

## **Instructions for January 19**

On January 19, during our Sunday worship service, you will be invited to bring forward your commitments to the Lord and His people at Peace in response to all He's done for us, especially in His Son, Jesus Christ

Enclosed in your envelope you will find the following:

- Your Stewardship/Vocations form. We ask that each confirmed member of the family complete & seal the top copy in the enclosed envelope and keep the duplicate for your records. During the worship service on January 19, you'll be invited to bring this forward. **Separately**, we ask you to complete and bring forward the...
- *Serving At Peace* booklet. This informs us how you plan to use your time and talents to serve God's people at Peace in 2020.

What a blessing it is that Christ your Savior involves you in His mission to make disciples of all nations! Let's remember that "all nations" includes Waverly, Nebraska!

*Lord, bless us with your wisdom as we discern how best to use the vocations You've given us, for your glory and the extension of your kingdom. Help us to be prudent stewards of these gifts. In the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus. Amen!*



# PBECC

Peaceful Beginnings Early Childhood Center  
Kayla Baker, Director

Peaceful Beginnings is our early childhood ministry (preschool and daycare). If you would like to work with young children, consider volunteering on weekdays at PBECC! Or, if you're interested in a staff position, request an application.

- Lunch Time Volunteer
- Morning Volunteer
- Afternoon Volunteer
- Advisory Board
- Staff Position
- Other Leadership

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

I am Interested in Serving the Congregation as

- a Ministry Director
- an Elder
- an Officer - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Nominating Committee
- Safety/Security Team

Church Office Volunteer / Receptionist

- Monday AM / PM
- Tuesday AM / PM
- Wednesday AM / PM
- Thursday AM / PM
- Friday AM / PM
- Saturday AM / PM

### 1 Peter 4:10

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

Thank You!

## SERVING AT PEACE IN 2020

*How I will serve the Lord and His people at  
Peace in 2020*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Check all that apply

*You will not be automatically placed on a team that you were on last year. So please sign up to serve this coming year!*



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**“Each one must give as he has *decided* in his heart...”** 2 Corinthians 9:7

Life is full. I get it. In the course of each day, there are many things that must be decided A.S.A.P. So when I don't have to make a decision on something, I don't. It's refreshing.

But in my sinfulness and hectic schedule, sometimes I'm tempted not to make one decision that God calls me to make; He calls each of us to “decide in his/her heart” what we must give to the work of the Lord.

Thankfully, we can do this with joy, because whatever you decide to give is already His. All that you are, and all that you have is His already. How much you decide in your heart to give is simply a *response* to His great love for you, ultimately in what He's done – and is doing – for you through His Son, Jesus Christ.

God tells us more about the blessing of giving through Paul:

<sup>6</sup> *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.* <sup>7</sup> **Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.** <sup>8</sup> *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you*

**Offering Counter Team, Ryan Sander-Leader**

- Those who serve on this team do so on a monthly rotation, counting and depositing offering after worship services.

**Website Team, Roxanne Paulsen-Leader**

- Do you have experience hosting a web page? Then you would be a valuable member of the website team!

**Endowment Fund Committee, Lori Curtis-Chair Person**

- Meeting four times a year, this group manages and distributes the earnings of Peace's endowment fund. We will soon begin helping Peace members with estate planning as well. It's truly the gift that keeps on giving.

**C.O.R.P.S. (Corp of Retired Persons), Dave Neilson, Glenn VonKampen, Jeff Kuhlmann-Leaders**

- Would you like to be "on-call" during the days (only when you're available, of course) for small projects that need done quickly at church? Typically, these involve repairing property items, but could be other things as well. If so, sign up for CORP!

- Other:** I would like to serve through the Stewardship Ministry in this way: \_\_\_\_\_





**Operation Barnabas, Brec Wilshusen –Leader**

Operation Barnabas needs energetic members with a heart towards caring for our local military members and first responders. We are part of a larger, specific Synod mission; we are starting up a Chapter with two or three other Lincoln LCMS congregations. We intend to again serve "thank you meals" to our Sheriff's office and Fire Department, and we could definitely benefit from your ideas for more ways to serve. Join us?

**Other** I would like to serve through the Service Ministry in this way:

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## STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

**Interior Design, Patti Haertel-Leader**

This team creates and helps maintain a unified "look" for our facility's interior. If you are artistic in this way, consider joining!

**Grounds Team, Nick Heitman-Leader**

**Mowing Team, Nick Heitman-Leader**

A great way to serve the Lord with your hands outdoors! Mowing and the sprinkler system maintenance are all responsibilities of the mowing team.

**Landscape Team, Nick Heitman-Leader**

Do you like to beautify a yard using God's elements of creation? Then you'd enjoy serving on Peace's Landscaping Team! As part of this ministry, you would serve the church by planting (and transplanting) shrubs, flowers and other items in accordance with the Landscaping Master Plan, removing/killing weeds from beds and parking lot, and adding touches to enhance the look of our three acres.

**Building /Maintenance Team, Gary Walker, Kyle Brasch, Mike May-Leaders**

Where the Grounds Team maintains the exterior of our three acres, the Building Maintenance Team concentrates on the interior. They advise church leaders on maintenance issues, install new equipment and furnishings, and make needed repairs. "If you're not growing, you're dying", and thanks be to God, Peace is growing! While we may not be building at the current time, we will again in the future, as the Lord directs. If this interests you, and you have experience in this area, this is for you!

*may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.*

*(2 Corinthians 9:6-10)*

First pray. Then **decide**. Be intentional. What percentage of your gross income will you decide in your heart to give to the work of the Lord at Peace in 2020? If you've never named a percentage in the past, start this year. If you know what percentage you've given, is it time to increase it one percentage? Can you arrange your financial life to live on 90%, giving 10% to the work of the Lord? Many do, and some on even less, giving even more to the Lord.

I praise God for you - for what He's done through you in the past, and what He will do through you in the future. To Him alone be all the glory. Amen!

In His Service, serving you,

Pastor Neil Wheeler



## WORSHIP MINISTRY

### First Impressions Team (Greeters/Ushers)

Ushers and greeters give our guests their first impressions of Peace. If you care about how good that impression is, please consider serving on this team!

- 8:00 Worship, *Ron Ropte, Leader*      **I will serve as a:**  
 Greeter    Usher

Any Months NOT Available to Serve: \_\_\_\_\_

- 10:30 Worship, *Matt Stone, Brian Behlen, Leaders*  
 Greeter    Usher

Any Months NOT Available to Serve: \_\_\_\_\_

### Music

- Choir, *Julie Wilshusen-Director*  
If you enjoy singing praises to God at the 8:00 a.m. service, please consider joining Peace's adult choir. "Sing a new song unto the Lord..."
- Special Musicians, *Julie Wilshusen-Leader*  
If you play an instrument and/or would like to sing a solo or in small groups to provide special music during worship services, please consider serving in this way!
- Hearts Rejoicing* Praise Team, *Tom Salistean-Leader*  
This group of singers and instrumentalists practices twice a week and leads worship songs for Peace's 10:30 a.m. worship service. They also share God's Word through music at some outside events, such as the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, the Halloween Hotdog Outreach, and other "gigs" from time to time.
- Orchestra, *Joe Albright-Director*  
If you play an instrument and would like to play it to God's glory a few times a year, please check this box!

(Instrument)\_\_\_\_\_

- Organist, *Julie Wilshusen-Lead Organist*  
Do you play the organ? Do you have experience leading God's people as they sing to Him? Please let us know!

## SERVICE MINISTRY

### M25-Feed The Hungry ("M25" is from Matthew 25), *Candy Pedersen-Leader*

- This team provides food to the Waverly Food Pantry and other agents who serve the hungry.

### M25-Visit the Sick, *Dave Nielson-Leader*

- Visiting shut-ins is a command from our Lord (*Matthew 25*). Would you like to be on the visitation team?

### M25-Clothe the Naked, *Shannon Bliss-Leader*

- Jesus said, "I was naked and you clothed me...as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." (*Matthew 25*)

### M25-Comfort the Prisoner, *Luke Ropte-Leader*

- Jesus said, "I was in prison and you came to me." (*Matthew 25*)

### Special Events Coordinator, *Marilyn Ash-Leader*

- Do you like to help with party details? If so, you may enjoy serving on Special Events Team! You would work with the liaison of groups leading them through the facility rental information, be on-site for a few minutes at the beginning and end of the events, and be "on call" during events.

### Health Ministry, *Open*

- A group of medically-trained and qualified professionals who provide wellness services to congregation members such as blood pressure checks, blood drives, and speakers on health topics. They also coordinate the purchase and maintenance of first aid and medical equipment for our facility.

### Worship DVD Team, *Marge Rader-Leader*

- Our worship services are video recorded for those who would like to view later.

### Funeral Luncheon Team, *Dixie Janssen, Ginny Oliver-Leaders*

- A service group who provide lunch to grieving families on the day of the funeral of their loved one.  
 Food  
 Set-up/Tear down

### Christmas Cheer Baskets, *Lanel Fenster -Leader*

- Gift baskets of food & snacks are assembled and given to our shut-ins and senior citizens in the celebration of Christ's birth.

**Prayer Ministry**, Anita Retzlaff, Dennis Bauer—Leaders

- This is Peace’s “prayer chain” who commit to praying for those who request prayer. They also seek to investigate ways to encourage prayer as part of the fabric of Peace culture, both for individuals & for groups.

**Barnabas for New Members**, Open

- Helping new members connect relationally during their first year at Peace can be fulfilling for you, and so helpful to them!
  - Other.** I would like to serve through the Fellowship Ministry in this way:
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## EVANGELISM MINISTRY

**M25-Welcome the Stranger/New Neighbor Outreach** (“M25” is from Matthew 25), Pastor, Marcia Herring-Leaders

- Each new resident of Waverly receives a personal visit to welcome the “home”. Would you like to help him?

**Promotions/Outreach Team**, Open

- Promoting the congregation through outreach events & media advertising in order to create continual awareness of our congregation to the community.

**Peace For Life Team** (Pro-Life Issues), Open

- Actively engaging the culture to value life from the moment of conception to the time of natural death, and all points in between. This group communicates the Biblical pro-life position and supports other organizations that do as well.

**Missions Team**, Mike Herring –Leader

- This team is for those who have a passion for people who do not have a personal relationship with God through His Son, Jesus. We reach out to those who are in need physically and spiritually in order to have the opportunity to share the Gospel message through which the Holy Spirit works to bring them to faith.
    - Local Projects
    - Regional Projects
    - U.S. Projects/Trips
    - World Projects/Trips
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**Sunday Morning Childcare**, Leah Rasmussen-Leader

Individuals who serve our congregation’s families by providing childcare on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and other special events.

- Sunday Mornings
- Wednesday Evenings
- Special Events

**Altar Guild**, Robin Kuhlmann-Leader

- 8:00  10:30

This is the group who manages the elements of worship, such as communion, flowers, candles, banners, baptism, and chancel furnishings. If you enjoy working behind the scenes to set up things that are visible in the chancel/stage areas, this would be a fulfilling service role for you.

**Media Team**, Bryan Robinson-Leader

- 8:00  10:30

Sound, lighting, and video enhance our worship services. If you like to work with technology and realize how environment can impact a worship experience, this is the team for you!

**Drama Team**, Faith Nimitz-Leader

- God’s truth can be communicated through drama in a way that enhances the preached Word. If you like to act, consider using your drama talent for the Lord.

**Wedding Coordinator**, Marlene Walker-Leader

- Coordinators handle many of the details of our weddings at Peace, working with Pastor, the couple, the wedding party, and even... the mother of the bride 😊.

- Other:** I would like to serve through the Worship Ministry in this way:
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## EDUCATION MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** 9:15 a.m. every Sunday between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Sunday School for all ages provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and ministry. If teaching God’s Word with the help of a published curriculum is something you’d like to try, become a Sunday School teacher! You won’t regret it.

## FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Peace University (Adults), *Pastor-Leader*

Adult Study Leader

Adults - Live, laugh, love and learn as you connect with brothers and sisters in Christ. A variety of different class topics and courses are available to grow and strengthen your faith.

Peace Kids, *Diane Merrill-Leader*

Teacher  Helper

All children ages baby and up gather to learn about Jesus and make friends. We strive to partner with parents to guide their children in a growing relationship with Christ.

**Peace Academy/Mid-week**, *Pastor, Stacey Peplinski-Leaders*

6:30PM-8:00PM every Wednesday during the school year. If partnering with parents in guiding children as they grow in faith is a passion of yours, we would be delighted to have you as a Peace Academy teacher!

Grades 2 through 8 (or beyond) - grow stronger in their faith, family and friendships through Bible and catechism study and discussion. Peace Academy helps them navigate through the challenges they face and equips them to impact others for God's glory.

Teacher  Helper

**Vacation Bible School**, *Faith Nimtz-Leader*

Director  Teacher  Helper

Be a missionary in Waverly! VBS is a week of summer fun, music, crafts, friends and learning about salvation in Jesus! Children 4 years old through 6th grade are encouraged to attend. If you are blessed with a musical, craft-creative, or teaching talent, there are many opportunities available for you during this ministry!

**Peace Historian(s) / Librarian(s)**, *Open*

Do you like history? Would you like to help Peace organize and chronicle our history and library? If so, check this box!

**Other.** I would like to serve through the Education Ministry in this way:

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**Food/Hospitality Ministry**, *Teresa Greve-Leader*

Would you like to help provide food for Sunday morning fellowship times and/or for *Supper Express* on "Wednesday Night Live"? If so, this ministry team is for you!

Sunday Morning

Wednesday "*Supper Express*"

Special Events

**Small Groups Ministry**, *OPEN*

Leader  Participant

"Doing life together" is what small group ministry is all about. Some groups get together to study the Bible, while some are more "affinity groups" that get together around a common interest (like couponing or horseback riding). Go deeper in relationship with a few of your brothers or sisters in Christ. Join or start a small group!

**Men's Ministry**, *Luke Ropte-Leader*

Leader  Participant

The men of Peace strive to encourage each other in their God-given roles of leadership and service.

**High School Youth Ministry**, *JJ Kleinbeck, Josh Muench-Leaders*

Leader  Helper

This is our youth group experience for our high school members and their friends. Activities, servant events, Bible study, youth gatherings, and friendship! Wednesday evenings and Sunday Suppers at 6:00 are the main events, but don't forget high school Sunday school on Sunday mornings, and other events throughout the year!

**Middle School Youth Ministry**, *Jenny Hollibaugh, Shavon Rosenthal-Leaders*

Leader  Helper

Middle school can be an awkward time. But it's always better with friends! Develop relationships with other middle school Christians and learn to serve our Savior and enjoy times of fellowship.

**Senior Adult/Retiree Fellowship Ministry**, *Open*

Construct a cornerstone in faith by studying Scripture and its application to the Christian life. Fellowship events throughout the year help to enhance relationships with others in the same stage of life.