

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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August 25 & August 26, 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
Substitute Accompanist/Organist	Erica Desaulniers
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)	Barb Aaberg
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Jeff Anderson
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Mark Muehlnickel
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Carol Grosche
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Glenn Vanderwall
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Sarah Walton
Acolyte (8:30)	Emma Rimkunas
Acolyte (11:00)	Joey Lundgren
Nursery (ages 0-5)(5:00)	Mikaela Conces
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Sydney Stockland & Heather Joynt
Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)	Mia Melde & Maddy Soldan
Communion Servers (8:30)	Chuck Wolske, Pam Johnson, Barb Narish Penny Havlicek, Chris Darley, Scott Darley Kay Johnson

Bread Provider (8:30)	Bill Dudeck & Rose Dudeck
Ushers (5:00)	Alexa Hadley, Michele Lenz, Terry Lenz, Dave Narish
Ushers (8:30)	Janet Stoller, Tammy Conway, Dave Merk, Tyler Misch
Ushers (11:00)	Rich & Carol Dohrn
Greeters (5:00)	Wendy Marotta
Greeters (8:30)	Paul & Shannon Muehlnickel
Greeters (11:00)	Monica Medows
Refreshments (5:00)	Jennifer Rimkunas, Janet Roggemann, Jennifer Schilke
Refreshments (8:30)	Julie Brewer, Corinne Hutton, Denise Jones
Refreshments (11:00)	Carol Grosche, Jim Grosche, Robert Kazlauskas

The altar flowers are given by Claudia Green in memory of Sophie; also given by Eric Stohlquist.

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 11:00 a.m Sunday worship services.

Saturday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Education Hour	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Aug. 25/26 - Blessing of the Backpacks & Offering of Letters
 Aug. 26 - Education Hour 9:55 a.m. - *Danielle Steinwart on her year as a Young Adult in Global Mission*
 Sunday School teacher meeting 9:45 a.m.
 Aug. 27 - Summertime Quilting 9:30 a.m.
 Aug. 28 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 Aug. 29 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Sept. 2 - Education Hour 9:55 a.m. - *"I'm No Good" Is Not Humility*
 Sept. 4 - Addiction and Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Committee Chairs Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 5 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir Welcome Back Pizza Party 6:00 p.m.- Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.
 Sept. 8 - Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.
 Sept. 9 - Sunday School Rally Day 9:45 a.m.
 Education Hour - 9:55 a.m. - *When God Is Hiding*
 Peace Page Turners 9:45 a.m. - Blood Pressure Screenings 9:45 a.m.
 5th & 6th Grade Bike Ride, Lunch & Games 12:00 pm
 Messtival (7th -12th grade) 4:00 - 7:00 pm
 Sept. 10 - Ruth Circle - Quilters resumes 9:00 a.m.
 GriefShare resumes 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 11 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Dartball 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 12 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Children's Choir Rehearsal resumes 6:00 p.m.
 Confirmation Orientation 7:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

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.

Aug. 26 - *Danielle Steinwart on her year as a Young Adult in Global Mission* - We sponsored Danielle this past year and are so excited to welcome her back! Come and hear all about her experiences.

Sept. 2 - *"I'm No Good" Is Not Humility* - reclaiming a true sense of God's version of you.

Sept. 9 - *When God Is Hiding* - a look at this ancient lament in the Bible and in our own day (And we'll also get your input on what topics to cover in 2018-2019.)

Sept. 16 - *Social Security Presentation (see other announcement for details)*

SOCIAL SECURITY PRESENTATION - SEPT. 16

When and how to elect Social Security benefits is a decision that every retiree must face. However, many of the strategies to maximize Social Security have changed. Join us for a one-hour session to learn how your Social Security benefits work and how you can optimize your benefits for a more prosperous retirement. Our members Dave Narish (ChFC, CLU, LUTCF) and his daughter Kelsey will be the presenters.

TRAILBLAZERS - SEPT. 18

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at noon here at church. The menu will be mac and cheese and meatballs and you bring something you'd enjoy sharing with the group. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

SUMMERTIME QUILTING - STAY COOL & QUILT - AUG. 27

Summertime quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:30 a.m. It's very casual and if you can't make it each time, just come when you can. Fill those lazy days of summer making quilts and enjoying fellowship. Questions? Call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SEPT. 9

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *Beartown* by Fredrick Backman. 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.

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.peacelenox.org.

YOUR SUGGESTIONS WELCOME FOR A NEW CLASS

Our once a month Bible Study on the third Tuesday evenings has come to an end. It means Pastor Dave is ready and willing to teach something else in its place. It could be a series that would last a few months, or a collection of one-time classes. Please let us know your ideas through the sign-up, email the church at peacechurch@peacelenox.org.

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.

Renee Osbrink (recovery), the family of Bob Hill, the family of Tim Breen, Cathy Arenz (recovery), Ken H. (health issues of the brain), Bev Decker, Steven (find a job), Kim Forrester, Jim Forrester, Sue Rushing (tests), Linda Goesel (recovery), Diane (new job/interview discernment), Ted (strength), Ann Ciannella, Leslie Walton (poison ivy), Marylynn Tyler (recovery), Michele Lenz, Siri Moss, Danny Krzak (employment search), Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Jonah Huelhorst, Danielle Steinwart, 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... Brandon, Tom, Karen, Connie, Michael (recovery from heart surgery), Debbie Jacobson (pneumonia & respiratory issues), Anita Bosanko (pneumonia & respiratory issues), Sue Beasley (pneumonia & respiratory issues), Kent Brase (acute leukemia), Jenna Kaiser (head injury), Eleanor Trotter, Nancy Newman (health issues), Lorraine Dohrn, Connie Hanson (stroke), Carla Gruca, Loren Drews, Debra Fahey (knee surgery), Jim Lammert, Dave (brain cancer), Rupa (job), Rene (health), Lorraine & family, Sue Cash, Donna L., Kim Liebendorfer, John Westhus (cancer treatment), Anne (peace), Carl (foot pain/trouble walking), Don (bone cancer treatments), Alice, Nancy (surgery & recovery), Karen Mezera (strength & healing), Frank Rossi Sr., Craig (stomach cancer), April (health & healing), Delaney Hunt (health & healing), Paul (guidance & strength), April Veerman & family (comfort), Nate Petreli, Dave Boer, Bob Brynteson & family (cancer treatment), Alexis Flynn, Eileen & family, George (Buddy) Canter, Ed Ziolkowski, Mike Traken, Rayna, Julie (divorce), Cie (broken knee & foot), Marv Johnson, Bobby Ryan (special needs housing placement), Bob Haney, Mike, Fred, Lana, Halley, Nolan, Greg, Robin, Rich Esposito, Tyler, Edwina Wilber, Donna L., the Neff family (loss), 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), Carol Hambrick (Alzheimer's), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery (cancer), Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

WELCOME BACK DANIELLE STEINWART

Danielle has completed her year of serving as our sponsored missionary in Great Britain. We are so pleased that she could be back this weekend to share her experiences and to tell you in person of the four-way partnership that makes all this happen: ELCA Global Mission, the people at her site, supportive people and congregations like us, and her own Spirit-led heart! Talk to her after 8:30 worship, during the adult class time or before 11:00.

BIBLES TO BE GIVEN TO THIRD GRADERS & UP - SEPT. 22 & 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 on September 22-23.

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Relationships**: Some things we can do in the religious community are: 1) Train adult volunteers to talk with kids who have concerns. 2) Sponsor a mentoring program. 3) Do service projects, team building, etc. that are beyond the normal schedule. This week's idea is get involved in your neighborhood and community. Last week's was get to know your children's friends.

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.

September's passage is: Ephesians 2:13-22

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of \$10,886.00 at worship plus another \$1750 electronically, and a total attendance in worship of 298. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

Our gift of goats – who knew it could be so helpful? Nearly 70 percent of India's rural families depend upon agriculture for their livelihoods. In the small, remote village of Temraraiyat, the economy depends on rain. Scarce water and not having diverse crops limited people's incomes. Then goats arrived. Ten farmers received one animal each from Tripti Field Workers, funded in part by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh (ELCM) and supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Goats multiply fast, produce milk to drink or sell and provide manure that can be used for farming. Adding goats to their farms means the farmers in Temraraiyat are a big step closer to financial stability and sustainability. Thank you!!!!

MEN'S DARTBALL - SEPT. 11

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.

FORE!

Ever wonder why golfers yell "Fore!" when their shot is about to clobber another golfer? If you don't know, the answer will appear on the poster in the narthex. Wouldn't "Oops!" or "Duck!" be more appropriate? On Sept. 16, 2:00 PM, at Woodruff on Gougar Rd. in Joliet, you will have a chance to practice whichever 4 letter word you prefer. The **Peace Golf Outing** is a co-ed event; no age limitations. We play 9 holes riding in luxurious carts, laugh a lot, have refreshments, win prizes, and enjoy nature... trees, sand, tall grass. All this for \$40! Use the sign up sheet. Questions, call Marylynn Tyler at 815-423-6407.

REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins Sept. 9. Our theme is "R.O.A.R. With God". We look forward to another great year! We rely on the registration forms to give us updates and to help us know who will be available to help with Sunday School. We have a great team and would love to have you be a part of it!!! Please fill out a registration form (located on the narthex counter in an upright holder), register on-line, or call the church office. Even if you have no one in Sunday School, you might be hearing God's call to serve in our amazing program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER/ASSISTANT MEETING - AUG. 26

Our Sunday School staff is getting together for orientation, materials, and some inspiration! The meeting date will be Sunday, Aug. 26 at 9:45 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES - SEPT. 9

Kids, you won't want to miss the start of Sunday School! **Rally Day, Sept. 9**, 9:45 a.m. marks the beginning of our theme as "R.O.A.R. With God". The year will be 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!) The Rally Day celebration will include a **free t-shirt**. Please sign up now so we'll have your "R.O.A.R. With God" t-shirt ready for you. (Sunday School is for kids 3 years old and older.) Join us for a great year of Sunday School where you can make new friends and GROW IN YOUR FAITH! (Adults and teens, if you'd like to help out this year in some way, please be sure to let us know that too.) And don't forget, we also have classes for teens and adults.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL THROUGH FIRST GRADE

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - SEPT. 5

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 September 5. 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 183 prayer shawls and given away 120!

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.

PING PONG CLUB - WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

The ping pong club meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. - however, we are taking a summer break and will resume in the fall.

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.

Aug. 26 - regular meeting and dinner

Sept. 9 - MESSTIVAL! 4-7pm. You need to sign up for this event.

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.

BIBLE BUDDIES

We are trying something new! Once a month, **on the fourth Wednesday of the month**, 5th grade through 12th grade are invited to come and have dinner together on Wednesday night. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., the 7th and 8th graders will go into confirmation with Pastor Dave and the 5th and 6th 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 groups 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 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. If your youth is interested in participating in Bible Buddies, please contact Deacon Shari or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin.

7/8th GR. & HIGH SCHOOL MESSTIVAL - SEPT. 9

September 9 at 4:00 p.m. will be our third annual Messtival! What's a Messtival you ask? It is a time to celebrate the beginning of our year as well as get to know other youth and have a lot of fun with very messy games! Grades 7-12 are invited to come and see that God loves messy people! PLEASE wear clothes that can get ruined, wear closed toed shoes, and bring a pair of goggles. Please bring a garbage bag to protect your car seat when you pick up your youth. (Parents: we could use your help to set up and clean up. You can join in on the fun of getting messy too, but you do not have to.) To sign up, please go to the church website <http://www.peacenewlenox.org>, under "EVENTS". There are 2 sign up links one is for the youth and one is for parents, or sign up in the bulletin.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION - SEPT. 12

A meeting for all students in 7th and 8th grades and at least one parent/adult is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 7:00 p.m. This important night incorporates information about schedules, expectations, youth events, volunteering, and more! If you know someone who is not a part of any church

but has a student in this age bracket, please invite them to come too.

5th & 6th GRADERS BIKE RIDE, LUNCH & GAMES - SEPT. 9

Join us for a bike ride along the bike path, kitty-corner from the church, to Hickory Creek Junction. Once there, we will have lunch and play some games in the park. Meet at church at 12:00 p.m. for the bike ride or at the park around 12:45 p.m. We expect the event to end around 2:00 p.m. - please pick kids up at the park. Please sign up to join us! You can use the sign-up sheet in the bulletin, email the church office, or use the sign-up in the web site under "Events". Parents, you are welcome to ride along &/or join us at the park for lunch and games! (And if you need help getting a bike to church in order to join the ride to Hickory Creek Junction let us know that too.)

HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND BACK TO SCHOOL!

It's that time of the year! We at Peace are so proud of all of you! Whether you are looking at your first day of college or heading to a trade school or to the workforce, we want you to know that we believe in you and are in your corner! Please be reading our newsletters for upcoming events for young adults to be held during school breaks! Also if you are nervous about this next adventure let Deacon Shari know! She is working on connecting underclassmen with upperclassmen as mentors to explain all the twist and turns and exciting aspects of all that is to come! Please know that you are an important part of Peace and we are praying for you!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO HELP OTHERS – BY AUG. 31

As you shop for school supplies, please consider helping others by picking up some extras. This year the bulk of the supplies will go to help kids through our mission partners at Santa Cruz in Joliet. We give all the supplies away to kids that otherwise couldn't start the year right!

24 count crayons

70 page spiral notebooks

8 count washable classic color markers

blue/black/red pens & 6" Fiskar scissors

140-200 count loose-leaf 3-hole paper

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND MORE - AUG. 25 & 26

Blessing of the Backpacks will take place during services on Aug. 25 & 26. Students, teachers and anyone who works in the schools are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, tote bags, etc. to be blessed at this time.

DINNERS FOR EIGHT - NEW GROUPS STARTING THIS FALL

Do you enjoy gathering with a small group for dinner or dessert? We will soon start another round of "Dinners for Eight", a small group dinner setting in individuals' homes. It's a great way to get to know different members of our church community. Each group of eight decides what to eat and how often to meet over the course of a year. All ages are welcome. For those with children, childcare options are decided within each group. If interested, please use the sign-up slip or call Angie and Todd Klock (815) 463-1848 by September 15.

Bible Background for Ephesians 6:10-20

Using imagery from the battlefields of his day, Paul encourages the Ephesian-Christians to put on the whole armor of God. Against the various threats to their faith (and sometimes their lives) in the physical realm, Paul reminds them that the battle is also being waged by the devil. To fight those forces, Paul recognizes and proclaims that their own power won't do it. They/we need God's armor which can face anything and everything.

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.

September 28 - *On Golden Pond* at Curtain Call Theatre in Mokena at 7:30 pm. We have 10 tickets put aside - we can get more but need to know by Sept. 1. Tickets are \$22.00. Dinner is NOT included in the ticket price - that would be separately arranged elsewhere. Please use the sign up slip in the bulletin and indicate if interested in dinner as well.

HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

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

cereal (all kinds)	canned fruit
coffee (ground) all kinds	creamers (powdered)
ice cream cones (summer only)	hand soap (bar & liquid)
dish soap	disposable diapers
juices	toothpaste

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.

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. Donations can be put in the box under the narthex counter.

OUR NEW MISSIONARY

Even as we welcome Danielle Steinwart back from her year of service as a Young Adult in Global Mission, we prepare to be supportive people to Louisa Ishida. Louisa is from Villa Park, graduated from Valparaiso University, and will be 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. When we get a physical address, we'll pass it along.

NEW TICKET OPTIONS - LET US KNOW!

The Fellowship Committee would like to find out the level of interest in these shows. If we get enough interest, we'll follow through and get the tickets. *LATE NIGHT CATECHISM* - OCT. 21 at 2:30 p.m. Relive those good ol' days? If you were raised in a Roman Catholic household or attended Catholic schools, we'll bring back a lot of old memories of those days. If you are one of those "non-Catholics," learn the real truths that your Catholic friends never revealed to you. Come hear from Sister herself Sun., Oct. 21, 2:30 p.m. at the Theatre at the Center, in Munster. Be on time! Make sure your school uniform is clean! Keep your hands to yourself or the Sister's Ruthless Ruler may strike! Tickets are \$35 (sorry, not a deductible religious donation!). Use the sign-up slip. Warning - your penmanship will be graded.

THE HIT MEN - NOV. 10 at 8:00 p.m. - **deadline Aug. 26**

This is not a tribute band. Listen to the actual musicians who played and recorded with the likes of Elton John, Paul McCartney, Journey, The Turtles, and more. Besides the music, they'll share insider stories. Tickets are \$30 and the performance will be at Governors State.

SISTER ACT - OCT. 13 - **deadline Aug. 26**

This musical pits disco-dancing nuns against dangerous gangsters in a joyous, feel-good comedy. It celebrates the universal power of friendship, sisterhood and music. The venue will be the Drama Group in Chicago Heights. The tickets are \$23 (\$21 for seniors & \$17 for students).

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY RESUMES - SEPT. 10

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you heal after losing a loved one. The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days. They meet on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and will begin weekly meetings again on Sept. 10. If you would like more information, contact Janet, Margie, or Pat at griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com or contact the church office.

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).



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

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	

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

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: August 26. 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.

AWAY FROM HOME ADDRESSES/EMAILS

It's that time of year when we ask for the addresses and email addresses for young people who are away from home. We like to send them the newsletter, and let them know we're thinking about them. Please use the sign-up or call/email the church office.

OFFERING OF LETTERS - AUG. 25 & 26

What good can one letter do? How about when we combine that letter with millions of others? Time and again the Bible, including Jesus himself, advocates on behalf of the hungry. You can do your part to make this simple, but profound statement on behalf of them. We'll try to make it easy....on Aug. 25/26 we will have sample notes you can use to write to members of Congress (and the White House, if you wish) advocating for the ones in our country and around the world who go to bed hungry, and who can be helped! We'll even provide the paper, envelopes and stamps. Bread for the World is a national organization, led by a Lutheran pastor, whose results have been amazing! Please take the time to help.

CHURCH PICNIC - SEPT. 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.

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

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.)

BELL CHOIR INVITATION

Thinking of joining the hand bell choir at Peace? We'd love to have you! Our hand bell choir offers the opportunity for individuals to worship God through music. The choir prepares music at scheduled rehearsals and then share our music with the congregation at selected worship services. We are active from Labor Day through Memorial Day. No audition or advanced musical skill are necessary - just a commitment to attend all rehearsals and participate in all performance opportunities. Please contact our director, Erica Desaulniers at ericasagerman2019@u.northwestern.edu for more details!

ADULT CHOIR OPEN HOUSE - SEPT. 5

Attention new and returning Adult Choir members! We are kicking off our new year with a "pizza rehearsal" on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6:00 p.m. Our music practice will begin at 7:15 p.m after our pizza fellowship. Love to sing and just want to check us out? Join us for pizza, information and song! For information about the adult choir anytime, you may contact Pamela Putrich.

LADIES ENSEMBLE OPEN REHEARSAL - SEPT. 8

Ladies of the church! If you enjoy singing, the Ladies Ensemble invites you to our first open rehearsal on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 3:00 p.m. We will practice first, and then enjoy appetizers and snacks together in Fellowship Hall. Then at the 5:00 p.m. service, we will be singing our first song of the season together! Please join us! For more information, you may contact Pamela Putrich

DO YOU CARE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT?

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

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - SEPT. 9

Our next monthly screening date is September 9, 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.

(Sign-Up 8/25/18 - 8/26/18)

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Phone _____
Email _____

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

Youth

5th & 6th Grade Parents

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5th -12th Grades

___ I am interested in attending the Bible Buddies Group.

7th -12th Grades

___ I will attend Messtival on Sept. 9.
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Other

___ I/We are interested in attending the GriefShare meetings starting Sept. 10.

___ I/We will attend the 2nd Annual Peace Lutheran Church Golf Outing held on Sept. 16.

___ I/We will attend the Trailblazers' luncheon on September 18.
How many? ___

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I can help with ___ set-up ___ clean-up

___ I/We would like to be part of the "Dinners for Eight" Groups.

Women's Group

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Theater/ Events

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How many? ___

Other

Everybody Read - 2 *Corinthians* 4:7-18 - What the passage means to me:

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

Away from home address (for _____):

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FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP -

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 _____ 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!