

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Musicians:	Joe Clark, Mark Lipinski - trumpets; Nick Gerasch - tuba
	Ken George, Allen Hartmann - trombones; Peyton Drews - timpani
Cross Carrier (5:00)	Tammy Dunn
Cross Carrier (8:30)	Ryan Curry
Cross Carrier (11:00)	Trevor Salutric
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Debbie Goebig
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Diane Weber
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Leslie Walton
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Christina Montgomery
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Priscilla Huffman
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Cindy Chubb & Tara Torkelson
Acolyte (11:00)	Brenna Lovell
Ushers (5:00)	Rich & Carol Dohrn, Adam Paape
Ushers (8:30)	Cindy, Meghan & Tony, Gerasch, Jeff Howell, Donna Hartmann
	Drew & Scott Darley
Ushers (11:00)	Cindy & Jason Villalobos, Jason Meister, Danny Gervase
	Paul-Léon Desaulniers, Mark Saathoff, Joey Lundgren
Greeters (5:00)	Ron & Sharon Fullriede
Greeters (8:30)	Shane Brinegar & Joanna Ziolkowski
Greeters (11:00)	Shane Brinegar
Communion Servers (8:30)	Julie Frejd-Schnepper, Evan & Jacob Schnepper
	Kay & David I. Johnson, Eric & Ricky Wesel, Cathy Arenz, Linda Goesel
	Ken & Renee Gatewood, Olivia Koenig, Rick & Judy Mitchell
Communion Servers (11:00)	Amber & Carly Salutric, Mark Muehlnickel
	Jeff Howell, Joel Peterson, Cindy Chubb, Syndy Lindbloom, Vivian Farbak
	Glenn Vanderwall, Elise & Leah Prince, Jennifer Niemczyk, Margaret Skurka
Offering Counters	Monica Medows, Kathleen Duske

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

Apr. 1 - Communion Festival Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 Easter Breakfast 9:45 a.m.
 Apr. 3 - VBS Planning Meeting 9:00 a.m.
 Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
 Addiction and Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Committee Chairs Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 Apr. 4 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.- **No** Adult Choir Rehearsal
 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.
 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.
 April 5 - Faith Discussion Group 7:00 p.m. at Janet Stoller's
 Apr. 7 - 7th & 8th Grade Lincoln Park Zoo event 10:00 a.m.
 Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.
 Apr. 8 - Education Hour 9:55 a.m - *When Do You Need to Rock the Boat (and Who Should Be in the Boat with You)*
 National Youth Gathering Meeting 9:45 a.m.
 Blood Pressure Screenings 9:45 a.m.
 5th & 6th Grade Pots & Paints event 12:00 p.m.
 Women's Group Pots & Paints event 1:00 p.m.
 Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.
 Apr. 9 - Ruth Circle Quilters 9:00 a.m.
 Apr. 10 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
 Addiction and Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Men's Group - Dartball 7:30 p.m.
 Apr.11 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.- Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER GROUP - APR. 18

Denise Jones hosts a monthly gathering for prayer. The prayers include our church, our young people, those on the prayer list from the bulletin, and any other concerns or celebrations. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:45 a.m. at her home (17013 Geneva Ave., Lockport). Please call her (815) 838-0388 or the church office (815) 485-5327 so she can prepare appropriately. The next gathering will be April 18.

ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

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.

This week: April 1 - Easter Breakfast (no class)

Next week: April 8 - *When Do You Need to Rock the Boat (and Who Should Be in the Boat with You)*

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS - APR. 9

Quilting meets every other Monday 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! The refreshment provider on April 9 will be Helen S. If you have any questions, call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

ONCE A MONTH EVENING BIBLE STUDY - APR. 17

Our next meeting date will be April 17 at 7:15 p.m. You don't need to know anything about the Bible to benefit. Luke 11:1 is where we will pick it up. We do need to have a few more people come regularly for this class to continue. (If you'd like a reminder that week, let us know and we'll do that.)

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - MAY. 6

Peace Page Turners next will be discussing "*A Streetcat Named Bob; and How He Saved My Life*" by James Bowen. 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.

TRAILBLAZERS - APRIL 17 (& SPECIAL MAGICIAN GUEST)

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, April 17, at noon here at church. The menu will be baked chicken.... plus what you bring that you'd enjoy sharing with the group (salad, side dish, dessert.) Our special guest will be Don Wiberg, a magician. Come and see up close, and be amazed! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Even if you've never come before, feel free to come for this program. Invite a friend! We'd love to have a big group, so let us know if you're coming.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Apr 1. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR ALL AGES

Our education hour begins each week at 9:45 a.m. It's not just for kids.

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 Phyllis Caneva, the family of Ron DeVitto, the family of Dr. Cecil Ingmire, the family of Francis Edelen, Ed Hovi, Jan Bentley, Rene Gruca, Janet Malone, Larry Hauser, Lori Trosen (healing), Jim Pander (recovery from surgery), Kristen & Steve Daughtry (foster parenting), Julie Frejd-Schnepper (looking for full-time job), the Fulkerson family and Cathy, Marijo (drug abuse), Judy (comfort), Robert Reynolds (surgery), Jean Britten (health issues), Janet Stoller (discernment), Mary Brouette, Bill Weber, Christina Montgomery, Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Siri Moss, Denise Jones, Kathy Davenport (recovery), Seth Trzcinski, George Huffman, Mike & Judy Williams, Cathy Rumbaugh, Chris Fehrenkamp, Jonah Huelhorst, Danielle Steinwart, Cathy Richardson, Kristie Paprocki, Rich Rosen, Mike & Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Marie (depression), Rick Becker (health & well-being), Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray and Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot... Dennis Ogorzaly, Jerry Kolanowski, Terra Neal (MS), Robin, Fred, Lori, Kevin, Mallory, Danny, Belle, Maya, Faith & Brandon, Mike Huering (cancer treatment), Brett DeKing & family, Margie & Don (better chemo treatment for Don), Kim Bird, Judy Hartmann, Roger Cohn, Nicholas Consola (grief), Gail M. (cancer treatment), Alan Booton, Brock Johnson (recovery), Patsy Studenrock, Rita Seehofer, Margaret Lindbloom, Carl (neck & leg issues), Margie & Dan Vandermeeden (cancer), Jerri (successful eye surgery), Joyce McKay (cancer), Ken (recovery), Genny (cancer), Rick Rerych (recovery), Glenn DeMumerum, Andrew (life changes), Helen Bohr, Chakara Gunn (cancer), Matt K. (recovery), Beverly Decker, Barb Decker, Grace Niemie, Bob Cox, Donna Nicolai-Schultz, Jean Britton, Bob Robertson, Gloria Krause (healing), Melissa (addiction), Josh (addiction), Sandy Robertson, 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), Carol Hambrick (Alzheimer's), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery (cancer), Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES BOOKS - NOW \$15

The price for the Golden Opportunity books has been discounted to \$15. They're still filled with savings coupons for many different types of places, from food to entertainment to carwashes, and lasts until Oct. 1. (A portion of that goes to youth-related ministries.) Look for the display on the entrance area counter.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEKEND - MAY 5 & 6

We'd like to say thanks to teachers – both in our Sunday School and in the world of education. May 5 & 6 will be this year's official time to express our appreciation. Students feel free to invite a teacher to worship with you!

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Sense of Purpose**. Some things we can do at home are: 1) Have each family member list five things he or she is passionate about and discuss. 2) Listen to your kids when they talk about their dreams. Ask how you can help—get excited.

This week's idea of the week is model what it means to have a sense of purpose in life. Last week's was start or join a peer-helping program.

EVERYBODY READ

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we'll 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. April's passage is: *Psalm 19:1-9*

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of \$10,365.00 at worship plus another \$2,710 electronically, and a total attendance in worship of 398. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU

In communities around the world, where families depend on their land for survival, there is a time that is known as "the lean season." This is the time after food stores have run out from the last harvest, but before a new harvest has come in. In countries like Niger and people like Sawdi Zakari, there is little rain and the lean season means hunger for her family. But now, thanks to compassionate people like you, Sawdi has greater hope for her family's future. Through Lutheran World Relief, one of Sawdi's neighbors learned to raise sheep. That neighbor then taught Sawdi to do the same and, with the help of a small loan, Sawdi purchased two lambs to raise. When prices were highest, she was able to sell the sheep, pay back her loan, and make a good profit that helped feed her family through the lean season — with enough left over to save for more sheep! This is just one example of how your gifts help not just one family, but entire villages escape hunger and poverty. With your gifts, you help create widespread, lasting change.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS OTHERS - BUSINESS ATTIRE

We have become aware of another need: clothes for people who are seeking employment (interviews and jobs). The Will County Center for Community Concerns helps people who are unemployed find jobs, including training them for interviews and for how to dress for success. Many of the people do not have adequate clothing. We can help! We're looking for business attire and business casual clothing, including gently used shoes. Look through your closets for suits, sport coats, ties, shirts, blouses, dresses, skirts, pants, sweaters, whatever you think would help someone get and keep a job! Please put items in the bin in the narthex (with or without hangers).

HYMN PICKING - APRIL 25

The next round of picking hymns for the period of June through November will take place on Wednesday, April 25, at 6:00 p.m. Your input is always welcome! Please let us know that you're planning to come so we can get you a preliminary list ahead of time.

LAWN MOWING

Last year we made a change in the amount of mowing our volunteers had to do. We hired a company to mow the north half (eliminating the part with the slope along Hwy. 30, which is quite steep) and the part along the east side of the parking lot. Most of the time you can pick whether to mow on Friday or Saturday. Most mowers took between 1 to 1.5 hours (basically it's south of the building.) You'll still get to ride the John Deere! So, if you'd like a turn to mow this year, let us know. Use the sign-up or call/email the office to volunteer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Our amazing Vacation Bible School planning crew met and has created another outstanding opportunity for kids (and volunteers) to grow closer to God. The dates will be July 31 - Aug. 3. Our theme will be "*Finding God's Treasures*." With an exploring theme, we will draw on some great Bible stories to make our VBS as fun and attractive as ever. The next VBS planning meeting will be April 3 at 9:00 a.m. If you'd like to help in any way this year (including more planning), please let us know in the office. Registration forms will be available in March in the rack on the narthex counter and on-line. (By the way, we're looking for clean baby food size jars with lids for one of the crafts.)

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT & A REDUCE-REUSE EMPHASIS?

We are forming a new group in our church (which we're calling Waste-Watchers) that has that same interest. We have been trying to reduce our own carbon-imprint for many years here at church, and would like even more ideas. We'd also like to encourage others to consider easy (and not-so-easy) ways to do that every day. Let us know if you're interested through the sign-up.

FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP - APRIL 5

Our small group meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss various topics, usually centered around a book, and are designed to deepen our faith and build relationships within the group. We welcome anyone to join - men and women of all ages - you do not have to attend all of the meetings! The next is on April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Janet Stoller's home (and then May 3.) If interested, please email her at jlstoller2000@yahoo.com. P.S. we have great snacks!

MEN'S DARTBALL - APR. 10

Dartball meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (The snacks alone are worth the trip). 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. (Who's idea is that???)

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! Wqwhenever you can be here you'll be a welcome addition! Starting in March the Peace 360 group will meet from 4 -7 p.m.

Peace 360 Meetings

Apr. 1- Happy Easter! No meeting today.

Apr. 8 - Having fun and hanging out at church.

Apr. 15 - Fancy Dinner at Olive Garden

Apr. 21- SATURDAY off campus to help out at the Bridge Teen Center

Thrift Store 1-4p.m.

Apr. 22 - NO MEETING

Apr. 28/29 - Lock In

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.

5th & 6th GRADE - POTS AND PAINTS - APRIL 8

Come on over to church at noon, after 11:00 a.m. service and we will order some pizza for lunch and then head over to Pots and Paints in Mokena. You can pick out your own pottery to paint, so the cost will vary. Prices start around \$13 and go up from there. Please let us know if your child would like to participate by using the sign-up sheet in the bulletin. Parents if you wish to chaperone/drive please call the church office or use the sign-up sheet.

7th & 8th GRADE - LINCOLN PARK ZOO - APRIL 7

We are going to the zoo! Friends are welcome. Meet at church on Saturday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$5 to help cover parking. You may also want some cash with you for a snack (or plan on bringing your own food and beverage in an easy to carry bag). Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin, send us an email or call the church office to let us know if you will be joining us. **Parents: We also need drivers for this event.** Please use the sign-up slip, email or call to let us know if you would be available to help.

SUMMER CAMPS - Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center's 2018 activities brochure (at www.lomc.org) is now available. You can also check out brochures from Lutherdale in Wisconsin (www.lutherdale.org) and Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort (www.manitoqua.org) on the counter.

7TH & 8TH GRADE KIDS & ADULTS END OF YEAR LUNCH - APRIL 22
The last Kids & Adults get together of the year will take place on Sunday, April 22, at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of our Kids & Adults get togethers has been for the youth to meet and get know other adults in the congregation. This year the New Member Luncheon is at the same time - so we are broadening the scope of Kids & Adults and we will all join together for some food and fellowship! **Confirmation Parents:** Your whole family is invited! Please RSVP by April 15 to let us know how many will be attending the luncheon by calling or emailing the church office, or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin. Come & enjoy (but please do let us know if you're coming)!

MANDATORY CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL - MAY 2

There is a mandatory Confirmation rehearsal for 8th graders and a parent/adult on **May 2** at 7:00 p.m. (for both May 20 and May 27 Confirmation dates). Don't forget, you will need to let Pastor Dave know what Bible verse you have selected. AND - it would be helpful to know before the rehearsal in which Confirmation Sunday you will be participating.

PEACE BUDDIES - MAY 6

Peace Buddies is a special needs group for high school age or older. New Buddies are always welcome! You do not have to be part of any church to join. If you know of someone, please invite them to come. We usually meet the first and third Sundays of the month. We will not be meeting in April. Our next meeting will be May 6. Any questions, please see Pastor Dave or call Emilie at (815) 529-7546.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - APRIL 4

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. Our next meeting is April 4. 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. To date we have created 154 prayer shawls and given away 102!

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.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEKEND - APR. 28 & 29

We are so blessed with literally hundreds of volunteers! While we try to remember to say thank you frequently, once a year we set aside time to do it specifically. Volunteer appreciation weekend for our church this year will be April 28 & 29. We have a simple gift that we'll make available as another way for us to express our gratitude.

Bible Background for 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

“Next witness,” is a phrase you can hear in the courtroom. It counts on people who were present, who know something, who are experts. In this lesson, Paul recounts to the people of Corinth how there have been eye-witnesses to seeing Jesus after the resurrection. Even Paul himself had a vision of the risen Lord. The death and resurrection of Jesus are the foundation of what God did to transform the world. The evidence was not hearsay then, and through the proclamation of that saving Word, is real today, too!

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. We look forward to seeing you all soon! Any questions, contact Jan Stoller (815) 530-2786.

Sunday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m. - We will go to Pots & Paints, a contemporary ceramics studio located at 11226 Lincoln Hwy (near Dunkin Donuts) in Mokena. The pottery is made ready to decorate. Their selection starts at less than \$10 and includes mugs, flower pots, plates, etc. Once complete, they “fire” the pieces for pick up at a later time. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin.

Saturday, April 21 - We’re going to Ladies Day at Olivet Nazarene in Bourbonnais from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Join us for a great day of speakers, music and worship. Cost is \$30 per person plus \$10 for lunch. For more info go to <https://www.olivet.edu/events/ladies-day2018>. You will buy your own tickets, but please use sign up so we know who to expect. We also need someone to coordinate the attendees.

Friday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. - Dinner at Thrive at their new City Center Campus in downtown Joliet. We are limited to 8 seats and have 2 remaining. This is a sit down dinner. We order off the menu of the night and all preparation and service are provided by the students of the JJC Culinary School. We may be able to get additional tickets, but no guarantee-get them while they’re hot! Any questions, call Jan Stoller at (815) 530-2786.

We are looking to gauge interest for a group to visit the Prayer Center of Orland Park-Mosque. They give tours on Saturdays at 12:45 p.m. Tour includes - history, observation of prayer service and Q&A. If interested, please use the sign up slip in the bulletin. This would likely be in May or June.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - APR. 8

Our next monthly screening date is April 8, between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions, or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, please contact Marylynn Tyler at 815-423-6407.

SMALL TOYS NEEDED

Jodie Brugler has created a prize box for the children at the school where she works. If you have any small toys (McDonald’s Happy Meal toys, dollar store toys, etc.) laying around your house and would like to donate them, please look for the box marked small toys in the narthex. Thank you!

THEATER EVENTS - NEW SHOW ADDED - SHREK

Whether or not you’ve seen the movie, you’ll want to see the show. This one could not be more convenient: across the street at Lincoln-Way Central High School. The date we’ve picked is May 5 at 7:00. Tickets are only \$10. We’ve gone through the first block of tickets, but we’ll keep adding tickets as long as they’re available! This family-friendly show has some great theology hidden among the humor, scenes, music, and characters. Use the sign-up or call the church office.

CUBS GAME - MAY 27

We were able to secure 30 tickets for the game against the Giants on Sunday, May 27, with the game at 7:08 p.m. We have 2 tickets left. Our seats are in section 209, rows 20-22. The group rate price is \$50. If there is interest, we will either have a van or a bus going to the game. The cost for that will be \$5 per person, maximum \$15 per household. Your friends are welcome, too – first come basis. (The tickets could be a great Mother’s Day or early Father’s Day present.) Use the sign-up or call the office.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECEPTION - APRIL 15 & 22

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, April 15, during the 9:45 education hour at church; (2) at 6:30 p.m. that evening at the church; (3) on April 22, 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 April 15, at 9:45 a.m., plus the 11:00 worship and luncheon on April 22. 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 - APRIL 22

We appreciate volunteers who are willing to provide a salad, dessert, bread/rolls, etc. for the new member luncheon on April 22. 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.)

RECYCLING ITEMS - We are still continuing to accept some items for recycling. 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. Chargers, phone cases and cables are not recyclable. Please note that Epson cartridges are no longer accepted, these items can be disposed of at another location (village hall or schools).

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 (nee 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

ADDRESSES FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Mail for four of our members serving in the military can be sent to:

MA3 Connor Baker	Sgt Pafford, Devin
PSC 455 Box 173	MC Alpha
FPO -AP 96540 -1070	P.O. Box 92421
	Yuma AZ 85369

Daniel Treasure	Jacob Treasure
USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115)	3749 Radcliffe Rd.
Unit 100415 Box 1505	Abilene, TX 79602
FPO AP 96694	

ADDRESS & BLOG FOR OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARY

If you would like to send Steinwart a note, remember to use international postage (currently 60¢). Her address is:

Danielle Steinwart, High House,
St. Swithun's Alresford Rd,
Winchester SO21 1HA, UK

Her blog: daniellesteinwart.wix.com/UnitedKin-dom

GENEALOGY GROUP - APRIL 15

We've had this on our radar. Now it's time to see about the level of interest. So, on April 15 at 10:45 in Fellowship Hall, we'll invite any of you who have an interest in forming a new group to gather. (If you're interested, but can't make that meeting, let us know.) The meeting will only take 15 minutes, and will begin to ask for everyone's input for what you'd like the group to be about (share tricks you've learned, if you're starting from scratch where to start, share stories from the past, etc.)

NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE

After terrific work by our task force on social media, and so much detail work by Kenneth George to put it together, we are ready to launch our new website. As with anything new, we expect a glitch or two, and count on you to let us know about those! There are still a few pages that are under development and some more that will be added to as we get more pictures and notes. But this dream is now ready to be another of our welcoming pieces. The goal is to make our church visible on social media in a way that points to Christ and welcomes people to come and see for themselves.

CARING MINISTRY TEAM - MAY 1

Peace is a community of compassion and heartfelt concern for each other, especially if there is a time of need. We want to find compassionate and respectful ways to reach out and offer ministry to those who have not attended church recently. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE - APRIL 21

Please mark your calendar for the next blood drive on Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. You can use the sign up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you would like to schedule an appointment.

PING PONG CLUB INVITES YOU TO JOIN -APR. 15

The new ping pong club at church is underway and having a great time. They meet regularly on the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. We have two tables, so there can be a lot of action. The level of play is competitive, and the camaraderie is outstanding. So, if you're in the mood to join them, show up on April 15, at 6:00 p.m.

OUT TO EAT GROUP - APRIL 14

Our next outing will be to Los Angeles Café (19450 S. LaGrange Rd., Mokena) on April 14, gathering there at 6:25 p.m. They serve all kinds of authentic Mexican food, plus several other choices. We will be able to make reservations, so please sign up/call/email before April 10!

ADULT FELLOWSHIP - DARTBALL & SALAD - APRIL 21

The Adult Fellowship Group invites one and all to bring your appetite to sample some of your favorite salad concoctions, all in order to nourish your body for some dartball. Never heard of dartball, or never thought of throwing a dart underhand at a stationary "baseball diamond"? This is your chance! Far and away the entertainment is in each other, with an occasional lucky throw. You don't need to know how to play. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office. Childcare will be available for \$3 per child if you let us know in advance.

WHAT'S THE SCOOP? (Bring your ideas to the group!) - MAY 6

It used to be called, "Everybody Come" night. But as a part of our Long-Range Plan's 2018 ideas for implementation, we wanted a new title. At the annual meeting we also heard a great idea about moving the time and date so more people could participate. So, we're "on" for May 6 at noon. We'll eat and share ideas for ministry and try to be finished in 1.5 hours or less. For the food, we'll provide hot dogs, and we encourage you to bring something to share (salads or fruit would be nice). We'll also have ice cream (in keeping with our title!) The teens have volunteered to provide childcare during the meeting. Please let us know if you're coming and if you need childcare.

(Sign-Up 3/31/18 - 4/01/18)

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Email _____

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

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5th & 6th Grade

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7th & 8th Grade

___ Yes, my child will go the Lincoln Park Zoo trip on Apr. 7
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Other

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I will attend the following:

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___ I am interested in visiting the Prayer Center of Orland Park-Mosque.

New Member Events

___ I/We will come to the New Member Orientation April 15.

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Sports Events

___ I/We would like tickets for the Cubs/Giants game on May 27.

How many? ___ ___ I/We would like the bus/van option

Theater Events

___ I/We would be interested in getting tickets for Shrek (May 5).

How many tickets? ___

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Everybody Read - *Psalm 19:1-9* - What the passage means to me:

I would like to receive a weekly E-Blast. My email address is:

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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.

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. Also, if you want to give on-line at any time, you can go to our website (www.peacenewlenox.org), click on the donate tab and then use the donate through Paypal tab. You can use most major credit cards through that site.

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.*)

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.

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

The questions keep coming! If you haven't taken a look at our book, there is a copy out in the entrance area. It, along with its companion coloring book are great ways to share the faith, and encourage kids in asking their own questions.

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 pm. For more information, contact Tom Moore at 815-354-3195.

WE SAY YES! STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Starting April 2, volunteers from our church will begin to make some home visits, and then later others will be making some phone calls, and all of us will be given a packet of materials by the end of April. We want to thank you for your financial support, celebrate together what God has done, and provide some information about what our goals are for this year (to pay for our increased witness through social media, support our growing youth ministry, continue to reach out to serve others, and of course, to support all the wonderful ministries happening right here.) Part of what we will be asking people to pray and consider in order to achieve these goals is percentage giving, or if that's not something you'd like to do, to increase what will be given by 10%.

ADDITIONAL DONATING OPTIONS

Please feel free to use our new monetary giving system found under the donate tab on our website or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone. You can donate one time or set up reoccurring giving right from your phone! You can also download the new application to give and manage your giving online. It is a convenient and easy way to keep up with your on-going response of gratitude to God.

