Study w/Pastor                     | 2<br>9:30—LWR                            | 3<br>12:00—AA<br>Mtg.                            | 4<br>Canteras 50th<br>Wedding<br>Anniversary |
| 5<br>8:30—Worship<br>9:45—Sunday<br>School<br>11:00—Worship         | 6<br>10:00—<br>Women's AA<br>11:00—Staff<br>Mtg.                                | 7<br>12:00—AA<br>Mtg.                                 | 8<br>9:30—Naomi<br>Circle<br>11:30—Esther<br>Circle<br>6:00—Youth<br>7:00—Bible<br>Study w/Pastor | 9<br>9:30—LWR                            | 10<br>12:00—AA<br>Mtg.<br><br>HUNGER<br>STRIKE → | 11<br>8:00—Men's<br>Breakfast Study          |
| 12<br>8:30—Worship<br>9:45—Sunday<br>School<br>11:00—Worship        | 13<br>10:00—<br>Women's AA<br>11:00—Staff<br>Mtg.                               | 14<br>12:00—AA<br>Mtg.<br>7:00—Grief<br>Care          | 15<br>6:00—Youth<br>7:00—Bible<br>Study w/Pastor  | 16<br>9:30—LWR                           | 17<br>12:00—AA<br>Mtg.                           | 18   |
| 19<br>10:00—Worship<br><b>11:15—PLC<br/>Semi-Annual<br/>Meeting</b> | 20<br>10:00—<br>Women's AA<br>11:00—Staff<br>Mtg.<br>7:00—PLC<br>Council Mtg.   | 21<br>10:00—Out To<br>Lunch Bunch<br>12:00—AA<br>Mtg. | 22<br>6:15—Soup<br>Supper<br>7:00—Worship   | 23<br>9:30—LWR<br>6:00—Sno. Co.<br>Water | 24<br>12:00—AA<br>Mtg.                           | 25<br>8:00—Men's<br>Breakfast Study          |
| 26<br>8:30—Worship<br>9:45—Sunday<br>School<br>11:00—Worship        | 27<br>10:00—<br>Women's AA<br>11:00—Staff<br>Mtg.<br>7:00—Lads &<br>Lassies 4-H | 28<br>12:00—AA<br>Mtg.<br>7:00—Grief<br>Care          | 29<br>6:15—Soup<br>Supper<br>7:00—Worship   |  |  |  |

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Youth & Family Worker: Mary J Fuentes

### February Worship Schedule

8:30 A.M. Early Service at Peace  
9:45 am Sunday School—All Ages  
11:00 A.M. Second Service at Peace  
(February 19—One Service at 10:00 AM)

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Dear Peace Lutheran Church Members,

**We need your help!** Our food bank has been forced to relocate. The Arlington Food Bank has operated for the last 20 years in a converted house that was too small ten years ago. That building is being demolished and the Food Bank has moved to temporary quarters.

**What you may not know:** The Food Bank has received a federally funded Snohomish County Community Development Block Grant for \$255,000. Those dollars will be enough to build the shell of a desperately needed replacement building on city property near the airport. **But before we can begin construction, we must raise an additional \$150,000 to complete the inside.** There will be opportunities in the second phase after we move in that will include in-kind donations and volunteer labor **but right now, we need cash.**

The number of individuals and families we help continues to increase and every month we spend at our temporary site forces us to spend precious dollars on rent instead of food.

#### **What we have already done:**

- We are aggressively pursuing grants—we've already received \$5,000!
- Our local service clubs have pledged to help: Rotary, Lions, and Kiwanis, plus more to come—\$20,000 has already been received!
- Several of our churches have held special offerings and others are planning to do so.

Our Building Fund Campaign officially began this month, but sometimes—when someone sees a need they step up, even before we asked—especially in Arlington:

*Pastor Deana was downtown handing out sack lunches to our homeless. One man quietly asked, "I hear the food bank is closing—is that true?" She explained that we had to move, but are raising money to rebuild. He reached in his jeans and pulled out a dirty, crumpled dollar bill and said, "I'd like to help. Can you make sure this goes to the building fund?" She did.*

**What do we need from you?** We are asking you to reach in your pocket and give what you can.

Thank you for your passion to feed the hungry.

Kay Duskin, *Volunteer*

Linda Byrnes, *Volunteer*

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