

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

Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter

September 2024

*"Let all who
 sit beneath
 this tree
 find peace here."*



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

Family Promise is Back!

Good news, Family Promise is back and we will have people staying with us from September 22 to the 28th. Peace Lutheran will be hosting Family Promise clients from approximately 6pm to 6:30 am each day. Volunteers are needed. If you haven't volunteered with Family Promise in the past, you are welcome to join us now. Here is the link to our SignUp Genius (also found in the eblast)
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D48ABA922AAFA7-50985143-family>

If you do not have time to volunteer, we are in need of donations. In the Narthex, there is a basket where we are accepting donations of bath towels, hand towels, grab and go breakfast items, and snacks. If you have any questions, you can call Shannon at (830)481-7431 or email at sprocknowjohnson@gmail.com



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A Message from the Pastor

Narrative Lectionary

In the August edition of the Peace Newsletter, I wrote an article outlying what a lectionary is and the shift from the Revised Common Lectionary to the Narrative Lectionary.

I've included a video to share if you'd like to hear more.

Visit: https://youtu.be/oRfYHt_oBb0?si=9tWcb-ywer7_W5OE

This month, I'd like to give you an outline for the Fall, so that you can see the trajectory of God's Story we will be sharing together as well as offer some supplementary tools to increase Biblical fluency and help us to identity our place in God's story as God continues to unfold the arc of redemption and restoration in this world God so loves.



I'm looking forward to walking through the Bible with you with more focus and witnessing the larger narrative that God is inviting us to share.

Date	Theme	Focus Scripture
September 8	Creation and Fall	Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8
September 15	God's Promise to Abraham	Genesis 15:1-6
September 22	God Works through Joseph	Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21
September 29	The Promise of Passover	Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8
October 6	Golden Calf	Exodus 32:1-14
October 13	God Answers Hannah	1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

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October 20	God's Promise to David	2 Samuel 7:1-17
October 27	Solomon Dedicates the Temple	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43
November 3	God's Care for the Widow	1 Kings 17:1-24
November 10	Jonah and God's Mercy	Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10, 4:1-11
November 17	God Calls Isaiah	Isaiah 6:1-8
November 24	God Promises a New Covenant	Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34
December 1	Daniel's Hope in God	Daniel 6:6-27
December 8	Joel: God's Promised Spirit	Joel 2:12-13, 28-29
December 15	Spirit of the Lord upon Me	Isaiah 61:1-11 (Luke 4:16-21)
December 22	Jesus' Birth Announced	Luke 1:26-56
December 24	Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-20
December 29	Simeon and Anna	Luke 2:21-38

*Peace,
Pastor Jake*



A Message from the Deacon

Upcoming Event - Youth Kickoff Retreat

Date: Friday evening, Sept. 20th – Saturday evening, Sept. 21st
 Time: 6:00 pm Friday – 8 pm Saturday
 Location: Slumber Falls Camp (3610 River Road, New Braunfels)
 Who? All our middle and senior high youth are invited
 Theme: “God’s Story / My Story”



Sisters in Christ



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The Sisters In Christ will meet on **Sep. 25, 11:00 a.m.** in the Church Fellowship Hall. We will have a Wellness Program and have lunch together.

Women of all ages are invited to attend. We would like to know if you plan to come so we can have numbers for lunch. A free-will offering will be taken for the lunch. We would love it if you invited a friend. **RSVP to Becky Voges 830-587-4003.**

New Group for Peace Seniors

September 4th will be the launch of our new Peace Seniors (no age limit). We will have a time of fellowship and an interesting presentation by two Comal County wood carvers. They will delight you with their carvings and share how they became interested in wood carving as a hobby. The light lunch will be hosted by the Compassion Team this month. Please call Cathi Fain by September 1st so we can get a head count. Cathi’s number is 830-660-4956 or email Cathi at cathifain@yahoo.com.



Fun for Seniors

Please let Cathi know when you call her if you have any special needs. We will also have a sign up in the Narthex on September 1st. Looking forward to seeing you on September 4th at 11:30 a.m. and every first Wednesday of the month thereafter. Next month we will gather on October 2nd.

Legacy Giving Seminar



Please join the Endowment Fund Committee for an informative lunch and meeting on Sunday, September 22. John Roalson, Gift Planner with Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest, will present an educational session on Legacy Planning for Family and Ministry. This session will cover how you can plan to care for your family and ministry after you've passed on and how to do it in the most tax-advantaged way possible.

John will also share with us what an endowment fund is and how it is a blessing for ministry now and in the future.

John's role as gift planner is to facilitate and teach legacy stewardship in Texas. The services of John and Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest are at no cost to members or congregations. John lives with his family in the Houston area, is a proud graduate of Texas Lutheran University and is a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Houston.

For more information about our Mission Endowment and ways to be generous, please visit: <https://www.peacenb.org/pages/endowment>.

Stewardship is about good priorities

Jesus taught, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

-Luke 12:32

The Bible makes it clear that God has given us all that we have and all that we are. This includes not just our money and possessions, but also our relationships, our character strengths, our time, our intelligence, the special talents and skills we may possess, and so much more.

Biblical stewardship invites us to use all these gifts in God-pleasing ways -- not for God's benefit, but for ours. We are the ones who benefit when we invest ourselves, our time and our possessions in ways that are in sync with God's purposes.

The more we align our lives with God's purposes, the happier and more fulfilled we become. And why not? We are learning to live more fully as disciples of Jesus, approaching more fully the abundant life he promised us. We grow in awareness and set new priorities that bring us closer to God.

If that sounds appealing to you, why not begin? Pick an area of your life that you'd like to align with God's purposes. Maybe your relationships? Your money? How about your time?

Then, honestly and prayerfully consider: How are you using that gift? Talk it over with your pastor or prayer partner. Ask God to give you insight and to reveal your blind spots. Pray for guidance on how you can better use your gifts.

It takes time, but it's so worth it. When our priorities are in sync with God's purposes, we are not only stewarding our lives well, but also opening the door to greater personal fulfillment and joy.



September Mission Spotlight



The September Mission Spotlight is Family Life Center, located at 1528 E Common St in New Braunfels.

Family Life Center acts as first contact for people in crisis in our community and served 4,350 families in need in 2023. After contact is made, a referral program assesses what local agencies and organizations are best suited to help families in need.

A Crisis Intervention Program is used to ascertain and address individual crisis situations. These crises include financial difficulties, health issues, relationship conflicts, substance abuse, domestic violence, loss of a loved one or any other stressors that affect a family. Once the assessment has been made, assistance is provided for budgeting, finances, food and other areas.

Family Life Center has a Holiday Program designed to bring hope and joy during the Holiday season. Families with children are qualified for gifts and lists are distributed throughout the community. In 2023, over 1,500 children in the New Braunfels area benefited from this program.

The week prior to Thanksgiving, Family Life Center facilitate and fund part of a two-weeks food distribution that includes turkey and sides for over 1,000 families that are below the poverty level.

Throughout the year, Family Life Center partners with SA and NB Food Banks and Tree of Life Church to distribute food to an average of 300 families a month. These families cannot cover basic expenses and are one financial emergency away from not being able to afford necessities.

How can Peace help? Any donation is appreciated and significant. Volunteers for monthly food distribution the third Thursday of each month at 7:45 at Tree of Life Campus are welcomed.

Save the Date - Fall Festival



Looking ahead!

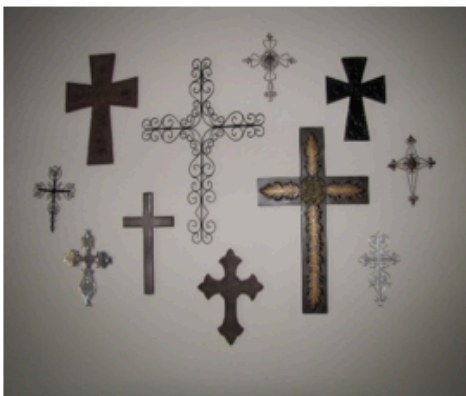
The Fellowship crew will partner with St. Andrew Lutheran Church for their annual Fall Festival that will be held on **Oct. 26**. It is time to think about the Craft and Bake Sale items we can have for our booth. Fall, Halloween, and Christmas items are always good sellers. We will once again have a Christmas Tree set up, so ornaments are great items to sell. Can't be with us that day? We will be delighted to have your baked goods and craft items to sell. Questions? Contact Becky Voges at beckyvoges@yahoo.com

Save the Date - Christmas Tea



The Christmas Tea will be December 7 from 10am to 12am. This year theme is Let it Snow. Tickets be \$9.00 and will go on sale in October, you can sign up on sign up genius or we will have forms at the church. Again, this year we will be collecting canned goods and monetary donations for the SOS food bank. Deadline is November 22.

Peace Wall of Crosses



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Please help us build our Peace family Wall of Crosses. We would like everyone to bring a cross that will represent you or your family to be hung on the wall in the Narthex. Crosses should be no larger than 12 inches long. Please put your name on the back of the cross and put it in the bin that will be next to the wall. Questions? Contact Becky Voges at beckyvoges@yahoo.com

Bulletins Return

On 9/8/2024, the Worship Team will bring back bulletins! We are excited for this transition and we welcome your questions & concerns. Please reach out to a Worship Team member for more information.



Peaceful Yoga

JOIN US FOR PEACEFUL YOGA FALL 2024!

YOGA

Thursdays @ 5:30pm, \$5/class
VIRTUAL (in-person on hold)
Link can be found in the eblast

CHAIR YOGA

Thursdays @ 11am, \$10/class
Peace Lutheran Fellowship Hall



RSVP - Scan the QR code with your phone camera, follow the link in the eblast, or email office@peacenb.org

Donation based - listed price is recommended.

Members, non-members, beginners, and experienced yogis are all welcome!
email office@peacenb.org for more info.

Name Tags

Name tags are returning and we are excited to put names to faces! We want to create a community that knows one another.

Sometimes nametags creates a system of insiders and outsiders; the people who have nametags and those who don't. But the new system will be an easy on-demand thermal printing method that will give everyone to known without the problem of having some kind of special standing.

Not everyone likes to wear a nametag, but our hope is that you'll practice the gift of hospitality so that others can know your name and recognize the value of community.



New to Peace Orientation



Are you interested in learning more about the life of the church? Meeting new people? Maybe you've been a part of the community for years, but have been hanging out in the periphery.

Our Peace Orientation gives you a chance to meet new people, discern how God is moving in the life of our lives as a community of faith, and empower you to identify and share your gifts to bless the world.

You are invited to join Pastor Jake and Deacon Andrew on September 8th and 15th from 11:30am-1pm to share in mission of God through Peace. A lunch will be provided. Please contact Pastor Jake if you are interested: pastor@peacenb.org.

September Birthdays

Cindy Thomas 9/5
 Mary Sweet 9/5
 Amy Tiemann 9/5
 Bryce Parrock 9/6
 Catherine Fain 9/8
 Maureen Garcia 9/10
 Alan Freeman 9/11
 Riley Martinez 9/11
 Connor Huston 9/13
 Cora Johnson 9/15
 Kristan Martinez 9/15
 Haley Luce 9/15
 Lila Raley 9/16
 Tim Kaufman 9/17
 Erika Kaufman 9/18
 Betty Wilcox 9/19
 Bodie Henderson 9/20
 Michael McClintock 9/21
 Gabe Rodriguez 9/22
 Carol Thatcher 9/24
 Eleanor Woytek 9/25
 Peggy Stone Cheek 9/27
 Sinead Healey 9/28
 Kadya Wilkie-Dickman 9/28
 Josephine Peebles 9/29
 Richard Luce 9/30
 Katrina Johnson 9/30

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.



September Anniversaries

Michael & Sandra Amori
 9/2/1967 - 57 years
 Ken & Nanci Witten
 9/3/1983 - 41 years
 Frank & Pamela Krause
 9/3/1994 - 30 years
 David & Susan Heise
 9/6/1970 - 54 years
 Erich & Margaret Weese
 9/6/1969 - 55 years
 Nathan & Sharon Anderson
 9/8/1984 - 40 years
 Stella & Lester Leissner
 9/8/2001 - 23 years
 Don & Barbara Hodde
 9/10/1988 - 36 years
 Thomas & Cheryl Braaten
 9/11/1971 - 53 years
 Forrest & Lynda Willis
 9/13/1986 - 38 years
 Ray & Kristan Martinez
 9/14/2013 - 11 years
 Nate & Brandi Raschke
 9/17/2016 - 8 years
 Michael & Megan Wenzel
 9/29/2018 - 6 years

Prayers

Lavern Kistner
 Martin Franz
 Carol Franz
 Bob Johnson
 Jim Miller
 Riley Martinez
 Rick Smith
 John Claycomb
 Arlene Wold
 Helen Probst
 Stella Leissner
 Eleanor Koester
 Earl Koester

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.



Finances July 2024

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 19,775.80	\$29,729.30	\$ 34,753.64		\$ 14,751.46
Building Fund	\$ 15,550.93	\$ 406.53	\$ 0.00		\$ 15,957.46
Endowment Fund	\$ 7,867.39	\$ 52.64	\$ 0.00		\$ 7,920.03
Endowment Investment Fund	\$136,188.01	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		\$136,188.01
Deferred Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,444.87	\$ 41.75	\$ 10.00		\$ 1,476.62
Designated Funds	\$ 41,376.67	\$ 1,652.00	\$ 6,302.95		\$ 36,725.72
Total Funds	\$222,203.67	\$ 31,882.22	\$41,066.59		\$213,019.30



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

Office Closed, Phones Open

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday

10:00 am - Worship

Livestream @ peacenb.org/live