



## 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"

### September 24, 2023 – Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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. Masks are welcome and encouraged but not required. We continue to require masks the first Sunday of each month for 8:30 am worship so those who need to take additional precautions can participate. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online.

Today is the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. Pentecost is a season of growing in faith by the power of the Spirit. In today's Old Testament reading, Jonah gets angry at the wideness of God's mercy. Kit Thompson shares the message in worship.

**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. We post Godly Play videos on our YouTube channel to use at home.

**Brendan Nelson is on sabbatical through September 30. Please contact Deacon Charissa Carroll, our Resource Navigator, who is covering some of his key roles in his absence.**

**Interested in learning more about Peace?** Please contact Pastor John or 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.*

- Blessings to Brendan Nelson and prayers for rest and renewal on his sabbatical through September 30
- For Peace Community Center in this time of transition
- For future directions of Peace Church, that we might lean into our foundational commitment to antiracism
- All impacted by earthquakes, wildfires, hurricanes
- For peace and change in a culture of gun violence, and for communities grieving the tragic and unnecessary loss of life to mass shootings
- We honor lives tragically taken in acts of racial violence, naming Andrew Brown Jr, Daunte Wright, Manuel Ellis, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, 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 our nation's laws, policies, & practices

- For the people of Ukraine in this war, for Ukrainian & Afghan & Haitian refugees, for all immigrants
- For all who are hurting and feeling weighed down...
- For the hungry in our world, for food and justice
- For all experiencing homelessness & housing insecurity
- Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice
- In our world of global warming, for climate justice
- The Peace housing ministry
- All ministries of Peace Church & Community Center
- For all who experience sexual harassment or abuse
- For all impacted by COVID
- For peace: all living midst violence or unrest, esp. in Ukraine, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Holy Land, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen
- For hope: the unemployed & underemployed, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, and all struggling with addictions
- The grieving: Ann Kirby and family at the death of husband Chuck, for comfort and hope in God
- For healing: Myrah Ballentine, Carol Pittmon, Luke Stroeh, Janet Willis, Leigh Wong
- Ongoing health concerns: Kitty Adams, Joe Blake, Ed Castro, Lisa Flesher's mom, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Renee Jones, Jerry Pittmon, Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Yvonne Reed, Abe Ulloa, Dorothy White
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Octavius Killian, Daniel Lotovaivai, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Eileen Strittmatter, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyn Trent
- For our partners in mission all over the world: Davis family in Uganda, Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); the church in South Sudan; the church in China; Seigny family in Japan; the Navajo Lutheran Church in Arizona

#### Small Group Gatherings

- Book Group: Kit Thompson: 229-5766
- Christians Concerned with Homelessness prayer group: Sarah ButlerWills. Bryant Neighborhood Center, 1615 6th Ave., first Thursday, 5:30-6:30 pm
- College Care Package Team: Pat Ferguson: 627-1349

- **Conversations Around Race:** Ted Johnstone: 752-9514
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1pm
- **Gospel Choir:** Twylla Moore, [twylla@peacetacoma.org](mailto:twylla@peacetacoma.org)
- **Men's Breakfast:** Antonio Yune: 227-1995. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 9 am
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Kit Thompson: 229-5766, for prayer requests email: [tkit.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:tkit.thompson@gmail.com)
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769. 4th Tuesday, 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 share your offering in person Sundays at the Welcome Table or send offering by mail or electronic means or donate on the church website. If you would like to set up regular online giving, contact the church office (253)383-1317.

**Meal Train Ministry** As part of our Care Ministry at Peace, we use the Meal Train website to organize meals for folks during times of transition and need, including after a surgery or a new addition to the family. Since we started in 2013, we have organized 30 Meal Trains for our Peace family! If you would like to receive invitations to share a meal, please contact Kathy Hanawalt (253.572.0133, [kathyhanawalt@gmail.com](mailto:kathyhanawalt@gmail.com)).

**Want to Serve on the Prayer Chain?** Receive an email when new prayer concerns from our community are posted and keep in prayer throughout the week. It's an important piece of our Care Ministry at Peace. Please contact Kit Thompson ([tkit.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:tkit.thompson@gmail.com)) to add your email address to participate, and receive login info.

### **Seeking Helpers:**

- **Worship Helpers.** Interested in serving as tech person (great need!), song leader, musician, usher, reader, greeter, or altar guild for worship? Please sign up on the clipboard during the Announcements time in worship.
- **Community Meals are 5:30-6:30 pm every weekday in October.** Want to provide food or serve? Contact Damishe at 253-383-1317 ext. 100.

**Join the Gospel Choir** We rehearse and sing once a month: **Next rehearsal Thurs. Oct. 26 at 6 pm**, Sing Sunday October 29 at 11 am. Questions? Ask Music Director Twylla Moore.

## Peace Lutheran Church Information

### **Sunday Breakfast Fellowship and Refreshments**

We regularly offer breakfast and fellowship time for all **Sundays at 9:30 am** and refreshments and fellowship **after 11 am worship** every Sunday in the multipurpose room.

### **Sunday Morning Faith Opportunities 9:45-10:45 am**

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

### **Sunday Adult & Older Youth Faith Classes 9:45-10:45 am**

**Today: God's Call to Mission.** Loretta Carter (Pam Asadi's mother) will share her personal call to serve in God's global mission. She was one of the first missionaries in the new ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), serving in Nigeria, Tanzania, Madagascar, and Namibia.

**Oct. 1-22: A series called "All Hands on Deck."** Last fall's theme "What's in Your Hand?" helped us explore our different gifts, abilities, and experiences and wonder how God might use these in our everyday lives. This fall we're encouraged to put these gifts, abilities, and experiences to work for God — all hands on deck on this "steward-ship." We'll explore wor-ship, disciple-ship, companion-ship, & partner-ship.

**Community Bible Study Starting September 28**, Pastor John facilitates a Community Bible Study in the church Conference Room and on Zoom (your choice) **Thursdays from 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 Zoom link.

**Memorial Service for Chuck Kirby** A memorial service for Chuck Kirby is scheduled for **Saturday October 21 at 1 pm** at Believers Fellowship Church, 4112 Hunt St. NW, Gig Harbor. You're invited to come honor his life, give thanks to God, and look to God for comfort and hope in Jesus.

## Peace Community Center Information

**Support for Peace Community Center** The Board of Directors asks for our community's continued care, service to students, prayers, and ongoing financial support as we engage the challenging, but necessary work, of building a more sustainable future for Peace Community Center.

## Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, [pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org)
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102, [brendan@peacetacoma.org](mailto:brendan@peacetacoma.org) (on sabbatical through September 30)
- **Coordinator of Children, Youth, & Intergenerational Ministry:** Jayna Detweiler, ext 100 (leave message), [jayna@peacetacoma.org](mailto:jayna@peacetacoma.org)
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, [twylla@peacetacoma.org](mailto:twylla@peacetacoma.org)
- **Resource Navigator:** Charissa Carroll, ext 100 (leave message), [charissa@peacetacoma.org](mailto:charissa@peacetacoma.org)
- **Nursery Attendant:** Rebecca Valencia, [rebecca@peacetacoma.org](mailto:rebecca@peacetacoma.org)
- **Office Manager and Community Meals Contact Person:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, [plcadmin@peacetacoma.org](mailto:plcadmin@peacetacoma.org)
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, [jenny@peacetacoma.org](mailto:jenny@peacetacoma.org)

## Assisting Today

<b>Altar Guild:</b> Jeanie Correa, Betty Sortor-Beaman		<b>Tech:</b> Brad Wills
<b>Nursery:</b> Rebecca Valencia		<b>Van Driver:</b> Antonio Yune
	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>11 am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Tim Chalberg	Trina Kagochi
<b>Reader:</b>	Joanne McWilson	Neoma Clay
<b>Greeter:</b>	Pam Asadi	Charissa Carroll
<b>Usher:</b>	Craig Cogger	Helga Reed-Jefferson
<b>Prayer Ministers:</b>	Robin McGaughy	Irene Manley, Neoma Clay
<b>Musicians:</b>	Twylla Moore	Twylla Moore