



***Peace Lutheran Church
Board of Director
Nominees
2018***

Debbie Gacnik



Name: Debbie Gacnik

Spouse: Brian Gacnik

Children: Autumn (17) Amber (14)

Parents: Martin & Kay Diesterhaft

Occupation:

- Elementary School Counselor Birdville ISD

Education:

- **Bachelors of Science:** Elementary Education: Valparaiso University
- **Masters of Education:** Guidance Counseling: John Carroll University
- **Texas Certification:** Guidance Counseling: Dallas Baptist University

Hobbies:

- Triathlons and long distance running; camping and swimming

Positions Served at Peace:

- Teacher at Red Apple School for three years
- currently serving on the Board of Directors for Red Apple School

Debbie and Brian live in Keller, and have been members of Peace Lutheran Church for 14 years.



Beryl Kohtz



Name: Beryl Kohtz

Spouse: James Kohtz

Married: 49 years

Children: 3 children & 6 grandchildren

Occupation:

- Retired Nurse of 40 years

Positions Served at Peace:

- Vocal choir: 25 years
- Assisted Elementary Sunday School, VBS and Nursery Care
- Member of Women's Thursday's Bible Study
- Mentor for Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
- Member of LWML
- Co-leader of Hospitality Board
- Served on Call Committee for selection of Pastor Rossow

Beryl and James live in Bedford, and have been members of Peace Lutheran Church for 26 years.



Michael Koppen



Name: Michael Koppen

Spouse: Cindy Koppen

Children: Two Sons: Colin & Keenan

Occupation:

- Chief Actuary at a Fort Worth Company

Education:

- Prior Lake Senior High School
- University of Wisconsin-Madison: December, 1979

Hobbies:

- Motorcycling
- Music
- Sports

Positions Served at Peace:

- Various finance-related teams at Peace
- Scripture reader at the early service or several years

Michael Koppen was born in 1957 in New Prague, MN. June 2, 1957 he was welcomed into God's family through baptism. When Michael was 6, growing up on the farm in New Market with his younger brother, a tractor accident claimed his father's earthly life. The family became town folk and attended Fish Lake Immanuel Lutheran Church, an LCMS congregation that has been his mother's church since birth. The family grew with a step-dad, two more boys and a girl. Michael's step-dad (deceased) loved baseball and now Michael does too.

Michael has been a member of Peace for 16 years and If elected, he would be honored to serve Peace in this new capacity as a member of the Board of Directors.



Chris Schneider



Name: Chris Schneider

Spouse: Michelle Schneider

Occupation:

- Realtor for RE/MAX Trinity, Southlake

Other Occupations:

- Broadcaster, author, and public speaker
- Sports Director at CBS Radio Dallas (20 years)
- Anchored the DFW Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) weekly radio show “Faith in Sports”
- Hosted several video Bible Studies for Lutheran Hour Men’s Network; on the air at BCC, ESPN, and Armed Forces Radio Network
- Author of two published books “Angel Dreams” (named “Favorite Book of 2014”) by Amazon Editors; and, “Starting Your Career in Broadcasting”

Positions Served at Peace:

- Leads Bible Study for Sunday morning Bible Discussion class; member of the Bible study Leader’s Team; Greeter on Sunday mornings

Chris and Michelle live in Hurst; Chris has also lived in Dallas, Wyoming, Los Angeles, Chicago and Cincinnati. They have been members of Peace Lutheran Church for 12 years.



Mike Sconce



Name: Mike Sconce

Spouse: Cheryl Sconce

Children: Braedon; attends UNT

Occupation:

- ECI Software Solutions as VP of Research and Development for 28 years

Positions Served at Peace:

- Elder; Usher; and multiple hiring committees for staff positions

Hobbies:

- Enjoys their small group; college football; fishing and hunting
- Mike and Cheryl live in Keller; they have been members of Peace for nine years.



Dean Snyder



Name: Dean Snyder

Spouse: Valerie Snyder

Children: 3 children (each baptized and confirmed at Peace)

Occupation:

- Retired Registered Architect for AECOM, a technical services firm, on the terminal remodel project at DFW Airport.

Education:

- University of Texas, Austin


Hobbies:

- Traveling
- Gardening

Positions Served at Peace:

- Member of Elder Team
- Worship and Properties Board
- Chaired a committee which rewrote the church constitution
- Member of two Building Committees





*Don't forget to join us for our annual
Congregational Voters' Meeting on
Sunday, May 20.*