



## 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"

### October 19, 2025 – Stewards of God's Love: Out – Commitment 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

**God bless you! Welcome to worship!** We worship in person Sundays at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream worship online at 11 am. See our website [peacelutherantacoma.org](http://peacelutherantacoma.org), Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for worship videos and faith resources.

It is a blessing to worship in person. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online.

We're concluding a series called "Stewards of God's Love" as we explore scripture, listen for God's calling, and hear stories from people at Peace about receiving and sharing God's love in our lives. Today we'll look **OUT** to understand the needs of our neighbors and how we're called to respond with our lives to serve God and our community.

Malcolm Carroll shares the sermon message.

**Today is Commitment Sunday.** You're invited to bring your commitment brochure (your pledge of time, talent, and treasure) to the altar in worship or send it in the mail as your commitment to serve God through Peace church ministries next year! We have extra copies of the commitment brochure available if you need one.

**Prayer ministers** are available to pray one on one with individuals during Holy Communion and after worship.

**Families with children:** During 11 am worship, we offer a children's worship time in the basement classroom.

**Interested in learning more about Peace?** Please contact Pastor John, Brendan Nelson, or Deacon Charissa Carroll or stop by the Welcome Table at the church entrance.

May you know God's peace this week!

#### 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.*

- Our nation in challenging political times
- For future directions of Peace Church, that we might lean into our foundational commitment to anti-racism
- For the Peace housing ministry
- For Peace Community Center in this time of transition
- For peace and change in our culture of gun violence
- 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 our nation's laws, policies, & practices

- For all experiencing brokenness in family relationships (marriage, parent-child, sibling), for healing and hope
- In our world of global warming, for climate justice
- Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice
- For peace and justice: all living midst violence or unrest; in Gaza & Holy Land, Ukraine, Haiti, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, eastern Congo, Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen
- For hope: all experiencing housing insecurity & homelessness, the unemployed & underemployed, all hurting & feeling weighed down, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, all experiencing sexual harassment or abuse, and all struggling with addictions
- For healing: Cleo Clay
- Ongoing health concerns: Keri Anderson, Myrah Ballentine, Ed Castro, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Shawna Teclemariam, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- College & advanced training students: Martin Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Kamari Carroll, Talina Hall, Elyse & Sigourney McWilson, Julia Sevigny, Laney Sneva
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyrn Trent
- For our partners in mission all over the world: Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); Sevignys in Japan

#### Small Group Gatherings

- College Care Package Team: Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- Community Bible Study: Pastor John: ext. 101 (on break)
- Gospel Choir: Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 am
- Men's Ministry: Brendan Nelson: 383-1317, ext., 102
- Papers of Peace (card-making): Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- Prayer Chain: Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: [puckettsandra67@gmail.com](mailto:puckettsandra67@gmail.com)
- Women's Ministry: Deacon Charissa Carroll: ext. 104

#### Opportunities to Serve

**Regular Offering to Peace** Thank you for your generous and ongoing financial support to Peace Lutheran Church! Please share your offering in the Offering box at the sanctuary entrance or send by mail or donate through the church website. To set up regular online giving, contact the church office (253) 383-1317.

**Register to Vote!** For eligible voters, voting is part of our calling from God—and to pray and discern how to vote to benefit the common good according to God’s values.

### **October Is Hunger Response Month at Peace!**

- **Community Meals.** Fridays, 5:30–6:30 pm. Come eat, share fellowship, help serve. Q’s? Contact Damishe in the office.
- **Give A Financial Gift to Fight Hunger.** Give to Peace Lutheran Church marked “Emergency Food Network” for local food banks OR “ELCA World Hunger Appeal” for global hunger relief, development, education, and advocacy.

**Children's Choir** We’re putting Kids First! Our music ministry invites you and your children to stay after 11 am worship (grab snacks first!) twice a month so kids can spend an hour singing unto the Lord and preparing to share their gifts the first Sunday of each month at 11 am worship. Rehearsals will typically be 3rd & 4th Sundays. This month: **rehearse today & October 26 at 12:30 pm (after worship); sing Nov. 2 at 11 am worship.**

**Van Drivers Needed** Willing to serve as a van driver helping folks get to worship on Sundays? Please contact Pastor John. We need at least one more van driver, especially on 3rd Sundays. This is an important ministry of care and connection.

**Feeling Overwhelmed Living in Our Nation and Want to Respond?** Find helpful suggestions for taking positive action in our regular all-church emails. See lists of 7 micro-actions.

## **Peace Lutheran Church Information**

### **Sunday Morning Schedule**

- **8:30 am: Worship**
- **9:30 am: Breakfast & Fellowship**
- **9:45 am: Faith Education Hour**
- **11 am: Worship (also livestream), with Refreshments after**

### **Sunday Faith Education Offerings (9:45-10:45 am)**

- Godly Play for children ages 4 – 3rd grade
- Explorers class for 4th-6th graders
- Feet to Faith confirmation class for 7th-8th graders
- Adult and Older Youth Education class

### **Adult & Older Youth Education Sundays at 9:45 am**

- **Today: Stewards of God’s Love: Down, In, and Out.** Through Bible study, reflection, and personal stories, we’ll look at how God has come **down** to us in love through creation, Jesus, and community; we’ll look **in** to discover all God has entrusted to our care; and we’ll look **out** to understand the needs of our neighbors and how we’re called to respond with our lives to serve God and our community.
- **October 26: Sabbatical Stories, Pictures, & Reflections on Hospitality,** led by Pastor John and Leigh Wong
- **November 2 & 9: Ministry of Place housing forums**
- **November 16 & 23: Learning opportunities on inclusivity and belonging,** led by the Anti-Racism Work Group

**Friday Morning Men’s Fellowship 7:00 – 8:30 am every Friday** at Red Elm Café, 1114 MLK Jr. Way. All men are welcome. Bible study, fellowship, and prayer support. Contact Malcolm Carroll with questions (253-282-0218) or just show up.

**For Such a Time As This** Searching for a place to listen to God and share with others about how to live as a faithful follower of Jesus now, in America, during such a time as this? Come to a group that meets on **second Sundays after 11 am worship.** Contact Lynn ([lynn\\_longfield@hotmail.com](mailto:lynn_longfield@hotmail.com)).

**Community Bible Study** Pastor John facilitates a Community Bible Study in the Conference Room and online on Teams (your choice) **Thursdays 1-2 pm** on the scripture readings for worship the following Sunday. Email Pastor John for the link.

**Church Staff Appreciation** We will honor the staff with a delicious potluck **after 11 am worship today.** If you are able to make a financial donation to help with an additional surprise, please talk to Rebecca Foster or email [rfoster10@outlook.com](mailto:rfoster10@outlook.com).

**Harvest Fest for Kids & Families Sat. Oct. 25, 2:30-3:30 pm** at Peace! Snacks, games, crafts, fun! Wear a costume if you like! If you’re willing to help out, please sign up on the clipboard or contact Paulie Jacobson ([pauliepayne@gmail.com](mailto:pauliepayne@gmail.com)).

**Youth Outing and Dinner Sunday, October 26** we will host a youth outing to the pumpkin patch and corn maze at Picha Farms from **4-6 pm**, followed by our monthly youth dinner, hosted by the Kagochis, from **6-7:30 pm**. Look for an email and text from Kathy Hanawalt with more details!

**Loved Ones Commended to the Lord Sunday November 2 is All Saints Sunday,** and we will honor the memory of loved ones who have passed away in the last year and give thanks to God for them. If you would like to submit a name of a departed loved one to be honored, please write their name in the book on the Welcome Table or contact Pastor John.

**Anti-Racism Book Resource Library** Check out the book cart in the multipurpose room with anti-racism books to borrow for your personal growth and deeper understanding.

**Peace Devotional Book** Pick up a copy of the second Peace Devotional Book of writings from our community! Cost is a donation of \$20 or more (actual cost per book was \$50). See Pastor John if the cost is a hardship. Contact the church office (253-383-1317) to purchase a book.

**Sabbatical Survey** We’re seeking feedback on Pastor John’s sabbatical this summer. See the survey link on the church homepage or pick up a copy at the Welcome table. Due Nov. 1.

**Choir Survey** Gospel Choir Director Michael Green invites Choir members and any interested in the congregation to take the Choir survey linked on the church homepage. Due Nov. 1.

**Church Staff Update** Deacon Charissa has discerned she will be moving on from her position at Peace the end of December to be a life and grief coach. We are so grateful for her service to the church and pray God’s blessing in her transition.

## **Peace Lutheran Church Staff**

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, [pastorjohn@peacetacomia.org](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacomia.org)
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, [brendan@peacetacomia.org](mailto:brendan@peacetacomia.org)
- **Deacon of Congregational Care & Community Resources:** Charissa Carroll, ext 104, [charissa@peacetacomia.org](mailto:charissa@peacetacomia.org)
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, [twylla@peacetacomia.org](mailto:twylla@peacetacomia.org)
- **Gospel Choir Director:** Michael Green, [thegreenlife@hotmail.com](mailto:thegreenlife@hotmail.com)
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, [briannamiller182@gmail.com](mailto:briannamiller182@gmail.com)
- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, [plcadmin@peacetacomia.org](mailto:plcadmin@peacetacomia.org)
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, [jenny@peacetacomia.org](mailto:jenny@peacetacomia.org)

## **Assisting Today**

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| <b>Altar Guild:</b> Jeanie Correa | <b>Tech:</b> Jay Maebori      | <b>Van Driver:</b> Will Jones |
| <b>Breakfast:</b> Kiah Danials    | <b>Snack:</b> Gretchen Duggan |                               |
|                                   | <b>8:30 am</b>                | <b>11 am</b>                  |
| <b>Assisting Minister:</b>        | Antonio Yune                  | Jo Nivling-Izquierdo          |
| <b>Reader:</b>                    | Robin McGaughy                | Antonio Yune                  |
| <b>Usher:</b>                     | Charissa Carroll              | Ben Flesher                   |
| <b>Prayer Ministers:</b>          | Sandra Puckett                | Leigh Wong                    |
| <b>Musicians:</b>                 | Twylla Moore                  | Twylla Moore, Sarah Perkins   |