

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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February 16 & February 17, 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
Drums	Carol Hedlin (5:00, 11:00), Larry Wurzburger (8:30)
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Jan Bentley
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Diane Weber
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Deb Howell
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Tammy Dunn
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Randy Conatser
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Joanna Ziolkowski
Acolyte (5:00)	Ben Gouty
Acolyte (11:00)	Tyler Misch
Nursery (ages 0-5)(5:00)	Danielle Schabes
Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)	Tori Entwistle
Communion Servers (11:00)	Vivian Farbak, Joe Kirkeeng, Syndy Lindbloom Shannon Muehlnickel, Carly Salutric, Margaret Skurka Georgia Cash
Bread Providers (11:00)	Dan Heraty & Andrew Huelhorst
Ushers (5:00)	Max Heidenreich, David W. Johnson, Paul Sons, Jim Tieri
Ushers (8:30)	Jason Entwistle, Todd Klock, Cole Pawlicki, Anson Sabatini
Ushers (11:00)	The Paape Family
Greeters (5:00)	Erik & Tara Torkelson
Greeters (8:30)	Brian & Jill Pawlicki
Greeters (11:00)	Kristin Johnson
Refreshments (5:00)	Mary Bergman, Judy Boyens, Diana Brewer
Refreshments (8:30)	Georgia Cash, Dave Lang
Offering Counters	

The altar flowers are given by Pam Salutric in memory of her dad and brother;
also given by Marty and Linda Johnson in celebration of 41 years of marriage!

WE APPRECIATE your wearing name tags, turning off cell phones, and using a quiet voice for conversations once the prelude begins before worship.

WELCOME PADS

It helps us when you sign the red welcoming pads and give us your last name.

HEARING ASSISTANCE & LARGE PRINT HYMNAL AVAILABLE

We are happy to offer a large print hymnal for visual assistance, as well as wireless receivers to assist anyone with a hearing impairment. Please ask an usher for either or both.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS & OTHER ASSISTANCE

If you would like a gluten free cracker instead of a wafer or bread, or if you have difficulty picking up an individual communion cup, please just ask your server to assist you. Also, if you are not able to come forward for communion, let an usher know and we will come to you.

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship services.

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

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sun., Feb. 17 - Annual Meeting 9:45 a.m.
Peace Buddies meet at 12 noon
Ping Pong Group 12 noon
5th & 6th Grade Out to Eat at Chili's 12 noon
Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 18 - Strong Seniors Exercise Group - 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 19 - Trailblazers Luncheon at 12 noon
Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 20 - VBS Planning Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Strong Seniors Exercise Group 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.
7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 21 - Women's Group at Rialto 6:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 23 - Active Shooter/Violent Incidents event 10:00 a.m.
Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.
Adult Fellowship - Bunco event 6:10 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 24 - Adult Education Hour - *God's Work or Mine or Both?*
Peace Page Turners 9:45 a.m.
Variety Show 3:00 p.m. - Dinner at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 25 - Ruth Circle Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Strong Seniors Exercise Class 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 26 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 27 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Strong Seniors Exercise Group 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 28 - Faith Discussion Group at Jan Stoller's 7:00 p.m.

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.

Feb. 17 - Annual Meeting

Feb. 24 - *God's Work or Mine or Both?*

Mar. 3 - *What Are the 12 Steps & the Serenity Prayer* (and how can they apply to any of us?)

Mar. 10 - *Can You Teach Me How to Die the "Right" Way?* (The first of suggested Lenten topics)

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., FEB. 19

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at noon here at church. The food will include gluten-free chicken tenders and what you bring for the sides, desserts, etc. We will have a guest presenter leading us in "chair exercises." If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS - MON., FEB. 25

Quilters will meet on Mon., Feb. 25 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.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., FEB. 24

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *The Tuscan Child* by Rhys Bowen. Join us for the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. We meet at 9:45 a.m. and all are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Davenport (815) 545-2806.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - SUN., MAR. 10

Our next monthly screening date is Sun., March 10, 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.

CARING MINISTRY TEAM - JOIN US

Peace is a community of compassion and heartfelt concern for each other, especially if there is a time of need. We look for compassionate and respectful ways to reach out and offer ministry to those who have not attended church recently. We will be communicating by phone in February. If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Renee Gatewood at (708) 479-9009.

PING PONG CLUB - SUN., FEB. 17

The ping pong club meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month. Starting in February, we will meet at a new time - 12:00 p.m. following the 11:00 a.m. service. Please join us for fun and camaraderie on Feb. 17. If you want to receive email reminders, let the church office know your name and email address.

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.

Natalie, the family of Lorraine Dohrn, the family of Audrey Brennan, Paige, Bob D., Vicki (son being sent to Syria), Yoli (recovery), Brad (anxiety), Amanda Edwards, Pete Severson (basic training), Nancy Holmes (stroke), John Parker (shoulder), Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Wally Paprocki, Dennis Flynn, Pam Swyndro, Nolan, Joel Peterson, Janis Sobun (hospitalized), Mary Brouette, Diane Rosen, Bryan & Jessica Howell, Nancy Sons (recovery), Cass Ott, Bev Vogen, Pete & Nicole Stoller, Hannah Huelhorst (health), Bill Sandt (recovery), Barb Hnetkovsky (recovery), Halley Price (strength), Dave Rubner, Tom Moore (job search), Ron Sprandel, George Huffman (recovery), Christina Montgomery (recovery), Ryan Jones (decisions), Pam Klipstein (recovery), Claudia Green (recovery), Penny (health), Louisa Ishida (missionary), Ann Ciannella,, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Kristie Paprocki, 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...

Judy Brann, Debbie, Kristin & Stephen Daughtry (adoption), Judy Powless (ovarian cancer), Tom Dolan, Alexis Flynn, Trae Van Zuiden (cancer), Judy Sabatino (leukemia), Carl Holschen, Arron, Marilyn Krauch (recovery), Coach Les & family, William Paul & family, Kennedy Charlotte Legris, Michael (severe pancreatitis), Mark Berens, Michael & kids, Theresa Skowronski, Alan Booton, Margaret Robertson, Laurie Vaughn, Leonard Geier, 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 (strength & healing), Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery (cancer), Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - HELP WITH THE MEAL IN THE UPPER ROOM

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of **the Meal in the Upper Room**. These volunteers have a wide-open list of possibilities. The planning committee welcomes anyone who would like to be in on the background work. They welcome new people each year – will this be your year? Let us know through the sign-up, email us, or call the office! In addition to the planning, of course, are all the details of the event, where there are dozens of different opportunities. Watch for the announcement in the bulletin that will list various components that make this such a special Maundy Thursday event (April 25 this year.)

GIRL SCOUT WEEKEND - MAR. 2 & 3

On March 2 & 3 all Girl Scouts are reminded to wear their uniforms to church to celebrate Girl Scout weekend.

PEANUT BUTTER THANK YOU - Thanks to your generosity, we have 167 jars of peanut butter going to the food pantry!

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Growth Mindset**. Some things we can do in the community are: 1) Invite young people you know to tell you about their dreams. Be a mentor for youth whose dreams are related to your own life's area of expertise. 2) Provide meaningful opportunities for youth to contribute to community life.

This week's idea is recognize the skills and accomplishments of youth in the community. Last week's was listen to your kids when they talk about their dreams. Ask how you can help – get excited.

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. February's passage is: Isaiah 32:1-8.

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of \$11,966.71 at worship plus another \$1,109 electronically, and a total attendance in worship of 357. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

A new class of future leaders began their studies last fall at ELCA colleges, universities and seminaries, including 26 women from our global companion churches pursuing four-year degrees with the International Women Leaders initiative. Dora, an International Women Leaders scholarship recipient from Cameroon studying at Concordia College, shares, "If I were to use one word to describe this program, it's hope. The hope to gain better education than I would have ever had at home, the hope to be a pillar in my church and my society, and the hope to participate in life-changing experiences. The hope to bring a contribution to the development of my church and my country. The hope that one day, like those who help me, I will help young girls who can't afford education. The hope to see my dream come true."

MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., MAR. 12

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.

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.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS OTHERS - BUSINESS ATTIRE

Our Warm Coat campaign has once again brought an overwhelming, wonderful response. In February, we switch 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.)

NEW 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. Upcoming dates available are: Feb. 24, Mar. 10, 17 & 31, May 12. June 2, 16, 23 & 30.

VARIETY SHOW SIGN-UP

Think you don't have the "talent" needed to be a part of the Feb. 24 Variety Show? Nonsense! All have something they love to do and are good at. It doesn't have to be singing or playing an instrument. Dancing, juggling, magic, poetic recitations, comedy you name it, the Variety Show wants you. Don't be shy. We promise it won't end up on YouTube! It's not too late to sign up. Deadline is Feb. 17. Use the bulletin sign-up sheet, grab a sign-up form from Kelly Muehlnickel's mailbox in the entrance area, or call her at 815-463-8836. And don't forget to sign-up for the dinner following the show. The food will be worth the price of admission!

BUSINESS/SERVICE/MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

As a part of our membership directory that we print in March, we have a section for people connected to our church to list their businesses and/or services. If you have been listed in the past and changes need to be made or you would like to be added, please give us a note with your name, business/service and a phone number. If anyone else has an address or phone change to add, let us know that too. The deadline is Feb. 18.

ASSET BUILDING TOY DRIVE

As a part of the Asset Building effort that our congregation supports, we will be taking part in a toy drive to benefit the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. Their mission is to provide toddlers to 18 year olds who are going through cancer treatments with a small gift such as new toys, books, crafts, dollar store items, unopened kids' meal toys, accessories and gift certificates. All items must be new. Please – NO stuffed animals. You may deliver your items to the church office or send them with your child to Sunday School by March 3. Any questions please contact Pastor Dave. Thanks for all your support of young people!

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., Feb. 17- Antioch money and permission slips due & Out to dinner at Mamma Onesta's Italian Restaurant.

Sun., Feb. 24- Talent Show & Dinner with Church.

Sun., March 3- No Meeting

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.

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN BIBLE STUDY- WED., FEB. 20 & 27

High school age youth are invited to a new Teen Bible study with Deacon Shari. We will meet at church on Wed., Feb. 20 & 27, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will cover in-depth, yet compact and easy to understand Bible lessons covering topics relevant to teens.

5th & 6th GR. BIBLE BUDDIES - WED., APR. 24

Pizza at 6:30 p.m. Bring a \$3 donation dinner. Please let us know if you would like to join us for a pizza dinner.

5th & 6th GR. OUT TO EAT - SUN., FEB. 17

We will meet at church at 12:00 p.m. and go to Chili's for lunch! Please bring \$15-\$20 for food and drink.

PEACE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

Peace Church will make available the annual scholarship for high school seniors who are planning to attend 4 or 2 year college programs or technical/trade schools. Up to 5 scholarships will be awarded. Recipients will be chosen based on several factors, which are detailed in the application form. These forms are available on the counter in the narthex and must be submitted no later than Feb. 24.

WE WILL BE R.O.A.R.ING AT THE VARIETY SHOW!

Peace Church's **Annual Variety Show & Dinner** - Sun., Feb. 24, at 3:00 p.m. The Sunday School classes will sing a song during the Variety Show this year. After the show there will be a dinner, too!!! Please let us know if your youth can sing with our group and if you all will stay for dinner! Please use the online sign up or the sign-up in the bulletin.

7th & 8th/ HS ANTIOCH RETREAT – MAR. 1-3

For the past several years, the 7th - 12th grade youth have gathered together for this weekend-long spiritual retreat. The name Antioch comes from the book of Acts when a group of people studied together and learned what it meant to be a Christian (Act 11). This retreat is a time of prayer, worship, friendship and fun. Antioch will be from 6:30 p.m., Fri., Mar. 1 until 1:00 p.m., Sun., Mar. 3. **The cost of the retreat is \$20 and registration is due TODAY** (don't forget about the Hope Fund if needed). Friends are welcome. If you have any questions, or if you are interested in participating, talk to Deacon Shari! Information and registration forms can be found on the narthex counter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - "R.O.A.R. WITH GOD"

This year is 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!) Join us for a great year of Sunday School where you can make new friends and GROW IN YOUR FAITH! And don't forget, we also have classes for teens and adults.

ANTIOCH HOST FAMILIES WANTED

Our youth's annual Antioch retreat (grades 7-12) is blessed by having host families for one over-night stay. Host families provide overnight lodging on Fri., March 1, as well as transportation for their youth to and from the church. It is hoped that host families will host at least two youth (of the same gender). If you are willing to be a host family, or if you have questions, please call the church office or see Deacon Shari.

ANTIOCH LED YOUTH WORSHIP - SAT., MARCH 2

The 5:00 worship on March 2 will be led by our youth. This service will have both Sr. and Jr. High kids involved, and will be one component of the Antioch Retreat. Be sure to mark your calendars and support our youth!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., FEB. 20

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. 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.

BUNCO IS BACK! - SAT., FEB. 23

You are invited to participate in the fun that comes with playing Bunco, and the white elephant prizes that follow. The date is Sat., Feb. 23, at about 6:10 p.m. The evening starts with appetizers/snacks/desserts that you bring, and then the rounds of 1's and 2's follow. Never played Bunco? You don't need to know a thing except how to laugh and enjoy yourself. The white elephant exchange comes as the culmination, and the "better" the white elephants (tackier = better), the more laughs we all have. All are welcome. Please use the sign-up to give us a clue as to how many to expect. If you need childcare, let us know by Feb. 17 (\$3 per child).

Bible Background for Jeremiah 17:5-10

“Take your pick” might well be the title for this passage. Take your pick between idol worship of any kind (including hero worship of a particular person) – which leads to death and emptiness, and worship of the one true God, who does provide life to those who follow! In Jeremiah’s day and our own, many people have opted for the first option because it seems glitzy or tangible or the person is charismatic. The results haven’t changed!

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. The pantry is in need of the following specific items. You can bring donations 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)
hand soap (bar & liquid)	disposable diapers
dish soap	toothpaste
juices	

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!

COAT DRIVE THANK YOU

Your amazing generosity has come through again! Here are the totals, thanks to the altar guild people who take care of organizing and packaging these, week after week: 147 coats, 15 boots, 89 gloves, 9 mittens, 172 hats, 10 earmuffs/headbands, 9 sweaters, 5 vests, 7 snow pants, 132 scarves!

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.

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

NEW TICKET OPTIONS

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.

MAMA MIA - SUN., APRIL 7, 6:00 p.m. - Sold Out

We’re going to try and get more tickets. If you would like to be put on a waiting list, please use the sign up slip in the bulletin. The cost for the tickets (about \$20 off full price) would be \$57.50 (\$41.75 for students.)

THE ULTIMATE QUEEN CELEBRATION STARRING MARC MARTE - SAT., APR. 27, 8:00 p.m.

The lead singer was hand-chosen by Queen to be the star of their tribute band. This show is at Governors State’s Performing Arts Center. Our seats are 8 rows from the stage. Our discounted tickets are \$36. We now have 4 tickets left.

AUGUST RUSH - SAT., MAY 18, 3:00 p.m.

Paramount Theatre is producing this brand new musical for the first time. Based on the movie, follow the journey of 11-year-old Evan on his search to find his parents. The story-line and music alone would be worth the price – deeply discounted at \$37 each. We have 7 seats left.

ANOTHER NEW SHOW TO CONSIDER

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM - SAT., MAY 4, 7:30 p.m.

This classic comedy will be performed by The Drama Group of Chicago Heights in their theater. Tickets will be \$23 for “regular” adults, \$21 for seniors, and \$17 for students. There isn’t a bad seat in the house, and the group has consistently put on good shows. Let us know if you’d like to go!

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 right then and there. (There’s a 3-ring binder that is self-serve and easy to use.) This week’s book is: *Some Folk’s Feel the Rain- Others Just Get Wet* By James W. Moore.

GO-KARTING IN THE WINTER - THURS., MAR. 21

Accelerate Indoor Speedway in Mokena - Thurs., March 21 at 7:00 p.m. Did you ever want to try your "racing skills?" We think adults (13 yrs. and up) and juniors (8-12 yrs.) would enjoy a single race consisting of 14 laps for adults and 12 laps for juniors at the "Accelerate Indoor Speedway" in Mokena. The cost is \$19.99 per person for both adults and juniors and a first time driver's license fee of \$7.95 per person. There is a place to eat if anyone is interested. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office.

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. If there is interest, we will either have a van or a bus going to the game. The cost for that will be \$5 per person, maximum \$15 per household. Your friends are welcome, too – first come basis. (The tickets could be a great Mother’s Day or early Father’s Day present.) Use the sign-up or call the office.

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, 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

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.*)

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

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE - YOU ARE INVITED

The group that is working on the new Spanish version of our *Questions Kids Ask About God* book had their first meeting. The next step will be to do some research on the market that might be out there, and how we might address that market. If you would like to join the effort, you are most welcome! Let the office know.

Meanwhile, the questions of kids keep on coming! It is very affirming to know that this ministry is very much fresh and reaching kids of all ages. In January, one of the questions asked was about symbols....why? The answer is that they are gifts from God as a quick visual way to connect us to who God is. Artists and creative people find ways to go beyond words to inspire and teach us. The central symbol of our faith is the cross. In its simple form, it proclaims forgiveness, love, and how far God is willing to go to overcome sin and death.

FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP - THURS., FEB. 28

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 Thurs., Feb. 28 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!

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES BOOKS

We are once again offering Golden Opportunity books. They're filled with savings coupons for many different types of places, from food to entertainment to carwashes. This year's edition is here and is \$25. (A portion of that goes to youth-related ministries.) We hope this helps you get some good bargains!

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.

PLANNING AND RESPONDING TO ACTIVE SHOOTER/VIOLENT INCIDENTS - SAT., FEB. 23

Recent national tragedies and local examples remind us that the risk is real; an active shooter incident can happen in any place at any time. Mass shootings start and end very quickly; first responders often cannot get to a scene in time. Sixty-three percent of active shooter events are concluded by the 15-minute mark, either by police action or by suspect suicide. The best way to make sure you and your loved ones stay safe is to prepare ahead of time and be ready. Taking a few steps now and mentally rehearsing what to do can help you react quickly when every second counts. Peace is hosting an event led by Will County Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Jerz, a local leader in training people all over the county. The date will be Feb. 23, starting at 10:00 a.m. It will conclude before noon. Please let us know that you are coming so we can prepare adequately. The learning objectives are that by the end we should be able to...

- Understand why advance preparation is essential.
- Develop a survival mindset.
- Learn options on how to respond during an active shooter incident.

PEACE BUDDIES - SUN., FEB. 17

Peace Buddies is a special needs group for high school age and up. No need to be a part of our church to join. If you know someone, please invite them to come. We meet on the third Sunday of the month from **12:00-2:00 p.m.**

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.

Thursday, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m. - Organ performance followed by reels at the Rialto - \$5 series, *Sleepless in Seattle*.

Save the Dates:

Saturday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. - Chicago Wolves Hockey

Sunday, April 28, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Garfield Park Conservatory with concert.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING - SUN., FEB. 17

Our annual meeting will take place on Sun., Feb. 17, at approximately 9:55 a.m. in the sanctuary. Highlights will include the election of council members, a vote on whether to take on an intern, and reflections on our ministries on God's behalf. Please plan to attend.

VBS PLANNING MEETING – WED., FEB. 20

Yes, it's time to think summer! Our VBS is amazing, and involves lots of people each helping in some way. The planning crew invites you to join in the behind-the-scenes fun (we're not kidding) of putting this great event together. Join us Wed., Feb. 20, at 9:00 a.m., or let us know of your interest in helping if you can't make the date or time.

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 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please call Anita Drake (815) 299-4417 with any questions.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - MAR. 6

The worldwide observance of Lent begins this year on Mar. 6 with Ash Wednesday. This solemn occasion reminds us of our mortality, as well as our need for forgiveness. We will have worship services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The option for the imposition of ashes will be available at both services.

PICTURES FOR PEACE ANTIOCH WEEKEND

We are looking for any images of crosses that you may find! If your peas make a cross on your plate, take a picture of it and e-mail it to us at peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org. We need all kinds of images that look like a cross to decorate for Antioch weekend!

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: February 24. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here. If you want it via e-mail or first class, let us know.

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU - Thanks to your commitment to helping people, 21 people successfully gave blood in February. Our next drive will be April 6.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FROM GOD?

Many different times our congregation has received an unexpected blessing. We might be getting another one. The Northern Illinois Synod called to ask us to consider hosting an intern for the 2019-2020 period. The synod has experienced what we have been able to do for the interns we've had in the past, and the resulting benefit for God's church. Your reputation as a congregation that gives continues!

So, why do this? 1) We won't have to take our chances on who our intern would be. The synod has a particular person in mind. I met with him, and from that, I would say there are no "red flags." 2) Because we have been blessed, and because we are a healthy congregation, we can give him a great experience. 3) There is a shortage of pastors which will only get worse as more pastors retire. We can help the whole church.

Any reasons not to? The only potential ones I can think of are 1) It does require some more of my time initially, but we've had interns before and there is a definite net gain after a few months. 2) We are obligating ourselves to the tune of about \$25,000. [My response to that is, we've always stepped up to the plate when we feel led by God to do something. The money will come from us as long as we feel led by God to take on this ministry. And if we're short, we have significant reserves we can use.]

The Congregation Council and committee chairs have given the topic a good discussion, including how much time it will take (and how it will end up being a net gain.) The Council formally voted unanimously to recommend to the congregation that we move forward, and the committee chairs voiced their full support as well.

What happens next? 1) You get to ask questions! 2) We will make this an agenda item at the Annual Meeting on Feb. 17. 3) If the vote is positive, the person would start with us in August and be with us for a year. 4) We would form a committee of volunteers to meet monthly with him to give him specific feedback and affirmation.

Please be in prayer for God's guidance.

Pastor Dave

(Sign-Up 02/16/19 - 02/17/19)

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