

# 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 2023

### Holy Week



#### Palm Sunday

April 2nd  
Divine Service  
9:00am

Niko Phillip Ackerson  
Claire Elizabeth Jean Angell

February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
March 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Vespers

April 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup>,  
and 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm

### Spring Cleaning of the Church

We will have our annual spring cleaning of the church and grounds on Saturday, April 1st., 9:00am- Noon. Lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome and needed!

Bring cleaning supplies and tools for inside or out – wherever you prefer to work. There will be a chart in the Narthex to check off when an area has been done.



April 6th  
Divine Service  
7:00pm



April 7th  
Divine Service  
7:00pm

#### Easter Vigil

April 8th  
Divine Service  
8:00pm

### Call For Help

We are going to have an EASTER Breakfast this year. However, we have a shortage of youth available to put it together. **We are still in need of help in all areas.**

#### Set-Up on Saturday, April 8th

9AM until done (the more help the faster it will be done).

#### Cooking and Serving on Sunday, April 9th

7AM – 9AM (only need 7 to 10 people)

#### Clean-Up on Sunday, April 9th

As people finish eating until done (the more help the faster it will be done).

If you are at all interested in helping please sign-up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, talk to Michelle Schaefer, or talk to Pastor Freeman



### Easter Sunday April 9th

Early Divine Service 8 AM,  
Youth Served Breakfast 9:00AM  
Late Divine Service 10:30 AM

## 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 by organizations within Peace. In 2022 we received \$1106.00!!

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).

## From Your Council President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are two things I wish to bring to your attention. The first being a need to fill the position of Coordinator of the Board of Evangelism. Please give this prayerful consideration, and if you find you have a desire to serve in this capacity please contact me by phone at 360-219-8184, email at Rolandfalb@gmail.com, or in person. You may also contact Clarence Lupo.

Second, the council has activated the Memorial Committee to review our practices and make recommendations for improvements. Katie Foss has volunteered to serve and is keen to get underway. Many thanks to Katie for her enthusiasm and diligence! In case you didn't know, Katie has virtually single-handedly been the resource for memorials for quite some time. We are looking for volunteers to serve with her in this endeavor. Only a few sessions are anticipated to complete this project. If you are interested, please contact me as given above. Thanks for your consideration of both of these items – I look forward to hearing from you.

## “Speaking Boldly”

Please feel free to take a copy of the book, “Speaking Boldly,” available again (if you missed it previously) in the narthex. It's lay friendly, asks questions, and gives answers! May God bless your ministry as you share your love for others by sharing your faith through the Word! Questions about the book? Talk with Jennie Dries or Al Kilian.

## Wedding Ceremony

Shirlee Adamson and Larry Hall would love you to attend their wedding on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. The reception will be held in Stillwaters main building called the Gathering Place. Invitations with RSVP note are on the Narthex table.

If you wish to attend the reception, hosted by Casa Ramos, please sign on the adjoining post-n-note that you would like to come, and if you want water, pop, or punch. Because we are leaving May 10<sup>th</sup>, I need a correct count by the end of April. The post note is just a count for the reception. All are welcome to attend the service, even if you are unable to come to the reception.

## New Directory Coming Soon!

The 2023-2024 Church Directory will be completed by the end of May, and will be distributed via the mailboxes in the Narthex. If you have any changes to your address, phone or email, please contact the church secretary with the changes. This can be done by calling the church office Tues/Wed/Thurs mornings, leaving a written note in Rita Nay's narthex mailbox, or emailing the church (the church email is on the front cover of last year's directory).

## LWML Needs Your Help

The LWML will be hosting the zone rally on April 22, from 9:00am-3:00pm. We need help for registration and help with salads or desserts for the continental breakfast/luncheon.

Our in-gathering is help for the Chehalis Food Bank. They are in need of peanut butter, tuna fish, boxed dinner such as hamburger helper, tuna helper, rice-a-roni, pasta-a-roni, canned vegetables/fruit, and mac and cheese.

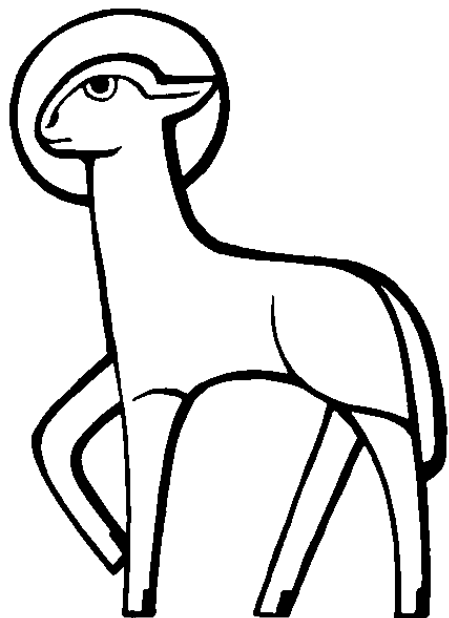
There will be containers under the mailboxes in the Narthex if you would like to bring something for the food drive.

Please contact Linda Huyck at 360-888-5500, if you are able to help in any way. All ladies of the congregation belong to LWML even if you do not attend the meetings.

Thank you for your help.

## The Ceremonies of Passiontide

The final stage in our symbolic journey toward Easter (the journey which began back on *Septuagesima*) is Passiontide, which begins with *Judica*, the fifth Sunday in Lent. Passiontide is the 'home stretch,' the final push and most rigorous portion of the Lenten fast. This is why *Laetare*, the fourth Sunday in Lent, had a slightly different character in preparation of Passiontide.



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. During Passiontide,

the crucifixes and crosses are now covered, triptychs are closed (in churches which employ triptychs), and even the *Gloria Patri* disappears for a while.

A common question about Passiontide is "Why in the world would we drape and cover the crucifixes and crosses as we get closer to Good Friday, as our attention upon the last hours and the sufferings of our Lord increases?"

We do this because we don't deserve to look upon the crucifix. We are not worthy of the Sacrifice. Christ on the cross is our greatest and most cherished symbol. So it is partially taken away from us for a short time, that we might better appreciate it when it returns.

The crosses are not taken away completely. They are not removed. They are covered. We can see outlines of the crucifixes, but their beauty and details are fuzzy. This symbolizes the reality that our grief prevents us from seeing clearly until the Good Friday liturgy and, of course, Easter. This also reminds us of Our Lord's actions in response

to the violence of the people in the *Judica* Gospel Lesson, the Lord "Jesus hid Himself." That is why the crosses and statues are veiled for *Judica*.

The idea of removing the *Gloria Patri* is much the same. The Triune Name given at the Ascension is the fullest revelation of God's Name given to men. To take away the *Gloria Patri* for two weeks is a bit jarring. It is particularly awkward not to sing it at the end of the *Nunc Dimitis*. Its short-term removal serves to draw our attention to it.

All of this is so that we would learn to mortify the flesh and to depend more and more upon the grace of God in Christ. For never, even in our most somber of ceremonies, is the Church in doubt about the end. Jesus died but is not dead. Jesus lives. Easter is coming. Our Hallelujahs, *Gloria Patris*, crosses, fatty foods, and the like shall all return, but even better than that, we shall have them forever in eternal paradise when our own resurrections occur.

Passiontide extends through Holy Week and the *Triduum* ("three holy days"—which includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). At the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday Service the

Altar will be stripped, the Sanctuary decorations, such as the candelabra, will be removed. Even the processional crucifix will be carried out. All that will be left in the Sanctuary are the immovable pieces of furniture, laid bare. On Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, while all is bare, the services are at their most stripped down with nearly all of the elements of the divine service being omitted. Even the communion vessels make only a brief appearance.

The intensity builds from now until Holy Saturday when we finally arrive at the empty tomb but not at an empty altar.



**April Elder:** Brian Hill  
**April Ushers:** *Not available at time of printing*  
**Acolyte:** **02)** Jack Millam **09)** Jonah Freeman  
**16)** Landon Engelbertson **23)** Weston Engelbertson  
**30)** Jack Millam  
**Counters:** **02)** Poppe & Falb **09)** Bryant **16)** Bryant  
**23)** Doench **30)** Doench  
**Flowers:** **02) 09) 16) 23)** Yvonne Mattson **30)**

**Altar Guild:**  
**02)** Mary McHenry **09)** Rita Nay & Chris Pfaff  
**16)** Jodie DeTray & Abigail Freeman **23)** Rita Nay & Cheri Hill  
**30)** Mary McHenry  
**Coffee Hour:**  
**02)\***Teri Bryant/Barbara Jolly/Gitti Burger (c)  
**16)\***Kathy Doench/Chris Pfaff/Sara Ackerson (c)  
**23)\***Sharon Harris/Dorene Short/Linda Boetsch (c)  
**30)\***Sandy Lupo/Peter Lahmann/Melinda McHenry (c)

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

## April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 9:00am Spring Cleaning 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt 6:00pm Didache Divine Service for Catechesis
<b>2 PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:30 Matins 9:00am Divine Service 10:45am Sunday School Adult Bible Study	<b>3 HOLY WEEK</b> 7:00pm Vespers	<b>4 HOLY WEEK</b> 7:00pm Vespers	<b>5 HOLY WEEK</b> 7:00pm Vespers	<b>6 HOLY WEEK</b> 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Divine Service	<b>7 HOLY WEEK</b> 7:00pm Good Friday Divine Service	<b>8 HOLY WEEK</b> 8:00pm Easter Vigil Divine Service
<b>9 EASTER</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:00am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Divine Service	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Jr. Catechesis	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Lutheran Confession Study @ Olympia	<b>12</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Church Council	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:00pm Didache Divine Service for Catechesis
<b>16</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:45am Sunday School Adult Bible Study	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Jr. Catechesis	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Didache Divine Service for Catechesis
<b>23</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:45am Sunday School Adult Bible Study	<b>24</b> 6:00pm Jr. Catechesis	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Lutheran Confession Study @ Peace	<b>26</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Board of Elders	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Didache Divine Service for Catechesis
<b>30</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:45am Sunday School Adult Bible Study						

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

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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.