

Peace Lutheran Church
2017 Property Deacon Report

Dear Congregation,

Last year's property budget was over budget by \$4,600. We did get new Lighting in our Gathering Hall and Courtyard!

I still have wants for the facilities at our church which can't all be included in our proposed budget. Most importantly, I would like to have some cement work done for the sidewalk near the children's garden. I can see it becoming a real safety issue.

I also want our parking lot to get a new slurry seal. Thanks to Elana, Chuck Fisher has some company leads for me to investigate.

I'm amazed at the amount of food being prepared in our kitchen for various events. If just the congregation was using our church kitchen, I wouldn't even think of investigating an updating of our kitchen. However, the time has come and a Kitchen Committee is looking into our kitchen remodeling. It will take time.

Our Church Property is being rented out more often than in the past. Our acoustics in our sanctuary are attractive for recitals and are well known in the Diablo Valley. Our future income will depend more on proceeds from rent. Thanks to Kari our Office Manager for redesigning our rental income structure. When we built Peace, we hoped to become a community center. We are accomplishing that.

Since I take care of our landscape, I spend significant time at Peace which I enjoy. All three projects I mentioned: the cement, the parking lot and the kitchen, cannot be covered by our 2018 Property budget. I will need to come to our congregation and ask for additional funding when the timing is right.

The weeds are growing green and Winter leaves still need to be gathered, but I wouldn't want to be any other place than Peace Lutheran Church. We are all so blessed.

Sincerely, Ken Budesa
Property Deacon