

*Love God, Love People,
and Serve the World!*

*Peace Lutheran Church
Newsletter
May 2025*



*Mission:
To love like Jesus so
that each person
experiences God's way.*

Mother's Day Breakfast



Mother's Day Breakfast

May 11, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

The men will be making breakfast for all the ladies and their families. Please join us as we honor all the special women in our lives.

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A Message from the Pastor

Four Key Pivots for a Changing Landscape

Pivot #3—From One-Size-Fits-All to a Mixed Ecology

I remember growing up in the 1980s and life was just different. The choices we had were limited. If you wanted to watch something on television, you had three channels to pick from. When we went to the grocery store, there was a couple of options, although we usually picked the black and white generic section. Your contacts were the people that you saw regularly from school or church or work...

In today's world there are thousands of channels to stream from instantaneously. No need to look at the TV guide; just type in your search and your selection comes up. The cereal section at the grocery store is an entire aisle to choose from, and if you don't want to go physically to the store, just order it online and ship it to your doorstep. The people you associate with do not necessarily need to be in your backyard; you can work remotely and have friends from all over the world. In today's world, the choices we have seem limitless. And yet we have designed how we do our church from a bygone era.

This year we are leaning into four key pivots identified by Luther Seminary through their FaithLead organization focusing on the third pivot for this month:

Pitfall #2 *Squeeze leaders and Christian communities into old boxes that no longer fit what the Spirit is doing*

The term "church" conjures up for most people a particular institutional expression that includes a dedicated building, staff and programming focused on Sunday worship and mid-week programs. Even the system of committees that meet to plan out ministries often compete for precious time that might be better spent facilitating spiritual development and community relationships. This franchise approach to running and maintaining congregations is not working.

Congregations, especially long-established ones, often lose touch with the neighborhood in which they reside. People in the neighborhood may already be gathering in affinity groups in cafes, libraries, and other public places to connect around sports, hobbies, or other community-building interests. But that doesn't mean that the Spirit isn't at work already there.

Pivot #2 *From one-size-fits-all to a mixed ecology*

One size or shape of church doesn't fit all anymore. Instead, a mixed ecology of inherited and new forms of Christian community can connect with people where they live, work, and play.

Because we live in a society of choice, we make choices on how we will be church to our community. When we have a worship at 10am on a Sunday morning, we have made an intentional choice about when is the best time to worship which may work for some, but not for all. The same is true when it comes to times for Bible studies and service opportunities and other spiritual formation endeavors. Rather than having only one option, it's important to be flexible and

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meet people where they are at.

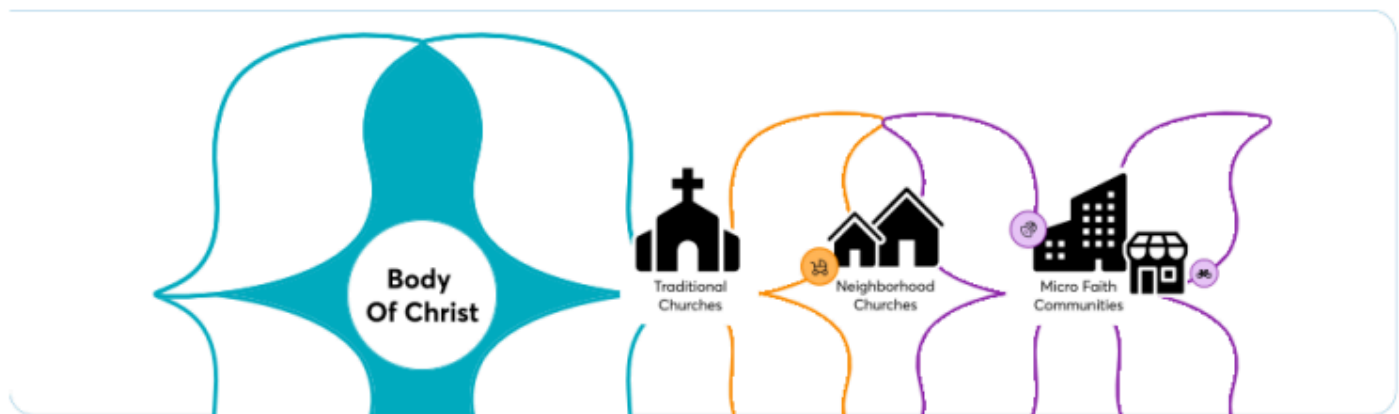
Even though we cannot be all things to all people, we can empower others and bless ministry where it is already happening.

This leads us to create a more imaginative ministry as the church which sees beyond the institutional boundaries that have been codified over the years.

Perhaps there are groups already meeting that simply need to be intentionally blessed as Jesus reminds us, "Where two or three gather in my name, there I

Mixed Ecology

Inherited and new forms of Christian community coexisting together



am with them." (Matthew 18:20).

I think of various groups like the Narcotics Anonymous group who meet faithfully every Tuesday at the church. Though we may not see them on Sunday morning, they gather regularly, hold one another accountable, celebrate each other's sobriety, and care for one another. It's hard to not recognize that as a form of church.

Maybe you have an idea to create spiritual space and time with a community, but it doesn't fit the mold.

Reach out to me, and I'd love to discuss and bless.

What are key steps involved in this pivot?

1. Identify innovative forms of Christian community that connect with the neighborhood
2. Find ways that inherited forms of Christian community can coexist with new forms.

Peace,

Pastor Jake



Sisters in Christ



Weds., May 21, 10:00 a.m.

San Antonio Botanical Gardens

We will meet at the church at and carpool to SA.

RSVP to Becky Voges by May 19 at

beckyvoges@yahoo.com or text 830-587-4003

Little Pantry Help Needed



Little Pantry Angels Needed!

Would like to take a month to keep our Little Pantry stocked?

We provide the supplies; you just fill as needed.

Contact Becky Voges for more information at 830-587-4003

We need Pantry Angels for May- Dec.



May Mission Spotlight



May Mission Spotlight Peaceful Quilters

Our May Mission Spotlight focuses on the industrious Peaceful Quilters of Peace Lutheran. Since 1999, with few exceptions, every Tuesday 8 to 12 faithful quilters arrive at 9 am or later and stay as long as their personal schedules allow, some as late as 2 or 3pm. That first year, 16 quilts were produced and sent to Lutheran World Relief.

Peaceful Quilters are both nonmembers and members of Peace Lutheran with active members serving this mission in excess of 20 years. During this time, community and church projects have included toss pillows for New Life at Canyon Lake, School Kits, Baby Layettes, Personal and Health kits and Home Altar Cloths for members of Peace.

October 2024 the Quilters completed 537 quilts, with approximately 120 staying locally with clients of First Footing, Comal Crisis Center and New Life in Canyon Lake. The remainder join quilts from other churches and are sent internationally or remain in the US for disaster victims of flood, fire, earthquakes or hurricanes.

Peaceful Quilters are blessed and thankful that most of their supplies are donated. Donations of colored or printed flat and fitted sheets and cotton fabrics, solid or printed are always welcomed. Monetary donations go to purchasing batting, the most costly supply, and the shipping of the quilts in the fall.

May Mission Spotlight, Sunday, May 25th, a dedicated offering will be collected for Peaceful Quilters. Contact Carol Thatcher or Susan Heise if you are interested in donating time or supplies to the Peaceful Quilters.

Peace
Karen Laughlin
Service Chair

May Birthdays

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

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. You can email Becky at beckyvoges@yahoo.com for info.



May Anniversaries

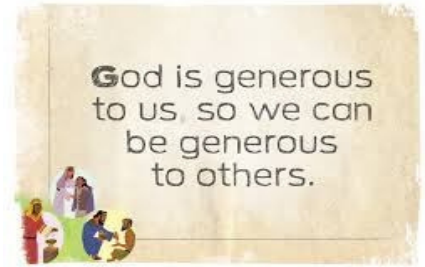
Steven & Kathleen Anderson
 05/01/1976 - 48 years
 Greg & Kathleen Mosher
 05/03/1987 - 37 years
 David & Cindy Thomas
 05/03/1980 - 44 years
 Natanael Lizarazo Florez &
 Barbara Wangsness
 05/07/1988 - 36 years
 Mike & Kellie Stallings
 05/14/1988 - 36 years
 Wilfred & Rebecca Voges
 05/16/1970 - 54 years
 Roger & (Clara) Gawlitta
 05/22/1965 - 59 years
 Dan & Sinead Healey
 05/25/2003 - 21 years
 Tim & Erika Kaufman
 05/30/1999 - 26 years

Prayers

Martin Franz
 Carol Franz
 Jim Miller
 Rick Smith
 John Claycomb
 Arlene Wold
 Helen Probst
 Stella Leissner
 Earl Koester
 Judy Clark

Giving at Peace

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



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

Office Closed, Phones Open

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday

10:00 am - Worship

Livestream @ peacenb.org/live