

LIVING OUT GOD'S LOVE AT PEACE IN CHRIST

Dear PIC member, God has led you to be part of His earthly family at Peace In Christ. You are valuable! Of course you are! God sent a Savior just for you! You are also valuable to God in another way...a serving way. In addition to your Christian faith, God has given you incredible gifts and talents. God encourages you to use those gifts and talents to reflect His love to others and to make a difference in the lives of many for Christ's sake.

With this in mind, please look over the many opportunities to use your gifts and talents for the Lord at PIC. Please circle any and all service teams that you are interested in. You will be added to the roster of these teams and will be contacted by team leaders who will plug you into their ministry. Thank you for filling this out and may God bless you as you grow in faith and love through your faithful service!

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Compassion Team – There are so many needy families in our own church, in Hermantown, and in the Duluth area. Help our congregation share some of God's blessings with those who are hurting and struggling and, in this way, also share with them the love of Christ.

Food Shelf Team – There are hungry people in our own neighborhoods as well in the Duluth area. Help our congregation share God's goodness with those who don't know where to find their next meal.

Marketing Team – Creative people are needed to advertise the great things God does at Peace In Christ through a variety of marketing strategies. Get on board if this is your cup of tea.

New Member Assimilation Team – Help pastor make the transition of new members into the life of our congregation an easy one. Help organize "shepherd families" to adopt new families for a brief time after they become members.

Newsletter Team – PIC runs an online monthly newsletter to keep all members connected to what's happening at church. Help organize this important communications tool and keep it running smoothly.

Rally Sunday Team – Everyone loves Rally Sunday. Help is needed to coordinate the annual outdoor service and family picnic each September.

Educational Seminar Team – Wouldn't it be nice to have one or two special educational events at PIC each year? Ideas might include marriage enrichment, how to raise Christian kids, estate planning, stress management, field dressing white tail deer, etc. Sign up if you would like to help make such events happen.

Thrivent/Lutheran Hour Team – Thrivent Financial and The Lutheran Hour are two examples of synodical programs that can really benefit a local congregation. PIC needs a volunteer or two to promote these programs and share info with PIC members.

Sunday Morning Visitor Team – Making some kind of positive contact with Sunday morning visitors is the first step in turning visitors into members. Help is needed to coordinate how we minister to these new potential PIC family members.

Church Website Team – People go online to find a church home these days. We have a great church website and need a computer savvy volunteer or two to help keep our website up to date.

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Church Library Team – Librarians are needed to organize, manage, and update great Christian materials for PIC families to use for spiritual growth.

Junior High Youth Team – Enjoy working with big kids? Assist Ruth as an adult mentor for youth in 7th and 8th grade. Serve as a driver, listening ear, friend, and maybe even teach. Play games with them, laugh at their jokes, hold them responsible, pray for them, and be a Godly example!

Youth Confirmation Team – Give pastor some help with the confirmation classes. Organize weekly treats, ride sharing, and help with community service projects.

Missions Team – Help our church reach out with the love of Christ beyond northern Minnesota. This includes the mission field in our own nation as well as overseas.

Prayer Groups Team – Prayer changes hearts and moves mountains. Encourage and organize prayer groups at Peace In Christ. Wouldn't an online prayer group be great?

Senior High Youth Team – Enjoy working with young adults? Assist Ruth as an adult mentor for youth in 9th - 12th grades. These young adults need individuals who have time to get to know them and are willing to listen. Help them be involved in ministry in our church and community.

Sunday School Team – There is no greater privilege or responsibility than sharing Jesus Christ with our children. Get involved with organizing and managing the Sunday morning education of all PIC kids. Help is needed with the annual Christmas program too!

Vacation Bible School Team – Kids love VBS and Peace In Christ has always had a great program. Plug into organizing a great week of proclaiming and sharing Christ's love during the summer. Coordinators, teachers, helpers, snacks, crafts, recreation, and music are all part of this ministry.

College Ministry Team – Wouldn't it be great to invite college students in the Duluth area to get involved at PIC during their college years? Also, what about students from our own church who have gone off to college? Shouldn't we keep in contact with them? Help is needed to organize this brand new ministry!

Visiting Visitors Team – It is important to let first time “customers” who visit our church know that they were noticed and valued. Would you be willing to drop off a gift and a welcoming letter to the doorstep of those who visit our church? Consider this curb-side ministry and sign up today.

PIC LIFE COMMITTEE

Cookie Walk Team – Help organize and pull off the oldest and most successful PIC fundraiser of them all. Usually held the first Saturday in December each year.

Fellowship Event Team – Help plan fun events for members to laugh and get to know one another. Ideas might include a bonfire, talent show, valentine dinner, sleigh ride, sledding, camping trip, road kill buffet, etc. Use your imagination.

Funeral and “Show We Care” Meals Team – Help serve the catered meals that often take place at church following a funeral. Also organize “show we care” meals donated by members to help at special times such as a death in the family, new baby, surgery, just moved to town, etc.

Memorial/Endowment Team – Volunteers are needed to organize and manage memorials and endowments at Peace In Christ. This would be a brand new ministry, is much needed, and can really become a wonderful long-lasting financial blessing for our congregation.

PICOLS Team – The Peace In Christ Old Ladies (PICOLS) is the unofficial retirees group at church for both men and women. Retired volunteers are needed to get this group officially on the church map and coordinate efforts to reach all of the “golden agers” at PIC.

Special Dinners Team – The Spring Dinner and the Fall Dinner are two examples of special dinners that take place at PIC. Volunteers are needed to organize our special dinners so they run smoothly, get lots of folks involved, and are successful events.

Stewardship Team – God gives us so much and it is our privilege to joyfully return to Him a portion of our time, talents, and treasures. Help is needed in encouraging the congregation each year to be faithful in this part of their daily walk with the Lord. Last year’s stewardship team had fun promoting electronic giving and planning a marriage enrichment weekend.

After Worship Fellowship Team – “Give me after worship treats or give me death.” No one has ever said this but Lutherans do love their Sunday morning coffee and treats. Help organize the Sunday morning coffee and treat time and keep lots of folks smiling each week.

Parish Nursing Team – The parish nursing team is concerned with the physical well being of Peace In Christ members. They may provide visits to elderly shut-ins or those who are recovering at home from recent hospitalization. This team also organizes educational health care events to benefit members of all ages. Having a health care background is not a must for this team but would be very helpful.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Acolyte Team – How would you like to work with the brave teens who attempt to light the candles each Sunday? Help is needed to train the acolytes (pastor has book), create an acolyte schedule, and manage participation throughout the year.

Altar Guild Team – Taking care of the holy of holies in God’s church goes way back to those who cared for the “tent church” of the Israelites. Volunteers are needed to care for the altar and chancel areas in God’s house, set up for communion services, take care of altar flowers, and care for altar cloths, etc.

Audio Visual Team – Those who run the big screen on Sunday mornings are as vital as the pastor or the organist – worship can’t take place without them. Anyone who can turn on a computer and run a power point program can handle this much needed and techno way of serving the Lord.

Choir Team – If you love to sing God’s praises, volunteer to be part of the church choir. Weekly practices are a spiritual oasis and stress reliever. We are blessed with a wonderful conductor, pianist, and singers. Lots of fun and laughter amid the musical notes.

Worship Greeter Team – A smiling face is a great way to welcome visitors who make their way to PIC on Sunday mornings. Volunteers are needed to say hello to visitors, encourage them to sign the guest book, and answer basic questions they might have.

Nursery Team – PIC has not had an organized Sunday Nursery for some time. Volunteer if you would like to help put together a nursery program to assist parents of small children during the worship services.

Praise Band Team – There is no one way to worship the Lord and music variety is the spice of worship! If you love to sing or play Christian praise music, sign up for the Praise Band Team. This group energizes worship with their music on a regular basis during the year.

Scripture Reader Team – If you enjoy reading God’s Word and have no qualms about reading from the lectern on Sunday mornings, sign up for this unique way of serving the Lord. Readers take care of the Old Testament and Epistle readings.

Ushers Team – Men, women, and teens can easily help with ushering duties on Sunday mornings. A simple but much needed way of serving the Lord and ensuring that worship services go smoothly during the year.

Vocal/Instrumental Team – Let us know if you like to sing or enjoy playing an instrument. There are tons of ways to use your musical gifts with the choir, praise band, small groups, or soloists. Don’t let these wonderful God-given gifts go unused!

Worship Chimes Team – Sign up if you enjoy making beautiful music for the Lord. Very little musical experience is required. Leaders will teach you how to play these simple instruments. This team will play from time to time on Sunday mornings and for special services.

OPPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Church Use Team – Both members and non-members make requests to use our church facility. Volunteers are needed to develop and manage a church use policy for our congregation.

Computer/Technology Team – Volunteers are needed whom God has blessed with computer and technology skills. Help keep the church computers running smoothly. Be available to troubleshoot when cyber space comes to a crashing halt!

Insurance Team – Help keep a handle on church insurance to make sure that God's family and property is properly covered. Lend a hand if insurance is your thing!

Kitchen Team – The church kitchen gets used quite a bit by lots of different people and groups. Help organize and manage the kitchen as well as develop a kitchen use policy.

Property Maintenance Team – God has blessed us with a beautiful church facility that needs to be kept up on a regular basis. Lend a helping hand if your hand is good at holding a rake, paint brush, lawnmower, etc.

Lawn/Landscaping Team – If you love attacking grass and weeds or are a landscaping guru, please consider helping keep the church grounds looking great. Check this team if you don't mind getting your hands dirty.

Remodeling Team – Sometimes portions of God's house need a good makeover. Volunteer if you are handy with basic construction or home repair skills on your resume.

LCEF Representatives – The Lutheran Church Extension Fund is like a credit union for Missouri Synod Lutherans. They provide low interest construction loans for churches as well as a ton of different savings accounts for adults and kids. Sign up if you would like to represent the LCEF and pass needed information to members of our congregation.

Church Decorating Team – Christmas and Easter are two times during the year that God's house is specially decorated to add to our worship services. Volunteers are needed to put up and take down decorations each year.

Spring and Fall Clean-up Days – Add yourself to this team if you are willing to lend a hand on two Saturdays during the year to spruce up and maintain our beautiful church inside and out. If you can handle a rake or a paintbrush, this team is for you.

Security Team – This would involve one or two individuals who would be in charge of the overall security at peace in Christ. Involves keeping track of all keys. Could evolve into managing a more modern security system in the near future.

Subcontracts Team – There are certain services that the congregation contracts out such as Farmers Brothers Coffee, copier maintenance, paper supplies etc. A volunteer or two would keep an eye on and manage all subcontracts.

Purchase Supply Team – If you like to shop this might just be the spot for you. Volunteers are needed to keep certain cleaning, kitchen, and office items in stock. Usually involves a trip or two to Sam’s Club on a regular basis.

RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

Calendar Organization – There are a ton of things happening at church each week during the year. A volunteer is needed to help organize how individuals and groups get their activities approved and on the church calendar.

Recruitment and Placement – Are you blessed with people skills and have the knack of matching the right person up with the right job? The Recruitment and Placement Team helps to fill open spots on all church teams and committees with just the right member at PIC. Involves working with time and talent info and making phone calls or e-mails.

Time and Talent Data Collection – Volunteers are needed who know their way around a computer and can collect and organize time and talent information. We need to identify God-given skills and talents so we can plug folks into a ministry at PIC.

ADHOC TEAMS

Long Range Planning Team – Volunteer if you have any experience with long range planning and would like to apply that experience to God’s church.

Building Feasibility Team – Let us know if you have talents or gifts in the area of architecture, construction, or remodeling. This team answers the question of “What next?” when it comes to the future of our church facility.

Audit Team – Volunteers are needed with accounting or auditing experience to examine the church books each year. It’s all part of being responsible managers of God’s resources here at Peace In Christ.