

# CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE



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## Congregation Name and Location

Name Peace Lutheran Church

Mailing address P O Box 486

City Rosenberg State/Province TX Zip/Postal Code 77471

Telephone 281-342-8800 Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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Congregation website www.peacerosenberg.wordpress.com

Seeking  Full-time pastor  Part-time pastor  Either full-time or part-time

Call will be for  Solo pastor  Senior pastor  Associate pastor

## Congregational President or Vice President

Name Brian Vogler Title President

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## Call Committee Chair

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## Congregational Demographics

Number of paid staff (full- or part-time): Clergy-1            Lay professionals-2 PT organists            Secretarial-1 PT           

Average worship attendance 45 Average Sunday school attendance 0 (has not restarted since stopping for COVID)

**Indicate the type of community in which your congregation is located (is it small town, small city, suburban, large city, farming, industrial, etc.).**

Rosenberg & Richmond are 2 towns side by side. Estimated combined total population of the 2 including unincorporated areas is 50,000 to 60,000. Being adjacent to Houston, Fort Bend County has been named one of the fastest growing counties in the US. It's a diverse community with mixed industry, rural areas and suburbs.

**Describe the congregation's ethnic composition and age distribution.**

Caucasian; greater than 70% retired, less than 5% youth; the balance is a mixture of singles and married couples with family.

**Does the congregation have a clear vision for mission – a clear and shared understanding of where God is leading you? If so, state it as succinctly as possible.**

Our mission statement is: We bring the hope we share in Christ to all!  
We share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people through encouragement, education and participation in a life which is pleasing to Him while growing in our personal journey with Christ."  
Our motto is: PEACE: People Excited About Christ Every day!

**What are the primary goals of your congregation?**

Be a welcoming congregation open to one and all.  
Bring people to God and show our faith by being involved in the community.

**Describe your congregation's worship practice (liturgy, hymns, vestments, music, hymnals, and frequency of Holy Communion).**

We have a 'blended' service of traditional and contemporary practices. We loosely follow the settings in the *Reclaim: Lutheran Hymnal for Church and Home*. We have computer assisted worship with readings, responses, songs and more projected on screens. We have a choir and are open to special music. Vestments are popular with the congregation and Holy Communion is offered every Sunday.

**Describe your congregation's Christian education ministry.**

Sunday adult classes have not resumed since COVID shut down. There is a children's sermon at the beginning of worship and then the children leave to have Sunday School and return after the sermon. There are 2 women's Bible study circles. The men's Bible study is held with the men from St. Paul Lutheran Church located just a few minutes from our building. There has been a weekly pastor led Bible Study offered in the past that was well attended.

**Describe the congregation's current activities for mission and outreach.**

Our outreach projects are strong: mailing military care packages (once a month 16 boxes are mailed to deployed soldiers), disaster response (the South Texas Mission District Disaster Response Warehouse is on the church grounds), flag ministry (in cooperation with a local Boy Scout troop, 75+ US flags are posted on the church grounds for 5 federal holidays), community quilting group, women's group, support local food/clothing pantry & women's shelter.

**The NALC is committed to moving away from an institutional understanding of the Church, to the biblical commission to be a community of followers of Jesus who focus on being disciples and making disciples. Which best describes your congregation's understanding of this movement? [Type an X by the appropriate response]**

- Totally unaware
- Have heard about it
- Have been involved personally
- Some in the congregation are involved, some aren't
- Congregation understands, is on-board and involved

**List the Top Five Things your congregations hopes for in its next Pastor**

1. Be a teacher; upbeat & positive
2. Sociable
3. Be committed to the congregation
4. Deliver interactive sermons
5. Connects with congregation

**What were the three most significant events in your congregation's history? Provide the years in which these events happened and why they are important to your congregation.**

1. Forming of our church (1955). We came together and named our church 'Peace'.
2. Leaving the ELCA & joining the NALC (2010), We had been unhappy with the decisions and the governing of the ELCA & local synod for quite some time.
3. After COVID (2021) there is a more dedicated focus on outreach (military packing, disaster response, quilting, etc.)

**Has your congregation participated in the Congregational Workshop Preparatory to the Call Process? [Type an X by the appropriate response]**

- Yes                       No

**What were the three most significant results of the workshop?**

1. That we should attach a short video to the congregational profile to tell our story.
2. Getting input from the congregation through a pastoral call survey.
3. Survey results helped to examine the state of the church.

**Describe the nature and extent of any significant current or recent conflict in the congregation. Is this**

**conflict resolved, or ongoing? If resolved, how was it resolved?**

The surprised departure of the previous pastor after only 1 ½ years. The church is moving forward and looking ahead to working with a pastor that will meet the needs of the congregation.

**How does your congregation handle conflict/tension? Which of the following do you think best describes your congregation? [Type an X by the appropriate response]**

- As a church, we respect and listen to each other and work things through without generating divisiveness.
- As a church, we try to respect and listen to each other, but it is not uncommon for differences of opinion to be a problem and for some people to choose sides. Some have left our church because of conflict.
- Conflict hurts our sense of unity, but we tend not to talk about it.
- Painful experience with conflict has been present, but it has been worked through, and we have learned from the experience.
- We have had some painful experiences with conflict, and they linger in the background.
- Open conflict is present, and we need a minister who can help us deal with it.
- Other (describe).....

**What was the nature of the relationship between your last pastor and the congregation? Positive? Struggling? Cooperative? Tense?**

The relationship was positive. However, it was the pastor’s wish to be closer to his family up north.

**How did your council/congregational leaders work together with your last pastor? [Type an X by the appropriate response]**

- Leadership is shared, with shared decision-making
- Pastor makes important decisions
- Council makes decisions with pastoral input
- Council makes decisions without pastoral input

**Is your pastor a member of council with: [Type an X by the appropriate response(s)]**

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**Congregational finances**

Total budget for last fiscal year: \$181,525.00

Benevolence to the North American Lutheran Church: \$3,000.00

Other benevolence: \$2,000.00

Total debt of the congregation: \$0

Total savings, reserves, and endowments: \$187,000.00

**Compensation of Last Pastor**

Salary: \$38,025.00	Parsonage/housing allowance: \$18,000.00
Social security offset: \$4,593.00	Pension: \$10,954.00
Health Insurance: \$14,428.00	Vacation: 2 weeks or negotiable
Continuing education (time/funding): n/a	
Travel reimbursement: \$2,000.00	
Other: n/a	

When the Congregational Vacancy List is updated, a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) is included announcing each congregation's ministry. If you wish, your call committee may compose that summary, realizing it may be edited/formatted as needed.

Peace is a welcoming and giving congregation. We may be small but we are vibrant and committed in reaching out through our ministries. We are looking for a pastor with new ideas, a willingness to teach and a heart for visiting and ministering to shut-ins, the ill and visiting guests. Come see why we are **People Excited About Christ Every day!**

Consider filming a video to be included with your Congregational Profile on the [NALC website Vacancy List](#). We invite your call committee to make a 3-5 minute video introducing prospective pastoral candidates to your context and congregation. The video can be informal, explaining what your congregation is seeking in a pastor and showing images of the members of your congregation and your worship environment. Here are some sample videos: [Example One](#), [Example Two](#). These samples were not produced by the NALC. They are both simply examples of the type of content you could include in a video.

**Video Submission Instructions:**

Upload your video to YouTube or Vimeo. (Here are instructions on how to upload to YouTube: [wikihow.com/Upload-a-Video-to-YouTube](http://www.wikihow.com/Upload-a-Video-to-YouTube).) Include a link to the video below. Make sure the link allows for public access to the video.

<https://vimeo.com/paperketchup/download/652575284/ef16546466>

Provide any other information about your congregation that may be helpful in the call process.

We are friendly; we welcome & recognize visitors and make all fee a part of our congregation.

Completed by: Peace Lutheran Call Committee: Date: 12/12/2021  
Patricia Dittrich, Bob Droske, Faye Ludwig, Alice Poth, Matthew March, Bess Matthys (Council Rep.)

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North American Lutheran Church  
Attn: Pr. David Wendel  
2655 Innsbruck Drive, Suite A  
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Should you have questions, call Pr. David Wendel, assistant to the bishop for ministry, at 719-650-8171 (cell).

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