

The Christmas Tea

The Christmas Tea will be on December 5, 2026 from 10am to 12am. This year's theme is A Star of Wonder tickets are $10.00 per person. They will go on sale in October. We will have forms at the church in the Narthex. You can also call any member of the tea committee.
Deadline is November 30. Can goods will be collected for the SOS food bank.





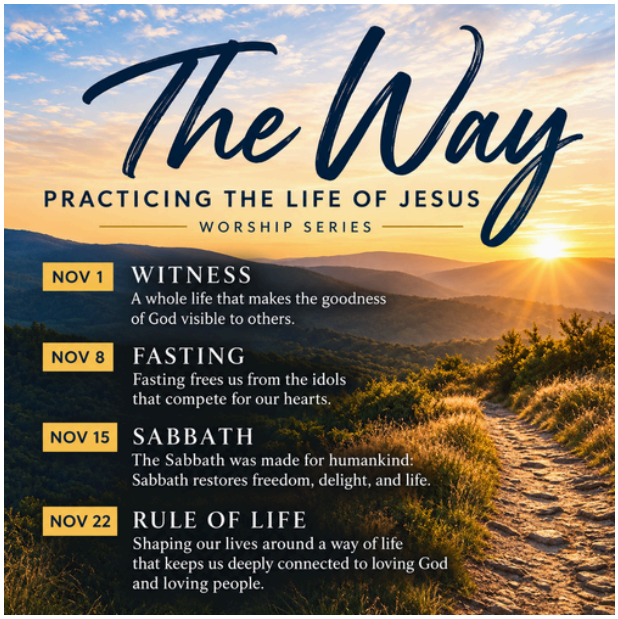
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A Message from the Pastor
The Way: Practicing the Life of Jesus

Over the past few months, we have been on a journey together as we've explored what it means to follow Jesus in our everyday lives. Through our worship series, The Way: Practicing the Life of Jesus, we've been reminded that following Jesus is about more than simply believing the right things or attending worship on Sunday mornings. It's about learning to live as Jesus lived, allowing his love to shape the way we think, act, and relate to God and one another.

We've explored practices like prayer, Scripture, solitude, community, service, and generosity. Each of these practices invites us to slow down, pay attention to God's presence, and become more intentional about how we live our faith.



As we move into November, we'll conclude our series by exploring four more practices that help us grow in our relationship with God and one another.

November 1 – Witness: Witness isn't simply about telling others what we believe. It's about living in such a way that the goodness of God becomes visible through us. Our words, actions, compassion, and love can all point others toward Jesus.

November 8 – Fasting: We live in a world that constantly tells us we need more. More possessions, more entertainment, more comfort, more of just about everything! Fasting helps us recognize the things that compete for our hearts and reminds us that our deepest satisfaction comes not from what we consume, but from our relationship with God.

November 15 – Sabbath: Jesus reminds us that "the Sabbath was made for humankind." Sabbath isn't another religious obligation to check off our list. It's a gift! In a world that measures our worth by how much we accomplish, Sabbath invites us to rest, delight in God's goodness, and remember that our value comes from being God's beloved children.

November 22 – Rule of Life: As we conclude our series, we'll consider how to bring all these practices together into a sustainable rhythm of life. A Rule of Life isn't about creating more rules to follow. It's about intentionally shaping our days around the things that keep us connected to God and help us love others well.

A Message from the Pastor

My hope is that this series has been more than simply a collection of sermons. I hope it has encouraged you to try something new, to make space for God in your daily routines, and perhaps to discover a deeper sense of peace and purpose along the way. We don't practice these things to earn God's love. We practice them because we are already loved, and because God's grace continues to shape and transform us.



And then, on November 29,
we begin the season of Advent.

Advent is one of my favorite seasons of the church year because it invites us to do something that doesn't come naturally to most of us: wait.

While the world around us rushes headlong into Christmas with shopping, decorating, parties, and endless activity, the church invites us into a different rhythm. Advent is a season of preparation, anticipation, and hope as we await the coming of Jesus.

We remember Christ's birth in Bethlehem, we look forward to the day when Christ will come again to make all things new, and we open our hearts to the ways Christ comes among us even now.

In many ways, Advent is a natural continuation of everything we've been exploring this fall. The spiritual practices we've studied help us create room in our lives for God.

As we move through November and into Advent, I invite you to keep asking yourself a simple question: How am I making room for Jesus in my life?

Because ultimately, that's what practicing the way of Jesus is all about. It's learning to live each day more deeply rooted in God's love so that we can share that love with the world.

I look forward to continuing this journey with you as we finish our series and prepare our hearts once again to welcome Christ.

Peace,
Pastor Jake

New to Peace Orientation



November 8 & 15 | 11:30 AM–1:00 PM | After Worship

Are you new to Peace Lutheran or interested in becoming more connected to our church community? We invite you to join us for our **New to Peace Orientation!**

Over two gatherings, we'll get to know one another, explore who we are as a congregation, and discover how we live out God's mission of love in the world. We'll talk about our mission, vision, and values, the ministries that shape our life together, and the many ways you can grow in faith, build meaningful relationships, and share your gifts.

Whether you're considering membership or simply want to learn more about Peace,
there's a place for you here!

Come discover how we can grow together in faith, deepen our connections with one another, and be empowered to share God's good news with the world around us.

We hope you'll join us for both gatherings on November 8 and 15!

Stewardship Sunday - Nov. 22nd
Practicing Generosity

Over the past several months, we have been exploring what it means to follow Jesus in our everyday lives. Through The Way: Practicing the Life of Jesus, we have discovered that faith is something we live. The spiritual practices of prayer, community, service, generosity, and Sabbath help shape us into people who reflect the love of Christ in the world.

Stewardship is part of that same journey.



Everything we have—our time, our abilities, our relationships, our resources, and our very lives—is a gift from God. And each of us has been entrusted with unique gifts that can make a difference in the lives of others.

At Peace Lutheran, our mission is to love like Jesus so that each person experiences God's way. Every time we gather for worship, care for someone in need, teach our children about God's love, welcome a stranger, or serve our neighbors, we are living out that mission together.

And it happens because of the generosity and faithfulness of this congregation.
On Sunday, November 22, we will celebrate Stewardship Sunday, a special opportunity to bring our gifts before the Lord and make our commitments to the ministry we share in the coming year.

Beginning November 8, commitment cards will be available during worship and through our weekly e-news. You are invited to spend some time prayerfully reflecting on how God has blessed your life and how you might respond through your financial giving, your time, and your God-given gifts.

Then, on November 22, we will bring our commitment cards forward during worship as an act of gratitude, trust, and faith.

This is an opportunity to celebrate what God is doing among us and to look ahead with hope. Every gift matters. Every act of generosity helps us live more fully into God's vision of a world made whole through love.

Thank you for the many ways you already share your gifts through Peace Lutheran Church. I am grateful for this community and excited about the ways God continues to work through us.

Together, may we continue to grow in generosity, deepen our trust in God, and love like Jesus.

Memorial Elementary School Partnership

Peace has begun a partnership with Memorial Elementary School, located on Walnut, just blocks from our church home.

Once a month, we have the opportunity to have lunch with K thru 5th graders celebrating their birthday that month. (Summer birthdays will be interspersed throughout the year so that all students are included.) Volunteers bring a lunch and get to eat with the young dragons in the counselor's office and then have a chance to play games, time permitting. The students have 30 minutes for lunch spread over 6 lunch periods, from 10:55am to 1:05pm



Upcoming lunches:
Thursday, November 19
Thursday, December 17
Thursday, January 28
Thursday, February 25
Thursday, March 25
Thursday, April 22
Thursday, May 27

Look for a signup poster in the Narthex in early November.

In addition to our monthly lunches, Memorial Elementary does an in house Angel Tree. This year our Angel Tree recipients will all be students of Memorial Elementary.

The counselor and I are discussing an additional volunteer opportunity to help young readers. Some students could benefit from being able to read to a volunteer. If you would be interested in being a part of this literacy program, please contact Karen Laughlin.

Please keep the staff and students of Memorial Elementary in your prayers.

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Ecumenical Thanksgiving



The Worship Team Needs You to Help!

November 29th is the day we will be "hanging the greens" - putting up the Christmas Tree and other holiday decorations around the church. Since it is also a fifth Sunday - Traditionally, we have the potluck, however, because it is Thanksgiving, we will have a grab-and-go meal available.



Council Corner:
Information from Church Council Meeting–October 22, 2026

The following highlights are from the October meeting.

Governance– At the special called congregational meeting on October 18, the congregation voted to approve the revised Constitution and Bylaws. This was the first required vote, with the final ratification coming up at the annual meeting in January. Many thanks to all who participated in this important process.

Congregational Retreat–The retreat held on October 23-25 is the finale to our Season of Sabbatical. Spiritual practice workshops, community meals and games, reflective time, and worship experiences were all available in a beautiful setting.

Caps for Kids– A bottle cap drive will be collecting plastic caps to be recycled for income to support children's cancer patients. Buckets for collecting will be placed in the Narthex of the church. Please see Brody Johnson for more information.

Ministry Teams– Topics covered this month focused on opportunities for fall such as special services and stewardship season. November has many activities planned!
An ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be hosted by Peace on Nov. 19.
The First Footing fundraiser banquet will be held on Nov. 21.
Advent begins on Nov. 29, which is also a 5th Sunday.

The Church Council will meet again in December 3rd.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to any council member.

Calling All Singers

Choir is about to start and will meet Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, Nov. 11th.

Whether you sing all the time or just in the shower, please come join us as we sing praises and enjoy singing together.



First Footing Fundraiser



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

November Mission Spotlight

Our November Mission Spotlight focuses on the Salvation Army, New Braunfels Corps under the direction of Majors Isaias and Adela Braga.

The Mission Statement
The Salvation Army , an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Some of the ways that the Salvation Army serves in our community
Host Food Drives
Emergency Disaster Services currently providing relief for victims of Hurricane Isaias
Provide utility or rent assistance for people in need
Grab and go meals for the homeless
Emergency Shelter and rehousing of homeless families and individuals
Spiritual Care

Some opportunities to support Salvation Army
Be a bell ringer
Donate to Angel Tree
Host a Food Drive
Volunteer with Salvation Army

Please keep the Salvation Army and the people they serve in your prayer, as they strive to help those in need. A dedicated offering will be collected on Sunday, November 22 to benefit Salvation Army, New Braunfels Corps ministries.

Service Chair
Karen Laughlin

Birthdays

Clint Phillips Sr — 11/01
Tommy Perkins — 11/02
Lorinda Scott — 11/03
Carol Ann Miller — 11/04
David Thomas — 11/06
Bonnie Claycomb — 11/06
Juliana Garcia — 11/08
Linda Hook — 11/08
Robert McNeill — 11/08
Donna Braune — 11/10
Gwen Parr — 11/12
Steven Willis — 11/14
JoBeth Oestreich — 11/19
Helen Bravenec — 11/20
Dorothy Ebert — 11/21
Margaret Weese — 11/23
Charlie Phillips — 11/23
Nick Masters — 11/25
Hattie Tippens — 11/26
Brenda Martin — 11/30
Brandy Huston — 11/30
Melissa Fain — 11/30

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.

Anniversaries

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.



New Office Hours



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OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday - Saturday
Office Closed

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