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

It has been a month, and it seems a lot is happening at Peace Church. At least to me. We have had one baptism, celebrated our first fellowship in honor of the baptism, introduced Children's Sermon time, and some reorganizing. This month, we have another baptism and fellowship, and we will celebrate our Ash Wednesday service to begin the Lenten Season.

**Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday is not specifically mentioned in the Bible, but has deep historical significance. The Biblical bases for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season are reflection and repentance. First, we reflect on original sin, that is, the sin of Adam found in Genesis 3:16-19, in the reflection that from dust we came and dust we will return. Original sin and eternal death were paid at the cross when Jesus came. We reflect on the 40 days Jesus was in the desert being tempted, to reflect and recognize that we are mortal in the Body, tempted in many ways, but as Followers of Jesus, we can repent and look forward to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and the new life we have and the promise of eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We should also reflect on where the Peace community has been and the opportunities for new and fresh life in the congregation, and the influence the church could have in the future. In this time of reflection, God the Father, through the Holy Spirit, may give you a fresh inspiration and motivation to serve Jesus with a new vigor and inspiration.

My prayer is that during February, we might be able to start reaching more young people and inspiring them to return or begin a new walk with Jesus.

**Pastor Paul**



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# COUNCIL PRESIDENT



In every group, there are individuals with similar mindsets and others with different ideas. We all have unique fashion preferences and favorite foods. We come from diverse backgrounds and have our own traditions. We even support different football teams in friendly rivalries!

The USA was once said to be a melting pot, but I prefer the symbolism of a salad bowl. Our differences enrich our lives, and we find joy in our shared understanding and values. The church needs YOU! Please consider how your unique talents and abilities can help Peace.

**Altar guild  
Worship Assistant  
Communion Assistant  
Choir / Bell choir  
Maintenance  
Fellowship  
Calling and Caring**

And we need a few new members for the church council. Elections to council will be at the annual meeting on February 22. I am happy to discuss any questions you may have about using your unique talents for the Good of Peace.

My term on the Church council expires at the annual meeting. It has been an honor serving my church and I thank you for your support.

**Gabriele DiTota  
Council President**

## Letter from the Call Committee to the Congregation

Dear Beloved Congregation,

Grace and peace to you. I'm writing on behalf of the Call Committee to let you know we have been blessed with a strong group of pastors who have expressed interest in our open position. Throughout January, the committee has been carefully reviewing applications, conducting interviews, and prayerfully evaluating each candidate. It has been encouraging to see the depth of faith, Lutheran experience, and commitment to serving Him that is represented among those who have applied.

In every conversation, we are focusing on the priorities identified as essential from our congregation's questionnaire from last year. These include remaining firmly rooted as a Lutheran church led by a pastor with a deep understanding of Lutheran theology and doctrine, ensuring that our next pastor is a seminary graduate, and confirming that they share our commitment to open communion. These values continue to guide our discussions and decisions.

We ask for your continued prayers—prayers that the pastor God intends for us is among the candidates we are meeting, and prayers for wisdom and unity as we move forward. The committee is working as efficiently as possible while giving each candidate thoughtful consideration.

Thank you for your support and your faithfulness in prayer.

In Christ's Service,

**Andy Pedersen  
Call Committee Lead**

### Call Committee Members

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# EXTRA! EXTRA!



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 22, 2026**  
after the **10AM** morning **Worship** service.

This is an important meeting for all the members of Peace, so please  
make plans to attend.



*Ash*  
*wednesday*

services with imposition  
of Ashes

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18,

12PM & 7PM



Wednesday Evenings  
7:00PM

Beginning February 25th through  
March 25th



*Soup & Sandwich Supper*

EVERY WEDNESDAY BEGINNING ON  
FEBRUARY 25TH - MARCH 25TH  
6:00PM

WORSHIP AT 7:00PM

WE WILL GATHER PRIOR TO WORSHIP FOR A MEAL  
TOGETHER. SOUP & SANDWICHES WILL BE SERVED  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 6PM.

# Treasurer's Report

Dear Peace Members,

All Information will be given at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

**Wes Edwards, Treasurer**  
treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org

## Treasurer's Report of General Fund for

	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Contributions		
Loose Contributions & Other		
Use of Facilities		
Total Income		
IRS Credit		
Expenses		
<b>Total income/</b>		

**Our expenses exceeded our income in**

**Year to Date (YTD) Our expenses exceeded income**

**Year to Date (YTD) Budget of income over expenses**

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.

# February anniversaries

ROSALES, Marcel & Samantha 02/12

(numbers of years married)




# February BIRTHDAYS

SCHERER, John 02/02  
 ADILOFF, Mary 02/03  
 COTTON, Steve 02/11  
 BEGER, Marie 02/13  
 BEADLE, Brian 02/14  
 GARCEA, Elizabeth 02/20  
 GARCEA, Gary 02/20  
 BARNES, Jeff 02/22  
 HANSEN, Mardelle 02/24



## Prayer Request

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



# February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 12:00pm Via de Cristo (Women) - FH	<b>2</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>3</b> 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo	<b>4</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Stamp Club FH	<b>6</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Shekinah French of FB SDA - FH	<b>7</b> 8:00am Shekinah French of Palm Bay SDA 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship
<b>8</b> 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 12:00pm Via de Cristo (Women) - FH	<b>9</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>10</b> 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Fairways of Brevard HOA - FH 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo	<b>11</b> 9:00am Space Coast Leadership Summit 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 9:00am Space Coast Leadership Summit 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>13</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Shekinah French of FB SDA - FH	<b>14</b> 8:00am Shekinah French of Palm Bay SDA 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship
<b>15</b> 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>16</b> President's Day - Office Closed 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>17</b> 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo	<b>18</b> 12:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>20</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Shekinah French of FB SDA - FH	<b>21</b> 8:00am Shekinah French of Palm Bay SDA 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship
<b>22</b> First Sunday in Lent 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 12:00pm Via de Cristo (Women) - FH	<b>23</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>24</b> 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo	<b>25</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 6:00pm Soup & Sandwich - FH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Lenten Worship Service	<b>26</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	<b>27</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Shekinah French of FB SDA - FH	<b>28</b> 8:00am Shekinah French of Palm Bay SDA 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 5:00pm Saturday Night Casual Worship

# 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](http://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*

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*Ft. Cavazos, TX*

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*Rock Island Arsenal, IL*

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*Pentagon, VA*

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*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**

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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PALM BAY, FL

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Dated Material:

February 2026

**Interim Pastor:** Paul Rosbury

**Worship**

5:00PM—Saturday Night Worship  
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. Speak to Fay Schill 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 Paul Rosbury 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

