

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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Caller ID

In an average day, how many junk calls do you get? There are a great variety of approaches used, from “this is not a sales call” to “don’t you want to support your local police?” A function that many of us have on our phones is caller ID which can help immensely to screen the calls. But now the callers try to trick us by indicating they’re using a local phone or using a person’s name you might think is legitimate. For our home phone, when we’re not sure, we let the answering machine take the call – 99% of those hang up before it even gets finished with “leave a message.”

What a contrast to when the person calling is someone you know, and even more when you are hoping for a call from that person! Mentally we are saying, “Oh good, it’s you!” instead of “Forget it!” In the conversation with someone you care about, there can be an exchange of news and feelings and ideas. Even when there is bad news to be shared, the connection to someone who matters makes our lives more complete. It would be wonderful if we could see our relationship with God in terms of a positive interaction like that.

From God’s perspective, that is the kind of relationship God wants. “Oh good, it’s you!” It is something God says over and over and over again whenever we turn to God – when we feel like sharing news, feelings, ideas, good and bad happenings. It can also powerfully be our response when we start to see/hear/feel/sense/think about God in any given moment. God is not limited to words (often spoken by someone else or through a book or article). God also speaks through the physical presence of someone who cares about us when we’re struggling. God speaks in nature and through countless visual images, including works of art and architecture. God comes to us in dreams and intuition and in our mental wrestling with issues.

Some people have turned off their ability to take God’s calls because they have gotten so used to “everything” being junk. I hope you’ll be on the lookout for the multiple, legitimate ways God is trying to reach you and bless you. “Oh good, it’s you, God!”

Pastor Dave Hedlin

Prayers Requested

Diane Lillie, Cathy Rumbaugh, Daniel Obuchina, Don, Claudia Green, Cheryl Krieger, George Huffman, Siri Moss, Danny Krzak, Mary Brouette, Betty Grafelman, Eleanor Zuehlke, the family of Ben Haugen, Roger Cohn, Kathie Blade, Steve Birch, Christine Frank, Glen DeMumbrum, Bob Haney, the family of Steven Slager, Marv Johnson, Bobby Ryan

Sympathy

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Mike Williams, husband of Judy Williams.

Congratulations

Jen Krasny and Kevin Davenport on their marriage, June 15.

Welcome to the Lord’s Family

Patrick Andrew Godfrey was baptized on June 2;

Audrey June Gofron was baptized on June 2.

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.

Baptism Orientation – Aug. 11

August 11, at 3:30 p.m., marks the next baptism orientation class for those who wish to have children baptized at Peace in the next few months.

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:

Ed Cochran, Chuck Vick, Kevin Curry – lawn mowing

Ann Goeglein, Chris & Dave Fehrenkamp, Jeri Sandt Jeff, Jess & Abbey Lindeman – collating bulletins

From:

Frankfort Chamber – donation for Concerts on the Green

The Friends of Sunny Hill – for the donation

Beverly Farms – for the donation

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago – for the donation

LOMC – for the donation

Girl Scout Troops 70751 & 75185 – for use of the church for meetings

Do You Give Electronically or Want To?

For those of you who give electronically and would like to put something in the offering plate, we have cards located on the counter you may use. If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, please contact the office. Also, if you want to give on-line at any time, you can go to our website (www.peacenewelenox.org), click on the donate tab and then use the donate through Paypal tab. You can use most major credit cards.

Addresses for Service Personnel

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

MA 3Connor Wayne Baker
PSC 455 Box 173
FPO AP 96540-1070

Sgt Pafford, Devin
MC Alpha
PO Box 92421
Yuma AZ 85369

Daniel Treasure
USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115)
Unit 100415 Box 1505
FPO AP 96694

Jacob Treasure
3749 Radcliffe Rd.
Abilene, TX 79602

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.

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.

Beauty Items Requested

The Good Shepherd group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eye shadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs, brushes), bathing items (sponges, bubble bath, shower gel), and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons. Items can be left in the basket on the table in the narthex.

Remember Our P.O. Box

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

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **July 22**. 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_acct.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 to 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.

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.

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.

Summertime Quilting – July 2 & 16

Summertime quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:30 a.m. It's very casual and if you can't make it each time, just come when you can. Questions? Call Karen (815) 462-9527 or Syndy (708) 479-7338.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – July 11 & 25

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 – July 17

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, July 17, at noon here at church. The menu will be spaghetti with marinara and alfredo sauces & meatballs plus what you bring that you'd enjoy sharing with the group - salad or dessert. Also, for an activity we're going to paint a picture. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

Peace Buddies off for the Summer

Peace Buddies is a special needs youth group for high school age and older. We take a break from our regular meetings during the summer and resume meeting in September. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Dave or call Emilie Harvey at (815) 529-7546.

Ping Pong Club Invites You – July 15

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). So, if you're in the mood to join them, show up on July 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Peace Page Turners – July 29

The next meeting will be July 29 at 9:45 a.m. We will be discussing *Under the Overpass, A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America* by Mike Yankoski. 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. Save the date: Saturday, Aug. 25 at 2:00 p.m. - we will meet at Syndy Lindbloom's home for food and fun. Watch the bulletin & newsletter for more details.

Faith Discussion Group – July 18

Our next small group meets on July 18 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.

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!

What's the Scoop? (Bring Your Ideas to the Group!) – Aug. 5

We had a great first time gathering of this in May. The day used to be called "Everybody Come" night. As a part of our Long-Range Plan's 2018 ideas for implementation, we wanted a new way of including people in brainstorming ideas and getting them going. We're ready for round 2: we're "on" for Aug. 5 at noon. We'll eat and share ideas for ministry and try to be finished in 1.5 hours or less. For the food, this time we'll be having pizza, and we encourage you to bring something to share (salads or fruit would be nice). We'll also have ice cream (in keeping with our title!). The teens have volunteered to provide childcare during the meeting. Please use the sign up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you're coming and if you need childcare.

Summer Adult Education

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

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. July's passage is Ecclesiastes 3:1-13.

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.

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.

Blood Drive – Aug. 11

Thank you to all who donated in June. Heartland has recently partnered with the Chicago Bears and all who donate blood will be receiving a special edition Bears long sleeve shirt.

Looking Ahead...

July 4 – *No Bible Study*

July 7/8 – *Prayers of Intercession Meeting*

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

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

July 17 – *Evening Bible Study 7:15 p.m.*

July 18 – *VBS Meeting 9 a.m.*

Faith Discussion Group at Jan Stoller's

July 21/22 – *Peace Art Fair*

July 24 – *Vacation Bible School Set-up 9:00 a.m.*

July 29 – *Peace Page Turners 9:45 a.m.*

5/6th Grade Event Planning Meeting 9:45 a.m.

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.*

Aug. 25 – *Women's Group Event 2:00 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 at Woodruff 2:00 p.m.*

Sept. 23 – *Church Picnic 12 noon*

Nov. 9-11 – *Adult Retreat - Michigan*

Favorite Hymns

Do you have a favorite hymn that you don't get to sing as often as you'd like? Well, here's your chance to sing it! Throughout the summer weeks, for about five minutes before each service starts, Todd will give everyone in the congregation an opportunity to call out the number of a favorite hymn. We'll sing a verse or two of as many hymns as we have time for. So, check your hymnal and get ready to call out the number of your favorite!

Prayers of Intercession Opportunity – July 7 & 8

Our long rang plan of action for 2018 included the idea of once a month having a different option for the Prayers of Intercession (other than the Celebrate version.) One idea for that is for people in the congregation to write the prayers. We would like to get that going! We have several ideas for how to make it happen. Would you like to help edit/write/put them in final form? Let us know through the office or the sign-up slip or via email. We'd like to talk to interested people right after worship on July 7 & 8 (after all three services.) Then we'll map out the plan from there.

From Deacon Shari Trotter

Dear Members and Friends of Peace! Deacon Shari is unable to tune in for this issue of the Newsletter! She is in Houston with the National Youth Gathering Delegation of 19 youth and 7 adults. Please stay tuned to hear about the amazing, faith forming events that take place. To Be Continued.....

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 15 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!

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 July 18 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.

Register for 2018/2019 Sunday School

We look forward to another great year starting on Rally Day, Sept. 9 at 9:45 a.m. 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.

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.

New Ticket Options! Let Us Know Your Interests

The Fellowship Committee would like to find out the level of interest in these shows. If we get enough interest, we'll follow through and get the tickets.

Heartbreak Hotel – Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m.
This prequel to *Million Dollar Quartet* follows the tender story of Elvis Presley in the early years. This brand new musical features hit songs from “the King” himself as well as the legends who influenced his iconic music, with chart-toppers including “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Tutti Frutti,” “That’s All Right Momma,” “Shake, Rattle, and Roll,” and, of course, “Heartbreak Hotel.” Tickets would be \$36.50 and the performance is at the Broadway Playhouse (Water Tower, Chicago).

Late Night Catechism - Sunday, Oct. 21 at 2:30 p.m.
You, the audience member, are part of Sister's class. She'll take you back to the days of the Latin Mass, meatless Fridays, and remind you about that good old ruler across the knuckles! See this edition of one of the long-running plays in the U.S. Tickets are \$35 and the performance is at the Theatre at the Center, in Munster.

The Hit Men – Saturday, Nov. 10 at 8:00 p.m.
This is not a tribute band. Listen to the actual musicians who played and recorded with the likes of Elton John, Paul McCartney, Journey, The Turtles, and more. Besides the music, they'll share insider stories. Tickets are \$30 and the performance will be at Governors State.

Midsummer's Night Dream - tentatively, Sunday, Jan. 6 at 2:00 p.m.
Over the course of a night, the stories of royalty, quarrelsome fairies, young lovers, and a troupe of aspirational players are woven into one enchanting tapestry backed by a vibrant score blending jazz, blues, rock, and 50's doo wop. Shakespeare's raucous humor and wondrous imagery makes it easy to see why this play has remained an audience favorite for more than four hundred years. Tickets have not gone on sale to the public yet, so we don't know a price - guess \$50??? The play will be at the Courtyard Theatre on Navy Pier.

Gardeners for MorningStar

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

Building assets in youth and community

Our asset this month is Resistance Skills. Here are some suggestions for how to help this asset happen at home, at school, in the community, and in church or public organization.

At home:

Talk to your child about different ways to resist different situations. For example, walk away from a situation; calmly say “no”; say how you feel; stick up for yourself; or/and tell a caring adult. As situations arise, ask your child to express how they feel about how you handled those. Talk about peer pressure.

At school:

Encourage students to express their feelings, beliefs, values and opinions without fear of being put down. Role-play difficult situations with students so they can practice their resistance skills.

In the community:

Watch for opportunities in your encounter with kids to reinforce healthy behaviors and resistance skills.

In the church or public organization:

Help youth to see the organization as a resource in resisting negative peer pressures and avoiding them. Start a discussion group for youth and encourage them to speak about instances when they have felt pressured to act in opposition to their beliefs. Be open to opportunities to teach resistance skills.

Building Assets in our Youth and Community

The asset for the month of July is:

Resistance Skills

Youth can avoid negative peer pressure and avoid dangerous situations.

July quote of the month:

“No’ is a complete sentence.”

~ Anne Lamott

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.**

July 15– Meeting at church for games and dinner

July 29– TBD

Aug. 5– 12 noon What's the Scoop. We will be helping babysit for this church event and we will have the opportunity to share ideas with the congregation.

Aug. 19– We are heading out to the White Sox game! We will be taking a bus. Please bring \$5 for the bus and extra money if you would like food/drink. Please use the online sign for this event.

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 Manitouqua, 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.manitouqua.org and www.lutherdale.org.

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?

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.

Health Care Ministry - Blood Pressure Screenings – July 8

Our next monthly screening date is July 8, 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.

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 or jlambrose@chubb.com).

Our Sponsored Missionary

Danielle Steinwart in July will be completing her year of service as a Young Adult in Global Mission. It has been our privilege to support her financially, through prayers each week in worship, Trailblazer cards, and more! Danielle plans to be with us on Aug. 26 for both services, and for the adult class to share her experiences. (Our next Young Adult in Global Mission has not been assigned yet, but we hope to see him or her before he or she leaves for that assignment – stay tuned.)

Questions Kids Ask

The ministry continues with 100 coloring books going to a church in Kansas for the Vacation Bible School. Do you know someone who doesn't go to church, including kids? Have you thought of how you might gently give that person an opportunity to re-think the "God question"? A *Questions Kids Ask About God* book or coloring book is one option!

Get Ready Get Set....GOLF!! – Sept. 16

The Second Annual Peace Lutheran Church Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, September 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Woodruff Golf Course on Gouger Road in Joliet. This is an outing for men and women. More details will be coming soon, but tell all your family and friends! Don't "FORE" get to mark your calendars and join us for a great afternoon of golf and fellowship! Any questions, call Marylynn Tyler at (815) 423-6407.

5th & 6th Grade Parents' Meeting – July 29

We have so much potential to help our 5th & 6th graders get excited about being in youth ministry together. We would like to plan an activity about once a month during the next school year. This past year's method worked great: Several different parents took a turn being chaperones and/or drivers. To get the same ball rolling for next year, please set aside **Sunday, July 29**, at 9:45 a.m. for a brief planning meeting. If you can't make the meeting, but are willing to help, let Deacon Shari know.

Because of You and Your Gifts

In 2015, an idea was born. It was an idea that brought together people from across the world's newest nation, South Sudan, and across the ELCA. It became more than just an idea as prayers were lifted, funds were raised, shovels broke ground and bricks were laid! Now the Reconciliation Lutheran Church Community Center and Primary Health Care Clinic has opened its doors (November of 2017) as thousands gathered to worship and celebrate. Because of the support of people like you, global ministry projects like this vital center in Juba, South Sudan, are made possible through ELCA Global Church Sponsorship!

Caregiver Tip of the Month

Don't wait for a crisis to happen before having to take the care giving journey. Start talking about the 'what if's'. Don't take on responsibilities alone. Find the resources for support. Put together a plan for peace of mind before a need arises. And most important....care for yourself. Don't forget YOU. Maintaining your own health is critical in order to care for others. As we all say: "easier said than done" right? Yes, but it can be easier - just don't wait! (*For information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex and don't forget to borrow a book from the bin.*)

***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.

Helping Santa Cruz's Food Pantry

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food pantry & resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. We have a list now of specific items they can use in their pantry. You can bring these anytime and put them in the baskets on the floor heading into Fellowship Hall.

cereal (all kinds)	canned fruit
coffee (ground) all kinds	creamers (powdered)
ice cream cones (summer only)	juices
hand soap (bar & liquid)	toothpaste
dish soap	disposable diapers

MorningStar Treasure Chest Donations

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.