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

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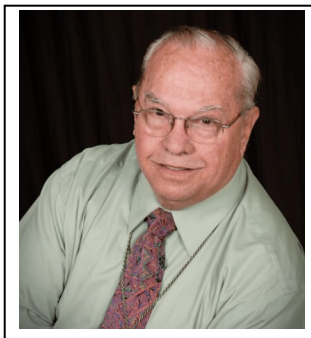
FROM THE... PASTOR'S DESK



Now that I have been at Peace Church for four months, I am starting to see where we are and getting a handle on where we need to go.

Every ship is built for an adventure. The Peace Church Ship is at the Dock and ready to go on its next adventure. Like the Mayflower passengers, who were Christians seeking freedom and a new life. So it is with every church. They are called and commissioned to be on an adventure with Christ, to build His Kingdom on earth. All Aboard!

As a trained Pastor and Evangelist, there are some preparations we need to go on the adventure Jesus has for us and share our blessings with others, as we fulfill the great commission in Matthew 28.

First, we need to recognize that the Great Commission is the task of all believers. Second, you need to ask yourself, are you equipped to fulfill the Great Commission? I can share that when I was called at age 16, I was not; when the call was expressed at age 38, I was not. However, the second time it was more motivating. Learning what to do and what to say was the challenge. I began with some simple exercises. Over the years, I have learned other methods and mediums to use to express and share the Gospel. The most effective is personal stories; people want to hear your personal story.

There are a couple of things we can do to help you first learn more about Jesus and who He is. Second, begin to understand that He is working in your life every day and how to recognize His influence in you, your family, and your life.

Between now and the fall or August, I would like to meet informally with you before church, 8:30 AM, or after church at 11:30 AM. Of course, I know there will be vacations and other times when not everyone will be able to be there. But since it is informal, it will be open. We can begin to meet in the Fellowship Hall after Memorial Day. Please express your preference.

Also, I would like to invite everyone to The Pentecost Festival on Pentecost Sunday at the amphitheater at Wickham Park, 2-7 PM. This will be several churches and ministries from the community, with music and food trucks.

To help plan and start thinking about Peace Church and how we can grow here, I have some questions.

There are three questions I need to ask:

1. **Who do you know that you would like to share your church family with?**
2. **What can you say about Peace Lutheran Church that you would like to share?**
3. **What else would you like to see the church provide?**

If you write me a note with the answers and any questions you have, give them to me after church or send me the answers to the office email: office@peacelutheranpb.org I would appreciate it.

Pastor Paul

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Peace Lutheran Congregation,

Three months into our search for our new pastor, the Church Council wanted to take the pulse of our congregation and hear directly from you. So, we recently distributed a simple survey in church services on April 18-19. We are deeply grateful to everyone who completed the recent survey. Your thoughtful responses provide valuable insight as we navigate this season together and prepare for the future God has for us.

Overall, the survey reveals a congregation that loves its church family. You repeatedly praised the warm, caring community, the sense of belonging, and the fellowship we share. Many highlighted the strength of our music program and choir, the meaningful children's messages, and the positive impact of Pastor Paul's leadership—particularly in the Saturday service. These affirmations remind us of the solid foundation we stand upon.

At the same time, your feedback clearly points to areas where we long to grow. A strong majority expressed the desire for a permanent, called pastor—ideally one who brings fresh energy and helps us reach younger families. Suggestions also included: enhanced programs for children and families, increasing outreach, more opportunities for member involvement, addressing minor facility needs, and continuing to build on the welcoming spirit that already defines us.

Guided by your input, the Church Council is committed to action, and we will:

Continue supporting Pastor Paul as our interim Pastor, while actively working with the Call Committee to secure a permanent pastor who can lead us into this next chapter.

Focus on committees to address Financial Stewardship, Outreach and Evangelism and Fellowship

Continue to strengthen our ministry for children and families through an improved nursery, youth focused learning and new family-friendly elements.

Tap into our volunteer spirit to support existing key ministries and functions, like: facilities, music, Alter Guild, food pantry, etc…

We are encouraged by your honesty and love for Peace Lutheran. This is our church family, and together—with God's guidance—working together we will build on what is working well while courageously stepping into growth. Please continue to pray for the Call Committee, our council, and one another as we move forward in faith.

In Christ's service,

Steve Cotton
Peace Lutheran Church Council President

CALL COMMITTEE NEWS

Letter from the Call Committee to the Congregation

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we continue through the LCMC call process, I want to give you a quick overview of where we are. After several months of active searching, our stream of applicants has slowed. We remain encouraged by the quality of those who have expressed interest and are committed to finding the pastor God has prepared for us.

We are working closely with our LCMC contact to make sure we are taking every appropriate step. In addition to keeping the position posted, we are actively using LCMC resources to reach out directly to potential candidates and keep our church visible to qualified pastors.

We will continue doing our best to place our open position in front of strong candidates. This is the patience part of the process that the LCMC guidelines emphasize, and we trust God's timing.

We are also grateful to Pastor Paul, his serving as our interim pastor, and his embracing our call process. His leadership will help us maintain focus during this time of change and ensure a smooth transition once our new pastor arrives.

Please continue to pray for the Call Committee, for Pastor Paul, and for our entire church family as we remain united in worship and look forward to the future God has planned for us.

As always, feel free to contact me or anyone on the Call Committee with your questions.

In Christ's Service,

Andy Pedersen
Call Committee Lead

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Treasurer's Report for May 2026

Happy May and God's Blessings to all.

The Major Roof Fund stands at $54,082.26 at the end of March.

The Building Maintenance Fund stands at $8,019.95 for new Air Conditioners and other projects.

We received a very large contribution from a donor in March, which is why you will see the unusually large contribution amount which helped to boost our income for the month. To meet our budget in May, we will need approximately $16,000 in offerings from our members. Please consider that a little extra giving from every member makes a very big difference when we all do it together.

Please continue to pray over the finances of Peace Lutheran so that we may spread the love of Christ in our community!

Wes Edwards, Treasurer
treasurer@peacelutheranpb.org

Treasurer's Report of General Fund for March 2026

	March	YTD	YTD Budget
Contributions	$41,898.82	$56,381.11	$47,374.50
Loose Contributions & Other	$1,075.59	$2,310.84	$3,787.50
Use of Facilities	$3,070.00	$21,624.00	$21,000.00
Total Income	$46,044.41	$80,315.95	$72,162.00
Expenses	$27,430.01	$66,181.26	$72,062.04
Total income/deficit	**$18,614.40**	**$14,134.69**	**$99.96**

Our Income exceeded our expenses in March 2026: **$18,614.40**

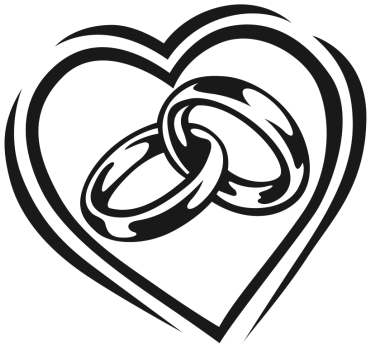
The General Fund account is used for regular expenses (utilities, salaries, insurance, mortgage, etc.)

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.

BICKFORD, William & Lori Stottlemire (9)	05/01
SHEEHAN, Elizabeth & Frank (46)	05/03
HOLZER, Robert & Karen (52)	05/04
FERENZ, Ed & Clare (29)	05/09
HARMON, Joe & Barb (48)	05/09
WAINIKAINEN, Paul & Donna (44)	05/29

(numbers of years married)



STOLPE A., David	05/01
DUCOTE, Mitcheal	05/04
TREXLER, Pastor David	05/05
DREHER, Shane	05/09
PADULA, John	05/11
PELLECCHIA, Richard	05/11
HATON, Nancy	05/13
LEINTHALL, Becky	05/14
DITOTA, Bob	05/16
HOLZER, Robert	05/17
LEWIS, Marie	05/17
ZASTROW, Debbie	05/21
ARNOLD, Noralyn	05/22
FERENZ, Clare	05/23
TALLAU, Brita	05/24
Rosbury, Pastor Paul	05/26
O'BRIEN, Michael	05/26
SORENSON, Elaine	05/26
SCHIRMER, Alfred	05/28
MOLESKI, Debra	05/29

Lori Deaton

Ryan Dasinger

Rick & Henrietta Pellecchia

Jacqueline Darby

Matt & Debbie Parks

Enid Rodriguez

Pastor Paul & Pat Rosbury

Don Hoffman

Tonita Diaz

Theresa Bradley

Deb Moleski

June Trotter

Janet Flaherty

Viola Forrester

Helga & Karl Bromm

Carolyn Tarkka

Bill & Nancy Love

Christian LaPlante

Betsy Witter

Eddie Williams

Suzie 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 & Children

Patricia Robins

Bob Salmons

Judy Mitchell

Marcel & Sam Rosales

Bonnie Adams

Mark & Cathy Butler

Gwen Newberry

Sonia Brunner

Pat Reilly

Finnley Ryan

Debbie Formo

Rena Teter

Steve Barnett

Eddie Williams

Ryan Chenoweth

Deb Speech

Deborah Matarazzo

Scott Adams

Lisa Pastor

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	27 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	28 9:00am FOOD PANTRY 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Men's Via de Cristo 7:00pm Women's Via de Cristo	29 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	30 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch	1 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch 7:00pm Shekinah French of PB SDA	2 8:00am Shekinah French of Palm Bay SDA 12:00pm Brown Bag Bunch **5:00pm Saturday Night 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**

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.

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,
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Dated Material:

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Interim Pastor
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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. Speak to Stephanie Madden if interested.

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 Faye Schill if interested.

In the Nursery—Nursery is available during worship.

Property/Grounds—There is always plenty of work to be done here. Please see Larry Schill if you are able to volunteer.

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