



# Words of Peace

Peace Presbyterian Church - Elkhorn, Nebraska

February 2021



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN...

From the Pastor's Pen: Giving Like Christ Gives

*"Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources." — Luke 8:1-3*

When we think about our life as a believer, it's not about just having some beliefs we can talk about. It's not about fulfilling an obligation to go to church on Sunday's. It's not just about putting something in the offering plate or envelope. It's not about deciding if it's your turn to be a "volunteer" for some mission or task this week or this year and then being "done" and saying, "it's someone else's turn." Being a follower of Jesus means that we are so in love with Christ Jesus that we desire to be and do whatever we can to give our life to him every single day, to every role, to every task and service, to every person in need.

Giving like Christ gives means giving without end. It may change or be of a different intensity in this circumstance or season, but we never stop serving Christ as long as we love him. Your service is an expression of your love for the Lord. In serving him, you are doing what he commanded all who truly love him and who want to be near him. Jesus said: *"A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* (John 13)

Dr. Martin Luther King said, *"...anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."* What do you have to give and use to serve Jesus? The only thing God asks us for is to love him with all of our heart, and soul, and mind, and strength, and to love others in this same way. Maybe we also have possessions and money and gifts and talents and time to give. But none of it will really be of any value to God and the work of the Kingdom without a heart and soul that loves Jesus and longs to be near him and serve him all the time. Let us all, out of our love for him, ask: "How can I serve Jesus here at Peace Church? What more can I do for others?" Let us all say and pray, *"Here I am Lord. I have heard you calling. I will go."*

In Christ's service,

*Pastor Bonnie*



**LOVE** one another, As I have **LOVED** you.  
John 13:34





**We may be physically apart, but we can still worship together!**

**Join us for Sunday Mornings Zoom Worship  
at Peace Church!**

**LIVE online via ZOOM and live-stream to FACEBOOK**

**The Zoom link is:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88353481181?pwd=NlphVVBUEU95aGlvbzcrZ2psdnNoQT09>

**You may also join zoom on any phone to talk to everyone during fellowship and hear the service:**

- For landlines dial: 1 (312) 626 6799  
(long distance charges might apply)
- For cell phones dial: 1 (312) 626 6799

You will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID:  
883 5348 1181 and the Passcode: 1104

If you have questions or need any help figuring out how to join us, call or text Rick King at (402) 669-3538 and he will walk you through the steps, and even arrange for you to practice at a time that is convenient for you. He will also be available to help you during the worship service.

### **Two Other Ways to Join Worship Every Sunday!**

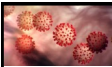
**For those who do not want to or are not able to join us on Zoom you can *watch the live-stream service on our church Facebook page* ([www.facebook.com/peacepresbyterianelkhorn](http://www.facebook.com/peacepresbyterianelkhorn)) at 10:15am each Sunday.**

## **KEEPING YOU POSTED ON WORSHIP AND BUILDING USE AT PEACE**

Currently, the following Session decisions on the re-opening of the church and in-person worship still stand:

1, The Re-Opening Committee still meets on Tuesdays as needed to determine whether to have in-house worship the following Sunday. A decision to cancel in-house services (and the use of the building to medium and large groups) will be largely based on the Douglas County "Severe Risk of Covid Spread" dial. A composite measure of severity in the Moderate or Low range (0-2.0) will mean the church can re-open. *A composite measure of severity in the High or Severe range (2.0-4.0) will indicate the building should be or remain closed.* This RISK DIAL for our county can be seen at: <https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/>

2. When we are able to hold in-house worship, we will do so in the sanctuary.



**LOCAL COVID-19 INFORMATION** – These websites are updated daily with important new items and issues and infection rates.

**Douglas County Department of Public Health** has information to share regarding the COVID-19  
<https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/infectious-disease/diseases-and-conditions/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

**Sarpy County Department of Public Health** has information to share regarding the COVID-19. Undated daily:  
<https://www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org/novel-coronavirus>

## **Questions, Comments, Suggestions on Covid Policy?**

Contact members of the Session or Reopening Task Team or call/email:  
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**The Peace Church Annual Congregational Meeting was held following worship on January 31st. Listed below are items of importance and election results. Thanks to all who were able to attend and to those who helped make this special Zoom meeting possible.**

**The Church By-Laws were amended as follows:**

1. Reduce the number of elders on Session under Article III Elders, from twelve elders serving three year terms (maximum of six consecutive years) to eight elders serving two year terms (maximum of six consecutive years).
2. Reduce the number of trustees under Article IV Trustees, from six elders currently on session to three elders currently serving on session.
3. Reduce the number of deacons under Article V Deacons, from nine deacons divided into three equal classes each serving three year terms (maximum of six consecutive years) to eight deacons divided into four equal classes serving two year terms (maximum of six consecutive years).

**Elections:**

Deacons for the class of 2023 - Nancy Haack, Elaine McIntosh

Treasurer: Mary McArdle

Trustees: Rick King, Dave Fulton, Steve Leonard

Congregation Members for the Nominating Committee: Julie Tartaglia, Teresa King, Mike Young, Tom Wagner

The new structure of the Session did not require election of new elders. The new structure will be: Three Teams. Shared Leadership. Distributed Workload.

*Spiritual Leadership (Ken Bunnell, Jane King, Matt Marshall)*

- Worship and Music
- Christian Education
- Nominations
- Deacons

*Church Operations (Steve Brosz, Steve Leonard)*

- Building and Grounds
- Finance
- Personnel
- Stewardship

*Congregational Life (Erica Wagner, Dave. Fulton)*

- Mission
- Outreach
- Fellowship
- Community Development



*We are grateful to God for calling out these servants and to all in leadership for answering God's call to serve at Peace. These elected officials require your prayers as well as your hands to complete their committee tasks. When they ask for your help, it will be your turn to answer and to serve as God enables and directs you. Thank you in advance for walking beside them in this mission! To God be the glory!*





The Work of God Goes On

Based on the response and planning purposes for Souper Bowl Sunday, we will no longer be able to support drive up orders. If you are interested in ordering soup, please email:

[PeaceSouperBowl@gmail.com](mailto:PeaceSouperBowl@gmail.com)

no later than Wednesday, February 3rd.

Indicate how many quarts you would like, and show up with a tiny donation of \$15/quart (cash or check). Your delicious homemade banquet will be speedily delivered to your car in the Peace parking lot, between 1:00 - 3:00pm on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Remember proceeds go to support future youth mission projects.

Thanks for your support!  
Peace Mission Committee



Hello Youth Group!! We are anxious to get back to regular youth events and are hopeful as we begin vaccinations in the area. For now, please mark your calendars for the following dates. We are in the process of identifying mission trip options. If anyone has ideas about where to go and how to serve, please let Jane King know,

- Sunday 2/7 1:00-3:00 - Souper Bowl Sunday
- Sunday 2/21 6:30 - Zoom movie night with treats
- Sunday 3/7 2:30pm - Zoom regarding Easter worship, details to follow
- Sunday 4/18 2:30pm - Plarn event
- Sunday 5/16 2:30pm - Tri-Faith tour & picnic treats

Physically apart  
Joined by our hearts



**BEST WISHES ON YOUR SPECIAL FEBRUARY DAY!**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Feb 1 Kelsey Nodgaard; 2 Don Fuller, Michael Olsufka; 4 Ceil Sramek; 7 Cindy Barnes; 8 Donald Dunavant, Cory O'Connell, Patty Shepherd; 10 Joyce Abood, Cliff Karthaus, Katrina Snyder; 18 LaRue Hill, Jim Schreiner; 21 Brynn Marsh; 23 Jo Ann Schreiner; 28 Susan Hall

**ANNIVERSARY:** Feb 12 Kris & Alan Stephens

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**Peace Staff continues to work from home. Reach out to them at any time:**

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