#### 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 2022

## **Summary of the Congregational Meeting**

The following were elected at the January 2022 Congregational Meeting. They assumed office the last Sunday of January and they will be installed on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> during the 9:00am service:

President Roland Falb
Elders (2) Tom DeTray
Brian Hill
Chair, Board of Property
Chair, Board of Stewardship
Chair, Board of Education
Roland Falb
Tom DeTray
Brian Hill
Rick Bryant
Teri Bryant
Shirlee Adamson

#### Other decisions/motions:

- The year's budget was approved
- George Schaefer was nominated as the representative for the ACELC annual meeting.
- An overture for the District convention passed.

### Welcome New Members

If you haven't already, please welcome our newest members:

Shirlee Anderson Sebastian Dumoulin Muriel Tosh

## Helping a Brother or Sister

#### Did you know?

Pastor Bob and Sharon Harris own the Rose of Sharon Farm? They raise turkeys, chickens, eggs, pork, vegetables, beef and fruit. They now have milk, cream, eggs and honey for sale. 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 <a href="www.RoseofSharonfarm.com">www.RoseofSharonfarm.com</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:kari.lupo@live.com">kari.lupo@live.com</a>

Eren Millam is a record-breaking Realtor with Premiere Property Group, LLC. When you want to sell for the highest price or beat out higher offers on your dream home, call / text / email 360-219-3616 or <a href="mailto:ErenMillam@gmail.com">ErenMillam@gmail.com</a> erenmillam@gmail.com.

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





# 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



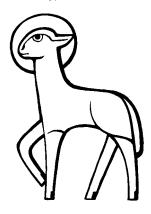
omissions and changes that began in the "Gesimas," the color changes to violet, the "Gloria in Excelsis" is now omitted, and flowers no longer normally adorn the chancel. During these four Sundays, the focus is on temptation and faith, and the Christian's struggle:

- 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:**

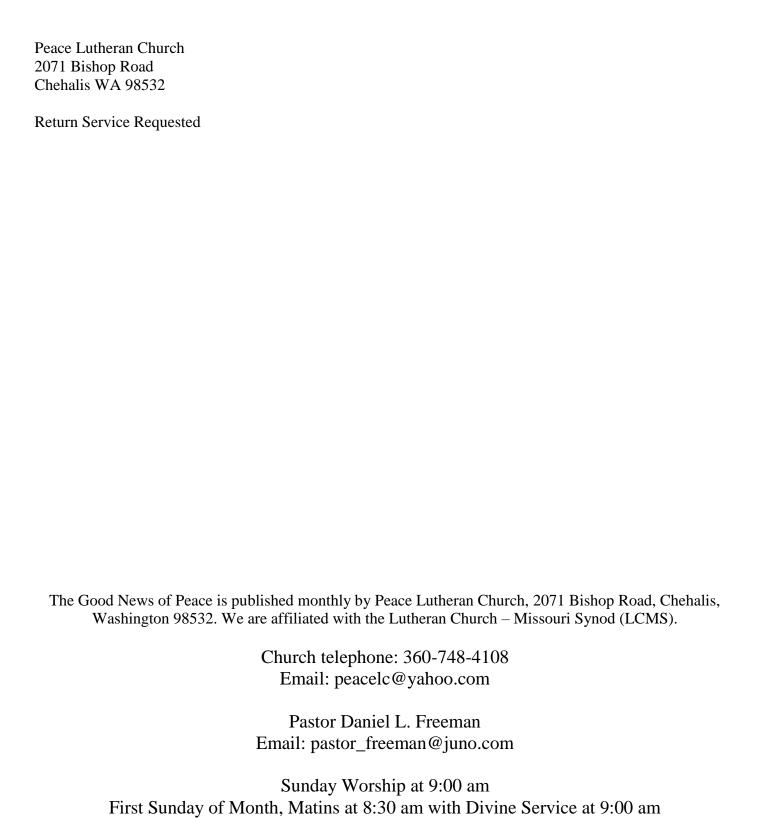
The final stage is Passiontide, which begins with **Judica Sunday** (Passion Sunday, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent), and extends through Holy Week and the



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: Peter Lahmann			Altar Guild:					
February Ushers:  Acolyte: Jonah Freeman			<ul> <li>06) Sandy Lupo &amp; Abigail Freeman</li> <li>13) Chris Pfaff &amp; Rita Nay</li> <li>20) Marlene Farrell &amp; Teri Bryant</li> <li>27) Karen Howsden &amp; Cheri Hill</li> <li>Counters: 06) Doench 13) Farrell &amp; Falb 20) Dries 27) Bryant</li> <li>Flowers: 06) OPEN13) OPEN 20) OPEN27) OPEN</li> </ul>				1. 3. 5. 7. 8.	Linda Huyck Karla Herren Edie Schroeder Margaret Howsden Nelly Morast John Foss John Shea Jacob Nay
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We are located four miles south of Chehalis on the corner of Jackson Highway and Bishop Road.

Sunday School – all ages – 10:45 am