

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE



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Congregation Name and Location

Name Peace Lutheran Church

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City Rosenberg State/Province TX Zip/Postal Code 77471

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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

Mailing address 3118 Amber Lane

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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)]

Voice Vote

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

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| 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: Negotiable |
| Continuing education (time/funding): \$1,000.00 | |
| Travel reimbursement: \$2,000.00 | |
| Other: Convocations, conferences, etc.: \$2,000.00 | |

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. Rosenberg is conveniently located 35 miles from Downtown Houston. We have easy access to the Texas Medical Center (30 miles), two international airports (Bush-55 miles/Hobby-39 miles), Galveston & the coast (77 miles) not to mention several pro sports venues and state parks. We have the award-winning Lamar Consolidated Independent School District which is the fastest growing district in the state of Texas. Our ministry focus is to provide spiritual guidance to our members and also to our community through ministries which include disaster response and mailing boxes of supplies to deployed military. 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. Visit our website at peacerosenberg.wordpress.com. 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.) 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 feel 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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Congregation name, City, Date

****Email** a copy of the completed profile to the Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry, dwendel@thenalc.org.

Alternative submission method ONLY if you do not have email: Print and mail the complete profile to:

North American Lutheran Church

Attn: Pr. David Wendel
2655 Innsbruck Drive, Suite A
New Brighton, MN 55112-9304

In addition, mail or email a copy of the completed profile to your mission district dean (can be found at thenalc.org/mission-districts/).

Should you have questions, call Pr. David Wendel, assistant to the bishop for ministry, at 719-650-8171 (cell).

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