

The Good News Of Peace

To live as God's family gathering around His Word and promises
to effectively share
The Good News of God's love in Christ with our neighbors.

Peace Lutheran Church and Preschool

Chehalis, Washington

February 2024

Ash Wednesday

Please join us as we begin the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday communion service on February 14th at Noon and 7:00pm. (There will not be a soup supper before this service.)



Why Ash Wednesday?

Traditionally, the Christian Church has observed the seven weeks before Easter as a time of penitence and spiritual self-examination.

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, derives its name from the ancient practice of marking the foreheads of worshippers with ashes from the unused palm branches of the previous year. Ashes historically have had a dual significance.

First, they are Old Testament Symbols of sadness and humility. Job, in the midst of all his troubles, cried out to God from the ash heap.

The second symbolic meaning of ashes is as a reminder of our mortality. Each of us faces the inevitability of physical death. Our bodies and material possessions eventually will turn to dust and ashes. This is a reminder that we dare not trust in things that crumble.

But Lent does not leave us on the ash heap. It begins with Ash Wednesday but ends with Easter. And Easter proclaims that, through Christ, God resurrects us from our dust and ashes, makes us new creatures, and brings life out of death.

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

“Shrove Tuesday? What’s that?” Shrove Tuesday is the English name for the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The French call it “Mardi Gras,” or “Fat Tuesday.” “Shrove” is said to be derived from the now-unused English word “shrive” which referred to the practice of confession and absolution which was a common preparation for Lent.

“What’s a pancake got to do with it?” With the fast of Lent coming on, households needed a way to get rid of foods that would not be permitted during the Lenten fast. Pancakes are an easy way to use up all the fat and milk and eggs in the house without using up much else (except a little flour).

“Why are we having a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper?” Why not? It is an opportunity for our church family to come together for good fun and good food.

The menu will consist of German Potato Pancakes, German Sausages, and regular pancakes for those who don’t fancy German pancakes.

If you would like to help by providing ingredients, sausages, griddles, your warm body to help prepare the food, etc. contact Dawn Freeman.

See you at 5:30pm on Tuesday, February 13th.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Lent & the “Gesima” Season

In the historic, one-year lectionary, the liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three periods or steps:

Gessimatide or Pre-Lent:

The first is the “-gesimas” or Pre-Lent. These three Sundays before Lent constitute catechesis in the Grace of God in which that grace is examined from three perspectives:

Septuagesima (meaning “within 70 days”) (i.e. of Easter)—Grace is undeserved.

The Collect for this Sunday implores God graciously to hear us, who are justly punished for our sin, so that we may be delivered by God’s goodness. The goodness of God is emphasized in the parable (Matt 20:1-16), where all the laborers receive the reward because of the goodness of the landowner. So we too, receive the reward of eternal life, because God is good, and Another has borne the heat and burden of the day for us that we might have it.

Sexagesima (meaning “within 60 days”) (i.e. of Easter)—Grace is passively received.

In the Collect, we pray to the God who sees that we put not our trust in anything we do, but mercifully defends us by His power. In the parable of the sower, the seed of God’s Word is passively received in good and noble hearts.

Quinquagesima (meaning “within 50 days”) (i.e. of Easter)—Grace is not easily understood.

In the Gospel, Jesus predicts His passion and the disciples “understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.” (Luke 18:34).

The three “Gesima” Sundays begin the preparation for Easter. They take on the character of Lent, but only mildly. The color is still the green of ordinary time rather than the violet of Lent. The “Alleluias” are dropped, but the “Gloria in Excelsis” remains. And flowers may still adorn the chancel. In the Gesimas, this provides a gradual progression of liturgical removals as we approach Passiontide.

Lententide:

The second step or stage of preparation begins with the beginning of Lent proper on Ash Wednesday. This second stage ends when the week of Laetare (the 4th Sunday in Lent) is completed. In addition to the omissions and changes that began in the “Gesimas,” the color changes to violet, the “Gloria in Excelsis” is now omitted, and flowers no longer normally adorn the chancel. During these four Sundays, the focus is on temptation and faith, and the Christian’s struggle:

On **Invocavit Sunday** the Lord is tested in the Wilderness.

On **Reminiscere Sunday**, the faith of the Canaanite woman is tested.

On **Oculi Sunday**, the people tempt our Lord to show them a sign from heaven.

Laetare Sunday is “refreshment” Sunday.

Passiontide:

The final stage is Passiontide, which begins with **Judica Sunday** (Passion Sunday, the 5th Sunday in Lent), and extends through Holy Week and the Triduum (“three holy days”—which includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). Now the focus is expressly on our Lord’s passion. The liturgy is spoken on Judica Sunday in order to emphasize the intense passion which our Lord endured. In addition to all the previous liturgical omissions, now even the Gloria Patri is omitted. Crucifixes and other images of our Lord are veiled. The intensity builds through Passiontide until we finally arrive at the empty tomb.

Soup Suppers

Every Wednesday evening of Lent there will be a soup supper served in the Parish Hall at 6:00pm.

Please bring a favorite soup and/or bread. Coffee, juice, crackers and butter will be furnished.

Invite a friend to join you for these dinners and the service which follows at 7:00pm.

Annual Sweetheart Banquet



Let Me Call You Sweetheart!

Hey guys, it's that time of the year to honor our sweethearts. Yes, it's the Sweetheart Banquet to be held Sunday, Feb. 18th immediately

following the Bible study.

Dust off those culinary skills and bring your favorite lady and a dish to share. Since this is their day, we gents will set up and finish with cleanup.

Did You Miss Picture Day?

If you missed the opportunity to get pictures taken for the pictorial directory or if you are unhappy with the pictures taken in December, you get a second chance. You will have the opportunity on Sunday, February 25th. Please make your appointment now with Shirlee Hall 360-890-8226.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Did you know that from time-to-time, Pastor Freeman conducts adult catechesis in the form of Didache?

Basically, Didache is a Divine Service which includes the catechesis topic as the sermon. I would encourage all who are able to attend to do so for three reasons.

- First, there is always something to learn.
- Second, I believe it would encourage the catechumen(s) to see their church family supporting them in their instruction and future life in the church.
- Third, it is one more way to hear God's word from the mouth of his servant!

I have attended, when possible, three times and have always learned something I hadn't seen or understood before, whether it be a "big picture" moment or nuanced understanding of a word or phrase. Please consider joining us, currently on Saturday evenings at 6pm.

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Lutheran Women's Missionary League



The next meeting of LWML is February 13th at 1:00pm. Jennie Dries will have a devotion, and Muriel Tosh is the hostess.

At every meeting we collect a regular offering and mites that go to mission grants. Out of the thirteen mission grants that were voted in during the 2022 convention, only two remained unpaid, they are Washington Alaska District Scholarship Fund for \$12,000 and Dominican Republic Disability Ministry for \$5,000. If you are interested in helping out with mites, there are boxes on the LWML table. You are welcome to take one, put your change in, then give it to Sharon Harris. It is amazing how much change will add up to help out the missions.

This year on June 21st – 23rd the LWML convention will be held in Everett, WA. New grants will be voted on along with other business and exciting events. Every woman is a member of LWML even if you don't attend our meetings.

We are getting a head start on the Seafarers boxes this year and are collecting individually wrapped toothbrushes this month. You can place them in the container on the LWML table.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent member and are allotted Choice Dollars, you must direct them to an organization of your choice, **or they are lost**. These funds are then available to organizations within Peace. Donations are way behind, so please direct those dollars today! If you have any questions, please speak with Katie Foss. Here's Thrivent's phone number and you can call them to ask if you have any Choice Dollars available and direct them to Peace Lutheran Church, Chehalis: 800-847-4836 Monday-Friday 7:00am-6:00pm (central time). Please call them today!!!

Thank You!

A HUGE thank you to Katie & John Foss who did the bulk of the cleaning and organizing of the preschool room.

February Elder: Brian Hill

February Ushers: Tom DeTray **Acolytes**

04) Jesse Hardy Jonah Freeman
11) Eren Millam Ronan Lupo
14) Tom Howsden Jack Millam **7:00pm**
18) Roland Falb Jehan Shea
25) George Schaefer Weston Engelbertson
Elders will cover the mid-week service ushering

Counters: **04)** Dries **11)** Bryants **18)** Doench
25) Falb & Farrell

Altar Guild:

04) Jodie DeTray & Karen Howsden
11) Rita Nay & Teri Bryant
14) Cherie Hill & Marlene Farrell
18/21) Chris Pfaff & Jodie DeTray
25/28) Cherie Hill & Rita Nay

Coffee Hour:

04)*Kathy Doench/Shirlee Hall/Rita Nay(c)
11)*Ashley Millam/Peter Lahmann/Sommer Engelbertson(c)
18)*Dawn Freeman/Dorene Short/Marlene Farrell(c)
25)*Katie Foss/Anna Lupo/Jodie DeTray(c)

February Birthdays

1. Linda Huyck
5. Edie Schroeder
7. Margaret Howsden
8. Nelly Morast
John Foss
John Shea
9. Jacob Nay
11. Raegan McAllister
14. Slade Heinricher
17. Linda Boetsch
Lillie Hughes
18. Bill Wood
25. Jeanette Mitzel

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February Anniversaries

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Pamela McConkey
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26. Dillon & Alyssa
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28. Frank & Judy
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1987

