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<u>Peace Devotional Book</u> It's here! The second Peace Devotional Book is ready for you! Special thanks to our dearly departed Shari Shelton and the Writing Group for pulling together the reflections and writings in this very large book (over 500 pages), and thanks to all who contributed! Cost is a donation of \$20 or more (actual cost per book was \$50). If you would like a book and the cost is a hardship, please contact Pastor John. We have a few of the first Peace Devotional Books available for purchase also for \$20. Buy a book on **Sunday September 21 or 28** in the multipurpose room between worship services, or contact the church office for one after that.

<u>Anti-Racism Book Resource Library</u> Check out the book cart in the multipurpose room with antiracism books to borrow for your personal growth and deeper understanding.

<u>Christ in Our Home</u> Would you like to receive a copy of the daily devotional "Christ in Our Home"? Pick one up from the table outside the sanctuary, or contact Damishe in the office.

# THE CALL TO PEACE

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# Peace Lutheran Church Worship

We resume our regular worship schedule Sunday
September 14. We worship Sundays at 8:30 & 11 am.
If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please
stay home and worship online. Join live stream
Sunday worship at 11 am on the church Facebook
page (worship video also available later on the
YouTube channel).



Summer Bible Adventure

### Rally Sunday Is September 14!

Get ready! Get ready!! Game on! Join us in celebrating the return of the fall Sunday morning worship schedule and faith formation offerings. Wear your favorite sports gear. Come ready to cheer on and join in. We'll have a Rally time together at 9:45 am in the multipurpose room, and we'll share a Tablegate Party lunch after 11 am worship. Make a commitment at the beginning of the school year for your family to grow deeper in relationship with God! We are offering opportunities for children, youth, and adults. Starting Sunday September 21, on Sunday mornings 9:45 - 10:45 am, there will be an adult/older youth class, the Feet to Faith confirmation class for 7th-8th graders, the Explorers class for 4th-6th graders, and a Godly Play Bible story time for children ages 4 through 3rd grade. Questions? Ask Pastor John.

### **Commitment Sunday Is October 19!**

Don't miss **Sunday October 19 at Peace**, the culmination of our stewardship series "**Stewards of God's Love: Down, In, and Out,**" when we invite everyone to make a commitment to share your time, talent, and treasure for God's work through Peace Lutheran Church in 2026. In the series in October leading to Commitment Sunday we will look at how God has come *down* to us in love through Jesus, 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.





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### **Pastor's Reflection**



Confirmation Sunday

"And I gave them the Sabbath, a day of rest every seventh day, as a symbol between them and me, to remind them that it is I, the Lord, who sanctifies them, that they are truly my people." — Ezekiel 20:12

People of Peace,

Thank you for the gift of a sabbatical. And thank you for your prayers.

I'm back now from three months of Sabbath, a break from work, a time for rest, renewal, and relationships you gave me after serving another six years as your pastor. It's a time of rest in the seventh year. You can hear in that word **sabbatical** the root word *Sabbath*. Throughout the Old Testament God instructs people to work six days and rest on the seventh.

This sabbatical was a chance for me to step away from the stresses of daily ministry here and intentionally be about reflection and receiving God's renewal. It was a reminder for me that God's ministry here is not dependent on me—y'all did just fine without me, that I'm not defined by my work—I'm a beloved child of God, that I'm a human *being*, not a human doing all the time.

I started sabbatical on a retreat by myself at Mt. Angel Monastery in Oregon. My family and I then spent two weeks at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in the Cascade mountains—no cars, few electronics—a great place to disconnect and spend time with God and family and also to experience working as short-term staff in guest services. Next we drove for 4½ weeks all the way to the east coast and back camping at national parks, visiting family and friends, and enjoying the beauty of this country. And we spent two weeks in Cambodia and Thailand visiting friends, experiencing their global ministry with children, youth, and young adults, and connecting with the Lutheran Church in Cambodia. It was an amazing adventure and a tremendous blessing! We felt God's presence everywhere.

My sabbatical was about what makes my heart sing, what gives me joy. What was that? Time to enjoy mountains and beaches and forests, hike and camp, read, pray, worship, serve, exercise, be with family and relatives, have cross-cultural experiences, see a new part of God's world, and eat all kinds of good food, spicy food (especially in Thailand)! I spent time reading and reflecting on Christian hospitality, God's power to bring renewal, and how God is using my personality and gifts to help me serve God. Over the next months, you'll hear stories and reflections from my time away.

I hope and pray that you have been nourished by rest, renewal, and relationships this past summer.

Special thanks to Peace full-time staff Deacon Charissa Carroll, Brendan Nelson, Damishe Greenwood-Walker, to all staff, to Rev. Lynn Longfield and Rev. Jim Riede, to Church Council, and to so many who stepped up and stepped in to lead and serve while I was away. It's good to be home! I look forward to our fall together! Please read about all the good things happening at Peace, and get in where you fit in!

## God's peace, Pastor John









### Peace Fall Calendar

### September

**Sunday Sept. 14:** Rally Sunday! Celebrate the return of fall Sunday worship schedule and faith formation offerings **Sunday Sept. 21:** Faith education 9:45 - 10:45 am begins again on Sundays: adult & older youth class, 7th-8th grade Feet to Faith confirmation, 4th-6th grade Explorers class, ages 4-3rd grade Godly Play

#### October

Sunday Oct. 5: Stewardship series "Stewards of God's Love: Down, In, and Out" kicks off!

**Sunday Oct. 19: Commitment Sunday**: All are invited to make a pledge of our time, talent, and treasure to God through Peace Lutheran Church for 2026. Please bring your commitment brochure to worship or send it to the office.

**Sunday Oct. 26: Reformation Sunday** 

### November

**Sunday Nov. 2: All Saints Sunday** 

Saturday Nov. 8, 9 am - 5 pm: Holiday Bazaar

Saturday Nov. 22, 5:30 pm: Thanksgiving Meal and Worship

#### December

Wednesday Dec. 24: Christmas Eve — We celebrate the birth of Jesus!
5 pm Children's Christmas Celebration / 7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

# **Opportunities to Serve**

Regular Offering to Peace Thank you for your ongoing financial support of God's ministry through Peace Lutheran Church. You may bring your offering in person to put in the Offering Box at the sanctuary entrance or send your offering by mail or donate on the church website. If you would like to get set up for regular online giving, please contact Damishe in the church office at 253-383-1317.

<u>Note to Credit Card Givers</u> If you regularly give to Peace Lutheran Church via credit card, please consider setting up direct bank withdrawals instead (to save the church a significant amount of credit card fees and allow your offering to go fully toward the church's mission). Please contact Damishe in the office.

<u>Worship Helpers Needed</u> We need readers, greeters, ushers, altar guild servers, and tech people to serve and help lead worship. Please contact Deacon Charissa Carroll.

<u>Van Driver Needed</u> Feel called to occasionally drive the van to transport folks to worship? Please contact Pastor John.

<u>Breakfast Providers Needed</u> Able to provide a Sunday breakfast at Peace? Sign up at the Welcome Table. Questions? Ask Teresa Jackson (253-407-1151).

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

#### October is Hunger Response Month at Peace!

- Give A Financial Gift to Fight Hunger. Write a check to Peace Lutheran Church earmarked "Emergency Food Network" for local food banks. Or write a check to Peace earmarked "ELCA World Hunger Appeal" for global hunger relief, development, education, and advocacy.
- Friday Peace Café and Community Meals. Help out as needed. Meal is 5:30 6:30 pm.

# Philippians 4:6

<sup>6</sup>Do 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...

- · Our community and Pastor John and family grateful for a wonderful summer sabbatical time
- · Our community grateful for summer ministries including the Youth Service-Learning Experience and Fun Day, Summer Bible Adventure, Peace at the Park, and Friday Community Meals
- The Peace community as we reach out to Hilltop families this fall, especially in resource navigation, physical and emotional and social support, spiritual care ministry, & faith offerings for all

#### 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, who are ill, facing surgery, recovering from hospitalization
- · All who struggle financially, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, for hope
- · All suffering from the effects of wildfires and turbulent weather
- · 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

#### Our work...

- · For future directions of Peace Lutheran Church, as we live into our foundational commitment to anti-racism
- · Our ministries in community development, especially in 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 our strategic planning process
- · Our global partners: Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (our companion synod); Sevigny family in Japan
- · Living Stones prison congregation in Shelton
- · Faith Action Network leading in advocacy for justice for all, and for political leaders

For the complete list, see Sunday's announcements.

# **Peace Community Center**



Thank you for your on-going support and prayers for Peace Community Center in this time of transition and visioning for the future. Peace Lutheran Church in the 1990's brought the vision of a Community Center to serve the Hilltop community to life, and the Center's doors were open in the summer of 2001 with the first Community Center initiated PEACE COMMUNITY program being a five-week summer day camp for Hilltop children and youth that we called Camp Peace.

The board is working hard to thoughtfully relaunch the Community Center's direct service of the Hilltop community. We continue to move forward with our strategic planning process. In August we completed a two-day retreat that included board members and three members of our community advisory group to review community engagement feedback and to put together draft strategic priorities. We will continue to work on finalizing our strategic plan priorities in September and October with the hope to have a completed strategic plan to share with the church and broader community by the end of 2025. As part of the strategic planning process this fall we will share our draft strategic plan with key stakeholders like the Peace Lutheran Church Council, Pastor John when he returns from sabbatical, and others to gain their thoughts and ensure strong buy in and partnership with those the Center works most closely with.

In addition, the Board continues to seek applications for new Board Members. We have put together a thorough process for identifying and engaging with potential board members, and believe we have three people who will potentially join the board in the next few months. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please reach out!

Lastly, we want to thank Brendan for his service with the Board of Directors (and the strategic plan advisory group) during Pastor John's sabbatical. Pastor John, as the Pastor of Peace Lutheran, serves as a non-voting board member of the Community Center attending every meeting of the Board just like the voting members. Brendan has taken on this work while Pastor John is away.

As always, we are deeply thankful for the support of Peace Lutheran Church. The Center, at its foundation and best, is an extension of the ministry and service of Peace Lutheran to the Hilltop community and we are better together. We ask for your continued prayers. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the Center Board Members: Kerri Pedrick, Joanne Few McWilson, or Sarah Detweiler. Feel free to reach out with any questions to the Board of Directors at directors@peacecommunitycenter.org.

# Peace Community Center

# More Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Holiday Bazaar: The Holiday Bazaar is Saturday November 8 from 9 am - 5 pm. It will be an opportunity to purchase low-cost holiday-related items, including toys. Questions? Ask Teresa Jackson (253-407-1151).

Community Thanksgiving Dinner & Worship: Saturday, Nov. 22 at 5:30 pm. Come to this community celebration in the multipurpose room, an opportunity to thank God for all God's good gifts! It's a potluck Thanksgiving meal with neighbors! Questions? Call Teresa Jackson (253-407-1151).

# Future Directions & Community Engagement at Peace

Peace Family,

Can you believe we're already sliding into the fall season? As I reflect on the last few months, my heart is full. God is doing something special at Peace, and I'm just grateful to be along for the ride with all of you.

Peace Café continues to be one of the biggest blessings in my week! What started as an idea to serve as a warming site has turned into a full-on community movement. Staff and volunteers show up each week with joy, creativity, and an extra dash of love. Meanwhile, our neighbors are walking through the doors and finding more than a meal, they're finding conversation, laughter, friendship, encouragement and even the occasional bingo game. The Café is doing exactly what God intended, helping us build relationships that uplift the entire Hilltop.



St. Mark's by the Narrows and our youth volunteer Amari team up to serve meals.

I'm also excited to share that every single one of our affordable homes is occupied! That means families are settled in and breathing a little easier because of your generosity. Knowing that these homes are filled with love reminds me why this work matters.

Also, we're now teaming up with a Liminal Land Consultants to help us dream about what comes next.

Yep... more housing, more impact, more hope. Please keep us in



**ELCA Churchwide Assembly** 

prayer as we explore how Peace can continue to fight displacement and provide long-term stability for folks right here in our neighborhood.

Lastly, I had the honor of attending both the ELCA Churchwide

Assembly and the national Multiethnic Gathering this summer. It was beautiful seeing a church that is seeking to look like God's kingdom and ready for change.

I came home feeling encouraged that the work we're doing at Peace, community-based, justice-centered, people-focused is right in line with where God is leading the wider church.

As we gear up for all that fall has in store, I'm asking for your continued prayers for our staff, our new housing vision, Peace Café, and everyone who walks through our doors. Your support keeps us going. Thank you for being my Peace Family, a church that loves hard, laughs often, and shows up for our neighbors.

# Brendan Nelson

Director of Community Engagement and Outreach



Youth Service-Learning Experience and Fun Day

# Peace Café and Community Meals Ministry

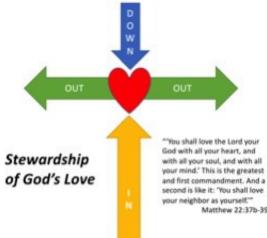


Peace Café and the community meals ministry is so blessed to have the best volunteers in the world! We have served our community with the help of our partner churches, organizations, groups, families and individuals.

Peace Café is continuing to open its doors to the community Fridays at 3pm to provide a casual and family oriented atmosphere with beverages, snacks, games, music and or a movie. Community meals begins at 5:30 pm. Peace clothing closet opens at 6 pm. We are here to serve our community members with joy. As we are half way through the year, we are looking ahead to improving our service and resources offered to community members.

If you are interested in providing a meal in the coming year, volunteering, or simply want to hang out and meet folks, email Damishe at <u>plcadmin@peacetacoma.org</u>, or simply drop by. If you or someone you know has a need, Deacon Charissa Carroll, our Resource Navigator, is available and can be reached at charissa@peacetacoma.org.

# Stewardship Highlight - Stewards of God's Love



Stewards of God's love at Peace:

Are you feeling down -n- out during these trying times? We are excited to announce our upcoming stewardship focus at Peace Lutheran Church for the weeks of October 5th, 12th and 19th.

The theme is "Stewards of God's Love: Down, In, and Out."
We'll journey with this theme in worship and in Sunday faith
education at 9:45 am for adults and older youth, through Bible
study, reflection, and personal stories. As we explore the gifts
coming down from God, the growth and nurturing of these gifts
with in, and our response of love flowing out, I'm sure God will
meet us to lift our spirits, expand our vision, and spread our joy.
Look for previews of our down, in and out focus on the bulletin
board. We look forward to a time of celebration and growth!

# -Peace Stewardship Team

# **Music Ministry** ~ **Gospel Choir**

Hello Peace Lutheran!

During the last few months, the Peace Gospel Choir met less frequently to be mindful of choir member summer plans, yet frequently enough to share our gifts at one 10 am service each month. It was a treat to experience the combination of folks who enjoy 8:30 am worship and those we tend to see at the 11 am service. I believe our music was well-received each time.



Moving into the Fall, our regular schedule of rehearsing on most Thursday evenings and singing at two 11 am services per month will resume. Because

calendars are weird, which Thursdays we rehearse and occasionally which Sundays we sing must be a bit fluid. To be in the know, contact me at <u>greenlife@hotmail.com</u> to be added to the choir email list, and you can sing with us and make a joyful noise unto the Lord. He is worthy! And so are YOU.

Be blessed, Michael Green, Gospel Music Director

# Men's Ministry

#### 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.

# Women's Ministry

This year in Women's Ministry at Peace we are focusing on small group Bible studies. We will be offering four different groups, meeting at four different times, on different days. We will be studying the book of Luke through manuscript study, using the induction method. This method is described like this:

What is Inductive Bible Study?

An Inductive approach to Bible study means you don't start with a topic and the try to find verses that relate. Rather, inductive study focuses on a passage of the Bible and moves toward these two goals:

- 1. Discover what a biblical author intended to communicate to the original audience.
- 2. Encounter Jesus and be transformed by his word.

We, the leaders of the small groups, have loved this method because it generates curiosity with the text, and we all begin at the same place, novices, and end with excitement with what we've discovered! This is an amazing opportunity to join with other women who are curious about the Bible too. We will share, study, talk and laugh, pray and get to know each other, and use colored pencils! We want you to join us and be a part of this!

To sign up and select the small group that you would like to attend, please email Shelley Maebori ASAP at <a href="mailto:skrelz@gmail.com">skrelz@gmail.com</a>.

Small group studies:

- 1. 1st and 4th Tuesday 12-2 pm Deacon Charissa and Sarah ButlerWills in the Ray conference room on the 2nd fl.
- 2. 3rd and 4th Tuesday 6:30-8 pm Shelley Maebori in the multipurpose room.
- 3. 2nd and 4th Weds. 1-3 pm Lynn Longfield in the Ray conference room on the 2nd fl.
- 4. 2nd and 4th Weds. 4-5:30 pm Paulie Jacobson in the Ray conference room on the 2nd fl.

Women of Peace Leadership Team,

Deacon Charissa Carroll, Leigh Wong & Julia Kagochi

### Peace Garden

We have provided lettuce, potatoes, and tomatoes for Community Meals this summer, with winter squash, collard greens, and some onions coming in the fall. The drip irrigation system that we installed last year is working well, supplying our plants' needs while conserving water.

An Invitation: Garden work days: Saturday, September 20 and Saturday October 4, 9:30 to 11 am. We will renovate the garden beds, removing old plants and weeds, digging in compost and lime, and planting cover crops. Come help! Many hands make light work.



Peace and blessings,

Craig Cogger, Peace Garden Ministry

# Small Group Opportunities to Grow and Serve This Fall

#### Here Are the Ongoing Small Groups for Growing in Faith and Fellowship

- College Care Package Team: Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- Community Bible Study: Pastor John: 383-1317 ext 101, Thursdays, 1-2 pm, starts October 2
- Gospel Choir: Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1st, 2nd, 3rd 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
- Women's Gatherings: Deacon Charissa Carroll: ext. 104

### Who's Who on the Peace Lutheran Church Staff

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Finance Coordinator: Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org

# Opportunities for Adults & Older Youth to Grow in Faith

#### Upcoming Adult & Older Youth Education Sundays from 9:45 - 10:45 am

- Sept. 21 & 28: Learning opportunities on inclusivity and belonging, led by Anti-Racism Work Group
- Oct. 5, 12, & 19: Stewards of God's Love: Down, In, and Out, a series from the Stewardship Team
- Oct. 26: Sabbatical Stories & Reflections on Hospitality, led by Pastor John and Leigh Wong
- Nov. 2 & 9: Ministry of Place housing forums
- Nov. 16 & 23: Learning opportunities on inclusivity and belonging, led by Anti-Racism Work Group

<u>Community Bible Study</u>: Starting October 2, 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 and through us. Email Pastor John for Teams link.

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 generally meets on second Sundays after 11 am worship. Next meeting, though, is Sunday Sept 21 after 11 am worship. Contact Lynn (lynn\_longfield@hotmail.com).

## Stay Connected with Peace Lutheran Church!



Find worship services and faith resources, see ministry pictures, get updates, and stay on top of what's going on! Call the church office to get on the email list!

Facebook Peace Lutheran Church Tacoma:

https://www.facebook.com/PeaceLutheranChurchTacoma/

Peace's website: <a href="http://www.peacelutherantacoma.org/">http://www.peacelutherantacoma.org/</a>

Peace's YouTube channel with worship services and faith videos here.

### **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**.

#### 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).

#### From the Church Council

Dear Peace Family,

Since the last newsletter Pastor John and family's sabbatical time has come and gone, and for those of us at Peace this summer we experienced the gifts of so many people who stepped in to give the message, host communion, offer pastoral support, open the church doors, lock-up on Sunday mornings, and so many other big and small tasks that keep together and make the church function. Thanks to everyone who kept showing up! It took us a cou-



ple of weeks to get the hang of 10 am worship—nothing like coming in expecting to get settled in a seat for the welcome and finding yourself in the middle of communion. If you were a bit bewildered and triple checking your watch, you weren't alone. Despite a little confusion in the very beginning, the change in our Sunday schedule for summer brought the 8:30 and 11 o'clock groups together in a way I really looked forward to after experiencing it last summer too.

Your Church Council continued gathering and working throughout the sabbatical, with a small break in August. A highlight of our time together was collaborating on two Friday Community Meals with Zoe Forbes as our leader. With Craig Cogger's support we even incorporated food grown in the Peace Community Garden into both meals! We look forward to future Friday meals as the need arises. We also worked on, discussed, and eventually approved a Child, Youth & Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy with the understanding that the policy can be amended over time as we learn and grow with it. It was important to us to have this policy in place ahead of hiring for youth and children's ministers this fall. Please be in prayer about those open positions on our staff and spread the word to people who may have the gifts and ability to step into these roles.

As we proceed this fall council will be reviewing the sabbatical time with Pastor John, working on next year's budget, and focusing on stewardship. Don't forget, your council is here to hear your concerns, pray for you, care for ministries at Peace, and to provide encouragement too. Reach out when you need us!

Gretchen Duggan, Council President

#### **Children and Youth Ministries**



We are currently in a transitional time in staffing for children's and youth ministry; we do not have a paid church staff person with these responsibilities. In this interim time, many folks have stepped up to serve and lead. You may feel God nudging you to get involved in children's and youth ministry at Peace.

What's happened over the summer in children's and youth ministries?

Children's Ministry: Andrew Wright serves as liaison for children's ministry, helping to connect leaders and ministries. Contact him (wright.andrew.g@gmail.com) if you're interested in serving. This summer

children had a wonderful time at Summer Bible Adventure on "The Commandments" starring Moses and Jesus.

Youth Ministry: Bill and Kathy Hanawalt have been facilitating Sunday monthly Youth Dinners, and the Hanawalts and Brendan Nelson together with intern Elyse McWilson and the Fleshers organized a wonderful two-day Youth Service-Learning Experience and Fun Day.

**Staffing:** We are currently seeking a part-time Children's Minister (average 6 hours/week) and a part-time Youth Minister (average 15 hours/week). See job descriptions posted on the church homepage. Send cover letter and resume to plcjobs@peacetacoma.org.

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