

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 26 & January 27, 2019 Dave Hedlin, Pastor
Shari Trotter, Diaconal Minister

Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully*
Our Mission: *To bring people into contact with the Gospel,
and help them grow in their relationship to God in Christ.*

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

We are glad that you are here! We pray that you will be drawn closer to the living, forgiving God who has come to meet us. Please come again.

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

Accompanist/Organist	Todd Yetman
Children's Choir Director	Leslie Walton
Adult Choir Director	Pamela Putrich
Bell Choir Director	Erica Desaulniers, Kenneth George (sub)
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Priscilla Huffman
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Joel Peterson
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Russell Scanlan
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Carol Dohrn
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Scott Cucci
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Deb Howell
Acolyte (5:00)	Georgia Brolley
Acolyte (8:30)	Matthew Schilke
Nursery (ages 0-5)(5:00)	Dana Van Dyke
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Ainsley Joynt & Heather Joynt
Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)	Carly Salutric
Communion Servers (8:30)	David I. Johnson, Kay Johnson, Olivia Koenig Jason Vondra, Bill Weber, Diane Weber

Bread Providers (8:30)	Lindsay George
Ushers (5:00)	Kassidy Withers & Jasen Howard
Ushers (8:30)	Gordy Taylor, Jacob Weber
Ushers (11:00)	Joe Kirkeeng, Julie Kirkeeng, Elise Prince, Jessica Prince
Greeters (8:30)	Paul & Kathy Sons
Greeters (11:00)	Emily Ciannella
Refreshments (5:00)	Anga Heraty
Refreshments (8:30)	Kathy Davenport, Pat Fruhwirth, Morgan Barlow
Refreshments (11:00)	Georgia Cash, Lily Smetana, Jamie Smith
Offering Counters	Lori Trosen, Sofia Dahl Santoro

The altar flowers are given by Claudia Green in memory of her nana, Helen Teda; also given by Kathy Jesk in celebration of her daughter, Sally's Big Birthday!

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 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship services.

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

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sun., Jan. 27 - Adult Education Hour - *Does Your Arrow Point to "Meaningful"?* 9:55 a.m.

Reception of New Members 11:00 a.m. - Luncheon at noon
Peace 360 - MorningStar Mission

Mon., Jan. 28 - Ruth Circle Quilters 9:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Class 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 29 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 30 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Group 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Teen Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 31 - Faith Discussion Group at Jan Stoller's 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 2 & Sun. Feb. 3 - Souper/Super Bowl Weekend, Bring-a-Friend Weekend & Boy Scout Weekend

Sat., Feb. 2 - Blood Drive 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 3 - Adult Education Hour - *Faith Is Like a Muscle* 9:55 a.m.

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

Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 4 - Strong Seniors Exercise Group - 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 5 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 6 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Group 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.

Kids & Adults Confirmation Meeting 7:00 - Hot Dogs at 6:30 p.m.

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

Teen Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

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

Jan. 27 - *Does Your Arrow Point to "Meaningful"?*

Feb. 3 - *Faith Is Like a Muscle*

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., FEB. 19

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

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS - MON., FEB. 11

Quilters will meet on Monday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. **No experience necessary.** You just have to know how to have fun to join. And if that's not enough, we always have snacks! If you have any questions, call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., FEB. 24

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

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - SUN., FEB. 10

Our next monthly screening date is Sunday, Feb. 10, between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have questions, or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, contact Marylynn Tyler at (815)423-6407.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: January 27. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it via e-mail or first class, let us know.

2018 GIVING STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

Please pick up your 2018 giving statements in the entrance area. It also serves as the IRS document for those who itemize their taxes.

CARING MINISTRY TEAM - JOIN US

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

PEANUT BUTTER WEEKEND - JAN. 26 & 27

Let's see if we can top last year's record amount of peanut butter jars we received! The New Lenox Township food bank especially needs this staple at this time of year.

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 Rich Rosen, Trae Van Zuiden (cancer), Janis Sobun (hospitalized), Mary Brouette, Diane Rosen, Judy Sabatino (leukemia), Bryan & Jessica Howell, Nancy Sons (recovery), Cass Ott, Bev Vogen, Pete & Nicole Stoller, Hannah Huelhorst (health), Diane Lillie (job interviews), Bill Sandt (recovery), Barb Hnetkovsky (recovery), Halley Price (strength), Dave Rubner, Tom Moore (job search), Ron Sprandel, George Huffman (recovery), Christina Montgomery (recovery), Ryan Jones (decisions), Pam Klipstein (recovery), Jeff Howell (recovery), Claudia Green (recovery), Andrew DeMik (surgery in March), Jackie Bogie, Penny (health), Louisa Ishida (missionary), Ann Ciannella, Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Kristie Paprocki, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Marie (depression), Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray and Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot... Carl Holschen, Arron, Doris Dombrowski, Marilyn Krauch (recovery), Coach Les & family, William Paul & family, Kennedy Charlotte Legris, Michael (severe pancreatitis), Mark Berens, Michael & kids, Theresa Skowronski, Alan Booton, Margaret Robertson, Laurie Vaughn, Leonard Geier, Ryan Winter, Joyce, Don & Patti (cancer treatment), Jason, Grace, Sandi & Jill, Bob & Diane (cancer treatment) Anne, Gloria, Karen, Larry Wherley, Margaret Golden (job search), Melissa & Josh (addiction), Terra Neal (MS), Ben Burnson (peace), Marilyn Perryman, Joe D. (surgery), Lorraine Dohrn, Erv & Mary Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt (strength), Bill Reidy (cancer), Mary Hand (family strength & healing), Tyler, the Austin family (strength & healing), Brena V. and family (strength & healing), Dan T. & family (strength & healing), Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery (cancer), Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - AMBASSADOR

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of the **ambassadors**. These volunteers are on a list and when it is your turn (about once a month) you would stand next to Pastor Dave at the end of worship to greet people. The particular task is to be on the look-out for people who are new to the church to give them a special greeting. (Pastor Dave would clue you about who those people might be.) We invite you to become a part of this ministry by letting us know by phone, via email or in person!

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., FEB. 2

Thank you to everyone who donated in December. Our next Heartland blood drive will be Saturday, Feb. 2 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please sign up on clip board located on narthex counter.

BOY SCOUT WEEKEND - FEB. 2 & 3

The annual Boy Scout Weekend is coming up on Feb. 2 & 3. Boy Scouts of all ages, wear your uniforms to church. Then on March 2 & 3 all Girl Scouts remember to wear your uniforms to church to celebrate Girl Scout weekend.

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Perseverance**. Some things we can do in the religious/or other public organization are: 1) Within your group, discuss the great questions of life; Why was I born? Why am I here? How can failure lead to success? 2) Help children and teens identify, nurture, and celebrate their gifts, not just their accomplishments. This week's idea is speak explicitly to kids about creating meaning in their lives and how that translates into daily activities, career choices, relationships, behaviors, etc. Last week's idea was be transparent in sharing challenges to be overcome.

EVERYBODY READ

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write down a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage. February's passage is: Isaiah 32:1-8.

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of \$10,881.00 at worship plus another \$1,945 electronically, and a total attendance in worship of 358. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS - A MINISTRY OF FOOD & MORE

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

MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., FEB. 12

Why play dartball? (You need some bonding time with other people who want to stay humble.) What is dartball? (It's a cork baseball diamond mounted on a piece of plywood that you attack by throwing underhand darts toward with only minimal success of getting a hit.) When? (Dartball meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.) One more time, Why? (The snacks alone are worth the trip). You've never even heard of it? (No prior experience is needed or helpful.) Please join us! We finish up at 9:00 so you've got time for your bedtime ice cream, too.

COAT DRIVE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED - ENDS FEB. 3

One Warm Coat is a community service effort assisting in collecting clean, reusable coats for donation to local individuals free of charge. Peace is following in its mission to give away coats to people of all ages. The stories we get from Santa Cruz show how those coats go out the door about as fast as they come in. Our Altar Guild invites you to help those in need with good, warm coats, scarves, hats, gloves/mittens and boots. Items can be dropped off here at church in the entrance area bin. Thank you for your continued support. We have been having a wonderful response.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS OTHERS - BUSINESS ATTIRE

Our Warm Coat campaign has once again brought an overwhelming, wonderful response. In February, we switch our emphasis to another need: clothes for people who are seeking employment (interviews and jobs). The Will County Center for Community Concerns helps people who are unemployed find jobs, including training them for interviews and for how to dress for success. Many of the people do not have adequate clothing. We can help! We're looking for business attire and business casual clothing, including gently used shoes. Look through your closets for suits, sports coats, ties, shirts, blouses, dresses, skirts, pants, sweaters, whatever you think would help someone get and keep a job! We'll use the same bin to collect these items (with or without hangers.)

NEW FLOWER CHART

Each week people donate the cost of altar flowers (\$20 per arrangement). 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. Some upcoming dates still available are: Feb. 3, 10 & 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17 & 31, May 5 & 12..

COME CHILL OUT DUDES & DUDETTES! - SUN., FEB. 24

Life a hassle? "The Man" bugging you at work? Wondering what happened to Lava Lamps, Bead Curtains and Rock & Roll? Never fear compadre! Save the afternoon of Feb. 24 for the Peace Variety Show. You'll mellow out listening to some groovy music, laugh uncontrollably and re-live (or live for the first time!) the music and culture of the 60's. And there will be food afterwards. Never fear, it won't be your old man's kielbasa and rutabaga hot dish! Dinner this year will be a casual catered dinner (think Italian beef, chicken tenders, mac and cheese, potato wedges and more!) beginning about 4:45/5:00 p.m. Come join the fun! So, put on your baggies, jump in your woody, cause the surf will be up! Peace, Power to the People and use the sign-up slip. Call Mark Muehlnickel at (815) 463-8836 with any questions.

Youth Ministry

PEACE 360 HS YOUTH GROUP

Have you ever wished that there was a place that you could hang with your friends (from church and elsewhere)? A place that is fun, interesting, and (sometimes) crazy? We have that place for you... Peace 360! We truly hope that you will mark off this time for us - and for you! Whenever you can be here, you'll be a welcome addition! Peace 360 meets from 4 -7 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 27- Serving at MorningStar Mission, bring money for a fast food lunch.

Sun., Feb. 3- Dinner and discussions at church. Breakfast for dinner.

Sun., Feb. 10- Snow games if the weather holds. It's a "Chopped" competition for dinner.

Sun., Feb. 17- Out to dinner at Mamma Onesta's Italian Restaurant.

THE HOPE FUND

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

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN BIBLE STUDY- WED., JAN. 30

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

5th & 6th GR. BIBLE BUDDIES - WED., FEB. 27

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

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

We will meet at church at 12:00p.m. and go to Chili's for lunch! Please bring \$15-\$20 for food and drink. Parents, please use the online sign up found on our church website, use the sign-up in the bulletin, or use the sign up sheet in the narthex. If you would like to drive/chaperone, please let us know.

PEACE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

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

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

For the past several years, the 7th - 12th grade youth have gathered together for this weekend-long spiritual retreat. The name Antioch comes from the book of Acts when a group of people studied together and learned what it meant to be a Christian (Act 11). This retreat is a time of prayer, worship, friendship and fun. The retreat will be from 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 1 until 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 3. The cost of the retreat is \$20 (don't forget about the Hope Fund if needed) and registration is due by Feb. 16. Friends are 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 use the online sign up to let us know you are interested; information and registration forms can be found on the narthex counter.

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

This year is filled with special events and projects that celebrate how all of us can Respect, Overcome, Accept, Rejoice (and have a fun spirit while we're at it!) Join us for a great year of Sunday School where you can make new friends and GROW IN YOUR FAITH! And don't forget, we also have classes for teens and adults.

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

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

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

Bible Background for 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Paul was trying to get the Corinthian churches to cooperate with each other. Some had certain talents and gifts of God and others had different ones. Many thought there was a silent competition with those. Which is the best? In this passage, Paul is trying to make the point that each person's gift can contribute to the well-being of the whole church. He uses an image from our human bodies to make his point about the Body of Christ – the church.

HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

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

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

GOOD SHEPHERD group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eyeshadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs and brushes), personal items, bathing items (sponges, bubble bath, shower gel), and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons. Please place these items in the basket labeled *Good Shepherd Beauty Items* located under the left part of the narthex counter. Thank you for your support!

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.

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

Louisa Ishida is from Villa Park, graduated from Valparaiso University, and is serving in Swaziland in Southern Africa. Her blog address is <https://eswatiniexperience.wordpress.com/> so you can keep up to date on what is going on. Look on our bulletin board on the way into Fellowship Hall for more information. Her physical address is:
PostNet Suite 30
Private Bag X6
Cascades
3203
South Africa

NEW TICKET OPTIONS

Our ever-vigilant Fellowship Committee has been scouting the various upcoming shows, and here are their latest offerings. Use the sign-up, call the office, use our email to reserve your seats. First-come, first-served.

THE PRODUCERS - SAT., FEB. 9, 3:00 p.m. - sold out!

Only Mel Brooks could come up with a musical based on how to create a failure on Broadway. This fast-paced comedy takes on stereotypes with some very witty exchanges. (It is suggested for people over 18 years old.) If you want to be on a waiting list, please use the sign-up or call the office.

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

Drury Lane in Oakbrook is the site for this musical performance. If we get 15 people interested in going, we'll get discounted tickets for Sunday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m. The cost for the tickets (about \$20 off full price) would be \$57.50 (\$41.75 for students.) Please use the sign-up or call the church office.

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

The lead singer was hand-chosen by Queen to be the star of their tribute band. This show is at Governors State's Performing Arts Center. Our seats are 8 rows from the stage. Our discounted tickets are \$36. We now have 65 tickets, with 54 of them already gone!

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

Paramount Theatre is producing this brand new musical for the first time. Based on the movie, follow the journey of 11-year-old Evan on his search to find his parents. The story-line and music alone would be worth the price – deeply discounted at \$37 each. We have 8 seats left.

ANOTHER NEW SHOW TO CONSIDER

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

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

GENEALOGY GROUP - SAT., FEB. 9

We would like to invite any of you who are interested in working on genealogies to come together Saturday morning, Feb. 9, at 10:00 a.m. Some of you will be veterans of this work and can share with those who would like to start. Even those who are veterans will be able to share tips with each other.

LIBRARY BOOK OF THE WEEK

Each week we feature a book that's in our library. On your way to refreshments, take a look for it. And if you like it, check it out right then and there. (There's a 3-ring binder that is self-serve and easy to use.) This week's book is: *Heaven in High Gear* by Joan Brady.

BAPTISM ORIENTATION - SAT., FEB. 9

Feb. 9, 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.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

If you know someone who is serving and would like them added to the list, let us know. We also ask for your prayers for those who have returned from war who struggle to readjust to life in the U.S. and work through their grief over friends they have lost in the Middle East.

Mike Scott, Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Brie Grams (Hatch), Ned Fowler, Elizabeth (Tatro) Grossart, Brian Kettell, Jake Treasure, Grover Keltz, Dylan Sperstad, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Dan Treasure, Stephanie (Jones) Vail, Neil Vickers, Lane Trainor, Allison DeVitto

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Midshipman Trevor Horn

PO Box # 12989

Annapolis, Maryland 21412

Sgt. Pafford, Devin

PO Box 1351

Eglin AFB, Florida 32542

DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY (OR WANT TO)?

For those of you who give electronically and would like to put something in the offering plate, we have cards you may use (located on the narthex counter). If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, contact the office. If you want to give on-line, you can go to our website (www.peacenewlenox.org), click on the donate tab. You can also scan the QR code (below) with your smart phone to donate one time or set up recurring payments (it may also be downloaded in order to manage online giving).



CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

Whether you are a caregiver for a spouse, parent, teen, sibling or a child, you need help with the emotional, spiritual, mental and physical side of reality. Help yourself to the variety of resources that we have pulled together for you and know you're not alone. (*Information is on the narthex counter and in the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall.*)

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Do you care for someone diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia? Are you looking for information and support? You are not alone. An Alzheimer's Association Support Group meeting is held at Peace the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Karin Knutson at karinknutson@hotmail.com.

ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Is someone you love abusing prescription or street drugs? Are you concerned about the destructive choices he or she is making and/or in denial? If you are feeling all alone and would like some support from other parents, siblings, friends and spouses who are traveling the same road you are on, then this group may be for you. We support all roads to recovery, so we share what has or hasn't worked for us. We also understand that we must recover, because our lives have also become unmanageable. We meet Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tom Moore at (815) 354-3195.

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE - YOU ARE INVITED

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

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

FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP - THURS., JAN. 31

Our small group meets once a month to discuss various topics, deepen our faith and to build relationships within the group. We welcome anyone to join - men and women of all ages - you do not have to attend all meetings! The next is on Thurs., Jan. 31 at 7:00 p.m. at Janet Stoller's home. If interested, please email her at jlstoller2000@yahoo.com. P.S. we have great snacks!

Note: Starting in January we will be meeting on the last Thursday of each month.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES BOOKS

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

C.D.s & PODCAST AVAILABLE

Would you like a C.D. copy of a worship service? Look for the sign-up on the narthex counter. Also, if you want to listen to a sermon you missed or want to hear one again, go to the link on our website www.peacenewlenox.org.

WHAT'S THE SCOOP? (Bring your ideas to the group!) - SUN., FEB., 3

We have had great experiences with this new version of what used to be "Everybody Come" night. We want to include you in brainstorming ideas and getting them going. We're ready for round 4: we're "on" for Sunday, Feb. 3, at noon. We'll eat and share ideas for ministry and try to be finished in 1.5 hours or less. For the food, 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!). Childcare is available if you let us know ahead of time.

STRONG SENIORS EXERCISE GROUP - Join us for a low impact, do what you can exercise program for seniors. We meet twice a week: Mondays 12 noon -1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please call Anita Drake (815) 299-4417 with any questions.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - FEB. 2 & 3

It's PLAYOFF time! Join the team that tackles hunger! On Feb. 3, 2019, 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.)

CHRISTMAS GENEROSITY THANKS

Once again the people of Peace have opened their hearts to let God's love flow through them and out into the world. We gave gifts to 25 young people at Augustana Center with Open Arms and to approximately 100 people connected to Santa Cruz and their ministries to their neighborhood. Through the ELCA's Good Gifts program (\$1881!!!), we have provided 17 goats, 8 pigs, 9 sets of honeybees, feeding 2 refuge families for a month, 6 sets of chicks, 3 Bibles, school fees and uniforms for 4 girls, 1 rooster, 4 solar powered lanterns, 2 sets of school supplies, and 1 latrine! Our Global Barnyard coin boxes also yielded another \$182, which we designated for a fruit tree nursery. (And all of this is on top of the designated Christmas/Thanksgiving offering.) How wonderful it is to give to the work of God!!!

AN INVITATION TO HELP THE HOMELESS

The Women's Group is partnering with our high school youth group. Peace 360, will be serving at Morningstar Mission in late January distributing items for men, women and children in need. We are collecting the following items in the list below. If you would like to support this ministry, please bring items to church and put in the box labeled "Morningstar Mission Collection," located in the narthex. Many of these are available at the dollar store or other discount stores. They should be manageable sizes as they need to be portable.

Clothing	Toothbrushes-covered	Easy open containers
Gloves	Wet wipes	Beef jerky
Socks-if possible, wool	Duct tape	Breakfast bars
Hats-warm	Hand and foot warmers	Chocolate
Ponchos/tarps	Zip lock bags-gallon size	Mints-no gum
Shoe laces	Nothing with alcohol in it. Nothing with strong scents.	Peanut butter crackers
EmergenC, Airborne or chewable vitamins	Nothing large, hard to carry.	Raisins/dried fruit
Band-aids-large	Food-chewable-many have dental challenges	Snack cups/ applesauce/pudding cups
Lip balm/chapstick		Tuna, chicken salad cracker kits
Lotion		Water
Tissues		Gatorade
Feminine hygiene pads		
Diapers of all sizes		

PEACE BUDDIES - SUN., FEB. 17

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

PEACE WOMEN'S GROUP - The Peace Women's Group is open to all women 18 and up. We invite all interested to join us for our next events. Any questions, contact Jan Stoller (815) 530-2786.

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

Save the Dates:

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

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING - SUN., FEB. 17

Our annual meeting will take place on Sunday, Feb. 17, at approximately 9:50 a.m. in the sanctuary. Highlights will include the election of council members, a vote on whether to take on an intern, and reflections on our ministries on God's behalf. Please plan to attend.

VBS PLANNING MEETING - WED., FEB. 20

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

BUSINESS/SERVICE/MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., FEB. 6

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

OUT TO EAT GROUP - SAT., FEB. 16

The Out-to-Eat group invites you to join in an evening of food and conversation at Rising Sun in Mokena (19215 S. LaGrange Rd) at 6:30 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 16. Please use the sign-up slip or call the church office so we can let them know how many spots to reserve.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are honored to welcome the following people who are affirming their faith today by signing the charter of Peace Lutheran Church!

Ellen Burnett

Esther Coulter

Wayne Hansen

Dave & Carol Hennessey

Mike & Julie Kinsel

Patty Matoush

LaVerne Piecuch

David Preston & Kayley

Pam Swyndro

BUNCO IS BACK! - SAT., FEB. 23

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

PING PONG CLUB - SUN., FEB. 17

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

ANTIOCH HOST FAMILIES WANTED

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

BRING-A-FRIEND WEEKEND - FEB. 2 & 3

Feb. 2 & 3 are the dates for our annual Bring-a-Friend Weekend. We'd love to welcome your friend(s) to our church. During Sunday School, a special craft will be provided as well as a look at how our church tries to help others in many ways. (And of course, we'll take pictures!!!) For everyone, kids, and adults, help someone to know he or she or they are welcome here!

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FROM GOD?

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

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

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

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

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

Please be in prayer for God's guidance.

Pastor Dave

CONSIDER COMING TO “WHAT’S THE SCOOP”!

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 **Feb. 3 at noon**. We’ll be done long before the Super Bowl festivities start!!! Use the sign-up to let us know how many to expect.

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

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

(Sign-Up 01/26/19 - 01/27/19)

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Youth

Youth P3-12 gr.

_____ My youth will sing during the Variety Show

_____ We will stay for dinner. _____ How many?

5th & 6th gr.

_____ Yes, my child would like to attend the Out to Eat event at Chili's on Feb. 17.

_____ (Parents) Yes, I can drive and chaperone.

7th & 8th gr. Kids & Adults hotdog dinner Feb. 6

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_____ How many Adult tickets? _____ How many student tickets? _____

_____ I/We would like to be on the waiting list for The Producers on Feb. 9.

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Other Events

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Variety Show & Dinner

_____ I would like to perform in the variety show on Feb. 24 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. 24.

_____ How many? _____

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

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New Intern

_____ I/We have a question about a potential new intern:

Other Ministries/Sign-ups

_____ I am interested in working on the Spanish version of the *Questions Kids Ask About God* book

Everybody Read -Isaiah 43:15-25- What the passage means to me:

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

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