



The Scroll



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PEOPLE MATTER

This article continues a series on some behaviors we might seek to develop or improve that could open the door for others into our church.

The title of this article is not related to the “Black Lives Matter” or “All Lives Matter” movements that we hear about lately. While the messages of these groups are important for us to consider, what I am talking about is a truth that was central to Jesus’ ministry and should also be so for our efforts done in His name: people matter and need to know that they matter.

Dr. Dale A. Matthews in his book, The Faith Factor, writes that “if you want to be as healthy as possible, it is important to maximize your social-support network. People who are isolated and lonely have poorer health than those who enjoy a network of caring people.” Our social networks provide practical help, emotional support, and spiritual encouragement in time of need. Those who attend church regularly often do so in part because of that social network of people who stand with them in both good times and bad. Yet there are many who have very few people to whom they can turn, especially when things are difficult.

In John 4, Jesus stops at a well and begins a conversation with a woman who comes there to draw water. A key point in this story is that this woman comes in the heat of the day when no one else would be there. Clearly her circumstances are such that she avoids the people of her village. This is someone Jesus would have done well to ignore. Yet Jesus takes the time to talk with her and ask her about her life and her beliefs. Then He shares with her the good news of who He is. His time and His message move her back into relationship with her community where she shares this good news with others. No longer is she isolated. Because Jesus takes time to give her a sense of worth, she is drawn out of her loneliness.

People need to feel necessary—that they have value and purpose in life. Yet life experiences and the judgment of society can sometimes communicate the opposite and push people into isolation. Sadly, some of those kinds of messages have come from members of the Christian Church who evaluate people on the basis of things they have done rather than on God’s unconditional love for them. These are places where Jesus is calling us to step in and provide a different message—a message of mercy and grace.

The church can and should be place where people are regularly told that they are loved and accepted for who they are. It can and should be a safe place for people to share their gifts and abilities in partnership with others in the congregation, no matter what their past may be. Young and old alike have much to offer and the church should be a place where they can do that and feel good about their role. Often, though, before



they will take such risk, they need to know that they have value in the eyes of others who make the effort to get to know them.

There is a story about the final exam given by a professor in a school of nursing. When the students turned over their final, they found only one question on it: “What is the name of the custodian who cleans this building?” Many students could not answer that question and were upset, feeling that the question was unfair—that they hadn’t been told that this would be a requirement for their class. Some even said that who the custodian was didn’t matter to them. The professor explained that nothing was as important in their future jobs as nurses as the people for whom they would care. No person was so insignificant as to not matter.

People mattered to Jesus. Take the time to notice people around you and to risk talking with them. Do it for no other purpose than to learn about them (though don’t be too nosey!). Offer encouragement and support when appropriate. Provide guidance and direction in caring ways. Demonstrate that you care about them. One of the best ways we can let people know that they matter is by letting them know that they matter to you!

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Jeffrey

BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH **GOOD SAMARITAN SHELTER**

Good Samaritan runs several shelters and treatment centers in Lompoc:

- Bridge House is a place where homeless families and individuals can find shelter and assistance in freeing themselves from homelessness;
- Hope House is a transitional house for homeless families;
- Mark’s House also provides housing for homeless families, allowing them to stay together while addressing the root causes of homelessness;
- Another Road is a drug and alcohol detox center
- Turning Point is an outpatient substance abuse treatment center;
- Recovery Way provides residential care for those trying to break free of chemical additions;
- Nurturing Father’s Group helps fathers develop skills of nurturing and positive attitude.

MEMORY VERSE FOR JUNE

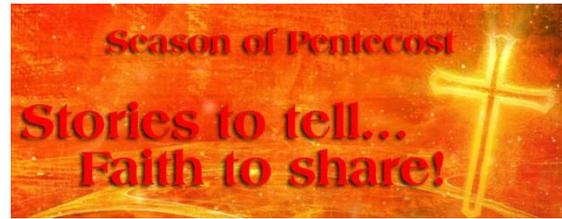
Read aloud the verse below each day until you can do it from memory.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9

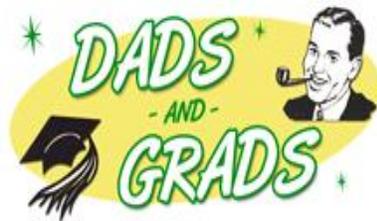
WORSHIP

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

The season of Pentecost is the longest in the church year. It begins on Pentecost, which is fifty days after Easter. It runs through the week of Christ the King Sunday, the Sunday before Advent begins, so five weeks before Christmas.



This gospel readings during this portion of the church year focus on things we need to know about being the Church and followers of Christ. In this year of Luke, we will hear a lot of parables and other teachings by Jesus, as well as stories of healings and other miracles which testify to the power available to us in the Holy Spirit.



DADS AND GRADS

Sunday, June 12 is the Sunday following high school graduation here in Lompoc and Sunday June 19 is Father's Day. Please come on both these Sundays to recognize both the dads and the graduates from our congregation. This year, Lydia Nelson is part of the class of 2016.

SERVICE OF HEALING

Sunday, June 26 at 5:30pm is the next Healing Service at Peace. This very spiritual worship is done in the Taizé styel and includes time for any who wish to come to receive prayer and anointing for healing of body, mind, and/or spirit. Come for yourself or bring a friend to experience the power of God's presence and healing.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Ave. Attendance May, 2015	43.2	Ave. Attendance May, 2016	31.2
Ave. Attendance 2015	40.4	Ave. Attendance YTD 2016	33.3

MINISTRY TEAM SUNDAY – June 12

The ministry teams of Peace Lutheran meet following fellowship hour on Sunday, June 12. Come meet with the Discipling, Resourcing, or Outreaching Team to help with the ministries for our congregation.



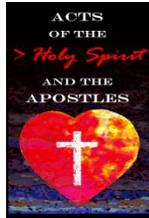
MEMORIAL GATHERING FOR BROWN RITTER

The family of Robert Brown Ritter is offering a gathering in memory of him on Saturday, June 11 from 11:00am until 1:00 pm. The gathering will be at Brown's home, 6 Stanford Circle, Lompoc.

EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We offer a lectionary based Sunday school class for children six years and older and a new nursery-aged class every Sunday morning at 9:15am in the classrooms. These classes will engage and entertain children while helping them grow in relationship to and love for God.



ADULT CLASS

The Acts of the Holy Spirit Through the Apostles – The book of Acts in the New Testament is a history of the early Christian church. The movement of the church out into the world was guided by the Holy Spirit and should be true for every church today. Join us as we survey this handbook for the Christian church at 9:15am in the library.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date. Vacation Bible School is tentatively set for the week of July 11-15 from 9:00am until noon. Get ready for an exciting and fun week of learning, crafts, games, and food!



COUNCIL ACTIONS IN MAY

- Reviewed new curriculum for nursery-aged children.
- Approved creation of a new website for the church.
- Accepted resignation of Judith Grames-Lyra from council. Judith will continue to chair Disaster Plan Team.
- Discussed new bulletin format.
- Changed secretary from waged to salary to provide greater flexibility during busy season. No significant change to the budget.
- Set new Benevolence of the Month schedule.



The next meeting of the Church Council is Thursday, June 16 at 6:45pm. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

FINANCIAL UPDATE*

April, 2016 income:	\$8,127.50
April 2016 expenses:	9,393.00
Expenses over income in April	-\$1,256.50
Year-to-date (YTD) expenses over income	-\$7,295.51
YTD Income under expected giving	\$2,214.16
YTD Expenses under expected spending	\$1472.42

* A complete copy of the Treasurer's report is available upon request.



SMALL GROUPS

We have a place for you!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesdays at 10:30am

The women of Peace Lutheran meet Tuesday mornings at 10:30am at the church to study God's word and for friendship and fellowship.

CRAFTING AND QUILTING –Thursdays at 6:45pm

Crafting and Quilting meet in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own craft or quilting project and work away while visiting and laughing with others.

OWLS – OLDER WISER LUTHERANS – Thursday, June 2, 12:30pm

Our seniors meet monthly on the first Thursday at 12:30pm for potluck and program.

MEN'S GROUP

Mens' group is not meeting in June.

PEACEFUL READERS – Thursday, June 30, 9:00am

The book club usually meets the last Thursday of each month at the Lompoc Restaurant, 925 North H Street. Bring a recently read book to share or just come to join in the discussion with other book lovers.

Jesus was in a small group!

Just savin'...



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The Disaster Plan Team of Peace Lutheran offers suggestions each month to help you be better prepared the event of a disaster in our area.

- Decide in advance who to contact in the event of an emergency. Make a list with contact information (phone number and email).
- Consider how you will make contact. Phone lines will be jammed. Texting is often easier than telephone. Increased airwave traffic and interrupted internet service may make contacting others difficult.
- Call 911 if necessary, but remember that emergency service people will be very busy and you might not get the customary response.



WHAT LUTHERANS BELIEVE:

Lutherans believe that you shouldn't count your days. Instead, you should make your days count.

Sunday, May 29th- Special birthday luncheon for Pastor Jeffrey

(birthday on the 28th) with special thanks to the following: Claudia Leach – deviled eggs; Pat Nuth - carved watermelon; Sharon Kendrick – mashed potatoes; Ursula Townsend – delicious chicken sauce and a lemon meringue pie for Pastor; Sarah Barthel provided brownies. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the birthday luncheon. - Sharon Kendrick, Fellowship Chair

Sunday Refreshments – please remember to keep it simple. Try to keep it to finger type foods. Coffee, beverages, paper goods(plates & napkins) provided by church. If you have any questions or would like to provide refreshments please talk to Sharon. I know Lutherans love to eat!

June Birthdays

- 2 Sarah Barthel
- 4 Cody Foster
Tyson Luck
- 6 Tyke Tykeson
- 16 Barbara Kinoshita
- 20 Claudia Leach
John Schmid
- 22 Rande Johnson
Talitha Nelson
- 24 Linda Doohen
- 27 Lucas Ybarra

June Baptismal Anniversaries

- 3 Patrick Kinoshita
- 6 Beverly Howe
- 11 Sharon Kendrick
- 17 Cody Foster
- 19 Alex Eden
Christiana Landthaler
- 21 Ryen Falgren

June Wedding Anniversaries

- 6 Delman & Beverly Howe
- 13 Spencer & Zelda Skretvedt
- 27 Tom & Donna Cooper
David & Linda Doohen



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...



Susan Ann Lyra (Jon Lrya's sister), for healing
Ryan Mackereth, bone cancer
Carolyn Longmire (Judith Grames-Lyra's daughter), very sick
Jurnei Buelna & family (Talitha Nelsons's co-worker's daughter), as she battles a blood disorder
Todd Howe and family (Bev Howe's family), continued healing from various health issues
Gary Tyson (Bev Howe's family), healing from health issues
Del Howe (Bev Howe's family)
Alisa Howe (Bev Howe's family)
Karen Jacobs (friend of Bev Howe)
Bonita (Sharon Kendrick's cousin), breast cancer
Midge, lung cancer
Rich Henley, suffering from a hereditary, debilitating disease
Cindy Moeller, chemotherapy with a second case of breast cancer
Lorraine Spargo, cancer
Bridget Fenton (Tyke & Jean Tykeson's granddaughter), suffering from fibromyalgia
Linda Britton, healing after fall
Christine Tykeson, (Tyke & Jean Tykeson's daughter), hairline fractures in both feet
Pastor Chuck Arnold, recovery from bi-pass surgery
Retired Bishop Bob Miller, Parkinson's disease
Larry Kurtz (friend of Fred & Ruby Hendrix)
Pastor Don Dallman
Larry Chavez, stage 4 lung cancer
John Bobbit (Tykesons' neighbor), cancer
John Higgins, healing
Roger, Kathleen, Patricia, Daniel & Jacob (family of Kathleen Copass) healing & guidance

Family of John Gray, Barbara Kinoshita's uncle
Family of Nancy Brewton
Family of Brown Ritter
Family of Ron Fairbanks



PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES, AT HOME AND ABROAD:



Kristie Dreyer
Alex Eden
Rande Johnson
Martin May
Rhinnon May
Joshua Rainwater
Rebekah Wilcox