



Peace Lutheran Church  
2540 Applegate Street  
Philomath, OR 97370

## *Peace Progress*



*September 2025*

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## From the Pastor

Dear Peace family,

It helps to know that you are not drifting.

Floating on a lake is quite relaxing in the summer. The gentle bobbing up and down on the water calms. The sun beating down melts away the stress. The pressure of time goes away, and you can live in the moment. Sleep sets in and before you know it, you are floating away from shore. Suddenly, you wake up. How do you know if you've floated further away from shore?

It helps to locate an object on shore—a tree, a dock, a telephone pole. The object is helpful to identify because it will then allow you to judge whether you have floated further away. If the object has gotten smaller, you've got to make a course correction!

What is true for floating on a lake is true for life. You need to locate something that doesn't change and is stable. And if you ever unknowingly drift, you can tell for sure that a course correction is needed if you focus back onto that stable object. God's love can be that unchanging and stable object in your life. Did you know that you are loved? You are! I John 4:9-10 states:

"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins (I John 4:9-10)."

In 1995, a reporter named Tim Madigan from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram was assigned to interview Mr. Rogers. Who can forget Mr. Rogers?! Madigan was an up-and-coming journalist. At the time, however, Madigan's personal life was a wreck. He suffered from bouts of depression, a broken marriage, and a dysfunctional family life.

Madigan and Rogers went on to develop a friendship. Rogers invited Madigan to church. They began to write back and forth regularly. And in a moment of transparency, Madigan shared this with Mr. Rogers, "I don't want to be here anymore. Don't know what to do. Want to go back to sleep and sleep the rest of the day. Hide from the world."

Rogers famously wrote Madigan back, "Tim—You are my beloved brother. You are God's beloved son. I love you and I'm proud of you." This was the first time Madigan had heard those words, and they changed his life. Rogers would go on and sign each of his letters to Tim, "I love you, and IPOY"—short for "I'm proud of you."

I am excited for the beginning of the fall season at Peace. It all begins with Rally Day on Sunday, September 7. The Adult class plus High School students (9:00 am) will be looking at Jeff Cloeter's book, Loved and Sent. We will have 20 books available and will order more if more are desired. This is an opportunity to refresh our faith seeking that which doesn't change and stabilizes us—God's love! All are welcome to join!

Anchored in His love,

Pastor J

## PEACE BY THE NUMBERS

Date	Attendance	Offering
August 3	101 in person (86 last year)	\$2636
August 10	101 in person (63 last year)	\$ 6520
August 17	78 in attendance (86 last year)	\$ 3461
August 24	96 in attendance (70 last year)	\$ 1367
August 31	89 in attendance (83 last year)	\$ 3993

## PLAN FOR WORSHIP

September 7 – 10:00am Worship service with Communion. Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Rally Day.

September 14 – 10:00am Worship service outside on the patio. Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

September 21 – 10:00am Worship Service with Communion. Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

September 28 – 10:00am Worship Service. Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FALL PICNIC

Mark your calendars to attend church on Sunday, September 7, for our annual fall kick-off. We will be having our annual BBQ celebration with hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, ice cream, and all the fixings, plus music, balloons, and games for the kids. A 30' fire engine bouncy house will be there for all the kids (and adults if you wish) to explore and enjoy. Everything is provided—no need to bring side dishes. Sunday School starts at 9 a.m. followed by worship at 10 a.m. Bring your family and invite your friends!



## LOVED AND SENT

Week 1 (September 7) The Point: God's love is expressed in the reconciling love of Jesus. It is the foundation of our being. Before we do anything, God first does His work for us in Jesus.

The Challenge: Ask the Holy Spirit to remove any block that keeps you from more fully receiving and believing God's love for you in Jesus.

Key Scriptures: I John 4:7-21; Matthew 3:13-17; Jeremiah 31:1-6

Week 2 (September 14) The Point: We are sent by God to do important and holy work. But before we talk about what we do, we must know who we are. You are loved by God the Father.

The Challenge: Ask the Holy Spirit to deepen your appreciation of God's infinite love for you.

Key Scriptures: Genesis 1-2; I John 2:28-3:3; John 10:22-39

Week 3 (September 21) The Point: We consider Jesus' identity by looking to the manger....the cross.....the crown.

The Challenge: Pray for a fuller appreciation of Jesus' saving love and His work for you in the manger, cross and crown.

Key Scriptures: Isaiah 53; Colossians 1:15-23; John 14:1-7

## LADIES GUILD UPDATE

It's time! It's time! Ladies Guild will be starting their monthly meetings on Thursday, September 4 at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. Please join us! We have many ways in which you can become a community care builder. Our biggest project and fund-raiser is our annual Bazaar which will be October 25. We need many hands to make this event successful. Interested? See Kay Glathar or Peggy Krueger for more information. See you September 4!

*Peggy Krueger, Guild President*

## FIRE SAFETY

Have you ever noticed the purple metal doors that lead from the narthex through the hallway to the fellowship hall. Those doors are fire zone doors and in the unlikely event of a fire within the church, those doors will help contain the fire. The same is true with the metal rolldown doors in the kitchen. If you are one of the last people to leave following an event, please make sure all of those doors are closed to help keep our church building safe.

## FIRST AID & AED TRAINING

Peace will be hosting First Aid & AED training on Saturday, September 13 from 10:00-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The training will be taught by the Philomath Fire Department and address basic first aid, including aid for choking, and the use of our building AEDs. This is a refresher course and does not lead to CPR certification. Please talk to Rachel H. if you are interested in coming. We need a general head count so that the PFD can bring sufficient equipment.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

The “Getting to know You” section of the newsletter will highlight a member or two of our congregation so you can get to know your neighbors better.

### Becky Barrett

I am so happy to introduce you to one of Peace’s new members, Becky Barrett. Becky is a very busy lady. Her degrees are in journalism, but she is currently involved with coaching track and cross-country running which she teaches at Linus-Pauling Middle School in Corvallis. Becky grew up in Alaska and Oregon and has lived in Philomath for 16 years. She is the mother of Jace and

Annie and the daughter-in-law of Kathy and Brian Barrett. She has been married for 20 years. Her main hobbies are gardening, running her small farm, raising chickens and cooking. She loves her hens. She is so proud that her husband built them a special hen house, called the “Chicken’s Mansion”. Her “girls” are prolific egg layers.

Becky has joined the Freezer Meals Program and is busy helping to prepare meals. We are so proud that Becky is involved in the worship and programs here at Peace. Say “Hi” to her and introduce yourself; she is very gregarious and outgoing. You will not regret extending your friendship to her.



## CORVALLIS FOR REFUGEES

All are welcome for an International Food Flair at Imagine Coffee on Friday, September 12, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This event is sponsored by Corvallis For Refugees--a ministry partner of Peace Lutheran Church. Embark on a culinary journey exploring the rich flavors cooked by our newest neighbors. Enjoy the aromatic spices of Afghanistan, the vibrant delights of Guatemala, the hearty tradition of Ukraine, and the festive offerings of Venezuela. This is an opportunity to appreciate the diversity and unity of global cuisine.



## ETHEL POST'S OBITUARY

† Ethel Estella Post †

**Give Life in time: October 26, 1923**

**Given Life in eternity: August 24, 2025**

Ethel Estella Post (Quetschke), 101, of Philomath, passed away Sunday evening at Stoneybrook Assisted Living in Corvallis.

She was born to William and Estella Quetschke on October 26, 1923, on a cold and foggy day typical of that time of year. She was the first of their four children, followed by her brother Vernon in 1925, another brother, Virgil, in 1927, and her sister, Helen, in 1931.

Ethel was raised on the family homestead on Woods Creek Road in Philomath. She attended a one-room schoolhouse as a kid, enjoyed 4-H, and graduated as salutatorian with the Philomath High School Class of 1942.

She met her husband, Melvin Post, at a dance. She and Melvin married on March 23, 1945, at the First United Brethren Church pastor's house while he was on a 30-day leave from the U.S. Navy. Later, she embarked on a cross-country journey with a girlfriend to Charleston, NC, To join Melvin before he deployed in World War II on the USS Reno from 1943 to 1946 as a Seaman First Class.

During this time, Ethel worked at the local post office, which was her only job outside of babysitting. She went on to raise six children on the Woods Creek Road homestead in Philomath. To preserve this legacy and continue providing timber to the community, the homestead is now a managed property by the family and will be passed down through the generations as a testament to the hard work and history of the Quetschke and Post families.

She is remembered dearly by family and friends as Mom, Ethel or Grandma Post. She was a faithful and God-fearing woman who attended Peace Lutheran Church regularly. She loved word games and rummy, and her kitchen table was always a place of welcome with a pot of hot coffee, hot cocoa for the kids, and a gallon jar of dried apples waiting for whoever walked in. She embodied love, kindness, hard work, and, above all, faithfulness.

She is survived by her six children: Candy Koetz (Jim), Tami Faasse (John), Dianna Benton, Bernadine Foster (John), Delia Post, and Henry Post (Ruth). She is also survived by ten grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by Melvin, her parents, siblings, two son-in-laws (George Benton and Jim Ross) and one grandson Richard Reviea.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 6, at Peace Lutheran Church. Contributions in Ethel's memory may be made to Peace Lutheran Church.

To learn more about Ethel's life and her reflections on reaching 100, you can read the article written about her 100th birthday celebration here: [Ethel Post: A lifetime in Philomath - Philomath News](#)



# LADIES GUILD HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Ladies Guild of  
Peace Lutheran Church of Philomath  
invites you to attend their

## Holiday Bazaar

Peace Lutheran Church  
2540 Applegate Street, Philomath, OR

**Saturday, October 25, 2024**  
**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Please join us as you browse  
our amazing selection of

**Beautiful Gift Baskets**  
**A vast array of handmade items**  
**Delicious Tasty Treats**

Make sure to check out...

### **The Cookie Jar**

Purchase homemade cookies by the dozen(s).

### **Quilt Raffle Table**

Purchase tickets for the beautiful handmade quilt  
lovingly made by our Ladies Guild members. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

### **Granny's Attic**

Gently used items at bargain prices

\*Proceeds benefit local charitable organizations and Ladies Guild efforts.

**Admission is free!**

# CLASSES OFFERED BY LOVE, INC. THIS FALL



## FALL 2025 CLASSES

Sept 11th - Dec 4th | Thursdays 6:30-8pm  
Hosted at Suburban Christian Church (2760 SW 53RD St)

### What is Grow Together?

- Free classes for anyone in Benton County (ages 16+)
- Kids program available (ages 6mo-11yrs)
- Transportation & incentives available to Love INC clients

### Classes offered this Fall:



**Affirming Potential**  
Reflect on your story, assess your life, and learn how to set clear goals.



**Boundaries**  
Gain skills to set boundaries and live with confidence and clarity.



**Faith & Finances**  
Explore your views about money & gain relevant skills for everyday life.



**Alpha Course**  
Judgement-free space to explore faith and ask questions.

### QUESTIONS?

EMAIL: [GROWTOGETHER@YOURLOVEINC.ORG](mailto:GROWTOGETHER@YOURLOVEINC.ORG)  
OR CALL: 541-757-8111

**MORE INFO & ENROLL:**  
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT  
[YOURLOVEINC.ORG/GROWTOGETHER](http://YOURLOVEINC.ORG/GROWTOGETHER)



# THANK YOU FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS



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Dear Peace Lutheran Church,

We are sincerely grateful for your support of the work We Care does in our community! As you know, your dollars make it possible for families and individuals to obtain or remain in adequate living accommodations, to have heat, water, medical attention or to provide for other emergency needs as they arise. We could not do this work without you!

Beyond monetary assistance, We Care provides a person who respectfully listens to their stories, tries to understand the difficulties they are facing and helps them think of a path to sustainability.

Thank you very much for your recent check dated July 29, 2025 for \$510.00. We appreciate your support of We Care and your commitment to strengthening our community and helping those in need.

In addition to your monetary support, being a Faith Partner with We Care, brings us hope, energy and a supportive community to walk with in our efforts to assist those in need in our community.

On behalf of those whom your participation will benefit, we Thank You!

If you have questions, please call Johanna Peterson at (541-740-3683).

Sincerely,  
We Care Board of Directors

Johanna Peterson

Thank you!

## We Care

125 NW Tenth St. Corvallis, OR 97330  
Non-profit 501(c)(3) agency  
IRS ID 93-0822417

August 9, 2025



RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION  
MARRIAGE MENTORING  
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

August 2025

Jeremy Lucke  
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Dear Pastor Jeremy,

As the warmth of summer settles in, this season invites a pause. A pause to reflect, reconnect, and renew. Midway through the year, we are reminded of the growth that comes with time, sunlight, and care; not just in nature, but in the lives and relationships we nurture.

At *Friends of the Family*, we are deeply grateful for YOU. Your continued support and generosity have been a steady encouragement in our mission to strengthen individuals, couples, and families. Thank you for your donation of \$510, it has made a meaningful impact.

Your generosity empowers us to grow and develop the skills we need to make a meaningful difference.

We look ahead with hope as the ministry and counseling services continue throughout the summer and into the fall. May this season bring you moments of rest, joy, and God's abiding presence. We pray His blessings refresh you, just as your kindness has refreshed others.

Thank you for walking with us in this important work!

Kara Oyer  
Registered Associate Counselor



## PHILOMATH YOUTH ACTIVITIES CLUB

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July 29, 2025

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Dear Peace Lutheran Church,

Please accept my personal thanks as well as the thanks of our entire organization for your generous contribution of \$255 to the Philomath Youth Activities Club as a Q2 2025 Mission Donation. Your support is a vital piece in allowing PYAC to support the kids and their families of the Philomath area.

Thanks to your help, we will be able to ensure that every child who wants to participate in our programs is given the opportunity to do so. We know that simply by giving youth an opportunity to get involved, we are helping them to develop their self-esteem and discover who they are and who they would like to be.

Our goal is to help youth develop as many positive assets as possible. They will then have the tools necessary to not only meet the many challenges of adolescence, but to conquer and grow from them. That is why your support of our organization is so very much appreciated.

Again, on behalf of the board of directors, staff, parents, and children involved with our



# SEPTEMBER

*birthdays & anniversaries*

## Birthdays

- 1 Vicki Guenther
- 2 Margaret Phillipott
- 3 Mervin Munster
- 4 Anna Heitmeyer
- 6 Jerry Holroyd
- 8 Reagan Greig
- 9 Anna Colwell
- 11 Witherly Hellesto
- 16 Candy Koetz
- 20 Genny Filbert
- 24 John Mergl
- 27 Christian Dollar
- 28 Janice Abele
- 28 Janel Greig
- 29 Margaret Dusek
- 30 Jeff Rhoads

## Anniversaries

- 5 John & Michelle Croy
- 11 Oscar & Carole Gutbrod
- 24 John & Tami Faasse

# September Volunteers

## September 7

Ushers	Jim & Lynn Reams
Reader	Carole Gutbrod
Fellowship	Rally Day BBQ
Flowers	Anna Colwell
Communion	Lynn Reams & Kay Glathar

## September 14

Ushers	Tom Simonson & Margaret Phillpott
Reader	Debbi Weiler
Fellowship	
Flowers	

## September 21

Ushers	
Reader	Margaret Phillpott
Fellowship	
Flowers	Ann Schroeder
Communion	Lynn Reams & Kay Glathar

## September 28

Ushers	
Reader	Lindy Young
Fellowship	Lindy Y., Margaret P., Susan D.
Flowers	Lindy Young

# September

Save the Date – important dates beyond the month of September

- Sunday, October 12 – Pastor Hines family will be at Peace
- Saturday, October 25 – Ladies Guild Bazaar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>Labor Day</b> Office Closed	12:00 Rotary Club Meeting	7:30 Eat, Chat, Pray 2:30 Dementia Warriors	7:00 Men @ Imagine 10:00 Ladies Guild Meeting		11:00 Ethel Post Memorial Service
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service with Communion 11:00 Rally Day	8:15 TOPS 10:15 Pieces by Peace (Jani's House)		7:30 Eat, Chat, Pray 1:30 Dementia Warriors Leaders Meeting 4:00 Elders Meeting	7:00 Men @ Imagine		CPR & AED Training
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service Outside on the Patio	8:15 TOPS	12:00 Rotary Club Meeting 7:00 Church Council Meeting	7:30 Eat, Chat, Pray 2:30 Dementia Warriors	7:00 Men @ Imagine 12:00 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon		
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service with Communion	8:15 TOPS	<b>Pastor away at Fall Pastor's Conference</b>				<b>Pastor Away</b>
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service	8:15 TOPS 6:00 Book Club Meeting					
<b>Pastor Away</b>						