

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

1900 E. Lincoln Hwy. P.O. Box 205, New Lenox, IL 60451
815-485-5327; www.peacelenox.org; e-mail:
peacechurch@peacelenox.org

April 27 & April 28, 2019

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

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)	Tammy Dunn
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	George Rumbaugh
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Jessica Prince
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Monica Medows
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Linda Johnson
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Kate Jensen
Acolyte (5:00)	Anthony Ciannella
Acolyte (8:30)	Emma Rinkunas
Nursery (ages 0-5) (8:30)	Morgan Barlow & Joseph Wesel
Nursery (ages 0-5) (11:00)	Ashley & Ava Wandersee
Communion Servers (8:30)	Lindsay George, Terry Lenz, Matthew Lohmar Olivia Koenig & Jacob Weber Ken & Renee Gatewood
Bread Providers (8:30)	Rich Dohrn & Skylar Smith
Ushers (5:00)	Chris & Renee Osbrink, Bella Schumacher, Dennis Wesel
Ushers (8:30)	Dave Brown, Guy Nelson, Carly Salutric
Ushers (11:00)	Bill & Rose Dudeck
Greeters (5:00)	Diana & Larry Brewer
Greeters (8:30)	Mark & Joyce Nelson
Refreshments (5:00)	
Refreshments (8:30)	Cindy & Amanda Villalobos, Cathy Arenz & Eddie Barker
Refreshments (11:00)	Alex Brown, Tammy Conway, and Barb Hnetkovsky
Offering Counters	Kathy Sons & Carol Grosche

The altar flowers are given by Diane Kahl in celebration of Ryan's 28th birthday, and Doug and Winnie Nyhus in memory of their parents.

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

Sat. & Sun., Apr. 27/28 - Earth Day & Volunteer Appreciation Weekend

Sun., Apr. 28 - Adult Education Hour - **Islam** (part 3) - Karen Danielson
guest presenter 9:55 a.m.

Peace Page Turners 12:00 noon

Reception of New Members 11:00 a.m.

New Member, 7th & 8th Graders & Parents Luncheon at noon

Women's Group - Garfield Park Conservatory 2:00 p.m.

Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.

Mon., Apr. 29 - Strong Seniors Exercise Class 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Tues., Apr. 30 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wed., May 1 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Class 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Last Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 p.m.

Mandatory 8th gr. Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

No Teen Bible Study

Sat., May 4 - Out to Eat Group - 6:30 p.m. at Peppermill Restaurant

Sat. & Sun., May 4 & 5 - Teacher Appreciation Weekend

Sun., May 5 - Adult Education Hour - **No Thanks, God** (You wouldn't be the first to think God must be asking someone else.) 9:55 a.m.

What's the Scoop 12 noon

Mon., May 6 - Ruth Circle - Quilters 9:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Class 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Tues., May 7 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Faith Development/Education

ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

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

April 28 - Islam (part 3) - Karen Danielson returns to answer all kinds of questions we raised after session 2.

May 5 - No Thanks, God (You wouldn't be the first to think God must be asking someone else.)

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. May's passage is: Matthew 15:21-28.

BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR REVELATION 1:4-8

The book of Revelation can be quite confusing. This portion helps us get part of the message of the whole book: Jesus is God in the flesh and through his death and resurrection has made us a part of the kingdom of "priests" to serve and witness. Since God is the beginning and end (alpha and omega) of all existence, we rightfully and joyfully can point to God.

LIBRARY BOOK OF THE WEEK

Each week we feature a book that's in our library. On your way to refreshments, take a look for it. And if you like it, check it out. (There's a 3-ring binder that is self-serve and easy to use.) **This week's book is: *Help, Lord! I'm Having a Senior Moment-Again!* By: Karen O'Connor**

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.

Christy Chenoweth, Deb Howell, Birgee, Rick, Lula (healing), Justin & Norma (peace), Melissa, Josh, & Jake (addiction), Judy's father (last days), Liam (direction and rehab), Cie (strength), Dennis Flynn, Laurie Lee, Jill Zaki (healing), Eric Craigmile (college), Andrew DeMik (recovery), Terry Baker, Karen Padgen, Ryan, Claudia Cole, Ken Vrshek (recovery), Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Wally Paprocki, Diane Rosen, Hannah Huelhorst (health), Bill Sandt, Halley Price (strength), Penny (health), Louisa Ishida (missionary), Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Kristie Paprocki, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray and Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...
 Dave Boer (health issues), Joe Schultz, Pam, Suzanne & Andrew, Bill Horsley, Deb (loss of father), Julie, Mark M. (moving), Amanda (depression), Jill Goeplein, Amber Goeplein, Dirce Santos, Amanda Edwards, Dave Davenport, Tyler, Chris (guidance), Kristin (graduation from law school), Dean Horsley (healing), Joshua (eye procedure), Grant Frick, Jim Swyndro, Madlyn Howard (peace & comfort), Anthony Inman (baby, illness), Nathan Mackey (job search), Clayton (headaches), Fred (alcohol addiction), Robin (loss of leg), D.J., Kent, Bill Burnett (Alzheimer), Elinore Trotter (health), Margo, Marcie Harrison, Reyna, Marc (shoulder surgery), Judy Brann, Grace, Malar, Ned (throat cancer), Sandy Ringstrom, Darryl (job), Amy & family, Lee (health), Terri Dunn (comfort & courage), Judy (hand healing), Jim (job search), Stacey, Lon, Anita, Scott, Lisa Balstrode, Joe & Pat Bertucci, Robin Stanford, Barb (healing from hip surgery), Mr. Kula (stomach & esophagus cancer), Jay Robinson (health), Colleen (cancer), Lisa, Mark, Audrey Brennan, Brad (anxiety), Alexis Flynn, Coach Les & family, Alan Booton, Erv & Mary Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt (strength), Bill Reidy (cancer), Mary Hand (family strength & healing), Tyler, the Austin family (strength & healing), Brena V. and family (strength & healing), Dan T. & family, Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY - If you know someone who is serving and would like them added to the list, let us know. Please pray for those who have returned from war who struggle to readjust to life and work through their grief. Mike Scott, Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Ned Fowler, Elizabeth (Tatro) Grossart, Brian Kettell, Jake Treasure, Grover Keltz, Dylan Sperstad, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Dan Treasure, Stephanie (Jones) Vail, Neil Vickers, Lane Trainor, Allison DeVitto

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Midshipman Trevor Horn
 PO Box # 12989
 Annapolis, Maryland 21412

Sgt. Pafford, Devin
 PO Box 1351
 Eglin AFB, Florida 32542

Groups

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., MAY 21

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on **Tuesday, May 21** at noon here at church. The food will be pizza plus what you bring. The program will be portions of the talent show & a game! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS - MON., MAY 6

Quilters will meet on Mon., Apr. 22 at 9:00 a.m. **No experience necessary.** You just have to know how to have fun to join. And if that's not enough, we always have snacks! If you have any questions, call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

PING PONG CLUB - SUN., MAY 19

The ping pong club meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month. Please join us for fun and camaraderie on **May 19 at 12:00 p.m.** following the 11:00 a.m. service. If you want to receive email reminders, let the church office know your name and email address.

MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., MAY 14

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). 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.

STRONG SENIORS EXERCISE GROUP - Join us for a low impact, do what you can exercise program for seniors. We meet twice a week: Mondays 12 noon -1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 11:15 am-12:15 pm. Please call Anita Drake (815) 299-4417 with any questions.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP - SECOND TUESDAYS

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 - EVERY TUESDAY

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

INFORMAL GOLF GROUP

Mike Bohl is willing to help us form a new informal "let's have fun" golf group. Each week the group would play 9 holes, most likely starting at 10:00 a.m. You would have lunch and finish around 1:30 p.m. The format would be best ball. Each week Mike would send out an email to the interested golfers to find out who is playing, and then he'd schedule a tee time. Depending on the wishes of the group, the likely days are Tues., Wed., or Thurs. (In case of less than 50° or more than 90° or other weather problems, there would be no golf.) You may call Mike with questions at 815-277-2636, or to sign up. You may also use the sign-up in the bulletin or call the office.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., APR. 28 - NOON

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *The Good Neighbor: Life & Work of Fred Rogers* by Maxwell King. Join us for the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. **We will meet this time at 12 noon.** All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Davenport (815) 545-2806.

OUT TO EAT GROUP - SAT., MAY 4

We are returning to the Peppermill Family Restaurant in Mokena (19137 Wolf Rd.) Their menu has everything under the sun on it, so you should be able to find something to your liking. The date is Sat., May 4, at 6:30. Please use the sign-up or call the office to let us know that you'll be coming. All are welcome!!!

8-5 *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. Today we especially pray for Louisa Ishida, 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

New This Week

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**We are honored to welcome the following people who are affirming their faith today by signing the charter of Peace Lutheran Church!
Johnny & Elizabeth Russler and JJ & Lucy**

Fellowship Opportunities/Events

ADULT FELLOWSHIP - THE BEST OF.... – SAT., MAY 11

Come, join the Adult Fellowship Group on Sat., May 11, at 6:15 p.m. for "The Best of...." We want to have some fun getting to know more about each other. Bring "something" to show and tell and/or a story that no one in the group likely knows about you. We will try to guess who belongs to what! Also bring a dish/appetizer, dessert that reminds you of childhood. Use the sign-up in the bulletin if you plan to attend.

Thank you

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$21,381** at worship plus another **\$2,554** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **802**. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

On a half-acre on the island of Nias, Indonesia, Yaatulo and his wife, Mariata, grow bananas to support themselves and their two children. While they work hard, the income from the bananas wasn't enough to support the family. One day while working, Yaatulo heard about a development program of the Center for Disaster Risk Management & Community Development Studies, which is supported by gifts to ELCA World Hunger. He decided to join, and soon he had the support to borrow enough money for chili seed. Over two months, Yaatulo and Mariata planted more than 1,000 chili bushes. Chilis can be harvested multiple times per year, giving farmers more opportunities to sell them at market and have extra income. Thanks to your gifts, farmers like Yaatulo have improved access to tools, training, livestock, seeds and more that will help their families increase farm production and have more to eat and sell at market.

Theater and Other Tickets

Our ever-vigilant Fellowship Committee has been scouting the various upcoming shows, and here are their latest offerings. Use the sign-up, call the office, use our email to reserve your seats. First-come, first-served.
AUGUST RUSH - SAT., MAY 18, 3:00 p.m. - Sold Out

CUBS GAME - SUN., MAY 26

We were able to secure 20 tickets for the game against the Cincinnati Reds, on Sun., May 26, with the game at 1:20 p.m. Our seats are in section 225 on the first base side. The group rate price is \$69. We have **1** ticket left. 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. Friends are welcome – first come basis. Use the sign-up or call the office.

"***Legally Blonde***", the "hilarious and touching" musical to be presented by Lincoln Way Central. 30 seats are reserved for us at a cost of **\$11** each. We have **15** tickets left. The date is Saturday, May 4, at 7:00 PM. Use the sign-up sheet or call the church office, and hurry! These tickets go fast!

The Good Old Times and the Good (?) New News: During the heyday of radio, many shows used studio audiences during presentation or recording. That is still alive and well in Chicago with National Public Radio's "***Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me.***" We will be getting tickets for the Thursday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. performance of this comedic look at current news and culture at the Chase Bank Auditorium at 10 S. Dearborn in Chicago. Ticket price is \$30 and we are thinking about a bus to get us there. We will **need your commitment** to the show (and bus) **no later than May 5**. Never heard of this radio show? Check their website for more info or a sampling of a performance. Use the sign-up sheet or call the church office.

Can't Beat the Classics! "***Hamlet***," presented by Chicago's Shakespeare Theater, will be available to us on Sunday, June 9, at 2:00 PM at the Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier. Tickets will be \$70 on the main floor, and we have **4 available**, but should be able to get a few more. These productions are first-rate and make Shakespeare come alive (and understandable.) As Hamlet himself might have said "To go or not to go....that is the question." No doubt about it. GO! Use the sign-up sheet or call the church office.

Worship Related

FLOWER CHART

Each week people donate the cost of altar flowers (\$20 per arrangement). On the chart in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall. Sign your name and phone number for the week(s) you want to donate flowers. We will contact you to find out the reason for the donation. Envelopes for the cost are by the chart and are mailed the week following your selected week. Remaining dates available are: June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 29, Nov. 17 & 24, Dec. 22 & 29.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION - SAT. & SUN., APRIL 27 & 28

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 27 & 28. We have a simple gift that we'll make available as another way for us to express our gratitude.

EARTH DAY OBSERVED - SAT. & SUN., APRIL 27 & 28

Earth Day is April 22. But because of Easter, we're observing it April 27 & 28. "The Earth is the Lord's," wrote the Psalmist. It hasn't changed! We are given the privilege of being partners with God in its care and in celebrating its beauty.

HYMN PICKING - WED., MAY 8

The next round of picking hymns for the period of June through November will take place on Wednesday, May 8, 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.

MOTHER'S DAY SINGING - SAT. & SUN., MAY 11 & 12

We have a tradition for Mother's Day weekend for how we sing the opening hymn. We hope you'll add your voice to the glory of God!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - BELL CHOIR

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of the Bell Choir. These volunteers add to our worship through the bells. They are very welcoming of anyone who would like to join this ministry. It helps a lot if you can read music, but even if you can't but have a sense of rhythm you should give this a try! They rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and offer special music about once a month. Interested in giving this a shot? Let us know through the sign-up, email us, or call the office!

Help Others

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

If you would like to donate to the people who were affected by the tornadoes in Alabama and Georgia, go the ELCA website www.elca.org and you can donate directly. As always in these situations, 100% of your donation goes to the work of helping people in need.

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

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS OTHERS - BUSINESS ATTIRE
Our Warm Coat campaign brought an overwhelming, wonderful response. We have now switched our emphasis to 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, sports coats, ties, shirts, blouses, dresses, skirts, pants, sweaters, whatever you think would help someone get and keep a job! We'll use the same bin to collect these items (with or without hangers.)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., MAY 1

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. We meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. Our next meeting will be **May 1**. Questions, contact Cheryl 815-462-3089. If you know someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please put your request in the box on the narthex counter. To date we have made 247 shawls and given away 227.

HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food and resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. You can bring donations anytime and put them in the baskets on the floor heading into Fellowship Hall. The pantry is in need of the following specific items: cereal (all kinds), canned fruit, coffee (ground) all kinds, creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

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.

2019 Stewardship Appeal

CALLED BY GRACE!

This year we are trying something new with various online methods of communicating with as many as possible. (If you prefer hard copies, those also are available at church and through the mail. Just let us know.)

Now to the important part: Our theme is a reflection of the love God has for us, our many blessings, and an opportunity for each of us to respond in gratitude. In addition to supporting all the ministries here at Peace, locally in our community, nationally and internationally – thank you for wonderful generosity – our main new goal is to **support Mike Markwell, a seminary intern in his year with us. With the help of so many individuals and the great example of this congregation, we expect to provide a positive experience for Mike, and a meaningful time for us at Peace as he serves us!** It takes money to do that (about \$25,000 above and beyond our current giving levels.) But we believe God has provided this opportunity and we have been *Called by Grace!*

What steps should we take?

- 1) Go to our website and look for the 2019 stewardship tab, or pick up materials here at church.
<http://www.peacenewlenox.org/stewardship-2019/>
- 2) Pray, reflect, and consider how you will respond to God's love and all that Peace means to you.
- 3) Consider how that response will be translated into your financial giving level for the next fiscal year, starting June 1. As a church, we have taken on an intern and will encourage all of us to respond with joyful anticipation!
- 4) Share your giving intentions, either online or through a Giving Intentions Card.

A brief biographical note/introduction from Mike Markwell

Greetings, My name is Mike Markwell, and I look forward to beginning my internship at Peace in August. I look forward to spending the next year getting to know you and working alongside many of you. I am also looking forward to continuing to grow and learn in preparation toward becoming a pastor.

I attended the University of Illinois at Springfield (Go Prairie Stars!) I studied History and Secondary Education. During college I spent several summers working in camping ministry. It was during these summers that I began to discern my call of becoming a pastor. Following college, I entered ministry as the Youth Director at Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church in Lockport, where I spent five years. I have been attending seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

My wife, Rachel, and I live in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. We are both avid baseball fans. Rachel is a Cleveland Indians fan, and I love the White Sox.

I look forward to being able to continue my education and gain more experience during my time at Peace. As I get started at Peace please feel free to stop and introduce yourself.

Mike Markwell, Intern

General Announcements

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Positive View of Personal Future - Grit & the Power of Passion**. Some things we can do in the community are: 1) Lift up young people who have set/achieved personal goals that inspire hope. 2) Encourage kids to name their fears – things that might stop them from reaching their goals. 3) Note local figures from the past who have overcome obstacles.

This week's idea is set family goals and share what it takes to get there. Last week's was talk about people who have shown determination in life.

DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY (OR WANT TO)?

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



CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

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

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

The effort to produce a Spanish version of the book and the coloring book continues to move forward. The committee invites you to let them know of your interest. Meanwhile, the questions keep coming, including this one: *What good is Lent if you don't have anything to give up?* More important than giving something up is using the season of Lent to reflect on our lives, and how God might be leading us to take on something more from our relationship with God!

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: April 28. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here. If you want it via e-mail or first class, let us know.

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - SUN., MAY 12

Our next monthly screening date is **Sunday, May 12**, 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.

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.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEKEND - MAY 4 & 5

We'd like to say thanks to teachers – both in our Sunday School and in the world of education. May 4 & 5 will be this year's official time to express our appreciation. Students feel free to invite a teacher to worship with you!

BUDGET MEETING - WED., MAY 15

This year's opportunity to help put together the budget for 2019-2020 will be May 15 at 11:00 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.)

OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARY

Louisa Ishida is from Villa Park, graduated from Valparaiso University, and is serving in Swaziland in Southern Africa. Her blog address is <https://eswatiniexperience.wordpress.com/> so you can keep up to date on what is going on. Look on our bulletin board on the way into Fellowship Hall for more information. Her physical address is:
PostNet Suite 30
Private Bag X6
Cascades
3203, South Africa

WHAT'S THE SCOOP? (Bring your ideas to the group!) - SUN., MAY 5

We have had great experiences with this new version of what used to be called "Everybody Come" night. We want to include you in brainstorming ideas and getting them going. We will meet Sunday, May 5, 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 be having pizza, 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!). Childcare is available if you let us know ahead of time.

Youth Ministry

PEACE 360 HS YOUTH GROUP

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

Sun., April 28 - Discussion and dinner

Sun., May 5 - What's the Scoop @ noon / 4 p.m. Discussion and dinner

Sun., May 12 - Game day

Sun., May 19- Service Project (outdoor clean up weather permitting)

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.

7TH & 8TH KIDS & ADULTS END OF YEAR LUNCH - APRIL 28

The last Kids & Adults get together of the year will be on Sun., April 28 at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of our Kids & Adults get togethers is for the youth to meet and get know other adults in the congregation. This year we will join the New Members Luncheon for some food and fellowship! **Confirmation Parents:** The family is invited! Come & enjoy!

MANDATORY CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL - WED., MAY 1

There is a mandatory Confirmation rehearsal for 8th graders and a parent/adult on May 1 at 7:00 p.m. (for both May 19 and May 26 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.

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN BIBLE STUDY- WED., MAY 15

High school age youth are invited to a new Teen Bible study with Deacon Shari. Our next class will be Wed., May 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (We will not meet May 1 & 8). We will cover in-depth, yet compact and easy to understand Bible lessons covering topics relevant to teens.

5th & 6th GR. BIBLE BUDDIES - WED., MAY 22

5th/6th graders and 9-12th graders are invited to come and have dinner together on Wednesday night at 6:30. At 7 p.m. they will split into a small group led by the high schoolers and monitored by Deacon Shari. Please use the sign up in the bulletin if your 5/6th grader is interested in joining us.

5th & 6th GR. MESSY GAMES - SUN., MAY 26

It's time to get MESSY! Have you ever used your nose or ear as a paint brush? Deacon Shari is ready to get MESSY! We will meet on Sun., May 26 at noon. 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. Parents, please use the sign-up form on the website, in the bulletin, or the sign-up sheet on the narthex counter.

SUMMER CAMPS

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center's 2019 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).

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 30 - Aug. 2. Our theme will be "*God's Love Is out of This World*" With a space 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 Wed., May 22 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 the rack on the narthex counter and on-line.

(Sign-Up 04/27/19 - 04/28/19)

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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

Youth
5th & 6th Gr.

___ My child would like to attend the Bible Buddies meeting on May 22.

___ My child will participate in the Messy Games Event on May 26.
___ (Parents) I/we can help during this event.

8th Grade Confirmands:

I will participate in the following Confirmation date: ___ May 19 ___ May 26

Theater Events

___ I/We would like tickets for *Legally Blonde* on May 4. How many? ___

___ I/We would like tickets for *Hamlet* on June 9. How many? ___

___ I/We would like tickets for *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me* on June 20.

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

Sports Events

___ I would like the 1 remaining ticket for the Cubs/Reds game on May 26.

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

Other Events

___ I/We are interested in participating in the informal golf group.

___ I/We will come to the Out to Eat event at the Peppermill Family Restaurant May 4. How many? ___

___ I/We are planning to come to the What's the Scoop lunch and idea sharing May 5. How many? ___ I/We also need child care. ___ for how many? ___

___ I/We are planning to come and help pick hymns on May 8.

___ I/We will attend the Adult Fellowship "The Best Of..." event May 11. How many? ___

___ I/We would like to hear more about the bell choir.

Other Ministries/Sign-ups

Everybody Read - *Matthew 15:21-28* - What the passage means to me:

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

(Sign-Up 04/27/19 - 04/28/19)

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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

Youth
5th & 6th Gr.

___ My child would like to attend the Bible Buddies meeting on May 22.

___ My child will participate in the Messy Games Event on May 26.
___ (Parents) I/we can help during this event.

8th Grade Confirmands:

I will participate in the following Confirmation date: ___ May 19 ___ May 26

Theater Events

___ I/We would like tickets for *Legally Blonde* on May 4. How many? ___

___ I/We would like tickets for *Hamlet* on June 9. How many? ___

___ I/We would like tickets for *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me* on June 20.

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

Sports Events

___ I would like the 1 remaining ticket for the Cubs/Reds game on May 26.

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

Other Events

___ I/We are interested in participating in the informal golf group.

___ I/We will come to the Out to Eat event at the Peppermill Family Restaurant May 4. How many? ___

___ I/We are planning to come to the What's the Scoop lunch and idea sharing May 5. How many? ___ I/We also need child care. ___ for how many? ___

___ I/We are planning to come and help pick hymns on May 8.

___ I/We will attend the Adult Fellowship "The Best Of..." event May 11. How many? ___

___ I/We would like to hear more about the bell choir.

Other Ministries/Sign-ups

Everybody Read - *Matthew 15:21-28* - What the passage means to me:

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