

# The Witness of Peace

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## Easter Fast

I find it hard to write this article this month. I am sitting in my office on the Wednesday before our first Lenten worship, and this article should be my Easter article for the April newsletter. I'm not so ready to rush to the empty tomb. I haven't even set out for the cross yet! Next month I will talk about the view of a new world from the door of that tomb, but today I will mix my Lent and Easter and talk about the Easter Fast. No, I didn't mean to type an E in there and declare the feast of victory. You read it correctly. The Easter Fast.

In Matthew 9 you will remember that the disciples of John came to Jesus to ask why his own disciples did not fast. Jesus answered that the wedding guests cannot mourn when the bridegroom is with them. "The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast." I remember much about confirmation, but I don't ever remember talking about fasting. In fact, most of us see fasting through backward Western eyes. If fasting is giving up some or all food, then most of America has been on one fast after another. Books on fasting/diets and products to support our fasts are a multi-million dollar industry in America. Fasting for most of us is about our inability to manage the abundance of calories that our rich society has made available to us. Our expanding waistlines drive our desire to go on "diets," usually out of envy, vanity, guilt or self-loathing.

Not so for Jesus. Fasting in his day was about what he said, mourning. Haven't you noticed that when someone experiences an emotional loss it takes a physical toll? The divorce causes someone to lose twenty pounds (not eating). The death of a spouse leads to someone choosing to dress in a careless or slovenly manner and neglect grooming (sackcloth, ashes). People who have lost their jobs cannot sleep at night (keeping vigil). All this became ritualized as fasting. Fasting is public mourning. Mourning announces some evil in the world that the one fasting wishes to call attention to. Mourning calls others to ask, What is wrong? How can I help? Perhaps that is why people so often bring food to those who are mourning. We instinctively want to feed those who are fasting.

Disciples fast. Jesus said that we would fast when he was taken away from us. We have been to the wedding feast at the resurrection of our Lord. That joyful feast of Easter is still celebrated every Sunday in bread and wine. We dine and grow fat on an abundance of grace and mercy that far outweighs our meager sins. Yet, the world is not right. Some sit outside our feast like beggars. Some starve for what we have at our table. Some do not have the bridegroom with them, nor do they even know about the wedding, let alone the wedding feast. So we fast.

We do not fast because we have too much and must deny ourselves. We do not fast to serve our vanity. We fast in solidarity with those do not know the bridegroom. We mourn. When our grief becomes apparent and we are asked why we mourn in light of the joy of Easter, we answer, "Because you are so hungry. Because you thirst. Because you have no peace. Because you are naked and cold. Because you have not yet eaten at our Easter feast."

God's Peace,

*Pastor Jeff*

## Peace Lutheran Council ~ February 21, 2011

Council Members Present: Coni Moyer, Jesse Driscoll, Ashley Stoffel, Sunny Moyer, Ernie Fosse, Whitney Holden, Joe Holden, George Daoura, Pedro Gonzales, Donna Hefty and Bill Niegemann

Absent: Robyn Canteras

Staff: Pastor Jeff Driscoll, Mary Fuentes

Others: Bob Sund

Devotions by Pastor Jeff. Call to order by President Ernie Fosse at 7:12 PM.

### Focus Items:

1. Parish Report Given –Pastors report given.
2. Minutes from the January meeting were approved with corrections.
3. Treasurers report—Bill resigned from the position, many thanks to him for his effort. May have people in mind for candidates.
4. Youth and Family—We are looking at doing a youth program in January, Sunday School youth will sing third Sundays of the month during services; micro loans are doing well.

### Action Items:

1. Debra—sick leave; It was asked that Debra would be granted two weeks of personal time for surgery due to injury. Coni moved that we grant Debra two weeks of sick leave for recovery from surgery. Ashley seconded; motion passed.
2. Treasurers position—it is now open, there are two names on the table but no one has been asked; Ernie will put this on his to do list and we will vote at next meeting.
3. Ashley handed us Parliamentary Procedure handouts and recommended we have these at biannual meetings.
4. For future meetings it was also recommended we have a printed list of members in which they sign I rather than just a piece of paper.
5. Synod Assembly member—how do we acquire them.

### Follow-up Items:

1. Cemetery Trustee Status—no changes were made to the cemetery trustees. It was called that there are to be three (3) sextons for each cemetery.
2. Memorial Fund—point of information—executive board needs to be called for a meeting.
3. Unpacking the Annual Meeting—more discussion on the parsonage money, is the amount of money too large for us to wrap our head around?
4. Budget

### Items for Next Meeting:

1. Photo directory to be discussed in March

Closing prayer and Lord's prayer. Adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: A.M. Sunny Moyer

## Scripture Texts For April

<b>April 3</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>
First Reading	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm	Psalm 23
Second Reading	Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel Reading	John 9:1-41
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>
First Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm	Psalm 130
Second Reading	Romans 8:6-11
Gospel Reading	John 11:1-45
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Passion/Palm Sunday</b>
First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm	Psalm 31:9-16
Second Reading	Philemon 2:5-11
Gospel Reading	Matthew 26:14-27:66
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
First Reading	Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 12-19
Psalm	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel Reading	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
<b>April 22</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
First Reading	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm	Psalm 22
Second Reading	Hebrews 10:16-25
Gospel Reading	John 18:1-19:42
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>
First Reading	Acts 10:34-43
Psalm	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Second Reading	Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel Reading	John 20:1-18

## PLC Council

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## Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday <i>Soup Supper</i>	Peace Lutheran	7:00 PM 6:15 PM
Good Friday Service	Faith Lutheran, Lakewood	7:30 PM
Palm Sunday	Peace Lutheran	8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Easter Sunday <i>Breakfast</i>	Little White Church on the Hill	7:00 AM 7:15—9:30 AM
	Peace Lutheran Church	10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

I wish to thank all of you that showed love, sympathy and concern at the loss of my sister, Linda Hartley. The anguish of life with Alzheimer's is over for her and her family.

The family wants to especially thank Pastor Jeff for his comforting words at the church service and later at the cemetery. Special thanks to the PLCW for all their work providing a beautiful reception after the service. As usual, a wonderful job was done by all the servers.

We appreciate the many prayers that helped to sustain us and they still do. Also, we thank you for the many cards, flowers, and hugs received from so many of you.

Rick Hartley & Family  
Elsie & Jack Pryor &  
Family



## Trinity Lutheran College Spring Concert

**May 13, 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church  
2936 Rockefeller Ave., Everett**

**May 15, 3 p.m. at Advent Lutheran Church  
4306-132nd St. SE, Mill Creek**

Trinity's Music & Worship Department presents a spring choral concert under the title, "Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs: Growing in Faith, Celebrating Life." The concert features a number of musical favorites, performed by Trinity's concert choir and Touring Ensemble. For more information, contact Michael Miller at 425.249.4763 or 0.

## Peace Lutheran Church Women

The women of Peace Lutheran are busy planning Spring and Summer events as well as looking forward to the Fall bazaar.

Bonnie and Mary Fuentes have volunteered to be in charge of the bazaar this year and we look forward to their ideas! The “annual” quilt has been made and finished—thanks to Karen Dicken and Bonnie Fuentes for their material and time. Tickets will be available at our April meeting.

All women are invited to the April 6 PLCW meeting at 11:30 am. Lunch is served in the Fellowship followed by a program and meeting in the Fireside Room. Come and join this fantastic group of women. You’ll be amazed at all they are involved in.

We would also encourage women who are interested to come and participate in one of our Circles. Bible Study, prayer time and service projects are the main focus of these groups. Naomi Circle meets at 9:30 am on the second Wednesday of each month. Ruth and Mary Circles have joined together to create Esther Circle and they meet on the same Wednesday at 12:30 pm. The Eve Circle meets on the second Friday of each month at 6:30 pm at members homes.

If you have questions about PLCW or Circles please contact President Jolene Rod.

## April Birthdays

- 2 Elsie Pryor
- 3 Bryan Rod
- 8 Darlene Strotz
- 9 Xavier Thorpe
- 15 Dan Stoffel
- 18 Betty Jacobs  
Allan Camp
- 20 Kelsie Mullin  
Madeline Shackelford
- 21 Lori Palicte
- 22 Jodi Sather-Smythe
- 24 Emily Tripp
- 28 Priscilla Brady



## Explore your faith at the Triennial Gathering

Escape the busyness of your life, connect with your Lutheran sisters and celebrate your faith at Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

Renew yourself and your faith. Explore ways to hear and respond to God’s call. Rejoice in all that God has done for you. Our Eighth Triennial Gathering, July 14-17 in Spokane, Washington, is a time to join in fellowship with our community of women and discover how you can live and embrace your faith in new and wonderful ways.

In-kind gifts are a way for all women to participate in the gathering, whether attending or not. We will be collecting and distributing health kits, school kits, support kits, quilt kits, gift cards, phone cards and socks. Focus on one in-kind gift or collect all of them. It’s up to you.

## Here's My Story and I'm Sticking To It

Traveling to Russia seemed like such an awesome idea back in December! Meeting people from our sister congregation in Balabanova, visiting Red Square, spectacular ballet and so much more—one of those once in a lifetime trips. Well, it certainly turned out to be, hopefully, the once in a lifetime.

Leaving Seattle at 6:20 AM (making the plane by the skin of our teeth), changing planes in New York, Pastor Howell, Eva Mader and myself were finally on our way to Moscow. The long flight was broken up with stories, lots of laughter and a few winks of sleep.

Arriving in Moscow we quickly made it through all the formalities, got our luggage (yeah—everything arrived with us!), and off to find a shuttle van to take us into the city. A few English questions to kind Russian folk and we found ourselves in the short line for proper transportation and an hour later we were in downtown Moscow.

Here's where the trip takes an unexpected turn. As we got our luggage together I recall stepping forward to get a hold of my suitcase and down I went onto a sidewalk of thick ice. Landing face first I immediately broke my glasses and 'thought' I sprained my knee. After retrieving myself from the ground we headed down several flights of stairs into the subway system. Luckily we were able to get seated—by the time we reached our stop the car was packed with people. I think it must have been rush hour! When we got to our stop and I was going back up the stairs, pulling my suitcase behind me I realized that I had really done something to my leg as I could barely lift it to the next step. Once above ground I made it about one block and across one main road of traffic and all of a sudden my ankle completely gave out and down I went for a second time.

Pastor Howell and several Russian men came to my aid but once seeing that my ankle was completely facing the wrong direction and just kind of hanging there I knew I could not stand so I spent the next hour sitting on the ice waiting for an ambulance. By this time Renate, our Russian contact, had found us and she rode in the ambulance with me for translating. At first I was seen at the Russian hospital but once they realized I was a foreigner I was transferred by ambulance to what they call American Hospital. There I was seen by a very kind doctor who immediately started to make plans for surgery. At this point, I had several concerns that I wanted to address first.

In the meantime, my dear husband had received a phone call that I had an accident and was in the hospital. He spent the next 24 hours calling Russia trying to locate where I was. Now that we have received the \$997 phone bill from ATT I would suggest inquiring about costs BEFORE making these kind of calls! He did finally find me and when he came through to my room at the hospital I think I finally realized what a predicament I was in. I will leave it simply that hospital care in Moscow is a bit different than in Arlington or Everett.

My traveling companion Eva had continued on to her appointments in St. Petersburg and Pastor Howell stayed in Moscow to help in making arrangements for me to get home. Renate also visited me several times and she was like having an angel present. I have to say that she reminded me so much of Maudie Gedstad that she was a great comfort! She spoke quite a bit of English (she is Austrian by birth) and was the only one beside the doctor who spoke English. Once I told the doctor that I would not be having surgery I never saw him again. With him recommending a three week stay in Russia after surgery I knew we were not on the same page at all.

So, after several days Pastor Howell and my husband were able to make arrangements for an early flight home. Delta Airlines were very helpful in making that happen. After paying cash for my hospital stay, another \$4,160 that had to be paid before I could be discharged, I was off to the airport and home.

With my leg stabilized I had a good flight from Moscow to New York—three seats that gave me plenty of room to prop up my leg. Unfortunately, the flight from New York to SeaTac was completely booked and I was in the middle of two gentlemen in the middle part of the plane. Not conducive to propping the leg, restroom needs, etc. But—I made it to SeaTac and was so very glad to be met by both my husband and my sister Lori. Soon we were off to Cascade Valley Hospital where arrangements for my admission had already been prepared—thanks to another sister, Connie!

The rest is history—I had to wait a week for surgery due to the swelling but was finally operated on with a broken ankle as well as four breaks in the leg. Mother Betty welcomed me into her home (YOU can always go home I think) where I stayed until March 14. Brother Mike built an awesome handicap accessible sidewalk/ramp at my house so I could move home! Hospital bed, wheelchair, porta potty, scooter and all the other paraphernalia I needed was transferred to my house where Rick took over care. (He remembered the “for better or worse” part of our arrangement!)

I am back to work—sometimes not lasting a full day but pretty close. Plus, there are a few things that I can do from home on my computer so that helps. I’m getting around some on the scooter but Rick has also taken over the household chores and cooking☺!

And that’s my story—well, not quite because our sister congregation is no longer. I did distribute our special offering as follows: \$545 to the Bishop’s office for local care needs and \$1,000 to the Stary Oskol congregation who can put the funds to good use.

I thank God for walking with me through this ordeal. There were a few moments when I wondered what in the world He was thinking and doing but I never felt like I was alone. And I thank each of you for your prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, meals and sick leave! They are helping me to heal both physically and emotionally.

Peace and love,  
Debra Compton (and Rick!)

*“You have turned my mourning into dancing, you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.”*

*Psalm 30:11-12*

## Spirituality And End-Of-Life Care

On Wednesday, April 13, Providence Hospice and Home Care of Snohomish County along with Providence Regional Medical Center—Everett will host the Hospice Foundation of America's 18th annual teleconference, Spirituality and End-of-Life Care.

For this 2011 teleconference, a panel of multidisciplinary experts will discuss the differences between spirituality and religion, while also addressing spirituality during illness, death, and grief; spiritual assessment and empowerment and life review.

This event will be from 10:30 am—1:30 pm with a 10 minute break during the teleconference. You are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and light refreshments will be provided. The program is offered free of charge although Continuing Education contact hours and certificate are available for a fee. For more information or to reserve your place contact:

Providence Hospital Bereavement Office 425-261-4807

Providence Everett—Spiritual Care Dept. 425-261-4550



**Stampede Against Cancer**  
**Team Peace ~ Relay for Life**  
**Silent Auction and BBQ**  
 April 9—5:00 PM

*A few* silent auction items:  
 Chocolate Lovers Basket ♦ Honey ♦ Lap Quilt  
 Garden Basket ♦ Wheelbarrow

**Dinner Menu**  
 BBQ Pork & Chicken ~ Baked Beans ~ Cole Slaw  
 Caesar Salad ~ Corn Bread  
 Dessert Buffet

**Fun Door Prizes and Best Western Outfit Prize**

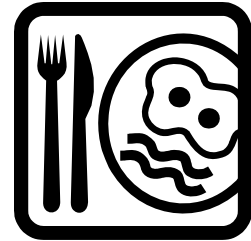
## Youth and Family

### Team Peace and Peace Kids: Relay for Life

Our two teams are working hard to reach our goal of \$17,000! Yes, it is doable—through individual fundraising and group events we believe we can make it. Our next big event is a Silent Auction and BBQ which will be held on Saturday, April 9 beginning at 5:00 PM. This will be a fun-filled evening with great food, lots of exciting auction items and our awesome dessert buffet! We will also be selling luminaria bags. Please remember that we are YOUR team and we are walking on behalf of everyone at Peace.

### Easter Breakfast

Once again the youth will be serving a delicious Easter breakfast from 7:15—9:30 am. For you early risers come, eat and stay to visit and for you late folks, plan on getting up a bit earlier to come and enjoy a meal of French toast, ham, scrambled eggs, fruit, cold cereal and a variety of drinks.



### Holden Village

There is still time for any of our High School youth to sign up for our annual trek to Holden Village! This Lutheran outdoor ministry is located deep in the Cascade mountains and is only accessible by boating up Lake Chelan. (Well, you can hike in from Darrington but we won't be doing that anytime soon!) Deadline for sign-ups is April 5 so please talk with me ASAP.

### Annual Garage Sale

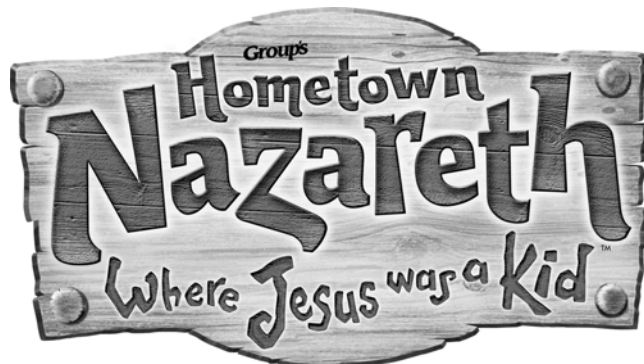
Thinking about spring cleaning? The youth will be holding a garage sale on May 6 & 7 and would be more than happy to take possession of any kitchen supplies, gardening tools, shop tools, books, glassware, toys, etc. Please—no microwaves, televisions, VCR's or computers. Have questions? Call me!

### Eve Circle

Join us on Friday, April 15 at 6:30 pm for a time of fellowship, movie and interesting discussion. This month's featured movie will be "Waiting for Superman". Come and share with us.

Peace,

Mary J Fuentes (360-652-8694)

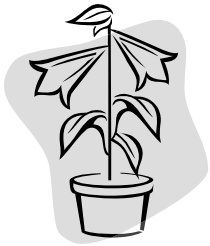


## Save the dates!

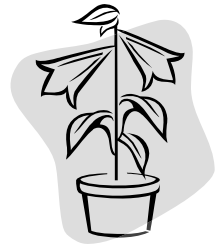
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Vacation Bible School





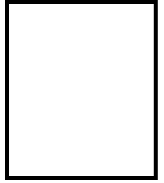
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3 8:30—Worship 9:45—Sunday School 11:00—Worship	4 10:00—Women's AA 11:00—Staff Meeting	5 12:00—AA 3:30—Stephen Ministry Training	6 11:30—PLCW 6:15—Soup Supper 7:00—Worship	7	8 12:00—AA	9 8:00—Men's Breakfast & Study 5:00—BBQ & Auction
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24 7:00—Worship at LWCH 8:15—Breakfast 10:00—Worship	25 10:00—Women's AA 11:00—Staff Meeting 7:30—4-H Meeting	26 12:00—AA 3:30—Stephen Ministry Training 7:00—Grief Care	27 4:30—Relay for Life Meeting	28 5:30—Clean Water Board	29 12:00—AA  Holden Village →	30 10:00—District 2 AA Event

## **Peace Lutheran Church**

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Parish Worker: Debra Compton

Youth & Family Worker: Mary J Fuentes

### **April Worship Schedule**

8:30 A.M. Early Service

9:45 P.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Second Service

### **4/24 Easter Day**

**7:00 A.M. Service at Little White Church**

**10:00 A.M. Service at Peace Lutheran**

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Web Site: [www.plsilvana.org](http://www.plsilvana.org)

## **Hope Harbor ~ Everett Gospel Mission**

Everett Gospel Mission is grateful for the outpouring of support received for their annual Feed Hope Here Campaign. From donations of socks to music concerts, everyone did their part to raise awareness and funds for the Mission throughout the 2010 holiday season.

Trinity Lutheran College challenged students, faculty and staff to a “No Shave November”. For each person who participated the college donated \$50 resulting in a generous \$1,850 donation. Altogether in 2010 Everett Gospel Mission received enough gifts to provide:

- ▶ 216,158 meals
- ▶ 69,680 nights of shelter
- ▶ 83,616 showers
- ▶ 14,129 hygiene items (soap/shampoo/deodorant)
- ▶ Over 200,000 clean loads of laundry
- ▶ 7,922 bags of coats, shoes and other clothing items
- ▶ 32,317 counseling/chaplain visits

Thank you for helping to make so much possible!