

The Good News Of Peace

To live as God's family gathering around His Word and promises
to effectively share

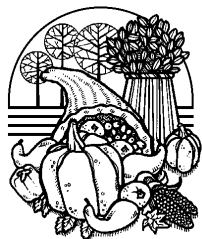
The Good News of God's love in Christ with our neighbors.

Peace Lutheran Church and Preschool

Chehalis, Washington

November 2024

Join us for a Service of Thanksgiving November 28th at 10:00am



Please note the time!

*"Those who bring thanksgiving as their
sacrifice honor me..." Psalm 50:23*

Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting for next year's budget will be the last Sunday of the month November 24th following Sunday school. The primary purpose of the meeting is to review and approve the 2025 budget recommended by the council. **Remember: in order to vote you need to sign the Constitution.**

Obituary



It pleased the Lord to call Doris 'Dolly' Underhill to her heavenly home on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

Funeral plans are pending.

SET YOUR CLOCKS



It's that time again! Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Sat. the 2nd, or on Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00am.

Pastor Appreciation Thank you!

I thank you all for all the kindness shown to me and my family for "Pastor Appreciation." The pie social is always welcomed. Your generosity is appreciated and your sentiments are cherished.

In the table of duties in his Small Catechism, under the section "What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Dr. Martin quotes St. Paul in his first letter to the Christian congregation at Thessalonica: "¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love **because of their work**. Be at peace among yourselves." (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; emphasis added) While the trappings of the 'Hallmark holiday' of Pastor Appreciation month are nice (and who can begrudge the greeting card companies trying to make a living), every pastor I know feels most appreciated when his congregation appreciates the One who sent him and the gifts the Lord sends him to deliver. As one of my friends and colleagues once opined, "Here's the best way to appreciate your pastor: Come to church every Sunday to hear the Word and receive the Sacrament. And in-between, try coming to Confession. That's how you appreciate your pastor." And as another friend similarly observed, "You can appreciate your pastor by attending church, loving Jesus, praying for him (your pastor), and keeping a steady faith."

As far as I am concerned, every day is "Congregation Appreciation Day." You truly are a joy to serve. Your hunger for the Word of God makes my life a joy. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6).

Thank you!
In Christ,
Pastor Freeman



Placement of a Baptismal Font

The placement of the baptismal font in our Narthex is for the sake of future generations, that the building itself will proclaim the centrality of Christ's Word, Holy Communion, and the rebirth and daily dying and rising of Holy Baptism to the life of the Christian.

Does the Bible mandate a place for a baptismal font? Certainly not! Does that mean where we put our font doesn't matter? Certainly not.

Lutheran churches are organized to teach — to proclaim our theology by their very existence. For example, the altar is front and center. It is also usually raised to the highest floor level in the chancel. This emphasizes the centrality of Christ's sacrifice for our sin and the centrality of the Sacrament of the Altar where Christ delivers the fruits of His sacrifice — forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation — through His true body and blood.

Likewise, the pulpit and the lectern are placed prominently in order to highlight the prominence and authority of the Word of God. The pulpit and lectern highlight one of the Reformation "solas" — *sola scriptura* — scripture alone.

In the same way, Lutheran architecture has historically fixed the baptismal font in a prominent place in the church. "Baptism unites us with Christ, as Paul says in Gal. 3:27. It is a means of grace, for it is the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5). This suggests that the baptismal font and baptismal space in churches should be prominent, adequate, and clearly defined. It is consistent with Lutheran theology to have the baptismal font join altar and pulpit as an architectural focal point inside a Lutheran church" (Brauer, James Leonard., and Fred L. Precht. *Lutheran Worship: History and Practice*. St. Louis, MO: CPH, 1993. p. 211).

In this way, Lutherans have emphasized the center of their theology — Jesus — bringing His salvation to us by His Word and Sacraments (Holy Baptism and Holy Communion). "Where the altar, the pulpit, and the font are located and how they are emphasized architecturally reveals much about the theology and beliefs of the people who are constructing the building. The location of these spaces also greatly affects the theological perspectives of the next generation[s]" (Maschke, Timothy. *Gathered Guests: A Guide to Worship in the Lutheran Church*. Second ed. Saint Louis: CPH, 2003. p. 241).

There are many prominent places a font could go. Again, there is no Biblical mandate for its placement; but there are valid, symbolical, catechetical reasons to place it one place or another.

For instance, at the time of the reformation, it was common for the Lutherans to place the font into the 'orbit' of the pulpit, lectern, and altar. Clustering the means of grace all together in this way placed Holy Baptism, the Word of Christ, and Holy Communion all together before the people.

In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther highlights the importance of Holy Baptism for daily living. "The Sacrament of Holy Baptism; As The Head of the Family Should Teach It In a Simple Way to His Household; Fourth: *What does such baptizing with water indicate?* It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. *Where is this written?* St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: 'We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life'" (Luther, Martin. *Luther's Small Catechism: With Explanation*. St. Louis: CPH, 2005. p. 25). Your baptism likely took place years (decades, even) ago. But Luther, quoting Romans, reminds you that your baptism has relevance to your everyday life. Being regularly reminded of your baptism by the architecture of your worship space helps remind you to live in that everyday baptismal reality. "[T]he font [may] be placed at the entrance to the nave so that worshipers have a striking reminder of baptism when they enter and leave the worship setting. The placement is not new, having been employed already in medieval times" (Brauer, James Leonard., and Fred L. Precht. *Lutheran Worship: History and Practice*. St. Louis, MO: CPH, 1993. p. 210). Walking past the font (maybe even dipping your fingers in the water and making the sign of the cross) every time you enter for divine service and every time you leave following the divine service is a strong reminder of the significance of baptism for your everyday life.

Still, there are many places a font could go where you could walk by it and remember your baptism. Again, there is no Biblical mandate for its placement; but there are valid, symbolical, catechetical reasons to place it one place or another.

After Jesus told Nicodemus he needed to be born again, He explained "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). We are born again of water and the spirit at the baptismal font. The font is the womb of the church. It is through the font that we are born into

the “holy ark of the Christian Church” (Luther’s ‘Flood Prayer,’ Baptismal Rite, *Lutheran Service Book*. Saint Louis, MO: CPH, 2006. p. 269). So, “In some churches the baptismal font is located in the narthex, a practice originating in the medieval period to signify that Baptism is the means by which a person ‘enters’ the Christian assembly” (Maxwell, Lee A. *The Altar Guild Manual*. St. Louis, MO: CPH, 1996. p. 31). When a Christian comes in from the outside and travels past the baptismal font — either in the narthex or at the rear of the nave (from the latin *navis*, meaning ship) — he is reminded that it is through the baptismal womb that he was reborn into Christ’s Church. This is not new. As Dr. Timothy Maschke points out in his work, *Gathered Guests: A Guide to Worship in the Lutheran Church*, “in the fourth century, baptismal fonts were featured prominently at the entrance of church buildings as a visible sign that Baptism was the entrance to the Christian community” (Second ed. Saint Louis: CPH, 2003. Print. p. 233-4). It is also not rare. The baptismal fonts at both of our LCMS seminaries are in the narthex. So also is the font at the Chapel of the Resurrection at Valparaiso University.

Dr. Maschke includes a helpful diagram highlighting the Word and Sacrament emphasis of Lutheran architecture:

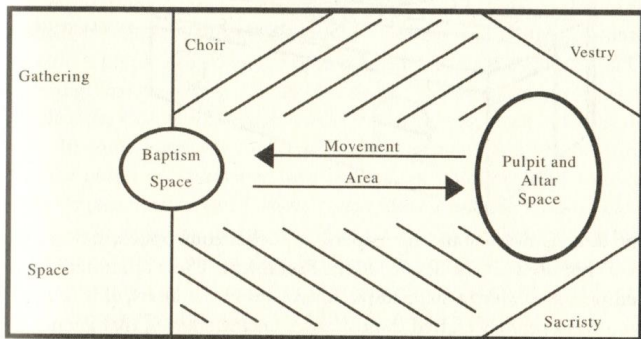


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Dr. Maschke summarizes well: “In medieval cathedrals, baptismal fonts were almost always positioned near the entrance to the church. Within the past two decades, the entrance of the church is again becoming an increasingly common location for the baptismal font in Lutheran church buildings. This location serves as a sign that Baptism is the entrance into the family of God and a reminder to all worshipers of the continuing blessing of Baptism. This location emphasizes the communal nature of the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Baptism is not a private act in the life of a lone Christian. Therefore, locating the font at the entrance of the church visually underscores that through Baptism a person is brought into the community of God’s gathered guests” (Maschke, Timothy. *Gathered Guests: A Guide to Worship in the Lutheran Church*. Second ed. Saint Louis: CPH, 2003. p. 244).



Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

LWML will be meeting next on November 12th, at 1:00pm.

At our next meeting we will fill the Seafarers boxes, which are to be delivered the end of November. Sharon Harris will have the devotion, and Muriel Tosh will have refreshments.

Two more mission grants are Second Harvest Mobile Food Truck-Republic, WA, and Aid to Washington-Alaska District Women for Short-Term Missions.

A reminder *all women* are a part of LWML, so you can attend our meetings each month and also help with mites by placing your change in the little container on the table in the narthex.

New Member Potluck

Come join us for a great meal and get together on November 17th. Bring your favorite dish and/or dessert. Paper plates and silverware will be provided. The choice of coffee, apple juice, and water will be available for beverages.

Family Fun Night/ All Saints

The Board of Education is glad to announce that we have scheduled the next Family Fun Night for **Friday, November 1st**.

The evening will begin at 5:45 PM with a worship service, followed by a potluck dinner. We will then conclude the evening with a variety of activities for all ages. All activities will wrap up around 7:30 PM.

We hope you can bring your favorite dish to share with others and enjoy some fun and fellowship with your family at Peace Lutheran Church.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Friday, November 1st from 5:45 – 7:30.

November Elder: Tom DeTray

November Ushers:

03) K.Engelbertson & P.Lahmann

10) Roland Falb & Tom Howsden

17) G.Schaefer & P.Lahmann

24) Eren Millam & Tom Howsden

28) Jesse Hardy & Brian Hill

10:00am Ronan Lupo

Acolytes

W.Engelbertson

L.Engelbertson

Jonah Freeman

Jack Millam

Ronan Lupo

Counters: **03)** Stocker **10)** Bryant **17)** Doench

24) Farrell & Falb

Flowers: **03)** Nav **10)** OPEN **17)** OPEN **24)** OPEN

Altar Guild:

03) Rita Nay & Teri Bryant

17) Chris Pfaff & Cheri Hill

28) Jodie DeTray & Marlene Farrell

Coffee Hour:

03)*Dawn Freeman/Shirlee Hall/Sharon Kilbourn(c)

10)*Teri Bryant/Melinda McHenry/Rita Nay(c)

17)*Sadny Lupo/Shelly Stocker/S.Engelbertson(c)

24)*Katie Foss/Dick Piesch/Jodie DeTray(c)

10) Karen Howsden & Rita Nay`

24) Mary McHenry

November Birthdays

- 2. Kevin Engelbertson
Pastor Harris
- 3. Rita Nay
- 7. Sheryl Ackerson
- 11. Rene Ketchum
- 14. Jesse Hardy
- 16. Cody Schwarz
Logan Crouse
- 23. Marie McAllister
- 26. Mike Pfaff
- 29. Karen Kilian
Marvin Hepola

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5:45pm Family Fun Night	2
3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS 8:30am Matins 9:00am Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School Adult Bible Study	4 6:30pm Didache Divine Service for Catechesis	5 10:00am Quilters	6 10:00am Bible Study	7 7:00pm Church Council	8	9
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November Anniversaries

- 6. William & Cleone Faussett
1965
- 7. Alex & Alyssa Ackerson
2015
- 22. Dave & Rene Ketchum
1981
- 27. Peter & Denise Lahmann
1981
- 27. Rod & Karen Fenstermaker
1982

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Sunday Worship at 9:00 am
First Sunday of Month, Matins at 8:30 am with Divine Service at 9:00 am
Sunday School – all ages – 10:45 am

We are located four miles south of Chehalis on the corner of Jackson Highway and Bishop Road.