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MISSION STATEMENT:

Celebrating and Sharing
God's Love for All

VISION STATEMENT:

Peace Lutheran Church is a welcoming, worshipping and witnessing community in Jesus Christ through whom healing, wellness, love and peace are offered unconditionally to all.

PASTOR DENNIS BECKER

10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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Food For Thought

Philippians 4:19 *'And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.'*

This verse expresses Paul's assurance that God will provide for the needs of the Philippian believers, not based on their own merit, but according to God's abundant provision in Christ. It emphasizes God's generosity and faithfulness in meeting the needs of those who trust in Him.

Lutheran theology emphasizes that God provides for all human needs, both physical and spiritual. This provision is seen as a gift of God's grace not something earned or deserved. It's a gift He freely gives based on our specific need.

Believers are encouraged to trust in God's faithfulness to meet their needs, as expressed in scriptures like Philippians 4:19. God gives us the grace we need to get through any situation (2 Corinthians 9:8). God's grace, his undeserved favor, is what allows us to forgive someone who wrongs us, to forgive ourselves, or to simply have enough strength to get through the day. Lutherans believe that God is the source of all good things and that He actively cares for His creation. This belief is rooted in the understanding that God created the world and all that is in it, including humanity, and that He sustains life and provides for its needs.

The idea that God will provide for all our needs is perhaps one of the hardest concepts to communicate to people. We pride ourselves in being independent and not requiring any support for anyone else. We would rather do without than be indebted to others for their help. We have become so self-sufficient that at times we even exclude God from our list of helpers.

And yet God wants to help us with our problems and needs. He wants us to call on Him and, rightly understood, put Him to the test. Not only that, but He can solve our problems and provide for all our needs. We merely need to ask. He is always eager to hear from us. As our gracious heavenly Father, He is always ready to pour out His blessings on those who come to Him acknowledging their independence on Him.

In essence, Philippians 4:19 is a message of hope and encouragement, assuring believers that God will meet their needs in accordance with His limitless resources in Christ Jesus.

When we need encouragement, whether we're facing a financial, medical, or emotional trial, we can know this for certain: God promises to provide for His people. God's Word is packed full of promises we can cling to no matter what our needs or circumstances may be.



Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

As a community in Christ, we gather together in service and fellowship to discern the call of our Christian faith. Strengthened by Word and Sacrament, we are always seeking creative ways to enrich our community, both locally and globally.

Our congregation is defined largely by its warm and friendly people, a vibrant intergenerational mix of young families, youth and adults. Come as you are!

We invite you to be part of our community. We hope that you will find your time here nourishing and energizing. We look forward to learning from you as well. We listen! We care!

Our church is open! We are offering in-person worship services, livestream worship services at 10:30 a.m. or you can watch the services anytime through YouTube. Please join us! Coffee Hour is available after our worship services.

May the love of God and the Peace of Christ find you here and wherever you are! May the fire of the Holy Spirit burn in your heart always!

Office Hours:

Lena Sievers, Administrative Co-ordinator, and others are in the office on a part time basis through the week (Mon - Wed and Fri, 9 to noon) to assist with calls and drop-in's. Please leave a message or email and someone will respond:

Office Tel: (905) 839-3521, or:
peacelutheran.plc@gmail.com

There is a Care Team visiting shut-in's on Wednesdays, please contact the office if you would like to receive a visit from the team. Our Interim Pastor Dennis Becker will be doing 2 Communion Services on the first and 3rd Sunday each month. He will be available for emergency situations only.

Food For Thought (cont.)

Let us take a moment to reflect on the implications of this promise. It means that we can cast aside our anxieties and worries about our needs being unmet. We can approach God with confidence, knowing that He is ready to provide for us.

But it's important to note that the provision of our needs is not always in the way we expect or on our preferred timeline. God's ways are higher than ours, and His timing is perfect. He may supply our needs through unexpected sources or bring about solutions we never imagined.

In His goodness and mercy, God provides for our lives on this earth too. Often, it's not without suffering or waiting or a restructuring of priorities, but God provides! Everything we have is a gift from God. We have much to be thankful for.

Therefore, let us surrender our concerns to Him and trust in His unfailing faithfulness. He is faithful to His promises, and His provision goes beyond material needs. He also cares for our emotional, spiritual, and relational needs.

God's provision has been on my mind a lot lately. I think that happens when significant life changes occur, or when we are at crossroads in the path of our lives. When I look at my life to this point, I praise God for His blessings and His provision. I don't deserve His goodness, but He faithfully and lavishly provides.

In reflection, there are many things that God is providing us at Peace. Right now, I believe God is providing us with TIME! Time to reflect, time to pray, time to listen to God, time to be refreshed, time to grow and thrive in his Love, time to love one another, time to give to others as he gave Himself to us. Time to give God thanks and praise for the bounteous blessings we receive from Him.

God's provision leads us to having our hearts filled with thanksgiving. God has extravagantly provided us so much that we should not be anxious but trust that *God will meet all our needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus*. Let us: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

May this verse encourage us to live with a spirit of contentment and gratitude. As we recognize God's grace and abundant provision in our lives, let us respond with thanksgiving and a willingness to share our blessings with others. Amen!

Peace and blessing to all this summer, Rosie

June PLC Financials

Peace Lutheran Church of Bay Ridges Financial Statement for the General Operating Fund June 2025

	Current Period	Year to Date	Annual Budget
RECEIPTS			
All Donations	\$11,405	\$44,899	\$121,100
Rental Income	\$3,940	\$35,977	\$48,110
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$2,055	\$2,690
Total Receipts	\$15,345	\$82,931	\$171,900
EXPENDITURES			
Benevolence	\$750	\$4,500	\$9,000
Pastoral Remuneration	\$2,572	\$50,436	\$114,400
Other Staff Remuneration	\$44	\$44	\$1,000
Pastoral & Council	\$0	\$10	\$1,000
Office: Supplies, Communi- cations	\$353	\$3,099	\$4,485
Committees	\$658	\$1,265	\$3,000
Financial	\$558	\$1,350	\$3,360
Utilities	\$292	\$5,447	\$9,800
Property	\$1,940	\$13,457	\$37,150
Total Expenditures	\$7,167	\$79,609	\$183,195
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$8,177	\$3,322	-\$11,295

Upcoming Events in August 2025!

Sunday, August 3rd, 10:30 am	-	Pastor Dennis—Communion Service and Name Tag Sunday
Sunday, August 10th, 10:30 am	-	Analisa
Sunday, August 17th, 10:30 am	-	Pastor Dennis—Communion Service
Sunday, August 24th, 10:30 am	-	Pastor Lowell — Communion Service
	-	Watermelon Party (Congregational Life Coffee Hour)
Sunday August 31st, 10:30 am	-	Rosie/Shari



Have Your Say — Survey Results

First, the Council wants to say thank you to all those who completed the questionnaire. You all provided some thoughtful answers. Thank you also goes out to Lena Sievers who summarized all your feedback to make it easy to incorporate into our Congregational Mission Profile. This document has now been completed and submitted to the Synod. If you would like to see a copy, please see Lena.

Out of all the items people are excited about at PLC, these 3 stood out:

1. Our Community Lunches – these provide a time for our members to get together every month sometimes learn a new skill or hear an interesting speaker.
2. Our Newsletter – it keeps us all informed and uplifted.
3. Our service ministries – the Saturday Outreach lunch was mentioned multiple times, but also mentioned were DARS, Durham Youth and Olive Branch.

In response to the final question on the survey ‘What else do you think we should prioritize at Peace’ there was some very interesting input provided. I’ll do my best to set out the overriding themes.

1. Balance traditional and more modern elements in worship services. There is a desire for services that ‘attract the youth and seniors with inspirational messages, music, outreach and working together as the body of Christ,’ and a request for services that are modern and uplifting.
2. Return to some of the former practices – some noted that some of the more traditional elements of our Worship services should be brought back. For example: pastors should wear robes, Assistant Ministers should sit in the altar area during the service, include the traditional aspects of Lutheran services, e.g. the Apostle’s Creed and the Lord’s Prayer in all services.
3. Suggestions about Our Pastor- he/she should:
 - (a) Be relatable – someone who will lead with wisdom, laughter and faith.
 - (b) Recognize and provide support through this period of change – truth & reconciliation, redevelopment, making us an affirming church.
 - (c) Promote Lutheran doctrine, hold Bible Studies.
 - (d) Value both internal and external ministries, with an emphasis on more visitation. However, the lay visitation team was recognized as valuable,
4. Some interesting ideas were raised:
 - (e) “members should be invited to offer suggestions for hymns and liturgy”. (this is generally overseen by the Worship & Arts Committee – suggestions may be directed to the Chairperson – Giselle Bischof
 - (f) Acquire dollies to more easily move chairs and tables for setting up events. (This idea has been forwarded to the Property Committee who agree this would be of value.)
 - (g) “More volunteers on all committees.”

Well, it seems we have our work cut out for us to address conflicting desires, but there is consensus on the things that connect us. With God’s Grace, we pray our Call Committee will find us a Pastor with the talent, wisdom and faith to lead all of us into our future together.

In the meantime, please pray for all the lay leaders and volunteers doing their best to provide for all the needs of our diverse congregation. Oh, and, if you have time, join us on one of our working committees.

Fiona Haapalehto, Council Secretary

Council Update/Appointment of Call Committee

At this time, I want to thank Council and all our volunteers who have stepped up to the plate and are going above and beyond the call of duty. I sincerely thank you for standing by me and supporting me as we are going through these challenging times. Thank you for all your hard work and efforts in keeping the church running smoothly. With God at our helm, we are a team and together we are strong. Thank you to all congregants and friends for supporting us and helping the church grow and expand in love.

As I mentioned last month, Council appointed the Call Committee at the Council meeting held on June 25th. Since then, Fiona, Sirkka and I had several meetings to put together the Congregational Mission Profile which was presented to Council on July 16th and the Motion to Accept was passed on Saturday, July 19th. A huge thank you to Fiona and Lena for putting this massive project together. I sent out an email to the Call Committee to arrange an initial meeting on July 27th or August 3rd, so they could select the Chairperson and Secretary. This information was needed on the Congregational Mission Profile, before it could be finalized. As it turned out, the very next day, on Sunday, July 20th — everyone was there who needed to be!! Praise God! So we had the meeting then and there, after service!

Jeremy West was elected to be Chairperson and Shari Nelson was elected to be Secretary. Congratulations to Jeremy and Shari and to all other members - Lena Sievers, Kirsten Boucher, Arnold Persaud, Cameron Ylimaki and Karen Bunbury. They will familiarize themselves on the Call Committee procedures and the Congregational Mission profile. Our next meeting—Council and Call Committee, will be held with Rev. Christie Morrow-Wolfe on September 9th. Thereafter the Call Committee will only communicate with Rev. Christie to go through the process of selecting a Pastor. It is a slow process and will take time.

Council has received and accepted Analisa Chand's resignation from Council as she is moving in August and will be starting Seminary School in September. We wish her all the best and we will continue to support her as she pursues her passion for God and His Word!

We wish everyone a wonderful, peaceful and relaxing summer. Council will be taking a break in August, therefore our next Council meeting will be in September.

Blessings, Rosie, Council Co-chair



Council Appointment

We are pleased to announce the creation of a new volunteer position at Peace Lutheran Church. PLC thrives on the time and talent of its diverse and vibrant volunteers. Jens Ehlers has generously volunteered to step in as PLC's internal auditor.

As we prepare to welcome a new pastor here at Peace, contemplate our spiritual mission, and consider the future of our building, we felt it was essential to also revisit our approach to our data, finances, and controls. Accurate and complete financial information and related data ensures the decisions we make are founded on the best analytics possible.

In 2023 we introduced a new set of software at Peace which includes the church management software Breeze. At present we have only scratched the surface of what the system can do. With more volunteer resources we can truly tap into its fully potential. With Jens, we will work to connect our old data into the new system and deliver a level of insight that will allow us to better serve our congregation. When we can see what's working and what isn't, church council can better adapt to the needs of our congregation and community.

David Wishart, Council member

Autumn Strings - Fundraising for Analisa



About "Autumn Strings" — they are a trio of friends and young musicians who are passionate about music and formed a chamber ensemble with the goal to spread joy through their playing and share the beauty and power of music. Currently, these 3 musicians are in university:

- **Cynthia Ding**, violinist. She is studying neuroscience at Duke University
- **Irene Huang**, pianist and violinist. She is studying piano performance and composition at Eastman School of Music.
- **Angelina Sievers**, violinist. She is studying viola performance at Rice University.

What a marvelous performance we were treated to in the afternoon on Wed., July 9th!

We loved their passion and love of music! You blessed us with a variety of music that soothed and pleased the soul!



Message from Analisa:

"My heart felt thanks to Angelina and her friends for organizing and performing in the concert! Thank you to everyone who generously contributed, not only at the concert but in the past few weeks! I am humbled by everyone's generosity. Thank you so much."



Message from Lena: "Such a wonderful afternoon we had at Peace Lutheran Church, thanks to the Autumn Strings. Thank you so much for the awesome concert! We raised a lot of money for our friend, who will be attending seminary in Sept. We are so blessed to have amazing young talented musicians who are giving and caring, perform for us."





Choking Hazard Warning

Attention: Seniors 55+

An elderly man, 62 years old, was hospitalized due to choking on water that entered his lungs after drinking a glass of water at 11 PM. He was rushed to the hospital for emergency treatment but unfortunately he passed away. His sudden death serves as a reminder to the elderly that no matter what they do, they must pay attention to two things:

One is to avoid falls, and

The other is to prevent choking.

After the age of 55 and beyond, it's important to start practicing:

When drinking water — Stop everything and focus on drinking water carefully and slowly. Elderly people are prone to choking because the muscles in their throat and swallowing mechanism have weakened, degenerated, and lack strength.

The following information was shared by a doctor. It's worth passing on, especially to your elderly relatives and friends.

****Pneumonia caused by choking on water, milk, soup, etc., is a common problem among the elderly.****

If there are elderly people at home, take note:

1. Use a straw if possible when drinking water, and keep your head slightly lowered while swallowing.
2. Prefer thick soups over thin ones. Thin soups flow too quickly and can easily cause choking if breathing is uneven.
3. Do not drink liquids while there is still solid food in your mouth or while chewing. If water stays in the mouth too long, it may flow into the windpipe and cause choking if you're not careful.
4. Do not talk or turn your head while there is food or water in your mouth.
5. Elderly people do not have the same physical strength and endurance as younger individuals.

If liquid or food enters the windpipe and is expelled, the face may turn red, and blood pressure may rise. In some cases, choking can be fatal.

As we age, we must drink water slowly, attentively, and cautiously.

Take care of yourself and share this with other elderly individuals.

Thank you Ruth for sharing

ATTENTION or HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

**IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN A WELL PAID
POSITION AT PEACE AS ORGANIST/PIANIST**

It will only be for Sunday services, with choir warm up 1/2 hour before. For more information, please contact: rosielanch@hotmail.com

Worship services in July



WELCOME, Pastor Dennis Becker, who is our new part time Interim Pastor! On July 6th, he did his first service, sermon and communion at Peace Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have him on the first and third Sundays each month. He recently retired from his call to Faith Lutheran Church in Oshawa. He also recently retired from being Editor of the ELCIC's daily devotional publication, "*Eternity for Today*", which he has served on for more than 2 decades. In his retirement, he is staying busy with his hobby of carving and enjoys spending his time with his wife, Wendy, and their seven grandchildren. Well done, and welcome on board, Pastor Dennis!



July 13th—Angelina presented the fundraising proceeds to Analisa. She was overwhelmed and thanked everyone!



Worship services in July (cont.)



Sometimes when we ask the Lord
To meet a special need.
It seems as if His ear is deaf
No matter how we plead.

But up above the blue skies
He watches over His own
Always seems to hear our cries
We are not alone.

For every trial and every case
He gives us more grace
And every storm has a calm
That shows His loving face.

Yes, troubles often abound
That is very true
But He always has an answer
He always sees us through.

Prayer – Author Unknown
Submitted by: Ruth

PLC Outreach lunch - Notice

Please note that the PLC Outreach lunch held on Saturdays, is closed for the summer and will start up again at the beginning of September.

During the summer, bagged meals will be made and distributed to the vulnerable on Mondays in the evenings! This service will be stopped when the Saturday lunches resumes!

Thank you to all the volunteers who have faithfully helped and contributed to this worthy cause. In total, there were 251 meals served to the vulnerable (not including volunteers) from January to June. Well done everyone.

Please contact Susan if you wish to help as a volunteer, starting in September.

Thank you to all who participate in this vital ministry.

Meaning of Altar Candles

In Lutheran tradition, altar candles symbolize the presence of Christ as the Light of the World and remind worshippers of his sacrifice. They also represent the light of the gospel and the sacredness of the worship space. Some congregations light altar candles only during Holy Communion, while others light them during all services.

Here's a more detailed look at the symbolism:

- **Christ as the Light of the World:** Candles are a visual representation of Jesus's declaration, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). They remind believers that Christ brings light and guidance into the darkness of sin and death.
- **Christ's Sacrifice:** As a candle gradually burns away to provide light, it symbolizes the self-giving nature of Christ's sacrifice for humanity.
- **The Sacredness of Worship:** Candles can also signify that the time and space for worship are set apart and holy, marking them as a place where God's presence is felt.
- **The Gospel's Light:** Lit candles can also represent the light of the Gospel, which illuminates the way to salvation.
- **Practical Considerations:** Historically, altar candles served a practical purpose, lighting the altar for the priest during services, especially in darker churches.
- **Two Altar Candles:** Many Lutheran congregations use two altar candles to symbolize Jesus's dual nature as both human and divine.
- **Carrying the Light:** At the end of a service, a lit candle may be carried out into the world, representing the call for believers to shine the light of Christ in their daily lives.

Fur Family Pic's — next month!



Thank you Tapio for sending me a picture of his son, David's dog, Jax! The picture of Jax was taken by Fiona. This is their "grand" fur-child. I have a grand fur-child and lots of pictures that I take of Cooper as well.

For the past few months, I have been thinking about asking everyone to submit pictures of their fur family! Let's do it for the September newsletter! It can be your cat, dog, bird or other animal friend, or like Fiona and myself — a grand fur child! It can be "In Memory of" a very special Fur Family friend!

Please submit your picture(s) along with their names and your relationship to them to: rosielanch@hotmail.com by no later than: **Sunday, August 24th!**

I look forward to receiving everyone's pictures!!



God’s Creation



By Rosie L



By: Tapio H.



By Rosie L



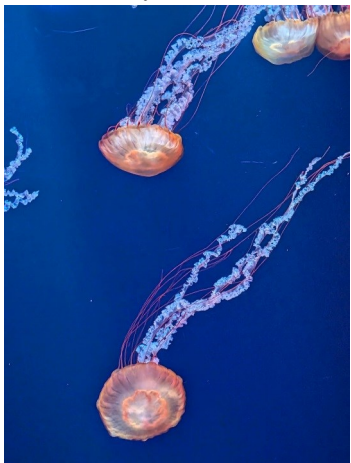
By Denise J.



By: Tapio H.



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By Cameron Y



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By Elizabeth J



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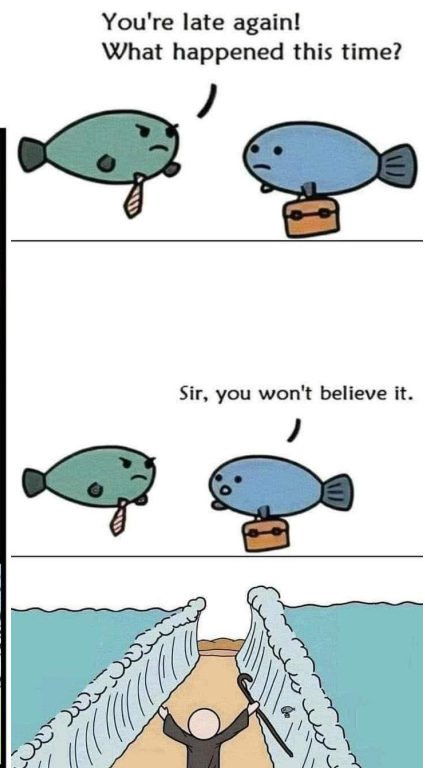
By Philip W.

Congregational Life—Watermelon Party

On Sunday, August 24th — please join us at our annual Watermelon Party for fellowship and a cool and delightful treat!

It is a free will donation. All proceeds will go to Analisa to help her as she starts seminary school in September.

We hope you are enjoying the summer!



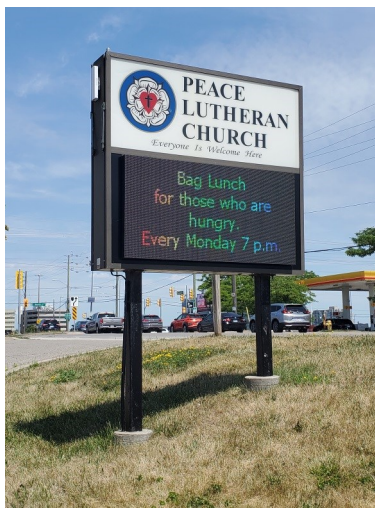


PLC—Volunteers!

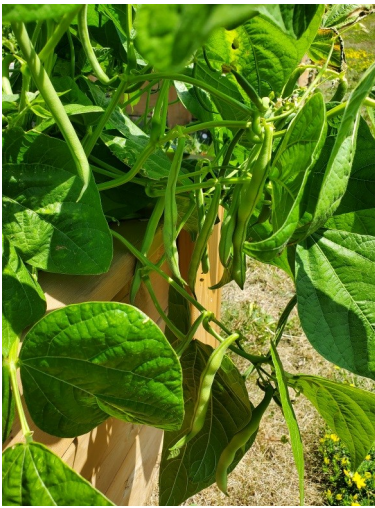
WE ARE BLESSED! Peace has many members that “don’t have to be asked”! We collectively are “stepping up to the plate” to fix up our church home. We have shared common values and purpose and we have people willing to be involved. Thanks to all volunteers who take pride in the church’s upkeep and do things on their own or in consultation with others. Bless you, thank you! Below are some more recent improvements.



Thank you Rainer and others for the major weed-ing of the new Peace Butterfly Garden, planted by Elizabeth & Karen. Thanks so much Rainer for painting the parking lines. Thanks to all who made the new sign vibrant with messages and color!



Thanks Lena & Elizabeth for sprucing up the Narthex



Thank you to our Veggie Team for doing such a great job in weeding, watering and nurturing the vegetable garden. The green beans are ripening nicely!



The Super Sophia Project

This is how we do it! The Super Sophia Project came together with hearts full of love to prepare and deliver *Love Boxes*™ for the sweet children at Michael Garron Hospital in Toronto. A heartfelt thank-you to Peace Lutheran Church for opening your doors and allowing us to fill your space with compassion and care. The special delivery took place on July 21—and we are so grateful to continue spreading love and kindness, one *Love Box*™ at a time.



“What began as a simple goal in 2016—to deliver 100 Love Boxes™ to Centenary Hospital—turned into something truly extraordinary. That year, we delivered 1,200 Love Boxes™ to multiple hospitals. And now — we are almost at 60,000 Love Boxes™ gifted to brave children across countless hospitals. A small act of love has become a movement of kindness, compassion and hope”

Labyrinth Walk at Westminster United Methodist Church (1st Wed. of each month)

The Westminster Church invites all to join their Labyrinth Circle on the first Wednesday of each month. It is very peaceful and spiritually uplifting with soft Gregorian chants. See information below from their website:

Westminster United Church Whitby 1850 Rossland Rd. East (and Gerrard), Whitby, Ontario, Canada

The Labyrinth Circle of Westminster is pleased to announce that the labyrinth will be open on Wednesday, **August 6th, 2025 at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.**

A labyrinth walk provides an opportunity for prayer and meditation along a path that has twists and turns not unlike the path of our lives. People walk the labyrinth for many reasons, including curiosity. Some people begin the walk and then discover their reasons along the way. Every labyrinth walk is different. Come walk the path that has been identified with the Christian church since the Middle Ages. All are welcome.

Thanks Shari Nelson for bringing this to our attention. If you wish to join her, please let her know.

Gratitude Corner



Gratitude Corner

Every month, we will celebrate the work different people do at Peace and in our community

Lena Sievers

We sincerely thank Lena for always doing the Lord's work with love, willingness, a warm hug and smile, and efficient dedication. You are AMAZING — not only raising 3 wonderful girls together with Joel and encouraging all their achievements, but all you do for Peace! You go above and beyond the call of duty! You are a loving and caring sister and friend to many and we thank you for the many ways you reach out and do things for Peace and for our Community.

You have put so much love and effort into creating the Children's Messages, you work diligently in the Tech booth, you organize our social functions together with the Congregational Life team, you are always willing to help wherever there is a NEED, especially with PLC outreach lunches and recently you have diligently and efficiently become our Administrative Coordinator doing so much organizing and much needed work in the office of Peace. You are also an integral part of the Peace Care Team and so much more!

We are blessed to have you and your family for all these years at Peace. Thank you for all you do!

Bible Fun Time



Congratulations to our new National Bishop

Delegates at the 2025 ELCIC National Convention have elected Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer to serve as its fifth National Bishop in the ELCIC!

Kochendorfer becomes the fifth National Bishop in the ELCIC, following Donald Sjoberg (1986-1993), Telmor Sartison (1993-2001), Raymond Schultz (2001-2007) and Susan Johnson (2007-2025).

Currently, Kochendorfer is serving as interim pastor at Our Redeemer, Penticton, B.C., as well as assistant to the bishop in the British Columbia (BC) Synod. Following the announcement of the election, Kochendorfer asked for prayers for his congregation, the BC Synod and his Synod Bishop, Rev. Kathy Martin.

Kochendorfer served as Bishop of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories (2012-24) and has also worked in congregations in Dickson, Lethbridge and Edmonton, Alberta.

Having served the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) as a council member from 2017-23, Kochendorfer is currently chair of the LWF's Mutual Responsibility Task Force and was recently co-chair of the Lutheran portion of the Joint Anglican Lutheran Commission.

Kochendorfer has been married to his wife Cathy for 42 years, and the two have raised four children together.



All delegates, visitors and special guests attending the 2025 ELCIC National Convention celebrated and honoured the legacy of outgoing National Bishop Susan Johnson. Taking office in 2007, Johnson became the first female national bishop in the ELCIC, and carried the role through three further elections (2011, 2015, 2019) until the announcement that she will be retiring this fall.

The Eastern Synod of the ELCIC

The Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) is one of the five synods of the ELCIC. It consists of 175 congregations and approximately 50,000 baptized members, covering a territory from Sault Ste. Marie, ON to Halifax, NS.

The Eastern Synod office is located in Kitchener, ON and its bishop is Rev. Carla Blakley. Peace is pleased to announce that Rev. Carla Blakley will be our guest speaker on Sunday, October 26th, 2025, which is Reformation Sunday. Pastor Dennis Becker will be presiding.

Please jot down this date and join us! More details to follow in our next newsletter.

For your information, the Eastern Synod benefits from partnerships with organizations such as Martin Luther University College, Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran World Federation.



Congregational Life—Sunday Sundae

Below are some pictures from our “Sunday Sundae”, on July 27th. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed this delicious and refreshing treat! Over \$200 was raised for Analisa. Analisa sincerely thanks everyone for their love, generosity and support! Thank you to the Congregational team and volunteers for organizing, setting up and cleaning up.

If you are wondering who the tall young gentleman in the red shirt — that is Rosie’s grandson, Eric! He is 16 years—time flies! Eric will be helping us next month for the Watermelon party as well to get in the prerequisite volunteer hours.



Canadian Blood Services in August



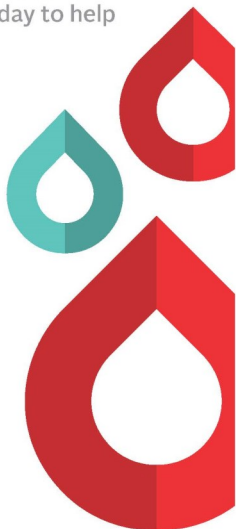
Your donation matters

It matters to every patient across Canada.
Because it's something we can do today to help others wake up healthier tomorrow.

Upcoming blood donation events

Ajax Community Centre
HMS Ajax Banquet Hall
75 Centennial Road

Saturday, August 2
Saturday, August 30
9:00 am to 3:00 pm



Join **Canada's Lifeline**
Book now at blood.ca or call **1 888 2 DONATE**



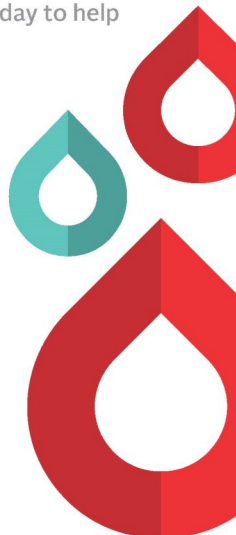
Your donation matters

It matters to every patient across Canada.
Because it's something we can do today to help others wake up healthier tomorrow.

Upcoming blood donation events

Forest Brook Community Church
60 Kearney Dr. Ajax

Monday, August 18
1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

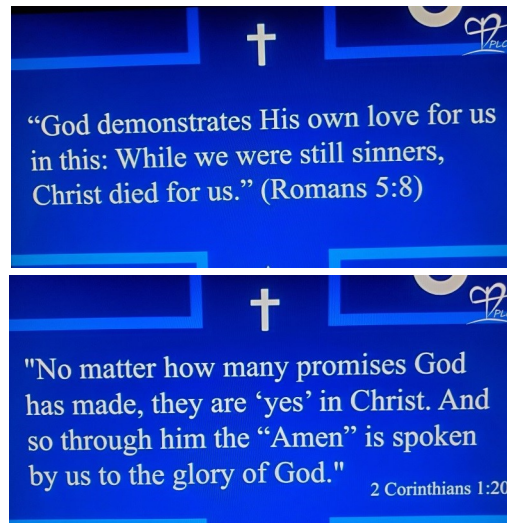


Join **Canada's Lifeline**
Book now at blood.ca or call **1 888 2 DONATE**

Worship Assistants for Aug 2025

AUG 2025	AM	READER	GREETERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	SERVERS	SERMON/ SERVICE
3	Giselle B	Fiona H.	Gene H.	Rosie/Lynne	--	Rosie/Shakura	Pastor Dennis
10	Rosie L	Cameron	Lynne H.	--	Rainer/Rosie	--	Analisa
17	Analisa	Shari N.	Wayne R	Joan/Fiona	--	Analisa/Fiona	Pastor Dennis
24	Giselle B	Ruth H	Tapio H	Janet/Claire	--	Janet/Rosie	Rosie/Pastor Lowell
31	Phil W	Tina	Carol W	--	Janet/Sirkka	--	Rosie/Shari

Children's Message - July 2025



Coffee Hour

Thank you to all who volunteer to make coffee after service on Sundays. Just a reminder, please come at 10 am to set up, make the coffee and set out your "treats". Remember to bring the cream and milk.

Again, thank you for your faithful service!

Lena, Sirkka, Colleen and Susan



Next Month:

If you have any articles, upcoming church events, pictures, jokes, poems, inspirational messages, Peace History, special events or a personal celebration that you would like included in our PLC newsletter for the month of **September 2025**, please submit them to Rosie (rosielanch@hotmail.com) by **August 24th**.

Happy Summer! Take TIME to be refreshed and connected with God. God provides! Peace and blessings, Rosie

