

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

Children's Choir Director

Adult Choir Director

Bell Choir Director

Director of Ladies Ensemble

Sound Engineer

Lay Liturgist (5:00)

Lay Liturgist (8:30)

Lay Liturgist (11:00)

Lesson Reader (5:00)

Lesson Reader (8:30)

Lesson Reader (11:00)

Acolyte (5:00)

Acolyte (8:30)

Acolyte (11:00)

Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)

Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)

Ushers (5:00)

Ushers (8:30)

Ushers (11:00)

Greeters (5:00)

Greeters (8:30)

Greeters (11:00)

Communion Servers (11:00) Vivian Farbak, Emilie Harvey, Chris Jarchow

Sydney Lindbloom, Shannon Muehlnickel, Jay Parker

Bread Provider (11:00)

Refreshments (5:00)

Refreshments (8:30)

Offering Counters Pam Swyndro, Nate Thomas, Jason Smith, Tom Powers

The altar flowers are given by Jeff Howell; also given by Jan Bentley.

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 (adult class only).....9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

#### THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 1 & 2 - Souper Bowl of Caring Weekend

Sun., Feb. 2 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Adult Education Hour - *Dimensions of Prayer* 9:55 a.m.

Teen Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

What's the Scoop - Bring Your Ideas to Our Meeting 12:00 p.m.

Peace 360 - 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 3 - Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12:00 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 4 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

Addiction and Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 5 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m. & Strong Seniors Exercise 11:15 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - 6:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m.- Pizza at 6:30 p.m.

Sat. & Sun. Feb. 8 & 9 - BSA Scouts of America Weekend

Sat., Feb. 8 - Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 2:00 p.m.

Baptism Orientation 3:30 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 9 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Adult Education Hour - *Darrell Holmquist will present on the history of*

*Peace Lutheran Church!* 9:55 a.m.

Teen Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screenings 9:45 a.m.

Movie Discussion for Adults: Green Book 12:15 p.m.

Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 10 - Ruth Circle Quilting 9:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12:00 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 11 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m.

Addiction and Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.

Men's Group - Dartball 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 12 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Group 11:15 a.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m.- Pizza at 6:30 p.m.

## Groups

### 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.

### RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTERS) - MON., FEB. 10

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. Join us at 9:00 a.m.

### MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., FEB. 11

Dartball meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. No prior experience needed or helpful. Please join us! We finish at 9:00 p.m. so you've got time for your bedtime ice cream, too. (Who's idea is that???)

### TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., FEB. 18

Our next meeting will be our usual day Tues., Feb. 18, at noon here at church. The food will be sloppy joes, plus your usual food donations. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

## Worship Related

### LADIES ENSEMBLE, ADULT CHOIR, HANDBELL CHOIR

Sing! Sing a song!!! Ring some bells!!! The Ladies Ensemble is looking for women who love to sing... and have a good time too! Practices are usually on Saturday, and the group sings at various services. The Adult Choir practices on Wednesday nights from 7:15 to 8:15. Here, too, no experience is needed! Spreading God's word thru music is a joy you will want to share in. For questions, contact the office, Pamela Putrich or Gerry Wurzbarger. The Handbell Choir practices on Tuesday nights. Please contact Erica Desaulniers ([ericasagerman@gmail.com](mailto:ericasagerman@gmail.com)) for more information. Hope to see you soon.

### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - FEB. 26

The worldwide observance of Lent begins this year on Feb. 26 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.

## New This Week

### 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 1. Any questions please contact Pastor Dave. Thanks for all your support of young people!

### CUBS GAME - SUN., MAY 31

We were able to secure 20 tickets for the game against the Cincinnati Reds, on Sun., May 31, with the game at 1:20 p.m. Our seats are in section 228 about half way down the right field line. The group rate price with all taxes and fees is \$45. 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.

### PEANUT BUTTER THANK YOU

So far (as of Wed.) the quantity of peanut butter jars is 251! Pretend that all kinds of sticky mouths are smiling and trying to say thank you! Your generosity again shines through.

### OUT TO EAT - SAT., FEB. 15

Back by popular demand, we're next heading to LA Café on Sat., Feb. 15, at 6:30 at 19450 S. LaGrange Rd., Mokena. This authentic Mexican restaurant also has plenty of alternate choices. Please use the sign-up or call the office. (March event will be to Portillo's on the 14<sup>th</sup>.)

### KIDS AND ADULTS CONFIRMATION MEETING - WED., FEB. 19

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders along with their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the Kids and Adults meeting on Wed., Feb. 19. A hotdog dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Just a heads up, it has been brought to our attention that the next meeting on Feb. 19 falls on the 8<sup>th</sup> grade open night, for upcoming Lincoln Way freshman. (If they finish in time, come on over! If not, we'll send make up work, and encourage everyone to come to the Ash Wednesday worship on Feb. 26 at 7:30.)

### ANTIOCH HOST HOMES THANK YOU

Once again, the generous people of Peace have stepped up to the plate. We had such a great response that our need for host homes has been satisfied! Thank you!!!

## Thank you

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$10,456.00** at worship plus another **\$1598** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **338**. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

### BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

Because you supported the ELCA's churchwide ministries in 2019, you were there all year long as we walked alongside one another and our brothers and sisters around the globe. Through your generosity, you were a light in this world. You were a light for those who experience hunger and poverty. A light for those whose lives have been upended by disaster. A light for our missionaries and volunteers who are walking alongside our brothers and sisters and serving as they have been called to serve. A light for future leaders, both in this church and in Lutheran churches around the world, who through your support can let their own light shine as brightly as God intended.

## General Announcements

### C.Ds & 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](http://www.peacenewlenox.org).

**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.

### OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARY

Benjamin David is serving a year in Argentina as a Young Adult in Global Mission. It's our privilege to support him financially, through prayers each week in worship, Trailblazers' cards, and more!

### VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - ADULT FELLOWSHIP

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of the group known as Adult Fellowship. This group meets on occasion to enjoy each other (and food!) Whenever you see an event that they have planned, know that you are welcome and encouraged to come to it. It is not a group of closed-minded to newcomers! The bulletin and newsletter and website are places to look for their announcements.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: February 23.** If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here. If you want it via e-mail or first class, let us know.

### 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!

### BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Safety (Relationship Skills)**. **Something we can do at home is: Don't tolerate hurtful words or actions in your home. Model loving respectful behavior toward family and friends. This week's idea for our school is: Make it a priority to create a safe environment in the building, on school grounds and at school activities.**

### 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](http://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 (or download in order to manage online giving).



**PEACE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY** - If you would like special prayers said for someone, just let the office know of a particular need. Our Circle of Prayer ministry is ready to help. We will send out an email to the praying volunteers with that need. (If you would like to be a part of this Peace Circle of Prayer, let us know, including what email address we should use.)

### NEW FLOWER CHART

Each week people donate the cost of altar flowers (\$20 per arrangement). The process is very simple. There is a 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 (if any) for the donation. Envelopes for the cost are by the chart and also are mailed the week following your selected week. **Upcoming dates available are: Mar. 1, 15, May 3 & 31, June 14, 21 & 28, plus many others.**

### PICTURE DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Thanks to all the people who had their pictures taken. Our new photo directory is available in the entrance area on the counter. Help yourself, and start matching pictures with names! If you didn't get your picture taken, we'll be happy to do it and include you in the next printing.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - SUN., FEB. 9

Our next monthly screening date is Sun., Feb. 9, between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have questions, or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, contact Marylynn Tyler at (815)423-6407. **(We could use a few more people to help take the pressures!)**

## Help Others

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS - FEB. 27 & 28

The Will County Habitat for Humanity is constructing multiple homes this year. They anticipate needing some volunteers for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27 & 28. While the jobs to be done are not finalized yet, they think they may need people to help with siding, or drywall or painting. That is quite a variety! But we know some of you have skills and others of you have willingness to give a day or two so that others may have a home! Not able to do that kind of volunteering? They also have a resale shop (ReStore) that can use volunteers as well. Let us know through the sign-up.

### LOMC MEMORIAL DAY WORK WEEKEND - MAY 22-25

Well it's that time of year again when we are reminded to start thinking ahead to warmer days and Memorial Day Work Weekend at LOMC. If you have any questions you can call Ken at 815-978-5843 or email him at [ken@lomc.org](mailto:ken@lomc.org)

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!

### 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.

### 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.*)

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - FEB. 1 & 2

It's PLAYOFF time! Join the team that tackles hunger! On Feb. 2, 2020, families and friends gather together to watch the Big Game, while an estimated 40 million Americans are food insecure, struggling to put food on the table. Imagine the impact we can make if everyone who watched the game gave one dollar or a can of food to help our neighbors in need. Show the world what it means to be a CHAMPION off the field. Join our church's effort in the Souper Bowl of Caring to help "Change the Game" (this year's theme.)

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - NEXT TIME: WED., FEB. 5

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 Feb. 5. 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.

### NEW FEEDING MINISTRY

We have been given the opportunity to help support future pastors and deacons in a new way. The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Chicago has a food closet for its seminarians and the closet is low on supplies. We have organized an ongoing food drive to help fill the shelves and lift the burden that seminary can sometimes be for students and their families. A list of needed items can be found in the narthex.

### 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), creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

### COAT DRIVE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED – ENDS FEB. 2 & THANKS!!!

As of last Saturday, you have given 60 men's coats, 51 women's coats, 52 children's coats, 8 snow pants, 78 scarves, 184 hats, 132 gloves, 3 socks/tights, 12 boots, 2 vests, 3 ear muffs – for a total of 585 items!!!

### ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS OTHERS - BUSINESS ATTIRE BEGINS IN FEBRUARY.

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.)



## Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

### THEATRE/SHOW OPTIONS

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. **We have 4 tickets left.** Tickets are \$40 each.

### SHAKESPEARE'S AS YOU LIKE IT - SAT., JUNE 13

We have been given an opportunity to see a modern adaptation of this classic play. This high-spirited version infuses Shakespeare's comedy with the hit songs of The Beatles! The date will be Sat., June 13, at 3:00 p.m. at the Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier. Group rate tickets will be \$72 - \$81. We have **1 ticket left, but probably can get more.** Please use the sign-up or call the office to let us know.

DEAR EVAN HANSEN - Sunday, July 12, 2:00 p.m., at the CIBC Theater in Chicago. This musical won six Tony awards, including best musical in 2017. The story is both "heavy" and redeeming. It is based on the life of a person who is seen as a misfit in his school, and a letter that was never meant to be seen, a lie that was never meant to be told. It also features a life he never dreamed he could have. This is a deeply personal and profoundly contemporary musical about life and the way we live it. We were able to secure the lowest priced tickets that will be available in Chicago with our special group rate of \$38. The first set of tickets were sold out, but we can get more as needed. Please use the sign-up sheet or call the office **by March 1** to request tickets.

THE LION IN WINTER - Saturday, March 14, 2020, 7:30 p.m. at the CURTAIN CALL THEATRE, Front Street, Mokena. The cost will be \$20. **We didn't have much notice of this awesome show but if you are interested, we need your response by Sunday, February 9 if we want seats together.** Otherwise, we can try and purchase tickets at the door. (The storyline: Sibling rivalry, adultery, and dungeons – The Lion in Winter is a modern-day classic. Comedic in tone, dramatic in action – the play tells the story of the Plantagenet family who are locked in a free-for-all of competing ambitions to inherit a kingdom.)

ALL CHURCH BOWLING - SUN., FEB. 16 - Our All-Church Bowling outing will be on Feb. 16, at 1:00 p.m. at Laraway Lanes in New Lenox (1009 W. Laraway Rd.). **Please arrive around 12:45 p.m.** to get your shoes, bowling ball and lane ready. The cost will be \$11 per person for 2 games and shoes. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin, online, in the narthex, or call the church office by Feb. 9. The event is also the Peace Buddies, 5/6<sup>th</sup> gr., 7/8<sup>th</sup> gr., and Peace360 activities for February. Drop off and pick up at Laraway Lanes.

## Faith Development/Education

### ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

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

**Feb. 2 - *Dimensions of Prayer***

**Feb. 9 - *Darrell Holmquist will present on the history of Peace Lutheran Church!***

**Feb. 16 - *Is It the Same God? (Comparing the Old & New Testaments)***

**Feb. 23 - *Manipulative Behaviors - Why & How to Deal with Them***

**Mar. 1 - *Forgiveness: A Part of the Journey toward Healing***

### 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: Deuteronomy 6:4-12**

### BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR MICAH 6:1-8

**You may be familiar with the Bible verse "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). Often I see this verse on wall art, refrigerator magnets, and other home decor. What is occurring in this text prior to that phrase is imagery of a court hearing where God brings a suit against Israel, for failing to uphold their end of the covenants made with God. The hills, mountains and foundation of the earth serve as the jury. In a court case with God, we would all be found guilty of failing to uphold our end of the covenants. But the good news is that God does not want us to pay for our transgressions with "thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil" (Micah 6:7) or other sacrifices. Rather, God asks us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with 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: ***Winter is Not Forever* by Janette Oke.**

### PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., FEB. 23

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

### VBS PLANNING MEETING – WED., FEB. 19

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. 19, at 9:00 a.m., or let us know of your interest in helping if you can't make the date or time. Use the sign-up or call the office.

## More Fellowship Opportunities/Events

### HOWL WITH THE WOLVES - SAT., MAR. 14

We have a block of up to 30 main level seats for the 7:00 p.m., Sat., March 14 Wolves hockey game vs. Rockford. Tickets are \$23 each and include a Wolves cap for all. We are planning on a bus to take us to the Allstate Arena in Rosemont. The bus cost will be \$5 per person and \$10 per family (beats fighting the expressway traffic and exorbitant parking fees!) This promises to be a great night of fellowship, fun, food and hockey. Use the sign-up sheet, or call the church office and indicate the number of tickets and how many for the bus.

### ADULT FELLOWSHIP PIZZA, PLANNING & GAMES – SAT., FEB. 22

Because of all the fun we had with Trivia Night, the group delayed our planning night until February. But now it's time! Set aside Saturday, Feb. 22, beginning at 6:05 p.m., for some fun, fellowship, pizza (wide variety), games, and planning our activities for the coming year. The cost is \$3 each. Need childcare? Let us know (also \$3.) Use the sign-up or call the office.

### CHESS TOURNAMENT - TUES., MARCH 24

Calling all chess players! We now have a confirmed date for Peace's first chess tournament: Tues., March 24, at 6:30 p.m. It is an open tournament and everyone is welcome, from the youngest generation to the most experienced generations. ☺ If interested (and why wouldn't you be?), please use the sign-up slip or contact Al Davenport directly at [al.davenport@comcast.net](mailto:al.davenport@comcast.net), or call or text Al at 708-977-7339. Whether you win or lose, the tournament will be a hoot!

### VARIETY SHOW & DINNER - SUN, FEB. 23

The stage is calling! Back by popular demand is our Annual Variety Show & Dinner - Sun., Feb. 23, at 3:00 p.m. All ages and talents are welcome and encouraged to perform. Perhaps a short skit, instrumental, or vocal performance? Maybe a duet, trio, quartet, or quintet? Let's do our best to top last year's show! If you wish to perform, we ask that you fill out an information form available in Kelly Muehlnickel's mailbox or in the church office. Please return the completed form to her mailbox or the office. The deadline to sign up is February 12. Not ready to perform? Then be sure to attend the show! As a delicious bonus, a catered dinner will follow the show beginning about 4:45/ 5:00 p.m. on a free-will offering basis. Come join the fun! Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the office if you wish to attend. Call Mark Muehlnickel at 815-463-8836 with any questions.

### 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.*

The family of Richard Gardner, the family of Donny Wentz, the family of Pauline Lee, Greg Liska, Danny, Pam & George Ogorzaly, Stacey (guidance), Amber & Carly (in college), Mark Miller (detached retina), Miles, Jeff Howell (recovery), the Schnepfer family (peace), Jack Farbak, Grace Otto, Scott & Monica Medows (grief), Janet Stoller, Lynn McGuire, Ken Barker, Denise Jones (recovery), Edna Anglin (health), Benjamin David (missionary), Tammy Conway, Barry, Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...  
Sandi, Christy Chenowith, Brandon (military), Marty (healing), Em (healing), Kaitlyn Halper, Robert Larsen, Brenda Easton, Shirley Maier, Esther Coulter, Frankie (head trauma), Halley (healing), Jessica (stress), Marty Kolar, Dave Boer, Mrs. Misna (pneumonia & heart issues), Pam Shea, Eric Stohlquist (surgery), Gary Gould (recovery), Betty Golke, the Buhle family, Bernie Wright (hospice care), Jodi Marneris, Gary Kelly, Gene Trezzo (cancer), Jim Fitzpatrick and family, Melissa, Jake & Josh (mental health & addiction), Sherry Seat (healing, strength & guidance), Tammy Hoehn & Jackie, Alan Booton, Erv & Mary Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt, Bill Reidy, Mary Hand, Tyler, the Austin family, Brena V. and family, Dan T. & family, Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo, Jeffrey, the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY** - If you know someone who is serving and would like them on our 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, Rob Boland

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## *More General Announcements*

### QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

We are beginning to get leads for where and how to let people know about our new Spanish version of the Questions Kids Ask About God book. It is very exciting to think about this new outreach on God's behalf, made possible because of your support and the hard work of our committee! Meanwhile, the questions keep coming, including one about what happens to our bodies in heaven? Will we always be children, or adults or wrinkly or what? While we don't know the exact answer, we do know we will be God's, and that God will give us a new body appropriate for our new life. That new body will still be you, but in a different form.

### BSA SCOUTS OF AMERICA WEEKEND - FEB. 8 & 9

The annual BSA Scouts of America Weekend is coming up on Feb. 8 & 9. Boy Scouts of all ages, wear your uniforms to church. Girl Scout Weekend will be March 7 & 8.

### BAPTISM ORIENTATION - SAT., FEB. 8

Feb. 8, at 3:30 p.m., marks the next baptism orientation class for those who wish to have a child/children baptized at Peace in the next few months.

## *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 welcome! Peace 360 meets most Sundays from 4 -7 p.m.

**Sun., Feb. 2** - What's the Scoop meeting **12:00 p.m.**

**Sun., Feb. 9** - Discussions and dinner. We are discussing God's love and we will be making heart shaped pizza.

**Sun., Feb. 16** - Antioch permission slips due! Meeting at Laraway Lanes at 12:45 p.m. for bowling \$11 for 2 games and shoes. 5p.m. meet at church for a fancy dinner at Mamma Onesta's. Please bring \$25 for dinner.

### THE HOPE FUND

If your child(ren) would like to participate in a youth event but the cost is keeping him/her/them from joining us, funds are available to help. The Hope Fund was established through a generous donation of a Peace Lutheran Church family to enable a member(s) of our congregation to participate in church youth activities. Just let Deacon Shari or Pastor Dave know - no one else will know.

### BIBLE BUDDIES 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> GR. WED., FEB. 19

**While the Kids and Adults are in Confirmation on Wed., Feb. 19 we invite any of our 3rd-6th graders to have bible study with Deacon Shari and some of our high school youth. Hotdogs are served at 6:30 p.m. Bible Buddies will start at 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please use the sign up in the bulletin to let us know if your child can attend.**

### 7<sup>th</sup>&8<sup>th</sup> / HS ANTIOCH RETREAT – MAR. 6-8

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to gather together for this weekend-long spiritual retreat. The name Antioch comes from the book of Acts, after a group of people studied together and learned what it meant to be a Christian (Act 11). This retreat will be a time of prayer, worship, friendship and fun. This year's retreat will be from 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 6 until approximately 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 8. The cost of the retreat is \$25 (don't forget about the Hope Fund if needed) and registration is due by Feb. 16. Friends are also welcome. If you have any questions, or if you are interested in participating, but not sure you can come for the whole weekend talk to Deacon Shari! Please fill out the registration form found in the narthex.

### PEACE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP - DEADLINE FEB. 23

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 will be detailed in the application form. These forms are available on the counter in the narthex and must be submitted no later than February 23, 2020.

# WHAT'S THE SCOOP? (Bring your ideas to the group!) -SUN., FEB. 2

So, what goes on? What do the various committees cover?

Why should I come?

To help with those questions, here is an overview for what each committee is responsible. Beside that, we eat, we talk through an agenda of ideas that are in process, we look for new suggestions and ideas, we get to know other people. We hope you'll come! Our next meeting is **Sun., Feb. 2**, at noon.

## Outreach

**WOMEN'S GROUP & OUT TO EAT GROUP** More than just fellowship, these are avenues to try to include more people.

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECEPTION** Meeting three times annually, these sessions are held to let new members become acquainted with the church and other new members before actually becoming members. A luncheon is held in their honor on each new member orientation Sunday

**ELCA SYNOD RELATIONSHIP** Review and advise the church concerning mission opportunities and publications with various implications for church growth.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** Peace Lutheran is always ready to lend a helping hand to whomever may need assistance. When we hear of a local need in some organization or effort, Peace Church steps up to help.

**DOOR KNOCKING** Knock on doors in the surrounding area monthly to invite the unchurched to worship services.

## Worship

**MUSIC** Bells, choirs, special music, and congregational music during worship

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS** Readers, greeters, lay liturgists, ushers, acolytes and communion servers

**BEHIND THE SCENES** People who provide bread, pick hymns, run the sound system, setup/cleanup communion, and serve in the nursery

## Fellowship

**FAMILY EVENTS** bowling, baseball games, church picnic, ice cream social – to name a few

**HOLIDAY EVENTS** Easter breakfast, Thanksgiving day dinner, Christmas tree trimming & caroling

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS** dartball , ping pong, theater events, concerts

**INDIVIDUAL GROUPS** Ruth Circle (quilters), Adult Fellowship, Out to Eat Group

## Faith Development

**YOUTH EDUCATION** Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and confirmation, teen Bible Study, Bible Buddies

**ADULT EDUCATION** Sunday classes, theme classes, special initiatives, weekly bible study

**SPECIAL NEEDS** Peace Buddies - teens and adults with special needs

**LIBRARY** Books and videos

## Support

**INTEREST INDICATORS** This form is completed in September for people to share their time and talent in about 100 areas that interest them

**JOYFUL GIVING** All members and friends are encouraged to share in the joy of giving

**GROWTH OF RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH STEWARDSHIP** Relationships with each other and God

## Property

**MAJOR REPAIRS** Identify major repairs and improvements needed to the church building

**MINOR REPAIRS** Identify minor building repairs needed and find volunteers in the congregation to address those needs

**CHURCH GROUNDS** Maintain the church grounds (landscaping, gardening and lawn mowing)

**SECURITY** Evaluate security needs of the church as they arise

## Service

**PROVIDE ASSISTANCE** Reach out and help others in need

**SPREAD GOD'S WORD & WORK** Look for ways to bring God's word into Peace Church and the community by sharing

**HUMANITARIAN SERVICES** Deliver food and clothing to local agencies, provide meals to the needy including a Thanksgiving dinner at church, provide transportation, participate in local and worldwide hunger efforts, work with Habitat for Humanity, and more



## Prayers of Intercession

**L:** God, we come together in prayer acknowledging needs both known and unknown...

(pause for silence)

**L:** God of all times and all places, help us to be faithful followers in service to you and to our neighbors. Give us hearts of gratitude for all of our blessings. We give thanks for...

*(all are invited to give their own prayers of thanks either out loud or silently)*

**L:** Give us your guidance,

**C: Lead us by your grace.**

**L:** God of all the nations, draw to yourself all the people of the world, emboldening them to strive for peaceful and just solutions to conflict, that our hearts might be focused on hope, truth, and love. We pray for your presence...

*(All are invited to give their own prayers for our community or nation either out loud or silently)*

**L:** Give us your guidance,

**C: Lead us by your grace.**

**L:** God of creation, you tend to the earth and all of the many kinds of life that you have loved into being. Show the earth mercy as we face climate change and empower us to do our part to protect your creation. We pray for...

*(All are invited to give their own prayers for the world either out loud or silently)*

**L:** Give us your guidance,

**C: Lead us by your grace.**

**L:** God of peace, you promise life and wholeness to those who wait patiently for you, and those who cry out to you for help. Bring hope and light to those who are lost, lonely, or in need. We especially pray for...

*(The lay liturgist will give some names, and then all are invited to give their own prayers for personal needs or on behalf of others either out loud or silently)*

**L:** Give us your guidance,

**C: Lead us by your grace.**

**L:** Receive the many prayers we lift before you. Empower us as we go to be disciples of your love. AMEN.

(Sign-Up 2/01/20 - 2/02/20)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Youth**

**3-6th Gr.**

\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child can attend the Bible Buddies meeting on Feb. 19

\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child will be there for hot dogs.

**7-12th Gr.**

My youth, \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in attending Antioch weekend.

**Other Events**

\_\_\_\_ I/We will provide altar flowers for: \_ Mar.1 \_Mar. 15 \_Mar. 29 \_May 3

\_\_\_\_ May 31 \_June 14 \_June 21 \_June 28

\_\_\_\_ I/We are interested in participating in a Peace Church Open Chess Tournament.

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How many? \_\_\_\_ Childcare is needed. How many children \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **I/We will attend the Out to Eat Group event at LA Café on Feb. 15.**

**How Many? \_\_\_\_**

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How many will be bowling? \_\_\_\_

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(Childcare? How many? \_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_ I/We would like to volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity effort Feb. 27 & 28.

How many for the housing site? Which day or dates? \_\_\_\_

How many for the ReStore resale shop? Which day or dates? \_\_\_\_

**Sports Events**

\_\_\_\_ I/We will attend the Wolves event March 14. How many? \_\_\_\_

Want to ride the bus? How many? \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **I/We want Cubs tickets for the game on May 31**

**How many? \_\_\_\_ I/we'd like to ride the bus \_\_\_\_**

**Theater Events**

\_\_\_\_ I/We would like \_\_\_\_ tickets for *A Tribute to Whitney Houston* on Feb. 8.

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\_\_\_\_ I would like the 1 remaining ticket for *Shakespeare's As You Like It* on June 13.

\_\_\_\_ I would like \_\_\_\_ tickets for *Dear Evan Hansen* on July 12.

**Variety Show & Dinner**

\_\_\_\_ I would like to perform in the variety show on Feb. 23 at 3:00.

\_\_\_\_ I will perform in the variety show and attend the dinner.

\_\_\_\_ I/We will attend the catered dinner following the variety show on Feb. 23.

How many? \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I/We can help set up for the dinner on Saturday.

\_\_\_\_ I/We can help clean up after the dinner.

**Other Ministries/Sign-ups**

Everybody Read - Isaiah 61:8-11

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

(Sign-Up 2/01/20 - 2/02/20)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

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