

THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE

**Our Vision Statement: Sharing Peace Faithfully*

**Our Mission: To bring people into contact with the gospel, and help them grow in their relationship in God in Christ
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Diamonds in the Rough

When it comes to diamonds, there are some famous ones, like the Hope Diamond, or the largest of all known ones, the Star of Africa – 530 carats! Some of you or your parents may have diamonds that are about one carat, and many of you have diamonds that are less than that. Diamonds of any size are considered precious because they are rare, and the fewer the imperfections in them, the more they're worth. Some diamonds are so small or so imperfect they are used for industry, where their hardness makes them usable. But no matter what the value or use, every diamond has flaws.

Every human being is a diamond. Some people are famous. Some are worth a ton of money. Some are notable because of some talent or feature of their anatomy. Some of us seem so small or insignificant in the big picture that we might think all we're good for is "useful." While each of us is unique, if nothing else because of our fingerprints, the truth is we, too, are all flawed.

So much of our society wants to hide from that truth. Some take the tack of focusing on the flaws of others as a way to divert attention from their own. Some can only see their own flaws and consider themselves worthless (others are good or even great but not me.) Social media emphasizes all that's great with us and our smiling lives, or makes us painfully aware how short our lives must be compared to those smiling, non-stop-fun-having others.

The result? We can't win. Our diamonds become dull and some don't shine at all.

Our relationship with God invites a different tactic. Own up to the flaws. It doesn't mean we're supposed to flaunt them. It does mean we can stop pretending. When we do, something amazing starts to happen. We feel better about ourselves and freer, too. We start to shine – letting the love of God reflect outward. It provides sparkle and luster to the world around us. Owning up to our own flaws gives us the freedom also to let other people have flaws – and more light and more luster are added to the world. "Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father in heaven." (Flaws and all!)

Pastor Dave Hedlin

Prayers Requested

Penny, Sue, Kristin Lillie, Ryan Gamen, Jessica Howell, Ryan Rajaballey Jeri Sandt, Ann, Joyce, Roberta Owens, Chuck Vick, the family of Mary Davies, Alan Blum, Laurie Smith, Pete, Bert, Barb Garbett, Jim Jesk, Larry Johnson, Lynne Medrano, Tammy Conway, Bob Trosen, Sarah Knudsen, Christine Yeoman, Stephan, Tonia, Susan, Marijo, Kula family, Jeff & Beth, Cie's mom, volunteers & kids of VBS, Heather Wolf, Charlie Conway, Terry Jesk, Jill Goeglein, Evelyn, Lynn, Nolan, Julius Taglia, Lana, Mason & Kaylee Mena, Emily Burnson, the family of Marty H., Janet Sikma, Debbie & family, Dave & Judy, Pam & George, Keith, Bill Musak, Susan Stokes, Ricky Esposito, Paige, those who struggle with their faith

Sympathy

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of George Huffman, husband of Priscilla Huffman

Congratulations

Jake & Kimberly Treasure, parents; Terry & Jenny Treasure, grandparents; and Chuck Olsen, great grandfather, on the birth of Elias Jacob Treasure on June 19;

Jan Stoller on her diakonia™ graduation;

Ryan Gamen on earning his Eagle Scout Award:

Ray & Emily Cattellier, parents (Rory & Ben) and Don & Sue Lafferty, grandparents, on the birth of Camille Marie Catellier on July 13;

Dan & Jennifer Niemczyk, parents (Bryson & Caleb) and Glenn & Pat Vanderwall, grandparents, on the birth of Devyn Mikel Niemczyk on July 16.

Thank You Very Much!

The list that follows is for those who have done something for the first time. (If we miss someone, please let us know!) We are thankful for all the people who give of themselves to make ministry happen, even though their names don't keep getting mentioned here.

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quilt
Girl Scout Troop 75185, Flute Studio of Dr. Jennifer
Gosack Darwell, Classical Conversations – for the use of
our facilities

Welcome to the Lord's Family

Addison Ryann Treasure was baptized on July 7;

Hunter Joseph Tomczak was baptized on July 28.

Our New Sponsored Missionary

Our next Young Adult in Global Mission will be
Benjamin David from Chicago (member of Lebanon
Lutheran.) He has received his assignment to Argentina!
He will give us his address and blog information after he
knows them.

Addresses for Service Personnel

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GriefShare Ministry Resumes – Sept. 9

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. GriefShare meets on Mondays from 6:30 -
8:00 p.m. and will begin weekly meetings again
on Sept. 9. If you would like more information please
contact Janet at griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com.

Alzheimer's Association 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.
There is an Alzheimer's Association Support Group
meeting at Peace the second Tuesday of each month at
7:00 p.m. All are welcome! For more information,
contact Karin Knutson at karinknutson@hotmail.com.

Addiction and Family Support Group

An Addiction & Family Support Group meets here at
Peace each Tuesday night from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Addiction is a family disease, because everyone in the
family suffers if someone is addicted to or abusing
drugs. The good news is people can and do recover and
lead happy and productive lives. Please join us! This
support group meeting is for those struggling, those who
love someone struggling, or those who just want to learn
about the epidemic of heroin and prescription pain
medications in our community. For more information,
contact Tom Moore at 815-354-3195.

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
located on the counter you may use. If you would like to
sign up for automatic withdrawals, please contact the
office. Also, if you want to give on-line at any time, you
can go to our website (www.peacenewelenox.org), click
on the donate tab and then use the donate through PayPal
tab. You can use most major credit cards.

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 email them the newsletter and let them
know we're thinking about them. Please use the sign-up
or call/email the church office.

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Aug. 25**. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it mailed first class or via e-mail, let us know.

* **The Will-Grundy Medical Clinic** is now accepting patients for free healthcare for the uninsured and those who qualify. Appointments are available onsite or over the phone, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To schedule a free screening appointment, please call 815-726-3377, ext. 228. For patient eligibility information: <http://willgrundymedicalclinic.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Eligibility.pdf>.

***Crutches and walkers available** – The church has received crutches and walkers from members. Please feel free to contact the church office if you need to borrow one of these items.

* **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** – Suicide is not about wanting to die, but about a powerful need for pain to end. You can help someone today by reaching out, listening, and letting them know you care. Be sure that the person can reach you and several responsible others if the desire to commit suicide becomes strong or if he/she just feels the need to talk to someone. Give the individual the names and telephone numbers of people who could be contacted and if possible, have the person meet these people. Give them the suicide prevention hotline. **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** are always located in the entrance area. Let's remember to keep in mind to spread the word that no one is alone in a time of need. Suicide destroys everyone who cares! Help someone today who is reaching out for help by picking up the cards and being attentive to what people are saying about their lives. Crisis Line – 815-469-6166, text line – 741741, and online – www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

* **Bereavement Support Groups**

- *GriefShare* – Resumes Monday, Sept. 9 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Meets each Monday through Dec. 9.

- *Evening Adult Support Group* – Meets the third Thursday of the month, (with the exception of the month of March), December - June 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Joliet Area Community Hospice, *donation appreciated*.

- *Afternoon Adult Support Group* – Meets the second Friday of the month, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Joliet Area Community Hospice, *donation appreciated*.

For other services offered, including individual counseling, parent support and general grief support, please visit the Joliet Area Community Hospice website: www.joliethospice.org or call 815-740-4104.

***Thrivent members** – For those of you who have Thrivent dollars to donate, don't forget Peace is one of those choices.

* **LSSI's Joshua Arms Website** - Joshua Arms has a website that makes it easy for visitors to see all that the affordable senior housing development in Joliet has to offer. Visit the site at www.LSSI.org/JoshuaArms. Located at 1315 Rowell in a tree-lined residential area, Joshua Arms offers 186 independent, apartment-style units and 56 supportive living units, where residents can receive three meals a day, housekeeping and other daily living services. The new website is an easy to use tool for potential residents and family members to learn about Joshua Arms, including eligibility and floor plans.

***Cleaning for a Reason** – Provides free housecleaning once a month for 4 months for women currently undergoing chemotherapy. For more information or to sign up please go to: www.cleaningforareason.org/cancer_patients_acct.html. You will need a doctor's note confirming treatment to sign up and have a participating maid service in your zip code area arrange for service. This organization serves the entire US and currently has 547 partners.

***NAMI Family to Family** is a free, 12 session educational program for family, significant other and friends of people living with mental illness. Sessions are taught by NAMI trained family members who have been there, and includes presentations, discussion and interactive exercises. The program is free, but preregistration is required. Please email info@namiwillgrundy.org or call 815-409-7917 to register.

Helping Santa Cruz's Food Pantry

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food pantry & 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)	juices
hand soap (bar & liquid)	toothpaste
dish soap	disposable diapers

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.

Summertime Quilting – Mon., Aug. 12 & 26

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. Questions? Call Karen (815) 462-9527 or Syndy (708) 479-7338.

Prayer Shawl – Wed., Aug. 21

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. We meet every other Wed. at 6:00 p.m. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. Questions, contact Cheryl 815-462-3089. If you know someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, look for the request box on the narthex counter.

Trailblazers – Tues., Aug. 20

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tues., Aug. 20 at noon here at church. The food will be some kind of beef concoction and the sides you bring. The activity will be bingo! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

Out to Eat Group – Sat., Aug. 17

We had a lot of fun a year ago doing a progressive fast-food dinner, and we're going to do it again! The date is Aug. 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Panera in Frankfort. It's a short walk to Meatheads (which also has a variety of menu items). Then we'll drive a short distance across Rt. 30 to Oberweiss (or you can choose Baskin-Robbins if you prefer) – talk about choices! Each time you can order what you want, and we'll strive to all eat near each other. The fellowship and fun alone would be worth it to sign up, not to mention the food! Call or email the church office.

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 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Please call Anita Drake (815) 299-4417 with any questions.

Men's Dartball Resumes – Tues., Sept. 10

Get ready for a new season! Dartball resumes on Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m., and meets monthly on the second Tues. of the month. No prior experience 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???)

Peace Page Turners – Sun., Sept. 15

The next meeting will be Sept. 15 at 9:45 a.m. We will discuss *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage* by Alfred Lansing. All are welcome. Questions, contact Kathy at 815-545-2806.

Peace Women's Group

The Peace Women's Group is open to all women 18 and up. Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for more upcoming events. For now, see the announcement below about the **Aug. 18 Johnny Russler Concert**. Questions, contact Jan Stoller (815) 530-2786.

All Church Fellowship Event! – Johnny Russler & the Beach Bum Band – Sun., Aug. 18

Calling all who attend Adult Fellowship, Women's Group, Peace 360, and everyone else! Come to the Concert on the Breidert Green in Frankfort on Sun., Aug. 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Our own Johnny Russler (& the Beach Bum Band) will entertain you that evening with some great Caribbean/calypso/reggae music. Johnny and his band have played all over the Chicagoland area and in other states, too. We invite you to gather around 6:00 p.m. at the Green. (Look for the Peace logo balloons.) We encourage you to bring some easy-to-pick-up snack-type food to share in containers that can be passed around easily. Let us know if you're planning to attend so we can try to save spaces for you and your lawn chairs.

Ping Pong Club Resumes – Sun., Sept. 15

The ping pong club will resume meeting on Sun., Sept. 15 at noon. If you think you may want to join them, let the church office know your name and email address, and you will be added to the email reminders.

Summer Adult Education

The results are in...here is the line up through Aug. 25. Adult Education class meets at 9:45 a.m.

Aug. 4 - Book Discussion (We'll join the Peace Page Turners...you don't need to have read the book, but if you'd like to, see the announcement about it)

Aug. 11 – Getting to know Mike Markwell

Aug. 18 - Always Thinking – A Blessing or a Curse? (We'll also look at the science behind our thinking and God's involvement)

Aug. 25 - What Do You Expect? (of yourself and others and life itself)

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 a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage. August's passage is: Joshua 24:13-15

Baptism Orientation – Sat., Aug. 10

Saturday, Aug. 10, at 3:30 p.m., marks the next baptism orientation class for those who wish to have children baptized at Peace in the next few months.

Health Care Ministry - Blood Pressure Screenings – Sun., Aug. 11

Our next monthly screening date is Sun., Aug. 11 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.

Blood Drive – Sat., Aug. 17

Our next Heartland blood drive will be Sat., Aug. 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Everyone who donates will receive a Bears long sleeve t-shirt.

Remember Our P.O. Box

Use P.O. Box 205 for mail addressed to Peace.

Looking Ahead...

Aug. 10 – Baptism Orientation 3:30 p.m.

Aug. 16 – Santa Cruz Potluck 5:30 p.m. and Joliet Slammers game 7:05 p.m.

Aug. 17 – Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Aug. 18 – Sunday School Teacher meeting 12p.m.
All Church Fellowship Event Concert on the Green 6:00 p.m.**

Aug. 24/25 – Blessing of the Backpacks

Sept. 4 – Adult Choir Pizza Kick Off 6:15 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal resumes 7:15 p.m.

Sept. 7 – Ladies Ensemble resumes 3:00 p.m.

Sept. 8 – Sunday School Rally Day 9:45 a.m.

5/6th gr. Bike Ride 12 p.m.

7-12th gr. Messtival 4 p.m.

Sept. 9 – GriefShare Resumes 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 10 – Dartball resumes 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 11 – Children's Choir resumes 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Orientation 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 15 – Peace Page Turners 9:45 a.m.

Third Annual Golf Outing 2:00 p.m.

Sept. 22 – Peace Parents Sunday School Group Meeting 9:45 a.m.

Sept. 29 – Church Picnic 12 noon

Oct. 13 – New Member Orientation 9:45 & 6:30

Are You on a Medicare Drug Plan?

Do you know there are changes in the drug plans every year? To be sure you are on the correct plan for you, your plan should be reviewed every year during open enrollment from Oct. 15 - Dec. 7. David I. Johnson will be available at church every Thursday morning to review your plan to see if it is the best one for you. He can also assist with supplemental plan analysis. This review is by appointment only. Please call the church office 815-485-5327 if you would like to set up an appointment. David is a retired pharmacist with 7 years as a Riverside Sr. Advantage Program in Kankakee SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) consultant.

Follow Us on Social Media

Snapchat: plutheranchurch

Instagram: peacelutheranchurch1062

Twitter: peacechurch1062

Facebook: Peace Lutheran Church

Deacon Shari will be updating Facebook each month and the youth will be keeping up with the other three.

From Vicar Mike Markwell

Greetings,
My name is Mike Markwell, and I will be serving my internship at Peace during the upcoming year. I am a seminary student at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, where I have completed 2/3 of my course work. Following my year at Peace, I will have one year of school remaining before graduation with my Master's in Divinity and being ordained as a Pastor in the ELCA. I graduated with my Bachelor's in History and Secondary Education from the University of Illinois in Springfield in 2014.

This past week marked my official start date. I am excited to get to be a part of the Peace Lutheran Church community. I hit the ground running by getting to be present for the last two days of VBS. I give thanks to God for all the volunteers and participants that I was able to meet and serve with, it made for a truly great experience.

I look forward to getting to know each of you, on a more personal level, over the next year. Please feel free to introduce yourself to me next time you see me. And for those who I have already met, please reintroduce yourself to me as I am trying to learn names and faces. I am excited for the opportunity to get to know you and to serve with and alongside many of you.

Vicar Mike

Adult Choir Invitation – Wed., Sept. 4

WANTED: Singers! No experience needed. Just have a joy of singing. The Adult Peace Choir wants you! We will have our annual 'Welcome with Pizza Kick Off' Wed., Sept. 4 starting at 6:15 p.m. with our first practice at 7:15 p.m. We are a fun bunch that love to sing and spread the joy of Christ thru music. Come check us out on the 4th or anytime throughout the year. You are always welcome. Have questions? Call the office or email the director, Pamela at sngbrd74@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!!

Ladies Ensemble Invitation – Sat., Sept. 7

Sing! Sing a song!!! The Ladies Ensemble is looking for women who love to sing... and have a good time too! No experience needed! Spreading God's word thru music is a joy you will want to share in. Our first practice is Sat., Sept. 7 at 3:00 p.m. followed by fellowship and singing at the 5:00 p.m. service. For questions you can contact the office, Pamela Putrich or Gerry Wurzbarger. Hope to see you soon!!!

Sunday School Rally Day – Sept. 8

Sunday School begins Sept. 8. Our theme is *Space for God's Love*. 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 Orientation – Sun. Aug. 18

Our Sunday School staff gathers before the start of Sunday School to help get to know each other, help new teachers and staff get acquainted with our Sunday School ministry, get our supplies and curriculum, and generally have a good time! This year's orientation will be Sunday, Aug. 18 at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall. (We also give extra special care and training for our new staff!)

Sunday School Helper Invitation

Wouldn't you like to make a life-long difference in people's lives? Being involved in Sunday School is a sure-fire way. Many of our needs are short-term or a one-time basis Why not take a leap of faith and volunteer!

Blessing of the Backpacks and More – Aug. 24 & 25

Blessing of the Backpacks will take place during services on Aug. 24 & 25. 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.

New Member Orientation in October

We will be receiving new members again in October. The orientations are Oct. 13, at 9:45 and 6:30 and the reception of new members will be Oct. 27 during the 11:00 worship followed by a luncheon at noon. Please call the church office to let us know if you will be involved.

Youth Announcements

High School

Peace 360 Meets Sundays at 4-7 p.m.!

Attention all high school youth! Have you ever wished that there was a place that you could hang with your friends from church and elsewhere? Peace 360! meets most weekends on Sunday evenings at 4:00 p.m. If you can't make it every week, that's okay. Whenever you can be here, you'll be a welcome addition!

Sun., Aug. 4 – FMSC 12p.m.- 4p.m. Please use the online sign up to let us know if you are coming. Only 12 spots remain.

Sun., Aug 18 – 5:30p.m.-8:00p.m. Concert on the Green

Teen Bible Study – Sundays

High school age youth are invited to a new Teen Bible study with Deacon Shari. We will meet at church on Sundays from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. We will cover in-depth, yet compact and easy to understand Bible lessons while covering topics relevant to teens.

Sun., Aug. 4 & 18

5th/6th Grade Parents' Meeting – Sun., Aug. 11

We have so much potential to help our 5th & 6th graders get excited about being in youth ministry together. We would like to plan an activity about once a month during the next school year. This past year's method worked great: Several different parents took a turn being chaperones and/or drivers. To get the same ball rolling for next year, please set aside **Sunday, Aug. 11**, at 9:45 a.m. for a brief planning meeting. If you can't make the meeting, but are willing to help, let Deacon Shari know.

High School Freshman Walk Through – Tues., Aug. 13

Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. we will meet at the church and go to the high schools (Central, East, and West) and do a walk through with some upper classmen!

Afterwards we will have lunch and play some games. Please bring \$10 for Jimmy John's sandwich and a drink. Parents, pick up will be at 3 p.m. Sign up in the bulletin, online, or in the narthex.

5th/6th Gr. Bike Ride, Lunch & Games – Sun., Sept. 8

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 and 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!

7-12th Gr. MESSTIVAL!! – Sun., Sept. 8

September 8 at 4:00 p.m. we will be having our fourth annual Messtival! Messtival is a time to come together and celebrate the beginning of our year as well as get to know other youth, and at the same time 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 and wear closed toed shoes. Please bring a garbage bag with you to pick up your youth, you will need it to protect your car seat.** (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 too.) Sign up by Sept 4, so we have enough supplies for everyone :) You can use the sign up in the narthex, in the bulletin, or use the sign up online, under "Events". Parents we would love for you to get messy with us! If you can help, please let us know!

Confirmation Orientation – Wed., Sept. 11

A meeting for all students in 7th and 8th grades and at least one parent/adult is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 11, 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.

College Information Packets

There are college information packets for HS students located in the narthex on the counter.

Peace Parents Sunday School Group Meeting – Sun., Sept. 22

Peace Lutheran Church is starting a group for the parents of our Sunday School students to enhance the fellowship among our families. We would like your feedback to see if we can get this group growing. Please fill out a survey, (online or in the narthex). We will have a meeting with brunch at 9:45 a.m. on Sun., Sept. 22 in Fellowship Hall. Bring some ideas to the meeting, too! We are excited to get this fellowship in motion as the new school year begins!

Building assets in youth and community

Our asset this month is ***Caring School Climate***. Schools provide a caring encouraging environment. Here are some suggestions for how to help this asset happen at home, at school, in the community, and in church or public organization.

At home:

Ask your children how they feel about school. Ask them to name people at school who show that they care about students. Get involved in a parent-teacher organization.

At school:

Do something every day to get to know and acknowledge each student personally.

In the community:

Support your local schools. Hold community forums on the topic of caring school and invite adults and youth to share their ideas.

In the church or public organization:

Identify the teachers, school admin, and other educators among your memberships; acknowledge and honor their efforts. Encourage members to volunteer in schools.

Building Assets in our Youth and Community

**The asset for the month of August is:
Caring School Climate**

August quote of the month:

“He who knows others is wide. He who knows himself is enlightened.” ~Lau Tzu

Theatre Options

Once Upon a One More Time – Cancelled

The Phantom of the Opera – Sat., Dec. 21, 2:00 p.m.
Cadillac Palace Theatre – Downtown Chicago
Critics are saying that this production of Andrew Lloyd Weber’s Phantom of the Opera is “bigger and better than ever before.” Ticket price, if we get a group of 15 or more, is \$81 for first balcony seats! Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office.

Once on This Island – Sat., Jan. 25, 2:00 p.m.
Cadillac Palace Theatre – Downtown Chicago
The 2018 Tony Award recipient for best revival of a musical, *Once on This Island* is the sweeping, universal tale of Ti Moune, a fearless peasant girl in search of her place in the world, and ready to risk it all for love. Guided by the mighty island gods, Ti Moune sets out on a remarkable journey to reunite with the man who has captured her heart. Ticket price, if we get a group of 15 or more, is \$76.50 for first balcony seats! Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office.

Two New Shows!

Jefferson Starship – Sat., Oct. 19, 8:00 p.m. at Governor’s State. We have reserved some more great seats for this performance that includes two of the originals (David Freiberg & Donny Baldwin) plus long time members Chris Smith & Jude Gold. Use the sign-up or contact the church office. Tickets are \$40 each. Our deadline for signing up is Sept. 22.

A Tribute to Whitney Houston – Sat., Feb. 8, 8:00 p.m. at Governor’s State. Belinda Davis, a chart-topping artist. There will be all the theatrical sounds, dancing, lights, and songs from the amazing Whitney Houston. Use the sign-up or contact the church office. Tickets are \$40 each. Our deadline for signing up is Jan. 10.

Souper Bowl of Caring Update

Remember our Souper Bowl of Caring in February? Nationwide, 9.7 million dollars worth of money and food was donated, impacting 74 million meals. Thanks!

In-House Church Picture Directory

Wonder “Who is that?” but are hesitant to go up and ask the person? We are going to create our own informal picture directory to help connect faces and names. To get as many pictures taken as possible, we have set aside two weekends to go crazy: Aug. 24 & 25 and Sept. 14 & 15. To start with, we need a lot of volunteer photographers who have SLR digital cameras. (Cell phones won't do for this project.) Use the sign-up to let us know or contact the office. Then on those weekends before and after worship, we're going to have those camera volunteers taking pictures in rapid order so no one will have to wait more than a couple minutes. You don't need to dress a certain way or anything....just please come early for worship or stick around a few minutes afterward. Once the pictures are all taken, we'll assemble our own simple directory for as many as want copies.

Peace Church Fantasy Football League – Sign up by Aug. 12

Interested in playing Fantasy Football? Do you enjoy friendly competition and trash talking all in good fun? Join the 2019 Peace Lutheran FFL! Please contact Al Davenport at al.davenport@comcast.net if you would like to sign up. Because the NFL season is fast approaching, please respond by Aug. 12. Once there are 10 or 12 teams, Al will contact you with a draft date. Put your general manager hat on and get in the game!

Offering of Letters – Aug. 24 & 25

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.

Get Ready Get Set....GOLF!! – Sun. Sept. 15

The Third Annual Peace Lutheran Church Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 2:00 p.m., at Woodruff Golf Course on Gouger Road in Joliet. This is an outing for men and women. We play 9 holes riding in a luxurious cart, laugh a lot, have some refreshments, win some prizes, and enjoy the wonders of nature....trees, sand, tall grass....All of this for \$41. Please make your checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church. Any questions, call Mike Bohl (815-593-5383 or mbohl1@gmail.com)

Church Picnic – Sun., Sept. 29

Mark your calendars now and save the date for our annual church picnic on Sunday, Sept. 29, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We are in the planning stages right now, so if you would like to help, please contact the church office.

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 Sept. 15.

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! Please bring the supplies by Aug. 31.

6" Fiskar scissors	24 count crayons
70 page spiral notebooks	blue/black/red pens
140-200 count loose-leaf 3-hole paper	
8 count washable classic color markers	

Caregiver Tip of the Month

Time outs are not just for children and it doesn't have to be a bad thing. Probably by the age of two they start to understand why they need to sit and calm down and then it usually fades out by the time school starts - and so, it is short lived. As caregivers, time outs take on a whole new meaning. The stressors in our life can become somewhat overwhelming at times and we learn how to walk away, self-control, to refocus, call a friend and/or seek help. Today - put yourself in a time out. Make it a positive one. Yes, sit and be calm. And don't come out until YOU'RE ready. *(For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex.)*

Questions Kids Ask Update

This month's questions included "Did Jesus swim as a boy?" The answer is we don't know. His hometown didn't have swimming pools, that's for sure! But he may have traveled with his parents to a place that did have a swimming hole or a lake. When he became an adult, we know he spent time with fishermen, so we would guess he knew how to swim by then!

On the Spanish edition front, the committee continues to work and review the future text, website and related supporting pieces. We thank Chris Campos and others for their editing and proofreading! We also are working on behind-the-scenes things like copyright and ISBN numbers, too.

Operation Care Package

Operation Care Package is an all-volunteer 501 C-3 Public Charity based in Manhattan. We ship "Care" packages to deployed troops weekly. Our organization is about supporting the men and women who bravely answer the call to duty for you, me and our country. If you know a service person, please submit their name, address, birthday, and date deployment ends. Call Pam Swyndro at 815-258-0474 or email jpswyn.att.net.

Because of You and Your Gifts

"Something is wrong with me! I don't know what it is. Something is wrong with me!"

Carlendia had already been concerned about her daughter, Andrea's behavior, and when she broke down emotionally at the doctor's office, they were sent straight to the emergency room.

"My daughter at a very young age was experiencing difficulties at school. Her grades were not good at all ... Every task that I tried to give her, she could never complete it. Simple as making her bed - she'd take all day to do it." Their trip to the ER confirmed Andrea's claim that something was wrong: she was diagnosed with depression and a bipolar disorder. Today, one in five children through age 18 has a diagnosable mental health disorder. One in ten children has a mental health problem severe enough to impair how they function at home, in school, or in the community. Andrea is now an adult and doing well, but Carlendia hasn't forgotten how difficult those childhood days were. Mental illness is treatable, but only when families get the information and resources they need. Thank you for your generosity and compassion that allows Lutheran Social Services of Illinois to reach people like her!

Recycling Items

The following items can be dropped off in the basket in the narthex for recycling. 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).

Gardeners for MorningStar

For those of you who like to garden, when your produce starts to come in, if you have any extras, bring them to church and we'll bring them to MorningStar mission.