

From the Pastor...

Festivals, Fasts, and Feasts

We will enter the season of Lent during the first week in March this year. Easter is later than average in 2025, which means the forty days prior – which we know as Lent – are also shifted later than they often begin. We will have a series of messages that study the Jewish Festivals. With the exception of Ash Wednesday, the studies will focus on a Festival on the Jewish calendar in the opposite order from how they appear on a calendar.

The Festivals start with Passover – by the command of God the calendar was reset so that it would mark the beginning of the year. We will come back to that for our Good Friday remembrance. Next is the Feast of Unleavened Bread which we'll mark on its corresponding time in the life of Jesus, Maundy Thursday. Other Festivals for the Hebrew people include Firstfruits, the Feast of Weeks – also known as Pentecost, Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles – or Booths.

By the time of Jesus, there were other festivals on the calendar, but we will focus on those instituted by God's command in Leviticus 23. God created a rhythm for His people – to look back and remember what He had done for them and in anticipation of what was to come.

John 7:37-38 – On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

There are seven Festivals, corresponding to the seven days of creation. So we remember that God created. We recall that He rescued the nation of Israel from slavery in Egypt in the Passover. The Feast of Unleavened Bread was a weeklong remembrance of that same event, marking the sacrifice and using the meal to recall God's actions. God dwelled in a tent among His people as they wandered the wilderness – remembered in the Feast of Tabernacles. The Day of Atonement was when sacrifices for sin were made.

Jesus fulfills the feasts. He is the spotless lamb who takes away the sin of the world. He made His dwelling among us. His body is the bread of the Passover meal. He is the sacrifice for the sin of the world.

Make plans to attend all the services, beginning next Wednesday, March 5. Then in the week leading up to Easter, Maundy Thursday will be celebrated with Holy Communion. All of these are 4:30 PM. Good Friday, April 18, will happen at 7 PM to allow darkness to fall as we remember to darkness of the day. Finally, we will reach Easter, and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the Marriage Feast of the Lamb!

Invite a friend along to enjoy the season of Lent and our preparation for Easter.

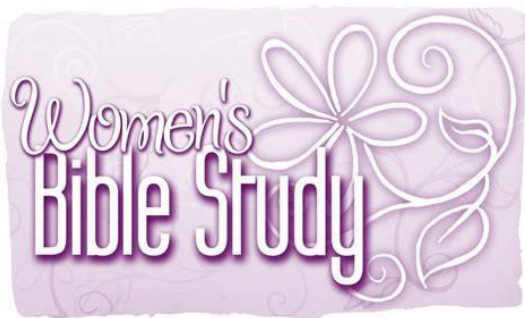


BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT PEACE

Bible Study

Sundays, 8:30 am in the Parish Hall

We are making our way through the Old Testament
with Pastor Metz.



Women's Bible Study

Mondays, 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall

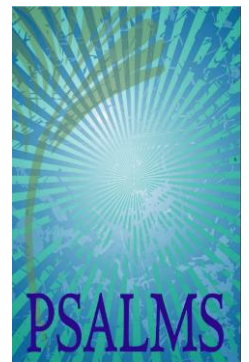
Good studies. Great discussion. Wonderful
fellowship. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

Community Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7:30 am Outside the Red Dirt Café, near Walmart

Topic: The Psalm of the Day

We study a selection of Wisdom literature (from Psalms, Proverbs, etc.)
appointed as a reading for the day. After reading the text, we discuss its
meaning and application. Men and women, believer and seeker, all are invited!



LWML News

What a wonderful turnout we had for our February LWML meeting welcoming the staff of Dignity Health Arroyo Grande Hospital who shared so much information about what is available in our area and the specialties they provide. What a great blessing for all of us and those who will need their services. Thank you!



This month on Thursday, March 13, at 10AM we will have lots of planning to do for our upcoming SPRING RALLY coming to Peace on Saturday, May 3. Come pick your group where you would like to help welcome our Christian sisters from our 7 churches in our Zone 9. Carol Sanden is our President.

We will also have things we did not discuss in February due to our guest's program and new elections. All ladies are members of our LWML, so come and share your ideas, fellowship, and a delicious lunch. God's blessings to you all and see you on THURSDAY, MARCH 13, at 10AM!



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS! Psalm 100:2



Dignity Health Presentation

Attention Peace Church Family!

We have a new phone number to call in and listen to our worship service on Sunday mornings. Our old conference call number is no longer operational. Please refer to the new phone number and passcode below, and please spread the word to anyone you know who calls in to listen to our service.

Phone number:.... +1 (313)-209-8800

Passcode ID: 950095#



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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March Newsletter 2025

Mark your Calendar

Chapel Every Thursday at 9:15 am. Family members are welcome to join us!

Mar. 7: Early Closure
Day 12:20

Mar. 19: Pony Pictures

Mar. 21: Night Out!
Fundraiser Event
5:30 - 8:00

Zoo trips are to be announced soon!

Pony Picture Day March 19th!



Optional: After seeing your pictures, you can purchase the ones you like. Very reasonable! prices!

Classroom Supplies Fundraiser Event!

Night Out for Parents!

March 21

5:30 – 8:00

SUGGESTED DONATION

1st child = \$20.00

2nd child = \$15.00

3rd and 4th child = \$10.00

Ages 6mo – 9 years old

Children will be served dinner.

Pizza, fruit, and Juice box

There will be a Movie for older

kids in Parrish Hall

Infant Room and Rm 1 will be

open for younger children to

play.

Teachers and Church Members

will be watching the children

that evening.

Parents enjoy a night out!

See a director with questions.



Happy Birthday!

3/3 Aiden A.

3/14 Miss Ashley

3/15 Gianna M.

3/21 Miss

Natashia

3/24 Anyu C.

3/24 Cypress W.

Staff News Update

Miss Heidi had a beautiful baby Girl named Cleopatra. She will return in April.

Our Teacher Miss Malayne moved on to another job with Lucia Mar School district.

We want to welcome two new teachers to our school, Miss Roni and Miss Suzette.

Miss Cece is the Interim Director at Zion Lutheran Preschool opening in March. She still works here at Peace as well.



ZOO TRIPS



To Be Announced
Soon!





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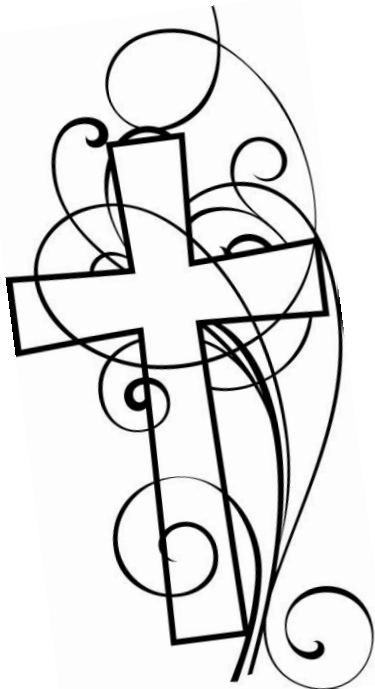
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Church & School Newsletter



Peace Lutheran Church
Mission Statement

In loving, caring fellowship, built upon the foundation of Word and Sacrament, we reach out with Gospel ministries to our community.