

Peace Notes

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Sunday, November 2, 2025

From Pastor's Pen

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure’ - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true words of God.’” - Revelation 19:6b-9

November is a time to get ready. We rake, mow and trim down our plants outside. We winterize the home for the coming cold and prepare our winter wardrobe so that it's ready to wear. We invite family/friends to Thanksgiving or serve the hungry. We are also wrapping up the church year and preparing for Advent and Christ's birth at Christmas. This November, as a church family, let's always be ready for Jesus' second coming.

Because we are beautifully forgiven through Jesus' cross sacrifice and have his forgiveness, let's also clothe ourselves with righteous, godly lives - words and deeds we do in faith. Jesus invites us now for His supper through Holy Communion and we too look forward to that heavenly feast that awaits as well. Why? Because He's written our names in His book of life.

Now that's worth staying prepared for and ready to celebrate!

Pastor Kruse

Ministry Council Report

Hello, Peace Family!

By the time you read this, our flood repair projects should be complete—what a relief! The final task, improving the drainage near the playground, is wrapped up (or just about). This project involved quite a bit of work—regrading the area, expanding the concrete pad, replacing old piping, and adding new drains. These updates will help keep water flowing safely away from our building.

The new playground door has been ordered and should arrive within the next month or so. A big “thank you” goes out to Larry, our Facilities Manager, and the Trustees for their dedication and hard work. They've done a wonderful job managing these projects and making sure everything is done the right way. We're so grateful for their care and commitment!

As Pastor Kruse has shared, we are so thankful that Peace's financial foundation was strong enough to cover the flood repairs without a special appeal—something worth celebrating! That said, our annual budget is a bit ambitious this year, and our offerings are running slightly behind. Nothing to worry about, but we're keeping a close eye on things so we can continue to be good stewards of our resources.

One of the things that makes Peace such a wonderful community is how everyone pitches in. Truly—many hands make light work! As we

continue to grow and serve together, we've identified a few new ways to get involved. Some take just an hour or two each month, such as:

- Keeping the **Blessings & Gratitude Board** up to date.
- Ensuring the **Lutheran Ministry rack** has current materials.
- Sharing information about what **LCEF** offers (our synod's new representative is eager to connect!)

If you're feeling called to a bigger commitment, we're looking for two members to serve on the **LLA Advisory Board** and always welcome those who'd like to share their **musical gifts** during worship. Each of these opportunities helps us live out our mission to *Care, Connect, and Celebrate*.

I invite you to take a moment, pray about it, and see where the Holy Spirit might be leading you to serve. Together, we continue to make Peace a place where God's love shines bright. Blessings to all!

Carol Fontanez

Ysleta Lutheran Mission Trip

The team is set and ready to go! We have 13 people who will be making the trip down to El Paso, Texas on November 8. Our team members are: Greg and Sara Shuler, Mark and Darcy Luling, Gary and Gretchen Barg, Tom Roberson, Pastor Kruse, Lisa Groth, Carole Hetrick, Art and Marilyn Thompson and Eric Thompson.

Lord willing, we will return to Wisconsin on November 15 having accomplished more than just building a 12 by 24-foot home for a family in need. Hopefully, we will all have grown closer to our Lord as we serve His people in Juarez, Mexico.

I hope that we also grow in understanding, compassion and love as we get to know the family that we will be building a home for. I know joy will overflow as we hand over the keys to the new home to our new friends. And there will be tears too, and hugs all around. What a blessing that day is to all of us!

Meet the Family

The family that we will be serving is well known to Scott Jungel the Ysleta Lutheran Mission Forman. Scott is the guy that organizes all the materials and tools and tells us what to do, and how to do it, and even helps us do it!

The head of our family is Josue. His father was a local pastor who died 13 years ago in a car accident. His mother owns the local community outreach center in KM30. I (Marilyn) met her last year when we worked in the same area and I helped out at a VBS in her community center. She is a lovely woman and is always willing to partner with YLM to minister to the community by allowing YLM and the American teams to use her center.

Josue has moved from house to house, always renting and never been able to accumulate enough to build a house of their own. He works at a gas station and Raquel, his wife, works as a teacher. They are devoted Christians and active in their church. Josue can also play many instruments.

Josue has been helping Scott and YLM to identify families in need, like themselves, for teams to serve. This is especially close to Josue's heart because his father helped Casas por Cristo (House for Christ) make connections with the people in their area. So, this is like Josue being able to continue to be a part of a ministry that his father did.

Here is what Josue wrote to tell us about his family...

God bless you. We are the Padilla Torres family that is made up of Josue Rafael Padilla Torres, Raquel Jazmin Martínez Molina, Miranda Raquel Padilla Martínez, 8 years old and Randy Josue Padilla Martínez, 5 years old. We know that God is good, and we wait with great joy. Our hearts are full of joy as we anticipate the building of our little house. We have been renting, and it was not possible to buy materials to build a home right now. We currently live in the church where they lent us a room. We attend the King of Gloria Church.

I know it will be a pleasure and honor to get to know and serve this family.

November Mission Focus

Prioritizing Prayer

This month we will not be asking for contributions of money or needed items for a worthy cause as we usually do, rather we want you to prioritize praying for the Ysleta Mission Team and for all God wants to accomplish through them during their trip November 8 – 15.

Please pray for...

the family (Josue, Raquel, Miranda and Randy)

the members of the team (Greg and Sara Shuler, Mark and Darcy Luling, Gary and Gretchen Barg, Tom Roberson, Pastor Kruse, Lisa Groth, Carole Hetrick, Art and Marilyn Thompson and Eric Thompson)

the YLM staff (especially Scott and Luz)

the ministry of YLM

that all of us will reflect the love of the Father in all we say and do

that the love of Christ will abound in us, through us, and around us

that people's lives will be eternally changed by the power of the Holy Spirit

and always that God's will be done!

We thank you for Prioritizing Prayer for this Mission Trip for the month of November. I hope you all will pray every day in November for this cause. I am anticipating and excited to see God move in wonderful ways!

Marilyn Thompson





Little Lambs News

Our Preschool and Child Care Classes will be learning about Thanksgiving and thankfulness in November. We are so thankful that God continues to bless us all and we can share His love with all of our families.

Speaking of gratitude, we are so thankful for the gift of brand-new Bibles for all of our 3K and new 4K students! The children really love hearing the Bible stories at school each week and then *reading them at home with their families in their very own Bible!* Thank you to everyone who made a donation to make that possible. Our curriculum provides a Family page that we send home each week which highlights the story and some key takeaways, so that helps them to know which story to review. This month we will learn how God led the people across the Red Sea and gave them the Ten Commandments.



During November the 3K students will be bringing in "Thankful for my Family Bags" to show their friends. They will tell of things they love to do with their family and how they are thankful for their family. This is a complex topic for 3 year olds so it's fun to see them get some practice with gratitude. Just before Thanksgiving, the children will host a special Grandparent's Day program and celebration. They are so excited to spend time with their special guests!

The 4K classes are also talking about gratitude this month. They will have a Thanksgiving feast and learn about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. They'll do several fun turkey projects that help to refine small motor skills of cutting, using glue appropriately and writing practice. In November the 4K students become Weather Watchers and learn to track and graph the weather. They'll continue learning letters with Ee, Ff, and Gg.

We have so much activity around our school! 2T Toddler class will wrap up their Creation session and start the Christmas mini-session right after Thanksgiving break. The Infant and Child Care children (six weeks to 5 years old) will continue learning about fall, animals and pumpkins, and talking about what they are thankful for.

Please plan to join us for our Fall Festival on Thursday November 13 5:30-7pm. There will be fun games, crafts and a hayride, plus food for sale (cash only). All ages are welcome!

By Stacy Abraham, 3K and 4K Lead Teacher



Loving Hands Quilters

The Loving Hands Quilters would like to thank Peace member Sally Malecki for donating an ironing board to our group.

Sally was so kind to bring the ironing board to our September meeting, and it was put to use immediately.

Thanks again Sally.

Vickie Schmidt

Kurt Barry	
Mitch Jaeger	November 18
Alyssa Keller	November 19
Parker Morrell	November 21
Terry Ambelang	
Tyler Hockett	
Dori Loppnow	November 23
Janet Rosandich	November 24
Mara Glysch	
Alicyn Keller	November 27

November Birthdays & Anniversaries



Bonnie Schopf	November 1
Jon Pitcel	
Bill Young	November 4
Mark Luling	November 5
Scott Paque	
LJ Roberson	November 6
Noah LaFond	November 8
Vicki Kust	November 9
Arlene Schneider	November 10
Bill Fulcer	November 11
Sawyer Borchardt	
Jeep Kust	
Sally Malecki	
Don Stachewicz	
Mona Vasholz	November 14
Craig Glysch	November 15
Art Thompson	November 17

Anniversaries to Celebrate



Bobby & Margie LaFond
November 7, 2015

Patrick & Debbie Packard
November 11, 2006

Angel & Carol Fontanez
November 19, 2005

Linda Montano & Jeff Pregowski
November 27, 2017

God makes us rich in every way so we can be generous on every occasion, which will result in thanksgiving to God. ... God doesn't bless us to provide for our own needs; he blesses us so we can be generous.