

UNITY OF THE SPIRIT



“I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4:1-6

There is an old story about a statue of Jesus that stood outside a small village in Normandy. It was wrecked by the shelling during the war. Well, it wasn't totally destroyed, just the hands were. This statue was the pride and joy of the village and so after the war, the villagers debated at length on what to do about the damage. One group argued that it was so badly damaged that it should be trashed and a new one erected in its place. Another group objected, arguing that the village artisan—whose specialty was the restoration—could easily take care of the job. Finally, a third group came up with a proposal that ultimately carried the day: that the statue be cleaned up, but remain handless; and that a plaque be placed at its base with the inscription:

“I have no hands but yours.”



God's work. Our hands.

JOINING IN GOD'S MISSION



**TO SHARE CHRIST
WITH THE WORLD
AND GROW DISCIPLES
FOR JESUS**

Presented to you by
The Vision Team
of Peace Lutheran Church

OPENING OUR HANDS AND HEARTS TO GOD'S CALL



BUILDING ON TRADITIONS

Peace Lutheran Church values the rich tradition of our Lutheran heritage and the work that has

been accomplished over the past 25 years of vibrant ministry. Begun as a ministry to a particular neighborhood we have become a complex gathering of many neighborhoods in ministry. We have valued being a church founded upon God's grace, engaged in mission, and supporting the growing faith of multiple generations. As we look toward the future, it is our desire to pass on these gifts to the generations that follow honoring the legacy of those who have gone before us, and equipping those who will follow after us.



WHAT DO WE VALUE?

- GRACE: WORSHIP with one another
- GENERATIONS: GROWING families of faith
- GENEROSITY: SERVING through hearts and hands



WHERE DOES MISSION HAPPEN?

- Gathered together at our *campus*
- Scattered in our *neighborhoods*
- Nurtured in our *homes*
- Released in care for the *world*

HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?

A vision encourages our passion while creating the supporting structure both in administration and ministry to equip disciples of Peace for mission on a common and personal level. Below are six ways we feel God is calling Peace forward in vision.

Community: Creating an environment where community is valued and individuals are not forgotten. In community we would experience the riches of the gospel.

Faith Formation: Creating an environment where faith is something that is caught through habitual practices and life experiences in our homes as well as taught through formal instruction.

Outreach: Creating an environment where hospitality to the stranger becomes a principle value as we make the needs of those who do not yet belong a focus of our efforts.

Leadership: Creating an environment where leadership is birthed out of Biblical identity as well as awareness of one's giftedness. We desire to train leaders in Christ's church to reflect our mission to the world.

Stewardship: Creating an environment where our stewardship of personal resources is joyfully released for God's work.

Facilities: Creating an environment that recognizes that our facilities exist to expand the mission of the church. This opens us to flexibility in design and use.