

October 22, 2022

## Let Your Voice Be Heard!

*"Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters: did God not choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?" James 2:5 (NASB)*

## Fireside Chats Where God Leads Let Us Follow!



**We invite EACH Peace Lutheran Church member, as well as friends & prospective members, to sign up for a FIRESIDE CHAT.**

### PARTICIPATION DETAILS:

- FIRESIDE CHAT meetings will be held during the month of November.
- We plan for them to last 80-90 minutes.
- Our target is 6-25 people in attendance at each session, but we will be flexible.
- Our goal is a minimum of 150 people participating in this process. (Pastor would love to see 240 or more!)
- All ages who have an opinion to express are welcome! Even if you don't sign up, please come when you are free.
- Children are welcome. We will do our best to provide childcare, if needed, please contact the church office.
- These meetings will be held at church (Berg Educ Wing – Room # 210 or #207-209).
- Pastor Meyer is willing to host FIRESIDE CHAT meetings at other locations as well, e.g. someone's home where they invite friends to join them.

### FIRESIDE CHAT AGENDA:

I will have a devotion, share a brief presentation/PowerPoint, and all will have the opportunity to:

- Be inspired, as you see more clearly the hand of God in your life, and His plan at work in His Church.
- Share one another's insights into the history and needs of our congregation.
- Raise questions about our church and learn about things we are currently doing.
- Affirm what our church is doing well and help identify areas of weakness that are opportunities for renewed and new ministries.
- Hear about opportunities to make a personal difference in the nature and ministry of our church.
- In addition to what you say at the meeting you will also be able to leave written comments that will also be included in the materials that will contribute towards the final report.
- Have an opportunity to present your name as a candidate to be part of an Interim Task Force.  
[Task Force will: work with information gathered from FIRESIDE CHAT Meetings, commend the good, assess concerns, and take steps to help solve issues.  
CARE: Commend – Assess – Repair – Enable.] The Interim Task Force will work closely with the Church Council and will put together a summary report that will be shared with the congregation at a Town Hall Meeting yet to be scheduled (possibly March). If this report is accepted by the congregation, it will be shared with District and with a newly appointed Call Committee and the official process for the actual call of our next resident pastor will then be set in motion.
- Have an opportunity to join other ministry teams already in place or soon starting. With God's guidance and blessing, these teams will be used to create long term God-pleasing effects on the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church as we continue our interim process and move forward, trusting God and following Jesus, our Prince of Peace.

### HOW DO I SIGN UP:

- Sign-up sheets available Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings in the Commons Area
- Sign-up sheets available during the Week in the Church Office (stop by or call).
- Sign-up ONLINE! [www.plchutch.org](http://www.plchutch.org)

See page 2 for dates & times.

### PLEASE CHOOSE A TIME & SIGN UP!

Your participation is encouraged and desired. You are warmly invited to be part of something that will pay dividends immediately and for years to come as "each part does its work" (Ephesians 4:16). A common complaint I hear at churches is "It is all already decided, my voice won't be heard and doesn't matter!" Please know that your voice does matter and will be heard! Please be part of the conversation. Listen to one another and care! The only way you will not be heard is if you do not attend, speak (or write)! Please encourage one another concerning the importance of your insights and participation. I am convinced that God has gathered and made a connection for us all here at Peace for a reason! Let's expand on that reason, His purpose for us in this time and place, together!

I believe these next several months can indeed be one of those pivotal times in the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church. As we cherish the good things of our history, we cannot relive history. We look to Jesus and with His love and compassion we look at our community around us and strive to see it the way that God wants us to see it. As we seek God's direction, He will lead us. And as He leads us, we will follow. This truly is a great opportunity for us! It may well be a pivotal year in your life with Jesus Christ, as well! Sign up and come to a FIRESIDE CHAT Meeting!

## FIRESIDE CHAT Meetings Schedule

(All meetings will be held in room #210 or #207-209 of the Berg Educ. Wing. Snack & beverage will be offered.)

### SIGN UP FOR ONE!!!

#### WEEK OF OCT 30

<b>Thursday, Nov 3</b>	<b>10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday, Nov 4</b>	<b>10:00 am, 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov 5</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>

#### WEEK OF NOV 6

<b>Monday, Nov 7</b>	<b>10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, Nov 9</b>	<b>4:45 pm</b> (during confirmation classes)
<b>Thursday, Nov 10</b>	<b>10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday, Nov 11</b>	<b>10:00 am, 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov 12</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>

#### WEEK OF NOV 13

<b>Monday, Nov 14</b>	<b>10:00 am, 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, Nov 15</b>	<b>10:00 am, 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, Nov 16</b>	<b>4:45 pm</b> (during confirmation classes)
<b>Thursday, Nov 17</b>	<b>10:00 am, 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday, Nov 18</b>	<b>10:00 am, 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov 19</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>

*We look forward to seeing you as we move forward together in Christ,  
On behalf of the members & leadership of Peace Lutheran,  
Pastor Glenn Meyer, Intentional Interim Pastor  
320-587-3031 Church Office*

#### **Other Special Dates Going Forward:**

- **Worship Every Saturday:** 6:30 pm
- **Worship Every Sunday:** 8:30 & 10:30 am.\*
- **Sunday School & Bible Classes Every Sunday:** 9:30/9:40 am
- **[Also many Bible Class & Fellowship opportunities each week: check Messenger & Worship Guides.]**
- **Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29/30**
- **All Saints' Day, Nov. 5/6** – Remembering those received home to heaven in the past year
- **Saturday/Sunday, November 19/20 - Commitment Sunday** (Stewardship)
- **Thanksgiving Services:** Wednesday, Nov. 23 6:30 pm & Thursday, Nov. 24 9:00 am
- **Midweek Advent Services Begin:** Wednesday, Nov. 30 11:30 am w/meal and 6:30 pm.

\*All worship services are held in the church sanctuary except for the Sunday, 10:30 am worship service which is held in the Peace Center.