

*Peace Lutheran Church
Newsletter
June 2026*

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

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



Upcoming Events



Father's Day Breakfast

June 21, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

**The ladies will be cooking a full breakfast for
The special Fathers in our lives.**



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Pastor's Message

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A Summer of Sabbatical: An Invitation to Renewal

This summer marks an important season in the life of our congregation. From **May 18 through August 17**, I will be stepping away for a sabbatical—a sacred time set apart for rest, renewal, and reconnection with God. Sabbatical is not simply time off; it is a spiritual practice rooted in trust—that God is at work not only through us, but also beyond us.

But here's the deeper invitation: **this is not just MY sabbatical—it is YOURS too.**

In a culture that equates stepping away with checking out, the way of Jesus invites something different. Sabbatical is not disengagement—it is **intentional re-engagement with what matters most**. It is a chance to slow down, listen more deeply, reconnect with God, and rediscover the beauty of community and purpose.

So rather than drifting away this summer, what if we leaned in?

Worship Series: Rooted & Reaching – Our Worship Team has thoughtfully prepared a summer series that mirrors this journey of renewal. Together, we'll explore three movements of faith:

- **Spirituality: The Inner Journey** – Deepening our relationship with God
- **Family: Beloved Community** – Strengthening our life together
- **Community: Witness in the World** – Living out our faith beyond these walls

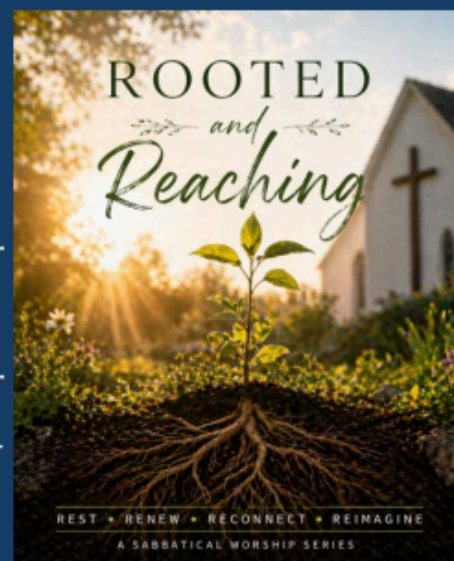
We will also welcome three special preachers, bringing fresh voices and perspectives, while Pastor Judi Miller will serve as a steady pastoral presence—helping weave these themes together and providing continuity throughout the summer.



Pastor Judi Miller

Staying Connected & Supported

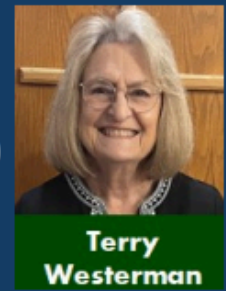
Even as rhythms shift, the ministry of the church continues strong. Care and leadership will be shared across our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out when there is a need. The congregation is here to support and walk with you throughout your life's journey.



Pastoral Care

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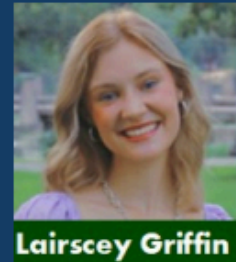
- The Compassion Team will lead visitation and care
- Deacon Terry Westerman will serve as the first point of contact
- Pastor Judi Miller will be available for emergencies (funerals, crises)



Youth & Family Ministry

Lairscey Griffin will provide part-time leadership, including:

- VBS Day Camp (elementary)
- GraceWorks servant week (middle & high school)
- Summer curriculum for God's Story Time in worship
- Monthly family activities



Who to Contact

- General Questions: Madison Briseno or Theresa Robinson (Office)
- Worship: Pastor Judi Miller
- Pastoral Care: Deacon Terry Westerman
- Administration: Dan Hill (congregational president)
- Youth Ministry: Lairscey Griffin

Your Sabbatical Invitation

What might it look like for you to embrace a sabbatical rhythm this summer?

Maybe it's:

- Setting aside intentional time for prayer or Scripture
- Reconnecting with family or meaningful relationships
- Serving in a new way or stepping into community
- Practicing rest—not as escape, but as trust



Sabbatical is ultimately about remembering this truth: **You are not what you produce. You are who God loves.**



As a congregation called "to love like Jesus so that each person experiences God's way," this summer is an opportunity to live that out more deeply—personally and together. So don't check out.

Lean in. Listen deeply. Be renewed.

And trust that even in the quiet, God is doing something new—in you, in us, and through us for the sake of the world.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jake



Puppet Ministry



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We thought it was time to get our Puppets out of storage and in the hands of some of our young and not so old people. If you would like to know more, contact Becky Voges know at beckyvoges@yahoo.com.

Peace Little Pantry Angels Needed



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**Would like to take a month to take care of our Little Pantry?
Contact Becky Voges at 830-587-4003 for more information.**

Family Promise Event

Churches, BRING A TEAM!

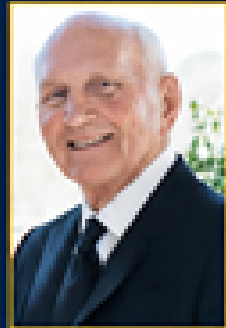
★ TEE UP AGAINST ★ CHILD HOMELESSNESS

Join churches, businesses, and community leaders for a day of golf, fellowship, and purpose as we come together to bring hope to children and families experiencing homelessness in New Braunfels.



Honoring KEN JACOBS

A devoted member of New Braunfels Presbyterian Church who helped found Family Promise of Greater New Braunfels and devoted his life to the service of God and children.



LIVE LIKE KEN *Join the fun!*

Let's bring our community together to help end child homelessness in our city of New Braunfels.



FORM A CHURCH TEAM

Gather your friends and enjoy a great day on the course!



SPONSOR A HOLE

Promote your church and support a local ministry making a difference.



MAKE A DONATION

Every gift helps provide stability, hope, and a brighter future for local families.



CHANGE LIVES

Your support helps children and families find hope, housing, and a fresh start.



FRIDAY,
JUNE 26, 2026



LANDA PARK GOLF COURSE
New Braunfels, Texas



REGISTER YOUR TEAM OR MAKE A DONATION TODAY!

REGISTER HERE →

<https://fp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/2nnzwdk>



Together, we can help ensure every child has a path toward stability, hope, and home.



Council Corner: Information from Church Council Meeting—April 23, 2026

The following highlights are from the April meeting.

Governance reform— The Governance team has been working to revise our church’s constitution, by-laws and resolutions. The 4 pillars of Worship, Community, Stewardship, and Discipleship are being incorporated into a document that will ensure that Peace Lutheran continues to look forward in the ministry of the congregation. The ministry teams’ roles and alignment within the pillars are being updated to reflect changes in committee functions from many years ago. The timeline projection for the new constitution is the synod approval in September, and congregational approval meetings thereafter.

Pastor’s Sabbatical— Pastor Jake discussed ministry plans while he is away on Sabbatical. These are centered around a theme of Rooted and Reaching, with an emphasis that this is a faith journey for ALL of us! Please check the article in the May newsletter for this information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to any council member.

Spiritual Gifts - Mercy

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 **Mercy**.

Mercy is the gift that moves the receiver to feel deeply for those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need, and then act to meet that need. People with this gift are empathetic, caring, responsive, kind, compassionate, & sensitive.

Take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment today!



Scan the QR Code or go to:

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

May Mission Spotlight - Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries

Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries is a nonprofit ministry organization located at the margins of the Rio Grand in Eagles Pass, Texas. As a border ministry of the Southwestern Texas Synod and in partnership with the local congregation - Iglesia Luterana San Lucas - our mission is grounded in the values of love, compassion and solidarity. We are committed to embodying a beloved community where God's love knows no borders and where regardless of nationality or language, people are always treated with dignity and respect.

As a border community, Eagle Pass regularly experiences the movement of people fleeing from violence in their homelands and seeking new beginnings. Facing overwhelming dangers, their journeys are marked by stories of deep loss, tested resilience and persistent hope. Embracing these human realities, Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries responds with the ever-present and passionate compassion described in Matthew 25:34-40. By offering hospitality and serving the needs of the most vulnerable, we are also seeing and serving Jesus himself.

Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries relies on the generosity of our mission companions throughout our Southwestern Texas Synod. Thanks to such generosity, TOGETHER we continue offering daily essentials such as clothing, shoes, backpacks, warm meals, water, hygiene kits, spiritual care and hospitality to vulnerable neighbors who experience displacement and navigate challenging transitional journeys.

Financial gifts for Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries can be made through our local congregation or by giving directly to Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries: If donating directly, make check payable to Eagle Pass Frontera Ministries and mail in attention to Emma Espino, PO Box 1247, Eagle Pass, TX 78852-5661. We praise and thank God for your life-giving generosity!



Birthdays

Beverly Giacoletti 06/01
 Shannon Johnson 06/01
 Chase Martin 06/02
 Shauna Bradstreet 06/03
 Addison Armstrong 06/04
 Bly Martin 06/06
 Susan Heise 06/06
 Phillip Garcia 06/07
 Jacob Paullus 06/08
 Miranda Fryar 06/09
 Miranda Johnson 06/09
 Marilyn Ruttan 06/10
 Dustin Zidek 06/11
 Corrine Valnes 06/14
 Martin Franz 06/14
 Brenner Kriley 06/16
 Kathleen Anderson 06/21
 Jeremy Davenport 06/24
 Judi Miller 06/25

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

Gary & Maxine Goodson
 06/04/1977 - 49 years
 Leslie & (Kellene) Valentine
 06/04/2021 - 5 years
 Martin & Carol Franz
 06/05/1964 - 62 years
 Richard & Jeannie Kawazoe
 06/06/1970 - 56 years
 Bruce & Carol Thatcher
 06/07/1958 - 68 years
 Jack & Vicki Ralph
 06/08/1985 - 41 years
 David & Linda Lange
 06/12/1964 - 62 years
 Arthur & Eleanor Woytek
 06/14/2003 - 23 years
 Richard & Brandie Luce
 06/15/2002 - 24 years
 Jane & (Roy) Moeller
 06/15/1969 - 57 years
 Eric Dickman & Lyndsey Wilkie
 06/16/2001 - 25 years
 J. T. & Carol Ann Miller
 06/17/1989 - 37 years
 Brett & Michele Kriley
 06/18/1992 - 34 years
 Jeremy & Michelle Davenport
 06/18/2005 - 21 years
 Jake & Melissa Fain
 06/19/2004 - 22 years
 James & Judi Miller
 06/25/1968 - 58 years
 Tommy & Becky Perkins
 06/29/1968 - 58 years
 David & Brenda Martin
 06/30/1990 - 36 years

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