



# Sunday School News

Sept. 16, 2018

## Bibles to be given to third graders and up – 09/22 & 09/23

Our church has great joy in giving each child a Bible of his/her own. We invite children from third grade on up, who haven't received theirs yet, to come forward during a worship service. We want people to read the Bible in their homes!

## Children's Christmas programs planning meeting – 09/22

There will be a planning meeting for our annual Children's Christmas Programs on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m. Anyone who would like to help out in any way is invited to attend.

## Church Picnic – 9/23

Planning is underway for the Peace Church Picnic!! The fun will begin at 12:00 noon on Sunday, Sept. 23, here at church. Chicken, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Throw away containers will be helpful. (We eat inside = no bugs or bees.) There will be fun for everyone – jumpies, face painting, bean bag games, water balloon toss and MORE. Volunteers to help with lunch set-up and clean-up in Fellowship Hall would be appreciated. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you will be attending and what you will be bringing.

## Feed My Starving Children – 10/6 5/6<sup>th</sup> & 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade – family event.

Because of our church's vision to help feed the hungry, we make a significant financial donation to the local mobile pack of FMSC. This year's again will be at Lincoln-Way West High School on Oct. 6 (use door 51.) We are able to make advance reservations before the sign ups go public on Sept. 21. We have set aside blocks of 15 packers for each of two sessions. (Peace 360 will have its own time.) They will be on a first-come basis, so sign up right away. The sessions that Saturday are from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and noon to 2:00 p.m. Children are welcome, but FMSC requires us to maintain a ratio of children/teens to adults as follows: K-2nd grade: 1 student - 1 adult; 3rd-6th grade: 3 students - 1 adult; 7th-9th grade: 4 students - 1 adult; 10th-12th grade: 5 students - 1 adult. (They also need people to set up on Friday [3:00 to 5:00] and clean up on Saturday [4:30 to 6:30] - let us know if you're interested.)

## Adult Class

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

**Sept. 23-** *Will Simplifying Help Me?*

**Sept. 30** - Guest presenter Robin Brown *Your Gifts to the ELCA Hunger Appeal in Action* (hear about the amazing work of the ELCA on our behalf all around the country and world)

**Oct. 7** - Cindy (& Ted) Chubb guest presenters about their experiences at *Argonne National Laboratory*

**Oct. 14** - *Moving Beyond the Pain of Loss* (we have many different losses, and how to deal with them with God's help)

## Wear a name tag

Especially for the next few weeks, it would help everyone if children wore name tags to Sunday School!

## Parents of 3 yr. olds – 1<sup>st</sup> graders

We ask you to go to the classroom at the end of the education hour each week—be there at 10:45—to pick up your children. (We will let children older than that be dismissed from the classes.) If an older brother or sister is going to pick up the younger child, that is okay as long as somebody you have approved comes to get him/her.

## T-Shirt Sunday – 10/7

On the first Sunday of each month we would like everyone to wear the new Peace Kids – Sharing the Spirit t-shirt. Also on that day during the 11:00 service we will invite the students to sing a Sunday School song. Watch the Sunday School News for more details.



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## Book Fair- 10/6 & 7

The publishing house of the ELCA has two branches (or more.) One of those (Sparkhouse) is geared toward households who know people who are youth, whether their own or someone else's. A selection of books will be available at Peace on Oct. 6 & 7 to preview (and order.) The books will be discounted (some up to 40% off) and will come with no shipping fees. (This one is geared for the younger crowd, and in the future we'll be having another one for older readers.)

## First communion class – 10/20 or 10/27

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 at 10a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 20 or if you prefer, on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 3:30 p.m. You need only attend one class or the other.

## Your friends are welcome here

Whether it is for youth events or Sunday School or worship, your friends are welcome at Peace. We want people to know what a great God we have!!! You probably know kids who do not go to church—be sure to bring them with you! (We'll even give them a prize for coming.)

## Questions Kids Ask About God Update

More great questions keep on coming in! This month we had three. (1) *"Where is heaven?"* Heaven is where God is. It isn't a place you can drive or fly or sail to. It isn't a place at all, in one sense. But in a bigger sense, heaven is so much better than any place could ever be. We will live with God in peace and joy and forever be free from all the bad things that happen. (2) *"Why does God live so long?"* Because "time" is something God created, God doesn't live by our clocks and calendars. The closest we can come to how this feels is to be at an event where you are having so much fun, you have no idea that time is passing. (3) *"If being a Lutheran is by the teachings of Martin Luther, and he was a Protestant, aren't we then Protestants?"* Originally, Luther was also called a Protestant (protestor). Soon his group of followers were called Lutherans (which he didn't really want because he wanted people to focus on God in Jesus.) All those others who protested against the Roman Church were grouped together with the label of Protestants. So, we are both Protestants and Lutherans. (In math, we'd be called a subset.)

## Children's choir rehearsal

Everyone from grades 2-8, is welcome to join. The younger choir members will learn basic singing skills and some music reading skills. Older choir members will assist younger members and have a variety of solo and small group opportunities. Everyone will have a great time! The children's choir rehearses on Wednesdays, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and sings approximately twice a month at either 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. services. For more information, please contact Leslie Walton at (815) 462-4544.

## Have you completed a registration form?

We sure appreciate having everyone's registration form completed. If you haven't filled one out for this year's Sunday School, please look in the entrance area, ask your teacher for a form, call the church office this week, or register online at [www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org)!

## Help us manage traffic

If all you are doing is dropping off or picking up from Sunday School, please use the west entrance (the one from the strip mall.) There are parking spaces along the fence, plus more behind the mall. As we all cooperate, we'll reduce congestion in the parking lot, avoid problems on Rt. 30, and provide more parking for people who are looking for a church home. That is the mission of all of us!!! If you're using the main lot, **please don't line up in front of the main entrance...either park, or head closer toward the garage. THANKS! Also remember that you may park, enter, and exit via Schoolhouse Rd. at the property adjoining our parking lot.**

## Bible Buddies – 10/24

We are trying something new! **Once a month** 5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup> graders and 9-12 graders are invited to come and have dinner together on Wednesday night. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm! At 7:00pm the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will go into confirmation with Pastor Dave and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be split into small groups led by the high schoolers and monitored by Deacon Shari. This will be a fun time to get introduced to youth group and explore the Bible stories with other youth in a new way! For our high schoolers this will be an awesome opportunity to be leaders and create relationships with the younger youth of our congregation! Bible Buddies will be once a month starting at 6:30pm and ending at 8:00pm. If your youth is interested in participating in Bible Buddies please contact Deacon Shari and indicate this on your interest indicator.