

**Peace Lutheran Church
Newsletter
September 2025**

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



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

Save the Date for the Fall Kick Off!

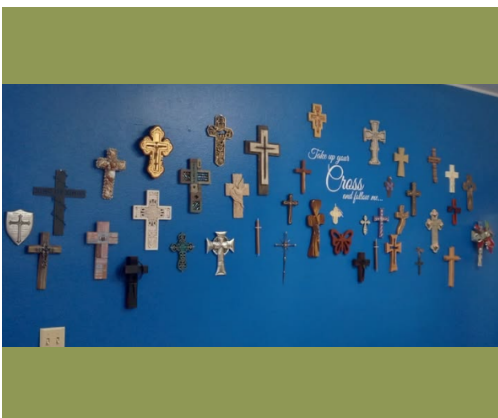


**Join Us
on Sunday, September 7th
for the Peace Fall Kick Off!**

**We will have a special service to bless the
new labyrinth, followed by lunch and
outdoor activities!**

**Visit with our Team Leaders to learn more
about our mission & see what is happening
at Peace.**

There will also be fun activities for the kids!



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A Message from the Pastor



Walking the Way of Love: What the Ten Commandments Teach Us

This summer, we journeyed together through the Ten Commandments—not as a list of dusty old rules, but as a living guide for how we might faithfully love God and love our neighbor in the here and now.

Week by week, we discovered that these ancient words are less about “you shall not” and more about “this is the kind of life that sets you free.”

We learned that honoring God’s name is not just about our speech, but about representing God’s character in the world. That Sabbath is not only a rest from work, but a bold act of trust in God’s care. That prohibitions against stealing, killing, lying, and coveting are also invitations to generosity, compassion, truthfulness, and gratitude. The commandments call us into relationships marked by fidelity, respect, and justice.

When Jesus was asked which commandment was the greatest, He answered simply: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind... and love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-39). Everything we studied this summer is rooted in those two loves. Every “you shall not” points toward a deeper “you shall”: You shall love, protect, cherish, and serve.

As we turn the page from summer into fall, it’s a perfect time to begin anew in our spiritual practices—renewing our commitment to live out these commandments in everyday life. Here are some ways to practice them:

- **Make space for Sabbath** – Choose one day or even a few hours each week to unplug from work and technology, rest your mind, and delight in God’s presence.
- **Speak with grace** – Speak truthfully and with kindness; and when you can’t speak love into a conversation, choose silence and prayer.
- **Practice generosity** – Share abundantly with your neighbors and with those in need: your gifts, energy, and time.
- **Honor relationships** – Keep your promises, show up for those you love, and resolve conflict with grace.
- **Cultivate gratitude** – Each day, name three things you’re thankful for, focusing on God’s gifts rather than what you lack.
- **Protect life** – Look for ways to bring peace, reconcile broken relationships, and care for those who are vulnerable.



The Ten Commandments are not a burden to bear—they are a gift to embrace. They show us what love for God and neighbor looks like when it takes shape in real life. May we walk forward from this summer ready to live that love in every word we speak, every choice we make, and every neighbor we meet. And may this fall be a season where our faith is not only remembered, but actively practiced—so that God’s way of love becomes our way of life.

Peace,

Pastor Jake

Fall Worship

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Welcome back as we kick off our fall year and return to spiritual practices

This is our 2nd year of the Narrative Lectionary—meaning we begin anew in the Old Testament to walk through the Bible as the stories of God shape our lives.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

September 10am Worship at a Glance:

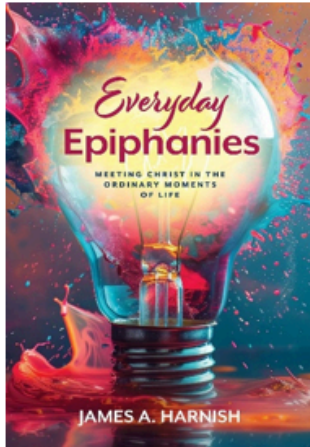
9/7	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	God's Good Creation <i>Fall Kickoff/Ministry Fair/Congregational Meal</i>
9/14	Genesis 22:1-14	The Binding of Isaac <i>What happens when we are tested?</i>
9/21	Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23, 42-45	Jacob & Esau <i>Unexpected Blessings</i>
9/28	Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17	Moses Meets God <i>God Shares God's Name with Us</i>



Sunday Morning Faith Talks

Remember that each Sunday from 8:45am-9:30am Pastor Jake and others meet to talk about their faith and dig deeper into God's story for you us.

New Small Group



New Fall Women's Small Group Study Starting Weds., Sep. 10, 10:00 a.m.

We will be meeting at the home of Wil and Becky Voges (1225 Loma Verde). I will have the coffee and tea ready, as we enjoy some casual conversations about the Epiphanies we discover in our daily lives. We will meet for 8 weeks. The Book is available on Amazon, paper back or Kindle. If you do not have an Amazon account, I can order one for you. Need transportation or more information, call Becky Voges at 830-587-4003.

Dr. James Harish is a retired Methodist Pastor. Pastor Harnish weaves together Scripture, story, history, poetry, cinema to summon and guide us to pay attention to our lives, experiences, creation, the people around us, trusting that what we need for the living of our days has already been made available to us.

Sisters in Christ



The Peace Lutheran Church "Sisters in Christ" are back from our summer break! Please join us on Sep. 25, 11:00 a.m. We will meet at Krause's Café (148 S. Castell St.) so we can do some planning for the next few months. Call Becky Voges at 830-587-4003 for more information.

New to Peace?

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Interested in deepening your commitment to the church? Contact Pastor Jake as we invite new folks to explore Peace's mission and welcome you to the community.



Contact:
pastor@peacenb.org
 830-620-0618

*New member orientation will be on
 10/12 and 10/19 from 11:30am-1pm!*

The Christmas Tea is Coming!

A GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS



The Christmas Tea will be on December 6, from 10am to 12am. This year's theme is a Gingerbread Christmas; tickets are \$10.00 per person. They will go on sale in October; you can sign up on sign up genius or we will have forms at the church. You can also call any member of the tea committee. Deadline is November 30. Can goods will be collected for the SOS food bank.

Fall Festival

Fall Festival & Country Bazaar

OCTOBER 25, 2025

9 AM—2 PM

Games & Activities

Jump Castle, Fish Pond, Ring Toss, Hayride, Limbo & more

The Country Store

Crafts & Homemade items

Rummage Sale

Tools, housewares, toys, decor

Entertainment

Variety of music & talent

Bake Shop

Homemade breads, cakes, pies, cookies

The Café

Breakfast Tacos, Grilled Burgers, Sausage Wraps & more

Raffle & Silent Auction

Benefits local charities—includes Pellet Grill & \$500 VISA

Event proceeds benefit CRRC, New Life Children's Center, Family Promise, SJRC-Texas, Habitat for Safe Seniors, First Footing—Salvation Army, Youth Groups & Benevolence Funds



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Cross Trails Ministry Fall Festival



Cross Trails Ministry



*Fall
Festival*



Join Us For a Fun Filled Day!

CRAFT & QUILT SHOW | AUCTION | CHILDREN'S
GAMES | LIVE MUSIC | FOOD | FUN

20 | **SEPT.** | **9 AM - 3 PM**
2025 | **MARKTPLATZ**
FREDERICKSBURG, TX

www.crosstrails.org

September Mission Spotlight

September Mission Spotlight is Peace Little Pantry

In May 2022, Becky Voges introduced our faith community and our church neighborhood to the Little Pantry.

The concept began in Arkansas in 2016 by a woman who wanted to love as Jesus loves and give her neighbors and travelers basic necessities.

Our Little Pantry contains non-perishable foods, juice boxes, bandaids and other personal hygiene items, as well as a cooler stocked with bottled water, absolutely essential for Central Texas.

A small box beneath the pantry offers visitors an opportunity to provide prayer requests as they continue on their journey.

Grocery donations are needed....non-perishable food items in small cans with ring tabs, small juice boxes, bottled water and personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, bandaids....Please place your donations in the SOS Food grocery cart in the Narthex.

Volunteers are needed to stock the Little Pantry. Contact Becky Voges for additional information or questions.

Peace Little Pantry is a tangible way to show those that are weary, hungry or thirsty that Peace Lutheran is here for you. Thanks Becky for this important mission.

A dedicated offering will be collected on Sunday, September 28 for the Little Pantry.

Peace

Karen Laughlin
Service Chair

Take the Spiritual Gifts Survey

What are Our Spiritual Gifts?

Christian discipleship is a journey of living out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. The more that we can discover who we are and **whose** we are, the more we can appreciate the journey to which we have been called. This includes discovering our **Spiritual Gifts**. Each one of us is given gifts by the Holy Spirit that shape who we are and how we operate in the body of Christ. When we identify these gifts, we can better use them to grow in faith, life and discipleship.

Each month we will highlight one of the spiritual gifts that are part of our **Spiritual Gifts Assessment**. This month we will highlight the gift of **Discernment**.

Discernment is the spiritual gift that enables the receiver to seek God's will and purpose. They are able to apply that understanding to individual and collective situations affecting the faith community. People with this gift are often perceptive, insightful, sensitive, intuitive, decisive, challenging and truthful.

Take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment today!
Scan the QR Code or go to:

<https://www.peacenb.org/pages/spiritual-gifts-survey>



Hunt Out Hunger Event

YOU'VE BEEN INVITED TO!

HUNT OUT HUNGER

SUNDAY

AT THE COMAL COUNTY
FAIR & RODEO



SEPT.
28



BRING A NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEM IN LIEU
OF PAYING ADMISSION TO THE COMAL
COUNTY FAIR & RODEO TO SUPPORT THE
LOCAL SOS FOOD BANK AND ENJOY!



★ ★ ALL FOOD ITEMS STAY IN COMAL COUNTY FOR COMAL
COUNTY FAMILIES ★ ★

Birthdays

Jim Johnson 09/04
 James Lawton 09/04
 Cindy Thomas 09/05
 Mary Sweet 09/05
 Amy Tiemann 09/05
 Bryce Parrock 09/06
 Catherine Fain 09/08
 Maureen Garcia 09/10
 Alan Freeman 09/11
 Connor Huston 09/13
 Cora Johnson 09/15
 Haley Luce 09/15
 Lila Raley 09/16
 Tim Kaufman 09/17
 Erika Kaufman 09/18
 Betty Wilcox 09/19
 Bodie Henderson 09/20
 Michael McClintock 09/21
 Gabe Rodriguez 09/22
 Carol Thatcher 09/24
 Eleanor Woytek 09/25
 Sinead Healey 09/28
 Kadya Wilkie-Dickman 09/28
 Josephine Peebles 09/29
 Richard Luce 09/30
 Katrina Johnson 09/30

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.



Anniversaries

Ken & Nanci Witten
 09/03/1983 - 42 years
 Frank & Pamela Krause
 09/03/1994 - 31 years
 Erich & Margaret Weese
 09/06/1969 - 56 years
 David & Susan Heise
 09/06/1970 - 55 years
 Nathan & Sharon Anderson
 09/08/1984 - 41 years
 Don & Barbara Hodde
 09/10/1988 - 37 years
 Thomas & Cheryl Braaten
 09/11/1971 - 54 years
 Forrest & Lynda Willis
 09/13/1986 - 39 years
 Michael & Megan Wenzel
 09/29/2018 - 7 years

Prayers

Martin Franz
 Carol Franz
 Jim Miller
 Rick Smith
 John Claycomb
 Arlene Wold
 Stella Leissner
 Earl Koester
 Jenny Phillips

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 - 2:30 pm

Friday
Office Closed

Sunday
10:00 am - Worship
Livestream @ peacenb.org/live