



**Peace Lutheran Church
Newsletter
Love God, Love People,
and Serve the World!
March 2022**

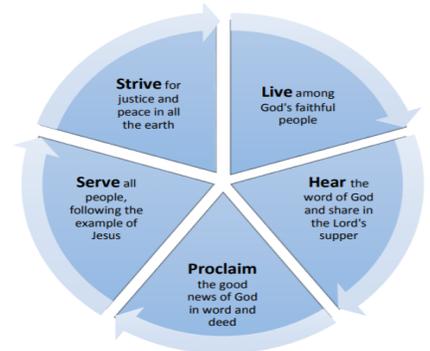
Wednesdays in Lent—Living Our Baptism

LIVING OUR **BAPTISM**...Five gifts of discipleship

When a baptized Christian affirms the faith (often called confirmation) the presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism and asks the question:

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God’s faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?



RESPONSE: We do, and ask God to help and guide us.
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 236)

And so begins a daily claiming and re-discovering of the God-given gifts of discipleship. These gifts overlap and are intertwined as one gift flows into another and into faithful living.

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent from 5:45-6:30pm for a meal followed by **worship at 6:30pm**. You may join in-person or on our livestream.

- 03/02 Ash Wednesday - Imposition of Ashes
- 03/09 To hear the Word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper.
- 03/16 To live among God’s faithful people.
- 03/23 To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.
- 03/30 To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.
- 4/06 To serve all people, following the example of Jesus.



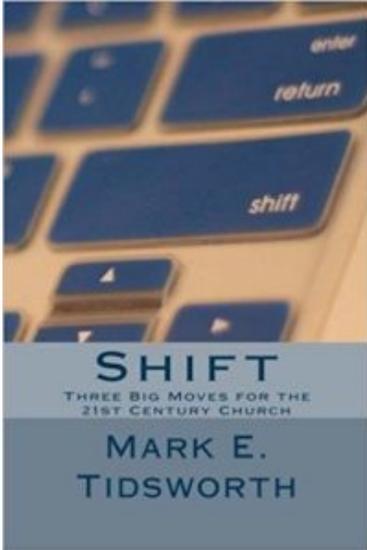
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A Message from the Pastor

Postmodernity: The Rivers We Swim



For the next few months we are looking at Mark Tidsworth's book, Shift: Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church.

Before we launch into the shifts, we have to answer the question why are we shifting? Just because it's trendy? Is this a fad? Or is something bigger operating?

Phyllis Tickle in her book, The Great Emergence, contends that every 500 years or so there is an epochal, paradigm shift.

- 1st century—Jesus and the birth of Christianity
- 6th century—the fall of Rome and the rise of the Dark Ages
- 11th century—the Great Schism of the Eastern and Western Church
- 16th century—the Reformation and the age of Protestantism
- 21st century—A shift from the Modern to Postmodern period

Pages upon pages have been written analyzing the factors contributing to these shifts, but the point is major shifts in the world open the door for new ways of thinking and living.

Modernity was interesting in finding absolute black and white truth. Postmodernity with its connected world recognizes that is more than one way to seek the truth, reality, and experience.

Postmodernists recognize the world is complex and diverse; therefore, the universe is more expansive as we continue to discover and build together. Truth, therefore, is something we can arrive at from different vantage points.

I've tried helping with my kids' math homework and at times am at a loss—this wasn't the way I learned how to do it. And yet their way works too. There are indeed other avenues to find solutions.

Postmodernity is increasingly distrustful of institutions. There was a day when we had more trust in the institutions of the world: government, education, hospitals, and churches. Now we are able to share information instantaneously which has good and bad qualities. Good information is shared and we can Wikipedia the info or go to webMD ourselves and help hold people accountable and stay informed, but also bad information is spread just as rapidly eroding trust in the overall system.

The problem the church and any institution faces today is that we are leading institutions designed for a modern age world instead of a postmodern context. Hence, we see the ramifications of cultural Christianity on the decline in the US. This causes anxiety and fear because of the unknown future and the temptation is to double down in what is familiar to us.

However, the opportunity is to reengage and not merely fall back on cultural Christianity to be the vessel in which the gospel is shared, rather it is the engagement of God's people forging a new path and sharing the gospel with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength.



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Abundant Blessings

March Birthdays

04	Mike Stallings
04	Lydia Simmont
05	Charlotte Killian
06	Theresa Stanley
06	Alysa Grimsley
10	Les Valentine
11	Kurt Andersen-Vie
14	Margot Roessing
15	Lillian Morelock
16	Debra Mincemoyer
16	Kristyn Ladshaw
16	Alyssa Gonzalez
18	Salim Khalil
22	Verlene Saur
23	Madyson Kriley
24	Judith Spindt
24	Preston Stone
26	Janice Friesenhahn
26	Sandra Amori
27	Greg Mosher
27	Robert Oestreich
27	Jillian Wold
28	Norvin Roessing
28	Brian Tiemann
29	Sharon Monson
31	Roger Gawlitta

March Anniversaries

Raymond and Michelle
Rappmund
March 1, 2014
Ron and Sharon Podojil
March 7, 1985
Michael and Marsha Dove
March 14, 2015
Greg and Tina Butrico
March 22, 1986
Kez and JoAnna Wold
March 27, 1999
Andre and Holly Guerin
March 29, 2003

In Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to following:

- ✠ Cathi Fain and Pastor Jake Fain and their families at the death of their mother and grandmother, Helen Lieck. A memorial service will be held at Peace on Saturday, March 12th at 11:00 am.
- ✠ Bruce and Carol Thatcher and their family at the death of their infant great-grandson, James. The family lives in Nebraska.
- ✠ To the family of Alex Keatts. Mr. Keatts passed away in October.
- ✠ Brian Tiemann and his family, at the death of his grandmother, Delores Barnett.
- ✠ Mitch Fain and Pastor Jake Fain and their families, at the death of their brother and uncle, David Fain.



Prayers

Merle Cavanaugh
Janice Friesenhahn
Martin Franz
Carol Franz
Arlene Wold
Charles Probst
Helen Probst
Jim Miller
Lillie Braune
Trice Kastein
Lindsay Friedrich
Ron Podojil
Rhonda Schmidt
Cody Smith
Michael Dove

Peace Prayer Ministry

Just a reminder that Prayer requests can be called in to the church office or sent directly to beckyvoges@yahoo.com.



Requests are sent within hours of being received and are prayed for every Monday morning (9:00 a.m.) during our Sweet Hour of Prayer time.



A Message from the Pastor (continued from page 2)

The goal of the church has never been to preserve the institution, rather it is to preserve and share the gospel of Jesus and saving power of God.

When Moses led the Hebrews out of Egypt, they were so excited to finally be free after centuries of bondage. But it didn't take long for them wandering in the desert to want to turn back to Egypt, the very place God was leading them away from. Why? Because it was safer to them to go to what they knew (even if it wasn't good for them), than to venture into the unknown and risk their lives in the wilds finding a new way.

As we learn to live in a post-pandemic world, the temptation will be to go back to the way things were, because that's how we know how to operate in. However, there is no going back. God is always opening new doors and beckoning his servants to come and follow and live into that new reality so that the world continues to be healed.

Stay tuned to hear the 3 big shifts and how we can carry out God's mission of reconciling love in this world.

**Peace,
Pastor Jake**

Holy Week Schedule

HOLY WEEK				
 Palm Sunday April 10	 Maundy Thursday April 14	 Good Friday April 15	 Easter Vigil April 16	 Easter Sunday April 17

- 4/10 Palm/Passion Sunday — Join us @ 10:00 am to enter the story of Jesus' final week beginning with the triumphal entry and the waving of Palms
- 4/14 Maundy Thursday — Join us @ 6:30 pm for a Seder Meal remembering Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. This worship will be in-person only.
- 4/15 Good Friday — Join us @ 12:00 pm or 6:30 pm for Jesus' death on the cross
- 4/16 Easter Vigil — Join us @ St. John's Episcopal Church at TBD in a service of light in expectation of dawn of Easter morn
- 4/17 Easter — Join us @ 8:00 am or 10:00 am for the joy of Christ's resurrection and Jesus' victory over death

St. Baldrick's Day



What on earth is St. Baldrick's Day? Well, in short, it's a made up day—there is no St. Baldrick. However, it all started with 3 Irish-Americans who wanted to raise money to provide more resources for child cancer. They started it on St. Patrick's Day and they decided they'd shave their heads to raise support. Hence, the name St. Baldrick stuck. Today it's the largest nongovernmental funding for child cancer research sprawling across the countries with groups forming their own head-shaving venues.

Pastor Jake has been growing his hair out for over a year. But in light of St. Baldrick's and the fight against child cancer, it's time to break out the razor.

If you'd like to donate to this cause or just see Pastor Jake bald, you may visit his [Facebook Profile](#) embedded electronically or use the QR code.



The shaving is taking place at the Freiheit Country Store on March 5th, from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Pastor Jake will also livestream the event from his Facebook page.

Serve Spot

Do you know about Serve Spot?

Serve Spot's mission is simple: Connect needs to resources in the New Braunfels area to those who need help and those who want to serve. If we can create a space for the community to come together, big things can happen!

Peace is one of the founders of Serve Spot who helped launch its website connecting volunteers and nonprofits to meet the needs of the our neighbors. Our Mission Endowment provided seeds to unite the many gifts in New Braunfels pairing them with the needs with a place of connection and service.



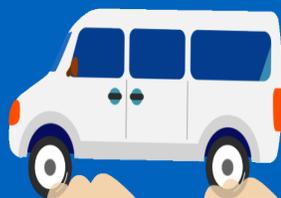
Visit servespot.org to see all the resources available and ways you can use God's gifts to bless others and serve the world!

Family Promise of Greater New Braunfels

WE'RE HEADING

BACK TO ROTATION

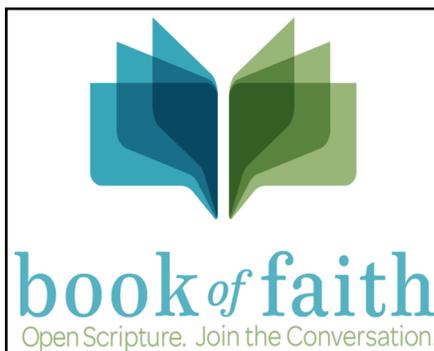
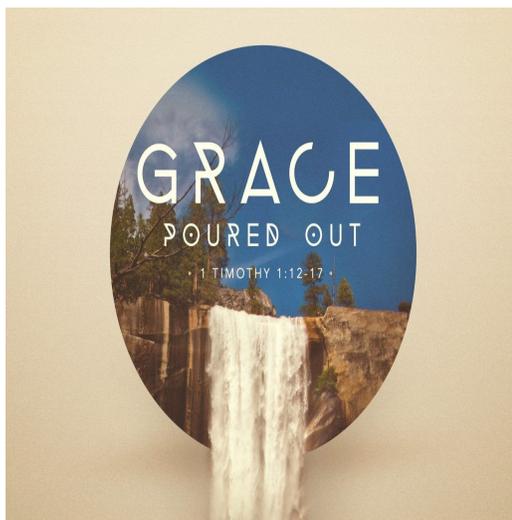
We will officially be returning to our traditional model of rotation between our partnered congregations on March 6. We are so excited, as this model allows us to serve more families. We owe a big thank you to all of our churches for being here for our return!



What is Family Promise? I know it's been a while; we could all use a refresher. Family Promise helps homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence. Families move to a new congregation each week in which they are hosted as guests. Congregations provide shelter, meals, and community for the families in the evening. During the day, children go to school and adults work toward sustainable independence including job skills, financial literacy, building opportunities with Family Promise staff.

Over the past couple of years, Family Promise has remained in its Day Center outside of the churches due to the pandemic. However, FP resumes meeting in congregations in March. Peace is not yet on the schedule, but will be soon. Look for opportunities for training and service in the near future.

A Message from the Deacon



1st & 2nd Timothy, Titus "The Pastoral Epistles"

Some interesting aspects of 1st Timothy, 2nd Timothy, and Titus:

- **Length:** 1st Timothy = six chapters, 2nd Timothy = four chapters, Titus = three chapters
- **Author:** There is widespread scholarly agreement that even though the greetings of these three letters indicate that they are from the apostle Paul, they were most likely written by one of Paul's loyal disciples. Pseudonymity (writing under another person's name) was a widespread and accepted practice in the ancient world. It is possible that fragments of some of Paul's own letters were also incorporated into these writings. As such, we refer to these as part of the Pauline corpus of writings.
- **Recipients:** These letters are addressed to individual co-workers with the Paul, namely Timothy and Titus, as advice from an elder pastor to his appointed representatives in guiding their congregations. Even so, they were used as general teachings for the early church, its leaders, and its members.
- **Date:** These letters are dated towards the very end of the first century, likely long after Paul's death.
- These letters were written to encourage faithful growth of the early church and to provide a warning against false teaching and practice of the Christian faith. It is important to remember that at the time of these writings, Christianity was only a few decades old, and there was a persistent danger in distortion, manipulation, or misinterpretation of the gospel message. Church leaders had begun to accept that Christ's return was not, as Paul expected, imminent, and so they began to turn their attention to building the structure, practice, and teaching of the faith for subsequent generations.
- **Timothy** was a third generation Christian, the son of a Greek father and Jewish mother (Eunice) who had converted to Christianity. He was a trusted companion and fellow worker with the apostle Paul in building the early church and is mentioned in a number of Paul's other letters as well as the Acts of the Apostles.
- 1st Timothy focuses on regulation of worship, organization of church administration, roles of various member groups, and a vigorous defense against false teaching. Titus in many ways reads like a condensed version of 1 Timothy with its concern for these same issues.
- 2nd Timothy appears to be the most personal of the three letters, directed specifically at Timothy, from one pastor to another, encouraging him to remain steadfast and courageous in his work for the sake of the gospel.
"proclaim the message; be persistent, whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching". (2 Tim. 4:2)
- **Titus**, a Gentile convert to Christianity, appears as an important companion of Paul in both Galatians and 2 Corinthians. When Paul brings Titus with him to Jerusalem, Titus is the subject of great debate about rules regarding Gentile converts to Christianity, particularly regarding circumcision and observing Jewish laws.
- The pastoral epistles give us a glimpse into the development of the early Christian church and its challenges. In the 1st century, as in today, the church was not always in complete agreement on its structure, practice, and teaching. The Pastoral epistles address issues that were of primary concern to 1st century Christians in that part of the world. Not all these issues translate into our modern culture, such as the admonition for women to be silent and have no authority over a man (1 Tim. 1:11-12), or the acceptance of slavery (Titus 2:9).

Peace Church App

We have launched our Peace Church App! Our hope is that you will find this a very useful resource for your daily faith journey. The app is filled with many features designed to encourage you, inspire you, and keep you connected to our Peace community. One of the main features, our “Daily Faith On The Go” will have short video devotionals from Pastor Jake, Pastor Paul, Deacon Andrew as well as lots of folks from both Peace and St. Andrew (maybe you, too). The app is filled with lots of other useful features, and will continue to grow! Here are the basic steps to download our app:

- Go to your device’s app store (Google Play/ iOS App Store)
- Search “Church App—Tithe.ly”
- Make sure to select the black/blue church app icon. It will look like this:
- One the church app is downloaded, open the app and search for Peace Lutheran Church by name, local search or zip code.
- The app may ask for permission for your device’s location
- Select the icon for Peace Lutheran Church, That’s all there is to it!
- We recommend saving the app to your device’s home screen for easy use.



Young Family Easter Celebration Saturday, April 16th 10:30 am - Noon

Children of all ages are invited to join us at the church for a morning of activities, games, music, and crafts. Rather than having an Easter Egg Hunt this year (there are tons of those out there now), we are going to have a very special treat—a live butterfly release! The butterfly is often used as a symbol for Christ’s death and resurrection—a perfect image for our preparation for Easter Sunday the following day!



Save the Date!

Summer VBS Day Camp Is Coming!

Monday, June 20th—Friday, June 23rd
8:30 am—3:30 pm
At Peace Lutheran Church



All children who have completed Kindergarten—5th grade are invited to join us for a fun week of VBS adventures, led by the camp staff from Camp Lutherhill. Registration will open March 15th. Friends are welcome and this is open to the community. For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Deacon Andrew.

Lenten Suppers are Back!



March 9th - Chili and Cornbread
 March 16th - Baked Potato and Salad
 March 23rd - Assorted Soups/Rolls
 March 30th - Hamburgers
 April 6th - Tacos, Beans and Rice

Meals are served from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.
 Would you like to help with one of our meals?
 Call Becky Voges at 830-625-1666.

Let's Go Out to Eat!

Meet at Peace Lutheran on **Thursday, March 17th** at 10:45 am or come straight to the restaurant by 11:15 am. We will carpool over to Clear Springs Catfish for some good food, fellowship and great conversation. If interested, need more information or need a ride, call Ceretta Daum at 830-625-8937 (home) 830-302-8975 (cell).



Mission Spotlight of the Month

Peace will be collecting donations for the following mission during March:

Sunday, March 27th: Family Promise of Greater New Braunfels

Family Promise's mission is to help families with children facing homelessness achieve and sustain independence. Family Promise of Greater New Braunfels was born in 2012 when Doy Cole and Tom Cioffi began gathering those with ears to hear, eyes to see and hearts to understand. To serve homeless families, churches opened their doors, people opened their hearts and worked with their hands to build and create FPGNB. In July, 2013 they enrolled their first guests. More information and ways to give your time will be shared during Sunday's Temple Talk.



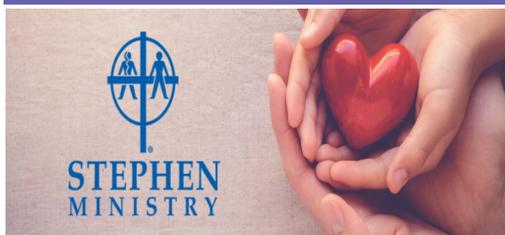
In Person Worship Service attendees can drop off their donation at that time. Livestream Worship Service attendees can drop off donations in the church mailbox or mail their donation directly to the church. Please make your check out to Peace Lutheran Church and put Mission Spotlight in the memo.

*****Giving online is always a great option as well. Go to the church website, peacemb.org, and click on the Give Tab. Choose the Give Online Now Button and follow the instructions. Please remember to designate Mission Spotlight in the memo.**

Thank you for your support!



Fear



Dear Lord, I know that you are watching over us. But the world is getting very scary. But then you know that. There is not much we can get by you. How can we get everyone to get along? This is not new to the human race. I believe that we have been fighting amongst ourselves since the beginning of time. Maybe we could use some more communication, (listening and understanding.) Here is a little story I read recently. "While I was walking over a bridge, I told our Lord that I was scared and asked if I could hold His hand. He said no, because that if you were scared you may let go of my hand and fall. He said that I know you are scared and I will not let go. I am here for you, just follow me".

I know that at times we wake very fearful, but if we remember that it is our Lord who is walking with us, and that if we let him guide us, everything will be okay. Maybe we should offer Stephen Ministers to the world. Get all the world leaders to set aside their differences and ask for help instead of demanding concessions. Is that too far off? I think not. All it takes is talking and listening. There is the difficult part. Communication. No one likes to admit when they may be wrong. Yes, fear and not talking about it can cause a lot of harm.

So if you have some fears and do not really know how to move forward, just remember that you are not alone. Contact the Stephen Ministers. Who knows, with enough prayer, maybe we can save the world.

If you are having problems, and feel like you may be stuck, you do not have to face the problems alone. A Stephen Minister may be able to help. Stephen Ministers are trained to give one on one Christian caring. Contact Pastor Jake, or Bill Purcell, our Referral Coordinator, at 210-846-3315 or any of the Stephen Ministers. They will be wearing a blue name badge on Sundays. For more information about Stephen Ministry at Peace Lutheran Church, see the web pages at www.peacenb.org/Stephen-Ministry

2022 Flowers

Signing up for flowers is just a click away. We utilize a Sign Up Genius online.

Visit the Peace website at www.peacenb.org. Scroll to the bottom and click on the Flower Button. This will take you directly to the Flower Sign Up Genius.

Please review the available slots, click on the date to sign up, then scroll to the bottom and click the Submit and Sign Up Button. Enter your dedication, name(s), and email. Click the Sign Up Button Now.

Cost of flowers is \$40.00. Make checks payable to Peace and mark "flowers" in the memo. Contact the church office if you need any assistance.



Yard Sale



Saturday, April 2nd
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We are having a Yard Sale on the front lawn of the church. We will be raising funds for our Live Nativity that is held every December. Please save your treasures for us and when it gets closer, we will gather them at the church. We will pick up large items, if needed. For more information, please contact Becky Voges at 625-1666.

Dates to Remember

April 2 - Yard Sale
 April 14 - Maundy Thursday Sedar Meal
 April 15 - Good Friday Prayer Vigil 1-6 p.m.
 Good Friday Worship 12 noon and 6:30 p.m.
 April 17 - Easter Breakfast



Sunday Morning Music

We have created a Sign Up Genius for those who would like to volunteer on Sunday mornings with our Music Ministry. We are in need of 2 (two) singers to lead the congregation in singing during the worship service.



We would also like to see people sign up to provide special music. This would entail preparing a special musical offering to share. This offering can be instrumental, bells, solo, duet, etc. **Please provide the name of the music and all copyright information when signing up.**

You can visit our website and click on the Sunday Morning Music Button located at the bottom of the home page or click on the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f44afa729a7f58-sunday>

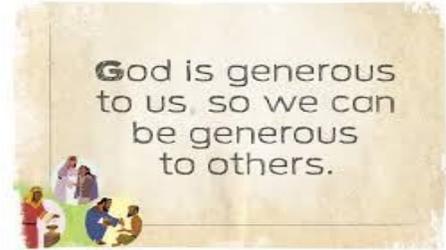
Church Council and Ministry Team Leaders 2022

Don Hodde - President
 Carol Franz - Vice President
 Matthew Simmont - Secretary
 Megan Wenzel - Treasurer
 Lisa Harrison - Member At-Large
 Vicki Hillmer - Member At-Large
 Hayden Kaufman - Member At-Large
 David Thomas - Member At-Large
 Forrest Willis - Member At-Large

Fellowship Team - Becky Voges
 Finance Team - James Huston
 Outreach Team - Open
 Property Team - John Kassel
 Service Team - Brandi Raschke
 Worship Team - Kathi Anderson

Giving at Peace

There are several giving options at Peace: Offering Envelopes; Online Giving (Website); AmazonSmile Program; Bank Drafts. If you would like more information on any of the options listed above, please give our Financial Administrator, Valerie Wood, a call



Finances January 2022

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 57,473.36	\$ 42,974.42	\$ 32,256.19		\$ 68,191.59
Building Fund	\$ 22,984.81	\$ 180.41	\$ 0.00		\$ 23,165.22
Endowment Fund	\$ 5,210.36	\$ 157.15	\$ 0.00		\$ 5,367.51
Endowment Investment Fund	\$ 165,944.88	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 165,944.88
Deferred Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,781.15	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.00		\$ 5,781.64
Designated Funds	\$ 30,910.09	\$ 1,954.49	\$ 932.00		\$ 31,932.58
Total Funds	\$ 288,304.65	\$ 45,266.96	\$ 33,188.19		\$ 300,383.42

Thrivent Choice Dollars

You can still direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars allocated to you in 2021 to Peace Lutheran Church. Deadline is March 31, 2022. If you have any questions you may contact Michele Bauman at micheleabauman@gmail.com



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Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Worship Service

Sunday
10am Indoor Worship and
Livestream @ Peace



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