

# 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 2025

## Brief Summary of our Annual Congregational Meeting

On January 26, 2025, the Voters' Assembly held its regular, annual meeting. At that meeting the voters elected the following to office:

Vice President:	Clarence Lupo
Treasurer:	Sandy Lupo
Elders:	Peter Lahmann Tom Howsden Jesse Hardy
Recording Secretary:	Katie Foss
Board of Evangelism:	Shirlee Hall



*Lutheran  
Women's  
Missionary  
League*

There is a LWML Silent Auction going in the Fellowship Hall and the results of the auction will be revealed at the Sweetheart's Banquet. If you're unable to attend the dinner, you will be contacted and the collection of your prize will be there for you the following Sunday.



Also, there will be a bake sale after the Sunday service on February 16th. Baked goods are needed and placed on "disposable dishes." Funds raised will be used for the LWML outreach programs.

The next LWML meeting will be Tues., February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. See you there!

## 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. 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following Bible Class.

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.

## Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education will have a meeting following the worship service on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The primary purpose of the meeting is to plan the upcoming Family Fun Night. We are open to anyone who would like to come to join us.

### Family Fun Night

The next Family Fun Night is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The fun begins at 5:15 with a worship service, followed by dinner, and then games/activity. The evening wraps up around 7:30 so families can get home at a decent time to put children to bed. Stay tuned for more information coming out in the bulletin as we get closer to the day.

# Ushers Needed

We are looking to add members to the usher corps and look forward to putting out the usher list for March through October. If you have dates that you know you will be away for the Sunday service, please let me know as I make out the list. Please contact Tom Howsden 360-219-6514

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**February Elder:** Brian Hill

**February Ushers:**

- 02)** Rick Bryant & Peter Lahmann
- 09)** K.Engelbertson & Brian Hill
- 16)** Roland Falb & Tom DeTray
- 23)** George Schaefer & Dick Piesch

**Acolytes:**

- Jehan Shea
- Weston Engelbertson
- Landon Engelbertson
- Jonah Freeman

**Counters:** **02)** Farrell & Falb **09)** Stocker **16)** Bryant **23)** Doench

**Flowers:** **02)** OPEN **09)** OPEN **16)** OPEN **23)** OPEN

**Altar Guild:**

- 02)** Rita Nay & Teri Bryant
- 09)** Mary McHenry
- 16)** Karen Howsden & Jodie DeTray
- 23)** Chris Pfaff & Cherie Hill

**Coffee Hour:**

- 02)\***Sandy Lupo/Karen Howsden/Linda Boetsch(c)
- 09)\***Teri Bryant/Shirlee Hall/Rita Nay(c)
- 16)\***Katie Foss/Melinda McHenry/S. Engelbertson(c)
- 23)\***Ashley Millam/Shelly Stocker/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
- 25. Jeanette Mitzel

**February Anniversaries**

- 10. Patrick & Pamela McConkey  
1979
- 26. Dillon & Alyssa Naillon  
2022
- 28. Frank & Judy DeVaul  
1987

**February 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Board of Ed Meeting 10:45 Sunday School Adult Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00am Quilters	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Church Council	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>23</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School Adult Bible Study	<b>24</b> 6:30pm Didache Divine Service for Catechesis	<b>25</b> 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Lutheran Confession Study @ Peace	<b>26</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	

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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.