

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

April 2020


Alleluia!
CHRIST IS RISEN

Thrivent Choice Dollars

For those of you who are Thrivent members, Thrivent allots you Choice Dollars on a regular basis, but, you must direct them to an organization of your choice, **or they are lost.**

So please remember to do that, and if you should want them to go to Peace Lutheran, be sure to select Peace Lutheran Church, Chehalis as there are numerous churches with the same name. These funds are available for and by organizations within Peace.

Donations are way behind, so please direct those dollars today! Even if you have once directed your dollars, you **MUST** do it again each time you have a premium due.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please speak with Katie Foss, our Thrivent coordinator. Here's Thrivent's phone number, and you can call them to ask if you have any Choice Dollars available: 800-847-4836 Monday-Friday 7:00am-6:00pm (central time).

Please call them today!!!



Preschool News

First off, we hope you are all well and coping as best as possible with all that is going on right now.

Now down to business. We have moved to online preschool for a while! It started on Tuesday, March 31 @ 10:00 am on our preschool Facebook page. We will do the morning circle time with the flag salute, song, calendar and weather. I will also have our Jesus time Tues & Wed. On Thursday Pastor Freeman will do a chapel time (time pending) for the kids. We will be doing science experiments, crafts, reading stories and other things that the kids will enjoy. I will also be adding websites that you can go to for activities to do with your children, some online, some offline.

We are still accepting preschool registrations for the school year 2020/2021

We will begin taking registrations for the 2020/2021 school year on April 2nd. The church secretary is available Tues and Wed., 8 - 11:30 am to receive registrations, or you may mail them. You may pick up registration forms also during this time in the church office, or call requesting we mail one. We require a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee and completed form to hold a child's place in class.

Libby

New Directory Coming Soon!

Please let us know of any changes to your address, phone number or email as soon as possible. The new directory will be out in May/June.

Women's Tuesday Bible Study

Dear Friends in Christ,

Since everything has been cancelled at church, I thought I would write a note to all of you and see how you are doing in all of this isolation. I am using my time reading my Bible, praying, doing a little cleaning that I have neglected lately, writing to different family members, walking my dog, Daisy, and just hanging out with Bill, my husband. Our daughter, Margret, is doing our shopping for us, so I see her occasionally. This is a unique time, and we wonder how long it will go on.

From a publication, World Mission Prayer League: "I may need someone respectfully telling me to 'get over it,' to set aside my preferences and biases, to accept by faith that God is at work in his own ways, and to trust him to fashion the change he knows that I need. Otherwise I might miss out on the wonder he has in store for me." It seemed fitting in our situation now. It was made in reference of the Old Testament story about Naaman (2 Kings 5:10-13).

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9, **God, of all hope, fill us with your joy and peace as we trust in You despite our circumstances.** "Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death." Psalm 68:19-20

My daughter sent the following story to me. You can find it on your computer or phone at canonjjohn.com/2020/03/18/comfort-in-covidia/ It is very good and has an excerpt from a booklet by Martin Luther during the Black Plague.

I'm hoping that all of you are well and healthy. Blessings to you and your family,
Jennie Dries



Stock Donation Procedure

When you want to make a stock donation to the church through our Edward Jones account, please fill out the Stock Donation form in the office. This will ensure we will know how you want the church to use the funds and you will get a donation receipt once Edward Jones notifies us of the amount of the donation.

Helping a Brother or Sister

Did you know?

Pastor Bob and Sharon Harris own the Rose of Sharon Farm? They raise chickens, eggs, pork, vegetables, beef and fruit. They now have honey for sale. Next year they will be able to supply your holiday turkeys too! They emphasize humane and compassionate husbandry and they strive to be as chemical free as possible. You can find out more on their website at www.RoseofSharonfarm.com. The family at Peace is invited to call or visit the farm anytime. Pastor Freeman will call them if a Peace family needs help with groceries so talk to him with referrals.

Kari Lupo sells Younique makeup and skincare products? Contact her at 360-520-6649 or email her at kari.lupo@live.com

Eren Millam is a Real Estate Broker with Realty World in Chehalis. He can be reached by phone, email, or text. 360-219-3616 or erenmillam@gmail.com.

Jean Falb, EA is a tax preparer and owns Total Tax and Accounting Inc., she offers tax resolution services and tax preparation. If you or someone you know needs help in these areas please call her at 360-880-5822.

Libby Angell and Megan Larsen are in the cake baking business? They will provide cakes, cupcakes, cookies or whatever your sweet tooth desires for any event! To order call: Libby Angell, 360-219-6169 or Megan Larsen, 360-523-3114

The Resurrection of the Body: Certainty in the Midst of Uncertainty

755 In the Very Midst of Life

- 1 In the very midst of life
Snares of death surround us;
Who shall help us in the strife
Lest the foe confound us?
Thou only, Lord, Thou only!
We mourn that we have greatly erred,
That our sins Thy wrath have stirred.
Holy and righteous God!
Holy and mighty God!
Holy and all-merciful Savior!
Eternal Lord God!
Save us lest we perish
In the bitter pangs of death.
Have mercy, O Lord!
- 2 In the midst of death's dark vale
Pow'rs of hell o'ertake us.
Who will help when they assail,
Who secure will make us?
Thou only, Lord, Thou only!
Thy heart is moved with tenderness,
Pities us in our distress.
Holy and righteous God!
Holy and mighty God!
Holy and all-merciful Savior!
Eternal Lord God!
Save us from the terror
Of the fiery pit of hell.
Have mercy, O Lord!
- 3 In the midst of utter woe
When our sins oppress us,
Where shall we for refuge go,
Where for grace to bless us?
To Thee, Lord Jesus, only!
Thy precious blood was shed to win
Full atonement for our sin.
Holy and righteous God!
Holy and mighty God!
Holy and all-merciful Savior!
Eternal Lord God!
Lord, preserve and keep us
In the peace that faith can give.
Have mercy, O Lord!

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Sometimes, our American wealth and health lull us into forgetting the truth confessed in Dr. Luther's hymn.

But this Lent and Easter season (and probably beyond), we are reminded of its truth as we face some rather unsettling uncertainties. What will this virus mean for the future of our world, our nation, our

community, and our own families? Nothing puts us off balance more than the aspects of life which we cannot control.

Uncertainties are very real sources of fear for us. Even if one hasn't faced medical uncertainties, it is unheard of to live as a fallen creature in this fallen world without having encountered some sort of uncertainty. The loss of a job or a pay cut cause questions about how long one will be able to pay the bills before the collectors come. A serious conflict with a loved one or a sin committed by or against him causes uncertainty as to whether the relationship can be restored.

But thanks be to God in Christ Jesus that we are given the certainty of a blessed eternity which overcomes all the uncertainties in this life—and so much more than that! **For the merciful, forgiving, and restoring work of God in Christ also overcomes all the certainties of this fallen world, too.** Sin and death and all the evils which come with them are unavoidable certainties in this life. But they all find their end in Christ. ***“In the World you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33b).***

Revelation 21 paints a beautiful picture of the results of Christ's overcoming the world—a new heaven and a new earth, the dwelling place of God coming down to be with us, all tears wiped away, no more mourning, crying, or pain! ***“Behold, I am making all things new” (Revelation 21:5).***

This is what we celebrate in Holy Week and Easter. This is what we confess when we proclaim in the Creed, ***“I believe in the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come. Amen.”*** We find this certainty given to us in God's Word and Sacraments.

For many already impacted by this virus, there are certainties—dismal certainties. So far, there have been over 45,000 deaths worldwide from this virus, almost 4,500 of those in the US. Thus, there are thousands upon thousands of families who are mournfully certain not to be able to hug or hold their loved one any longer in this life. Further, and more generally, it is a sad certainty in this fallen world that many broken relationships will never be repaired, not everyone seeking a paid job will find one, and some will forever be wrestling with some trial or other. But we've got a greater certainty, a certainty which comforts us in our grief, meets doubt with truth, and gives hope for us to endure. It is found in the ***“living and active, sharper than any double edged sword”*** Word of God.

Peter might well put it the most poignantly in the first chapter of his second epistle. He begins by describing his firsthand experience on the mount of Transfiguration, writing of how he, James, and John actually beheld Christ in His glory. ***“We were***

eyewitnesses of His majesty” (2 Peter 1:16). This is where they saw Jesus in His glorified body speaking with none other than Moses and Elijah. Peter further describes actually hearing the voice of God “*borne from heaven!*” Yet, after sharing this most mountaintop of all mountaintop experiences, Peter writes, “*And we have something **more** sure*” (2 Peter 1:19a). More sure than being firsthand eye witnesses to Christ, Moses, and Elijah glorified and conversing together on a mountaintop? More sure than hearing firsthand the voice of God the Father booming His confirmation that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? Yes. The surest thing of all sure things is “*the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts*” (2 Peter 1:19b). The surest thing of all sure things is the Word of God through which comes faith (Romans 10:17). For “*faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen*” (Hebrews 11:1).

Uncertainty and doubt are great contributors to the fallen frailty we experience in this life. They cloud our vision and darken our world so that we often cannot see the world unfolding ahead of us. But God’s Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. The light of Christ, the Word made flesh, is not overcome by any darkness (John 1:5) but shines ahead and over the shadow of this world to the hope of the life to come.

Through Holy Baptism, through Holy Absolution, through His Holy Supper, through its ongoing proclamation, God’s Word continually delivers Christ, His Cross, and His Resurrection. Through these means, the Holy Spirit makes use of the Word to hold us steadfast in faith. In this Word, we find redemption and life eternal—life where the perishable has put on the imperishable, and the mortal has put on immortality (1 Corinthians 15:53).

We may never, in this world, be able to have any certainly whatsoever concerning the health and wellbeing of loved ones, nor of our own plans for “success” in this life. But, ***We believe in the resurrection of the Body*** (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:12ff). We know for certain that, for all of us who are in Christ, health and wellbeing will be restored, and every last cell of our frail flesh will be restored and indestructible. The brokenness between people in conflict may well remain in this life. But all brokenness will be repaired as the full realization of our oneness in Christ will be fully revealed at His return.

If the healings and restorations for which God’s people pray do not come to pass in this fallen world, still, we know that the Lord Christ, in whose blood we have the forgiveness of sins, likewise makes all things

new. This is what we celebrate this Holy Week and Easter, and every Lord’s Day, and every moment of every day as we live out the vocations into which God has called us.

It is with the cross and resurrection of Christ in view that we rejoice and pray with hope and certainty, these words of the Psalmist, “*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your sin, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s . . .*” (Psalm 103:1-5).

From the Church Office

If you have an address and/or phone number change, please let us know as soon as possible.

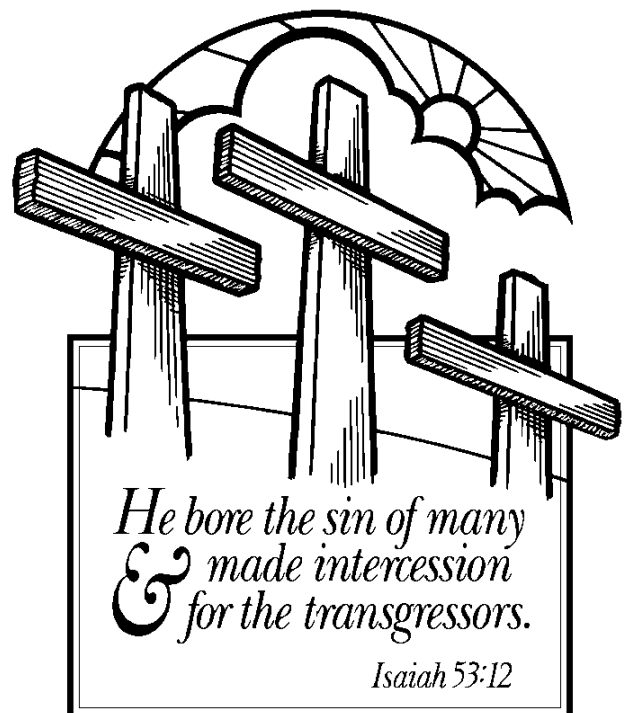
Deadlines:

Sunday Bulletin:

All information needs to be in by 11:30am the Wednesday before.

Newsletter:

Articles to be included need to be in by the 3rd Sunday of each month.



April Elder: Tom Howsden

April Worship Ushers:
Please talk with Tom Howsden if services resume.

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**Acolytes: 05) Jonah Freeman 12) Sam Howsden 19) Colby Dwyer
 26) Landon Engelbertson**

Altar Guild:
**05) Mary McHenry & Alyssa Ackerson
 12) Sandy Lupo & Marlene Farrell 19) Mary McHenry & Alyssa Ackerson
 26) Abigail Freeman & Cherie Hill**

Coffee Hour: Please talk with Marlene Farrell if services return.

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Counters: 5) Klapel 12) Stocker 19) Doench 26) Bryant

- April Birthdays**
2. Sophia DeTray
 3. Breanna McHenry
Clarence Lupo
Ron Stocker
 7. Lyle Heimbigner
Rod Fenstermaker
 8. Ruth McNiel
 9. Edith Gibson
Dawn Wonderly
 10. Hannah Dwyer
LuNell Eriksen
Clinton Lupo
 13. Eren Millam
 15. Jonathan Eriksen
 17. Roland Falb
 21. Tom Howsden
Brynlee Larsen
 26. Allen Klapel
 28. Cody Sipp

- April Anniversaries**
19. Fred & Linda
Boetsch
1969
 22. Tom & Jodie
DeTray
1989
 22. Steve & Kathleen
Hughes
1966

April 2020						
◀ March						May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 Bible Study Noon Lenten Service 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	2 1:30-2:30 Individual C & A	3	4 9:00 Spring Clean-up
5 9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School Bible Study 12:30 Youth Group Palm Sunday	6 7:00 Holy Week Vespers	7 7:00 Holy Week Vespers	8 7:00 Holy Week Vespers	9 1:30-2:30 Individual C & A 7:00 Maundy Thursday Divine Service	10 7:00 Good Friday Divine Service	11 9:00-10:00 Individual C & A 8:00 Easter Vigil Divine Service
12 8:00 Easter Service 9:00 Breakfast 10:30 Easter Service Easter Sunday	13 7:00pm Choir	14 1:00pm LWML 6:30 Lutheran Confessions Study @ Olympia	15 10:00 Bible Study Noon Worship Committee	16 1:30-2:30 Individual C & A 7:00 Board of Property	17	18 9:00-10:00 Individual C & A
19 9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School Bible Study	20 7:00pm Choir	21 6:30-7:00 Individual C & A	22 10:00 Bible Study	23 1:30-2:30 Individual C & A	24	25 9:00-10:00 Individual C & A
26 9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School Bible Study	27 7:00pm Choir	28 6:30 Lutheran Confessions Study @ Peace	29 10:00 Bible Study	30 1:30-2:30 Individual C & A	**THIS IS OUR WOULD-BE CALENDAR ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**	

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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.