

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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December 15 & December 16, 2018

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Shari Trotter, Diaconal Minister

Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully*
Our Mission: *To bring people into contact with the Gospel,
and help them grow in their relationship to God in Christ.*

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

We are glad that you are here! We pray that you will be drawn closer to the living, forgiving God who has come to meet us. Please come again.

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

Accompanist/Organist	Todd Yetman
Children's Choir Director	Leslie Walton
Adult Choir Director	Pamela Putrich
Bell Choir Director	Erica Desaulniers, sub. - Jeff Howell
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Barb Aaberg
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Janet Park
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Syndy Lindbloom
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Keith Tague
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Joanna Ziolkowski
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Kathy Drews
Acolyte (5:00)	Colin Vctor
Acolyte (8:30)	Ryan Rajaballey
Acolyte (11:00)	Ava Wandersee
Nursery (ages 0-5)(5:00)	Tyler Wolf
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Christine Darley & Judy Mitchell
Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)	Grace Liszkiewicz & Kate Massey
Communion Servers (11:00)	Deb Howell, Jeff Howell, Jessica Prince Emersynn Smith, Lisa Star, Aiden Golub
Bread Provider (11:00)	Joan Posch
Ushers (5:00)	Roger Bentley & Russ Aaberg
Ushers (8:30)	Dennis Wesel, Diane Cochran, Ed Cochran
Ushers (11:00)	Cameron Krause, Jan Stoller, Joseph Lundgren
Greeters (5:00)	Dave Lang
Greeters (8:30)	Chris & Renee Osbrink
Greeters (11:00)	Jim & Julie Brewer
Refreshments (5:00)	Tammy Dunn
Refreshments (8:30)	Martina Lohmar, Wendy Marotta, Sally Trzcinski
Offering Counters	Bill Sandt, Jeri Sandt, Ava Wandersee

The altar flowers are given by Jo Dell Albi in honor of Steven Craig Miller;
also given by Dan and Diane Kahl in loving memory of Diane's sister,
Maureen Scott; and by Dan and Sharon Obuchina.

WE APPRECIATE your wearing name tags, turning off cell phones, and using a quiet voice for conversations once the prelude begins before worship.

WELCOME PADS

It helps us when you sign the red welcoming pads and give us your last name.

HEARING ASSISTANCE & LARGE PRINT HYMNAL AVAILABLE

We are happy to offer a large print hymnal for visual assistance, as well as wireless receivers to assist anyone with a hearing impairment. Please ask an usher for either or both.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS & OTHER ASSISTANCE

If you would like a gluten free cracker instead of a wafer or bread, or if you have difficulty picking up an individual communion cup, please just ask your server to assist you. Also, if you are not able to come forward for communion, let an usher know and we will come to you.

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship services.

Saturday Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Education Hour9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sun., Dec. 16 - Education Hour 9:55 a.m. - *Toxic People Can Take the Fun out of Life (and Christmas)* (Includes tips for how to deal with them & how Jesus' dealt with them.)

Peace 360 - Parents Day Out Babysitting event 12:00 p.m.
Ping Pong Group 6:00 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 17 - Ruth Circle Quilters 9:00 a.m.

No Grief Share

Tues., Dec. 18 - Trailblazers Christmas Luncheon at noon

Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 19 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 20 - Faith Discussion Group at Jan Stoller's 7:00 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 23 - Education Hour 9:55 a.m. - *Be Not Afraid - For Us, Too* (Hear the angels afresh)

No Sunday School

Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.

Mon. Dec. 24 - Church Office Closed

Celebration service - including our invitation for children to bring bells to ring at 4:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion services at 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 25 - Christmas Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wed., Dec. 26 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

No Prayer Shawl Ministry

No Children's Choir Rehearsal - No Adult Choir Rehearsal

No Confirmation

Sun., Dec. 30 - Education Hour 9:55 a.m. - *What Does G-O-D Spell for You?*

No Sunday School

No Peace 360

Mon., Dec. 31 - No Ruth Circle

No Grief Share

ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

Our Sunday weekly **adult class** usually meets in the back of the sanctuary, starting about 9:55 a.m. Each week there is a different topic.

Dec. 16 - *Toxic People Can Take the Fun out of Life (and Christmas)*

(Includes tips for how to deal with them & how Jesus' dealt with them.)

Dec. 23 - *Be Not Afraid - For Us, Too* (Hear the angels afresh)

Dec. 30 - *What Does G-O-D Spell for You?*

Jan. 7 - *What Should We Think about (This New Year & Beyond)?*

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., DEC. 18

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at noon here at church. It is our Christmas dinner, which will be catered (\$10 each).

We need a firm count of who is attending by Dec. 12. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS - MON., DEC. 17

Quilters will meet on Monday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. **No experience necessary.** You just have to know how to have fun to join. And if that's not enough, we always have snacks! If you have any questions, call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., JAN. 13

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *The Hundred Secret Senses* by Amy Tan. Join us for the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. We meet at 9:45 a.m. and all are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Davenport (815) 545-2806.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - SUN., JAN. 13

Our next monthly screening date is Sunday, Jan. 13, between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have questions, or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, contact Marylynn Tyler at (815)423-6407.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: December 23. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it via e-mail or first class, let us know.

WISH LIST

From time to time, people want to make "above and beyond" financial gifts to the church. These gifts are not in place of regular, faithful stewardship – giving from the heart, off the top. Instead they are signs of extra gratitude/joy for the blessings of God. If you would like to make one of those gifts, see Pastor Dave for a list of items that are on his wish list (beyond the budget.)

PRAYER LIST

If your prayer request is for yourself or you have the other person's permission, you may be specific [for example, skin cancer]. For anyone, you may be more general [for example, "a decision to be made," or "health"]. We will keep people on the pray-for list for 60 days unless you tell us otherwise.

The family of Paul Rae, the family of Bruce Pangborn, Jeff Howell (surgery), Margaret Golden (job search), all high schoolers taking tests, Anne, Gloria, Karen, Andrew DeMik (tests), Jackie Bogie, Larry Wherley, Mary Brouette, Penny (health), Ken Gatewood (recovery), George Huffman, Edith Saurer (recovery), Kevin Conway, Jr. (well-being), Louisa Ishida (missionary), Ann Ciannella, Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Kristie Paprocki, Rich Rosen, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Marie (depression), Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray and Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Melissa & Josh (addiction), Terra Neal (MS), Ben Burnson (peace), Marilyn Perryman, Joe D. (surgery), Sandy Losiniecki, Lynn White, Korrin Giovengo (neck surgery), Connie & Beau Spirakes, Mark G., Beverly Decker, Carolyn, Patti (lung & brain cancer), Jack (MS & Parkinson's), Kristin Carroll (healing), Adam Kie, Mickie Nacker, Michael Alexander, Dorothy Horsley, Darlene Terrell (recovery), Rose McCauley (breast & bone cancer), Orville Broadrick, Barbara Hassig, Carol Torkelson, Glenn, Brenna Lovell, Carol Hennessey, David & Linda (terminal cancer issues), Brian, Leo Szpak (infection), Lillie Conway (dementia and cancer), Nicole Marchese (well-being), Spindler family (comfort), Sharon Rausch (health), Bruce (health), Marijo & Judy, Lorraine Dohrn, Cindy Anderson, Joyce (breast cancer), Alan Booton, Erv & Mary Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt (strength), Bill Reidy (cancer), Mary Hand (family strength & healing), the Austin family (strength & healing), Brena V. and family (strength & healing), Dan T. & family (strength & healing), Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery (cancer), Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - PROVIDE BREAD FOR COMMUNION

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting **the bread providers for communion.** This person is a behind-the-scenes person. You would be on a list and when it is your turn, you can bake the bread or buy it. It is easier to break off bread from loaves that don't have a hard crust, but any bread will do! We invite you to become a part of this ministry by letting us know by phone, via email or in person!

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING - SAT., JAN. 12

As a part of the 5:00 p.m. Saturday night service on January 12, we will have an opportunity for people to come forward for special prayers for healing. They can be for you or for somebody you know.

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Resiliency**. Some things we can do in the community are: 1) Recognize and affirm young people who demonstrate good judgement and positive reactions to events.

2) Model personal power by voting, speaking out about issues that matter to you, and being a problem solver.

This week's idea is work to build social competencies and supportive relationships in your child. Last week's was teach your children life skills in as wide a variety as possible.

EVERYBODY READ

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write down a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage.

December's passage is: Mark 1:1-8

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of \$16,245.95 at worship plus another \$2113 electronically, and a total attendance in worship of 478. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS - A MINISTRY OF HEALING

Dare to Love More Food and Resources at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Akron, Ohio, is a place where families find nourishing food, warm clothes and an equally warm welcome. The idea for this ministry came from an unlikely place, a hospice room. Established in 2017 and serving 75 families per month, this ministry is "invaluable" and allows people to "feel seen, heard and loved." This important work is supported in part by a Domestic Hunger Grant from ELCA World Hunger. Your offerings matter!

MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., JAN. 8

Why play dartball? (You need some bonding time with other people who want to stay humble.) What is dartball? (It's a cork baseball diamond mounted on a piece of plywood that you attack by throwing underhand darts toward with only minimal success of getting a hit.) When? (Dartball meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.) One more time, Why? (The snacks alone are worth the trip). You've never even heard of it? (No prior experience is needed or helpful.) Please join us! We finish up at 9:00 so you've got time for your bedtime ice cream, too.

COAT DRIVE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

One Warm Coat is a community service effort assisting in the collection of clean, reusable coats and jackets for donation to local individuals free of charge. Peace Church is following in its mission to give away coats to people of all ages. Our Altar Guild helps with this, and invites you to help those in need with good warm coats. Items can be dropped off here at church in the entrance area bin. Scarfs, hats, gloves/mittens and boots will also be accepted. Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday, Dec. 22 & Sunday, Dec. 23 - Advent worship at all three services at our regular schedule. (No Sunday School, but adult class will meet.)

Monday, Dec. 24 - at 4:00 p.m.

Celebration service - including our invitation for children to bring bells to ring.

at 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion services.

Tuesday, Dec. 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Festival Communion service.

Saturday, Dec. 29 & Sunday, Dec. 30 - You pick the hymns! (Regular worship schedule except no Sunday School - but adult class will meet.)

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Each year the money we receive in our Christmas special envelopes is given away to others. This year it will be divided between the ELCA's Hunger Appeal (which includes direct help for the victims of the hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and other disasters), Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (the agency of our church that serves so many people in need), mission churches (Santa Cruz in Joliet and Resurrection in Channahon - Pastor Ben's church), and local ministries that help others (Groundwork, Daybreak, Trinity Services, and Morningstar Mission).

THINK ABOUT A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Give your loved one a goat. What?! Through the ELCA's Good Gifts, you can find all kinds of alternative Christmas giving ideas. In short, someone who needs something, such as livestock, receives the actual animal, and your loved one knows that his or her gift is helping someone in need. Check out these and many other good gifts at www.elca.org/giving.

PEACE CHURCH CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

On behalf of the New Lenox Historical Society, Peace Lutheran Church Christmas ornaments are now available for purchase. If you would like one (or more), please look for the display on the counter in the narthex. The cost is \$8.50 per ornament. (There's an envelope available by the ornaments to place your cash or check made payable to Peace Lutheran Church).

ADULT FELLOWSHIP SOUP & PLANNING - SAT., JAN. 19

January 19 at 6:15 p.m. will be missing something if you're not there. That night is our annual excuse to eat lots while we make plans for the Adult Fellowship Group activities for the coming year. This year we'll be having soup! Adults of all ages and interests are invited; the more people/ideas the better our events. The cost for the pizza is \$3 each, and beverages and dessert will be provided. There will be childcare available for those who let us know in advance (also \$3 per child). Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you will be joining us and if you need childcare.

Youth Ministry

PEACE 360 HS YOUTH GROUP

Have you ever wished that there was a place that you could hang with your friends (from church and elsewhere)? A place that is fun, interesting, and (sometimes) crazy? We have that place for you... Peace 360! We truly hope that you will mark off this time for us - and for you! Whenever you can be here, you'll be a welcome addition! Peace 360 meets from 4 -7 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 16 - Babysitting Event! 12-4 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 23 - Dinner at Zuki and drive to see Christmas lights.

Sun., Dec. 30 - No Meeting

Sat., Jan. 6 - Discussions and Dinner "What brings you peace?" BBQ for dinner.

THE HOPE FUND

If your child(ren) would like to participate in a youth event but the cost is keeping him/her/them from joining us, funds are available to help. The Hope Fund was established through a generous donation of a Peace Lutheran Church family to enable a member(s) of our congregation to participate in church youth activities. Just let Deacon Shari or Pastor Dave know - no one else will know.

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN BIBLE STUDY- WED., JAN. 9

High school age youth are invited to a new Teen Bible study with Deacon Shari. We will meet at church on Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will cover in-depth, yet compact and easy to understand Bible lessons covering topics relevant to teens.

5th & 6th GR. BIBLE BUDDIES - WED., JAN. 23

Pizza at 6:30 p.m. Bring a \$3 donation dinner. Please let us know if you would like to join us for a pizza dinner.

5TH & 6TH GRADE SKY ZONE EVENT - SUN., JAN. 13

Please join us on Sun., Jan. 13 at 12 p.m. We will meet at Church and go to Sky Zone in Joliet. Please sign up by Wed., Jan. 9. Cost of this event is \$16 for admission or \$19 if you need Sky Socks. We will need a head count so we can purchase tickets a head of time. Please use the sign-up on line, on the counter in the narthex, or the slip in the bulletin. Parents/guardians, if you would like to drive/chaperone please let us know.

7TH & 8TH GRADE MLK SERVICE DAY- MON., JAN. 21

On Mon., Jan. 21 at 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. we will gather at Church for a service project. Please stay tuned on the details of the project.

PEACE 360 BABY SITTING EVENT - SUN., DEC. 16

Our High school youth group, Peace 360, is setting aside some time to baby sit on Sun., Dec. 16, from 12-4p.m. here at church (ages 2 years old and up). Free of charge!!! Maybe you would like time to go out shopping, make other preparations for Christmas, or just take some time for yourself. Since it's this weekend, please check with Deacon Shari to see if space is still available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - "R.O.A.R. WITH GOD"

This year is filled with special events and projects that celebrate how all of us can Respect, Overcome, Accept, Rejoice (and have a fun spirit while we're at it!) Join us for a great year of Sunday School where you can make new friends and GROW IN YOUR FAITH! And don't forget, we also have classes for teens and adults.

PING PONG CLUB - SUN., DEC. 16

The ping pong club meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for some fun and camaraderie on Dec. 16. The new format includes some singles and some doubles playing among whoever shows up. If you want to receive email reminders of upcoming ping pong club dates, let the church office know your name and email address.

PING PONG TOURNAMENT 2019 & ALL-CHURCH PIELUCK - JAN. 20

You've heard of a potluck, right? This is a pieluck! We'll provide the pizza pies and tossed salad. You bring a favorite pie! After eating is finished, it's time for ping pong. The date is Jan. 20, beginning at 12:30. For ping pong, we will have a "lose three times and you're done" plan, with people playing one game at a time per opponent at 15 points for a victory so that more people can play more games. You can designate yourself as an "A" or "B" or "C" level player, and depending on how many sign up, may or may not play just within your group. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., JAN. 9

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. every other week. **We will not meet on Dec. 26.** Our next meeting will be January 9. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you (also, help if you want to learn). Questions, contact Cheryl Gamen at (815) 462-3089.

PRAYER SHAWLS TO BE GIVEN AWAY

Do you know someone in need of being wrapped in prayer? Someone who would benefit from knowing that they are being prayed for? Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will create a prayer shawl for that person. Please put your requests in the box on the narthex counter. We will contact you when your shawl is ready.

Bible Background for Zephaniah 3:14-20

Most of the book of Zephaniah is doom and gloom. But not this passage! This is the "Surprise!" that comes so often in the Bible. Now, in spite of the exile and the distant places various ones have been scattered, God will do more than just restore the nation. God will bring joy even to all those who would have been reproached in the old days. When you are struggling, remember to look for the one who can bring a blessed surprise to your life.

PEACE WOMEN'S GROUP - The Peace Women's Group is open to all women 18 and up. We invite all interested to join us for our next events. Any questions, contact Jan Stoller (815) 530-2786.

HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food and resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. The pantry is in need of the following specific items. You can bring donations anytime and put them in the baskets on the floor heading into Fellowship Hall.

cereal (all kinds)

coffee (ground) all kinds

hand soap (bar & liquid)

dish soap

juices

canned fruit

creamers (powdered)

disposable diapers

toothpaste

GOOD SHEPHERD group is seeking donations of **NEW** beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eyeshadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs and brushes), personal items, bathing items (sponges, bubble bath, shower gel), and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons. Please place these items in the basket labeled *Good Shepherd Beauty Items* located under the left part of the narthex counter. Thank you for your support!

C.D.s & PODCAST AVAILABLE

Would you like a C.D. copy of a worship service? Look for the sign-up on the narthex counter. Also, if you want to listen to a sermon you missed or want to hear one again, go to the link on our website www.peacenewlenox.org.

OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARY

Louisa Ishida is from Villa Park, graduated from Valparaiso University, and is serving in Swaziland in Southern Africa. Her blog address is <https://eswatiniexperience.wordpress.com/> so you can keep up to date on what is going on. Look on our bulletin board on the way into Fellowship Hall for more information. Her physical address is:

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NEW TICKET OPTIONS

Our ever-vigilant Fellowship Committee has been scouting the various upcoming shows, and here are their latest offerings. Use the sign-up, call the office, use our email to reserve your seats. First-come, first-served.

THE WIZARD OF OZ - UPDATE: PICK A DATE!

This timeless classic gets a fresh look with this version on stage at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora. Through a special arrangement on this one, we can get main floor seats, with a deep discount price of \$37 each for a date of your choosing. The show runs from now until Jan. 6, Wednesday through Sunday each week. Let us know which show you'd like to attend and we'll get the tickets.

THE PRODUCERS - SAT., FEB. 9, 3:00 p.m.

Only Mel Brooks could come up with a musical based on how to create a failure on Broadway. This fast-paced comedy takes on stereotypes with some very witty exchanges. (It is suggested for people over 18 years old.) Once again, we have main floor seats, at the Paramount in Aurora with a deep discount price of \$37 each! We hope to get more seats than our original order.

THE ULTIMATE QUEEN CELEBRATION STARRING MARC MARTE - SAT., APR. 27, 8:00 p.m.

The lead singer was hand-chosen by Queen to be the star of their tribute band. He is also the lead singer for the new movie! Wow! This show is at Governors State's Performing Arts Center. Our seats are 8 rows from the stage. Our discounted tickets are \$36. We hope to get more seats than our original order.

AUGUST RUSH - SAT., MAY 18, 3:00 p.m.

Paramount Theatre is producing this brand new musical for the first time. Based on the movie, follow the journey of 11-year-old Evan on his search to find his parents. The story-line and music alone would be worth the price – deeply discounted at \$37 each. We have **11** seats left.

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY - MON., JAN. 7 - 6:00 P.M.

GriefShare will **not** meet on Dec. 17, 24, & 31. Monday, January 7 will be the final GriefShare meeting for the year. We'll meet from **6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** If you would like more information, contact Janet, Margie, or Pat at griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com or contact the church office.

NEW FLOWER CHART

Each week people donate the cost of altar flowers (\$20 per arrangement). The process is very simple. There is a chart in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall. Sign your name and phone number for the week(s) you want to donate flowers. We will contact you to find out the reason (if any) for the donation. Envelopes for the cost are by the chart and also are mailed the week following your selected week.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - SAT., JAN. 26

Each year we seek to prepare children in the fifth grade (and beyond) for receiving their first communion. We do it in a one-hour concentrated class. A parent/other adult (or two) should attend along with the child. The class will be offered on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10:00 a.m.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

If you know someone who is serving and would like them added to the list, let us know. We also ask for your prayers for those who have returned from war who struggle to readjust to life in the U.S. and work through their grief over friends they have lost in the Middle East.

Mike Scott, Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Brie Grams (Hatch), Ned Fowler, Elizabeth (Tatro) Grossart, Brian Kettell, Jake Treasure, Grover Keltz, Dylan Sperstad, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Dan Treasure, Stephanie (Jones) Vail, Neil Vickers, Lane Trainor, Allison DeVitto

ADDRESSES FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Midshipman Trevor Horn
PO Box # 12989
Annapolis , Maryland 21412

DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY (OR WANT TO)?

For those of you who give electronically and would like to put something in the offering plate, we have cards you may use (located on the narthex counter). If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, contact the office. If you want to give on-line, you can go to our website (www.peacenewlenox.org), click on the donate tab. You can also scan the QR code (below) with your smart phone to donate one time or set up recurring payments (it may also be downloaded in order to manage online giving).



CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

Whether you are a caregiver for a spouse, parent, teen, sibling or a child, you need help with the emotional, spiritual, mental and physical side of reality. Help yourself to the variety of resources that we have pulled together for you and know you're not alone. (*Information is on the narthex counter and in the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall.*)

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Do you care for someone diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia? Are you looking for information and support? You are not alone. An Alzheimer's Association Support Group meeting is held at Peace the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Karin Knutson at karinknutson@hotmail.com.

ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Is someone you love abusing prescription or street drugs? Are you concerned about the destructive choices he or she is making and/or in denial? If you are feeling all alone and would like some support from other parents, siblings, friends and spouses who are traveling the same road you are on, then this group may be for you. We support all roads to recovery, so we share what has or hasn't worked for us. We also understand that we must recover, because our lives have also become unmanageable. We meet Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tom Moore at (815)354-3195.

DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSTAR TREASURE CHEST

We are still accepting donations of clothing and household goods for MorningStar Treasure Chest. Place your donations in the basket marked MorningStar located in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall.

RECYCLING ITEMS

The following items can be dropped off in the basket in the narthex: DVD players, Game Boys, digital cameras, laptops, tablets, cell phones, most printer cartridges (including Epson), chargers and cables.

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

November was a very busy month for QKA! Carol Hedlin presented our ministry in southern California and Sue Lafferty presented our ministry in Florida. In both cases, regional meetings for the Women of the ELCA were the forum, and the response and affirmation of the book were so encouraging. By now some of these women had already gotten the book at the national gathering of the ELCA, and could tell their own stories of what a difference this book can make. If you're looking for a Christmas gift or stocking stuffer, consider the hardcover book (\$14) or the coloring book (\$1).

FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP - THURS., DEC. 20

Our small group meets once a month to discuss various topics, deepen our faith and to build relationships within the group. We welcome anyone to join - men and women of all ages - you do not have to attend all meetings! The next is on Thurs., Dec. 20, at 7:00 p.m. at Janet Stoller's home. If interested, please email her at jlstoller2000@yahoo.com. P.S. we have great snacks!

Note: Starting in January we will be meeting on the last Thursday of each month.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES BOOKS

We are once again offering Golden Opportunity books. They're filled with savings coupons for many different types of places, from food to entertainment to carwashes. This year's edition has arrived and are \$25 each. (A portion of that goes to youth-related ministries.) We hope this helps you get some good bargains!

LIBRARY BOOK OF THE WEEK

Each week we feature a book that's in our library. On your way to refreshments, take a look for it. And if you like it, check it out right then and there. (There's a 3-ring binder that is self-serve and easy to use.) This week's book is: *A Woman's Journey to the Heart of God* by Cynthia Heald.

OUT-TO-EAT GROUP INVITES YOU - SAT., JAN. 12

The Out-to-Eat group invites you to join in an evening of food and conversation at Williamson's restaurant 1490 W. Maple, New Lenox, on Saturday, Jan. 12, meeting there at 6:30. Please use the sign-up slip or call the church office by Jan. 7 so we can let them know how many spots to reserve.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECEPTION - SUN., JAN. 20 & 27

We will be privileged once again to welcome more people officially to become partners with us in our mission of spreading the Gospel and growing in faith. The three-part orientation and get-acquainted sessions will take place (1) on Sunday, Jan. 20, during the 9:45 education hour at church; (2) at 6:30 p.m. that evening at the church; (3) on Jan. 27, during the luncheon that follows the actual reception of new members, which is at the 11:00 a.m. worship service that day. If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, use the sign-up, call the church office at 815-485-5327 or see Pastor Dave.

NEW MEMBER SPONSORS

We want new members to feel welcome. Having sponsors is one key element. The "job description" for our sponsors includes the New Member Orientation Class on Jan. 20, at 9:45 a.m., plus the 11:00 worship and luncheon on Jan. 27. We would also like you to keep in contact with your new members from time to time. If you are interested, please call the office or use the sign-up slip.

SALADS/DESSERTS FOR NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON - SUN., JAN. 27

We appreciate volunteers who are willing to provide a salad, dessert, bread/rolls, etc. for the new member luncheon on Jan. 27. If you could provide any of these, please use the sign-up in the bulletin or call the church office. You will be reminded at a later date. (Also, please put your name on the item and/or give a recipe if you made it. We sometimes get requests from time to time asking for recipes or where and what people bought at the store.)

AN INVITATION TO HELP THE HOMELESS

THE WOMEN'S GROUP AND PEACE 360 are working together to provide items for the men, women and children at Morningstar Mission. We are collecting the following for distribution in late January. If you would like to support this ministry, please bring items to church and put in the box labeled Morningstar Mission Collection. Many of these are available at the dollar stores or other discount stores. They should be manageable sizes as they need to be portable. Thank you!

Clothing	Toothbrushes-covered	Easy open containers
Gloves	Wet wipes	Beef jerky
Socks-if possible, wool	Duct tape	Breakfast bars
Hats-warm	Hand and foot warmers	Chocolate
Ponchos/tarps	Zip lock bags-gallon size	Mints-no gum
Shoe laces	Nothing with alcohol in it. Nothing with strong scents.	Peanut butter crackers
EmergenC, Airborne or chewable vitamins	Nothing large, hard to carry.	Raisins/dried fruit
Band-aids-large	Food-chewable-many have dental challenges	Snack cups/ applesauce/pudding cups
Lip balm/chapstick		Tuna, chicken salad cracker kits
Lotion		Water
Tissues		Gatorade
Feminine hygiene pads		
Diapers of all sizes		

(Sign-Up 12/15/18 - 12/16/18)

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

(Please place this in the offering plate, give it to Pastor Hedlin or Deacon Shari, or call the office.)

Youth

5th & 6th gr.

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7th & 8th gr.

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