



2019 Stewardship Appeal

WHAT IS THE 2019 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL?

Our theme is a reflection of the love God has for us, our many blessings, and an opportunity for each of us to respond in gratitude.

HOW CAN WE RESPOND TO GOD'S AMAZING LOVE?

We respond to the amazing love of God in many different ways. The way we think, the way we act, the way we repent, the way we reach out to others, the way we give generously are just some of those ways!

WHAT ARE THE GOALS FOR THIS YEAR'S APPEAL?

❖ *SUPPORT A NEW INTERN!*

We said yes at our annual meeting to the invitation and request of the synod and seminary to be an internship site, starting in August. We have done a great job in the past. Now we will support Mike Markwell, a seminary intern in his year with us. With the help of so many individuals and the great example of this congregation, we expect to provide a positive experience for Mike, and a meaningful time for us at Peace as he serves among us! It takes money to do that (about \$25,000 above and beyond our current giving levels.) But we believe God has provided this opportunity and we have been *Called by Grace!*

❖ *SUPPORT EXISTING MINISTRIES, STAFF AND PROGRAMS*

Our church has a great staff and great programming, including a growing youth ministry. We also have a beautiful facility. We recognize it takes money to support those in ways that matter.

❖ *SUPPORT LOCAL & WORLD-WIDE EFFORTS TO FURTHER THE GOSPEL*

We will continue to be very generous in reaching out with the Gospel as we help sponsor a missionary, provide support to the ELCA's 5 year plan (to start more churches, train more pastors, feed more hungry people), are involved in our community, and support local causes that have been so meaningful to us, like ShareFest & Feed My Starving Children.

HOW DO I TAKE PART IN THIS STEWARDSHIP APPEAL?

First, we ask you to reflect on and celebrate the many ways God has already called us to serve and how those have been blessings - both to you as an individual, and to our church. We also ask you to pray and consider what God is leading you to do next.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO CONSIDER GIVING SO WE CAN ACHIEVE OUR MINISTRY GOALS?

• Consider how God is asking you to respond in faith by giving financially from the heart. Pray about it, talk with others, reflect. For those who already tithe, we know you will continue! For those who have not yet begun the habit, we would invite you to begin to consider percentage giving. We believe that giving on a planned, percentage basis is a faithful way to follow God's plan. It also can help us talk about our priorities in life, which is always a good thing.

• In your reflections, if percentage giving is not in your plans, then pray and consider an increase in your giving level. (Look at what you're giving now, and add 10%, for example.)

WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE MAKING A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT?

Even if you do not want to turn in a Giving Intentions Card, please fill it out for yourself. Making a commitment of any kind is an act of faith; a way of responding to the **Call of God's Grace**.

HOW DO I RESPOND WITH MY COMMITMENT TO THIS APPEAL?

You can visit the Stewardship Page on our website and complete the Giving Intentions Card online or else pick up a form at church. We would ask that you complete your Giving Intentions Card on or before **Commitment Weekend, May 4 & 5**.

WHEN WILL THE NEW FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS BEGIN?

We ask that your giving commitments begin June 1, 2019, which is the start of our new fiscal year.

HOW CAN I HELP MAKE OUR *Called by Grace* APPEAL A SUCCESS?

- By prayerfully reflecting on how God has blessed you and our church
- By reflecting on how God is calling us to grow in faith that we might faithfully serve God, even above and beyond how we have responded in the past
- By viewing all the materials online or in a packet, and then completing your Giving Intentions Card either online on the Stewardship Page or by filling out a Giving Intentions Card on or before Commitment Weekend, May 4 & 5.
- By praying for the success of our appeal
- By helping our church be ready to serve God and to assist Mike Markwell in his training toward becoming a pastor.
- By asking God to bless us again as we seek to bring the love of God to the world; as we bring people in contact with the Gospel, and help all of us grow in faith.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

Consider a gift to Peace Lutheran Church through your will or trust. It costs nothing during your lifetime but leaves a lasting legacy.

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