



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

September 13, 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Rally 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! During the summer we worship Sundays at 10 am and live stream the service online. See our website peacelutherantacoma.org, Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for worship videos and faith resources.

It is **Rally Sunday!** We celebrate our return to our regular Sunday schedule of two worship services (8:30 and 11 am) and breakfast and a Faith Education Hour in between. Folks have been invited to wear their favorite sports gear. We'll have a **Rally time together at 9:45 am** in the multipurpose room, and we'll have a **Back to School Bake-off with goodies and fellowship after 11 am worship!**

In worship we pray **God's blessings on faith teachers and students** as we move into a new programmatic year of faith education. Make a commitment for your family to grow in faith and service to God this school year!

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 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.

- **Beginning of School:** for students, parents, families, teachers, educators, tutors, mentors as school begins
- **Blessings on our faith formation offerings at Peace!**
- For immigrants and refugees
- 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, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Congo, Sudan, Yemen, Venezuela, Haiti
- **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
- **All who are grieving:** Annabell Davis-Bloom at the death of her grandpa, Allison Kies at the death of husband Alan Kies, Dwayne & Charlene Carpenter at brother Charlie's death, Peggy Hurd at her son's death, for comfort and hope in God
- **For healing:** Craig & Mary Cogger, Helga Jefferson-Reed, Marianne Lyle, Robin McGaughy, Abigail Mills, Brendan Nelson's parents, Sharon Olson, Sally Perkins, Carol Plaehn, Dwight & Tina Steenberg, Eileen Strittmatter
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Keri Anderson, Annie Burris, Loretta Carter, Ed Castro, Cleo Clay, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Shauna Teclemariam, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- **College & advanced training students:** Renee Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Jamison & Kamari Carroll, Annabell Davis-Bloom, Talina Hall, Bea Kelzenberg, Elyse & Sigourney McWilson, Julia Sevigny, Laney & Ziah Sneva, Zion Walker
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Bul Ajak Bul, Izzy Flourney, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmynt 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

- **Children's Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445 usually 3rd & 4th Sundays after 11 am worship, sing 1st Sundays at 11 am
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101 Thurs, 1 pm (starts Oct. 1)
- **Gospel Choir:** Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 am

- **For a Time Such as This:** Lynn Longfield: lynn_longfield@hotmail.com, 2nd Sundays after worship
- **Men's Bible Study:** Malcolm Carroll: 253-282-0218, Fridays, 7-8:30 am, Peace Community Center, classroom building
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Gail Storrs: 222-5246, for prayer requests email: gailstorrs@gmail.com
- **Women's Bible Studies:** Leigh Wong: 302-7641
- **Writing Group:** Gail Storrs: gailstorrs@gmail.com, 222-5246, 2nd Mondays, 6 pm

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.

Fall Garden Clean-Up Day **Saturday September 19 8:30-10 am.** Please join us at the garden to help prepare beds for fall and winter. Contact Craig Cogger (253-290-5434) for more info.

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 Starting Today

- **8:30 am:** Worship
- **9:30 am:** Breakfast & Fellowship
- **9:45 am:** Faith Education Hour (today: Rally time!)
- **11 am:** Worship (also livestream), with Refreshments after (today: Back to School Bake-off goodies!)

Sunday Morning Faith Offerings Starting September 20

(during Faith Education Hour 9:45-10:45 am each Sunday)

- Godly Play for children ages 4 – 3rd grade
- Explorers class for 4th-6th graders
- Youth Conversation about Life & Culture for 7th-12th graders (starts September 27)
- Adult Education class

Questions? Ask Pastor John.

Adult & Older Youth Education Sundays at 9:45 am

- **September 20:** What is the SSWA Synod? Synod Vision and Directions, led by Bishop Keith Marshall
- **September 27 & October 4:** The Gifts God's Given You (exploring your spiritual gifts and how you use them), led by Brendan Nelson and Shelley Maebori
- **October 11, 18, & 25:** Generosity and Gratitude in All Seasons, a series from the Stewardship Team

Come Level Up on a Discipleship Quest! Join Brendan Nelson and Shelley Maebori as we learn about loving and following Jesus together in community. We will share meals together and work in teams to study and practice Discipleship on **Wednesday, September 16, 6-8 pm; Saturday, October 24, 9-11 am; Sunday, November 15, 12-2 pm.** Play games (and earn prizes!), complete challenges, study scripture, and grow in faith. Childcare is provided. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early! Questions? Call/text Shelley at (509) 387-1858.

Women's Bible Study Want to be part of a women's Luke Bible study meeting twice a month? Contact Leigh Wong right away at 253-302-7641 or leighawong@gmail.com.

Women's Breakfast Come join women's ministry at our kickoff breakfast on **Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9-11 am** in the multipurpose room. We will share in fellowship and talk about the year ahead. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.

Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Alan Kies

We will gather at Peace Lutheran Church **Saturday September 26 at 10:30 am** for a memorial service to give thanks to God for the life of Alan Kies and hear words of comfort and hope in God to help us in our grief. A reception with food and fellowship will follow in the multipurpose room. Please keep Allison and family and our whole community in your prayers.

Community Bible Study Starting **October 1**, Pastor John facilitates a Community Bible Study in the church Conference Room and online on Teams (your choice) **Thursdays 1-2 pm** on the scripture 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 Teams link.

Generosity and Gratitude in All Seasons In challenging and uncertain times, God invites us to see and experience God's boundless generosity, give thanks for the gifts God gives us, and reflect that generosity through our own lives. On **October 11, 18, and 25** in worship and in Sunday faith education at 9:45 am for adults, through Bible study, reflection, and personal stories, we'll look at how, as good stewards of God's generous gifts, we practice generosity and gratitude in all seasons of our lives.

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 Community Center Information

Seeking an Executive Director Peace Community Center is seeking a new Executive Director to lead the organization through an exciting season of rebuilding, growth, and renewed community engagement as we work alongside Hilltop youth and families to build pathways to stability, opportunity and housing security in partnership with Peace Lutheran Church. **Priority Application Deadline: September 24.** See position description at www.peacecommunitycenter.org/work-with-us.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

Church staff are off on Mondays. Church Office Hours: T-F, 9 am-5 pm

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, brendan@peacetacoma.org
- **Youth Minister:** Manis Pierre, ext 103, manis@peacetacoma.org
- **Children's Minister:** Annabell Davis-Bloom, ext 104, annabell@peacetacoma.org
- **Interim Music Director:** Michael Green, michael@peacetacoma.org
- **Gospel Choir Director:** Michael Green, michael@peacetacoma.org
- **Musician:** Twylla Moore
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, briannamiller182@gmail.com
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org
- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Melody Duke	Tech: Don Gillis	Nursery: Brianna Miller
Van Driver: Antonio Yune	Breakfast: Teresa Jackson	Snack: Nancy Lulay
	8:30 am	11 am
Assisting Minister:	Tim Chalberg	Jo Nivling-Izquierdo
Reader:	Dean Sawhill	Pam Asadi
Usher:	Viviane Sawhill	Diane Powers
Prayer Ministers:	Tim Chalberg	Jo Nivling-Izquierdo
Musicians:	Michael Green	Michael Green
Welcome & Support:		Rebecca Foster