

2022 Renovate Generosity

Dear Peace Lutheran Church, grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have faced some unprecedented challenges as a church between the ongoing pandemic and resurgence of cases coupled with the flooding of our building from the winter freeze.

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Steward-

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

I commend the generosity of the congregation during such adversity, and I'm reminded of how much the church throughout the centuries continues to endure despite hardships. That is a faithfulness that is truly remarkable and gifted by the Holy Spirit!

This Fall season we have been exploring a worship and study series called, *Renovate: Building a Life with God* which follows the OT book of Nehemiah. We recognize the trials Nehemiah faced as he was called to go and rebuild the holy city of Jerusalem. He faced tears and setbacks and resistance, but his faithfulness to stay the course promoted a spirit of service and generosity amongst the entire community. By the end of the book of Nehemiah, the city has been rebuilt and the community has been restored.

I want to challenge all of us as Peace Lutheran Church to allow God to renovate our lives together in Christ. That even when buildings are destroyed and the community faces a pandemic, God is still working in our lives rebuilding us into something even more beautiful so that we might reflect God's glory. Let us continue to make room for God to renovate our spiritual lives as we join God in rebuilding his kingdom of peace.

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. . 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?

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

Stewarding God's Gifts 2022

This year we ask you to examine how God is renovating your life to further build God's kingdom.

Together as God's church we continue to build up other on the firm foundation of Christ's deep, vibrant love.

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	God has giv-
Or complete this questionnaire and return to the church office by October 24th.	en us two
	hands,
Name:	One to re-
	ceive and the
I pledge my heart, mind, soul, and strength to the Triune God: initial	other to give
I pledge my financial gifts to the Lord through the church's General Fund: initial	Stewardship is about the
\square \$ per Week \square \$ per Month \square \$ per Year	mission and
In addition to the church's operating budget I pledge to support:	practice of
Building Fund: \$	our faith together.
Mission Endowment Fund: \$	Your gifts of
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 □	your heart, mind, soul, and strength ensure that
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 core	God's mission is shared.
Heart – worship and care Head – thinker and leader	Love God
	Love People
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 □	Serve the World
Faith Formation – growing in faith	
Community – fostering loving relationships	
Service – helping others	
Evangelism – sharing the good news \Box	
Property – caring for our facilities \Box	
Is there any ministry you'd like to learn more about?	
In what ways can the church support you in your life of faith? GROWING IN ROOTED I	GENEROSITY In Faith
In what ways can you support others in their lives of faith?	