

**Our new Director of Faith Formation, Dori Arbter, started in March 2026.** Here is here message:

THANK YOU to each and every one of you for so graciously welcoming me to Peace Lutheran with open arms and big smiles! I am truly enjoying getting to know everyone and getting to know this new position.

So...what exactly do I do, as Director of Faith Formation? In my short introduction during my first week at the end of March, I shared that it's all about *community and connection*. Don't these two words fit so perfectly with living out Peace Lutheran's mission statement - **we are here to share God's love** - each and every day? I am here to learn how all of you want to live out your faith with others and support the ministries and fellowship groups that are already in place doing precisely that.

My first month was filled with meeting, talking with, and serving with several of the current

fellowship and outreach groups that currently share God's love at Peace: Katie's Circle, Piece by Peace quilters, the prayer shawl ministry, Men at Peace, and Warming in the Heart. My goal is to meet with Full Circle and Pathways to Peace in the near future, too! I had a great conversation with Melanie Nyquist and Sandy Nordman, two of our Church Council members serving on the Parish Education and Life & Growth committees respectively. It's been a busy and inspiring month of seeing faith in action and hearing thoughts about how some of these groups can use some additional support.

There are new opportunities for fellowship and service on the horizon, too! Diane Raasch is excitedly revitalizing Never Too Old, there will be some upcoming fellowship days for middle schoolers and high schoolers, and a new opportunity to serve together as Peace Lutheran was recently approved to take ownership in a section of highway in the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Do you have ideas for something new?

Are you ready to join a fellowship group but you're not sure which one?

Do you see a gap or a need that you're not sure how to fill?

Come see me! Let's talk and dream and grow in faith together. ☺

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