

Pentecost

*Peace Lutheran Church
Newsletter
Love God, Love People,
and Serve the World!
May 2023*

Mother's Day Breakfast

**Sunday, May 14th
8:30 am - 10:00 am**

The men will be cooking a lovely breakfast in honor of all the women who bless our lives. Just a reminder that Mother's Day is a not just a day about women who gave birth. It is also a day that we should celebrate the women in our lives who have mentored us and helped us grow. Why not invite them to our breakfast?

Hope to see everyone on May 14th!



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A Message from the Pastor

At the Table with Jesus

²⁶ *While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."*

²⁷ *Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."* ²⁸ *This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.* Matthew 26:26-27

Maundy Thursday is the day in which we remember Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples otherwise known as the Last Supper. Maundy comes from the Latin word, *mandatum*, which means commandment. On this night Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"* John 13:34

At this holy meal, Jesus takes the bread and cup and passes it to his disciples and shares with them what this commandment is: to share his life fully and lay it down for his friends.



This past Maundy Thursday, we celebrated a Living Last Supper and reenacted the meal with a cast of disciples in full costume; food and decorations on the table; and the story told that it might come alive.

However, the highlight was not all of these wonderful pieces. It was actually the moment in which the disciples invited the congregation to come and sit at the same table with Jesus and receive the meal. It wasn't a quick grab and go experience. It was a shared moment of true communion in which the bread and wine, the body and blood, were passed and shared meant to evoke the reality that this meal would not be Jesus' Last Supper. Indeed, there would be an incalculable amount of times we celebrate Christ's presence and sharing of the fullness of his life with us.

I had the distinct honor to take on the role of Jesus and preside at the meal. While groups of twelve sat down and dined, I was surprised at how intimate and special this shared moment was—to be able to look each person in the eye and offer this gift. Perhaps in the moment of slowing down and enjoying the fullness of community and Christ in one place in time is a rare gift, and one that is often rushed in the busyness of life.

Thank you for sharing in the moment with me and letting me see Jesus in a clearer way. I hope each time you come to the table, you will experience this deep intimacy of Jesus' life shared fully with you.



**Peace,
Pastor Jake**

Abundant Blessings

May Birthdays

01 Wade Ohnheiser
 02 Patti Kassel
 05 Carol Franz
 06 Kathi Chapman
 07 Brent Paullus
 08 Sydney Paullus
 08 Carson Tiemann
 12 Karen Laughlin
 13 Aubrie Gonzalez
 14 Kellie Stallings
 14 Bryan Butrico
 14 Gabriel Butrico
 16 Elias Anderson
 18 Claire Friedrich
 19 Judy Phife
 21 Becky Voges
 21 Dan Hill
 23 Glenn Clausen
 23 Ivory Butrico
 24 Jennifer Butrico
 30 Ellie Koester
 31 Boots Sexton
 31 J.T. Miller

Peace Prayer Ministry

Peace Lutheran Church has an active Prayer Ministry. We have an Email Prayer Chain, we have a Zoom "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Group that meets every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. and we have a Prayer loom that is included in our Sunday morning prayers. All are welcome to join our email Prayer Chain and our Monday morning Prayer Group. We have experienced some amazing, answered prayers this year and we have given comfort to many of our members in their times of distress. Please consider being a part of our Prayer Ministry in this new year. You can email me at beckyvoges@yahoo.com for info.



Prayers

Jack Ralph
 Jim Johnson
 Boots Sexton
 Riley Martinez
 Michelle Rappmund
 Rick Smith
 Betty Wilcox
 Tommy Perkins
 Margaret Weese
 Luke Padalecki
 Judy Phife
 Earl Blaschke
 Art Woytek
 John Claycomb
 Margo Woollven
 Arlene Wold
 Martin Franz
 Helen Probst
 Cody Smith

May Anniversaries

Steve and Kathi Anderson
 May 1, 1976
 David and Cindy Thomas
 May 3, 1980
 Greg and Kathy Mosher
 May 3, 1987
 Natanael Lizarazo Florez and
 Barbara Wangsness
 May 7, 1988
 Mike and Kellie Stallings
 May 14, 1988
 Wil and Becky Voges
 May 16, 1970
 Roger and Clara Gawlitta
 May 22, 1965
 Dan and Shy Healey
 May 25, 2003
 Tim and Erika Kaufman
 May 30, 1998



From the Desk of Deacon Andrew

VBS Day Camp “Amen! Let It Be So!”

Monday, June 12th - Friday, June 16th
8:30 am - 3:30 pm each day
@ Peace Lutheran Church
Cost: \$50 per camper



All children who have completed Kindergarten—5th grade are invited to join us at Peace Lutheran Church for a fun week of VBS adventures, led by camp staff from Camp Lutherhill. Friends are welcome, too!

Our theme for this year's Day Camp is “Amen! Let It Be So!”

“Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (The Message)

God invites us to pray, Jesus teaches us to pray and the Spirit intercedes when we have no words to pray. Prayer is God's holy invitation to give thanks and seek help each and every day. So let us pray!

Online registration is open now. Please go to the Peace website or the weekly e-News for the sign-up link. After you sign-up, you will receive an email from the church with Day Camp details, a Registration/Consent form and instructions for payment. For more information about our Day Camp or if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Deacon Andrew (deaconandrew@peacemb.org).



Family Easter Celebration

The heavy rain from the previous two days let up just in time for our outdoor festivities, including an Easter Egg Hunt and fun with outdoor games. We went inside to watch an animated video about the story of Holy Week and Easter, then we gave the kids an opportunity to tell the story themselves using our puppets! We enjoyed snack and some music as we looked forward with anticipation for Easter Sunday!




**AFFIRMATION
OF BAPTISM**

Pentecost Sunday, May 28th


**Graduation
Recognition!**

Sunday, May 21st

Graduation Recognition will be held during worship. A reception will follow the service.



**CLASS OF
2023**



New Hearing Assist System

Peace Lutheran has a new hearing assist system to support those with hearing challenges.

The new system moves away from a proprietary FM radio-based system to a more flexible service leveraging current day standard wifi and bluetooth technologies built into many modern day hearing aids, cochlear implants, and as well supports a broad base of wired and wireless headphones and earbuds. This moves us from a 'one size for all' solution to a solution that can accommodate a broad variety of use cases across our members and guest.

If your hearing assist solution supports Bluetooth connectivity, and you have a smart phone, the best way is going to be for you to install an app called Wavecast, available from Williams AV. It is available for free on your iOS or Android device. At church you will connect to the church's wifi network. The Wavecast app will pick up the church service audio being transmitted over the church's wifi and then relay it to your hearing assist device of choice via Bluetooth (hearing aids, ear buds) or wired connection (ear buds, headphones, etc.)!

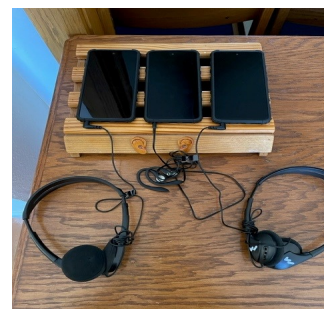


Sound complicated? It may, but it really works like many standard services you likely already use today! Someone will be available to assist you to get started.

Don't have a smartphone? No worries! We will also have four handheld receivers (basically they are wifi only Android phones) with headphones or earbuds similar to the solution we use today, but can also be used to connect to your personal Bluetooth enabled hearing assist devices or any wired devices, just like your personal cell phone can connect to! You can bring your own listening device and connect to these receivers if you like!

We look forward to offering those with hearing challenges in our congregation some new, improved way to engage more fully in the worship experience!

If you want to know more, feel free to talk to Jeremy Davenport or Don Hodde at church. They would be happy to assist.



Road to Retirement Workshop

Wednesday, May 10th @ 1:00 pm

Join us Wednesday, May 10th @ 1:00 pm for the Road to Retirement Workshop.

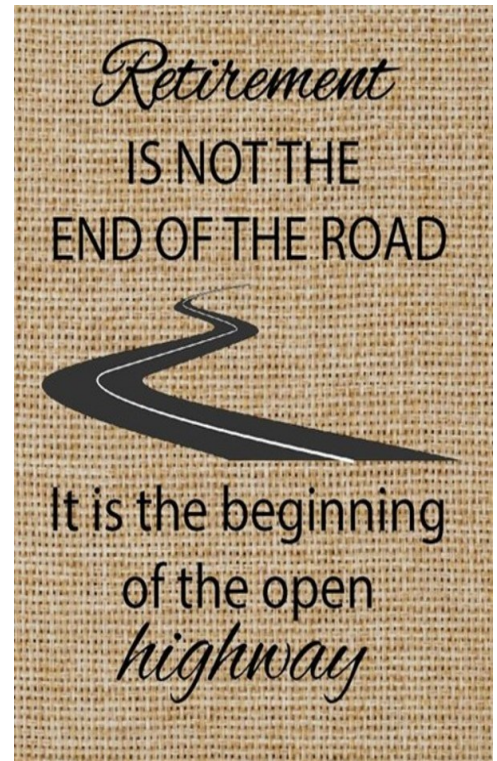
Four Guest Speakers will present Strategies for Tax Planning, Wealth Management, Social Security Options, and Estate Plans.

We look forward to hosting:

- Danny Dean, Wealth Advisor at Thrivent Heart of Texas Associates
- Adam Tostado, Accountant and Tax Manager at A Tostado Corporation
- Oscar Garcia, Owner of Your Social Security Strategies
- Todd Marquardt, J.D. Esq. , President and Managing Attorney at Marquardt Law Firm.

Please **RSVP to Thrivent - Heart of Texas Associated at 210-735-1130 by May 5th.**

Lunch provided.



Family Promise Host Week



Family Promise's mission is to help families with children facing homelessness achieve and sustain independence. Families move to a new congregation each week in which they are hosted as guests. Congregations provide shelter, meals, and community for the families in the evenings.

Peace's Family Promise Host Week is May 28 - June 3

During that week we need the following volunteer areas filled to welcome our guests:

- Serve as overnight hosts (2 individuals each night)
- Help with the afternoon/evening set up, clean up, and engagement with families (2 individuals each day)
- Support meal preparation, cooking, and serving (1 to 2 individuals each day)

If you would like to help, you can sign up in the Narthex or contact Karen Laughlin at phrlnghrn@aol.com or 832-584-4068.



Peace Lutheran Church
May 2023 Mission Spotlight



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Mission Spotlight - Sunday, May 28th

Lutheran World Relief

Mission: “Since 1945, *Lutheran World Relief* saves and improves lives in the poorest parts of the world”. They will “persist until your love reaches every neighbor.” <https://lwr.org/>

Peace Lutheran Church has participated in *Lutheran World Relief* projects for many years. Our congregation in years past has supported a project called *Lutheran World Relief Kits*, focused to support communities coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Examples of these kits that have been organized and donated in the past are education focused, hygiene focused, or newborn baby care focused.



If you would like to support this cause financially, please make checks out to Peace Lutheran Church. Giving online is available as well by clicking the link or scanning the code below. Regardless of your method of support, please be sure to include "Mission Spotlight" in the memo.

<https://bit.ly/3MP8sPF>



Little Pantry News



Our Little Pantry has been blessing lives for 9 months now. We may never meet the people who stop by to visit the pantry, but some have left prayer requests, and some even left thank you notes. God has called us to love our neighbors and Peace Lutheran Church is answering that call.

We have had faithful Pantry Angels taking care of the Little Pantry each month. The Jake Fain family took care of the Pantry for April. We will be looking for Pantry Angels for August - December. If you would like to take a month, let Becky Voges know at beckyvoges@yahoo.com or 830-587-4003. Our Pantry Angels get a key for our Pantry stock room so they can fill the Pantry when it needs items. Our Pantry has been sustained by many generous donations—thank you so very much!

Items Needed! Bibles or devotionals (new or used), plastic utensils, single crackers, anything with a pull tab like-- Beanie wienie, vienna sausage, tuna, fruits, canned meats, soups, puddings, raisins, slim jims, juice boxes, etc.

Peace Day Trippers Wreath Class

Come join us for a fun day making simple wreaths on Thursday, May 18th, beginning at 10:00 am.

Wreaths are made to celebrate the seasons or occasions. They are made to adorn walls or doors and to hang over mantels. All sorts of materials—natural evergreens, straw, pinecones, coffee filters, Christmas ornaments, even fresh cranberries are used in making a wreath. They are most often associated with Christmas, but they make beautiful decorations year-round.

Materials to bring:

- Round metal wire wreath frame (a 10-to-14-inch 3 wire ring form)
- Possibly floral tape
- Hot glue gun if you have one (3 or 4 will be available)
- Scissors
- Pruning shears
- Needle-nose pliers
- Poly Burlap Mesh (2 to 3 6-inch rolls of coordinating colors)
- Craft pipe cleaners (coordinating colors)
- Wide ribbon (2 to 3 30-yard rolls of coordinating colors)
- Small flowers or decorations



Any questions, contact Jim Johnson at jimjudyjohnson@satx.rr.com.



The Peace Day Trippers will be taking the months of June, July and August off. Stay tuned for new events coming this fall.

Peace Feast

You are invited to participate in Peace Feast (a small group gathering for a meal and conversation to get to know one another). The host of the month will be in contact with you to determine the date, time, and location of a meal. It can be either at a restaurant or in a home.



If interested in partaking in a meal, register [HERE!](#) For more information or questions, please contact Jane Moeller at 830-214-0539 jane.moeller@gmail.com or Darcy Mittelstaedt at 480-231-0658 darcy.mittelstaedt@gmail.com

Snapology

Snapology is an interactive camp meant to teach kids STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skills through play.

The program offers a wide variety of FUN programs for children ages 5-14. From fun LEGO-themed programs to robotics to engineering to animation.

Peace is partnering with Snapology for the summer hosting its programming efforts as an outreach to the community.

This summer our Peace facilities will have kids utilizing the Fellowship Hall area from Monday—Friday. For a full schedule you may visit our calendar page: www.peacenb.org/pages/calendar

For a detailed list of scheduling you may visit: <https://pages.e2ma.net/pages/1924293/34150> or click [HERE](#)



Camps run weekly (M-F) May 29th through August 18th.

Half-day morning (9am -12pm) \$169 per week
 Half-day afternoon (1pm - 4pm) \$169 per week
 Full-day (9am - 4pm) \$289 per week

2023 Flowers

Signing up for flowers is just a click away. We utilize a Sign Up Genius online.



Visit the Peace website at www.peacenb.org. Scroll to the bottom and click on the Flower Button. This will take you directly to the Flower Sign Up Genius.

Please review the available slots, click on the date to sign up, then scroll to the bottom and click the Submit and Sign Up Button. Enter your dedication, name(s), and email. Click the Sign Up Button Now.

The cost of the flowers has increased to \$50.00. Make checks payable to Peace and mark "flowers" in the memo. Contact the church office if you need any assistance.

Nursery News

The Nursery is currently open for the 10:00 am Sunday Service! All volunteers have been certified to serve in this ministry. However, we need more volunteers to help keep it up and running. If you're interested, please contact Deacon Andrew for more details.



Church Council and Ministry Team Leaders 2023

Carol Franz - President
 Megan Wenzel - Vice President
 Matthew Simmont - Secretary
 Don Hodde - Treasurer
 Kathi Anderson - Member At-Large
 Vicki Hillmer - Member At-Large
 David Thomas - Member At-Large
 Forrest Willis - Member At-Large

Fellowship Team - Becky Voges
 Finance Team - James Huston
 Outreach Team - Open
 Property - Open
 Service Team - Brandi Raschke
 Worship Team Judi Miller

Giving at Peace

There are several giving options at Peace: Offering Envelopes; Online Giving (Website); Peace Church App; Bank Drafts. If you would like more information on any of the options listed above, please give our Business Administrator, Valerie, a call at 830-620-0618.



Finances March 2023

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 13,986.03	\$ 30,033.15	\$ 37,520.16		\$ 6,499.02
Building Fund	\$ 12,667.08	\$ 885.01	\$ 2,200.00*		\$ 11,352.09
Endowment Fund	\$ 7,575.40	\$ 132.55	\$ 0.00		\$ 7,707.95
Endowment Investment Fund	\$ 119,333.64	\$ 6,002.25	\$ 0.00		\$ 125,335.89
Deferred Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,656.98	\$ 5.37	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00**	\$ 5,662.35
Designated Funds	\$ 35,101.09	\$ 1,148.44	\$ 1,923.06		\$ 34,326.47
Total Funds	\$ 193,320.22	\$ 38,206.77	\$ 41,643.22	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 190,883.77

*\$2,200.00: Insurance Claim Payment for Water Damage Repair in Education Wing

**\$1,000.00: Property Plant Equipment Reserve Transfer to Deferred Maintenance



Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday
 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Worship Service
Sunday
 10:00 am - Indoor Worship and Livestream @ Peace
peacemb.org/live

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