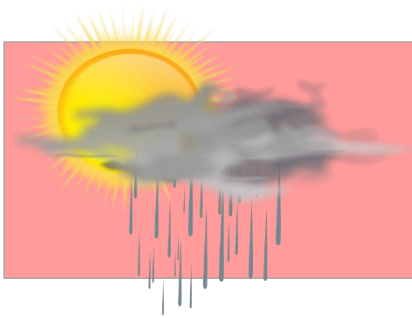




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Peace Progress

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Dear Peace family,

What are you?

I can imagine someone answering that question by adding together all their parts. The average human body consists of 8 pounds of skin—this is enough to cover about 22 square feet. Humans are born with around 270 bones. Humans have vital organs—brain, heart, lungs, kidneys and liver that are essential to their survival. Let's include all the nerve cells—there are apparently 100 billion nerve cells in the brain alone. Add in the blood in our system—1.5 gallons per person. And then there is the hair—they say the average person has 100,000 pieces of hair on the top of their head (some of us are well below this number ☺). By putting it all together you have an answer to the question, "What are you?"

I have good news for you. There is more to you than flesh and bones, organ and nerve cells, blood and hair and skin tissue! The Bible says that you are a spiritual person. And as a spiritual person, you must be nurtured and fed spiritually. It won't work to fill yourself with cheeseburgers and salad—as a spiritual person you will still be hungry. It won't work to fill yourself with coffee and milk—as a spiritual person you will still be thirsty.

Jesus instituted a special meal to make sure that you are fed spiritually—the Lord's Supper. Jesus once took the bread and said, "this is my body." What Jesus was saying with those words was that he would be the one to sustain and strengthen his people. Jesus then took the cup and said, "this is my blood." Jesus was communicating that his blood would pay the price for sin and thereby, open eternal life for his people. When God looks at you, He sees far more than flesh, bones, organs, blood and hair. God sees a spiritual person worthy of immortality because of Jesus' sacrifice.

Peace Lutheran Church deeply cherishes the Lord's Supper and believes the Lord's Supper offers what so many are yearning to have in life. For this reason, we will be reviewing the Lord's Supper and its significance in our worship services in the months of April and May.

On a different note, there will also be a few changes in the way we distribute the Lord's Supper beginning in April. The pastor will welcome each table and then distribute the bread. The elders will then follow with the individual cups and common cup. The dismissal for each table will be the simple words, "Depart in peace." After everyone has communed (including the elders, communion assistants and ushers), a final communion blessing will be spoken to everyone. The hope is that these minor adjustments will allow for distribution to flow more smoothly.

I hope that you deeply appreciate our Lord's sacrifice this Holy Week and Easter. Jesus loves you very much. You are God's special spiritual creation worthy of his forgiveness, life and salvation.

It is a joy to share Jesus and his gifts with you as your pastor!

Blessed Easter!

Pastor J

Peace by the Numbers

Date	Attendance
February 10	92
February 17	92
February 24	114
March 3	119
March 17	133

Scriptures - Series C

Apr. 7 – 5th S. in Lent

- Is. 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Phil. 3:(4b-7) 8-14
- Luke 20:9-20

Apr. 14 – Palm Sunday

- Deut. 32:36-39
- Psalm 118: 19-29 or Psalm 31:9-16
- Phil. 2:5-11, Luke 22:1—23:56, Luke 23:1-56 or John 12:20-43

Apr. 18 – Maundy Thursday

- Jer. 31:31-34 or Ex. 12:1-14
- Psalm 116:12-19
- Heb. 10:15-25 or 1 Cor. 1:23-32
- Luke 22:7-20 or John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Apr. 19 – Good Friday

- Is. 52:13—53:12
- Psalm 22 or Psalm 31
- Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9
- John 18:1—19:42 or John 19:17-30

Apr. 21 – Easter

- Is. 65:17-25
- Psalm 16
- 1 Cor. 15:19-26
- Luke 24:1-12

Apr. 28 – 2nd S. of Easter

- Acts 5:12-20 (21-32)
- Psalm 148
- Rev. 1:4-18
- John 20:19-31

Easter Prep & Celebration

The Lent season is upon us and there are many things to plan for in order to make this season a meaningful and beautiful experience for everyone. Please consider helping to make this a wonderful season!

Church Cleanup Day!! This important day comes the Saturday before Palm Sunday, April 13. We will be cleaning the church inside and out, and you can choose where you would like to work and what you would like to do. Many hands make light work.

Palm Sunday is April 14, which is the first day of Holy Week. Everyone will receive a palm so they can place it in a vase at the front of the church during the first hymn. This tradition commemorates the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days before his suffering and death on the cross.

Maundy Thursday will be celebrated on April 18 at 7:00 PM.

Good Friday service is another opportunity to observe and be involved in Christ's suffering. We will celebrate on April 19 at our 7:00 PM service. This is a somber occasion but one not to miss.

HE HAS RISEN!! Easter Service is April 21 beginning at 10 AM., followed by Easter Fellowship (No Sunday School). Please bring finger foods only so that we can have an easy cleanup.

Every year a wooden cross is placed at the entrance to the church, and it is decorated with cut flowers. Please bring cut flowers to help decorate the cross anytime on Good Friday up until Saturday afternoon when the cross will be decorated. Flowers can be placed in the buckets of water in front of the church. Be looking in your yard and think about contributing flowers.

The altar and the area in front of the altar are also decorated with Easter Lilies. If you have an Easter Lily, please bring it to help fill the front of the church with spring beauty.

Plastic eggs will be available for people to take home and fill with goodies for the Easter egg hunt. Candy stickers, money, anything fun that can fit in an egg will be appreciated by our youth.

Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast: Mark your calendar **for** April 6, time for the Peace Men's First Saturday breakfast. The discussion this month is the state of the city of Philomath. Mayor Eric Niemann and City Manager Chris Workman will be presenting. Remember coffee on at 8:00, breakfast served at 8:30 and discussion 9 - 10. As the official egg counter please let me know whether you **Can** or **Cannot** attend. Thanks – Hope to see you there – Oscar Gutbrod 541-231-3954.

Sunday School – New Study Coming

Peace is embarking on a new and exciting journey in April (first discussion is on April 7) during the adult Bible Study class. We will be unpacking Greg Finke's second book "Joining Jesus--Show Me How." Copies of the book are available for \$5--see Oscar if you want a copy. Here is a synopsis of what we'll be discovering:

"Go and make disciples." These words of Jesus are as scary as they are inspiring. Somehow a myth has grown up around discipling. We have come to believe that discipling is so complex, so scholarly, so beyond the ability of simple Christians that only biblical scholars and spiritual superheroes should attempt it.

But this myth stands in sharp contrast to what we see Jesus doing in the gospels.

The way Jesus disciples people is simple and results in unschooled, ordinary followers participating in the mission of the Father and discipling others to do the same. Joining Jesus--Show Me How will help you regain the clarity and simplicity of how Jesus disciples people in the gospels so that you can disciple your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors or fellow church members to get up, follow Jesus and join him on his mission, too.

Thank You

We appreciate all the prayers and notes we received over these past months. The well wishes and support has been a blessing to our family.

Thank you,
Ken & Betty Iverson

OUTDOOR CLEANUP DAY!

Celebrate spring by meeting us on April 6 at 8:00 AM out on the patio of the church. This spruce up will herald in spring and prepare our building to receive visitors on Easter!



Thursday, April 25 from 1 to 5:30 pm. People who wish to donate, especially previous donors, can sign up online at the Red Cross website.

Volunteer help is always appreciated and it's a fun way to spend the afternoon.

Blood Drives at Peace are especially anticipated by donors because of the array of homemade cookies offered for refreshment! Please contact Lindy Young or Ellen Holroyd to sign up for volunteering or bringing cookies.



April 14 marks the date for the Lasagna Feed Fundraiser in benefit of the youth who are attending the National Youth Conference in Minneapolis. We can show our support and treat ourselves to delicious lasagna! Donations are always appreciated!

See you in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Palm Sunday!



Sunday , April 14	11:00 AM	<i>Palm Sunday - Followed by Lasagna Fundraiser</i>
Thursday , April 18	7:00 PM	<i>Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service</i>
Friday , April 19	7:00 PM	<i>Good Friday Service</i>
Sunday , April 21	10:00 AM	<i>Resurrection (Easter Sunday) Service & Holy Communion.</i>
	11:30 AM	<i>Finger Food Fellowship with Easter Egg Hunt</i>

Thank You

From Our Savior Lutheran Church

To the generous Saints of Our Glorious Heavenly Father,

On behalf of Our Savior Lutheran Church I want to thank you for your prayers and your donations to our congregation and the people of Paradise. It truly has been the best of times and the worst of times. I will never again take for granted all that God does for me each and every day. We continue to gather for worship at Redeemer Lutheran in Chico, CA, but are looking for a space to rent so we can begin to gather in Paradise. Of our 60 or so households, 11 homes were spared in Paradise and Magalia and another 6 were located in surrounding communities that were not affected by the Camp fire. Before the fire we had around 90 people in worship on a Sunday and now we average around 50. About 10 households have had to relocate out of the area and the rest have either moved to Chico or are still waiting for more permanent housing.

We do plan on rebuilding, but as of this letter there is still a lot that needs to be cleaned and repaired in our town before that will happen. Less than 10 percent of the businesses in Paradise have reopened and there are more and more stories of people deciding to move away. While it weighs heavy on my heart that many friends and congregational members are leaving our community, I thank God that He has provided them with new opportunities.

With your donations we are helping people to get into temporary housing and providing necessary items if they did not have insurance. Once we get back into Paradise we plan on opening a relief shelter with necessary supplies for those who continue to struggle financially. We are also planning on hosting community meals and fellowship opportunities for the 10 percent of Paradise and Magalia residents who remain in their homes or trailers on their properties.

There is a lot of work to do and thankfully we have a God who is more than up to the task. We pray that He will touch the lives and hearts of the people in Paradise and especially those who do not know Him through this disaster. We feel fortunate to be in a place where there is such a need for the Gospel and desire for God to use us as He wills. Thank you again for reaching out to us and may God continue to bless you. To God be all the Glory!

In God's Mercy,



Pastor Brandon Merrick



Rotary 
Club of Philomath

20th Annual

salmon & Jazzy

Saturday, April 27th, 2019

5:00 - 9:00 pm Philomath High School Auditorium

Dinner • Silent Auction • Live Music • Dance

Benefits

Philomath High School Jazz Band
Philomath Youth Activities Club
Service Above Self Scholarships

Tickets

Adult Dinner: \$25
Children 12 & Under Dinner \$15
Music & Dance Only: \$10

Purchase tickets at any of the following locations...

Philomath School District Office

Citizens Bank (Philomath Location)

Online at www.philomathrotaryclub.org

Or at our weekly Rotary Luncheons - Tuesdays, Noon at Peace Lutheran Church

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PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT

How Children Perceive their Grandparents

Submitted by Margaret Phillpott

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I'll probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me happy birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods."
The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both real old," he replied.
6. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and she was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try figuring out some of this stuff for yourself!"
7. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."
8. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."
9. "Give me a sentence about a public servant," instructed the teacher during a lesson. One small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked.
10. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."
11. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!
12. My Grandparents are funny. When they bend over, you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.