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The Olive Branch

*Peace Lutheran Church... A Life-Changing Community,
Sharing Christ's Love!*



Now we are in the Lenten Season. We are doing Soup and Sandwich a time of fellowship and building relationships. As we reflect personally, we will also reflect on where we are in our worship and why we follow a Liturgy, or traditions of the church.

We began with Ash Wednesday and the history and reflection on the origins, Biblical Themes, connection to Lent and Fasting, Significance of the Ashes, Meditation on Mortality and the Need for Salvation, Church Traditions, and Practical Application.

Throughout this season, we will review similar topics, focusing on why we worship in the way we do in the Liturgy, the significance of each portion of the service, and the goals of the church seasons.

Why is this important?

I have seen many church services that only reach people to make them feel good. They have great music, and they are seeker-friendly, but there do not seem to be foundations to build faith on. What are these foundations? You know the story: build a house on sand, and it can be washed away; build a house on a firm foundation (stone), and it will withstand the strongest storms.

Where do we find the worship in the Bible? What are the parts of praise and worship? How do we enter into the Holy place and worship the King of the Universe, God Almighty, and His Son, Jesus?

My prayer is that during Lent, we might be able to be inspired and understand a refreshed worship and walk with Jesus.

Pastor Paul

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

To begin my first contribution to the Olive Branch as your new president, I wanted to commend **Gabriele DiTota**. On December 9th, 2024, the church lost Tom Accola. Tom became our President in February 2020, just before the pandemic. Tom was the right man for the job. He was a significant leader during that unprecedented time and helped the church survive. His sudden, tragic loss after a relatively brief illness was an unexpected crisis. Gabriele became our President, and to say she rose to the occasion would be an understatement. She has been a calm and wise leader who has helped the church to continue its mission to serve God. The church can be grateful to Gabriele for a job well done during her six years on the council.

The other major event at this time is the effort to call a new Pastor. I have been very impressed with the work of our Call Committee under the leadership of **Andy Pedersen**. They have been very diligent in following the guidelines provided by the LCMC. I was pleased they took the time to put out a survey to the congregation to gather information directly from the congregation regarding their priorities for our next Pastor. The committee is now interviewing candidates for the position of Senior Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church and will make recommendations to the church council.

Also, I wanted to be sure to thank **Pastor Paul Rosbury**. He responded immediately to our request for help after Pastor Trexler gave his notice. He is serving as interim Pastor and doing a solid job of meeting the needs of the church during this transition.

Finally, I want to say I am excited about the future. My wife began attending church at Peace in 1987. I joined her after our wedding in September 1988. So, after being involved with Peace for 39 years, I would like to serve the church and this community so that we as a church can continue for at least another 39 years.

Steve Cotton

Letter from the Call Committee to the Congregation

Dear Beloved Congregation,

We continue to progress through the call process and I am pleased to update you on our efforts to find our next pastor. We have been blessed with a strong pipeline of pastors interested in our open position, reflecting the vibrancy of our church community.

The Call Committee continues to diligently review applicants, interviewing those who meet our basic requirements and whom we believe could become our new pastor. In these interviews, we focus on issues important to the congregation: selecting a pastor with a deep understanding of Lutheran theology and doctrine, discussing their experience in leading and growing a church like ours, delivering engaging sermons, and fostering growth through inclusion of new families.

We are fortunate that one promising candidate accepted our invitation for an on-site interview with the Call Committee and Church Council in late February (results to be shared soon). This is an exciting step forward and a positive sign of our process.

The Call Committee is working through this process as quickly as we can while ensuring thorough discernment. We ask for your prayers that we find the right person as our new pastor as soon as possible. Please continue to pray for us and for a sustained supply of qualified, committed candidates as we seek to call our new pastor.

Thank you for your support and faithfulness during this time of transition.

In Christ's Service,

Andy Pedersen
Call Committee Lead

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EXTRA! EXTRA!



Spring
**your clocks
forward
1 hour**

on Saturday night 3/7/2026

Daylight savings time
begins on 3/8/2026



A big "Thank You" to Dave Stolpe for all the electrical work he has done for the church over the past few years.

It is much appreciated!!



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday March 29, 2025 10:00AM	
Maundy Thursday April 2, 2025 12PM & 7PM	
Good Friday April 3, 2025 12PM & 7PM	
Easter Sunday April 5, 2025 6:30AM- Sunrise Service 7:15 - Breakfast 10AM - Worship	

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Treasurer's Report for March 2026

Hi Peace Family!

The Major Roof and Repair Fund stands at \$53,082.26 at the end of January.

The Building Maintenance Fund stands at \$7,019.95 for new Air Conditioners and other projects.

Wes Edwards, Treasurer
treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org

Treasurer's Report of General Fund for January

	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Contributions	\$6,611.00	\$6,611.00	\$15,791.50
Loose Contributions & Other	\$472.00	\$472.00	\$1,220.83
Use of Facilities	\$3,270.00	\$3,270.00	\$7,000.00
Total Income	\$10,353.00	\$10,353.00	\$24,054.00
Expenses	\$18,747.16	\$18,747.16	\$24,020.68
Total income/deficit	(\$8,394.16)	(\$8,394.16)	\$33.32

Our expenses exceeded our income in January 2026: **(\$8,394.16)**

Year to Date (YTD) Our expenses exceeded income: **(\$8,394.16)**

Year to Date (YTD) Budget of income over expenses (\$33.32)

The General Fund account is used for regular expenses (utilities, salaries, insurance, mortgage, etc.)

God bless all who give freely of their time, tithes and talents.

Did you know? Instead of writing multiple checks for individual contributions like the Children's Hunger Project, the Food Pantry, etc., you only have to write one check. Simply designate the breakdown of your giving in the check's memo area or on the envelope itself. "FP" for Food Pantry, "CHP" for Children's Hunger Project, and so on.



MADDEN, Louis & Stephanie (22) 03/02

HATON, Charles & Nancy (47) 03/16

(numbers of years married)



ROBERTSON, Sylvia 03/10

TARKKA, Carolyn 03/19

DUCOTE, Ginger 03/22

MARCUS, Barbara 03/22

DITOTA, Gabriele 03/23

SCHILL, Larry 03/25

BURNS, Yvonne 03/27

NEUMANN, Ed 03/31

PATELSKI, Steven 03/3



Don Hoffman

Tonita Diaz

Theresa Bradley

Deb Moleski

June Trotter

Janet Flaherty

Viola Forrester

Karl Bromm

Carolyn Tarkka

Helga Bromm

Bill & Nancy Love

Christian LaPlante

Brenda Accola

Betsy Witter

Kaylie Trexler

Suzie McKeny

Dale McKeny

Lou Madden

Sylvia Elliott

Evelyn Rodriguez

Yvonne Burns

Marion Elliott

Mardelle Hansen

Sherry Anderson

Richard & Joanne
Honbaugh

Cristina Elliott

Karen Holzer

Elizabeth Holzer

Patricia Aull

Denise Thomas

Wes & Molly
Edwards

Jude Zrutskie

Patricia Robins

Bob Salmons

Judy Mitchell

Sam Rosales

Bonnie Adams

Mark & Kathy Butler

Gwen Newberry

Sonia Brunner

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	2 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	3 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:30pm Turkey Creek HOA 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo	4 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm Soup & Sandwich - FH 7:00pm Lenten Worship Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	5 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Stamp Club FH	6 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Shekinah French of PB SDA - FH	7 NO Saturday Night Worship! 8:00am Shekinah French of Palm Bay SDA 5:00pm Ballet Espirito presents: "The Rose of Calvary"
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Bits & Pieces

Check us out on Facebook @ Peace Lutheran Church

Give us a LIKE and get updates, spiritual messages, events and any changes.

Or visit us on our website
www.peacelutheranpb.org



Please help us keep our list of military personnel up-to-date!
Call or e-mail the office with any changes in status, rank, or location! Thank you!

E.J. Alcario, *Iraq*

John Bedford, *Iraq*

Kristen Hall AF, *Iraq*

Capt. Brian Nailing,
Ft. Cavazos, TX

Maj. AD Dennis Peoples,
Rock Island Arsenal, IL

Major Nathan Schill,
Pentagon, VA

USN FC3 Stephen Weaver,
USS Dewey

Navy Chief Sean Patrick Goguen,
Norfolk, VA

1st Lieut. Tanner Johnson—Army,
E. Africa



Our Food Pantry is always in need of donations of either food or financial donations to support this much needed ministry. Our community is flooded with people looking for help, and we are grateful that as a church, we can help meet the need, anyway we can. Your generous donations will allow us to continue to help them and together, we can see our community get stronger!

Our pantry is open on: **Tuesday's—9:00AM-11:00AM**

Thank you to everyone who has been donating to the food pantry. It truly makes a difference in our community.



Saturday Night
WORSHIP SERVICE
LIVE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC
EVERY SATURDAY 5:00PM

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Worship

5:00PM—Saturday Night Worship
8:30AM—Bible Study
10:00AM—Worship Service



We Serve

Altar Guild—Set up and prepare for communion each week, usually serving one month at a time; more people are needed.

Worship Servants—Sunday Worship Assistants and Communion Assistants are needed.

Office Helpers—Those who help with special mailings, etc. Please call Jacqui in church office (321)727-3131

Chancel Choir—Wednesday night rehearsals—7:00PM

Bell Choir—Call Cindy Wagman to learn more about our bell choirs 321-830-4207.

Money Counters—Teams of two people working for one month at a time. Call church office if interested.

In the Nursery—Nursery is available during worship.

Property/Grounds—There is always plenty of work to be done here. Please contact Steve Barnett.

Projectionists Needed—We need people who can use the remote for our Slide Presentations on Sunday morning . Please see Pastor David Trexler for details if you would like to volunteer.

Call and Caring—Our team visits people who are in the hospital, nursing homes, and who are homebound. See Terry Neumann for more information.

Please call the office to be a servant for the Lord by taking on one or more of these opportunities. (321)727-3131

