

# 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

December 2024



### *December Schedule of Activities*

December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Noon & 7:00pm	Advent Service (6:00pm soup supper)
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Noon & 7:00pm	Advent Service (6:00pm soup supper)
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Noon & 7:00pm	Advent Service (6:00pm soup supper)
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00pm	Children's Christmas Program
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Matins
	10:00am	Christmas Day Divine Service
December 29 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	Annual Christmas Party

## Advent Soup Suppers

The Wednesday morning Bible study will set up the tables for the Advent soup suppers. The suppers are held at 6:00pm prior to the 7:00pm Advent Service. Volunteers are needed to provide soup and bread.

## Children's Christmas Program

A short Children's Christmas Program is scheduled on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00p.m.

The kids are working hard and are excited to perform for you. Please come and support our kids. We look forward to seeing you there! Karen Howsden

## Annual Christmas Party

Our Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for **Sunday, December 29, 2024, at 4:00pm**, so please mark your calendars. This party is for all ages!

As usual, we will start off the festivities with a potluck dinner. After desserts we will have the opportunity to listen to some of our very talented members perform, followed by the singing of a few of our favorite carols.

## Memorial Service

A memorial for Doris Underhill will be held on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm at Peace.

# Advent

What is Advent? “Advent” means appearance, approach, or coming. Advent celebrates and anticipates our coming Christ. Advent starts four Sundays before Christmas Day, (the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle on 30 November).

The season of Advent is a season of preparation for the celebration of the feast of the Nativity. Advent is a penitential season—a time of reflection and repentance as we realize that it was our sinfulness which caused God to send our Savior into the world, to take our sins on Himself, and die on the cross.

Advent prepares us for Christmas because Christmas is the celebration of Christ’s first coming as an infant in a stable. But Advent also celebrates and prepares us for our coming Christ’s other comings. Christ comes to us with His grace in His Word and through His Sacraments. Our coming Christ is also coming again to judge the living and the dead. Advent is as much a celebration of and preparation for these comings as it is about the coming of an infant in a stable in Bethlehem.

## Advent in the Historic One-Year Lectionary: (More Latin Names)

**Ad Te Levavi**—The First Sunday in Advent takes its name from the beginning of the Introit, “To You (O Lord) do I lift up (my soul). . .” It is the start of the new Church Year, but it continues the focus of the end of the last Church Year. We are watching and waiting for the Second Coming of our Lord. And while we wait, He comes with His grace. We do not know what the new year will bring, but we know it will be full of God’s grace.

**Populus Zion**—The Second Sunday in Advent also takes its name from the beginning of the Introit, “Daughter of Zion, (behold, your salvation comes). . .” The teaching of this day is addressed to the faithful. Those who receive Jesus, the King as He comes to His Zion in Word and Sacrament will have glad hearts when He comes again.

**Gaudete**—The Third Sunday in Advent takes its name from its Introit, “Rejoice (in the Lord always). . .” Gladness and rejoicing are the themes. The rose colored candle and rose colored paraments and vestments of this day reflect a momentary pause, a lightening of the fast, and the rejoicing which is ours because the forerunner, John the Baptist has announced the arrival of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**Rorate Coeli**—The Fourth Sunday in Advent echoes the yearning of the Introit, “Come down heavens. . .” Closest to the Christ mass, this is the Sunday of preparation. We are prepared by Christ Himself for His coming. As we commemorate His outward and

visible coming, the inward and spiritual presence of Christ prepares us for His ultimate coming on the Last Day.

## Fasting During Advent:

(What follows is a short blurb written by the Rev. William C. Weedon retired Director of Worship of the LCMS and Chaplain of the International Center)

Part of Advent penitence traditionally was observing it as a time of fasting. Lutherans tend not to observe distinctions of meats (abstention), but we do encourage fasting as a useful bodily discipline; i.e., not eating, going hungry for a bit.

If you’ve not fasted before, Advent is a wondrous time to begin the practice, and how much more counter-cultural can get you get these days when our society celebrates on unending pig-out from Thanksgiving through Christmas Day?

Chief fast days would be the Fridays of Advent (at least skip breakfast, or if possible don’t eat till sunset) and then also the Wednesday and Saturday of Ember week (following the Feast of St. Lucia on Dec. 13), so the 18th and the 21st, still observing Friday the 20th. That gives you a grand total of five days for fasting in this holy season. Traditionally, December 24th was also observed as a fast. That would bring it up to six.

Why fast? 1. To provide more time for Bible study and prayer. 2. To use any funds saved on skipping meals for yourself to give away to the poor as alms. 3. To remind your body that it does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; and train yourself to deny the body its every whim.

## From Your Board of Evangelism

Everyone attending the November 17<sup>th</sup> potluck seemed to enjoy the food and the company of our fellow Christians. Our next Welcoming Potlucks will be February 23, May 18 and our picnic in the park on July 27. Look forward to more great food and fun.

Please notice the Christmas Greeting from the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society in the Parish Hall. Included is a calendar of their Lutheran history in Russia. These are perilous times in the midst of world conflict for our fellow Lutherans. Please include them in your prayers.



## *Lutheran Women's Missionary League*

We want to thank everybody who helped with items for the Seafarers boxes. The boxes have been filled and wrapped. They will be delivered the first part of December.

LWML will not meet in December. Have a Blessed Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

## **Board of Education Activities**

### **Family Fun Night**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Family Fun Night/All Saints Party on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. There was around 25 congregation members who came and enjoyed the evening. We started the evening with Pastor Freeman leading us in a Responsive Prayer II service and giving us a little background on All Saints Day. The service was followed by a potluck dinner. As people finished dinner, groups started pulling out games to play and pumpkin cookies were decorated and enjoyed. I think I am safe in saying that fun was had by all. We are thinking of having another Family Fun Night in January or February.

### **Christmas Program**

Practice for this year's Christmas Program has started. The Program will be on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you all there.

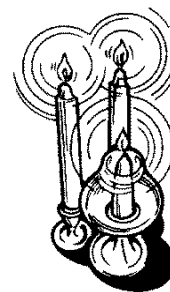
## **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

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 be used by 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!!!

## **Higher Things Conference Great News / No-So-Great News:**

The great news is that we have a group (3 or 4 so far) of youth who want to attend this summer's conference! The not-so-great news is that all of the conference locations this summer are somewhat difficult and quite expensive for travel. Combined summer schedules dictate that we will be attending the gathering at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. As of this writing, round-trip airfare to Boston is about \$650.00 per person. Early bird registration is \$615.00 per person (that includes lodging, meals, the conference, and an extra night's lodging on the front side of the conference). Amherst is about 100 miles from Boston, so we'll have to rent a vehicle (currently about \$400.00) We do ask the families to chip in \$150.00 per youth. That means if 4 youth go, we'll need to raise about \$5000.00 + for this trip. (This doesn't include the adult chaperones; the congregation funds them through the budget.)



**THE  
TRUE LIGHT,  
WHICH  
ENLIGHTENS  
EVERYONE,  
WAS COMING  
INTO  
THE WORLD.  
— JOHN 1:9**

**December Elder:** Brian Hill

**Decemberr Ushers:**

- 01)** Rick Bryant & Dick Piesch
- 08)** K.Engelbertson & P.Lahmann
- 15)** Roland Falb & Tom DeTray
- 22)** G.Schaefer & Tom Howsden
- 24)** Eren Millam Dick Piesch
- 25)** Jesse Hardy & Peter Lahmann
- 29)** Rick Bryant & Tom DeTray

**Acolytes**

- Jehan Shea
- Weston Engelbertson
- Landon Engelbertson
- Jonah Freeman
- Jack Millam
- Ronan Lupo
- Jehan Shea

\*\*\*\* Elders will cover midweek services

**Altar Guild:**

- 01/04)** Cherie Hill & Marlene Farrell **08/11)** Karen Howsden & Chris Pfaff
- 15/18)** Mary McHenry **22)** Rita Nay & Jodie DeTray
- 24)** Teri Bryant & Cherie Hill **25)** Marlene Farrell & Karen Howsden
- 29)** Chris Pfaff & Cherie Hill

**Coffee Hour:**

- 01)\***Ashley Millam/Muriel Tosh/Gitti Burger(c)
- 08)\***Marlene Farrell/Anna Lupo/Mary McHenry(c)
- 15)\***Sharon Harris/Chris Pfaff/Linda Huyck(c)
- 22)\***Carol Heimbigner/Jennie Dries/Sara Ackerson(c)
- 29)\***Marilyn Hepola/Lauren Dumoulin/Marlene Farrell(c)

**December Birthdays**

- 3. Peter Lahmann
- 4. Nessa Shea
- 7. Derek Burger
- Sandy Sund
- 9. Gitti Burger
- 13. Samuel Howsden
- Pamela McConkey
- Aveline Crouse
- 14. Randy Short
- Joshua Souliere
- 16. Betty Schmitt
- 17. Niko Ackerson
- 21. Rev. Daniel Freeman
- 24. Alyssa Ackerson (nee Huezo)
- 26. Sherrie Reuther
- 28. Lilah Nay
- Jim Sund
- 29. Carol Heimbigner
- 31. Jamie Barrett

**December Anniversaries**

- 2. Alfred & Jeanette Mitzel 1955
- 9. Jim & Rita Nay 1995
- 12. Bill & Jennie Dries 1954
- 16. Sebastian & Lauren Dumoulin 2017
- Jake & Sarah Gustafson 2022
- 23. Jim & Sandy Sund 1977

**December 2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:30am Matins 9:00am Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School Adult Bible Study	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Didache Divine Service for Catechesis	<b>3</b> 10:00am Quilters	<b>4</b> 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm Advent Service 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Advent Service	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Church Council	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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First Sunday of Month, Matins at 8:30 am with Divine Service at 9:00 am  
Sunday School – all ages – 10:45 am

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