

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

HELP NEEDED:

To those wishing to contribute to the medical fund for Pastor Steven Karp,

As you may know, Pastor Steven Karp has been stricken with cancer and a recent test has shown that his two rounds of treatment have not eliminated all the cancer cells, and furthermore, the cancer has been found deeper in the tissue lining than previously observed. It is clear that Pastor Karp will have mounting medical bills. St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay has already provided budgeted medical funds toward his initial treatment and is asking its individual members to contribute further.

Others outside our congregation may also wish to help financially. Our Council has recently approved a new fund for the exclusive purpose of contributing toward Pastor Karp's medical expenses. If you would like

to contribute to this fund, either make checks payable to "St. Stephen Lutheran Church" and in the memo section of the check, write "St. Stephen Medical Fund" and mail them to: St. Stephen Lutheran Church

21290 Birch Street
Hayward, CA 94541

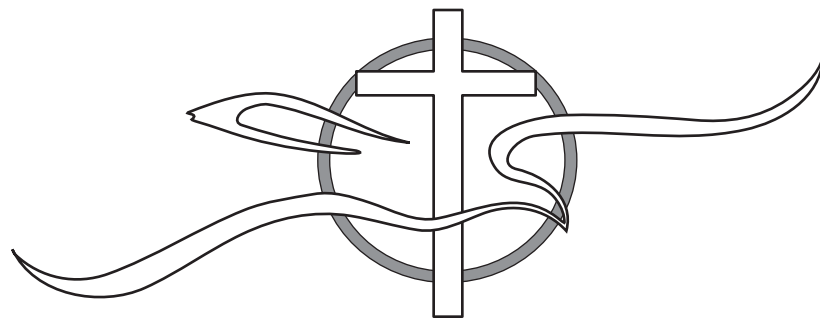
(Or make them out to Peace Thru Christ and in the memo section write "St. Stephen Medical Fund" and our treasurer will send the amounts on.)

May we also continue to make appeals to God in prayer that He would remove this infirmity from Pastor Karp, for as James says, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."
(James 5:16)

Sincerely in Christ,

Timothy Blank, President of St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay

WHO WE ARE: Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church whose aim is to uphold the Biblical teachings and Christian values which God restored to the world through the Lutheran Reformation some 490 years ago. We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God's grace; that Jesus Christ paid the full sacrificial price—His very life—so that gift of salvation could be ours. We teach that the Holy Spirit works repentance and faith in the hearts of individuals through which one receives the blessings of Christ's redemption. The foundation for such saving faith is the Bible—God's holy, unchangeable, inerrant Word. Since "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God," the Bible is completely reliable, trustworthy and true. It is the only source of our faith and life. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation, please speak with Pastor Bernthal



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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 25

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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Song of Solomon 5:9-16

A key to understanding this book is to be able to recognize the change in dialogue. Three speakers appear—the Shulamite (a young shepherdess) – the Beloved (Solomon) -- and the Daughters of Jerusalem (friends). In our section we hear the Shulmaite bride describe her beloved bridegroom telling her friends why he is better than all others. In these descriptive words we see symbolically the beauty, peace, love, glory, power, majesty and priceless value of our Bridegroom, Jesus.

9 What is your beloved More than another beloved, O fairest among women? What is your beloved More than another beloved, That you so charge us? 10 My beloved is white and ruddy, Chief among ten thousand. 11 His head is like the finest gold; His locks are wavy, And black as a raven. 12 His eyes are like doves By the rivers of waters, Washed with milk, And fitly set. 13 His cheeks are like a bed of spices, Banks of scented herbs. His lips are lilies, Dripping liquid myrrh. 14 His hands are rods of gold Set with beryl. His body is carved ivory Inlaid with sapphires. 15 His legs are pillars of marble Set on bases of fine gold. His countenance is like Lebanon, Excellent as the cedars. 16 His mouth is most sweet, Yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, And this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem!

Ephesians 5:22-33

Here the Spirit shows us that our earthly relationships are to be reflections of the love between Christ and His Church—all believers. Our first reading from the Song of Solomon teaches us about Christ and our second reading from Ephesians teaches us about ourselves—the first teaches us a lesson on faith; the second sets forth a goal for our faith.

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot

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CAMPBELL LABELS:

Don't forget to keep those Campbell labels for school supplies.

CLC NEWS:

St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston WA, and Peace Lutheran, Orofino ID. has called Pastor Joel Fleischer.

CASSEROLE SUPPER SIGN-UP:

If you are planning on coming to the Casserole Supper this Wednesday, please sign the sheet in the entry-way. Supper will run from 5:30-6:40 p.m.

LENTEN WORSHIP:

37 souls came last Wednesday to hear about how our Savior was rejected and suffered at the hands of His own people. We learned that rejection came from those who should have known better—His own people—the High Priest and the Jewish Council and that even today the life of Jesus and the simple message of Christ crucified is rejected and changed by those within the external church by false teachings. We also learned that we need to “Watch and Pray” so that we do not fall into similar temptations. Where in the world is God in our Savior's rejection by His own? He is not in the hearts of those who reject Him, but He is found in the hearts of those who see Him hanging on the cross as full payment for all

of their sins. You are invited to come this Wednesday to hear about our Savior's rejection by the world (John 18:33-19:1). Pastor Mike Eichstadt will be preaching.

This year's theme is: Where in the world is God...?

March 3 In the Savior's rejection by the world (John 18:33-19:1)---Preacher: M. Eichstadt

March 10 In the Savior's stumbling (Mark 15:17-21)---Preacher: Pastor Bade

March 17 In the Savior's sighs (Luke. 22:39-46)---Preacher: Dave Baker

March 24 In the Savior's words of power (Luke. 23:32-43)---Pastor Bernthal

During Holy Week

we will continue our theme on: Where in the World is God?

Maundy Thursday, April 1st: In the Savior's feast (Matt. 26:26-30)

Good Friday, April 2nd: In the Savior's promises (John 19:31-37)

Easter Sunday, April 4th: In the Savior's triumph (Matt. 28:1-10)

We pray that the Holy Spirit move you to commit to take advantage of these special opportunities to hear God's Word and worship your suffering Savior.

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This Week:

Before Church:

Sunday School: The Good Samaritan

Bible Class: Acts 14

Today 11:15 a.m. Choir

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at
Oak Park Place/Walnut Grove

Wednesday

5:30-6:40 p.m. Casserole Supper

7:00 p.m. Lent III

Pastor Mike Eichstadt

8:15 p.m. Choir

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship/
Communion

11:15 a.m. Choir/Church Council

LAST SUNDAY:

Worship 61 S.S. 11 Bible Class 19
Lent II 37

OFFERINGS 2/21 & 2/24

for Unified Budget: \$2,485

SPECIAL GIFTS: MDF—Mission

Development Fund \$300

Pastor Karp \$ 50

CBP—Cooperative Budget Plan \$35

Parsonage Windows/Siding \$20

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

March Calendar & Newsletter

NEEDED:

We are looking for someone who would like to help deliver sermons to the two Truck Stops when Bruce

Templeton is unavailable. The Truck Stops are on Hwy 51 & I-94.

We are looking for several people to help distribute Lenten Flyers advertising our Mid-Week Lenten Services. If you can help, please see Evangelism Chairman John Gerbitz.

NOTES ON SONG OF SOLOMON:

This book must be taken literally, but also allegorically. An allegory is a narrative describing real or supposed facts only for the purpose of representing certain higher truths or principles than the narrative itself. The Song of Solomon depicts, under the allegory of the bridal love of Solomon and the Shulamite shepherdess, the mutual love of the Lord Jesus and His Church. This is a favorite allegory, or figure, in the Bible. Psalm 45; Hosea 2:19-20; Matt. 9:15; John 3:29; II Cor. 11:1-4; Eph. 5:25ff; Rev. 19:6-8 and other passages represent Jesus as the heavenly Bridegroom and His Church as His bride. Whoever does not understand God's revealed plan of salvation and has not experienced the love of Christ or love to Christ, to him this book will remain a sealed book. The Song starts with courtship, moves on to the wedding ceremony, then shows the couple struggling through a brief time of separation, and finally ends with them reminiscing.

or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

The Sermon: read sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: **Song of Solomon 8:5-7**

THEME: A DESCRIPTION OF CHRIST'S LOVE FOR HIS CHURCH

I: VIGOROUS.

II. VICTORIOUS.

5 Who is this coming up from the wilderness, Leaning upon her beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree. There your mother brought you forth; There she who bore you brought you forth. 6 Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame. 7 Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are thankful to the Lord that you are worshiping your Savior with us this morning. He is the Bridegroom; we who believe in Him are His bride. His love for us is active. He gave Himself into death and then rose again to life to pay the debt of sin we owed to God and to conquer all of our enemies. What greater love can there be? Come again and hear more about our Savior's great love for us. Please also sign our guest register.