



# Peace Progress

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## A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Peace Family,

Lent is here! Lent is the intentional journey that Christians make to prepare themselves for the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter.



There are two things that I have learned about journeys. Journeys allow for excellent time to think and reflect. I would definitely say that our journey from Florida to Oregon and Philomath just a year and a half ago gave ample opportunity to think. The car ride itself took 40 hours to complete not counting the numerous stops for an active 2 year old and a wife that was over 7 months pregnant. We talked about how excited we were to come to Oregon. I shared with Alicia trips that I had taken as a youth to the Oregon coast. When we arrived in Philomath, we were prepared and ready for our new adventure.

I would like to encourage you to think of Lent in this same light. It is a journey that provides time to reflect. It begins on Ash Wednesday as the dust is placed on our foreheads. The words are spoken over us: "From ashes we have come and to ashes we shall return." Ash Wednesday is the sobering reminder that our bodies have come from the ground and will return to the ground again after we die. Each Sunday in Lent is meant to serve as a reminder of our need to repent of our sin and of our need of a Savior who can save us. It is a long journey, no doubt. But, I do believe it to be one that prepares us well for the great news that comes on Easter morning: Jesus lives! How can you think, reflect and pause on your journey this year?

Journeys provide something else. They set us up

to celebrate. The last day of journey to Oregon was a relatively short one, but it seemed like the longest. We had stayed the night in Eagle, Idaho a little town outside of Boise that I knew because of visits in my youth to see my grandparents. We got off to a late start. Alicia had never seen the Columbia Gorge before, so we stopped and took pictures. We pulled the car over again at Multnomah Falls for more scenic views and pictures. Down Interstate 5 we drove, thinking that the Philomath exit would be the next, but finding out that we still had a way to go. How excellent it was to finally arrive—the celebration had begun. Inside the refrigerator in our house someone had purchased for us some local beer.

Although the general tone of Lent is somber and dissonant, it sets us up for a huge celebration on Easter. Jesus lives and has conquered death for all time. You are free and can live with confidence. There is certainty about where you are headed for eternity. In Peace we celebrate in festive ways. The music is turned up a notch and we praise the Lord! Balloons festively decorate our fellowship hall and the sanctuary. And as we enter the church, take note of the beautiful cross with fresh flowers—a rich tradition going back many years.

To better guide us along our journey to the cross this Lent, we are going to take a closer look at the words of Jesus while he was on the cross. Each Wednesday night we will be gathering for soup, fellowship, worship and devotion about Jesus' special words during this most crucial moment in his life. Soup supper begins at 6:15 pm and is followed with worship at 7 pm. The theme and corresponding Scripture passage for each week is as follows:

Feb. 18 (Ash Wednesday) The Pardoning Word

Luke 23:34

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Feb. 25 The Promising Word  
Luke 23:43

March 3 The Faithful Word  
Matthew 27:46

March 10 The Compassionate Word  
John 19:26-27

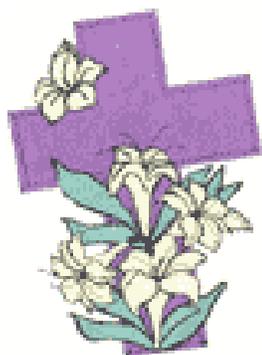
March 17 The Suffering Word  
John 19:28

March 24 The Dying Word  
Luke 23:46

April 2 (Maundy Thursday) The Remembering Word

April 3 (Good Friday) The Vindicated Word

April 5 (Easter) The Fulfilled Word  
John 19:30



I am looking forward to our journey together. And even more so, the arrival of Easter, when we can fully celebrate!

Keep Looking Up,

*Pastor Lucke*

## Preparing for Worship

**March 1:**  
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Romans 5:1-11  
Mark 8:27-38

**March 15:**  
Numbers 21:4-9  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

**March 8:**  
Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
John 2:13-22

**March 22:**  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

**March 29**  
Zechariah 9:9-12  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15, 47

## Peace Lutheran Blood Drive

Peace will be hosting its first Blood Drive on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Carolyn Leeper, the organizer of Red Cross Blood Drives, and Pastor Lucke have set a goal of 30 people from within the congregation to donate blood. Can we do it? We will see! This Blood Drive will also be open to the community at large—invite your friends and neighbors to donate and then take them on a tour of our church. Peace does need volunteers to assist during the drive. If you have an interest in helping, please contact Pastor Lucke.



## Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
1/11/2015	107	Offering	\$4,128
1/18/2015	115	Offering	\$1,433
1/25/2015	108	Offering	\$2,050
2/1/2015	113	Offering	\$2,908
2/8/2015	110	Offering	\$5,382
2/15/2015	108	Offering	\$2,074



## Making Peace Seminar

Put it on your calendar! Dr. Bill Graybill will be coming to Peace on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11:30 am to discuss peacemaking tips and strategies. This seminar is the culmination of our Sunday adult Bible Study on Graybill's book, "Resolving Conflict God's Way". Invite a friend or someone that you know who is challenged by conflict. When conflict happens, we do have responses available to us that can bring good and peace to the situation.



For more information, check Bill's website out at [www.billgraybill.com](http://www.billgraybill.com).



## SAVE THE DATE!

May 2, 2015 at 12:00 noon is the Women's Spring Tea at Peace. Tickets are available March 8-April 26. Cost is \$18.00 for this wonderful catered affair.



## Camp Lutherwood Oregon

Newsletter and Bulletin Announcement

Peace Lutheran Church  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

We are excited to join your congregation on March 8th! Please visit our display for information about youth, family and adult retreats and camps this summer, as well as spring work days and year-round rental options.

Camp Lutherwood Oregon offers an outdoor experience that empowers staff and guests of all ages to discover caring and affirming relationships with God, others, self and the natural world. Camp Lutherwood is an association of Lutheran congregations in Oregon and Southwest Washington. We are a not-for-profit organization committed to serving people of all ages through our staff, programs and facilities. All are welcome to participate in our ministry. Camp Lutherwood is located on 71-forested acres in the foothills of the central Coast Range. We have a variety of facilities available year-round for day and overnight use.

To learn more about programming, year-round availability, staffing, support or how to become an Association Congregation, visit [lutherwoodoregon.org](http://lutherwoodoregon.org).