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The Olive Branch

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



First, I would like to thank the congregation for the warm welcome Pat, and I received on our first Sunday back at Peace. Thank You!

Wow, the New Year is here!! Looking forward to new beginnings and new opportunities to reach, grow, and empower others to serve the Lord.

Let's go on this adventure together. I love new opportunities. Birth, growth, and renewal are what life is really all about.

As we move into a new year and new opportunities. What will they be? How will we respond to God's call? Ephesians 4:11 says that "11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God," These gifts are gifts of leadership. What leadership does Peace need? The call committee is searching for a Sr. Pastor. The Church Council has openings, and many ministries within Peace need leaders. But before you have leaders, you need to know "Where are we going?"

Now is the time to search your heart and seek the Lord for direction and the leadership to lead Peace into the New Year 2026.

I am committed to helping you train and plan for the future of Peace. I am asking you to pray and seek His face for yourself and for the congregation. Some priorities have been indicated by the surveys done. You have the desire to move forward and make Peace Lutheran Church a beacon of God's love and Grace in the community.

Pastor Paul

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Happy New Year!

As we embark on this new adventure in the life of our Peace church community I encourage you to get involved. This is our church and we, as a community of believers, have the responsibility to assist in creating a welcoming environment for visitors as well as for ourselves. There are many ways to help and many different opportunities for service.

- **Church Council:** At our annual meeting in February we will be electing new members to council. The council meets monthly and discusses the management of the church. Meetings are presently held on the second Sunday of the month immediately after church. Meetings are always open to all members of Peace and we encourage you to come to a meeting if you are interested in joining council. Council terms are 3 years.
- **Worship Assistants:** These are the individuals who assist the pastor on Sunday mornings by conducting the readings and leading the prayers. The service is emailed for the assistants review before Sunday. I would be happy to discuss this service and lead a training for anyone interested.
- **Communion Assistants.:** These are the members who come forward before communion to assist with the distribution of the elements. You may be surprised how meaningful it is to distribute the bread and wine. Again, I am happy to provide training.
- **-Greeters:** It is a special joy to be warmly greeted when arriving in church on Sunday mornings. The individuals greeting just need to get to church a bit earlier to meet members and visitors as they arrive, and to hand out the bulletins.
- **Choir and Bells.:** We are blessed with a wonderful music ministry. If you are interested in finding out more about joining the music, just talk with Cindi, the Choir director, after church. Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings and before church on Sunday mornings.
- **Counters:** Every donation and payment to the church must be logged into the computer system. There is a team of 2 individuals who dutifully do this important work on Monday mornings. Is this something you may like to help with? Talk with Faye Schill.
- **Grounds.:** We have a company that cuts and edges our lawns. However there are many areas of the property that have hedges and bushes that need to be cut back or weeds that need to be pulled. Are you someone who likes to work outside? Who would like to see our property looking even better? Larry Schill is the contact for you to talk with and see how you can help.
- **Food Pantry.:** Our food pantry operates on Tuesday mornings. It is an outreach to our local community and is staffed by volunteers. Lori Search is the individual who leads this ministry. Perhaps this is where your heart is telling you to get involved and volunteer.
- **Fellowship.:** Everyone loves a good potluck luncheon, but someone needs to organize the potluck. Perhaps this is where your skills lie! We will miss Sandy Trexler for many reasons, but Sandy was excellent at organizing. The group who handles fellowship also arranges for luncheons after funeral or memorial services. The tasks include setting up the Fellowship Hall, reaching out to members to help by bringing mains, sides and desserts and clean up.

We are a community of Believers. It is important to have connections within this community. To learn about each other and to care for each other. Please consider how your time and talents can help to make this a strong, faith led community.

In the Love of Christ,
Gabriele DiTota

Letter from the Call Committee to the Congregation

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we enter the New Year, I am writing to update you on the progress of our pastoral call process within Peace Lutheran Church. The Call Committee will dedicate its efforts in January reviewing applications and conducting interviews with the candidates who have applied for the Pastor position. We are encouraged by the interest shown and we ask for your prayers that our new pastor is among these candidates. May God grant us wisdom and clarity as we seek the one He has prepared for us.

From our congregational survey, it's heartening to know that two-thirds of us expressed willingness to volunteer and engage in the life of the church. As we anticipate welcoming our new pastor, let us prepare our hearts to support him or her fully. Commit anew to active involvement—whether through service, outreach, or fellowship—to help grow our church and fulfill our mission.

Finally, continue to pray for our church family to remain united in worship, strengthening our bonds as we journey into the future together. Your prayers and participation are vital to this sacred transition.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more updates soon.

In Christ's Service,

**Andy Pedersen
Call Committee Lead**

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EXTRA! EXTRA!

Website Photo Update – Share Your Memories!

We're refreshing our church website with vibrant photos from the past 2–3 years, capturing joyful moments like outdoor Easter services, the New Year's party, Trivia Night, Pot Lucks, Super Bowl pick'em, Thanksgiving collection, Christmas gift-giving, and any uplifting shots of our people and sanctuary.

Please send your best images with brief descriptions to Andy Pedersen at andy_pedersen@yahoo.com or text 321-987-6253...we'll select favorites to showcase our community's spirit.

Thank you for helping us celebrate these blessings!



Treasurer's Report for January 2026

Happy New Year Peace Family!

The Major Roof and Repair Fund stands at \$64,716.35 at the end of November.

The Building Maintenance Fund stands at \$6,519.95 for new Air Conditioners and other projects.

Wes Edwards, Treasurer
treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org

Treasurer's Report of General Fund for November 2025

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Contributions	\$11,067.00	\$126,933.38	\$172,440.62
Loose Contributions & Other	\$332.00	\$9,857.78	\$7,333.37
Use of Facilities	\$3,425.00	\$52,660.00	\$64,166.63
Total Income	\$14,824.00	\$189,451.16	\$243,940.62
IRS Credit		\$33,559.70	\$0.00
Expenses	\$19,708.92	\$253,927.97	\$237,323.13
Total income/deficit	(\$4,884.92)	(\$30,917.11)	\$6,617.49

Our expenses exceeded our income in November 2025: **(\$4,884.92)**

Year to Date (YTD) Our expenses exceeded income **(\$30,917.11)**

Year to Date (YTD) Budget of income over expenses **(\$6,617.49)**

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.

January

ANNIVERSARY

SCHERER, John & Cayla (6) 01/03
 TREXLER, David & Sandra (39) 01/03
 PELLECCCHIA, Rick & Henrietta (58) 01/20
 EDWARDS, Wesley & Molly (12) 01/26
 NEUMANN, Ed & Terry (61) 01/30

(numbers of years married)



January

BIRTHDAY

FORRESTER, Viola 01/01
 ROSALES, Samantha 01/05
 BRADLEY, Theresa 01/07
 MACIAS, Julia 01/07
 MINTON, Debbie 01/13
 SANDBERG, Roger 01/15
 ANDERSON, Sherry 01/18
 ARNDT, Steven 01/21
 DITTMER, Philip 01/21
 FREGOSO, Skylar 01/24
 SCHERER, Emma 01/25
 SANDBERG, Connor 01/28
 BARNETT, Yonna 01/30



Prayer Request

Don Hoffman	Helga Bromm	Marion Elliott	Patricia Robins
Betty Sheller	Bill & Nancy Love	Mardelle Hansen	Rosita Cotton
Tonita Diaz	Christian LaPlante	Sherry Anderson	Bob Salmons
Lori Deaton	Brenda Accola	Richard & Joanne Honbaugh	Gary Marcet
Ryan Dasinger	Betsy Witter	Cristina Elliott	Judy Mitchell
Rick Pelleccchia	Kaylie Trexler	Karen Holzer	Debbie Formo
Jacqueline Darby	Suzie McKeny	Elizabeth Holzer	Michael Adams
Debbie Parks	Dale McKeny	Patricia Aull	Stacy G.
Matt Parks	Lou Madden	Denise Thomas	Whitney & Jaime Vazquez
Enid Rodriguez	Sylvia Elliott	Wes & Molly Edwards	Sam Rosales
Pastor Paul & Pat Rosbury	Evelyn Rodriguez	Jude Zrutskie	Kerry O'Shields
Theresa Bradley	Yvonne Burns		
Deb Moleski			
June Trotter			
Janet Flaherty			
Viola Forrester			
Karl Bromm			
Pastor David & Sandy Trexler			
Carolyn Tarkka			



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	29 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	30 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo	31 New Year's Eve Healing Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	1 Happy New Year! 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	2 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Shekinah French of PB SDA - FH	3 8:00am Shekinah French of Palm Bay SDA 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship
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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
**CASUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**
EVERY SATURDAY 5:00PM

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PALM BAY, FL

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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



PSALM 27:1