

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April 21 & April 22, 2018

Dave Hedlin, Pastor
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

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| 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 |
| Lay Liturgist (5:00) | Carol Dohrn |
| Lay Liturgist (8:30) | Joe Wesel |
| Lay Liturgist (11:00) | Syndy Lindbloom |
| Lesson Reader (5:00) | Tammy Dunn |
| Lesson Reader (8:30) | Evan Schnepfer |
| Lesson Reader (11:00) | Jodie Brugler |
| Acolyte (5:00) | Alexis Arthur |
| Acolyte (8:30) | Megan Gerasch |
| Acolyte (11:00) | Joey Lundgren |
| Nursery (ages 0-5)(5:00) | Emma Johnson |
| Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30) | Abbey Lindeman & Molly Cole |
| Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00) | Mia Melde & Kate Jensen |
| Ushers (5:00) | Danielle Schabes & Sue Lafferty |
| Ushers (8:30) | George & Priscilla Huffman, Ryan Rajaballey |
| Ushers (11:00) | Duane & Deb Hypke, Jan Stoller, Trevor Salutric |
| Greeters (5:00) | Rick & Michelle Tilquist |
| Greeters (8:30) | Doug & Mary Bergman |
| Greeters (11:00) | Nancy & Scott Kurber |
| Communion Servers (8:30) | Scott Cucci, Karin Knutson, Joe Walczak |
| | Debbie & Dennis Slusarski, Linda Goesel |
| | Judy & Rick Mitchell |
| | Claire Edgoose |

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| Bread Provider (8:30) | Wendy Marotta, Lynn McGuire, Jess Lindeman |
| Refreshments (5:00) | Jamie Smith, Emily Pfeffer, Diane Kahl |
| Refreshments (8:30) | Jack Cosich, Tom Powers, Jason Smith |
| Refreshments (11:00) | |
| Offering Counters | |

The altar flowers are given by John Parker in honor of the anniversary date of John & Lynne's wedding, and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Eric & Leslie Walton.

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 & 11:00 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. 22 - Education Hour 9:55 a.m - *Guest presenter: Mark Ott - My Life in the Military*
Kids & Adults End-of-the-Year Lunch 12 noon
Apr. 23 - Ruth Circle Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Apr. 24 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Addiction and Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 25 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Hymn Picking 6:00 p.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.
Apr. 28/29 - Volunteer Appreciation Weekend
Fire Drill
Peace 360 Lock-in 5:00 p.m. Saturday - 7:00 p.m. Sunday
Apr. 29 - Education Hour 9:55 a.m - *Who Helped Write Your Book (of Life)?*
Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.
May 1 - Caring Ministry Team Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
Addiction and Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
Committee Chairs Meeting 7:30 p.m.
May 2 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.- Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Mandatory Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
May 3 - Faith Discussion Group at Jan Stoller's 7:00 p.m.
May 4 - Women's Group - Thrive Event 7:00 p.m.
May 5 - Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.
May 5/6 - Stewardship Weekend
Teacher Appreciation Weekend

PRAYER GROUP - MAY 16

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 May 16.

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 22 - Guest presenter: Mark Ott - *My Life in the Military*

Next week: April 29 - *Who Helped Write Your Book (of Life)?*

May 6 - *Feeling Safer in an Uncertain World*

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS - APR. 23

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 23 will be Paula Miller. If you have any questions, call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

ONCE A MONTH EVENING BIBLE STUDY - MAY 15

Our next meeting date will be May 15 at 7:15 p.m. You don't need to know anything about the Bible to benefit. Luke 11:42 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 - MAY 15

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, May 15, at noon here at church. The menu will be pizza.... plus what you bring that you'd enjoy sharing with the group (salad, side dish, dessert.) 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.

MEN'S DARTBALL - MAY 8

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???)

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.

Karin Knutson, Marissa, Lt. Col. Jonathan Genge, Danny Krzak (employment search), Stefanie Bonomo, Michele Lenz, Ed Hovi, Jan Bentley, Lori Trosen (healing), Jim Pander (recovery from surgery), Julie Frejd-Schnepper (looking for full-time job), Janet Stoller (discernment), Bill Weber, Christina Montgomery, Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Siri Moss, Denise Jones, 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... Edwina Wilber, Donna L., the Neff family (loss), George G. (life choices), Hildegard Hanson (tests), Sandra O'Shaughnessy (liver transplant), Andrew (life choices), Tyler, Jay, James Jankowski (deployment), Luke Alvarez (brain surgery recovery), Tony & Sarah Dinnocenzo, Rene Gruca, Janet Malone, Larry Hauser, Dennis Ogorzaly, Kristen & Steve Daughtry (foster parenting), the Fulkerson family and Cathy, Marijo (drug abuse), Judy (comfort), Robert Reynolds (surgery), Jerry Kolanowski, Terra Neal (MS), Robin, Fred, Lori, Kevin, Mallory, Danny, Belle, Maya, Faith & Brandon, Mike Huering (cancer treatment), Brett DeKing & family, 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 (hospice), Ken (recovery), Genny (cancer), Helen Bohr, 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. (A portion of that goes to youth-related ministries.) They're still filled with savings coupons (through Oct. 1) for many places, from food to entertainment to carwashes. 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 in the religious community are: 1) With your group, discuss the great questions of life: Why was I born? Why am I here? 2) Speak explicitly to kids about creating meaning in their lives and how that translates in to daily activities, career choices, relationships, behaviors, etc. This week's idea of the week is help children and teens identify, nurture, and celebrate their gifts. Last week's was model what it means to have a sense of purpose in life.

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 \$9,550.00 at worship plus another \$2,245.00 electronically, and a total attendance in worship of 402. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU

This is what happens because we stand with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois in 2018: You will provide safe, loving foster homes for 2,000 children in Illinois who have suffered from abuse or neglect. You will offer counseling to all kinds of people - some with severe mental illnesses and others who are coping with common difficulties of ordinary life. You will give the person struggling with drug and alcohol addiction the opportunity to regain his/her sobriety, surrounded by understanding and support. You will offer those being released from incarceration the skills they will need to find employment and become productive citizens. You will provide safe, affordable housing for senior citizens and people with disabilities.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS OTHERS - BUSINESS ATTIRE

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 for interviews and jobs. We can help! We're collecting business attire and business casual clothing, including gently used shoes: 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.

HYMN PICKING - APR. 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Our amazing Vacation Bible School planning crew is creating another outstanding opportunity for kids (and volunteers) to grow closer to God. The dates will be July 31 - Aug. 3. Our theme is "*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 May 8** 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 are in the rack on the narthex counter and on-line.

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

We are forming a new group in our church called Waste-Watchers which will focus on finding additional ways to reduce our carbon-imprint 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. Use the sign-up to let us know if you're interested in joining us.

FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP - MAY 3

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 May 3 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!

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 use the sign up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you're coming and if you need childcare.

BUDGET MEETING - MAY 12

This year's opportunity to help put together the budget for 2018-2019 will be May 12 at 10:00 a.m. It is such a blessing to work on this after we have received people's joyful responses to our appeal! (We don't give to a budget. We let a budget help point to where God is leading us.)

OUT TO EAT GROUP - MAY 12

Our next outing will be May 12, and our destination will be Mamma Onestra's, 1100 S. State St., Lockport. We'll gather there by 6:30. The place gets very high marks, so we have another new opportunity to "taste and see," surrounded by others from our church. We have been having some great outings, and hope you can join us for this one! Use the sign-up or call the church office by May 5.

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.

Peace 360 Meetings

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.

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.

5&6th GRADE MESSY EVENT- MAY 26

It's time to get MESSY! We will meet on May 26 at 10 a.m. to have some fun and get messy! All the games we will play have a messy factor to them. Be prepared to stick your toes in jello, paint with pudding and throw spaghetti! Please come in clothes that can get messy! We will eat pizza for lunch so bring a couple dollars to contribute for that. Have you ever used your nose or ear as a paint brush? No? Come and learn how! Deacon Shari is ready to get MESSY! *Parents, please use the sign up form on the website, under "EVENTS"*

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 - MAY 2

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 May 2. 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.

TRIP TO THE CHICAGO DESIGN MUSEUM - JUNE 2

Our Fellowship Committee is always trying to find new ways to bring people together. Our next offering is a trip to the Chicago Design Museum (108 N. State St., Third Floor, Chicago) on June 2, meeting there at noon. [The museum is run by the daughter (and her husband) of our members, Wallace & Kristie Paprocki!] The museum is free, and we will get our own tour guide through their current exhibition, *Great Ideas of Humanity: Out of the Container*. This exhibit seeks to celebrate and share the ideas that unite us, inspire us, and caution us; to consider ideas that transcend our individual worldviews and establish a common ground that binds us. As a special component to the exhibition, 10 posters reflect the quotes of distinguished Chicagoans such as Ida B. Wells, Buckminster Fuller and László Moholy-Nagy, and are designed by Chicago artists and designers. For more information on the museum and this special exhibit, see <http://greatideashumanity.com>. Please sign up so we can let them know how many to expect, and whether you would like to carpool.

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. You can use most major credit cards through that site.

ADDITIONAL DONATING OPTIONS

Donations can now be made by scanning the QR code with your smart phone. You can donate one time or set up recurring 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.



Bible Background for 1 John 3:16-24

“The proof is in the pudding.” The phrase means that you can tell whether something is true by how it turns out, and by the process to get there. If there are lies and or counter-evidence, then you know that something doesn’t add up. In this lesson, the writer has connected the dots. Jesus wants all God’s followers to love others in thought, word and deed. When Christians talk one way and consistently live a different way, those outside the faith have no reason to see Jesus for who God really is. And each time we authentically serve others out of Christ’s self-giving love, we have let God shine through us.

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.

Friday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. - Dinner at Thrive at their new City Center Campus in downtown Joliet. **Tickets are sold out** but if you are still interested, please contact Jan Stoller directly at (815) 530-2786.

Prayer Center of Orland Park-Mosque - We are looking to gauge interest for a group visit. 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 - MAY 13

Our next monthly screening date is May 13, 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!

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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR ALL AGES

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

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: April 29. 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.

THEATER EVENTS - SHREK - MAY 5

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.

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.

PING PONG CLUB INVITES YOU TO JOIN - MAY 20

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 May 20, at 6:00 p.m.

OUR OWN FIRE DRILL - APR. 28/29

Because of the inclement weather last weekend we have re-scheduled our fire drill for the weekend of April 28/29. So unless it’s raining or snowing again we’re going to have the pretend fire drill at the very end of each worship service. (We won’t set off the actual alarm, so no one’s hearing will be affected.) It is part of our efforts to always be prepared.

WE SAY YES! STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Volunteers from our church made some home visits and some phone calls. All of us can now pick up a packet of materials in the entrance area before they would be mailed April 30. 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%.

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:

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

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| 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 \$1.15). Her address is:

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

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

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 have launched 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 under development and some more that will be added to as we get more pictures and notes. But this dream is now 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.

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.

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.

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

We had an opportunity to have a presence at an expo that was comprised of "secular" booths. It is wonderful to be able to let our simple message be heard in that kind of environment because we don't have to use a bullhorn. We can let people know their questions about God are legitimate, whether as children or adults.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR EARTH DAY

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

Holy and mighty God, make us ever conscious of how we use and consume the gifts that you have given us on the earth and in the oceans. Open our eyes to see creation as good, useful and worthy of care, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may receive the grace to respect and care for God's creation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all creatures may be blessed as a sign of God's wondrous love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may work to end the suffering of those in poverty and bring healing to all of God's creation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may use our technological inventiveness to undo the damage we have done to God's creation and to sustain God's gift of nature, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. Look with compassion toward those who bear hidden wounds. Draw near to those who seek you. Comfort the dying, console the grieving, and heal the sick. We also pray for Danielle Steinwart, our sponsored missionary, and for those who have asked for our prayers this week, including...

And for all those whom we name in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

You give us strength by fulfilling your promise of eternal life. Shepherd us in paths of righteousness, that we may know life now and in the age to come, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We deliver this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

Amen

Adapted from the U.S. Conference of Bishops

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

Youth

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Women's Group

I will attend the following:

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Sports Events

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