

**Peace Lutheran Church
Newsletter
October 2025**

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



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

Save the Date for the Fall Kick Off!

New to Peace

Interested in growing in
faith, exploring God's
mission, and deepening
your commitment to
the church?

Our next New to Peace
Orientation is 10/12 &
10/19 after worship.



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A Message from the Pastor



This fall, we begin a new stewardship series called *Faithful Foundations: Trusting, Listening, Aligning, Building*. Over the next month, we will reflect together on what it means to share our gifts—our time, our talents, and our treasures—for God’s purposes.

At its heart, **stewardship is about discipleship**. It is the way we live out our faith in response to God’s generosity. A steward is someone who cares for what has been entrusted to them. Everything we have—our breath, our days, our resources, our abilities—are gifts from God. Stewardship, then, is not just about money. It is about how we use our whole lives to serve God and bless others.

Throughout this month, we will explore four foundations that guide us as stewards:

- **Trusting** – placing our confidence in God’s abundance, rather than fear of scarcity.
- **Listening** – paying attention to God’s call and to the needs of our neighbors.
- **Aligning** – shaping our lives and priorities with God’s mission of love and justice.
- **Building** – working together to strengthen the church and grow God’s kingdom in the world.

As we walk through these foundations, we invite you to reflect on how God is calling you to live faithfully as a steward. At the end of the month, we will join together as a congregation in making commitments of our **time, talents, and treasures** to the Lord. These commitments are not obligations, but joyful responses to the grace and generosity we have first received in Jesus Christ.

Each year our church intentionally examines the gifts God shares with us. And we ask ourselves,

- 1) What are the gifts God share with me?
- 2) How might I use those gifts to further God’s mission in the world and join God in bringing peace, justice, and love?

Let us build on the faithful foundations God has given us, and trust that God will continue to provide all that we need for the work of ministry.



Peace,

Pastor Jake

Fall Worship

FAITHFUL FOUNDATIONS: Trusting, Listening, Aligning, Building 2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Giving Our All to the Lord



**Trusting in
God's Provision**

Exodus 16:1-18



**Listening
for God's Call**

1 Samuel 3:1-21



**Aligning with
God's Vision**

1 Samuel 16:1-19



**Building for
God's Glory**

1 Kings 5:1-5, 8:1-13

October 10am Worship at a Glance:

10/5	Exodus 16:1-18	Trusting in God's Provision <i>Blessing of Animals Outdoor Worship @ Peace</i>
10/9	7pm Interfaith Pride Worship	
10/12	1 Samuel 3:1-21	Listening to God's Call
10/19	1 Samuel 16:1-19	Aligning with God's Vision
10/26	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13	Building for God's Glory <i>Commitment Sunday/New to Peace Affirmation</i>



Sunday Morning Growth:

Faith Talks

8:45am-9:30am Pastor Jake and others meet in the Fellowship Hall to talk about their faith and dig deeper into God's story for you .

Seekers & Sponges

8:30am-9:30am a group meets in the conference room to explore various topics

Fall Worship Continued

Special Worship Opportunities

Peace Lutheran Church

PET BLESSING OCTOBER 5 10am

OUTDOOR ON THE FRONT LAWN
@ 10AM WORSHIP



Each October, many churches celebrate the life and witness of St. Francis of Assisi, a 13th-century friar known for his deep love of God's creation. Francis lived simply, cared for the poor, and taught that all creatures—great and small—reflect the glory of their Creator. His compassion extended not only to people but also to animals, whom he called his brothers and sisters.

In his honor, Peace Lutheran Church will hold a **Pet Blessing Worship on Saturday, October 5th, at 10:00am on the front lawn.** We will give thanks for the animals who share our lives, bringing companionship, joy, and unconditional love—gifts that remind us of God's own care and faithfulness.

Whether furry, feathered, or scaled, each pet will be welcomed and blessed as part of God's family. Join us for this joyful outdoor service as we celebrate the wonder of creation and the creatures who bless our lives every day!

Peace Lutheran Church is honored to host an **Interfaith Pride Worship on Thursday, October 9th, at 7:00pm.** Together with friends from many faith traditions, we will gather to celebrate God's inclusive love and the beautiful diversity of the human family.

This service is a joyful witness that all people—especially our LGBTQ+ siblings—are beloved by God. Through prayer, music, and community, we will lift up voices too often silenced, celebrate the gifts of diversity, and stand together for justice, welcome, and love.

Join us for this special worship as we come together—different traditions, one human family—proclaiming that pride is both an act of justice and an act of faith.



Thursday, October 9, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Peace Lutheran Church
1147 S Walnut Ave, New Braunfels, TX

Celebrate our Diversity
www.nbinterfaith.org

Council Corner - October 2025

Here are a few of the issues the Council discussed in September.

- **Leadership Retreat** – A leadership retreat is planned for October 18. Our Ministry Team leaders, Governance Team leaders, and others will come together to work on defining a clear and simplified structure for how ministries are carried out at Peace. We will work on making sure that everyone is working in alignment and that are goals are clear.
- **Sabbatical** – The Council approved a proposed sabbatical focused on congregational and pastoral renewal from May to August 2026. We will have an exciting announcement related to this later in October and you will hear about it regularly in the coming months.
- **October Stewardship Drive** – You will be hearing more about stewardship throughout October as we discuss how we invest in ministry at Peace. At the same time, our ministry teams and leadership will be starting to work on developing a draft budget that is forward-focused, advances ministry, and aligns with our goals. The budget will be presented to everyone in advance of the Congregational Meeting in January.
- **Upcoming Special Worship:** Peace will host the Interfaith Pride worship on October 9, featuring a guest worship musician, Flamy Grant, and keynote speaker Keats Miles-Wallace.

If you have questions or ideas, please feel free to speak to any member of the Council.

General Fund

	August 2025	Year-to-Date 8 Months 2025	Budget 8 Months 2025	Year-to-Date 8 Months 2024
Receipts	\$ 29,109	\$ 264,877	\$ 260,852	\$ 271,603
Disbursements	\$ 26,537	\$ 241,635	\$ 260,852	\$ 278,507
Net	<u>\$ 2,572</u>	<u>\$ 23,242</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (6,904)</u>

Building Maintenance Fund

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 32,626.44
Donations	36,053.75
Disbursements:	
Foundation	\$ 17,180.75
Repair Water Leak including Tunneling	26,310.00
AC Repair	18,521.50
	<u>(62,012.25)</u>
Balance August 31, 2025	<u>\$ 6,667.94</u>

Sisters in Christ



Our Peace Lutheran Sisters in Christ will gather on October 23, 10:00 a.m. at St Andrew Lutheran Church to set up our booth for the Fall Festival. We will also have lunch together with the St. Andrew lad

The Christmas Tea is Coming!

A GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS



The Christmas Tea will be on December 6, from 10am to 12am. This year's theme is a Gingerbread Christmas; tickets are \$10.00 per person. They will go on sale in October; you can sign up on sign up genius or we will have forms at the church. You can also call any member of the tea committee. Deadline is November 30. Can goods will be collected for the SOS food bank.

Live Nativity

Mark your calendars for the
Live Nativity on Dec. 20.
It takes a village to share the
Christmas Story.
Watch for more info as the
date gets closer.



Sunday Morning Refreshments

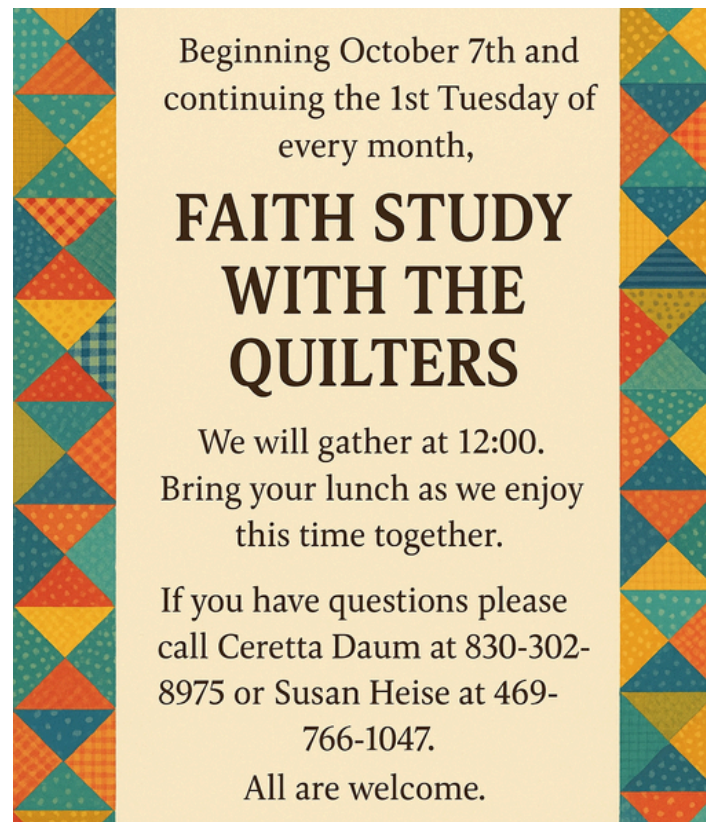


Our Fellowship time on Sunday mornings is extra special because of all the tasty treats we enjoy with our coffee. When I put out the sign-up sheets it seems to be the same generous people every month. I would like to see some new names on that sign-up sheet. October anyone? The Sundays in October are 5. 12. 19. 26. This would be a great time to celebrate someone's birthday by providing items to go with our coffee. Let's talk, 830-587-4003. Becky Voges.

Fellowship Team Booth

Our Fellowship Team will have a Booth at the Fall Festival again this year. We will be selling crafts, Baked Goods, Canned items and other miscellaneous items. Donations would be most appreciated. Our proceeds will be used to provide Christmas for the First Footing Shelter.

Faith Study with the Quilters



Beginning October 7th and
continuing the 1st Tuesday of
every month,

FAITH STUDY WITH THE QUILTERS

We will gather at 12:00.
Bring your lunch as we enjoy
this time together.

If you have questions please
call Ceretta Daum at 830-302-
8975 or Susan Heise at 469-
766-1047.

All are welcome.

Spiritual Gifts

What are Our Spiritual Gifts?

Christian discipleship is a journey of living out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. The more that we can discover who we are and whose we are, the more we can appreciate the journey to which we have been called. This includes discovering our Spiritual Gifts. Each one of us is given gifts by the Holy Spirit that shape who we are and how we operate in the body of Christ. When we identify these gifts, we can better use them to grow in faith, life and discipleship.

Each month we will highlight one of the spiritual gifts that are part of our Spiritual Gifts Assessment. This month we will highlight the gift of **Giving**.

Giving is the spiritual gift that enables the receiver to recognize God's blessings and to respond to those blessings by generously of our time, talents, and treasures.



Take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment today!
Scan the QR Code or go to:
<https://www.peacenb.org/pages/spiritual-gifts-survey>

October Mission Spotlight

Three years ago, a devastating fire ravaged Crisis Center of Comal County. Now a new center on Landa Street is expected to be completed in early 2026.

The new shelter is not just a building, it will be a lifeline and haven for its residents as they too rebuild their lives. The Crisis Center will be creating a new location for healing, safety and hope.

The three story edifice will provide a kitchen and pantry, office space, and sexual assault examination room on the first floor with living spaces for families to heal and grow on the remaining two floors.

The third floor is designed for transitional living so that residents can prepare for their lives beyond the shelter. The site also will have outdoor spaces, including pet shelter/kennel and a playground. This thoughtfully designed complex offers a safe harbor for women and families to recover from the circumstances that brought them to CCCC.

The new Crisis Center will be able to house about 90 residents, Approximately \$4 million of the \$14 million capital campaign to cover building construction and operation costs have been raised.

Throughout the building of the new shelter, CCCC has been able to continue to provide emergency shelter for survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault as well as women facing homelessness. Clients receive comprehensive services as they work toward achieving self sufficiency.

Case managers work individually with clients and provide goal focused services. Trained advocates assist on a 24/7 hotline with urgent support, information and referrals related to crisis or trauma service, domestic violence, sexual assault, or homelessness.

Licensed counselors assist clients in overcoming victimization effects through individual and group counseling and offer support groups for adults as well as children.

Legal advocacy for clients includes preparing protective orders, affidavits and police reports, offer escorts to law enforcement and criminal justice offices and aid in completing crime victim compensation claims.

The Crisis Center of Comal County offers education and prevention programs on domestic violence and sexual assault for civic, education and church groups. As shelter residents begin their next phase of healing and success CCCC offers support to secure safe, stable, sustainable housing.

Please add the Crisis Center to your prayers as it literally rises from the ashes and continues to lift up and care for these survivors of violence and/or housing insecurity. Contact crisiscenternb.org for further opportunities to volunteer, donate or shop the Comal Thrift Shoppe or become a donor to their capital campaign.

Join us on October 26, as we spotlight Crisis Center of Comal County and collect a dedicated offering for their mission.

Peace
Karen Laughlin
Service



Fall Festival

Fall Festival & Country Bazaar

OCTOBER 25, 2025

9 AM—2 PM

Games & Activities

Jump Castle, Fish Pond, Ring Toss, Hayride, Limbo & more

The Country Store

Crafts & Homemade items

Rummage Sale

Tools, housewares, toys, decor

Entertainment

Variety of music & talent

Bake Shop

Homemade breads, cakes, pies, cookies

The Café

Breakfast Tacos, Grilled Burgers, Sausage Wraps & more

Raffle & Silent Auction

Benefits local charities—includes Pellet Grill & \$500 VISA

Event proceeds benefit CRRC, New Life Children's Center, Family Promise, SJRC-Texas, Habitat for Safe Seniors, First Footing—Salvation Army, Youth Groups & Benevolence Funds



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Birthdays

Merle Cavanaugh 10/01
 JoAnn Schlabach 10/04
 Rick Smith 10/06
 Brody Johnson 10/08
 Brian Peebles 10/08
 Clayton Smith 10/08
 Barbara Doleshal 10/09
 Jack Ralph 10/13
 Susan Briner 10/15
 Carla Carter 10/16
 Daylin Tiemann 10/18
 Steven Anderson 10/19
 Matthew Simmont 10/20
 Parker Kaufman 10/20
 Eric Dickman 10/21
 David Lange 10/21
 Jennifer Phillips 10/21
 Kristen Mosher 10/24
 Lavern Kistner 10/24
 Katharine Mosher 10/25
 Bobby Laughlin 10/25
 David Heise 10/26
 Jake Fain 10/29

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.



Anniversaries

Darrell & Tara Skeen
 10/04/2014 – 11 years
 David & Ann Keeler
 10/07/1966 – 59 years
 Antonio Rosales & Raquel Gordillo
 10/10/2012 – 13 years
 Jim & Michelle Johnson
 10/10/1992 – 33 years
 Chase & Amanda Martin
 10/16/2021 – 4 years
 Lindsay & (Roy) Friedrich
 10/22/2005 – 20 years
 Mitchell & Catherine Fain
 10/23/1982 – 43 years
 Clint & Jennifer Phillips
 10/25/2008 – 17 years
 Kristyn & Andrew Ladshaw
 10/29/2016 – 9 years

Prayers

Martin Franz
 Carol Franz
 Jim Miller
 Rick Smith
 John Claycomb
 Arlene Wold
 Stella Leissner
 Earl Koester
 Jenny Phillips

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.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Friday
Office Closed

Sunday
10:00 am - Worship
Livestream @ peacenb.org/live