



Messenger of Peace

"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

April 2017

**Peace Lutheran
Church**

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Pastor
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Office Hours

9:00 - 12:00

Mon. & Thu. - Peace
Tue & Wed - Bethlehem
Afternoons by Appointment

Secretary
Tammy Peterson

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Mon.-Fri,

Sunday Worship
9:00 AM

**Sunday Adult
Bible Class**
10:30 AM

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Easter in Church History



Easter is the old English adaptation of the pagan name, "Eastre," which was the name of the Teutonic goddess of spring and dawn. Her festival occurred annually at the vernal equinox. The original name for Easter was Pascha, a Hebrew word for Passover. The death and resurrection of Jesus constituted a new Passover for the people of God, a deliverance from slavery of death. Before Easter became popular as a name, the day was known as "The Lord's Day of Resurrection."

On the first day of the week Jesus rose from the dead. This was the apex of Christian fact and devotion. Each Sunday thereafter was celebrated as a "little Easter." Eventually the resurrection's being observed on the first day of the week, changed the day of worship from the Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord's Day (Sunday).

The ancient church celebrated Easter for an octave, (eight days) each day through the following Sunday. Those baptized on Easter were required to attend the services on the Sunday after Easter. They wore white baptismal robes and consequently the first Sunday after Easter was known as "White Sunday."

Easter has always been for Christians the feast of feasts. There is no event more important to the Christian. Its primacy was shown by the fact that the resurrection was celebrated every Sunday. Its importance is also highlighted by the fact that it is preceded by a period of preparation – the Lenten season of forty days. Easter is observed for a season of fifty days and the entire church year revolves around its message of the resurrection of Jesus. Because he lives those who have faith in him as their Savior will live also.

The church has not always agreed on the date of Easter. The issue was supposedly settled by the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325. Easter is celebrated "On the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the first day of spring, (March 21), or if the full moon is on Sunday, the next Sunday after." Thus, Easter may fall between March 22 and April 25.

April O.W.L.S. Lunch

Due to the second Friday of April being Good Friday, O.W.L.S. will have lunch on **Friday, April 7th**. They will meet at **Famous Dave's** in Union Gap at **11:30**.

Please let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend (697-4543 or email her at shotwell@fairpoint.net).



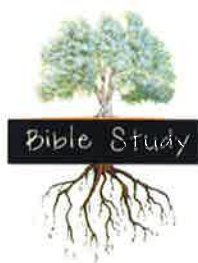
Men's Night Out

The next Men's Night Out will be **Monday, April 17th** at **7:00 p.m.** at Tailgaters. All Peace men are invited to attend. Just "shoot the breeze" and have an enjoyable evening.



Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study resumes **April 19th**. There is a morning class at **Bethlehem Lutheran** at **11:00 a.m.** and an evening class at **Peace Lutheran** at **6:30 p.m.**



Selah Shares

Selah Shares clothing bank has given us a list of specific items they are in need of. If you would like to donate, please make sure all items are clean and in good condition.

- ** Women's Socks
- ** Women's Capris (Spring / Summer clothing) size 16 and up



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with our March food distribution!

Lenten Services

Lent services continue through April 5th. Soup and Sandwich suppers are at 6:00 p.m. with devotions at 6:45 p.m. Food sign-up is on the bulletin board.



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our Holy Week schedule is as follows:

Maundy Thursday Service at Bethlehem at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service at Peace at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. w/Communion

Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. w/Communion

Veteran's Care Packages

We continue to provide "care packages" for our veterans. Thanks to all who have donated items for this project. Watch for specific requested items in the church bulletin.

If you have any questions please contact Jeanne Brandt, Jody Hert, or Jean Sinclair.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The **Women's Salad Supper** is scheduled for **Monday, May 1st**.

Watch for invitations and more information to follow.





Frederick the Wise 1463 – 1525

Frederick was born January 17, 1453, the first son of Elector Ernest of Saxony. The region of Saxony grew to prominence in the Holy Roman Empire through the great wealth of its silver mines. Educated as the successor to a dynasty, Frederick succeeded his father as Elector of Saxony in 1486. He was one of seven electoral princes who selected the emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, the most powerful political alliance in Europe. Frederick's significance grew in 1500 when he was appointed President of the Imperial Council of the Holy Roman Empire.

When Emperor Maximilian died in 1518, Frederick became acting Emperor over the Holy Roman Empire until a successor could be elected.

When Cardinal Cajetan delivered the Pope's citation for Luther to report to Rome to answer heresy charges, Frederick the Wise refused. He felt German subjects should be tried in Germany, so he prevailed upon Cajetan to interview Luther in Augsburg, Germany, instead of Rome.

Of Frederick, Luther wrote, "The Prince knew all about the crafty ways of the Roman curia; he knew exactly how to treat them. He was a man with a good clear nose, and he could smell more and farther than the Romanists could either hope or fear. Thereafter, they stopped testing Frederick. Furthermore, he paid no honor to the rose that they call 'golden,' which Leo X sent him that same year; on the contrary, he ridiculed it. Thus the Romanists were forced to give up any hope of duping such a Prince."

Without the protection of Frederick the Wise, Elector of Saxony, the Reformation might not have succeeded. That being said, however, it's quite possible Frederick never met Martin Luther face-to-face. So how did he come to be Luther's Protector? We have the next member of the Reformation Twelve to thank for that: George Spalatin.

Church Cleaning Day

It's that time! We are scheduling a Church Cleaning Day on **Saturday, April 8th** to get our church looking its best for Easter. We will start at **9:00 a.m.** and work until it's done. There will be inside and outside cleaning to do. Anyone available that day is asked to help out. Bring your "favorite" yard tool or whatever tool might come in handy.

If you have any questions contact Sandy Phelps.



Want to Sing?



Bethlehem Lutheran is inviting anyone who wishes to participate in singing in a choir to join them for a "joint choir". The joint choir will sing for Holy Week (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services). Practices are on Sunday at 12:45 p.m. at Bethlehem. Pastor Jack Flachsbarth will be leading the Choir.

Read Through the Bible in a Year!

April			
1	Matthew 25:1-30	Numbers 30-31	Job 1
2	Matthew 25:31-46	Numbers 32-34	Job 2
3	Matthew 26:1-25	Numbers 35-36	Job 3
4	Matthew 26:26-46	Deuteronomy 1-2	Job 4
5	Matthew 26:47-75	Deuteronomy 3-4	Job 5
6	Matthew 27:1-31	Deuteronomy 5-6	Job 6
7	Matthew 27:32-66	Deuteronomy 7-8	Job 7
8	Matthew 28	Deuteronomy 9-10	Job 8
9	Acts 1	Deuteronomy 11-12	Job 9
10	Acts 2:1-13	Deuteronomy 13-14	Job 10
11	Acts 2:14-47	Deuteronomy 15-16	Job 11
12	Acts 3	Deuteronomy 17-18	Job 12
13	Acts 4:1-22	Deuteronomy 19-20	Job 13
14	Acts 4:23-37	Deuteronomy 21-22	Job 14
15	Acts 5:1-16	Deuteronomy 23-24	Job 15
16	Acts 5:17-42	Deuteronomy 25-27	Job 16
17	Acts 6	Deuteronomy 28	Job 17
18	Acts 7:1-22	Deuteronomy 29-30	Job 18
19	Acts 7:23-8:1	Deuteronomy 31-32	Job 19
20	Acts 8:1-25	Deuteronomy 33-34	Job 20
21	Acts 8:26-40	Joshua 1-2	Job 21
22	Acts 9:1-25	Joshua 3:1-5:1	Job 22
23	Acts 9:26-43	Joshua 5:2-6:27	Job 23
24	Acts 10:1-33	Joshua 7-8	Job 24
25	Acts 10:34-48	Joshua 9-10	Job 25
26	Acts 11:1-18	Joshua 11-12	Job 26
27	Acts 11:19-30	Joshua 13-14	Job 27
28	Acts 12	Joshua 15-17	Job 28
29	Acts 13:1-25	Joshua 18-19	Job 29
30	Acts 13:26-52	Joshua 20-21	Job 30