

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

December 2023

December Schedule of Activities

December 6th	Noon & 7:00pm	Advent Service (6:00pm soup supper)
December 13th	Noon & 7:00pm	Advent Service (6:00pm soup supper)
December 17th	6:00pm	Children's Christmas Program
December 20th	Noon & 7:00pm	Advent Service (6:00pm soup supper)
December 24th	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25th	9:30am	Matins
	10:00am	Christmas Day Divine Service
December 31st	4:00pm	Annual Christmas Party and Dinner



Open Positions in our Church

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The January congregational meeting during which we nominate and elect Board coordinators will be upon us soon. Three positions will be open and we are seeking nominations to fill them. They are the Board of Evangelism, the Board of Property Management, and the Board of Stewardship. A fourth position is for the President of the congregation. I have expressed my willingness to accept a nomination from the Nominating Committee for reelection, however that does not preclude anybody else from being nominated for that position. This is an opportunity to serve your fellow Brothers and Sisters so please give prayerful consideration to this opportunity. If you wish to proceed please contact Vice President Lupo (Chairman of the nominating committee) or myself for more information. A description of each position can be found in Section 6 of the by-laws of the congregation.

Additionally, the council is to appoint certain other positions with the willing consent of that person or persons. Currently, there is a need for the position of

Sunday School Superintendent and a need to have at least two members for the financial review committee. The Financial review is to be completed as soon as possible after the close of the calendar year. More information regarding the financial review can be found in section 8.A of the bylaws.

Thanks for your consideration,
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New Pictorial Directory

Mark your calendars and practice your smile! We will have the photographers here December 16th and 17th to take pictures for a new pictorial directory. Sign up is via this QR code. If you are unable to use the QR code to schedule a time, Shirlee Hall will be in the Narthex after service and available to help. Getting your photo taken is FREE! There will be no hard sell. PLEASE come out and make our directory as complete as possible!



Advent

What is Advent? “Advent” means appearance, approach, or coming. Advent celebrates and anticipates our coming Christ. Advent starts four Sundays before Christmas Day, (the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle on 30 November).

The season of Advent is a season of preparation for the celebration of the feast of the Nativity. Advent is a penitential season—a time of reflection and repentance as we realize that it was our sinfulness which caused God to send our Savior into the world, to take our sins on Himself, and die on the cross.

Advent prepares us for Christmas because Christmas is the celebration of Christ’s first coming as an infant in a stable. But Advent also celebrates and prepares us for our coming Christ’s other comings. Christ comes to us with His grace in His Word and through His Sacraments. Our coming Christ is also coming again to judge the living and the dead. Advent is as much a celebration of and preparation for these comings as it is about the coming of an infant in a stable in Bethlehem.

Advent services will be held at Noon and 7:00pm on each Wednesday (December 3rd, 10th, 17th).
Soup suppers will be held at 6:00pm prior to the evening service.

Children’s Christmas Program

The Children’s Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, December 17th at 6:00pm. The title is “ ’Twas the Night Before.”

Please come and support our children as they perform ’Twas the Night Before. They are working very hard and doing a great job. They will be performing on Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

Karen Howsden, Activities Director

December Anniversaries

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| 2. Alfred & Jeanette Mitzel | 1955 |
| 9. Jim & Rita Nay | 1995 |
| 12. Bill & Jennie Dries | 1954 |
| 16. Sebastian & Lauren Dumoulin | 2017 |
| Jake & Sarah Gustafson | 2022 |
| 23. Jim & Sandy Sund | 1977 |

From Your Board of Properties

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish to inform you about a recent significant expenditure the council approved. Near the end of September, a roof leak in the education wing was discovered and was determined to be significant enough to have it professionally inspected and repaired. Four companies were invited to bid on the project. Due to the emergent nature of the project, the proposed cost of the project exceeding the Board of Property Management’s authority to spend, and the approaching end to the end of good weather, the council took this up directly and voted (by email) October 17 and 18 to accept the best bid and approved the work. Bear in mind the roof of the education wing was beyond its anticipated lifespan. All but one of the bids came in around \$30,000 except the bid from Safecover, which came in \$10,000 less using the same shingles as the other bids and had a significantly longer guarantee of workmanship than the other 3 bids. The work was completed in one day and was subsequently inspected for workmanship. One or two housekeeping items were identified and immediately addressed. The work was approved, and the bill paid.

The council anticipated this event a few years ago and some money had been set aside to address the eventual need. Due to the timing of the event this notice to the congregation missed the deadline for the November newsletter and this is the first opportunity to provide this news in accordance with our bylaws.

The shingle rating is a 30 year commercial rated Pabco Premiere shingle with algae block. There will be a slight difference in color compared to the shingles on the remodeled section as the prairie wood color has been discontinued. The bid is \$19,245.00.

Note: The Annual Congregational Christmas Party and Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 31st at 4:00pm.

<p>December Elder: Dick Piesch</p> <p>December Ushers: Tom Howsden</p> <p>03) Rod Fenstermaker 10) George Schaefer 17) Rick Bryant 24am) Eren Millam 24pm) Kevin Engelbertson 25) Tom Howsden 31) Jesse Hardy</p> <p>Midweek Advent, Noon & 7pm: Elders</p>	<p>Acolytes</p> <p>Jonah Freeman Landon Engelbertson Weston Engelbertson Jack Millam Weston Engelbertson Landon Engelbertson Jonah Freeman</p>	<p>Altar Guild:</p> <p>03/06) Rita Nay & Chris Pfaff 17/20) Cherie Hill & Karen Howsden 25) Rita Nay & Karen Howsden</p> <p>Coffee Hour:</p> <p>03)*Katie Foss/Shelly Stocker/Mary McHenry(c) 10)*Michelle Schaefer/Dick Piesch/Gitti Burger(c) 17)*Sandy Lupo/Muriel Tosh/Linda Huyck(c) 24)*Marilyn Hepola/Karen Kilian/Sara Ackerson(c) 31)*Kathy Doench/Linda Follett/Moni Poppe</p>	<p>10/13) Teri Bryant & Marlene Farrell 24am/pm) Jodie DeTray & Mary McHenry 31) Cherie Hill & Marlene Farrell</p>	<p>December Birthdays</p> <p>3. Peter Lahmann Sue Lykken 4. Nessa Shea 7. Derek Burger Sandy Sund 9. Gitti Burger 13. Aveline Crouse Samuel Howsden Pamela McConkey 14. Stephen Eriksen Randy Short Joshua Souliere 16. Betty Schmitt 17. Niko Ackerson 21. Rev. Daniel Freeman 24. Alyssa Ackerson 26. Sherrie Reuther 28. Lilah Nay Jim Sund 29. Carol Heimbigner 30. Miguel Dwyer 31. Jamie Barrett</p>
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December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30am Matins 9:00am Divine Service 10:45am Sunday School Adult Bible Study	4 6:00pm Jr. Catechesis	5 10:00am Quilters	6 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm Advent Service 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Advent Service	7 7:00pm Church Council	8	9
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31 9:00am Divine Service 10:45am Sunday School Adult Bible Study 4:00pm Annual Christmas Party	<p>December Counters: 03) Falb & Farrell 10) Dries 17) Bryant 24) Doench 31) Falb & Farrell</p> <p>Flowers: 03) OPEN 10) Dries 17) Sund 25) Altar Guild 31) OPEN</p>					

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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.