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Interested in Learning More about Faith in God and Service through Peace Church? Want to Become a Member of Peace? Join a Saturday class on **December 6** from **10 am – 2:30 pm** called “Foundations of Faith and Peace” exploring marks of being a follower of Jesus and what it means to serve him in and through Peace Lutheran Church. This class meets in the church multipurpose room. Lunch provided. Interested? Talk to Pastor John. **New members will be received in worship on Sunday, December 14.**

Adult Forum on the 2026 Ministry Plan (Budget)

Participate in a forum on **Sunday December 7 at 9:45 am** in person in the multipurpose room to hear more about the 2026 budget and ask questions.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 14, 9:45 am (in person & online by Teams) Agenda:

- Adoption of the 2026 Ministry Plan (Budget)
- Election of Council Officers and At-Large Council Positions
- Community Center Board Update
- Gratitude and Blessing for Deacon Charissa Carroll

Faith Opportunities on Sundays 9:45-10:45 am (in person)

- **Godly Play for children ages 4–3rd grade** (basement classroom)
- **Explorers for 4th-6th graders** (multipurpose room classroom)
- **Feet to Faith confirmation for 7th-8th graders** (Conference room)
- **Adult & Older Youth Education class** (multipurpose room).



Children's Worship: During 11 am worship, we offer a children's worship time in the basement classroom.

THE CALL TO PEACE

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Special Christmas Events and Worship

Celebrate God's love and grow in faith in Jesus
this Christmas! Christ is born!!

Women's Ministry Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 13, 9:30 - 11:30 am (multipurpose room)

Women are invited to a white elephant gift exchange brunch. Celebrate the Christmas season by bringing a dish to share and one (funny, silly, practical, etc.) gift to exchange. Talk to Julia Kagochi if you have any questions.

Children's Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 13 from 4 – 6 pm (multipurpose room)

Christmas crafts, the story of Jesus' birth, food,
and decorating the Christmas tree and sanctuary for Christmas!

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21 during 11 am worship

Enjoy the message of hope and joy the children bring!

Christmas Eve Worship - Wednesday, December 24

5 pm: Children's Christmas Eve Worship for Families (in person & live stream)

Join a child-friendly celebration of Jesus' birth!

7 pm: Christmas Eve Worship (in person & live stream)

Celebrate Jesus' birth with candles, carols, and the message of God's incarnate love!

Service of Lessons & Carols - Sunday, December 28

10 am only (in person & live stream) - no 8:30 or 11 am worship



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“O give thanks to God, for God is good;
God’s steadfast love endures for ever!” - Psalm 118:1

I write this at Thanksgiving time in November as we prepare to share our annual community Thanksgiving meal and worship, and I’m looking back at this past year with deep gratitude to God. I’m grateful for you and for the beautifully diverse community of Peace in the Hilltop. I’m grateful for the ministry we share, walking and working together side by side and seeking to do our part as God’s instruments in God’s work to love and bless the world. I’m grateful to be your pastor (over 18 years at Peace, in this 25th anniversary year of my ordination), to be welcomed into your lives in vulnerable moments, in times of struggle, sickness, and death, and in moments of

joy, celebration, and new life. I’m grateful for the gift of this summer’s sabbatical for rest, renewal, and relationships.

German theologian Meister Eckhart said in the 14th century, “If the only prayer we ever said was ‘Thank you,’ that would be sufficient.” Maybe this is because a grateful person lives life not out of entitlement but from a posture of dependence on God, and that’s how God calls us to live. In his book *Giving to God*, Bible scholar Mark Allan Powell says, a grateful person is one who has a deep sense of life as a gift, and so a grateful person appreciates and enjoys life much more than they would otherwise. He shares a story of a child wondering why his family gave thanks for their food at every meal when, as near as he could tell, they would have gotten the food whether they thanked God for it or not. A wise elder of the household tells the child, “It makes everything taste better to be thankful.” When we live in gratitude to God, we learn to trust God to provide for our needs, and life is better and more satisfying. The way of gratitude leads to contentment, the remarkable discovery of the apostle Paul who wrote in prison, “I have learned to be content with whatever I have” (Philippians 4:11).

I invite you to enter this Advent and Christmas season with an attitude of gratitude to God—gratitude for what is most important in life—relationships.

- + Gratitude for a relationship with God who has chosen to come to be with us as one of us in Jesus, the incarnate one (“God with skin on”), to meet us where we are in the struggles and joys of our humanity, to know us and love us and save us, to walk with us into the future.
- + Gratitude for relationships with family, friends, community—connections of love and concern and joy and hope. God’s love is steadfast and true, and we experience that love often in trusted relationships with one another.
- + Gratitude to be part of a community of faith where relationships with God and with people are nurtured and grown.

This has been an exciting year of ministry together at Peace. Our new 2026 Ministry Plan we will distribute at the annual congregational meeting December 14 will help us celebrate as we share ministry stories of the year. In a time of fear, uncertainty, and challenge in our nation and world, God is faithful, and God has brought us this far by faith! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!!

The word gratitude is closely connected to the word grace, which means a free gift from God (of love and forgiveness and life). Have a grateful, grace-filled Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany!

God’s peace,
Pastor John



On Sunday, November 16th Peace Community Center updated the congregation on our strategic planning process through a lunch gathering after the 11 am service. As a Board we have been working for many months on our new direction, and while it has taken longer than any of us expected, we are excited to be at a new stage looking at Peace Community Center's future. It was great to dream with those of you in attendance about this new future we are collectively building so that Peace Community Center, in partnership with Peace Lutheran Church, can effectively engage and support *Hilltop youth and families to address economic inequities and build housing stability within our community*. While doing this work, we will build upon our four foundational commitments: Centering Community, Faith Mission, Safe Space, and Accountable Partnerships.

As a Board, we met after the luncheon to reflect on the hopes, wonderings, and questions that were shared with us. As we gathered our thoughts, a few key themes stuck out to us:

- the importance of creating safe space where youth and families can be honored as their full selves
- the passionate ideas for ways we can serve our neighbors with love and dignity
- the need to continue strengthening our capacity to partner with and listen to the community at large, and specifically the young people and families we hope to serve

But even more than that, what brought us deep hope and energy for the work ahead was the number of people who continue to care so deeply about the Community Center and its overarching mission to care for and be in relationship with the Hilltop neighborhood.

The other thing that we heard is that at the lunch gathering is the need to provide more communication and updates on the work, and we are committed to doing that. Our goal, with your insights and questions informing our planning, is to complete the first draft of the strategic plan by the end of this year, and then in the new year to gain feedback from Peace Lutheran Church and key partners. In the first few months of 2026, we will also begin to codify what our partnership with Peace Lutheran Church looks like, and to develop a job description for the next leader of Peace Community Center. From there we will move to the hiring process and the important work of making this new direction a tangible reality.

We are thankful and excited to be on the journey with you. As always, if you would like to reach out to us for any reason, you can do so at directors@peacecommunitycenter.org. In this time of discernment, listening, and building the foundational building blocks for Peace Community Center's future, we covet your thoughts, prayers, questions, and well wishes.

Thanks Be to God for Deacon Charissa!



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. We will share in a time of gratitude and blessing for Deacon Charissa at the annual meeting on Sunday December 14 at 9:45 am, and we will have a sending blessing for the Carrolls at both worship services on December 14. The Carrolls’ last day at worship at Peace will be December 28.

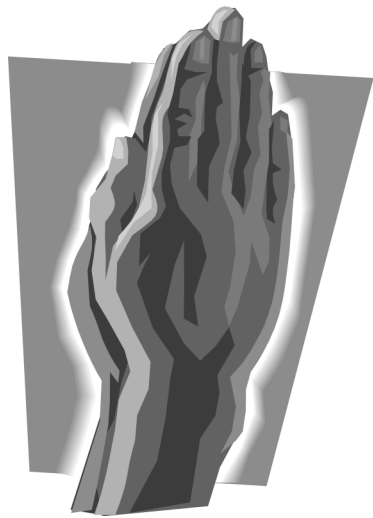
Cards for Charissa: We want to bless Deacon Charissa with cards of gratitude and affirmation. As words are Charissa's favorite thing, we will be showering her with words from you! Please use the blank cards provided in the basket near the sanctuary entrance and return your written card to the yellow manila envelope in the same basket.

If you will not be in church before December 14 to get a card, you can email a note to Sarah ButlerWills, or to Damishe in the office. Here are some guidelines:

1. Only use the cards provided; they are the size of the box we'll put them in. Please do not purchase a card to use; it will not necessarily be the right size for the box.
2. Emails if you cannot write a card: sbutlerw33@gmail.com (Sarah) or plcadmin@peacetacoma.org with the subject line of "for Charissa".
3. Write why you appreciate Charissa, a favorite memory, or go for a poem! You know she'd love that.

Philippians 4:6

⁶Do not worry **about anything**,
but in everything
by prayer
and supplication
with thanksgiving
let your requests be made
known to God.



Remember in Prayer

Those who celebrate...

- All God's children giving thanks this Christmas for God coming in Jesus to know us, love us, & save us
- The Peace community as we reach out to folks in the Hilltop, especially in community meals, resource navigation, housing ministry, and faith offerings for all
- The newly baptized: Stephan Jones, Sol, Silas, and Samuel Perkins-Jones

Those who are hurting...

- All who suffer racial injustice
- The hungry, all suffering economic poverty, the incarcerated, those without homes, all without hope...
- All who grieve the death of loved ones, for comfort and hope in Christ
- All who are ill, facing surgery, recovering from hospitalization, for healing
- All who struggle financially, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, for hope
- All who are living in crisis
- All who live midst violence, war, or unrest, especially the people of Ukraine, Gaza and the Holy Land, Syria, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Sudan, Haiti, Central African Republic, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Yemen, and Iraq. For refugees fleeing war and poverty...

Our work...

- For future directions of Peace church, as we live into our foundational commitment to anti-racism
- Our housing ministry
- Our ministry of sharing Jesus' love with children, youth, and families
- Our work for justice and peace in our world, building bridges among people

Partners in mission & service...

- Peace Community Center in this time of strategic planning for the future
- Our global partners: Rev. Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya, our companion synod in Namibia, Sevigny family in Japan
- Living Stones prison congregation
- Faith Action Network leading in advocacy for justice for all

For the complete list, see Sunday's bulletin.

Children's Ministry

This fall at Peace we've had some wonderful experiences for children.

Every Sunday during the Faith Education Hour at 9:45 am children ages 4 through 3rd grade have a chance to listen to Bible stories come alive through Godly Play, with wondering questions to encourage them in faith and a special response time. Older children 4th-6th grade explore Bible stories and grow in their relationship with God through the Explorers class. Most Sundays during 11 am worship children are invited to share in Children's Worship Time, a special time of worship for children outside the sanctuary where they hear Bible stories, sing songs of faith, and share in activities and prayer that help them worship God.

We celebrated fall with a wonderful Harvest Fest at the end of October — yummy food, games and crafts, cider-making, face-painting, and fun — and lots of folks came in great costumes!

As we enter the Advent season, we encourage families with children to use the Advent devotional materials in the Advent bags we're providing on Sunday mornings, including the Jesse Tree daily devotions with Advent candles to light and special ornaments to color and display at home. Kids and families, mark your calendars for these special Christmas opportunities:

- **Children's Christmas Celebration: Saturday December 13 from 4-6 pm** — food, Christmas crafts, and the Christmas story, and the opportunity to decorate the Christmas tree and sanctuary.
- **Children's Christmas Program: Sunday December 21 during 11 am worship** — kids dress up in costumes and act out the story of Jesus' birth in worship, with songs and parts spoken by the Explorers class. Other kids who want to participate, come to Peace at 9:30 am that morning to get a costume and join in!
- **Children's Christmas Eve Worship: Wednesday December 24 at 5 pm** — come celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve with a short worship time (around half hour) geared for children!

Special thanks to the Children's Ministry Team for their leadership! Andrew Wright serves as liaison for children's ministry. Contact him with questions or ideas—wright.andrew.g@gmail.com, 253-222-5518.



Youth Ministry



Dear Peace Family,

As I step into the role of Youth Minister, I am deeply grateful to join a community that so boldly values diversity and seeks justice. For those I haven't yet met over coffee or at the Peace Cafe, I come to this role with a heart for advocacy and a passion for the deep, difficult questions of faith. My background is in immigration advocacy, where I've learned that our beliefs must always lead us to stand with our neighbors. I also bring a love for the "heavy lifting" of theology and philosophy. Whether we are looking at the Old Testament prophets or the writings of modern philosophers, I believe our youth are ready to engage with big ideas and their big dreams. My hope is to walk alongside them as we explore how the ancient wisdom of scripture speaks to our modern lives here in Tacoma.

Looking Ahead: Building Bridges and Breaking Bread inspired by the "Building Bridges" theme we are seeing in our city's celebrations, my vision for the youth program is one of **Radical Connection**. I believe our youth group shouldn't be an island, but a hub. Drawing on the idea of "Small World Networks," I hope to connect our students with other groups across the city—including high school philosophy clubs—to foster dialogue that takes their intellect seriously. We will explore how our Lutheran tradition intersects with the wider Christian family, while keeping our bodies firmly planted as the hands and feet of our Savior. Just as we are reflecting this Advent on how Jesus feeds a hungry world, our youth will be putting their faith into action soon! From helping serve our community members in need to sharing stories in the homes of our community members, we will learn that following Jesus means showing up for others. I look forward to growing with you all this season!

Manis Pierre, Youth Minister

From the Church Council

Dear Peace Family,

The season of Advent is coming. It’s a season of preparation and contemplation that coincides with what can often be a hectic, even overwhelming, time of year. My hope is that each of us can find some peace at Peace this Advent. There are many “to dos,” but in the midst of that we’re invited to quiet our hearts and to focus our minds on the birth of Jesus.



The truth is, our life at Peace Lutheran this season includes what might feel like a few “to do” items. For example, we’d like to see all of you at the Budget Review Forum at 9:45 am on Sunday, December 7th so you can learn more about the 2026 budget as proposed by your church council. This is your time to ask us questions, make recommendations, give us notes to consider for the future, and to propose more immediate changes. Budget discussions might not sound much like the candle-lighting, contemplative, Jesus-focused Advent you’re dreaming of. But this budget isn’t really about numbers, it’s about our ministry, our mission, our values, and our capacity to carry them out with the resources we have.

The second date that might feel like one more “to do” is Sunday, December 14th when you’re invited to our Annual Congregational Meeting at 9:45 am. But, again, I encourage you to see this as another opportunity to engage with our mission, vision, and values at Peace. At this meeting we celebrate the life of the church by voting to continue our work in partnership with new council members, with a new budget as a tool and guide, and with more of us together in one room than we often experience on a Sunday morning. Think of it as a family meeting.

Along with those important meetings, each week in worship we’ll take time for peace and preparation. We’ll light candles as we step deeper into the story of the birth of Jesus. We’ll sing songs special to the season. We’ll pray for each other and for the whole world. Join us.

Gretchen Duggan, Church Council President

In-Reach Ministry

Dear People of Peace,

As part of my role on the church council in In-Reach (supporting needs within the church), I’ve been reflecting on how we can care for one another—not only as members, but also in how we support our staff.

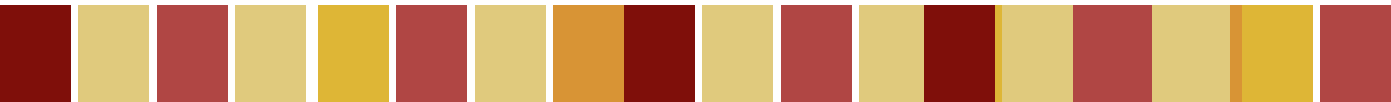
First, thank you to all who are already serving—you make such a difference in our church family. For those not yet plugged in, we need your help! Whether it’s driving the van, cooking breakfast, cleaning up after snack, or being that second adult during Godly Play, every act of service matters.



Our staff work hard each week to make Sunday services possible and one of the best ways we can show appreciation is by noticing the small things that help lighten their load. I invite each of us to look around on Sundays and ask: What needs to be done?

By stepping in where we see a need, we not only ease the work of our staff but also strengthen the bonds of our church family. How can we all reach in to support our church body?

Rebecca Foster, In-reach Ministry



Advent Devotional Materials

Advent Daily and Weekly Devotionals

Make your way through Advent using a daily or weekly devotional together with an Advent wreath of 5 candles. We are including some of the devotionals below as a link in regular all-church emails. If you would like a printed version, please contact Pastor John.

Adults and Youth:

- “Living Well Through Advent: Practicing Generosity with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind,” a Living Compass resource (daily)
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America World Hunger Advent Calendar and Study Guide (weekly)
- “Advent People in Uncertain Times: A Bread for the World Devotional” (weekly)
- “God With Us” Advent devotional from Illustrated Ministries (weekly)

Families with Children:

- Advent Bags with Advent calendar, activities, Jesse Tree daily devotional and “God With Us” Advent family devotional from Illustrated Ministries (weekly) – pick up on Sunday mornings.
- Also pick up a separate bag with Advent candles to light at home.

Christ in Our Home

Would you like to receive a copy of the daily devotional “Christ in Our Home”? Pick one up Sunday morning or at the church during the week.

Music Ministry

Hello Peace Family,

Music is such a vital part of the service and it’s been a joy to watch Michael Green flourish in conducting the children’s and adult choirs. I’m thankful for his willingness and tenacity and look forward to the Sundays they sing.

A special thanks to all the musicians, choir members, song leaders, and sound technicians who continue to support the Music Department. Your dedication and commitment provide support and continuity to the services. “YOU” play a huge role in the continued success of the Music Department.



God Bless,

Twylla Moore, Music Director

As we approach the close of another year, I am filled with deep gratitude for the countless ways our Peace community has continued to serve, uplift, and walk alongside our neighbors. Through compassion, creativity, and collaboration, our ministries have embodied God's call to love and justice, especially through our Peace Affordable Housing Ministry, Peace Café, and community outreach efforts.

This year, we continued to provide safe and stable housing for families and individuals who might otherwise face homelessness. All of our Peace-owned homes are currently occupied, housing families who are not only tenants but members of our extended Peace family. We worked diligently to maintain each property, ensuring that residents live in clean, healthy, and welcoming spaces.

Our partnership with Liminal Land Consulting helped us dream about the future of affordable housing at Peace. Together with a dedicated team of staff and church members, we began mapping long-term goals for expanding housing opportunities on our properties. Each conversation has been rooted in faith, compassion, and the belief that everyone deserves a place to call home.

The Peace Café has continued to be a beacon of hospitality every week, serving hundreds of hot meals and offering a space of belonging for all who come through our doors. Volunteers, church members, and community partners have come together to prepare, serve, and sit with our guests in genuine fellowship.

Beyond meals, the Café has become a hub for essential items, clothing, hygiene products, and household goods—distributed to those in need. Many of our volunteers have shared how these weekly gatherings remind them of the heart of the Gospel: breaking bread together and seeing Christ in one another.

This year brought renewed partnerships across Tacoma and the Hilltop neighborhood. We strengthened ties with local schools, nonprofits, and neighborhood organizations to ensure that families had access to support services, scholarships, and resources.

Through our Hilltop Hub outreach days, we provided supplies for families in transition, seniors, and students preparing for school. Each event reminded us that small acts of generosity, whether a grocery bag, a warm coat, or a listening ear, can change the course of someone's day or even their life.

Our commitment to our unhoused neighbors has remained steadfast. From direct outreach and prayerful engagement to coordinating temporary shelter and resource navigation, we have sought to respond with empathy and dignity. We know the challenges are complex, but we also know that presence matters, and Peace continues to show up.



As we move into the new year, our prayer is that Peace remains a place where hope grows, love multiplies, and community thrives. Thank you to every volunteer, donor, and partner who has helped make this ministry possible. Together, we are living out our mission to serve, to love, and to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

Peace and Blessings,

Brendan Nelson, Director of Community Engagement and Outreach



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Peace Lutheran Tacoma

Peace Lutheran Church Youth Ministry

Instagram: [@peacelutheranchurch](#)

Want to catch up on what
you've been missing?

Check our YouTube page:
[Peace Videos](#)

More Rally Sunday, Harvest Fest, & Thanksgiving Meal Photos



Who's Who on the Peace Lutheran Church Staff

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Stewardship Highlight: Stewards of God’s Love: Down, In, Out

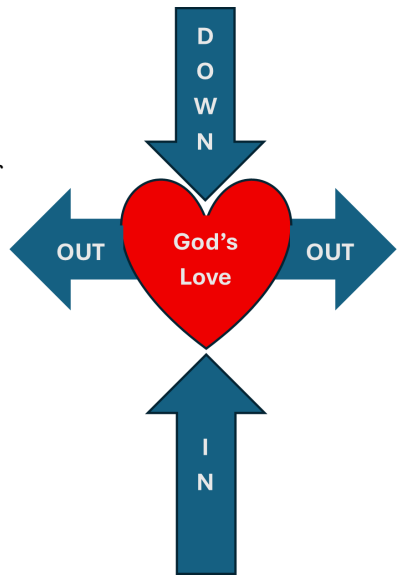
Stewardship was alive and well in the Peace Church community in 2025, as evident in the submissions from many of our leaders in their efforts to serve as seen in this report. During our October stewardship celebration, we focused on God’s love coming **down** to us with the many blessings of gifts and talents, our work with **in** to nurture these gifts among us and the active flowing **out** of love from our Peace family to our community and to the world. Our inspiration came to us from the larger community of the ELCA through their Stewards of God’s Love direction. As we reflect on the central passage: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37b-39), our direction becomes clear. God’s love has come down to us, works within us and



flows out to the world, not just for our three-week celebration series, but throughout the year. In times such as these, the work is more important than ever.

Thanks be to God and thanks be to the hearts and hands of our stewards.

Melody Duke, Stewardship



Evangelism and Outreach Ministry

Hello Peace Family,
Well, we are at the end of our year in Evangelism. We have accomplished a lot in this 2025 year. Peace Cafe has grown. It’s so awesome to be part of sharing a meal every Friday with the community and clothing from the Clothing Closet. Thanks to you for all we do for the community! At the Holiday Bazaar and Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship we had a fun time.



Remember, we are building God’s kingdom. Let’s keep growing in God!

Peace, joy, and love! *Neoma Clay*, Evangelism and Outreach

Foundational Commitment to Anti-Racism

As followers of Jesus, we believe that God created all people in God’s image (Genesis 1:27), Jesus breaks down all dividing walls (Ephesians 2:14), and the Holy Spirit connects and unites all people. The whole church looks forward to God’s future when people will be gathered from all cultures and peoples in the reign of God (Revelation 7). This church names racism (individual and systemic) as sin. We affirm that the diversity of cultures is a God-given gift, and we seek to extend God’s love to all our neighbors. We believe Jesus calls us to understand, address, and dismantle racism in individuals, communities, systems, and structures, joining God in bringing about justice for the oppressed and transformation of all society (Luke 4).

Opportunities to Serve

Below are some opportunities for you to serve and be blessed through the Peace community.

Time and Talent:

- **Want to Serve in the Many Ministry Opportunities at Peace?** Please contact Brendan Nelson.
- **Community Resources Ministry** Want to support the Friday Peace Café and Community Meals? Provide a meal OR come and help serve at the meal. Questions or to volunteer: contact Damishe Greenwood-Walker at plcadmin@peacetacoma.org.

Treasure:

- **Want to Give Offering to Peace Through Auto-Deduction?** Contact Damishe in the office.
- **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.
- **Give to the Community Resources Ministry** Make a donation to help. If you have a Fred Meyer rewards card please link it to Peace. Go to www.fredmeyer.com, community rewards, and enter Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church or key in Fk117.
- **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 Winco to the Church office. Questions? Ask Pastor John.

Have you pledged your time, talent, & treasure to God for the work of the Church in 2026?

If you missed the opportunity or have not turned in your Commitment brochure, please put it in the Offering Box at the Welcome Table or send or email it to the church office. Didn’t receive one? Please contact Pastor John who will email or send you a copy. Thank you for generously sharing God’s gifts!

Mission Statement

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.

Core Values...

Serve with **COURAGE**
Embrace **DIVERSITY**
Cultivate **COMMUNITY**
Seek **JUSTICE**

Vision Statement

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.**

Welcome Statement

All are welcome at Peace! We are a diverse community of welcome for people of all ethnic and cultural heritages, ages and generations, educational and financial backgrounds, gender identities and sexual orientations, spiritual and religious preferences, gifts and abilities! Centered in Jesus and his love, we believe that every human being is created in the image of God, whose Spirit gathers us into one community of faith in our Hilltop neighborhood. You are a blessing to Peace! We welcome your presence, your gifts, your voice, your service, your leadership, and our shared life together in community!