

# THE DOVE

November 2015



(Quail outside my office)

## The Beauty Of God's Creation

<sup>24</sup> LORD, you have made so many things! How wisely you made them all! The earth is filled with your creatures. . . . <sup>27</sup> All of them depend on you to give them food when they need it.

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them, and they eat it; you provide food, and they are satisfied. <sup>29</sup> When you turn away, they are afraid; when you take away your breath, they die and go back to the dust from which they came. <sup>30</sup> But when you give them breath, they are created; you give new life to the earth. (Psalm 104:24, 27-30)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I write this article, we have not yet made it to the time change from Daylight to Standard time. Even so, the days are getting shorter and the sun hangs a little lower in the sky each day.

In autumn, when the sun hangs lower in the sky, the colors and textures seem deeper. The colors seem to show a sharper contrast. One notices the beauty of God's creation as the season brings about change. It is a beautiful time of year.

It is also that time of year when the creatures of God's creation seem to appear more often. At least that's what I notice.

I notice it in NEXTDOOR TAMALPAIS, a community blog on which one can announce events or just question what's going on in the community. One post noted that animals were invading a garden and eating the leaves of the plants. Other posts note the sighting of a coyote here or there and even a bobcat was seen in one of the neighborhoods. Keep your cats and dogs safe.

I have been blessed to see several of God's creatures around the parsonage. One day I was driving out to make calls and there were three deer in the driveway. (We see many deer around here) Another day I walked out of my office and there was a Quail perched on the handrail of the steps. On sunny days, there is a coyote sunning itself on the rock behind the parsonage.

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Sunday Service  
9:30 a.m.

Fellowship  
10:30 a.m.

Bible Class  
11:10 a.m.

I am always amazed at how much of God's creation still appears in the urban areas of the city.

In this month of November we celebrate the National holiday of Thanksgiving. It is a time when we pause to be thankful for the many blessings in our lives. I am thankful for many people in my life: my family, my daughters, my son-in-law, my wife and, of course, my grandchildren.

I am also thankful to have lived and still live in close proximity to God's creatures. They remind me of the beauty of God's creation. It is a beauty which is easy to lose in the midst of suburbia.

They also remind me of God's care. Psalm 104 tells how God cares for these creatures and provides for their needs.

They also remind me of God's care for me. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells those present that as God cares for the birds and the flowers, so God cares for each one of us.

But it also reminds me of my responsibilities as a Christian in this world. As God has placed me in the midst of this creation, I can show gratitude to God for this beauty.

And it reminds me, as a Christian in this world, I also care for this creation. I care for this creation as I would any gifts God has graciously given to me.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Pastor Adams



Hey! We were here first!

# Looking Ahead to December



## ANGEL TREE

Once again we will give "presents" of \$15.00 Walgreen and Target gift cards to each family of Fireside at their annual Holiday party on December 16th.

Take an angel from the tree and return the gift card back to the tree.

We need 32 Walgreen cards and 18 Target.

For some this is the only gift they receive.

You can either purchase a card or donate money (earmark "Angel Tree") and the cards will be purchased.

Talk with Sharon with any questions.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fireside Holiday Party  
December 16<sup>th</sup>  
5:45 - 8PM

We Need:

- Bakers for Cookies and Cake
- Servers

Please sign up on the board in the narthex.

## 2016 CALENDARS

We are in need of 2016 calendars to be included in the December Fireside Meal bags.

If you have extra that are sent by mail consider donating them to Peace.

We need them no later than December 6th.

Place in the basket on the Fireside ledge in Luther Lounge.

## SAFEWAY GIFTCARDS FOR DECEMBER FIRESIDE BROWN BAG

Along with the December Brown Bags food will be a \$10.00 Safeway Gift card for those who participate in the program.

If you want to help with this gift you may either buy a \$10.00 Safeway gift card or make a monetary donation to Peace earmarked Fireside.

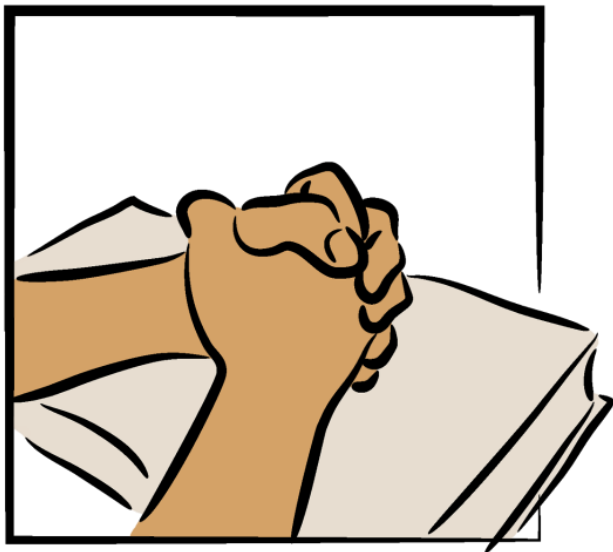
Talk with Sharon with any questions.

## Also In December

December 13 – Congregational Meeting  
Decorating the Sanctuary

December 20 – Nancy and Pastor's  
Open House

December 24 – Candlelight Christmas Eve  
Worship



## **"Brown Bag" Meal Program For Fireside**

### **November Menu**

**"Chicken & Stuffing "**

**We are preparing 51 bags for  
seniors and families!**

**We need:**

- 102 Kirkland Canned Chicken Breast** (12.5 oz. can-\$10.99 per 6 pack at Costco)
- 61 Heinz Chicken Gravy** (12 oz. jar variety)
- 55 Stove Top Stuffing Mix** (6 oz. box Chicken or Cornbread)
- Monetary donations for fresh vegetables**

**Delivery date  
Tuesday, November 10th.**

**Thank you for feeding our  
neighbors!**

## **In The Word**

### **Ladies Bible Study**

Please join us on Tuesday, November 10th at 7PM in  
Luther Lounge.  
Bring a food item and/or beverage to share.

### **Women's Friday Morning Bible Class**

Fridays 10:00 a.m.  
"Praying the Psalms"  
Come join us!

### **Sunday Morning Bible Class**

Jonah and Ruth  
11:15 a.m.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

11-3 Don Erbel

11-10 Mata Valiente

11-22 Pastor Ricky Adams

11-26 Beverly Erbel

11-29 Dahlia Stein

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

11-11  
Don & Beverly Erbel





## "Crosses for Peace"

Thank you for your support for the 'Crosses for Peace' Mission. We were able to give away many crosses to fellow Christians at the Kids Fair.

They were happy to have a Cross to show their belief in Jesus Christ who died on the cross for them.

If you have any ideas of ways to spread the word of this Cross mission - Please contact Mary Ann Griller @ (415) 332-6011



## Serving Our Lord

Looking for a way to serve our Lord? God provides opportunities here at Peace Lutheran. Please consider serving in one of the following ways.

**Altar Guild**

**Coffee Hour**

**Counters**

**Floral arrangers**

(no experience needed)

**Greeters**

**Usher**

**Lay Readers**

There is a signup sheet on the board in the entry way. Talk with Pastor Ricky if you have any questions.

## Treasurers Report September 2015 - Year to Date

	September	Year To Date
<b>Approved Budget Income</b>	<b>\$14,700</b>	<b>\$133,500</b>
<b>Actual Income</b>	<b>\$14,878</b>	<b>\$117,061</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>	<b>-13,620</b>	<b>-139,776</b>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>-22,715</b>

Peter Pardini  
Treasurer

# November

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>1</b> 9:30am-Worship Service 11:15 Adult Bible Study (PH)	<b>2</b> 2:45-4:45 VL (LL)	<b>3</b> 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3-6 VL (S)	<b>4</b> 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10a Women's Bible Study 2-3p MB (N)	<b>7</b> 8:30-9:30a PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) <b>Rental Fundraiser (PH)</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30am-Worship Service 11:15 Adult Bible Study (PH)	<b>9</b> 2:45-4:45 VL (LL)	<b>10</b> 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 10:30am Fireside Meal Program 7p Ladies Bible Study 3-6 VL (S)	<b>11</b> 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10a Women's Bible Study 2-3p MB (N)	<b>14</b> 8:30-9:30a PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH)
<b>15</b> 9:30am- Worship Service 11:15a Adult Bible Study	<b>16</b> 2:45-4:45VL (LL)	<b>17</b> 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3-6 VL (S)	<b>18</b> 2--6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH) 7p Church Council Mtg.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10a Women's Bible Study DOVE article deadline 2-3p MB (N)	<b>21</b> 8:30-9:30 PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH)
<b>22</b> 9:30am- Worship Service 11:15a Adult Bible Study	<b>23</b> 2:45-4:45VL (LL)	<b>24</b> 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3-6 VL (S)	<b>25</b> 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6:8p SD (PH)	<b>26</b> THANKSGIVING	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b> 8:30-9:30 PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH)
<b>29</b> 9:30am-Worship Service 11:15a Adult Bible Study	<b>30</b> 2:45-4:45VL (LL)			OFFICE HOURS M-Thurs. 9AM-12N M-Pastor's Day Off F-Secretary's Day Off	KEY: PC-Pilates Class SD-Stage Door VL -Violin Lessons LL-LoLo MB-Musicbloom	Key: PH - Parish Hall K- Kitchen LL- Luther Lounge N - Nursery S-Sanctuary

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# SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 2015

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janice Hellman Vicki McGowan	Dorlane Krausse Ulla Kerr	Betty Erickson Vicki McGowan	Jeanine Hillebrandt Marlene Rice	MaryAnn Griller Vicki McGowan
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Don & Beverly Erbel	Sally Erickson	Janet Rosevear	Betty Erickson Vicki McGowan	Ulla Kerr Laureen Schneeberger
<i>Coffee Hour Supplies for November: Ulla Kerr</i>					
<u>Counters</u>	Dave Erickson Marlene Rice	Vicki McGowan Lee Rosevear	Don Erbel Ulla Kerr	Sally Erickson	Dave Erickson Marlene Rice
<u>Flowers</u>	Beverly Erbel	Rusty Rush	Marlene Rice	Sally Erickson	<i>Cornucopia</i>
<u>Greeters</u>	Jeanine Hillebrandt	L. Schneeberger	Vicki McGowan	Ulla Kerr	Peter Pardini
<u>Lay Ministers</u>	<i>Communion Assts.</i>	Gary Glover	<i>Communion Assts.</i>	Marlene Rice	Rick Kenney
<u>Ushers</u>	Rick Kenney Vicki McGowan	Don & Beverly Erbel	Ulla Kerr Laureen Schneeberger	Keith & Jackie Stoneking	Jim & Sharon Sides
<u>Lay Readers</u>	Rick Kenney	Nancy Adams	Janet Reese	Cynthia Smith	Beverly Erbel

*(If you cannot serve on your assigned date, please find a substitute and inform the Church Office, 388-2065)*

# SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 2015

	December 6	December 13	December 20	December 24 (Christmas Eve)	December 27
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janice Hellman Vicki McGowan	Dorlane Krausse Ulla Kerr	Betty Erickson Vicki McGowan	<i>no communion</i>	Mary Ann Griller Vicki McGowan
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Sally Erickson	John & AnaHilda Mosher	Janet Rosevear	<i>no coffee hour</i>	Don & Beverly Erbel
<i>Coffee Hour Supplies for December: none</i>					
<u>Counters</u>	Beverly Erbel Vicki McGowan	Vicki McGowan	Don Erbel Ulla Kerr	Sally Erickson	Beverly Erbel Vicki McGowan
<u>Flowers</u>	Beverly Erbel	Rusty Rush	Marlene Rice	<i>Pointsettias</i>	<i>Pointsettias</i>
<u>Greeters</u>	Rick Kenney	Janet Rosevear	Jeanine Hillebrandt	Peter Pardini	John Moorhead
<u>Lay Ministers</u>	<i>Communion Assts.</i>	Marlene Rice	<i>Communion Assists.</i>	Beverly Erbel	Gary Glover
<u>Ushers</u>	Gary Glover	Rick Kenney Vicki McGowan	Don & Beverly Erbel	Keith & Jackie Stoneking	Ulla Kerr L. Schneeberger
<u>Lay Readers</u>	Art Strassburger	Sharon Sides	MaryAnn Griller	<i>no reader</i>	Nancy Adams

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