



Tidings of Peace **September** *Newsletter of Peace Memorial EPC* **2026**

From the Pastor

Continuing Our Journey Through Luke:

Dear Friends,

As summer begins to give way to fall and many of our regular church activities begin again, we will also continue our journey together through the **Gospel of Luke** in Sunday morning worship.

Luke begins his Gospel by telling us that he carefully investigated the events surrounding the life and ministry of Jesus so that his readers might “have certainty concerning the things” they had been taught (Luke 1:4). That makes Luke especially valuable for us today. In a world filled with competing voices, uncertainty, and constant change, Luke directs our attention back to the solid ground of the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Over the past weeks, we have watched God prepare the way for the coming of His Son through the remarkable events surrounding Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, and the birth of John the Baptist. As we continue through Luke, the focus will increasingly turn toward Jesus Himself—His birth, His ministry, His teaching, His miracles, and ultimately His journey toward Jerusalem, the cross, and the empty tomb.

One of the great themes running throughout Luke is that **God keeps His promises**. The coming of Jesus is not an isolated event suddenly appearing in history. It is the fulfillment of God's covenant promises stretching back through Israel's story and ultimately back to the beginning of Scripture. In Christ, God's long-promised salvation has arrived.

Luke also repeatedly reminds us that this good news is for people who might otherwise believe themselves forgotten or overlooked. The poor, the outsider, the sinner, the broken, and the spiritually needy repeatedly find themselves welcomed into the story. Jesus came, as He Himself says, “to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10).

That means Luke is not simply a biography for us to study. It confronts each of us with the question:
Who is this Jesus, and what does it mean to follow

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Him?

My hope is that as we move through this Gospel together, we will do more than become familiar with its stories. I pray that we will see Christ more clearly, trust Him more deeply, and follow Him more faithfully.

September also marks the beginning of another busy season in the life of our congregation. Bible classes, small groups, ministries, fellowship, and opportunities for service begin filling our calendars again. These are good things—but at the center of them all must remain Jesus Christ and His Word.

So as we enter this new season together, I encourage you to make Sunday worship a priority and to bring your Bible as we continue walking through Luke. Better yet, consider reading ahead during the week. Ask the Lord to show you something new about Christ and to prepare your heart to hear His Word.

There is much still ahead of us in Luke's Gospel, and I look forward to discovering it together.

In Christ,

Pastor Aaron

September Birthdays

22nd Sharon Haddock

30th Sally Heaton

September Anniversaries

Stewardship & Finance Committee

July 2026

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:..... \$18,602.68

Operating Expenses:..... \$19,036.45Monthly Net:..... (\$433.77)

YTD /Net:..... \$6,891.77

Checking 7/31/26:.....\$54,836.20**Money Market** 7/31/26:.....\$38,868.94**Edward Jones CD** 7/31/26:..\$20,162.31**Edward Jones MM** 7/31/26: \$12,656.14**TOTAL** 6/30/26:.....**\$126,523.59**

Operating expenses in July beyond regular operations were: Quarterly Taxes for Federal and State, Building Insurance, Evangelism donations for Kuhn & Mercy, Leadership Training, Discretionary Fund, and Deacons Quarterly disbursement.

Kathy Todd -Treasurer



JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Small Groups Are Starting Up Again!

September brings the return of many of our regular ministries, and we are excited to begin another season of **weekly sermon-based small groups**!

Our small groups are designed to help us take what we hear from God's Word on Sunday morning and carry it into the rest of the week. Each week, groups gather to revisit the Sunday sermon, talk through the Scripture together, consider how it applies to our lives, and spend time encouraging and praying for one another.

There is something valuable about moving from **hearing the Word together on Sunday to talking about and living out the Word together during the week**. Small groups give us a place to ask questions, share insights, develop deeper relationships, and help one another grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Information and sign-ups will begin Sunday, September 6, and continue for the following few weeks. Most groups are expected to begin meeting during the **week of September 7**, although individual groups may begin a little later depending upon their schedules.

Watch for announcements and additional details on Sunday mornings regarding available groups, meeting times, locations, and leaders.

Whether you have participated in a small group before or have never tried one, I encourage you to consider joining us this fall. You don't need to be a Bible expert, and you don't need to have all the answers. Simply come ready to listen, participate, get to know some fellow believers, and grow together in Christ.

The Christian life was never intended to be lived alone. God has placed us within the body of Christ so that we might worship together, learn together, encourage one another, pray for one another, and bear one another's burdens.

As we continue our Sunday journey through the **Gospel of Luke**, our small groups will give us another opportunity each week to reflect upon what God is teaching us through His Word and to ask an important question:

How should what we heard on Sunday shape the way we live on Monday?

We hope you'll join a group this fall!

Sign-ups begin September 6. Watch for details on Sundays!



PRESCHOOL-1st GRADE: To start, Geri Coker will lead the little ones through God's Creation story. Class will meet in the nursery.

ELEMENTARY: Vicki Zeller will be guiding the older grade school children through the stories in Luke. Class will meet in the upstairs classroom.

YOUTH AND ADULTS: The high school grades will be joining the adult study in the Fireside Room as Pastor Aaron facilitates R.C. Sproul's work on "The Last Days According to Jesus."

Children's Bible Classes Resume September 13!

As we begin a new fall season at Peace Memorial, we are excited to welcome our children back to **Sunday morning Bible classes beginning September 13!**

Classes will meet each Sunday from **9:00–10:00 a.m.**, providing our children with an opportunity to grow in their knowledge of God, learn the stories and teachings of Scripture, and discover more about what it means to know and follow Jesus Christ.

Sunday Bible classes are an important part of our ministry to the children of our congregation. Our desire is not simply that our children know Bible stories, but that they come to understand the **big story of Scripture**—God's work of creation, redemption, and His gracious plan of salvation fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

We are grateful for the teachers and volunteers who give their time and energy to help nurture the faith of the next generation. Their ministry is an important part of the promises we make together as a church family when we baptize and welcome children into the covenant community.

Parents and grandparents, we encourage you to make Sunday Bible class part of your family's weekly rhythm this fall. While the adults gather for Bible study in the Fireside Room, our children can be learning and growing in God's Word as well.

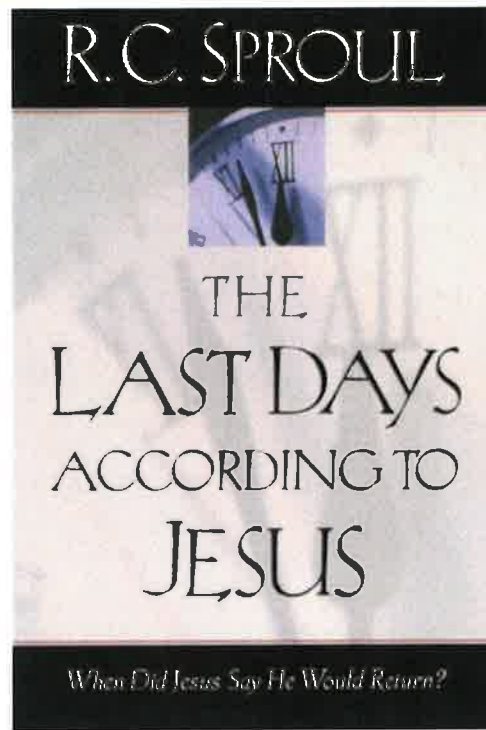
Children's Sunday Bible Classes

Beginning: Sunday, September 13

Time: 9:00–10:00 a.m.

When: Every Sunday

We look forward to seeing our children back in class as we begin another year of **learning God's Word and growing together in Christ!**



Sunday Bible Class Returns September 13!

Our **Sunday Morning Bible Class** returns this fall beginning **Sunday, September 13, from 9:00–10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

This fall, Pastor Aaron will lead us through a fascinating video study featuring respected Reformed theologian **R.C. Sproul** entitled **“What Jesus Says About the End Times.”**

Few subjects generate as much interest—or as much confusion—among Christians as the “end times.” What did Jesus actually teach about the last days? What did He mean when He spoke about the destruction of the Temple, His coming, and the end of the age? And how should we understand some of the difficult passages found in places like Matthew 24?

Rather than beginning with speculation about current events, this series takes us back to the words of Jesus Himself and examines them carefully within their biblical and historical context.

Each Sunday we will watch a portion of Sproul’s teaching and then have time for discussion, questions, and further exploration of the biblical text together.

Whether you have studied these passages for years or have always found the subject confusing, this class will be a great opportunity to dig deeper into Scripture and think carefully about the hope Christians have in Christ and His promised return.

Sunday Bible Class

Begins: September 13

Time: 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Location: Fireside Room

Hosted by: Pastor Aaron

Bring your Bible, bring your questions, and join us as we explore
what Jesus says about the end times!

MISSION MEMO

Thanks to a loving and supportive congregation, the Mission Committee is busy, busy, busy! Here are some highlights:

COMMUNITY RESOURCE ROOM- We continue to be a go-to place for people needing just a little something to get them through a tough time. Linda Dart has included provisions of personal hygiene items such as small shampoos and soap. If you've spent some time at a motel/hotel and collect the complimentary shampoos, lotions and soaps provided, donating them to the resource room is a great way to clear out your drawers. And while you're shopping and go past the "travel-size" bins, consider picking some of those small deodorants, shampoos and travel toothpaste/toothbrush combos and such. Something else the Community Resource Room could use are those extra tote bags you might have. Some of you may receive tote bags from organizations during their fundraising campaigns. If you have more bags than you can use, please donate them so when someone comes in needing items, there's a way carry them. And don't forget we also have HOME HEALTH CARE ITEMS such as walkers, canes, crutches, shower chairs and such to loan out in case you or someone you know has a need.

FOOD BANK BARREL- We've joined with the Klamath-Lake County Food Bank to provide needed non-perishable foods. We have a barrel in the Fellowship Hall which has REALLY been used. Seems as soon as food comes in, it goes out! Not only does the Food Bank make pick-ups, the barrel gets used by people walking in off the street. While you're out shopping for your own groceries, maybe you could pick up a few items such as soups, chili, stews, and hot cocoa packets. Items that don't require a can opener are appreciated. The Food Bank got hit hard helping people impacted by the Wrights Spring Fire.

FIRE ASSISTANCE - And speaking of the Wrights Spring Fire, Peace Memorial was able to make financial donations to three organizations helping those displaced by the fire. We delivered checks to Relief Angels, who helped with the evacuation and care for pets and farm animals, Gospel Mission, who provided meals and showers, and the Food Bank.

BABY BLANKETS AND PRAYER SHAWLS- After making a delivery of gift bags to the Birthing Center, workers have been busy making more blankets and shawls so we can put together another dozen bags. Any one interested can help make these items. First Church even donated some bags of yarn in case you need some.

PREGNANCY HOPE CENTER- Just a heads up that the Pregnancy Hope Center will be holding its annual DESSERT FUNDRAISER on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 6:30 pm at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. Peace Memorial will again be hosting a table at this event. There is no charge for attendees. More details will be given next month. Give some prayerful consideration to attending and if you'd like to attend, just let Geri Coker know.

September 2026

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October 2026						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 30	31	Sep 1	2	3	4 Office Closed	5
6 10:30am Communion	7	8 10:00am Women's Small Group 11:00am Discipleship/Evangelis 2:30pm King Group 3:00pm Goode Group	9 10:30am Ladies Board Meeting 12:30pm Women's Missionary bible study	10 10:30am Missions & Outreach	11 Office Closed	12
13 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship	14 12:00pm Session	15 10:00am Women's Small Group 2:30pm King Group (Fireside room) 3:00pm Goode Group (Goodes Home)	16 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group (Fireside Rm)	17	18 Office Closed	19
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"Oh, taste and see
that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the one who takes
refuge in Him!"
-Proverbs 34:8

Sermons for September:

THE ARRIVAL OF SALVATION

- 9/6- -Salvation for All Nations
Luke 2:21-40
- 9/13- -The Boy Who Is About His Father's Business
Luke 2:41-52
- 9/20- -Prepare the Way of the Lord
Luke 3:1-20
- 9/27- -The Son of God Identified
Luke 3:21-38



DEACONS

Noreen Rhoades- Chair
Debbie Grant
Michelle Preston
Gary Preston
Joan Campbell
Cheryl Paletz
Sharon Haddock
Marie Gregory

*The Deacons meet the third Sunday of each
month following worship.*



SESSION/ELDERS

Pastor Aaron Beaty-	Moderator
Geri Coker-	Mission
Kathy Todd-	Stewardship & Finance
Rob Campbell-	Worship
-	Discipleship & Evangelism; Clerk
Gary Scott-	Building & Grounds
Bill Dart-	

Session meets the 2nd Monday from 12-2.