

**Peace Lutheran Church
Newsletter
August 2026**

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



**Back To
School!**

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

School Supply Drive

A new school year is headed our way and with it an opportunity to help a child. Look for the collection box in the Narthex thru Sunday, August 2. Donated items will go to Communities in School and are distributed to local school children.

Thanks for your support,
Karen Laughlin, Service Chair



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Blessing of the Backpacks



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Bring your backpacks to worship on
Sunday, August 16th for this special
blessing as we enter the new school year

THIS SUNDAY

AUGUST, 16th, 2026

Taco Breakfast on August 23rd



TACO BREAKFAST

AUGUST 23

Join us for a morning of fellowship
as we welcome Pastor Jake
back from sabbatical.

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Contact **Becky Voges**
for details.

Peace Fall Kick Off 2026



**Join Us
on Sunday, August 30th
for the Peace Fall Kick Off!**

We will have our 5th Sunday Pot Luck and a Ministry Fair!

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

Please bring a dish to pass and be ready to have lots of fun and fellowship!!!

Spiritual Gifts

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 *Faith*.

Faith is the spiritual gift that enables the receiver to see the Spirit at work and trusting the Spirit's leading without indication of where it might lead. People with this gift are prayerful, optimistic, trusting, assured, positive, inspiring, and hopeful.

Take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment today!

Scan the QR Code or go to:

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



Back to School Bash

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

FUN

FOOD

FAMILY

AUG. 15TH FROM 12:30-2:30

COME JOIN US FOR A BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY! WE WILL
BE AT THE SPRINGFED POOL SO THERE IS A SHALLOW AREA
FOR YOUNG ONES AND A DEEPER AREA FOR OLDER KIDS!
SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED!
PLEASE BRING \$5 TO ATTEND.

LANDA PARK AQUATIC COMPLEX
350 AQUATIC CIRCLE, NEW BRAUNFELS

Little Pantry



Little Panty

We are very thankful for each person who drops off donations of food and personal items that keep our Pantry filled. We do need Pantry Angels who will monitor and fill our Pantry for a month. The months of August – December are available. Contact Becky Voges at 830-587-4003 for more information.

Sisters in Christ



August 26, 11:00 a.m.

Kathi Anderson will give us some tips on cake decorating. We all know that Kathy makes the most fabulous cupcakes, she will share some of her secrets. Bring some uniced cupcakes or a cake, we will supply the icing and decorating tube and tips. RSVP to Becky Voges at 587-4003.

President's Message

Family: Beloved Community

As I write this month's President's Message, I do so with gratitude while Pastor Jake is away on his summer sabbatical. It is an honor to share this space during our congregation's "Summer of Sabbatical: An Invitation to Renewal."

At first, a sabbatical may seem like something meant only for a pastor - a time for rest, reflection, and renewal. But the more I have thought about this summer's theme, the more I believe this invitation is for all of us.

Life gets busy, and it's easy to move through church life the same way we move through everything else - quickly and out of habit. This summer gives us a chance to slow down and reconnect with what matters most: our faith, our relationships, and our life together as a church family.

During July, our Summer Worship Series, Rooted & Reaching, focused on "Family: Beloved Community - Strengthening Our Life Together." That message really spoke to me because church is more than a place we go to each week. It is a community where we belong. It is a family brought together by God's grace.

Like every family, our congregation is made up of people with different stories, experiences, joys, and struggles. Yet we come together around the same table. We pray for one another, celebrate happy moments, support each other through difficult times, serve our neighbors, sing together, and share God's peace week after week. In these simple but meaningful moments, God continues to draw us closer together.

Strengthening our life together starts with being present for one another. It means taking time to listen, reconnecting with people we may not know well, and showing up when someone needs encouragement or support. Faith was never meant to be lived alone.

This summer, renewal may happen in small ways: staying a little longer for conversation after worship, joining a Bible study or fellowship event, inviting someone new into conversation, praying more intentionally for one another, or simply taking time to rest in God's presence.

I believe roots grow deeper when they are cared for, and branches grow farther when they are connected to something strong. My hope is that this season renews not only Pastor Jake, but our whole congregation - strengthening our faith, deepening our relationships, and reminding us what a gift it is to belong to one another in Christ.

May this summer be a season of renewal for us all.

Blessings,
Dan

Family Promise Update

Family Promise

of Greater New Braunfels



Thank you to all our church partners for continuing to serve our shelter families with love, compassion, fellowship, and food.

Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of the families we serve.

Family 1

Tanesha and her kids are getting closer to moving out into their new home! Tanesha is now the GM for Whataburger, and things are looking up for her and her family. As they prepare for this next step, school supplies and everyday items for the kids, as well as gas cards, would be such a blessing.

Family 2

We welcome Gabriel and his fiancée and their 1-year-old baby girl to the shelter. They are a new family working hard to get established. At the moment, size 3 diapers and any items age-appropriate would be a great help.

They have no food specifications or restrictions.



Together we bring HOPE to families in crisis.

***Fellowship Night:** Weekly fellowship is still up for discussion. As of now, we ask that each church please touch base with Nicole by the Thursday before your serving week to let her know your plans for that week.

***Reminders:** There is now a dedicated shelter phone line to contact the families to let them know you are on the way or happen to be running late. (830)214-6762. There is also a dedicated doorbell that they can hear in the back, its the black one.

SCAN TO DONATE

Your gift provides hope, shelter, and stability for families experiencing homelessness.



Thank you! 

Every gift makes a lasting impact.

CHURCH ROTATION

- July 12 Christ Our King Anglican
- July 19 NB Presbyterian
- July 26 St. John's Episcopal
- August 2 St. Francis by the Lake Episcopal



WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!

- June 26th Charity Golf Tournament
- Event Committee
- Marketing
- Gala Preparation Committee
- Movers
- Clerical Assistance

If you can volunteer, contact Executive Director, Rachelle Garza for information.



Ending Child Homelessness. One Family at a Time.



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August Mission Spotlight - Lutheran World Relief

The August Mission Spotlight focuses on Lutheran World Relief. This Mission focuses on people in need, either domestically or globally. Whether wildfires, flooding or hurricane damage in the US or drought, famine, disease or other natural disaster, Lutheran World Relief is there.

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well being.

LWR works with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and does not evangelize. They provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. They partner with communities to build and grow rural economies and break the cycle of poverty, so that families and communities can thrive.

Lutheran World Relief works through a wealth of expertise, resources and networks to find solutions for difficult problems. In the days and weeks after a disaster, they are on the ground, meeting the people's immediate needs. In the months and years following, LWR is dedicated to working with those affected to ensure they can rebuild better and stronger than before.

Please include the dedicated staff and volunteers of Lutheran World Relief in your prayers, as well as the families and communities they service. A dedicated offering will be collected on Sunday, August 23.

Peace,
Service chair
Karen Laughlin



Birthdays

Sarah Fain 08/03
 Lisa Lawton 08/04
 Forrest Willis 08/07
 Lyndsey Wilkie 08/08
 Cheryl Braaten 08/13
 Thomas Braaten 08/14
 Eric Ralph 08/14
 Ken Witten 08/14
 Karl Stellges 08/17
 Shelby Pampell 08/18
 Nora Miller 08/23
 Christopher Ohlschwager 08/23
 Michael Wenzel 08/28
 Haley Morelock 08/28
 Nathan Anderson 08/28
 Earl Blaschke 08/31

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.



Anniversaries

Kimberley & Bryce Huntsman
 08/12/1989 - 37 years
 Ceretta & Thomas Daum
 08/29/1970 - 56 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