

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

July 2020

Baptisms

Lena Rae Ackerson was baptized on May 25th at home. Miss Lena arrived on May 14, at 02:47am, in Olympia at Providence St Peter Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs 2.1 oz, and was 19 inches long. Welcome to the family of God Lena!

Elders:

Who are these guys, and what are they supposed to do?

We all know that we have a board of elders. We all know that we elect them. But do we understand why we elect them?

Our bylaws tell us the function of our board of elders: "The Board of Elders, as assistants to the pastor, shall concern itself with the spiritual life of the congregation..." In the Lutheran church, the board of elders exists to help the pastor in his task of caring for the spiritual health and welfare of the congregation. While elders are *not assistant pastors*, it is their job to *assist* the pastor in carrying out his office. As our Good Shepherd, Jesus, calls undershepherds (pastors) to extend the reach of His loving arms, similarly elders function as an extension of the undershepherds' loving arms as he cares for the flock the Good Shepherd has entrusted to him.

In his book, The Caring Elder, Victor Constien, lists as some of the chief functions of the board of elders, to "encourage spiritual growth through regular church attendance, study of the Word,

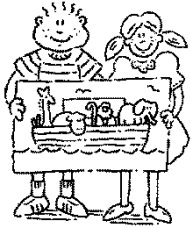
frequent reception of the Lord's Supper, a more active prayer life, and increased involvement in the mission of the church;" to "make a strong effort to get to know every member of the elder group, to try to become aware of temporal needs, sickness and death in the family, and other special situations in which the congregation can be of help, both in prayer and in other action;" and to "engage in member conservation. [i.e.] Review Communion and church attendance of all members. Make calls on delinquents and follow up on all newborn children in the congregation until they are baptized." All these things point to the fact that the board of elders is designed to assist the pastor in caring for the spiritual health and welfare of the congregation.

To this end, the membership roster of our congregation has been divided into four groups, and each elder has been given a group (and each group has been given an elder). In addition, the chairman of the board of elders is an elder for all groups. (See pp. 10-11 in the newly-published church directory for the listing.) Therefore you have "your elder" (really two elders) who have been assigned to you. Please take opportunity to get to know your elders and to allow your elder to get to know you. If there arises a time when you are in need of spiritual care but are unable to reach the pastor, please consider contacting your elder as a valuable option. Also, if you have ideas, questions, or concerns about matters of worship and member care, consider your elders as sounding boards.

Your elders are so much more than a group of men who take care of the business of the congregation. They are the men you have appointed to assist the pastor in his care for your spiritual health and welfare. Please put them to work.

Preschool News

Preschool is off to a smooth start! We have full enrollment this year!



September is a busy month learning all about preschool, from lining up to following rules. We learned all about manners, germs, Autumn, our 5 senses, the letter A, numbers 0

and 1. We had apples for snack time, read about apples, and made an apple craft. During our Jesus time, we talked about the Bible being God's word, creation, Adam & Eve, and the fall from grace.

In October, we will learn about fire safety, firefighters, fall leaves, bats and pumpkins. Our colors for the month will be black and orange, numbers will be 2 & 3, letters will be B, C, D, & E, the shapes for the month will be oval and circle. During Jesus time, we will hear the bible stories of the Noah's Ark, tower of Babel, and Moses. We will be making bats and carving pumpkins for a graph.

We still have a couple of spots open for students. It is not too late to register and join the class if you know somebody who is interested have them call the church office.

Have a good day!
Libby



July Ushers: **July Elder:** Peter Lahmann

- 4)
- 5) Tom Howsden & Sam Howsden
- 11)
- 12) Brian Hill & Kevin Engelbertson
- 18)
- 19) John Shea & Joe Hidalgo
- 25)
- 26) Rick Bryant & John Foss

Acolytes: All services) Jonah Freeman

Altar Guild: 4/5) Mary McHenry & Alyssa Ackerson
11/12) Jodie DeTray & Sophia DeTray **18/19)** Sandy Lupo & Chris Pfaff
25/26) Cherie Hill & Marlene Farrell

Coffee Hour:

Counters: 4/5) Klapels **11/12)** Stockers **18/19)** Doench **25/26)** Bryant

Flowers: 4/5) Erocksen **11/12)** Dries **18/19)** Lupo **25/26)** Short

July Birthdays

1. Brian Hill
3. Edith Anderson
6. Nadene Pehl
- Mike Wonderly
9. Kathleen Hughes
10. Michelle Schaefer
13. Jennie Dries
19. Sara Ackerson
- Albert Anderson
- Marci Nesary
21. Maverick Lupo
22. Sherry Haubrick
23. Linda Ninneman
- Karen Fenstermaker
- Aric Ackerson
24. Lauren Dumoulin
25. Dawn Freeman
- Alan Kilian
26. Olivia Sipp
27. Sommer Engelbertson

July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 6:00pm Divine Service
5 9:00 Divine Service	6	7	8	9 7:00pm Church Council	10	11 6:00pm Divine Service
12 9:00 Divine Service	13	14	15	16	17	18 6:00pm Divine Service
19 9:00 Divine Service	20	21	22	23	24	25 6:00pm Divine Service
26 9:00 Divine Service	27	28	29	30	31	

July Anniversaries

9. Stephen & LuNell Eriksen (1983)
17. Matt & Noelle Muske (2004)
20. Mike & Chris Pfaff (1974)
29. Randy & Dorene Short (2000)

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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.

