



## THIS WEEK AT PEACE

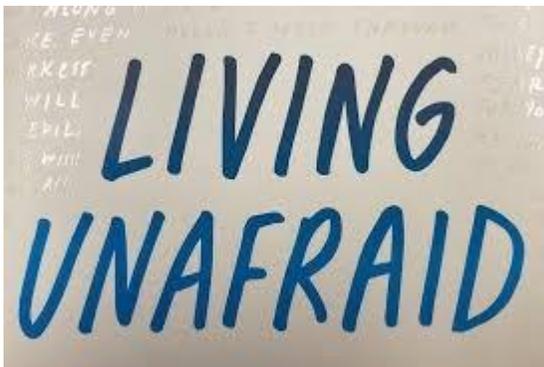
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### **This Week at Peace**

### **Sunday's Preview**



#### [Unafraid Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times](#)

We live in uncertain times unable to predict what the future will bring. This leads to anxiety and fear which if we remain in a perpetual state, we become captive to it.

Join us on Sunday for a new worship and small group series: Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times. See links below for ways to get involved with small group ministries and dive deeper into scripture.

This week we explore the framework of fear itself and God gives us hope despite the challenges we face.

### **Conversational Faith – Faith Formation**

What does it mean to be formed in faith?

In Genesis God created humanity and formed us from the dust and gave us shape. When we profess the faith of the church using the Apostles' Creed, we believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth, we confess that God is still a creating God.

God continues to form us in faith and create new life. In other words, God is never done creating us anew and forming us in God's image.

Join Deacon Andrew and Pastor Jake as they discuss what it means to continually be formed in faith and for God to shape our very lives. God's far from done with us.

For a video on Faith Formation click [HERE](#).

For a video on practical ways to start your faith formation journey click [HERE](#).

Important Upcoming Dates:

9/20 New Worship Series – "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times"

8:00am Parking Lot Worship begins weekly (in-person Holy Communion)

10:30am Livestream Worship begins weekly virtual Holy Communion. Bring your own bread and wine/grape juice to the livestream worship as we begin celebrating weekly communion together in spirit.

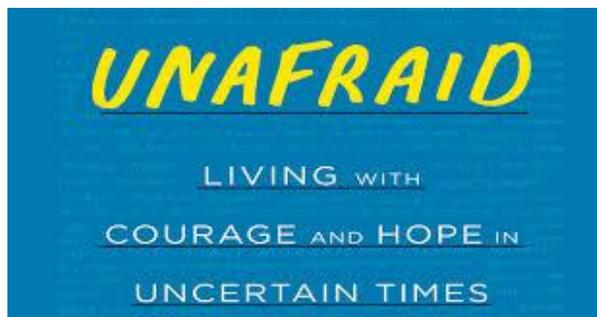
Peace,

Pastor Jake

## Worship and Life Group Series

### Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times

Beginning on September 20<sup>th</sup>, we will engage in a worship series by Pastor Adam Hamilton titled, *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*. Although this book was written before Covid-19, the theme certainly resonates with so much of where we find ourselves.



Much of the anxiety that we are experiencing isn't just because of a disease (certainly a reason to be anxious in and of itself), rather the unknown future that we face.

How do we respond faithfully in the midst of uncertainty?

Be not afraid, God is with us.

If you'd like to go deeper in your faith with a core group of others on this journey of living unafraid, please join a small group. Simply click on this [SIGNUP](#) link and find the group and time that works best for you. This is a digital small group. All you have to do is click on the link, and your small group leader will contact you with more instructions

If you'd like to order the book to go along with the study you can visit [HERE](#) and for a 365 days of devotions click [HERE](#).

## "Peace Dialogues" - Zoom Meeting on Sunday, September 20 @ 12PM



We will have our second in a series of "Peace Dialogues" via Zoom on Sunday, September 20, following livestream worship service, from noon to 1:00pm. During our conversations together, several facilitators will guide us as we explore what it means to listen compassionately, and discuss what it means to engage in loving, peaceful, productive dialogue even in the midst of disagreement.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87455859673>

**Meeting ID:** 874 5585 9673

**Dial in:** +13462487799

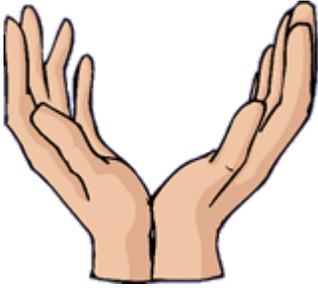
After experiencing the dialogue on Sunday, go to this [LINK](#) and fill out a brief evaluation form. Your feedback will help generate the flow of future dialogues.

## Technical Support



Need some technical support? Trying to stay connected in a virtual world can be frustrating when things don't work or the technological learning curve seems steep. If you need some help, contact: Patti Kassel @ [kasselpatti@gmail.com](mailto:kasselpatti@gmail.com) or Deacon Darcy Mittelstaedt @ [darcy.mittelstaedt@gmail.com](mailto:darcy.mittelstaedt@gmail.com)

# Ecumenical Contemplative Prayer - Sunday, September 20, 4PM



Join us via Zoom on September 20 @ 4:00pm. For more information and a link, contact Marianne Gould at: [Marianne@peacenb.org](mailto:Marianne@peacenb.org)



## Pastor's Virtual Conversation

Come join Pastor Jake on Zoom from 3pm -4pm every Monday. Come to ask questions, check-in, lift up prayers. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99136605065?pwd=NEIvQys3bXN2azkwOVJOM016SXVxUT09>  
Meeting ID: 991 3660 5065 Password: 015347

## The Stephen Ministers are here to listen and help

*We urge you, brothers and sisters ,... encourage the disheartened ( 1 Thessalonians 5:14).*

Paul was writing to the believers in Macedonia. Encouraging the disheartened, to help the weak and be patient with everyone. These are very powerful words that can apply today. We continue to be safe with isolation, and limited contact. This can result in frustration for many of us. Just remember that the Church is here, as well as the Stephen Ministers. Contact Pastor Jake or one of our Referral Coordinators Bill Purcell or Cathy O'shea, at 210-846-3315. For more about Stephen Ministry at Peace Lutheran Church, see the web pages at [www.peacenb.org/Stephen-Ministry](http://www.peacenb.org/Stephen-Ministry)

**Flower donations needed until the end of the year**



Each Sunday a beautiful arrangement of fresh flowers, donated by members and friends of the congregation, adorns the cross in the chancel area of Peace Lutheran Church. A contract with [“Petals To Go”](#) Florist in New Braunfels assures timely delivery, quality, and consistency in the arrangements at a very reasonable cost of \$40 per arrangement. Flowers may be donated for occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries, in honor or in memory of a

loved one, or simply *”To the Glory of God!”*

Open dates are listed in this [sign up form](#). You can mail a check (to Peace Lutheran Church office marked “Flowers” and include the date) or you can donate [electronically](#). The arrangement may be taken after worship on Sunday or picked up at the church during office hours the following week.

[Kathi Anderson](#); (210) 643-8855 is the Flower Coordinator for the Worship Team. [Sign up now!](#)

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**\*The Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly 2020 is cancelled!**

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**\*The ELCA COVID-19/Coronavirus Information - [www.elca.org/publichealth](http://www.elca.org/publichealth)**

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