



2021 Stewardship for a New Time

Dear Peace Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

This year we have faced unprecedented challenges in a time of disruption and fear. We need to stay connected to God's mission as the church more than ever.

Our Fall Series on Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times centered us on what matters most in life and inspired courageous faith in the midst of fearful surroundings. We live in challenging times, and yet God shows up in those times.

One of the ways we express our courage is by recognizing our gifts to advance God's mission of hope to the world. Living out our faith boldly as the church in an active way allows us to stand firm during uncertainty and bring light in the darkness.

Thank you for your generosity as the church. Your support means mission continues to thrive. Lives continue to be connected to the saving love of Christ Jesus.

What is an Annual Stewardship Pledge?

Each year we ask you to consider how you are called to participate in the generous spirit of the church. The yearly pledge is a time of prayerful reflection and discernment how God is calling you to use your gifts as a disciple of Jesus.

Life changes from year to year. This year it has changed for everyone, and yet the ministry of the church is still critical. How might you share in ministry and bless the world God calls each disciple to love and serve?

We use these commitments to support our congregation's mission as we walk together in faith and live out God's calling.

How much should I give?

That's a personal commitment for you to discern. The church teaches proportional giving using the biblical standard of 10% as a goal. That can seem like a big number, so I encourage you to consider what your current giving level is and challenge you to gradually live into the gift of generosity. For a reference point, our church gives 12% of our annual budget to benevolences beyond our congregation. Giving is meant to bring you joy as you invest in God's mission of healing and hope for the world.

How much should I do?

A healthy stewardship isn't only about money; it's about using your gifts to the glory of God. How has God blessed you? Are you musical; are you good with numbers; are you an encourager? How are you using these gifts to bless others?

Ministry in a pandemic is daunting. Our traditional ways of ministry are challenged when we cannot gather in large settings. Instead, we are discovering new ways to live out the mission.

Stewardship means each moment of your life is a gift from God, and you have the opportunity to share your faith daily. I encourage you to reflect on those gifts and how you can use them for God's purposes.

Peace,
Pastor Jake

***Stewardship is partnership with God.
It is not a debt you owe; it is a seed you sow.***

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Stewarding God's Gifts 2021

This year we ask you to reimagine what you are passionate about and envision how you might grow in this time of change. Together as God's church we continue to reimagine how we might use our gifts in new ways to stay connected and to connect others to the deep, vibrant love of God.

Take a moment to fill out this form considering your gifts in this new time.

Use the Online Stewardship Form at www.peacenb.org/stewardship

Or complete this questionnaire and return to the church office by November 15th.

Name: _____

I pledge my heart, mind, soul, and strength to the Triune God: _____ *initial*

I pledge my financial gifts to the Lord through the church's General Fund: _____ *initial*

\$ _____ per Week \$ _____ per Month \$ _____ per Year

In addition to the church's operating budget I pledge to support:

Building Fund: \$ _____

Mission Endowment Fund: \$ _____

I pledge my gifts of labor for the kingdom of God: _____ *initial*

Pray daily Volunteer Participate in a small group

Study the Bible Worship regularly Help others

How I rate my passion for ministry.

Rank with 1 being you are most passionate; use 1, 2, and 3 only once

Hands – service and action _____

Heart – worship and care _____

Head – thinker and leader _____

How would you rate your interest in the various ministries areas of the church?

Check boxes in which you are committed to serve

Worship – *encountering God*

Faith Formation – *growing in faith*

Community – *fostering loving relationships*

Service – *helping others*

Evangelism – *sharing the good news*

Property – *caring for our facilities*

Is there any ministry you'd like to learn more about?

In what ways can the church support you in your life of faith?

In what ways can you support others in their lives of faith?

Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Mark 12:30

Stewardship is about the mission and practice of our faith together. Your gifts of your heart, mind, soul, and strength ensure that God's mission is shared.



**Love God
Love People
Serve the World**

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