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A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Peace family,

So much of life is about being in the right position.

When learning how to drive, it is surprising how much time is dedicated to explaining the correct position. When the train is coming, make sure that you stop your car at least 15 feet in front of the railroad gates. When you are driving behind a motorcycle, be sure that you are positioned 4 seconds behind it. When turning left at an intersection, make sure to turn into the lane that is closest to you. Some of the drivers' training is given to improving skill and gaining confidence behind the wheel. A good amount of time, however, is spent on teaching correct positioning.

Position is also critical in sports. I was recently watching a Junior High basketball game. One team had a clear advantage with skill and ability. But, the team with less skill ended up winning the game. The reason was very simple. The team with the superior skills ran all around the court not thinking about where they should be and go next—they didn't understand position. The team that wasn't as gifted knew where they should and shouldn't be and that made the difference.

Are there helpful positions to be in as a Christian? I absolutely think so. Prayer is one of those helpful positions. It is my prac-

tice to spend time in prayer for people that need it and for the congregation early on Sunday mornings before anyone has arrived. I know for a fact that when I am specifically thinking of an individual and praying during this time, I am more prepared and ready to minister to them when I see them the next time.

As we begin the New Year, we are going to spend time in worship discussing five helpful positions that can enhance our walk with God and our ministry to others. I do pray that you find this helpful. Our schedule for the start of the year and the five positions are as follows:

Sunday, January 11th Seeking the Kingdom—looking for God at work in the mundane and ordinary activities of our day.

Sunday, January 18th Hearing from Jesus—having open eyes, ears and heart to what Jesus has said and then putting his word into action.

Sunday, January 25th Talking with people—actually it is about listening to people and finding out their stories and sharing when given the chance.

Sunday, February 1st Doing Good—Random acts of kindness are not random. God has created before the foundations of the world good works for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).

Sunday, February 8th Ministering Through Prayer—Prayer is how we show that we really care for

someone.

The great news about these positions is that they are doable. No matter how young or old, no matter new to the faith or a veteran, no matter male or female..... we all can do this.

What a great year 2014 was. Great things are also coming in 2015.

It is a great privilege serving you as pastor at Peace. You give me great joy each day and I look forward to life together this year!

Keep Looking Up,

Pastor Lucke



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Preparing for Worship

Scripture lessons for February:

January 4:

I Kings 3:4-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Luke 2:40-52

January 11:

Genesis 1:1-5
Romans 6:1-11
Mark 1:4-11

January 18:

I Samuel 3:1-10
I Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 25:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
I Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20



Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING
11/9/2014	104	
11/16/2014	108	
11/23/2014	110	\$ 1944
11/30/2014	101	\$ 1304
12/7/2014	96	\$ 6503
12/14/2014	149	\$ 1783
12/21/2014	96	\$ 3324

Men's Breakfast

Remember January 3rd, time for the Men's First Saturday Breakfast at 8:30. This month the topic will be a review and discussion on a draft document on the "Vision for Peace" in the next 3-5 years – everyone's input will be greatly appreciated. For the egg counter, please let Oscar Gutbrod know whether you plan to attend, by January 2. Call 541-231-3954.



Family Night

Matt and Talia Neely are coming to Peace for Family Night on Friday, January 16th. Matt and Talia specialize in bluegrass and "old gospel" music. They will bring music along so that we can sing with them. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm with pizza. Bring a side dish to share and drink for you and your family. Thank you Matt and Talia for sharing your talents with us!

Tables of Peace

Tables of Peace is back! For those of you who are new to Peace or those who need a reminder, some explanation is in order. Tables of Peace are groups of about eight that are formed of people from Peace and the community. The groups meet at a host's house for dinner. The host will call and coordinate who will bring what for the dinner. Once dinner is over, the group gathers for study and discussion. The commitment level is low. Groups will have their meeting and then new groups will be formed for the next set of dinners. The purpose is to intentionally increase our fellowship in the community and at Peace. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet labeled, "Tables of Peace", on the bulletin board. We will be forming groups by the end of January, so please sign up by January 18th!



Parent's Corner

Give Your Children the Values They Deserve
Parents can combat societal pressures with the right approach.

By Dr. Charles Fay

Peers, TV shows, movies, magazines...
With so many external pressures facing kids at younger and younger ages, parents often wonder:

How can I get my children to listen to me...instead of the 'cool' kids at school?

How do I teach my child the importance of hard work, honesty, and humility?

How can I reach them when they get so many messages that seem to say, "Who you are is not as important as how good you look, and how many toys you have?"

There is hope. Using the following tips, parents can have a much stronger influence than any friend or TV commercial:

Tip #1: Instead of telling your kids how to live, show them.

Wise parents commit lots of honest, respectful, kind, and responsible acts in front of their kids. Simply stated, actions speak louder than words.

The next time another driver cuts you off or someone in your neighborhood needs help, treat the situation as an important opportunity to show your children how responsible, caring adults act.

Tip #2: Talk about your values when they're eavesdropping.

What we say in front of our kids is more important than what we say to them. When you do something great, talk about it within earshot of your kids. For example, when your child is sitting nearby, you might say to your spouse, "Honey, the clerk at the store gave me ten dollars too much in change. I could have kept it, but I gave it back. I always feel better when I do the right thing!"

Tip #3: Teach character and responsibility with empathy and consequences.

At the Love and Logic® Institute, we've found the most effective parents allow children to make mistakes in safe situations. Kids develop character and positive values when they learn that poor decisions result in uncomfortable consequences.

Parents who deliver consequences with anger raise kids who spend their lives feeling angry and who reject their parents' values. If those same parents replace anger with empathy, their children begin to see them as caring and recognize their values are important.

Community Food Bank & June's Kids' Kloset

Donations

DATE	Food Bank	June's Kids' Kloset
	Pounds	Bags
October 2014	102	4
November 2014	46	1
December 2014	156	5