



Tidings of Peace **August** 2026

Newsletter of Peace Memorial EPC

From the Pastor

Walking with Jesus Through the Gospel of Luke:

Dear Friends,

As we begin a new ministry year together, I am excited to announce that our Sunday morning sermons will take us on a journey through the Gospel of Luke. My prayer is that this will not simply be a study of an ancient book but an opportunity to walk alongside Jesus—to hear His words, witness His compassion, and be transformed by His grace.

Luke's Gospel is unlike any of the other three Gospels. While Matthew emphasizes Jesus as the promised King of Israel, Mark presents Him as the faithful Servant, and John reveals His eternal divine nature, Luke paints the richest portrait of Jesus' humanity. He shows us the Savior who entered fully into our world, sharing our joys and sorrows while remaining without sin.

The Gospel was written by Luke, a physician (Colossians 4:14) and faithful companion of the Apostle Paul. Although Luke was not one of the Twelve Apostles, he carefully investigated the events surrounding Jesus' life by interviewing eyewitnesses and examining the historical record. He tells us in the opening verses that he sought to write "an orderly account" so that believers could know "the certainty" of the things they had been taught (Luke 1:1-4).

That commitment to careful history makes Luke's Gospel especially valuable. He anchors the life of Jesus in real places, among real rulers, at specific moments in history. Christianity is not built upon myth or legend but upon the mighty acts of God accomplished in history.

Luke's Gospel also reveals the extraordinary scope

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of God's saving grace. Again and again we meet people whom society overlooked or rejected: shepherds, widows, tax collectors, Samaritans, lepers, women, Gentiles, children, and the poor. Luke reminds us that Jesus came "to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). No one is beyond the reach of God's mercy.

Throughout the coming year we will encounter many of the Bible's most beloved passages that are unique to Luke. We will stand with Zechariah in the Temple as God breaks four centuries of prophetic silence. We will hear Gabriel's announcement to Mary and join the shepherds outside Bethlehem as heaven erupts in praise. We will marvel at parables found only in Luke, including the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. We will watch Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem, teaching His disciples what it means to follow Him with wholehearted faith. Finally, we will walk with Him through His suffering, death, resurrection, and triumphant ascension.

From the Pastor (cont.) Along the way we will discover several themes that weave through the entire Gospel:

The certainty of the Gospel. Luke writes so that believers may know with confidence that the Christian faith rests on trustworthy testimony.

The compassion of Christ. Jesus continually seeks the broken, the forgotten, and the sinful with truth and mercy.

The work of the Holy Spirit. From the opening chapters onward, the Spirit empowers God's people and points them to Christ.

Joy in God's salvation. Songs of praise, rejoicing, and thanksgiving fill Luke's pages as God's promises are fulfilled.

Prayer and dependence upon the Father. Jesus models a life of continual communion with God.

The Kingdom of God. Jesus proclaims God's reign and calls His followers to lives of faithful discipleship while awaiting His return.

My hope is that, week after week, we will come to know Jesus more deeply—not merely as a figure of history, but as our living Savior and reigning Lord. Luke invites us to see Christ with fresh eyes and to respond with enduring faith, joyful worship, and confident hope.

I encourage you to read each passage before Sunday whenever possible. Bring your Bible. Ask questions. Pray that God would open your heart to His Word. And invite a friend or neighbor to join you. There is no greater privilege than walking together through the life of our Savior. You can find this month's sermon schedule at the end of this newsletter. *(note: in August, our concluding two weeks will take a break from Luke and focus on the theme of enduring faith found in Hebrews 11 with guest preacher Pastor Robin Maxom.)*

May the Lord use this study to deepen our love for Christ, strengthen our faith, and shape us more fully into His disciples.

In Christ,

Pastor Aaron Beaty

August Birthdays

6th Harry Carleson
6th Jim Zeller
8th Janet Vercruysee
9th Bill Dart
12th Joyce King
14th Kathy Todd
16th Wyatt Curran
21st Kathleen Walker- Henderson
23rd Gary Scotrt
24th Stephen Goode
25th Kevin Gorham

August Anniversaries

3rd Paul & Joyce King
12th Harold & Sally Heaton
17th Harry & Gayle Carleson
18th Stephen & Sharron Goode
19th Phil & Debbie Grant
29th Bill & Linda Dart

Stewardship & Finance Committee

June 2026

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$15,984.08
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$15,234.21</u>
Monthly Net:.....	\$749.87
YTD /Net:.....	\$7,325.54
Checking 6/30/26:.....	\$61,063.12
Money Market 6/30/26:.....	\$40,908.28
Edward Jones CD 6/30/26:..	\$20,106.52
Edward Jones MM 6/30/26:	\$12,567.33
TOTAL 6/30/26:.....	\$134,645.25

Operating expenses in June beyond regular spending: SAIF Insurance, Building Repairs, Evangelism (Kuhn & Mercy), Presbytery Expense, and Piano Maintenance. Also completed was the east side roof replacement, with funds from the Edward Jones Money Market Checking account being used.

-Kathy Todd -Treasurer

Small Groups Return This Fall



One of the greatest blessings of the Christian life is growing together in faith with other believers. This fall, we invite you to be part of one of our weekly Small Groups as we continue to deepen our relationships with Christ and one another.

Our Small Groups will begin **shortly after Labor Day** and meet **weekly through the week before Thanksgiving**. Each gathering is centered on two simple but meaningful practices: **praying together** and **discussing the previous Sunday's sermon**. These conversations provide an opportunity to reflect more deeply on God's Word, encourage one another in our

walk with Christ, and build lasting friendships within our church family.

Whether you have been part of a Small Group before or are considering joining for the first time, we encourage you to participate this fall. It is a wonderful way to experience the fellowship, encouragement, and mutual care that are essential to the life of the church.

MISSION MEMO: Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thanks to the efforts of several crocheters, knitters and quilters, we were able to make a recent delivery of 12 gift bags to the Sky Lakes Birthing Center. Each bag contains a welcome card, handcrafted baby blanket, and baby Bible book for the new little one, and a gift for Mom as well. Now that our Prayer Shawl Ministry has had the first offering of prayer shawls blessed, the bags contained a shawl for Mom. We're currently replenishing our supply of baby blankets and shawls, and as soon as we have enough for 12 more bags, we'll make another run. Thanks to Noreen Rhoades for coordinating our Birthing Center Ministry with the staff.

And speaking of prayer shawls, those involved will be taking a field trip to Hobby Lobby in Medford on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, Please rsvp to Cheryl Paletz by 8/11. Those interested in going will meet at the back parking lot at 9:30 am so we can car pool over the hill. After loading up with supplies, we'll stop for lunch (Linda LeQuieu knows the perfect Chinese restaurant) before heading back home. Thanks to Cheryl Paletz for heading up our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

If you need an outlet for your love of crocheting, knitting or quilting, we could sure use your talents. The baby blankets you can make at home and then bring the finished ones to church. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room. Don't know how to crochet? Well, we'd love to teach you.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH BUILDING & GROUNDS (Summer 2026)

For all the congregation members who would like a report on building status before end of the year, here it is... Roofing on the Eastside above boiler room, kitchen and fireside room have been replaced a PVC roofing material. The old roof has been removed and any damaged plywood has been replace along with roof jacks for various vents. The Fascia board has been covered with a custom fitted metal flashing for protection against rotting from East winds, rain and snow. New gutters on the Eastside to capture rain water and divert it away from the building. We now has gutters completely around church structure. Only area for review in the future concerning gutters would be the second story gutters, these gutters are in working order but weather worn. Now with the gutters installed on the church structure we can repair the lower siding around the sanctuary that was being rotted by falling water and dirt pile up against siding creating rot. The siding should be completed very soon if not done as you read this newsletter. The chimney top is being worked on, removal of loose brick and failing mortar has been completed and a new custom cap to be created to keep chimney in check in the future years to come. The chimney is still in use for the venting of the gas boilers for heating through our registers. The roof top ridge of the out-building that houses various gear and storage has been secured to protect from the weather of various loose ridge pieces. Westside of church area down from the sanctuary has a "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" graphics applied to the curb. No parking along the building will help cars from the adjacent parking lot in driving in and backing out. The fire lane would also assist firefighters if that strip that is cleared for their usage. Geri and Linda are hard at work with landscaping and would love to have some people to visit them while pulling weeds and planting flowers. Yes the theory is the the same as Tom Sawyers painting the fence.



August 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 26	27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1
2 10:30am Communion	3	4	5	6	7 Office Closed	8
9 10:30am Worship	10 12:00pm Session	11	12 10:30am Ladies Board Meeting 12:30pm Women's Missionary bible study	13 10:30am Missions & Outreach	14 Office Closed	15
16 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons	17 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance	18 11:00am Discipleship Mtg	19 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group (Fireside Rm)	20	21 Office Closed	22
23 10:30am Worship	24 1:00pm Building & Grounds	25	26 Articles due to the office for Newsletter 12:30pm Women's Missionary bible study	27	28 Office Closed	29
30 10:30am Worship	31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5



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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 August:

THE ARRIVAL OF SALVATION

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- 8/2- -God Breaks the Silence
Luke 1:5-25
- 8/9- -The Promise to Mary
Luke 1:26-38
- 8/16- -The Joy of Salvation (Magnificat)
Luke 1:39-56
- 8/23- -The Dynamics of Enduring Faith
Hebrews 11:1-7
- 8/30- -"Seeing Christianly" (*That is not a typo. I made up that word.*)
Hebrews 11:1-7



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.