

From the Pastor...

It has been a blessed year for me to be of service to Pastor John and the congregation here at Peace. It is wonderful to see Pastor John getting stronger and being able to look forward to his return to fully serving as your pastor.

A highlight of this past year for me has been teaching Sunday Morning Bible Class. Preparing by going to the biblical text in service to the congregation and our need for a word from the Lord, listening to scripture, asking the Holy Spirit to enliven the word and speak to us so that we might hear God talk to us— his people.

Reading through the Old Testament, hearing and discussing—submitting ourselves to these ancient texts, expecting a word to come to our contemporary context—is exciting, yet a strange, atypical move for us modern people. We like to think of ourselves as people who are making progress, overcoming the old way with better ways—something better because it is new. Not the same old, same old.

But in the church, we submit to the saints. We ponder the words, lives, and examples of those who have walked the path of Christ before us and ask them to show us the way. We submit ourselves to the testimony of dead people— Abraham, Issac, Jacob— Moses—Joshua, Ruth, Esther, Job, the prophets, and see them set the context for Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Mary and Joseph and Mary and Martha and St. Paul. No one who has been living for at least 2000 years speaks to us in scripture. By word and example, they show us the way; all scripture, in one way or another, is testimony from the saints, those who have walked the path of faith in the Messiah, the Christ, before us.

I want to express to the congregation the joy I have experienced as we have recalled their stories anew— listening to their lives. And miraculously, wonder of wonders, by the action of the Holy Spirit, through the inspiration of Jesus, these long dead figures walk among us, speak to us, make us laugh, make us cry, pierce us through the heart—point us to the way, connecting our souls— our very being.

I've spent the last 52 weeks listening to your stories. Not counting the seven months I was filling in at Trinity—Paso, I was the pastor for only one other congregation. So it has been an exciting new challenge to get to understand a new congregation. To get to know you—ask, in effect, "Tell me your story. How did you get here? What's the best thing ever happening to you in this congregation? When has this church had to struggle to survive? Tell me about

that. What makes You, that is, *all You all* as a congregation. Tell me your adventures with God in Christ.”

That’s sort of the same thing I’ve attempted to do every Sunday. To go to the ancient biblical texts and say to saints long dead, “Tell me your story. What’s the most interesting adventure you have had with God? What do you have to share with us?”

Lots of congregations and many individual Christians, myself included, need just that encouragement these days. A year ago the congregation faced a huge challenge with the announcement of Pastor John’s diagnosis, and sometimes, we feel overwhelmed by the tasks that confront us. I know at times I have been. But what better time, therefore, to spend time listening to the scriptures and the stories about God and his dealings with those who have gone before us?

Thank you for this opportunity to get to know you and serve you.

“If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. *Psalms 139:9*”

Our Response to God’s Love –

Last Sunday, October 27, 2024, Attendance: In Person 42; On phone 7; Online 5; Offering: \$773.00

SERVING SUNDAY, November 3, 2024 (*Thank you!*):

Elder:	Dave Aikins	AV Tech:	Dave Edwards
Ushers:	Ronnie Counterman	Counters:	Joyce Carpentier, Janet Huwaldt
Reader:	Chris Clawson	Flowers:	Ken Jensen for Erika’s birthday
Organist:	Marlene Fissell	Snacks:	This Sunday: Church Next Sunday: Carol Sanden, Donna Rucker
Altar Guild:	Susan Whittaker, Janet Huwaldt	Greeters:	Sue Offermann, Joyce Carpentier



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT PEACE

Bible Study

Sunday mornings 8:30 am

Attend in-person in the Parish Hall ~~or via Zoom.~~

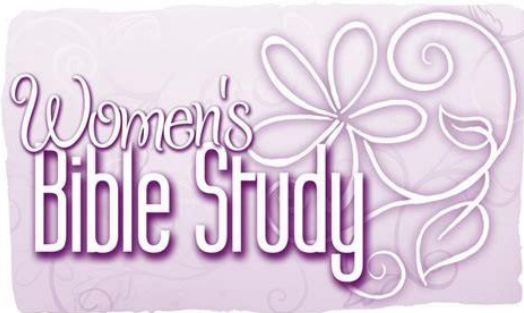
To Join the Zoom Meeting via the Internet, use this information each week:

Click [here](#) to Join (or launch Zoom and enter the ID and Passcode (below))

~~From any phone, dial 1 669 444 9171~~

~~Meeting ID: 860 6410 8815 & Passcode: 861083~~

Current study – Old Testament



Women's Bible Study

Mondays, 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall

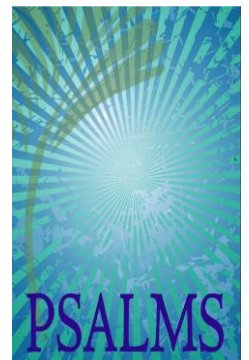
Good studies. Great discussion. Wonderful fellowship. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

Community Bible Study

Outside the Red Dirt Café, near Walmart

Time: Tuesdays, 7:30 am Topic: The Psalm of the Day

We study a selection of Wisdom literature (from Psalms, Proverbs, etc.) appointed as a reading for the day. After reading the text, we discuss its meaning and application. Men and women, believer and seeker, all are invited!



LWML November News

We enjoyed a delightful day during our last meeting at the See Canyon Fruit Ranch in SLO. What a blessing to be able to fellowship with good friends. Suzie Kenny was a wonderful hostess. We bought apples, honey, and other treats.

At our November meeting we will be having a special baby shower for Lifeline Pregnancy Center on the 14th at 10:00am. Let's share in the blessing of new life entering the world. Please refer to the list on the next page, which is also hanging in the parish hall, if you would like to contribute needed baby items. All ladies are encouraged to come and join us for a fun day of fellowship and a delicious lunch.

The church will be having a congregational meeting on November 10th after service. The LWML will have a short auction before the meeting and feature a beautiful wall hanging by our beloved LaVerna Holme (spelling ?) along with many other great items. Come join us and support our LWML.

Thursday, November 14th, 10:00am

LWML will have a speaker from LifeLine Pregnancy Center at our November meeting, and we will have a baby shower for their organization. Here is a list of needed items.

- **Diapers, Sizes 4, 5, or 6 (please no size 1, 2, 3. They have plenty of those sizes)**
- **Packages or cases of Baby Wipes**
- **New Car Seats**
- **New Pack N Plays**
- **New Strollers**
- **Baby shampoo and Baby Lotion**
- **Diaper Rash Cream (Desitin or similar brand)**
- **Backpack-style Diaper bags (grey, black or brown if possible)**
- **New baby clothing in sizes 3 months -2T, boy or girl**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Communion Sunday 8:30am - Bible Study 10am - WORSHIP 11:30am - Choir Practice	28 6pm - Literacy for Life	29 7:30am - Bible Study RD 10am - Prayer Warriors	30	31 9:15am - School Chapel 10am - Costume Parade	1	2
3 8:30am - Bible Study 10am - WORSHIP 11:30am - Choir Practice	4 12:30pm - Women Study 6pm - Literacy for Life	5 7:30am - Bible Study RD 10am - Doll Club 10am - Prayer Warriors	6	7 9:15am - School Chapel	8	9
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Peace Lutheran School 2024

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Mark your Calendar

Chapel Every Thursday at 9:15am. Families are welcome to join us!

Nov. 11: School closed

Veterans day

Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Program at 11:00 am

Thanksgiving Family Potluck

Following the program

EARLY CLOSURE 12:30

Nov. 25 -29 School closed

Thanksgiving break and Teachers Conference



Happy Birthday

11/12 Kallen N.

11/12 Ezrah D.

11/12 Mikah D.

11/13 Miss Christina

11/21 Felix S.

11/22 Peyton U.

11/25 Olivia W.

11/26 Miss Kimber

Thanksgiving Program and Potluck Nov. 22 at 11:00 am

The children will present a very cute Thanksgiving program, and then we will all enjoy our Thanksgiving potluck for lunch together in the Parish Hall and at the outside tables.

Each classroom will have a sign-up sheet for you to sign up to bring something for the meal. Drop your food items off either in the morning or right before the program in the kitchen off the Parish Hall

The program will be in the sanctuary.

Please make sure someone can attend with your child if possible. This is also an **Early Closure Day**

12:30 pick-up time

WE HAD AN AMAZING
FESTI-FALL AND TRUNK OR
TREAT!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO HELPED MAKE IT A
FUN DAY!



From the Mrs. Angel



With a very grateful heart, I want to say “Thank you” to all the families that participated in our fun and exciting field trip to Avila Barn. Your participation made it possible for all of us to enjoy this time together. Does your family have a special tradition of remembering to give thanks on Thanksgiving? As we enter the holiday season, I want to encourage all of you to take the time to begin new traditions with your families while your children are young. These will become cherished memories for you and your children as they grow. I would like to invite you to join us this month as we teach the children about thankfulness. We all need to pause for a moment in our busy lives to ponder on the things we are thankful for and then let’s take the time to share them with the little ones. Let’s enter this season together with grateful hearts. The Bible says, “Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ” Eph. 5:20.





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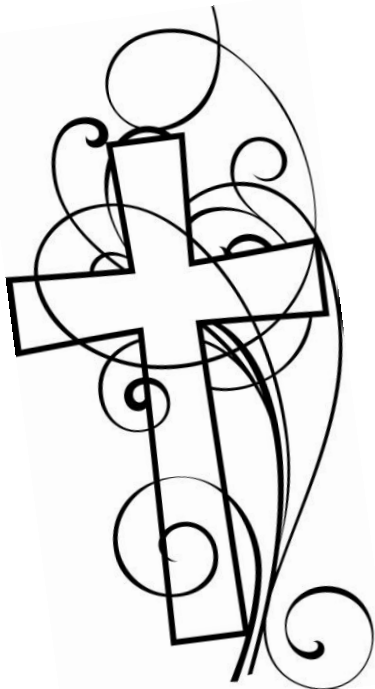
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Peace Lutheran Church
Mission Statement

In loving, caring fellowship, built upon the foundation of Word and Sacrament, we reach out with Gospel ministries to our community.