



## 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"

### April 11, 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter

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

**May God bless you as we worship online!** During this coronavirus pandemic, our prayers are with all who suffer and all who respond in care. All public gatherings at Peace have been canceled. Please check the church website [www.peacelutherantacoma.org](http://www.peacelutherantacoma.org), Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for online worship videos and faith resources.

Today is the **Second Sunday of Easter**, a season of 50 days (a week of weeks)! We celebrate with hope and joy the resurrection of Jesus! In today's Gospel, two disciples walking the road to Emmaus Easter evening discover their risen Lord Jesus has been walking with them. Alma Crawford shares a personal testimony about her faith journey, and we will bless and send her in worship as she moves to the East Coast. We will miss you so much, Alma! God bless you!

**Interested in learning more about Peace?** Please contact Pastor John or Pastor Jae. May you know God's peace!

#### 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.*

- **Easter hope and joy for all in the Peace community!**
- **Brendan Nelson on parental leave through May 10**
- **Students, parents, teachers, administrators, and school workers** as children return to in-person learning
- **We honor the lives of all tragically taken in acts of racial violence**, naming Manuel Ellis, Rayshard Brooks, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Sean Reed, and 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 laws and policies in our nation.**
- **The Asian-American community suffering anti-Asian racism and violence**
- **In this pandemic...** for those who grieve the deaths of loved ones, the ill and families, medical professionals, public health workers, governments and agencies working to stop this health threat, our church and community; for our world as people are being vaccinated
- **For communities of color disproportionately impacted by Covid-19**

- **For all who are hurting and feeling weighed down...**
- **For the hungry in our world, for food and justice**
- **For all experiencing homelessness**
- **Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice**
- **In our world of global warming, for climate justice**
- **The Peace affordable housing ministry**
- **The ministries of Peace Church & Community Center**
- **For refugees fleeing war & poverty, and for immigrants**
- **For all who experience sexual harassment or abuse**
- **For all who struggle with mental illness**
- **For peace:** all living midst violence or unrest, esp. in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Mozambique, Myanmar, Holy Land (esp. Gaza), 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
- **For healing & strength:** Alma Crawford, Jessica Creso, Joe Freeman, Emma McDaniel, Jerry Pittmon, Jeri Ramsdell, Lynn Shelledy's friend, Dianne Stoehr, Eileen Strittmatter, Mark Williams, Antonio Yune
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Dori Greenaway, Tanisha Hargrove, Ted Johnstone, Jimmy McCarty, Holle & Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Perry Richards, Art Shelton, Bob Wu
- **Military away:** Juwan Banks, Taylor McCarthy
- **Special need:** Octavius Killian, Daniel Lotovaivai, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmynt Trent, Henry K. White
- **Seminarians:** Pastor Jae Bates, Charissa Carroll
- **For sisters and brothers in Christ all over the world, our partners in global mission:** Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church, our companion synod; the church in South Sudan; the church in China; Seigny family in Japan; the Navajo Lutheran Church in Arizona, Ola Fou Church

#### Small Group Gatherings – not meeting in person right now

- **Book Group:** Kit Thompson: 229-5766
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Conversations Around Race:** Ted Johnstone: 752-9514 & Alma Crawford: 752-4258.
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101. Thu, 1 pm
- **Gospel Choir:** Twylla Moore, [twylla@peacetacoma.org](mailto:twylla@peacetacoma.org) Thursdays at 6:30 pm (sanctuary)
- **Men's Breakfast:** Malcolm Carroll: 282-0218. Second Saturday at 8 am (multipurpose room)

- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: [quietwater60@yahoo.com](mailto:quietwater60@yahoo.com)
- **Women's Bible Study:** 2nd Thursday, 10 am
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon, 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 send your offering by mail or electronic means or donate on the church website. If you would like to set up regular online giving, contact Damishe in the church office at 253-383-1317.

**Note to Credit Card Givers** If you regularly give to Peace Lutheran Church via credit card, please consider setting up direct bank withdrawals instead. This will 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 church office to set this up (253-383-1317).

**Community Meals** April Community Meals are happening and are "grab and go" style at the door. **Monday-Friday in April** we offer free meals to the community from **5:30-6:30 pm**.

**Prayer Chain** Interested in being part of the Prayer Chain to pray regularly thanksgivings and needs of our community? Contact Sandra Dotter at [quietwater60@yahoo.com](mailto:quietwater60@yahoo.com).

**Contribute to a New Peace Devotional** Calling all artists, writers, photographers, song writers, crafters of many things, & more, to publish your works in a new book. Submit your piece or direct questions to Shari Shelton at [8ssheltonz8@gmail.com](mailto:8ssheltonz8@gmail.com).

**Summer Housing Needed for Whitworth Fellows** Three Whitworth University students serving our community as summer fellows are in need of homestays of 10-12 weeks this summer. One student (male) will serve at Peace Community Center, one with Hilltop Action Coalition (male) and the other at Leadership Foundations in Tacoma (female). Please contact Peace Community Center Executive Director L. Denice Randle ([denice@peacecommunitycenter.org](mailto:denice@peacecommunitycenter.org)) if you are interested.

## Peace Lutheran Church Events & Information

**Fellowship Sundays at 9 am** Connect with folks in a half-hour Zoom fellowship time. Email Pastor John for Zoom info.

**Faith Opportunities on Sundays 9:30-10:30 am (Zoom)**

- The 5th-6th grade Explorers class
- The 7th-8th grade Feet to Faith confirmation class, and
- The adult education class

**Children:** Each week we post **Godly Play Bible story videos** with wondering questions on our YouTube channel for families.

**Middle & high school:** A middle and high school youth "Change Makers" group meets **Wednesdays at 5 pm**.

**Upcoming Sunday Adult Faith Opportunities at 9:30 am**

**Bible Project:** View a video that explores a portion of the book of Acts (about the early church) and share in reflective conversation (Zoom), led by Malcolm Carroll and Pastor John.

**April 11:** Acts 1-7. **April 18:** Acts 8-12. **April 25:** Acts 13-20.

**May 2:** Acts 21-28. **Email Pastor John for Zoom link.**

## **A Word from the Reopening Task Force**

A big thanks from the Reopening Task Force to all who responded to the survey of the congregation. The task force is closely monitoring the number of COVID cases in Pierce County, the vaccination rate, and other factors as we work towards resuming in-person worship. When we resume in-person worship, we will continue to offer online worship for those not able to worship in person.

As we consider which space to use for worship, we are looking closely at the air circulation in the sanctuary and the multi-purpose room. By opening windows and using fans we can have excellent airflow in either space. We're also considering the tradeoff between the larger space in the MPR versus the technical challenges of broadcasting online worship from that space.

The survey results show a high vaccination rate within the congregation, which helps the task force be confident that with appropriate precautions (masks, space, airflow, and reduced capacity) we can safely resume in-person worship relatively soon; however since the COVID rate in Pierce County is currently rising we are not yet able to set a date.

Based on the widespread desire for in-person worship expressed by survey respondents, we anticipate needing some sort of system to manage capacity - ticketing, reservations, or something similar. We will need help from congregation members to serve as ushers, to help with technology, and in other roles to ensure our health precautions are effective.

Thanks again for your feedback via the survey. We look forward to the day that we can resume in-person worship, but continue on as the body of Christ even as we are separate from one another.

Reopening Task Force: Joseph Anderson, Carol Watson, Ben Flesher, Brendan Nelson, Pastor Jae, Pastor John

## Peace Community Center Information

**Peace Community Center is hiring for a Grants Manager**

For more information visit the website at

<https://peacecommunitycenter.org/get-involved/employment/>

## Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, [pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org)
- **Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministry:** Brendan Nelson, ext 103, [brendan@peacetacoma.org](mailto:brendan@peacetacoma.org)
- **Intern Pastor:** Jae Bates, ext 104, [jac@peacetacoma.org](mailto:jac@peacetacoma.org)
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, [twylla@peacetacoma.org](mailto:twylla@peacetacoma.org)
- **Community Resources Coordinator:** Teri Jelinek, [tjelinek50@gmail.com](mailto:tjelinek50@gmail.com)
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