

Peace Lutheran Church 2023 Stewardship Appeal



And when he looked behind him, he saw me,
and called to me. And I answered,

"Here I am."

2 Samuel 1:7

2023 Stewardship Appeal

Thank you to all our members and friends who have said “Here I am, Lord” for many years through their support of Peace Lutheran Church. We are grateful for your loyalty and generosity!!

This year, we again call upon you to lift up our church through your financial commitment so that we can continue to offer spiritual support to all our members and can ensure that our church building continues to provide protection to those within its walls.

Why should I contribute to Peace Lutheran Church?

As a member of Peace, we know that you value being part of our church and furthering its many ministries. Decisions regarding your finances should reflect those values.

Your financial support enables Peace Lutheran to respond to the spiritual needs of our members through worship services, bible study, baptism, vacation bible school, Sunday school, weddings, funerals, grief support, youth projects, and so many more ways.

Why should I fill I out and send in a giving intentions card?

As a practical matter, the giving intentions cards are critical to our ability to plan how we can serve the congregation. As a more spiritual matter, it is an opportunity for you to reflect on your values and blessings, and to remember the times when you have called out in need, and God has responded “Here I am.” Your pledge is an active manifestation of your beliefs and represents an affirmative response of “Here I am, Lord” when called into partnership with the church to advance the work of Jesus.

What if I cannot afford much?

Everyone is welcome at our services and to participate in worship, sacraments, and church functions, regardless of their financial support of those activities and regardless of their level of contribution. We understand that circumstances enable some to contribute more than others. But we also firmly believe that *everyone* has the means to make a fiscal pledge at some level. We hope that everyone *wants* to participate and understands that their support is vital to our goals. Please consider pledging an amount that is a percentage of your income as a way of matching your giving to your resources. It is meaningful both to you and to us if you offer up a commitment of any kind.

What happens if I can't meet my pledge?

Nothing. We ask that you make every effort to fulfill your pledge. We hope that your income remains stable to allow you to do so. But we also understand that unforeseen events may occur that make it impossible. That's OK. You will always be welcome in our church. We also welcome and encourage reciprocal flexibility when unexpected financial prosperity comes your way and enables greater giving. Please consider sharing that blessing by increasing your giving above your pledged amount or making a one-time extra gift if you receive an extra benefit.

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

To respond, "Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will," please fill out the giving intention card and drop it into the offering plate or mail it back to the church on or before **Commitment Weekend, May 6-7**. Or fill out our online form at: www.peacenewlenox.org/stewardship-2023.

Please also consider including a gift to Peace Lutheran Church in your estate plan to have a lasting impact.

**And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"**

Then I said,

"Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

**“Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help,
and He will say, Here I Am. . . . The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places.”**

Isaiah 58: 9-11.

**Through your financial support, Peace Lutheran Church can also respond
“Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.”**



We nurture children with love, welcoming them first through baptism, then with Sunday school, vacation bible school, Confirmation, and youth activities, guiding them on their path to a life in Christ.



We bring God’s Word to you through our worship services, both in person and online, and through bible studies, and an adult education hour



We feed the poor with food donations to local food pantries, and with our Thanksgiving dinner.



We provide many opportunities for fellowship to bring joy into our lives and to remind us of God’s love when it would otherwise be easy to see only hatred and division.



We provide clothes to those in need with our One Warm Coat drive and our business attire collections.



We call and visit the sick, ensuring that they feel God’s presence and comfort during times of pain or as they prepare to leave this world.



We celebrate the joy of marriage with wedding services and bring the solace of God’s promise for eternal life in His Kingdom during funeral services.

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