

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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Not Everybody Can Climb a Tree

Albert Einstein once said, "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid." Many of us spend some time comparing ourselves to other people – how they look, how much money they have, how beautiful their home is, what accomplishments they've achieved, etc. There are a few people whose self-comparisons come out ahead, but I'd guess that most of us frequently don't think we measure up. Because we can't climb *that* tree, so to speak (or not as well or as fast as "most people"), then *we're* not good. Social media reinforces that message to teens and adults every day.

God has a very different idea of our worth and its basis. Paul wrote about it using the image of a body. We have many different parts, but each one is important. (Any of you who have had even a sore toe or a toothache know how that affected you.) Again, he wrote about how the church would need a variety of contributors: apostles, evangelists, teachers, preachers, servers, etc. The goal was each one for the good of all. Jesus himself called people who were outcasts and included society's rejects because they had value. That is the way of God. Our value starts with God giving us value before we can think or act or do anything.

How do you judge yourself? How do we as a society judge others? Imagine the difference it would make if we could keep in mind that not everyone has to be able to climb a tree. Imagine the difference it would make if we could accept that not everyone has to speak English. Imagine valuing people even if they can't walk or hear or act "normal." Imagine if you could give yourself a break when you can't do something (well) but could see your own absolute value to the work of God in this world – to love and serve God and be that self-giving one toward others. You don't need to be an Einstein to figure out that we would have a lot more peace inside and elsewhere.

Pastor Dave Hedlin

Prayers Requested

The family of Sue Vowels, the family of Skip Hansen, the family of Laverne Pilipauskas, Don, Marijo, Judy, the family of Joan Agnos, Joyce, George Huffman, Aubrie Poshard, Jack Hatzold & family, Jean Knoll, Melody & Brandon, Liz, Jean Britton, Carol Trosen, Sandy, Stephanie Harkins, Caleb Swank, C. Baungarten, Katie Ruanne, Kayla, Cathy Tague, Lorraine Dohrn, Bill Weber, Liz Rogde, Alan Booton, Ron Fullriede, Baby Sawyer, Joanna Galassi, Mike, Fred, Lana, Halley, Nolan, Greg, Robin, Amber, the family of Ed Horsley, Randy Kooi, Steven, Rich Rosen, the family of Judy Hartmann, Eileen

Sympathy

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Margaret Lindbloom, mother of Bob Lindbloom;

the family of Eric Arthur, son of Mike Arthur;

the family of Carole Esposito, stepmother of Diane Vick.

Congratulations

Wallace & Kristie Paprocki on the birth of their granddaughter, Emilia Rose Taylor Woodford on May 8;

Tina Hammar on the birth of her grandson, Alexander Arkham Bagley on March 14;

Melissa Vogrin and Bret Onderisin on their marriage May 27.

Welcome to the Lord's Family

Luke Andrew Porter, was baptized on May 26.

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.

To:

Jeff Anderson, Marcel Arenz, Ken Barker, Frank Brazzale – lawn mowing
Paulette Overend – offering envelope project
Cindy Gerasch – communion server
Diane Vick – Confirmation certificates
Kathy Sons, Priscilla Huffman, Sue Rushing – collating bulletins

From:

Molly Cole, Nick Gerasch, Emily Parker, Skye Brugler, Hunter Brugler, Rachel Schilke, Andrew Gerasch – for the scholarships
Lincoln-Way Central – for participation in the Scholarship Ceremony
ELCA World Hunger, Guardian angel Community Services, Catholic Charities – for the donation
New Lenox Girl Scout troops – for use of the building for meetings and support of troops
Lauren LeMahieu and piano students – for the use of the facility for their piano recital
Pastor Ben and Resurrection Lutheran Church – for our support of their church

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.peacenewlenox.org), click on the donate tab and then use the donate through Paypal tab. You can use most major credit cards.

Addresses for Service Personnel

Mail for four of our members serving overseas in the military can be sent to:

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| MA 3Connor Wayne Baker | Sgt Pafford, Devin |
| PSC 455 Box 173 | MC Alpha |
| FPO AP 96540-1070 | PO Box 92421 |
| | Yuma AZ 85369 |

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| Daniel Treasure | Jacob Treasure |
| USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115) | 3749 Radcliffe Rd. |
| Unit 100415 Box 1505 | Abilene, TX 79602 |
| FPO AP 96694 | |

Address for Our Sponsored Missionary

Danielle sent a very nice email to the Peace Church families. You can find a copy on the bulletin board in the hall leading in to Fellowship Hall. If you would like to send Danielle a note sometime this year, here is her address. (Postage is \$1.15.)

Danielle Steinwart
High House,
St. Swithun's School
Alresford Rd
Winchester SO21 1HA, United Kingdom

GriefShare Ministry Resumes – Sept. 10

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

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! If you would like more information, please 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. Are you or a loved one struggling with heroin or opiate dependence? 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.

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **June 24**. 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* – Currently not meeting -please watch the newsletter for future dates.

- *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_acet.html

You will need a doctor's note confirming treatment to sign up and Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in your zip code area arrange for service. This organization serves the entire US and currently has 547 partners to help these women.

* **Manhattan Friendship Garden Inc.** – The vision of a small group moved to nourish body, mind and soul has a simple mission. Grow fruits & vegetables and friendships in the process. Give to Manhattan community neighbors in need. Help supplement food supplies at the local food pantries. Teach others for grow and preserve their own produce that can be enjoyed year-round. To volunteer or if you have any questions, please call Dale at 815-478-5165 or email manfriendshipgarden@gmail.com.

* **Joliet Area Community Hospice Peace of the Heart Teen Camp (ages 14-18) – June 11 & 12 and Peace of the Heart Kids Camp (ages 7-13) – June 18 - 21** at C.W. Avery YMCA and IRA Jones School, Plainfield. Camp includes activities, lunch, snacks & supplies. There is no cost to the family. Camp is for children & teens who have experienced the death of a loved one. Pre-registration is required. Contact Mary Ann Burns at 815-740-3282.

* **diakonia™ is coming!**

Are you ready to take the next step in your growth as a Christian and in your service to your congregation and community? If so, you are looking for diakonia™! You are invited to an information session on June 20, 6:30 p.m., at St. John Lutheran Church, 2650 Plainfield Rd. Joliet, IL. The next series of courses will begin in September. RSVP to Dr. Trenton Ferro, Location Manager, trferro@yahoo.com or (724) 762-0305.

Quilting Potluck – June 4

The Ruth Circle Quilters will be having their last regular meeting & potluck on June 4, at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – June 13 & 27

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. To date we have created 183 prayer shawls and given away 120! We meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Gamen at (815) 462-3089.

Trailblazers – June 19

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, June 19, at noon here at church. The menu will be a potato bar & toppings plus what you bring that you'd enjoy sharing with the group (salad, side dish, dessert.) If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

Peace Buddies – June 10

Peace Buddies is a special needs youth group for high school age and older. We will meet one last time on June 10 for a farewell celebration for Katie Sicinski before we take a break from our regular meetings for the summer. We will resume our meetings in September. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Dave or call Emilie Harvey at (815) 529-7546.

Ping Pong Club Invites You – June 17

The new ping pong club at church is underway and having a great time. They meet regularly on the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. We have two tables, so there can be a lot of action. The level of play has been competitive, but the group is very willing to include all levels of play in rounds of playing doubles (evens the playing field). Plus, the camaraderie is outstanding. So, if you're in the mood to join them, show up on June 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Offering Envelopes Are Here

The new offering envelopes are now available. Please look for yours on the table in the narthex.

Peace Page Turners – June 24

The next meeting will be June 24 at 9:45 a.m. We will be discussing *Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig. All are welcome. Join us even if you haven't read the book. Questions, contact Kathy Davenport (815) 545-2806

Peace Women's Group

The Peace Women's Group is open to all women 18 and up. All are invited to join us for our events. July 13 – 7:30 p.m. Joliet History Museum Summer Concert Series "Great Moments in Vinyl" - on the rooftop. Admission is \$10. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Please use the sign-up slip or call the office to RSVP by June 10.

Faith Discussion Group – June 13

Our next small group meets on June 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Janet Stoller's home. We will discuss various topics, usually centered around a book, and are designed to deepen our faith and build relationships within the group. We welcome anyone to join—men and women of all ages—you do not have to attend all of the meetings! If interested, please email jlstoller2000@yahoo.com.

Out to Eat Group – June 30

Our next outing will be June 30 at Little Joes in New Lenox. We'll gather there by 6:20. We have been having some great outings, and hope you can join us for this one! We will make reservations, so please RSVP by June 24.

Outdoor Worship & Potluck – June 10 Hosting Sunny Hill & Santa Cruz

On Sunday, June 10, at 6:00 p.m., we will have an outdoor worship service (if it's raining or cold we'll be in Fellowship Hall.) It will be a shortened service but otherwise have all the regular pieces, including special music! Following the worship, we will also have a time of fellowship with a potluck. We will provide sloppy joes and hotdogs. So, bring side dishes, salads or desserts. We will also be hosting residents from Sunny Hill Nursing Home and Santa Cruz/First Lutheran in Joliet. Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office if you are able to join us.

Remember Our P.O. Box

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

Summer Adult Education

The results are in...here is the line up through July 1. Adult Education class meets at 9:45 a.m.

June 3 - *Good Stewardship Will Make You Rich (money is optional)*

June 10 - (After special congregation meeting) - "I Saw It on the Internet, So It Must Be True???"

June 17 - No class - Father's Day ice cream event

June 24 - *Is God Male or Female or Neither or Both?* A look at how references about God have changed and stayed the same - and to ask what difference does it make?

July 1 - *Billy Graham - Impact on Christianity Today* We'll look at the man, but also how his theology can be a plus and/or a minus in your life.

July 8 - *Report on the National Youth Gathering* Those who attended the event in Houston will be invited to lead us in sharing their experiences!

July 15 & 22 - *Grace as Viewed through the Twenty-Third Psalm.* Jan Stoller will lead this two-part discussion. This familiar psalm written from the point of view of a shepherd, teaches much about our trust in God and how it can be used in our everyday life. Please join us for one or both sessions.

July 29 - *Is There a Hell? And If So, Who's Going?*

Aug. 5 - *Women in Ministry* led by Christina Montgomery

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. June's passage is *Jeremiah 24:3-7*.

Evening Bible Study – July 17

We will not meet in June. We will resume meeting on July 17 at 7:15 p.m., with Luke 12:47. You don't need to know anything about the Bible to benefit. We do need to have a few more people come regularly for this class to continue. If you'd like a reminder that week, let us know and we'll do that.

Special Prayers for Healing – July 14

As a part of the 5:00 Saturday night service on July 14, we will have an opportunity for people to come forward for special prayers for healing. They can be for you or for somebody you know.

Looking Ahead...

June 2/3 – *Recognition of Graduates*

June 3 – *Adult Choir singing at Santa Cruz 9:00*

June 4 – *Quilting & Potluck 9:30 a.m.*

June 8 – *NYG Ropes course at Iron Oaks 8:00 a.m.*

June 10 – *Special Congregational Meeting 9:35*

Peace Buddies Farewell Celebration 12 noon

P360 & NYG Care packages 4:00 p.m.

Outdoor Worship & Potluck 6:00 p.m.

June 13 – *Faith Discussion Group at Jan Stoller's*

June 16 – *Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

June 17 – *Ice Cream Social 9:45 a.m.*

June 19 – *No Evening Bible Study*

June 26 - *VBS Planning Meeting 9:00 a.m.*

June 27 - July 1 – *National Youth Gathering - Houston*

July 13 – *Women's Group Concert Event 7:30 p.m.*

July 14 – *Special Prayers for Healing 5:00 p.m.*

July 21/22 – *Art Fair*

July 31 - Aug. 3 – *Vacation Bible School*

Aug. 5 – *What's the Scoop (share your ideas) 12 noon*

Aug. 7 – *Caring Ministry Team 6:30 p.m.*

Aug. 11 – *Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Baptism Orientation 3:30 p.m.

Aug. 19 – *Sox Game 1:10 p.m.*

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

Sept. 10 – *GriefShare Ministry resumes 6:30 p.m.*

Sept. 16 – *Golf Outing 2:00 p.m.*

Sept. 23 – *Church Picnic 12 noon*

Special Congregational Meeting – June 10

A special meeting to approve the budget will be held June 10, at 9:35 a.m. While the meeting is usually brief, it is an opportunity to officially act on our 2018-2019 budget plan.

Father's Day Singing – June 16/17

Special music for Father's Day June 16 & 17 will include all adult males (and any children) leading us in our opening hymn. Help celebrate Father's Day!

Strawberries, Cake & Ice Cream – June 17

You'll want to come (or stay) on June 17, following the Special Congregation Meeting – so about 9:45 - for our eleventh annual, strawberries-cake-other toppings & ice cream social in Fellowship Hall. Please let us know if you'll be coming (and/or if you'd provide a cake) by calling the church office or using the sign-up at church. The previous ten years were delicious successes! (And it will be a fun way for us to honor Father's Day too.)

From Deacon Shari Trotter

Dear Members and Friends of Peace, Summertime and the living is easy! This June is going to be a great month for Peace! Summertime at our congregation is usually slow and calm but this year we have something big on the horizon! At the end of this month we will be sending a delegation of 26 people to the National Youth Gathering in Houston! This might sound like another youth event to you but really this is so much more! This event only happens every three years and is anticipated for all three years by the host city. Houston was chosen to host this triennial gathering in 2015. They have prepared and planned and readied their residents for our arrival. Houston was chosen because the influx of both financial tourism and service hours from 30,000 people will reinvigorate the city in a much-needed way!

Your delegation consists of:

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| Emily Pfeffer | Carly Salutric |
| Ally Pfeffer | Keara Powers |
| Ricky Wesel | Sarah Walton |
| Ryan Gamen | Tori Entwistle |
| Peter Vondra | Carleigh Fountain |
| Nathaniel Knutson | Amanda Villalobos |
| Drew Darley | Leslie Walton |
| Camryn Gervase | Les Stewart |
| Danny Gervase | Angie Klock |
| Jillian Helfrich | Gretchen Pfeffer |
| Andrew DeMik | Pete Knutson |
| Zach Stewart | Christina Montgomery |
| Trevor Salutric | Deacon Shari |

We ask for your prayers as we go to represent our amazing congregation at this important event. We will be blessing the delegation at all three worship services the weekend of June 23rd and 24th. Please be on the lookout for pictures both on social media and in the narthex as we keep you updated on all we are doing! God's love changes everything! Join us in sharing this truth with the people of Houston!

God's Peace,

Deacon Shari

Blessings to our Confirmands

Please join in praying for these young people as they affirm their faith! We celebrate with family and friends this important step along their journey with God.

May 20

Alexis René Arthur
Tricia Rose Barker
James Boyens
Kayla Chiappetti
Daniel Gervase
Ani Grothe
Emma Johnson
Connor Misch
Mia Melde
Julia Pawlicki
Paige Rogde
Matthew Schaffer
Charlie Scheerer
Amanda Paige Villalobos
Ashley Wandersee

May 27

Andrew Joseph DeMik
Carleigh Emma Fountain
Andrew Lee Huelhorst
Ainsley Joynt
Grace Liszkiewicz
Kate Massey
Jason Michael Meister, Jr.
Allison Elizabeth Pfeffer
Kara Grace Rimkunas
Trevor Mark Salutric
Zachary Spencer Stewart
Seth George Trzcinski
Joe Wesel

Vacation Bible School – July 31 - Aug. 3

Our theme will be *Finding God's Treasures*. The dates will be July 31 -Aug. 3. The next planning meeting will be June 26 at 9:00 a.m. If you'd like to help in any way this year (including more planning!), please let us know. Registration forms are available in the narthex or online.

Plastic Jars Needed for VBS

VBS is in need of clean plastic jars with lids - mayonnaise, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, small Gatorade bottles, etc.- for a craft project. If you have any, please bring them to church and there will be a box in the narthex where you can leave them. Thank you!

Register for Next Fall's Sunday School

We've had a lot of fun in Sunday School. We look forward to another great year starting next Fall. We rely on the registration forms to give us updates and to help us know who will be available to help with Sunday School the next year. We have a great team and would love to have you be a part of it!!! Please fill out a registration form (they are located on a table in the narthex), register online, or call the church office.

Discussion Starters for Families

Search Institute has identified five essential actions in Parent-child relationships that help children and teens grow up well. Here is one of the discussion-starter questions that can help you talk with your children and teens about different parts of your relationship. The goal is not to get the right answer, but to share each person's experiences, feelings, and beliefs so you get to know each other better. Ask these questions when people are not rushed or distracted. Start with just one question. Then try others if people are interested and available. Have fun discovering new things about each other and your family and watch the newsletter for more discussion-starter questions.

Challenge Growth: Challenging growth focuses on the ways we encourage, inspire, push, or otherwise influence each other to try new things. These discussion starters can help you think of how challenging growth works, or doesn't work in your family:

- What are some challenges we've faced together in our family? In what ways did we grow during those challenges?
- In what ways have you challenged other people to do things that would help them learn and grow? How did they respond?
- What are ways other family members have challenged you to learn and grow? How did you respond? What made it easier or harder to keep working to complete your task or goal?

Building Assets in our Youth and Community

The asset for the month of June is:

Youth Programs

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they spend three or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in the community.

June quote of the month:

"Every kid is one caring adult away
From being a success story."

~ Josh Skipp

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)? We have that place for you... Peace 360! We will meet 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! **During the summer months Peace 360 will meet 2 times a month.**

June 10 – 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Service project with NYG, Care packages for the troops. 6:00 p.m. We will worship outdoors and have a potluck dinner.

June 24 – TBD

July 15 & 29 TBD

National Youth Gathering

NYG is gearing up for their trip to Huston! During the next month they will be doing a lot to prepare for their trip!

June 1/2 Friday 5:30 p.m. – Saturday 12 p.m. Lock In

June 8 – Ropes course. Meet at church at 8 a.m. Bring some money for a fast food lunch.

June 10 4 - 5:30 p.m. – NYG and P360! will team up to do a service project! We are making care packages for the troops.

June 27 - July 1 – Houston Trip

Care Packages for Soldiers

The National Youth Gathering group and Peace 360 group are teaming up to make care packages to send to the soldiers. If you would like to donate any of the items listed below, please place them in the box in the Narthex. We will be collecting items until June 10. Anything non-perishable would be an excellent contribution. Here is a list of things the soldiers like to receive: Chapstick, sun screen, body wash, shampoo, aloe vera, baby powder, foot powder, toilet paper, tooth brush/paste, floss, nuts, protein bars, non-chocolate candy, beef jerky (must have USDA stamp), any drink mix, coffee, powdered creamer, notebooks, pens, pencils, note cards, crosswords, and puzzles.

Kids in Worship This Summer

Children learn about priorities from their parents. If you consistently make worship attendance optional for the whole family, what message do you give?

Health Care Ministry - Blood Pressure Screenings – June 10

Our next monthly screening date is June 10, 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 – June 16

First, thanks for your great response to the last blood drive. For the next blood drives: Good news...Heartland has recently partnered with the Chicago Bears and all who donate blood will be receiving a special edition Bears t-shirt! It's actually a two-part promotion where donors will receive a short sleeve t-shirt at the June 16 drive and a long sleeve shirt for the August 11 drive!

Do you have passion for the environment? A Reduce-Reuse Emphasis?

We are forming a new group in our church called Waste-Watchers which will focus on finding additional ways to reduce our carbon-imprint here at church. We'd also like to encourage others to consider ways to do that every day. Use the sign-up to let us know if you're interested in joining us.

Art Fair – July 21/22

We have been so fortunate to see the talents of so many different people over the years. This year's Peace Church Art Fair will be July 21-22. We would love to have members and friends share their work in painting, drawing, carving, woodwork, pottery, poetry, quilting, jewelry, photography, writing and other creative talents. Artists who have displayed their work in past years are encouraged to do so again for the benefit of newer members who have not had the privilege to see the deep pool of artistic talent in the congregation. If you are interested, please contact the church office, use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or contact John and Amy Ambrose at (708) 478-6709 (email address: jlambrose@chubb.com).

White Sox Tickets – Free – Aug. 19

We had fun going to a Sunday game last year, so we're going again! The game starts at 1:10, so kids and adults can both enjoy the game before it gets too late. We'll be in section 163 and the tickets are FREE. We have 34 tickets available, and probably could get more if need be. More good news: we also coordinate a bus so you don't even have to fight traffic or find parking. (The bus will leave at 11:15 a.m. If you're taking the bus, the cost is \$5 each and a maximum of \$15 per household.) Use the sign-up slip or call the office. Yes, your friends are welcome to come. With the whole package, the only thing we can't do is watch the game for you!

Caring Ministry Team – Aug. 7

We care about people who have not attended recently. This team wants to find compassionate and respectful ways to reach out and offer ministry to them. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, August 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Amazon Smiles Donation

Thank you to everyone designating Peace when using Amazon Smiles. We just received another donation of \$34.51!

Adult Retreat – Deposit Due by July 30

Need a special break? Imagine two autumn nights on the shores of Lake Michigan. No cooking. Roaring campfires. Linens & meals included. Walks on the beach or in the woods, plus fellowship, star gazing, and more. The cost is \$125 per person. The dates are Nov. 9-11. The location is top secret - except it's 84.3 miles from Peace Church and in Berrien County, Michigan. Space is limited. A deposit of \$50 is needed by July 30. Questions? Contact Jan Stoller (jlstoller2000@yahoo.com) or Margie/Pat Haugen (pjhaugen@gmail.com). You can also use the sign-up slip or call the office to reserve your spot!

Summer Camp

Summer camp is a great way for kids to enjoy God's creation in fellowship with others. Three great options are Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC), Camp Manitoqua, and Lutherdale in Wisconsin. Brochures are now available on the narthex counter. Or you can look, and register, online at www.LOMC.org and www.manitoqua.org and www.lutherdale.org.

Because of You and Your Gifts

Khim and her husband, Chab, are farmers in Kos Run, Cambodia. When they joined a local cooperative led by Life With Dignity, an ELCA World Hunger-supported partner, Khim applied for a microloan to start a small business. With her background in farming, Khim already knew how to grow cucumbers and other vegetables. She just never had the savings or access to credit she needed to expand her farm. With a small loan, Khim invested in a small plot of land - about 100 feet by 150 feet - and started planting. It didn't take long before Khim's small business was profitable. "I've increased my production because there's such a big demand," she says. "People come to buy their vegetables from me every day." Khim and her husband used the profits from vegetable sales to enroll their two children in school and cover the costs of books and school supplies. After repaying their loan, which will help other women in the cooperative, Khim started her own savings fund - and sometimes digs deep to help others in need. "Now I can use my own money to help members of the community," she says.

Questions Kids Ask

The questions keep coming. We had a bunch of questions from the Kindergarten class, and three more in our box. One of those questions is "*Are there games in heaven and hell?*" We don't know that we'll need them, but who knows what kind of pleasure God will bring to us in heaven. As to hell, "only the frustration games!" would be one answer. "*How many pets are in heaven?*" All of them also redeemed by God! "*How does the 'big bang' theory fit with God being created?*" Very nicely! The Bible is not trying to tell us how creation happened - so pick your best theory and go with it. The Bible is interested in who the creator is and why (because is a creator and creates out of love.)

Sharefest

Sharefest is making website and email changes to better fit the growing needs within Will County. The primary email and website will be at www.sharefestwillcounty.com and the Facebook page will be at ShareFest Will County.

The next *Love Thy Neighbor* events are June 2 at Fairmont School - Lockport, June 19 at White Oak Library - Romeoville, July 14 at Forest Park Community Center - Joliet. They also have a collection at Jewel on Laraway Rd. - New Lenox on June 23. These events take hundreds of volunteers. You can sign up to volunteer at the ShareFest website.

Willing to Help at Worship?

Summer is a busy time and the office is frequently looking for substitutes for the many Worship roles, such as usher, communion server, nursery or acolyte. Please let the office know if you would be willing to help and we will contact you when a need arises.

Prayer Shawls

Do you know someone in need of being wrapped in prayer? Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will create a prayer shawl for that person. Please put your requests in the box on the narthex counter. We will contact you when your shawl is ready.

Small Toys Needed

Jodie Brugler is creating a prize box for the children at the school where she works. If you have any small toys (McDonald's Happy Meal toys, dollar store toys, etc.) laying around your house and would like to donate them, please look for the box marked small toys in the narthex. Thank you!

C.D.s & Podcast Available

Would you like a C.D. copy of a worship service? Look for the sign-up on the name tag table. 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.

Recycling Items Revised

We have two options now! 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 are now also recyclable.

The Hope Fund

If your child(ren) would like to participate in a youth event but the cost involved is keeping him/her/them from joining us, we have a fund available to help you. The Hope Fund has been established through the generous donation of a Peace Lutheran Church family. Just talk to Deacon Shari or Pastor Dave - and no one else will know.