

# PRINTS OF PEACE

OCTOBER 2024

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WORSHIP & SPECIAL EVENTS

- Oct. 3 Interfaith PRIDE Service (6 PM)
- Oct. 5 PRIDE Parade & Celebration (4:00-8:00 PM)
- Oct. 6 In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)  
Coffee Hour (10 AM)
- Oct. 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting (11 AM)
- Oct. 8 Green Team (3:00 PM)  
Peace Council Meeting (6:30 PM)
- Oct. 9 Worship Planning Meeting (6:30 PM)
- Oct. 11-12 Kitty Glitter Fund-raiser
- Oct. 13 In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)  
Coffee Hour (10 AM)
- Oct. 14 Peg Miller Funeral Service (10:30 AM)  
After-School Program Committee (5:00 PM)
- Oct. 17 Mobile Food Pantry (7 AM)  
Women in Motion (11:30 AM)
- Oct. 20 In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)  
Coffee Hour (10 AM)
- Oct. 27 REFORMATION SUNDAY  
In-Building and Online Worship (9 AM)  
Coffee Hour (10 AM)  
Trunk or Treat (11:30-1:00)



## SCRIPTURE READINGS



### October 6

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

### October 13

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

### October 20

Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 91:9-16  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

### October 27

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

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# Pastor's Message

Rev. Hannah DiPasquale

“No one has to do everything, but everyone has to do something.”

This was a mantra that another pastor once used when talking about Stewardship in the Church. A big part of becoming involved in a church community is prayerfully discerning how you will give to God through serving the Church. This is stewardship—of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Stewardship simply means taking care of things entrusted to you. The first example of stewardship in our tradition can be found back in Genesis, when God gave the earth and animals to the humans to take care of (we could be doing a much better job of this, couldn't we).

For many of us today, the first thing that comes to mind when we hear “stewardship” is money. While offering your financial gifts to the Church IS important; so is offering your gifts of time, skill, and energy.

I fully believe that God has given each one of us gifts to share. Perhaps your time and presence would be appreciated during a visit with one of our homebound members. Maybe your ability to get up early and move around could be useful at the monthly food pantry distribution. Perhaps your outgoing personality would find a good fit at our church doors as a greeter on Sundays, or calling members we haven't seen in awhile. Maybe you like to stay in the background and could help wash some dishes after soup suppers or with property projects around the church. Perhaps you have a way with words and want to advocate for folks by writing letters to our legislators.

This fall you'll hear more about Stewardship. You will be asked to give a little more of your Time, Talent, and Treasure. My prayer is that each person in our congregation will find that ONE thing to get involved with, or that ONE percent of money, time, or energy, that you can contribute to our church.

When no one is doing EVERYTHING, and instead everyone is doing SOMETHING, I believe our church will grow. Not just in numbers on Sundays, but in the ways that we show up for one another and the community. Fewer leaders will burn out and more leaders will emerge. Not only will we become a more active congregation, but each one of us will also be nourished spiritually as we get more involved. And just perhaps, more people will get curious and want to see what Peace Lutheran Church is all about.

Come grow with us!

## Service Council Representative: Amanda Goodluck

### WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

For the past several years Peace Lutheran has had a team of walkers and virtual walkers join the WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS event to raise money for research and support services for the over 39,000 New Mexicans and their families affected by this disease. This year, the Southwest New Mexico Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS will be held later in the year - **on November 16**. This gives us more time to fund raise and add new walkers to the team.

You can join our team or make donations at [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk). Go to the Las Cruces Walk and join the Peace Lutheran Friends team or donate to the team or any of its members to help others meet their goal. If you have questions, contact the Team Captain, Sandy Johnson, [skjohnso@cord.edu](mailto:skjohnso@cord.edu)

### THANKS FROM CONLEE ELEMENTARY

Thanks to all who supported Conlee school with earphones and/or funds. We delivered over 60 pairs of earphones so far. We have established a relationship to support our neighborhood, and I am happy to report they continue to reach out as they have needs.

### PLC BECOMES NEW COVENANT PARTNER WITH NM INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT

With the Green Team's encouragement and agreement, Peace has officially become a Covenant Partner with New Mexico Interfaith Power & Light. This means that our congregation is committed to initiatives that promote creation care and environmental stewardship. Pastor Hannah signed the pledge on behalf of the congregation, which means Peace is committed to do the following:

- Educate your members about their responsibility as people of faith to be better stewards of the environment and to take immediate steps to counteract global warming
- Arrange for an energy audit of your building
- Based on the energy audit, make changes and improvements to improve energy efficiency and conservation
- Utilize renewable energy wherever possible
- Look for ways to compensate for greenhouse gas emissions that cannot be reduced further by purchasing Green Tags or energy credits
- Encourage your members to advocate for public policies that reduce the threat of global warming
- Provide ongoing financial support to the work of NMIPL (\$50/year)

Through this partnership we join over 80 other faith communities in New Mexico who have made this commitment. Benefits of NMIPL membership include access to a variety of educational resources, the opportunity to network with other congregations, and the possibility of qualifying for financial assistance to faith communities who need help in making the transition to energy-saving policies and practices. Further, NMIPL unites faith communities in a powerful and urgent call to action that may help persuade our fellow citizens and our leaders to make sustainable, renewable energy a national priority.

The PLC Green Team will continue to direct us in the best ways to live into this commitment, and we give thanks to God for the Green Team's enthusiasm and leadership.



# Neighborhood Outreach

Council Representative: Monica Hillmer

## SOUTHERN NM PRIDE CELEBRATION



ALL are invited to participate in PRIDE – come enjoy the hospitality, the food, the entertainment, as we celebrate diversity in our community!

### Thursday, October 3, 6:00 PM – Pride Interfaith Service on the Plaza

Peace will be hosting a special service along with St Andrews Episcopal, First Christian, the UU Church, and Temple Beth-El. All are welcome!

### Saturday, October 5, 4:00 PM – Parade;

### 5:00-10:00 PM – Pride Booths on the Plaza

Peace will have a table at PRIDE 2024 on Saturday, October 5. Be sure to visit us! Also, we need VOLUNTEERS to set up, welcome the visitors to our table, and take down.

Sign up by contacting Dennis Morin at [dennismorin39@gmail.com](mailto:dennismorin39@gmail.com).

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Peace will once again reach out to neighborhood children with Trunk or Treat event on October 27, 11:30-1:00 pm. This event was well attended last year, and lots of fun. Not only was candy handed out by the bagfuls, but games like Giant Jenga, Corn Row Toss, Connect Four and crafts were enjoyed by children and adults alike. Please consider participating again this year. Decorate the trunk of your car (doesn't have to be elaborate) and be ready to greet and share treats with the neighborhood. There will be candy to hand out if you need it. We will also need several volunteers to help with games and crafts.

If you can help or have questions, please contact Kathie Rich, [Kathie.rich@hotmail.com](mailto:Kathie.rich@hotmail.com), Jane Proppsom, [Janepropsom@msn.com](mailto:Janepropsom@msn.com) or Mary Luckie, [luckiemary@gmail.com](mailto:luckiemary@gmail.com).

# Hospitality

Council Representative: Sue Ann Collins

## NEW ARTWORK DISPLAY

On your way through the Narthex, stop to enjoy Carrie Greer's work. She is a wax artist. Encaustic is the ancient technique she uses which you should enjoy seeing.

# Worship

Council Representative: Ginny Acosta

## COMMUNAL WORSHIP - OCTOBER 2024

We find ourselves in October and the Autumn Season with the changing colors of leaves and cooler weather.

Thanks to our many volunteers who graciously give of their time to help make our worship experience meaningful. Know it is always a good time to volunteer and you do have a place here at Peace Lutheran Church!

We are blessed to celebrate Communion each week. Lutherans believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the meal we call Holy Communion. At our church, all are indeed welcome to receive Communion, whether you are a member or not. Ours is an open table, meaning this holy meal is open to all who wish to receive it.

Some congregations use hosts or wafers and some use bread. We use homemade bread, lovingly baked by our member Karen Harvey. For those who require or prefer to be gluten free, we do provide such wafers. Care is given for no cross contamination.

There is an ancient fourth-century tradition for those receiving the bread to make their hands into a "throne" for the King of kings. To make this throne, place the open right hand upon and across the left hand, thus forming a cross. Both hands are then used to bring the bread to the mouth. Many of us will extend the hand/palm they are most comfortable with or is dominant.

Some congregations may use a Common Cup for the wine, as the oldest practice associated with drinking the wine is from one cup. The one cup symbolizes our unity with Christ. There are, of course, concerns about hygiene. Some congregations choose to use individual glasses and the best practice is to not pre-fill the glasses but to have the wine poured during distribution. At our church we provide individual glasses where the wine is poured by a server during the time for Communion. Some individuals prefer grape juice and some prefer the juice due to medical reasons. Of course the children are able to receive juice for their communion experience. Both wine and juice are offered at our church.

For those not wishing to receive the meal, you can cross your arms over your chest and you will receive a blessing from the pastor.

We have experienced taking Communion in our seats and that option is still available for us. As a congregation, most of us will gather at the rail (some congregations use stations) and that gathering creates a sense of community. We can kneel or stand during the distribution. Standing is actually the more ancient practice. We have a continuous communion which can give us a sense of the communion of saints going before us and those who follow after us. We all receive the bread of life and the wine of grace.

Holy Dates to remember in October include: October 18<sup>th</sup> St. Luke, Evangelist  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> St. James of Jerusalem; October 28<sup>th</sup> St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostle  
October 31<sup>st</sup> Vigil of All Saints

## REFORMATION SUNDAY - October 27

Reformation Day commemorates Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses in the city of Wittenberg, Germany, on Oct. 31, 1517, which ignited the Protestant reformation. At the heart of the Reformation was a deep conviction that God's mercy and grace in Jesus is given freely to all. We pray that God will continue to awaken, affirm, and strengthen the faith of all people in Christ. Join us for worship on Reformation Sunday. The tradition is to wear RED on this Sunday to mark the Reformation commemoration and the Spirit continuing to move through us.

# Worship

Council Representative: Ginny Acosta continued

## WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING

Pr. Hannah will be hosting a meeting on Wednesday, October 9th at 6:30pm in the conference room. This will be a chance to share some ideas for upcoming seasons, including Advent & Christmas, and perhaps look forward to Epiphany & Lent.

If you have ideas to share, or just want to be a part of the conversation, please plan to join us! This meeting is open to anyone from the congregation. Feel free to bring dinner with you. Zoom will also be available, reach out to Pr. Hannah or the office for the link.

# Fellowship

Council Representative: Karen Harvey

### BIRTHDAYS

- 10/2 Barbara Patton
- 10/4 Wayne Vanderham
- 10/6 Doug Abendroth
- 10/6 Aracely Grijalva-Motz
- 10/8 Sue Ann Collins
- 10/8 Dennis Rich
- 10/9 Barbara Zaborowski
- 10/10 Lillian Dale
- 10/11 Melissa Motz
- 10/12 Gary Rude
- 10/18 Rita Vigil
- 10/19 Donna Kuehn
- 10/27 Tom Teckham
- 10/28 Rick Green
- 10/28 Elizabeth Staffeldt
- 10/31 Laverne Kaufman
- 10/31 Evelyn Grassel

## WOMEN IN MOTION

By Karen Harvey

This month, we will meet on Thursday, October 17, at 11:30 a.m. at Peace. Please bring a dish to share; coffee and tea will be provided. Last month, we were a smaller group with many gals having travel adventures! Bring cards for the birthday gals, please; their names will be in an email as we get closer to the date. All women are invited even if you can only drop by for a short time! There is always enough food!

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/11 Sharie & John Behrens
- 10/20 Anita Rockett & Ed Grave



*Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect.*

We also had a special request from one of our members, Susan Mitchell. Our Rocky Mountain Synod had visitors from Madagascar! They spent the night in Las Cruces. We provided a light supper for them on 9/29. There were 4 Presidents (we would call them Bishops in the USA), their interpreter and 2 synod representatives. The next morning, they toured the BSC facility here in Las Cruces before traveling on to Albuquerque. What a unique experience!

# Administration

Council Representative: Lisa Bates

## COUNCIL NOTES

Our October meeting will be on the 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Peace. At our September meeting, we welcomed Pastor Hannah back, elected new officers, and chose new focus areas. The new officers are: Lisa Bates - President; Carol Eggers - Vice-President; and Ross Staffeldt - Secretary. Joel Peterson is our Treasurer.

The focus areas are replacing the Mission Teams and are a "work in progress." In an effort to have our council members serve as liaisons instead of team leaders, we divided the former structure into smaller groups that mirror what is actually happening at Peace. Staying true to our Mission Statement, the current focus areas are: Administration, Maintenance & Stewardship, Worship, Service, Advocacy, Faith Formation, Pastoral Care, Fellowship, Hospitality and Neighborhood Outreach. Each councilor chose/was assigned to a focus area.

In new business, we passed the pastor's housing allowance; discussed insurance needs as more groups use our space; made plans for a fall council retreat; learned about purchase orders from Joel; discussed the need for a Coordinator/Deacon as a way to fulfill some tasks that are being left undone and discussed the upcoming budget for 2025. The new council was installed on 9/22 during worship.

## AMENDMENT TO A CONSTITUTION BYLAW

The Council has approved the following change to our Constitution. We will vote as a congregation at our November meeting to accept this updated By-Law.

Update of description of treasurer's duties in our constitution:

Current statements **under C12:05.02 The treasurer shall**

- A) Pay all properly authorized expenses of this congregation by check;
- B) Keep a record of all income received and expenditures made in books which shall be and always remain the property of the congregation."

to be changed to

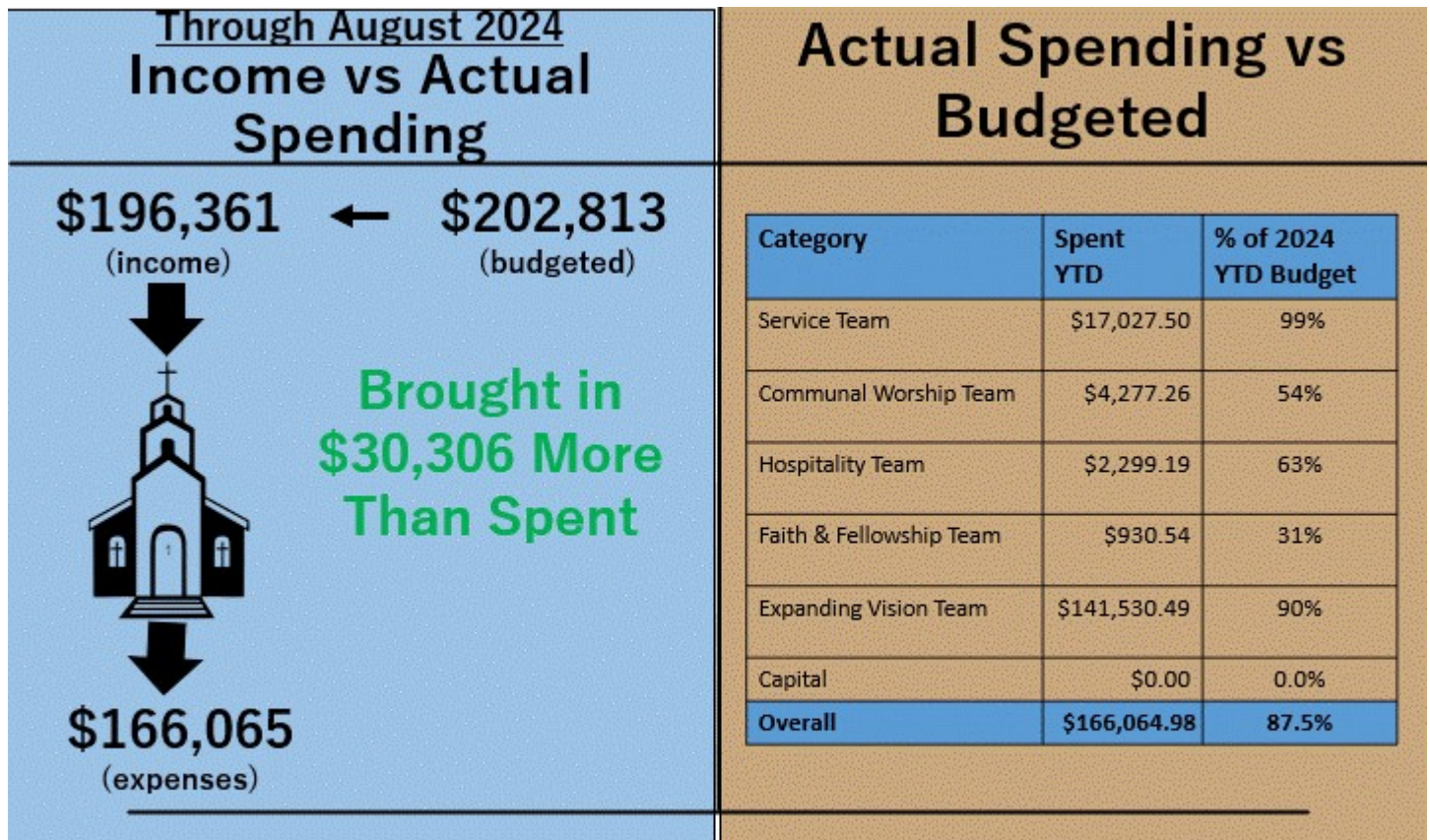
- A) Pay all properly authorized expenses of this congregation by check or by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT);
- B) Keep a record of all income received and expenditures made in books and electronic records which shall be and always remain the property of the congregation."

# Maintenance & Stewardship Ross Staffeldt

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: Through August 2024

We updated this chart.

The last column now is percent of the YTD Budget, not of the entire year as previously shown.



*Finance Committee Members: Dwight Eggers, Penny Smith, Al Harvey, Elaine Stover, David Owens, Joel Peterson, Sandy Johnson*

### GATHER & GROW! – Fall 2024 Stewardship Campaign

As has been previously shared, our new Church Council has been working on restructuring our Mission Teams. We have identified 10 ministry areas, and each council member will serve as a liaison to each area (see the list below).

To launch this new model and to invite the congregation to step up and be involved, we will have a special Sunday in November! Save the date for Sunday, November 10 – GATHER & GROW! Sunday

On that day we will have a special worship service that will include time for everyone to visit different stations highlighting ministries around the church. You will have a chance to sign up to be involved in the different ministries of Peace and in our community. Council members and other lay leaders will be available to encourage you and answer your questions.

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Lutheran Church

**Gather & Grow**

with Us





## GATHER & GROW! – Fall 2024 Stewardship Campaign (continued)

On the same day, we will conduct the business of the congregation—including approving the 2025 church budget—at a Congregational Meeting after our special worship service. You will notice that our 2025 budget is organized by our new ministry focus areas.

The Grow ONE Challenge: as we enter the final few months of this year and look ahead to the next... ask yourself: What is ONE project you would like to get involved with as we enter the new year? What is ONE way you can help on Sunday mornings? What is ONE team you could serve on? Come grow with us while helping Peace grow its ministry!

<b>1: ADMINISTRATION</b>
<b>Council Rep: Lisa Bates</b>
Benevolence Distributions (i.e. Synod Support)
Building Use
Constitution, Bylaws,
Continuing Resolutions & Policies
Nominations
Personnel
Vision & Long-term Planning
<b>2. MAINTENANCE &amp; STEWARDSHIP</b>
<b>Council Rep: Ross Staffeldt</b>
Dedicated Funds
Finance
Property
Stewardship
Insurance
Annual Audit
Mission Endowment Fund
Memorials
Alarms (Fire/Burglar) Monitoring & Maint
<b>3: WORSHIP</b>
<b>Council Rep: Ginny Acosta</b>
Altar Care, Assisting Ministers
AV & Tech System
Bulletins & Weekly Worship Prep
Music Ministries, Ushers
Worship Art & Banners
Worship Emails, Worship Planning

<b>4: SERVICE</b>
<b>Council Rep: Amanda Goodluck</b>
Donation Baskets in Narthex
Green Team
Local Ministry Partners
Mobile Food Pantry
Service Projects
Shoe Collection for Jardin de los Niños
Conlee School Supplies
<b>5: ADVOCACY</b>
<b>Council Rep: Gene Quandt</b>
Bread for the World (i.e. letter writing)
Lutheran Advocacy Ministry
Social Justice Initiatives
<b>6: FAITH FORMATION</b>
<b>Council Rep: Carol Eggers</b>
Adult Learning
Bible Studies
Children & Youth Learning
Church Library
Confirmation
Vacation Bible School
<b>7: PASTORAL CARE</b>
<b>Council Rep: Marty Avelsgaard</b>
Card Ministry
Divorce & Grief Support
Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Pastoral Care Committee
Prayer Chain
Rides to Church

<b>8: FELLOWSHIP</b>
<b>Council Rep: Karen Harvey</b>
Directories, Fellowship Activities
Funeral Receptions
New Member Orientation
Post-Worship Special Events
Small Groups
Soup Suppers
Women in Motion
<b>9: HOSPITALITY</b>
<b>Council Rep: Sue Ann Collins</b>
Advertising
Building Accessibility & Appearance
Children's Table
Narthex Art, Nursery
Social Media, Website
Welcome Ministry, Welcome Space/ Narthex
<b>10: NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH</b>
<b>Council Rep: Monica Hillmer</b>
After-school Program
Campus Ministry
Emergency Funds/ Requests for Assistance
Family Neighborhood Events (Trunk-or-Treat, Family Fun Day, Etc)
Annual Pride Events



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**We are called to be an inclusive  
community, sharing God's grace  
through worship, service, and  
hospitality.**

**Sunday Worship Services**

9:00 AM

**Office Hours**

M-T-W-F 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Thursdays 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

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