



Peace Lutheran Church

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“The Church that Welcomes and Serves”

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Where Every One Is a Minister

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“Touching Lives, Extending Peace”

November 22, 2020 – Christ the King Sunday

Our MISSION: Compelled by the love of God and our faith in Jesus Christ, Peace Lutheran Church, a diverse people of faith, in partnership with Peace Community Center, seeks to realize God’s dream for the world through worship, learning, giving, and serving.

God’s VISION: We believe God’s vision for Peace is to be a diverse community of faith in the Hilltop where all are welcome - a community that is Spirit-filled, compassionate, healthy, reconciled, and just.

Today at Peace Lutheran Church

May God bless you as we worship online! In this time of the COVID-19 health crisis, our prayers are with all who suffer and all who respond in care. All public gatherings at Peace have been canceled. Please check the church website www.peacelutherantacoma.org, Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for online worship videos and faith resources.

Today is Christ the King Sunday. At the close of the church year, we praise Jesus, servant Lord and King of all seasons! We’re walking through the Old Testament, and today we hear about the promise of God through the prophet Jeremiah to bring a new covenant, written on the heart.

Commitment Brochure: If you have not turned in your Commitment brochure making a pledge of your time, talent, and treasure for the church’s ministry in 2021, please drop it in the mail slot on the outside office door or send or email it to the church office. Didn’t receive one? Please contact Damishe who will email or send you a copy.

Staff leave update: **Brendan Nelson is on vacation through Nov. 25.** Prayers for rest and renewal for him.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John or Pastor Jae Bates. May you know God’s peace!

Prayer & Praise List

To submit a prayer tell the pastor or call the church office. Names will appear on the list for 3 weeks unless requested to remain longer. Please remember these people and situations in prayer. If you feel moved to reach out to someone, write them a caring note to let them know you are thinking about them and praying for them. Contact the church office for their contact info.

- **Thanksgiving for all God’s good gifts!**
- **People of Central America following two hurricanes**
- **Our politically divided nation following Election Day; for all newly elected public officials**
- **Gratitude, prayers, and justice for the Native American community in this Indigenous People’s Month**
- **For all adoptees and adoptive families in this National Adoption Awareness Month**
- **We honor the lives of all tragically taken in acts of racial violence, naming Manuel Ellis, Rayshard Brooks, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Sean Reed, and George Floyd.**
- **For deep reflection and acknowledgment of prejudices in ourselves and racism in our systems and institutions, and for wisdom to intentionally act to call out and dismantle racism in all its forms and work for God’s justice in laws and policies in our nation.**

- **For all affected by the coronavirus pandemic esp. those who grieve the deaths of loved ones, the ill and families, medical professionals, public health workers, governments and agencies working to stop this health threat, our congregation and community**
- **For communities of color disproportionately impacted by Covid-19**
- **For all who are hurting and feeling weighed down...**
- **For the hungry in our world, for food and justice**
- **Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice**
- **In our world of global warming, for climate justice**
- **The Peace affordable housing ministry**
- **The ministries of Peace Church & Community Center**
- **For refugees fleeing war & poverty, and for immigrants**
- **For all who experience sexual harassment or abuse**
- **For all who struggle with mental illness**
- **For peace:** all living midst violence or unrest, esp. in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Holy Land (esp. Gaza), South Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen, Venezuela
- **For hope:** the unemployed & underemployed, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, and all struggling with addictions
- **For the grieving:** Major Whitten at grandmother Lee Thomas’ death, family of Edwina McKnight at her death
- **For healing & strength:** Myrah Ballentine, Judy Brockhoff, Daniel Davis, Andie Lyons, Twylla Moore, Denice Randle, Dianne Stoehr, Mark Williams
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Dori Greenaway, Tanisha Hargrove, Ted Johnstone, Dona Miller, Holle & Carol Plaehn, Sandra & Bruce Puckett, Perry Richards, Art Shelton, Bob Wu
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Octavius Killian, Daniel Lotovaivai, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyrn Trent, Henry K. White
- **Seminarians:** Pastor Jae Bates, Charissa Carroll
- **For sisters and brothers in Christ all over the world, our partners in global mission:** Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church, our companion synod; the church in South Sudan; the church in China; Seigny family in Japan; the Navajo Lutheran Church in Arizona, Ola Fou Church

Small Group Gatherings – not meeting in person right now

- **Book Group:** Kit Thompson: 229-5766

- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Conversations Around Race:** Ted Johnstone: 752-9514 & Alma Crawford: 752-4258.
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101. Thu, 12pm
- **Gospel Choir:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org Thursdays at 6:30 pm (sanctuary)
- **Men's Breakfast:** Malcolm Carroll: 282-0218. Second Saturday at 8 am (multipurpose room)
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: quietwater60@yahoo.com
- **Women's Bible Study:** 2nd Thursday, 10 am
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769. 3rd Mon, 6 pm

Opportunities to Serve

Regular Offering to Peace Thank you for your generous and ongoing giving of financial support to Peace Lutheran Church! Please send your offering by mail or electronic means. If you would like to get set up for regular online giving, please contact Damishe in the church office at 253-383-1317. You may also make a secure donation on the church website.

Commitment Sunday Follow Up Have you pledged your time, talent, and treasure to God for the work of the Church in 2021? To date we have received 26 financial pledges totaling \$179,800. If you missed the opportunity or have not turned in your Commitment brochure, please drop it in the mail slot on the outside office door or send or email it to the office. Didn't receive one? Contact Damishe in the church office. Thanks be to God for your generous sharing of God's gifts!

We Need Your Help! Peace received a \$500 matching grant from ELCA World Hunger to raise funds for our Community Resources Ministry (Friday community meal and resources). Gifts from the Peace community have already exceeded the match! Praise God! Today is the last day to donate. Email Damishe or Pastor John to get the webpage to give online!

Give to Help Families for the Holidays Want to help a family in need this season? Give a donation to Peace Lutheran Church noted "Holiday Help" or bring a gift card for Fred Meyer or Walmart to the office. Questions? Ask Pastor John.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? Do you have Choice Dollars to direct to a charitable organization? Please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Peace Lutheran Church or Peace Community Center by logging into your account on the Thrivent website.

Clothing Ministry Do you have blankets you're willing to donate for our clothing ministry? Please bring to the office. Questions? Contact Jeanie Correa (jeanie.correa@neillaw.com).

Contribute to a New Peace Devotional Calling all artists, writers, photographers, song writers, crafters of many things, & more, to publish your works in a new book. Submit your piece or direct questions to Shari Shelton at 8ssheltonz8@gmail.com.

Peace Lutheran Church Events & Information

Community Bible Study Pastor John and Pastor Jae lead a Community Bible Study using Zoom **Thursdays, 12-1 pm**, on

the Bible readings for worship the following Sunday. We read scripture, share conversation, and pray as we listen for God to speak to us & through us. Email Pastor John for the Zoom link.

Upcoming Sunday Adult Faith Opportunities at 9:30 am

Bible Project: view excellent videos that explore Bible books and themes and share in reflective conversation (Zoom), led by Malcolm Carroll. Email Pastor John for the Zoom link.

Nov 22: Overview of the book of Jeremiah

Nov 29: Advent Overview: Hope, Peace, Love and Joy

Faith Opportunities for All Sundays 9:30-10:30 am (Zoom):

- The **5th-6th grade Explorers class**,
- The **7th-8th grade Feet to Faith confirmation class**, and
- The **adult education class**

Children: Each week we post **Godly Play Bible story videos** with wondering questions on our YouTube channel for families.

Middle & high school: A middle and high school youth "Change Makers" group meets **Wednesdays at 5 pm**.

Questions? Please contact Pastor John.

Advent Devotionals Make your way daily through the Advent season using a daily devotional and Advent wreath of 5 candles.

Adults and Youth: Use the "Living Well Through Advent" resource by Living Compass—practicing hope with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind. See link in all-church emails.

Families with Children: Use the Jesse Tree daily devotional with ornament symbols to help the Advent journey come alive by hearing stories and learning about people in Jesus' family tree in the Bible. If you are interested in Jesse Tree materials and Advent candles to use at home, please contact Pastor John.

Children's Christmas Video We're inviting kids of Peace (4th grade and under) to say/read lines of the Christmas story for a special video. Contact Pastor John if you'd like to participate.

Reopening Task Force Update Our Reopening Task Force meets regularly to discuss concerns, ideas, and barriers to resuming in-person worship at Peace. We understand the deep spiritual need for some in-person connection as well as the continued concern for personal and public health. When Pierce County reaches Phase 3, the task force will meet to prayerfully determine our reopening date for indoor in-person worship. Reopening Task Force: Joseph Anderson, Ben Flesher, Brendan Nelson, Pastor Jae, Pastor John, Kit Thompson

Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, Dec 13, 9:30 am

We'll have the meeting online via Zoom. Agenda:

- Election of Council Officers and At-Large Council Positions
- Adoption of the 2021 Ministry Plan (Budget)
- Peace Community Center Board Member Presentation

Please come to this important event in the life of the church!

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministry:** Brendan Nelson, ext 103, brendan@peacetacoma.org
- **Intern Pastor:** Jae Bates, ext 104, jae@peacetacoma.org
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
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