

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

Chehalis, Washington

March 2026



It's that time of year again!
Turn your clocks **AHEAD**
one hour on March 8th at
2:00am, or before bed.

Soup Suppers

Soup Supper will be served in the Parish Hall each Wednesday of Lent at 6:00pm.

Each week one or more families will provide the soup and bread. Coffee, juice, crackers and butter will be furnished.

The Wednesday morning Bible study will set up for the suppers but volunteers will be needed to come early and start the coffee. Cleanup will be a "group" effort!

Invite a friend to join you for these dinners and the service that follows at 7:00pm.

Glossary of Lenten Terms

Lent: The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days, excluding Sundays. The word "Lent" means "spring" and the season is understood to be a time for reflection on our baptism and its basis in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is, therefore, a rebirth and renewal in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday, a most solemn day in the church year, marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Its name is derived from a historical practice of making a sign of the cross on the forehead of worshipers with ash from palm or

olive branches saved from the previous Palm Sunday. The suggested liturgical color is black (the color of ash): the mood is reflection on the quality of our faith and life; the goal is to begin a Lenten discipline of self-examination, preparation, and growth.

Palm Sunday: Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. The worship procession is a joyful remembrance of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the mood of the service changes to the story of the events of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday: "Maundy" comes from the Latin meaning "to command." The overarching theme for this Thursday of Holy Week is Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you." Jesus' love is demonstrated in its forgiveness, his example of servanthood and his gift of himself in Holy Communion. Traditionally, at the completion of Holy Communion, the chancel is stripped of paraments and is left bare until it is dressed for Easter.

Good Friday: "Good Friday" is derived from "God's Friday" because it is the day the Son of God suffered and died for our salvation. Seen as a part of a larger celebration of the mystery of salvation, Good Friday is an austere time of reflection as well as of the adoration of Christ, the sacrificial lamb. The congregation gathers to hear the words of the Passion story and celebrate the Lord's sacrifice on the cross.

Easter: Easter is to be understood as the crown of the whole year, the queen of feasts, the celebration of the Risen Christ, bringer of salvation. The 40 days of preparation for Easter (Lent) are followed by seven weeks of rejoicing (the Sundays of Easter). The lessons reflect themes of resurrection, a moving from death to life.

Installation of Officers

Installation of new officers and appointment of committee members will take place during the 9:00am service on Sunday, March 1st.

Spring Cleaning of the Church

We will have our annual spring cleaning of the church and grounds on Saturday, March 28th beginning at 9:00am.

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.

Obituaries



It pleased the Lord to call *Dorene Short* to her heavenly home on November 29, 2025. A funeral was held at Peace on January 3, 2026

March Birthdays

4. Krista Heimbigner
7. Sandy Lupo
13. Willow Angell-Squyres
16. Brady McHenry
22. Nova Angell-Squyres
24. Lorelei Hood

March Anniversaries

1. Pastor & Dawn Freeman
1997
3. Brandon & Marie McAllister
2007
10. Brian & Cherie Hill
1984
23. Aric & Sheryl Ackerson
2019

What To Give Up For Lent

GIVE UP grumbling. Instead, “In everything give thanks.”

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed. Instead, use that time for prayer.

GIVE UP looking at other people’s worst points. Instead, concentrate on their best ones.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding.

GIVE UP your worries. Instead, trust God with them.

GIVE UP hatred or dislike of anyone. Instead, learn to love.

GIVE UP the fear that prevents Christian witness. Instead, seek courage to speak of your faith to others.

GIVE UP spending so much time with newspapers and magazines. Instead, use some of that time to study your Bible.

GIVE UP television or social media one evening a week. Instead, visit some lonely or sick person.

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself. Instead, give that money to God’s work or someone in need.

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. If you select Peace Lutheran Church, Chehalis, these funds are then available to organizations within Peace. If you have any questions, please speak with Katie Foss. Also, 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). Please call them today!!!

Flower Fund

In case you don't want to be responsible for supplying flowers on a Sunday all by yourself, but still want to help provide flowers, there is a way to do that! A fund has been established to use to purchase flowers for the altar on the Sundays when no one has signed up. If you would like to contribute to that fund, please mark your offering envelope and your check "Flower Fund".

If you have any questions about altar flowers, please call the church office.

Easter Breakfast

Easter is April 5th and we will be offering breakfast again this year. The menu consists of the usual fare of French toast, scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, and fruit.

CALL FOR HELP

We are looking for volunteers to help in all areas.

- Set-Up on Saturday, April 4th 9AM until done (the more help the faster it will be done).
- Cooking and serving on Sunday, April 5th 7AM – 9AM (only need 7 to 10 people)
- Clean-up on Sunday, April 5th as people finish eating until done (the more help the faster it will be done).

If you are at all interested in helping, please talk to Michelle Schaefer.

March Elder: Jesse Hardy						
DATE	USHERS	ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR	COUNTERS	FLOWERS
1	S. Dumoulin & D. Piesch	Jehan Shea	1-4 K. Howsden & J. DeTray	*M. Farrell/A. Helman/Jodie DeTray (C)	Doenchs	N/A-Lent
8	R. Falb & G. Schaefer	Ronan Lupo	8-11 M. Farrell & T. Bryant	*Muriel Tosh/Chris Pfaff/Gitti Burger(C)	Farrell & Falb	N/A-Lent
15	T. DeTray & T. Howsden	Jack Millam	15-18 R. Nay & C. Pfaff	*S. Harris/Shelly Stocker/M. McHenry(C)	Hepolas	N/A-Lent
22	K. Engelbertson & R. Bryant	W. Engelbertson	22-25 M. McHenry	*A. Millam/Linda Follett/Linda Huyck(C)	Bryants	N/A-Lent
29	P. Lahmann & M. Hardy	L. Engelbertson	<u>29 C. Hill & K. Howsden</u> 30-31 J. DeTray	*C. Heimbigner/D. Piesch/S. Ackerson(C)	Doenchs	N/A-Lent

March 2026							<i>Birthdays</i>	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
1 REMINISCERE 8:30am Matins 9:00am Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School Adult Bible Study	2	3 10:00am – Quilters	4 10:00am – Bible Study Noon – Lenten Service 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service	5 Council – 7:00pm	6	7	4. Krista Heimbigner 7. Sandy Lupo 13. Willow Angell-Squyres 16. Brady McHenry 22. Nova Angell-Squyres 24. Lorelei Hood	
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29 PALMARUM (PALM SUNDAY) 9:00am Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School Adult Bible Study	30 7:00pm Holy Week Vespers	31 7:00pm Holy Week Vespers	Elders will cover ushering duties for midweek services.					

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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