



# Peace Progress

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## A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Family of Peace,

I thought it would be helpful to share with the entire Family of Peace a very healthy and helpful discussion that took place in March's Church Council meeting.

We discussed the concept of Congregations going through life cycles. Much like individuals, congregations often go through stages in their development. They are born.....they grow and progress.....they regress.....they die. Taking time to carefully think about where Peace may be in its life cycle will help us as we move forward and plan for the future.

Martin Saarinen describes these different stages in his book *The Life Cycles of a Congregation*. Here are the stages and how they are described:

**Birth**.....Time of high excitement; Enthusiasm; Insufficient Base. Someone might say, "It sure is nice being a part of something new."

**Infancy**.....Contagious enthusiasm; Undeveloped Programs; Few Ministries. In this stage frustration can set in and a person might say, "It gets old setting up chairs in this School Auditorium week after week."

**Adolescence**.....Busy; High-energy; Unrealistic idealism;

Leader Burnout. As the church grows, people are less connected and may say, "It was easier to connect with others when the church was smaller".

**Prime**.....Vision; Creativity; Creative Conflict; Vulnerability; Willingness to Risk; Enough Funding and Leadership. Someone at this church would say, "things are running smoothly".

**Maturity**.....Status Quo Culture; We've arrived; Established Friendships; Unresponsive to New Opportunities; Unwillingness to Change. Often these words are spoken, "I am who I am; we are who we are. Let's continue to be comfortable."

**Aristocracy**.....Good ole' Boy's Club; Busy but Unenergetic; Exclusive; Loss of Mission; Loss of Support. Someone might say, "Boy, not much is going on here. It seems kind of stale." There is a longing for the way that things used to be.

**Bureaucracy**.....Maintaining Turf; Rigid; Defensive; Hostile; Defensive; Structure is Supreme; Show me the Constitution. Once in this area, members blame one another and become survival oriented.

The good news about the Life Cycles is that congregations do not always proceed in a neat linear way through each stage. In fact, it is quite possible that congregation

in the "Maturity" or "Aristocracy" stage could loop back to earlier stages and start a process of renewal.

After describing these stages, talk at the Council Meeting turned to Peace. I don't want to speak for each member of the Council, but a few did state that Peace was in the "Maturity" stage. As I interviewed with the Call Committee of Peace just about a year ago to become Pastor, what was communicated to me was that Peace was in the "Maturity" or "Aristocracy" stages and in need of looping back to earlier stages.

From a personal perspective, I do believe that some exciting days are ahead. In some ways, I am even sensing that Peace is reverting back to Birth, Infancy, and Adolescence stages. As this happens, excitement and frustration will set in as each stage brings with it its own joys and challenges.

I pray too that you too are excited about the days ahead for our family of Peace. What is most important in all of this is that it is the Lord's doing. No single person, no wonderful program, no amazing plan alone gives growth to a church family. God gives the growth as Paul reminds us from his own personal experience, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth (I Corinthians 3:6)." (continued on next page)



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What a joy it is to serve you! Thank you for calling me to Peace.

Keep Looking Up,

In Peace,  
*Pastor Lucke*

## Preparing for Worship

Scripture lessons for April, including Lenten services:

**April 2:**

Revelations 3:1-6  
Matthew 24:42-51

**April 6:**

Ezekiel 37:1-24  
Romans 8:1-11  
John 11:17-27, 38-53

**April 9:**

Revelations 3:7-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

**April 13:**

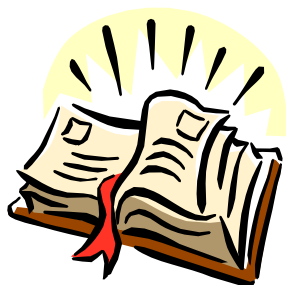
Isaiah 50:4-9  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:1-27; 66

**April 20:**

Acts 10:34-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Matthew 28:1-10

**April 27:**

Acts 5:29-42  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31



*“For top performance in your life, refuel daily with the Lord.”*

## Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
3/2/2014	99	General Fund	\$2980.36
		Relocation Building	\$10.00
3/5/2014	45	General Fund	\$78.00
3/9/2014	88	General Fund	\$1493.00
		Relocation	\$10.00
3/12/2014	52	General Fund	\$223.00
Lenten			
3/16/2014	92	General Fund	\$4176.00
		Building	\$300.00
		Relocation	\$10.00
3/19/2014	60	General Fund	\$296.00
Lenten			
3/23/2014	99	General Fund	\$1321.25

## Soup, Bread & Worship

As the season of Lent continues, so we continue our Lenten services beginning with a soup and bread dinner and fellowship at 6:00pm. Whether you bring soup or bread or not, all are welcome. It's a great way



to have dinner, fellowship and then worship at 7:00pm. If you would like to participate and don't drive at night or need a ride, please contact Pastor Lucke or one of the elders.

## Ladies Guild

Ladies Guild welcomes all women of the church to join them each month on the first Thursday at 1:00pm for fellowship and supporting our church and other missions throughout the community. Please consider joining us as we seek to find where we can best do God's work.

We have set the date for our Fall Bazaar to be November 8th. It's never too early to start working on items for our sale.

**Healthy Families**

In all parts of their lives, children with great manners have a powerful advantage over those who do not. They make friends easier, get along better with their teachers, and eventually make much better employees and spouses. Here are four techniques that will give your child this life-long gift:

**Tip No. 1: Make a list**

Sit down with your kids and make a list of the specific behaviors polite people display. Have fun with this activity. Your written list might look something like:

- Say "please" and "thank you"
- Eat with their mouths closed
- Burp in the privacy of their own rooms
- Say "excuse me"
- Hold doors open for people

**Tip No. 2: Model these manners**

Children learn much more from our actions than from our words.

**Tip No. 3: Provide kids what they want only when they use manners**

When parents use Love and Logic, they don't waste their breath lecturing about good manners. Instead, they very politely refuse to provide what their kids want unless they hear a sweet "please" or "thank you" and see the other behaviors on their "manner list."

For this to work, parents must respond to requests with polite sadness instead of anger or sarcasm. For example, a parent might say in a sad tone of voice, "This is such a bummer. We can't go to the movies today because you need more practice with manners first."

A parent who sets this limit, avoids anger or sarcasm, and holds firm by staying home will see a very upset child in the short-term and a much happier, more responsible one in the long-term.

**Tip No. 4: Expect them to repay you for any embarrassment they cause**

If your child continues to be rude, he or she may need to repay you for the embarrassment or inconvenience created. With genuine empathy and sadness, a parent might say, "How sad! Your rudeness at Aunt Mary's house really drained the energy out of me. I've been too tired to clean the bathrooms. When you get them done, I'm sure I'll feel a whole lot better."

If the child refuses or forgets to do the chore, wise parents don't lecture or threaten. Instead, they quietly allow their child to "pay" for their bad manners with one of their favorite toys.

Thousands of parents have transformed manner monsters into polite kids who are a pleasure to be around. At one Love and Logic seminar, a parent commented, "When I used these tips, my boys almost immediately started to shape up. They even warned one of their rather rude friends who was visiting: 'Better stop burping...Our mom's gonna make you do chores.'"

Give these Love and Logic tips a try, and see how much fun parenting can be!

*By Dr. Charles Fry*

**The Easter Dress**

The poor country parson was livid when he confronted his wife with the receipt for a \$250 dress she had bought. "How could you do this!" he exclaimed.

"I don't know," she wailed, "I was standing in the store looking at the dress. Then I found myself trying it on. It was like the devil was whispering to me, 'Wow, you look great in that dress! You should buy it.'"

"Well," the husband persisted, "you know how to deal with the tempter. Just tell him, 'Get behind me, Satan!'"

"I did," replied his wife, "but then he said, 'It looks great from back there, too!'"



## Community Needs Forum

Peace will be hosting a Community Needs Forum on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome as breakfast will be served by the men of the congregation. The purpose of the forum will be to discuss and better brainstorm ways that Peace can contribute to the community of Philomath.

Seven main needs will help focus the discussion:

1. Financial Classes
2. Renewal of Youth Ministries
3. Parenting Classes
4. Neighborhood Block Party
5. Farmer's Market
6. Disaster Preparedness
7. Elderly Care

Come and hear what some of our Community Leaders think about these needs. Time will be given for your questions and comments too!

## Suicide Prevention

A growing issue in our greater community in recent years has been suicide. A good way to address the issue is to simply talk about it and build better awareness. Karen Marie and Laura Gordon (Friends of the Family Ministries) will be leading a workshop for campus and youth leaders on suicide prevention and awareness. The workshop will be held at the Courtyard on 25<sup>th</sup> and Harrison in Corvallis. The date of the workshop is Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information about this event check out Friends of the Family Ministries at [www.fofm.org](http://www.fofm.org).

## Humor Corner

### Kid's Views of the Old Testament

- Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
- Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
- Noah built the ark, and the animals came on in pears.
- Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.
- The Fifth Commandment is humoring thy father and mother.

### How Dry is it in California?

- It's so dry in California that the Baptists are starting to baptize by sprinkling,
- The Methodists are using wet-wipes,
- The Presbyterians are giving out rain checks,
- And the Catholics are praying for the wine to turn back into water.



## Phone Tree



Much of the daily correspondence of the church happens through email. Not all of our members have email, Facebook or smart phones. In order to keep everyone informed,

a phone tree is being set up. If you would like to be on the list for a phone tree, please contact Elaine Schwartz.

With a phone tree, you usually only need to call one person. If you can't get in touch with the person that you are supposed to call, then you just leave a message and call the next person on the list. That way the tree keeps going and doesn't stop and everyone is informed. Please let Elaine know if you would like to be included ASAP. Thank you!