



Peace Lutheran Church
2540 Applegate Street
Philomath, OR 97370

Peace Progress

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From the Pastor

Dear Peace family,

The prophet Isaiah wrote these words around the time of 800 B.C., “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53:5).” Who was Isaiah talking about? Was it someone living in his lifetime? Would it be someone to come? How could anyone bring such a sustaining peace and heal everyone?

The month of March ushers in the season of Lent at Peace. Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5 with Ash Wednesday. This is the special service in which we remember that we are mortal. It’s humbling to hear the words, “From dust you have come...and to dust you shall return (Genesis 3:19).” It’s even more humbling on this night to have the mark of ashes on our foreheads as a physical reminder of what the future holds. On Ash Wednesday and on each of the Wednesdays leading up to April 9, we’ll gather at 5 pm for Soup Supper with a brief Lent service at 6 pm. These Wednesday gatherings are in preparation for Easter truths: eternal life is ours..... we are fully healed.....we can live a full and abundant life now. How can we claim such things considering the stark message of Ash Wednesday? Isaiah’s words were fulfilled in one person: Jesus. One person has brought sustaining peace and has completely healed us.

We’ll be sharing this important message in a creative way this Lent by using the SCARS acronym. Do you have any scars that tell a story about you? I

bet you do. It’s bittersweet when I look at Kaia’s scar under her chin. She had a fall off of her bike, which created a gaping hole and plenty of blood. I shouldn’t have let that happen—that is the bitter part. Now? There is the slightest scar under her chin. It’s healed—I’m thankful for the healing process and that the placement of the scar isn’t that noticeable—that’s the sweet part.

Jesus had a significant scar too. After his death and resurrection, Jesus went out of his way to make sure that Thomas could see his scar. “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe (John 20:27).” That moment and Jesus’ scar allowed Thomas to finally believe all that Jesus had said and promised.

Jesus’ scar was not just for Thomas, but also for us. As Isaiah promised, “*By his wounds, we are healed.*”

Pastor and poet Edward Shillito witnessed the horrors of World War I firsthand. As he saw the wounds of his friends, he reflected upon a Jesus who knows about human pain. It led him to write a beautiful poem:

*The heavens frighten us; they are too calm;
In all the universe we have no place.
Our wounds are hurting us; where is the balm?
Lord Jesus, by Thy scars, we claim Thy grace.”*

Here are the themes for each of the Wednesdays in Lent. It’s easy to remember: SCARS.

- INTRODUCTION – Wednesday, March 5—Ash Wednesday
- SIN—Romans 3:10 – Wednesday, March 12

- CONFESSION—I John 1:8-10 – Wednesday, March 19
- ABSOLUTION—I Timothy 1:15 – Wednesday, March 26
- RESTORATION – Wednesday, April 2
- SANCTIFICATION – Wednesday, April 9

I'm thankful for Jesus' scars. They make all the difference in the world. I'm excited to celebrate what they mean for us this Lent.

In Jesus' name,
Pastor J

PEACE BY THE NUMBERS

Date	Attendance	Offering
February 2	80 in attendance / 443 online views	\$ 4571
February 9	78 in attendance / NA	\$ 5195
February 16	NA	\$ NA
February 23	78 in attendance / 239 online views	\$ 3430

PLAN FOR WORSHIP

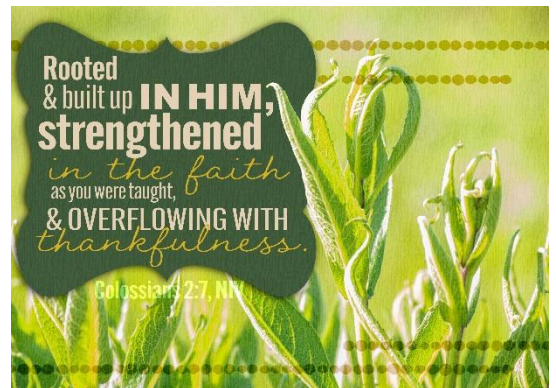
March 2 – 10:00am Worship service with Communion. The Transfiguration of our Lord.

March 9 – 10:00am Worship service. First Sunday in Lent.

March 16 – 10:00am Worship Service with Communion. Second Sunday in Lent.

March 23 – 10:00am Worship Service. Third Sunday in Lent.

March 30 – 10:00am Worship Service. Fourth Sunday in Lent.



NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Lucke will be sharing “Walking with Jesus in 2025” for the Adult Bible Study hour during the season of Lent. The first session will be Sunday, March 9. All are welcome for these presentations in the sanctuary. We’ll begin at 9 am.

What it means to follow Jesus will be shared in LifeShapes. Why shapes? Because of technological advancements (which are indeed wonderful), we no longer have to remember something we hear. We can look it up! For this reason, we need information that is attached to symbols and shapes to better remember! By remembering these shapes, we can understand what it means to follow Jesus. See you on March 9th!

MEN'S BREAKFAST IN MARCH

Men of Peace, please join us for the March Men's breakfast at Benchwarmers, located at 1895 NW 9th Street in Corvallis. We will meet at 8:30 on Saturday March 1st and our guest speaker will be Mr. Allan Fleming, with the Campus Crusade for Christ OSU. Start your day off right and attend! Talk to Oscar for more information.



LENT SOUP SUPPERS

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is Wednesday, March 5. This is a special time of remembrance as we consider our Lord's life and journey to the cross. Peace journeys through Lent with special mid-week services beginning on Wednesday, March 5 and concluding on Wednesday, April 9. What makes our Soup Suppers so special is having as many people participate and provide food as possible. Sally Stouder is organizing these opportunities to supply soup. Be looking for news this month from her and consider signing up!

PEACE'S 75TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Peace Lutheran Church will turn 75 years old officially on December 31, 2025. That is just nine months away! Look for special visits to come in the year ahead by Pastor Jack and Joy Flachsbart (Pastor at Peace from 2001 to 2012) and Mark and Lisa Herring (children of Pastor Earl and Georgia Herring—Pastor at Peace from 1977 to 1999). We'll hear from our guests about how God has provided for us, guided us and blessed us. The plan is to celebrate with a special service and dinner in January of 2026. Do you have pictures to share of Peace's past? Do you have memories of past events at Peace? We would enjoy hearing from you. We also need to form a committee to plan for these special gatherings in the year ahead. If you would like to be a part of this team, please notify Todd, Rachel or Pastor.

HOME-GOING CELEBRATION

Peace has put together a Home-Going Celebration Funeral Service Preparation packet. Why did we do this? An online viewer in February wrote the church asking the question, "Do you have information about all the details of a planning a funeral?" The person asked because they weren't sure if all their family members would remember the details.

Peace has a packet available! The packet will prompt you with all sorts of questions regarding education and work history....church and civic activities.....military service and funeral service preferences. Come and see Daniel or Pastor if you'd like a copy to fill in.

PRAYER WARRIOR EMAIL

Did you know that each week prayers are shared through an email to the Peace Prayer Warriors? The emails are shared each Friday and include specific prayer requests from the week. Would you like to receive those emails? If so, contact Peggy Krueger or Pastor.

CALLING ALL HELPERS FOR A COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

Philomath Community Services is organizing a food drive that will benefit the food bank and the PCS Gleaners. We are looking for volunteers to help pick up the bags that were distributed on February 22. The bags would be picked up on Saturday March 1 from 9 am to 11 am. Can you help on that date? The need is great! Please let Pastor know if you could assist. Thank you!



NOTE FROM MAGGIE

Life is such a journey with all kinds of chapters. I am very blessed to have such caring and loving friends and church family. I have to keep reminding myself to be patient and remember God is in control! Thank you for your prayers!

CONNECTING WITH PEACE ONLINE

Peace's Livestreaming is only becoming more valuable and used. Be sure to thank the Audio Visual Team. Our team includes Johnathon Holroyd, George Abele, Nicholas Abele, Merv Munster, Callie Santora, Joyce Long, Oscar Gutbrod, Sam Worth, Seamus Harrington, Rick Durling, Jim Holroyd, Debbi Weiler, and Dan Dusek.

People attend our online services for various reasons. Some watch because they are homebound. Some watch as they are travelling and can't be present on a particular Sunday. We also have people that watch because they are too sick to come in-person. Whatever the reason, we are thankful for our online community!

Have you subscribed to Peace's YouTube channel? It doesn't cost anything and allows you to access the service quickly. Go to Youtube.com. Search "Peace Lutheran Church-Philomath." Subscribe to Peace Lutheran Church Philomath and the most current service will be displayed on your YouTube home page automatically.

NEW ALTAR CANDLES

New altar candles have arrived! It won't be long before the two candles are placed on the altar and lit for each service. "Why do Christian churches have two candles on the altar?" you might be wondering. The Church has two candles to speak clearly about the two natures of Jesus. Jesus is both True God and True Man. We say that Jesus was True God because only God can overcome sin and death. We say that Jesus was True Man because only a man could die in our place, as our substitute.

As we place the altar candles, notice the new placement of our Christ candle. It will be located by the Baptismal font in the sanctuary. We'll light it on those occasions in which baptism is a focus in our services. It's always good to remember our baptisms. In baptism, God didn't hold back but has given all His greatest gifts— eternal life and the forgiveness of sins!

SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER – TIME TO PLANT?

The sun is out as I write this and so it makes me think about planting a garden. How about you? The question is, when can I plant and what are the best things to grow in the Willamette Valley?

This month on March 18th at noon in the Fellowship Hall, the Philomath Rotary Club has a great presentation from Mr. Darren Morgan, Nursery Manager, Shonnard's Nursery, who teaches community education classes at Shonnard's and Linn-Benton Community College. His presentation topic is 'Spring is for Planting'. Darren will highlight the variety of plants that are best planted in spring season

We hope you can come and remember – lunch will be provided. **Please RSVP to Lindy if you will be attending so we can plan the number of meals.**



SOMETHING TO PONDER...

On Mercy – by William Shakespeare from "The Merchant of Venice"

The quality of mercy is not strain'd
It droppeth as the gentle rain from Heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice bless'd;
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown;
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attribute to awe and majesty,
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;
But mercy is above this sceptred way,
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,
It is an attribute of God himself,
And earthly power doth then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice.

UPDATE FROM OUR MISSIONARY — JP CIMA

Greetings from Phnom Penh, friends at Peace in Philomath!

With this note, we want to THANK YOU for your sacrifice, for your partnership in the Gospel, and for your trust in us as we seek to announce and demonstrate the Gospel to the people of Southeast Asia. Every prayer and financial gift are such an encouragement to us, a reminder that we are right where God wants us. We are so thankful to have served in this part of the world for 17 years, but we could never do it without those who send us and pray for us. You are a part of our team!

One of the highlights of the last few months was the national youth camp for over 100 participants, put on by the Cambodia Lutheran Church (CLC), our partners here. For 3 nights and 4 days, we studied Scripture, played lots of games, sang songs, and worshipped. Each youth was gifted a Bible. For many of them, it was their first personal Bible. The Bibles were provided by a team from Brookfield Lutheran Church, who also helped lead games and activities. What a joy to see Lutheran youth from all over the country join in for this meaningful event!

It was a busy Christmas season, joining Christmas celebrations all over the country. The highlight was seeing 23 kids baptized at one location! We also keep ourselves busy with normal routines, including school for the kids as well as ministry for Aimee and I: weekly youth group, teaching the Catechism in various locations throughout the country (J.P. just wrapped up one cohort, started another weekly cohort, and will start another cohort this coming weekend!) consulting with human care work, Sunday school at our local church, and pastoral care as the need arises.

Thank you for being a part of all that God is doing in this part of the world! Of course, you can see here all the links to our photoblog, which is updated regularly. If you would like to receive our monthly e-newsletter, you can always send us an email. We'd love to hear from you!

Today we give thanks for you and the ways you have blessed us. God bless and keep you!

In Christ,

//JP, Aimee, Celeste, Bella, and Isaac





In Cambodia, Christmas services occur not only on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, but throughout the whole month of December. Since most Cambodians have at least heard of Christmas, it is one of the most important (and busiest!) times for outreach in the entire year. Churches throughout the country organize services and events. Our family was thrilled to attend, participate in, and/or lead some 10 Christmas events. In Phnom Penh, we invited partners and friends (pictured left) for an evening of fellowship, food, singing, God's word, and some surprises for the kids. Our service in Cambodia would not be possible without their partnership! We also held a Christmas party for the [youth group](#), which included fellowship, food, singing, God's Word, and a white elephant game in which the maximum gift value was 10,000KHR (about 250USD). This year our local church took a community to trip to Battambang to participate in the [Christmas service](#) at Trinity Lutheran Church (Pastor Hun Kosal). What a rare joy for Lutherans from different provinces to join together in worship! The service included several [special Christmas dances](#).

Outside of Phnom Penh, JP and Aimee attended the Christmas service of Prech Lutheran Church (Pastor Bun Sopheap) and its nearby [Caruna Christian School](#). [Hundreds of people](#) from the church, school, and wider community joined the celebration! The following weekend, JP was invited to give the sermon at a small church in the same area ([Chhuk](#)), where Deaconess Hem Horn (pictured below) serves day to day, with regular preaching and sacrament assistance provided by nearby Pastor Sopheap. That day, JP gave a sermon noting the fear and shame experienced by Joseph and Mary when each was visited by the angel of the Lord. But JP then highlighted how the good news of the baby Jesus changes these emotions—fear turns to faith and shame to joy—not just for Mary and Joseph, but for us, too. The best part was the end of the service, when Pastor Sopheap [baptized 23 kids](#) (pictured right) that are a part of the community. What better way to celebrate Christ's birth than to witness these children being reborn in him? This was a truly special day, full of—[you guessed it](#)—fellowship, food, [singing](#), God's Word, and gifts.



Praise: for blessed Christmas events; for JP's completed dissertation draft; for [being highlighted](#) in LCEP's Interest Times. Prayer: for upcoming Small Catechism trainings in the provinces; for a new Small Catechism study group starting in Phnom Penh; for Aimee's transition into a new role as Regional Coordinator of Care and Development, providing holistic care to missionaries serving in Asia.

Wanna help us impact the people of Cambodia? Give [here](#) or mail a check to 1) P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166 (payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod), OR 2) 40718 Highway E-16, Mapleton, IA 51054 (payable to Mission Central). For ALL checks, in the memo line write "Cima Family-Cambodia."



THANK YOU FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS



January 24, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church
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Dear Members of Peace Lutheran Church,

We hope you had a wonderful start to your 2025 and that winter is treating you well. Your recent gift of \$792.38 is very much appreciated. We are looking forward to a wonderful year and all of the great things to come. Your gift makes it all possible.

We recently launched our 2025 summer camp registration for campers to sign up for a fun week. We have also begun to hire our 2025 summer staff. Additionally, we are preparing for the Annual meeting of the Association on February 8, 2025 where organizational reports of 2024 and plans for 2025 will be shared. Visit our website to register, would love to have you join us at this virtual meeting. Lots is happening even in the midst of the winter stillness.

On January 10, 2025 Andrea Scofield completed her tenure of 15 years as the Executive Director. Our gratitude to Andrea and all she has done for Camp Lutherwood Oregon is immense. Her impact will last for generations. And, it is with great joy that she has accepted our invitation to stay with camp in a fundraising capacity focusing on the capital campaign and building the retreat lodge. We are so thankful. On January 2, 2025 I stepped into the role of Executive Director. I have loved returning to Camp Lutherwood Oregon in this new capacity and I am eager and motivated for all the joys and challenges that lay ahead. I truly appreciate your support.

Your generous gift this season has a significant impact and we can't thank you enough!

Thank you again for your kindness. We hope to see you at camp in 2025 for more adventures and to create even more lasting memories together!

Blessings,

Robin Eisenbach
Executive Director

Thank you!



January 25, 2025

Peace Lutheran Church,

Zion Lutheran Christian School would like to take the time to sincerely thank you for your donation of \$792.38. This donation will go toward our Annual Fund. With your generosity, the donated funds are used towards costs that help the school function throughout the school year, sustains our mission, and allows us the opportunity to grow!

Your donations help us keep tuition costs affordable for our families through scholarships. Donations like yours also allow us to continue to upgrade our security on campus, upgrade our technology infrastructure and equipment to accommodate increased usage, fund our after-school programs, provide school supplies, and fund extracurricular student programs. Due to increased enrollment we have been able to purchase classroom furniture & language arts curriculum with these funds as well. God has blessed us with our extended Zion family to financially support the exciting growth on our campus!

We appreciate your willingness to give. It is with giving hearts that our school thrives and allows for a Christ centered education that our students so greatly benefit from. Our students and staff thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

In Him,

Principal Jonathan Schultz
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We Care

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January 27, 2025

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Dear Peace Lutheran,

We are sincerely grateful for your support of the work We Care does in our community! As you know, your dollars make it possible for families and individuals to obtain or remain in adequate living accommodations, to have heat, water, medical attention or to provide for other emergency needs as they arise. We could not do this work without you!

Beyond monetary assistance, We Care provides a person who respectfully listens to their stories, tries to understand the difficulties they are facing and helps them think of a path to sustainability.

Thank you very much for your recent check dated January 12, 2025 for \$792.38. We appreciate your support of We Care and your commitment to strengthening our community and helping those in need.

In addition to your monetary support, being a Faith Partner with We Care, brings us hope, energy and a supportive community to walk with in our efforts to assist those in need in our community.

On behalf of those whom your participation will benefit, we Thank You!

If you have questions, please call Johanna Peterson at (541-740-3683).

Sincerely,
We Care Board of Directors

Thank you!



MARCH

birthdays & anniversaries

Birthdays

- 3 Jan Lane
- 5 Jan Weatherly (Skaar)
- 6 Mike Schwartz
- 10 Holly Bendixen
- 11 Dominic Haddley
- 14 Mark Pittman
- 15 Peggy Krueger
- 16 Bill Narver
- 20 Audrey Bond
- 22 Ann Oliver
- 23 Patricia Munster
- 28 Jani Burton
- 29 Joy Flachsbart
- 29 Ruth Moser
- 31 Sue Lockwood
- 31 Karyn Stanley

Anniversaries

- 12 Jim & Candy Koetz
- 16 Rob & Coleen Schulze
- 18 Christian & Janel Greig
- 17 Tim & Trudy Ewing

March Volunteers

March 2

Ushers	Jim & Lynn Reams
Reader	Ryan Harrington
Fellowship	Ruth M. & Jani B., & Diane H.
Flowers	Jan Lane
Communion	Bill & Peggy Krueger

March 16

Ushers	
Reader	Debbi Weiler
Fellowship	
Flowers	Bill & Cheryl Narver
Communion	Bill & Peggy Krueger

March 9

Ushers	Boy Scouts
Reader	Boy Scouts
Fellowship	Boy Scouts + ????
Flowers	Ruth Dally

March 23

Ushers	Genny Filbert
Reader	Carole Gutbrod
Fellowship	George & Janice Abele
Flowers	

March 30

Ushers	
Reader	Claire Lucke
Fellowship	
Flowers	



MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:00am Men's Breakfast
2 8:30 Healing Service 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service with Communion	3 8:15 TOPS	4 12:00 Rotary Board Meeting	5 7:30 Eat, Chat, Pray 2:30 Dementia Warriors 5:00 Soup Supper 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service	6 7:00 Men @ Imagine 10:00 Ladies Guild Meeting	7	8 Change Clocks tonight – Spring Forward
9 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service	10 8:15 TOPS 10:15 Pieces by Peace (Jani's House)	11 9:00 Pastor Conference 5:00 Boy Scouts Ceremony	12 7:30 Eat, Chat, Pray 2:30 Dementia Warriors Leaders Meeting 4:00 Elders Meeting 5:00 Soup Supper 6:00 Lent Service	13 7:00 Men @ Imagine	14	15
16 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service with Communion	17 8:15 TOPS	18 7:00 Church Council Meeting 12:00 Rotary Meeting – Shonards Planting Presentation	19 7:30 Eat, Chat, Pray 2:30 Dementia Warriors 5:00 Soup Supper 6:00 Lent Service	20 7:00 Men @ Imagine	21	22
23 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service	24 8:15 TOPS	25	26 7:30 Eat, Chat, Pray 5:00 Soup Supper 6:00 Lent Service	27 7:00 Men @ Imagine 11:00 PCS Board Meeting	28	29
30 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service	31 8:15 TOPS					