

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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June 1 & June 2, 2019

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Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully*

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

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

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

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

Accompanist/Organist	Todd Yetman
Children's Choir Director	Leslie Walton
Adult Choir Director	Pamela Putrich
Bell Choir Director	Erica Desaulniers
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Lynn Taeger-Peterson
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Janet Stoller
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Darrell Holmquist
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Marylynn Tyler
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Syndy Lindbloom
Acolyte (5:00)	Danielle Schabes
Acolyte (11:00)	Emersynn Smith
Nursery (ages 0-5) (5:00)	Anthony Ciannella
Nursery (ages 0-5) (8:30)	Ani Grothe
Nursery (ages 0-5) (11:00)	Paige Candelaria & Aiden Golub
Ushers (8:30)	Dave Narish, Don Lafferty, Sue Lafferty, Alec Boyens
Ushers (11:00)	Robert Kazlauskas, Joseph Lundgren
Greeters (8:30)	Lisa Dowling
Greeters (11:00)	Kim Trzcinski
Communion Servers (11:00)	Joe Kirkeeng, Vivian Farbak, Elise Prince Leslie Walton, Sarah Walton
Bread Provider (11:00)	Tammy Conway
Refreshments (5:00)	Lori Woodburn
Refreshments (8:30)	Kathy Davenport, Jenny Vondra, Linda Goesel
Offering Counters	Tannor Giertuga, Tom Powers, Lisa Star Sofia Dahl Santoro

The altar flowers are given by Jeff and Jess Lindeman in honor of all the graduates; also given by Kevin and Melissa Rumbaugh in honor of Ms. Jess and all of the Sunday School teachers.

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

WELCOME PADS

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

HEARING ASSISTANCE & LARGE PRINT HYMNAL AVAILABLE

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

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS & OTHER ASSISTANCE

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

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the

5:00 p.m. Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship services.
Saturday Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Education Hour9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sat., June 1 & Sun., June 2 - Recognition of Graduates
Sun., June 2 - Adult Education Hour - *First Things First – God* (From ancient times to today, why it is so easy to forget) 9:45 a.m.
Peace 360 - 6:00 p.m. at Klock's
Mon., June 3 - Summer Quilting 9:30 a.m.
Tues., June 4 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
Committee Chairs Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wed., June 5 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
No Teen Bible Study
Sun., June 9 - Adult Education Hour - *Why Are We Lutherans & Why Do We Do/Think Certain Ways?* 9:45 a.m.
Teen Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screenings 9:45 a.m.
Feast with Friends - K-12th Grade 9:45 a.m.
National Youth Gathering Interest Meeting 12 noon
Outdoor Worship & Potluck 6:00 p.m.
Tues., June 11 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m.
Wed., June 12 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Shawl 6:00 p.m.
No Teen Bible Study
Sat., June 15 - Blood Drive 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m..
Out to Eat Group - Fajitas 6:30 p.m.
Sun., June 16 - Special Congregational Meeting 9:35 a.m.
No Education Hour - Strawberries, Cake & Ice Cream event 9:45 a.m.
No Peace 360
Mon., June 17 - Summer Quilting 9:30 a.m.
Tues., June 18 - Trailblazers Luncheon 12noon
Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
Wed., June 19 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Faith Development/Education

ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

Our Sunday weekly **adult class** usually meets in the back of the sanctuary, starting about 9:45 a.m. during the summer. Each week there is a different topic.

June 2 - First Things First – God (From ancient times to today, why it is so easy to forget)

June 9 - Why Are We Lutherans & Why Do We Do/Think Certain Ways?

June 16 - (no class) Strawberries, Cake & Ice Cream event instead

June 23 - Hard Hearted Has a Lot of Adherents

June 30 - Holy Emptiness (allowing space in our hectic lives for God to talk to us)

July 7 - The Benefit of Strangers

July 14 - Want a Deeper Faith? (Try digging where you are)

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.

June's passage is: **Jeremiah 31:1-9**

BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR ACTS 16:16-34

This passage is filled with interesting happenings. But the bottom line is not the story, per se, but the outcome. That outcome is the realization by a jailer (and then his family), that even in crisis there is an opportunity to look for some saving grace. In this case it was Paul and his fellow prisoners, and the word from God through Paul about what God is all about: redemption!

LIBRARY BOOK OF THE WEEK - Each week we feature a book that's in our library. On your way to refreshments, take a look for it. And if you like it, check it out. (There's a 3-ring binder that is self-serve and easy to use.)

This week's book is: *Hello Night - Healing Thoughts for Sleepless Nights* by Herbert Brokering.

SUMMER CLASS SUGGESTIONS

Each year Pastor Dave encourages people to suggest topics for the summer adult classes. You can use the sign-up or let him know some other way!

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., JUNE 23

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *Hidden Figures : the American dream and the untold story of the Black women mathematicians who helped win the space race* by Margot Lee Shetterly. Join us for the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. We meet at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Davenport (815) 545-2806.

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.

Mary Brouette, Nolan, Joey (graduate), Halley, Luke Alvarez (continuing recovery), Tammy Dunn, Barry, Barb Garbett, Phil Boskey, Claudia Green, Deb Howell, Dennis Flynn, Laurie Lee, Karen Padgen, Claudia Cole, Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Wally Paprocki, Halley Price (strength), Penny (health), Louisa Ishida (missionary), Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Kristie Paprocki, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray and Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Richard Vachot, Dawn Bullerman, Jim Jesk, Debbie Wert, Ronnie Kissel, Robert Burkhart (stroke recovery), Pam & George Ogorzaly, Flowers Jenkins, Kim Boginsky family (unexpected death), Judy & Deb (passing of fathers), Patti (brain cancer & more chemo), Jack (back surgery), Rene (career direction), Delores Niemczyk (health & strength), the Stock family, the Sobczyk family, Joe Canniff, Dan, Liz Weberling, John J., Pam (cancer), Rosemary Tierney (health & strength), Mary W. (health & strength), Lorie T. (health & strength), Birgee, Rick, Lula (healing), Justin & Norma (peace), Melissa, Josh, & Jake (addiction), Liam (direction and rehab), Cie (strength), Christy Chenoweth, Dave Boer (health issues), Joe Schultz, Pam, Suzanne & Andrew, Bill Horsley, Deb (loss of father), Amanda (depression), Jill Goeglein & family, Amber Goeglein, Amanda Edwards, Dave Davenport, Tyler, Chris (guidance), Dean Horsley (healing), Grant Frick, Jim Swyndro, Madlyn Howard (peace & comfort), Anthony Inman (baby, illness), Nathan Mackey (job search), Clayton (headaches), Fred (alcohol addiction), Robin (loss of leg), D.J., Kent, Lisa Balstrode, Alexis Flynn, Alan Booton, 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), Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY - If you know someone who is serving and would like them added to the list, let us know. Please pray for those who have returned from war who struggle to readjust to life and work through their grief. Mike Scott, Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Ned Fowler, Elizabeth (Tatro) Grossart, Brian Kettell, Jake Treasure, Grover Keltz, Dylan Sperstad, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Dan Treasure, Stephanie (Jones) Vail, Neil Vickers, Lane Trainor, Allison DeVitto

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

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Groups

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., JUNE 18

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tues., June 18 at noon here at church. The food will be some surprise casseroles by a couple of volunteers plus your usual food donations. The program will be more of the talent show videos. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

SUMMERTIME QUILTING - STAY COOL & QUILT - MON., JUNE 17

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. Take a chance and try this! Fill those lazy days of summer making quilts and enjoying fellowship. Questions? Call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP - SECOND TUESDAYS

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

ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY

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

INFORMAL GOLF GROUP

Mike Bohl is willing to help us form a new informal "let's have fun" golf group. Each week the group would play 9 holes, most likely starting at 10:00 a.m. You would have lunch and finish around 1:30 p.m. The format would be best ball. Each week Mike would send out an email to the interested golfers to find out who is playing, and then he'd schedule a tee time. Depending on the wishes of the group, the likely days are Tues., Wed., or Thurs. (In case of less than 50° or more than 90° or other weather problems, there would be no golf.) You may call Mike with questions at 815-277-2636, or to sign up. You may also use the sign-up in the bulletin or call the office.

OUT TO EAT GROUP - SAT., JUNE 15

The next destination for the Out to Eat Group will be at Fajitas (19118 88th Avenue, Mokena) on Sat., June 15, meeting there at 6:30 p.m. Check out their menu online; lots of choices. Please use the sign-up or call the office to let us know that you'll be coming. All are welcome!!!

GENEALOGY GROUP - SAT., JUNE 29

The next gathering for this group will be June 29, at 10:00 a.m. We'll have a working session where you can bring your own work-to-date and we'll help each other get going further. Even if you haven't started and wonder how to take step one, you'll be happy you came. Please join us.

STRONG SENIORS EXERCISE GROUP - We will take a break for the summer and resume Monday, Aug. 5. Please call Anita Drake (815) 299-4417 with any questions.

PING PONG CLUB

The ping pong club will be taking a summer hiatus. They will resume meeting on the third Sunday in September. If you think you may want to join them, let the church office know and you will be added to the email reminders. New players are always welcome!

Thank you

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$8,116.00** at worship plus another **\$805** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **369**. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

In the Mt. Elgon region of Uganda, farmers depend on their coffee crops to feed and support their families. There used to be two rainy seasons in the region. Now the rains are unpredictable, taking with it a family's only hope of income. Kayaga Rose and her family know their struggle all too well. Without their crops, the family was in serious danger of hunger. Through the generosity of people like you, Kayaga, Fungo, and many other farmers were taught more effective coffee production techniques, like composting and creating shade, and given access to better equipment and drought-resistant seeds. The family now has the tools and skills they need to grow quality coffee that sells for good prices, providing income to feed their family. Because of gifts from compassionate people like you, this family is moving from survival to stability.

AMAZON SMILE THANKS

Some of you use Amazon Smile and have designated Peace as your charity of choice, we received another \$39.51! Thank you! (Any of you who use Amazon can easily use <https://smile.amazon.com/> instead. It costs you nothing and you get to designate a charity like Peace or some other cause.)

New This Week

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

This weekend during worship we would like to recognize all those who have let us know they've graduated from high school, college and beyond. Congratulations! (We would be happy to add the names of others who didn't let us know.)

High School Graduates

Eddie Barker, Brendan Bergman, Paige Candelaria, Ethan Darley, Melanie Drews, Ryan Gamen, Kaitlin Halper, Abbey Lindeman, Olivia Murphy, Emily Pfeffer, Keara Powers, Carly Salutric, Rachel Svancarek, Sarah Walton

College Graduates

Nick Sabatini; received a bachelors degree from Purdue.

ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT! - JOHNNY RUSSLER & THE BEACH BUM BAND - SUN., AUG. 18

Calling all who attend Adult Fellowship, Women's Group, Peace 360, and everyone else! Come to the Concert on the Breidert Green in Frankfort on Sunday, August 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Our own Johnny Russler (& the Beach Bum Band) will entertain you that evening with some great Carribean/calypso/reggae music. Johnny and his band have played all over the Chicagoland area and in other states, too. We invite you to gather around 6:00 p.m. at the Green. (Look for the Peace logo balloons.) We encourage you to bring some easy-to-pick-up snack-type food to share in containers that can be passed around easily. Let us know if you're planning to attend so we can try to save spaces for you and your lawn chairs.

ART FAIR - JULY 13-14

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 13-14. 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).

Fellowship Opportunities/Events

STRAWBERRIES, CAKE & ICE CREAM - SUN., JUNE 16

You'll want to come (or stay) on June 16, at approximately 9:45 a.m. - for our thirteenth 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 slip. The previous twelve years were delicious successes! (And it is a fun way for us to honor Father's Day too.)

CANTIGNY PARK OUTING - SAT., JUNE 22

If you enjoy walking, a day at Cantigny is a day you won't forget – from the beautiful gardens to the “First Division” military museum. Cantigny is the home (now museum) of Robert R. McCormick (founder and commander in the Battle of Cantigny in France during World War I.) Children can climb on real tanks from that war right through Desert Storm. The park is open from 9:00 a.m. until sunset. The only fee is a \$10.00 parking fee; everything else is free. Picnic tables are available just north of the main parking lot. The park is located at 1s151 Winfield Rd., Wheaton. In addition to all the daily attractions, that evening the DuPage Symphony Orchestra will be performing at the First Division Museum Plaza from 7:30 to 9:00 – also free! You can come and go as you'd like. If you'd like more information, contact the church office. We will try to coordinate a “gathering time” at the park for those who are interested and or possible ride sharing. Please use the sign up slip or call the office to let us know you're planning to go.

Worship Related

OUTDOOR WORSHIP & POTLUCK - SUN., JUNE 9

HOSTING SANTA CRUZ/FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH & SUNNY HILL

On Sun., June 9, 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 have a time of fellowship with a potluck. We will provide sloppy joes and hot dogs. Please bring side dishes, salads, or desserts. We will be hosting our mission partners from Santa Cruz and First Lutheran Church in Joliet, and our friends from Sunny Hill. Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office if you are able to join us so we know how much to cook.

PENTECOST BEGINS JUNE 8 & 9 - The worship committee is asking everyone to **think “red” that weekend.** To celebrate if you'd like, please bring red flowers to church with you. The flowers will then be planted around the outside of the church building.

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 THIS SUMMER

Summer schedules sometimes leave us with openings for worship assistants. If you're willing to be “on call,” please let us know via the sign-up or by emailing or calling the office.

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! Starting the weekend of June 2 and continuing 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!

Help Others

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

If you would like to donate to the people who were affected by the tornadoes in Alabama and Georgia, go the ELCA website www.elca.org and you can donate directly. As always in these situations, 100% of your donation goes to the work of helping people in need.

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!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., JUNE 12

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. We meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. **Our next meeting will be June 12.** Questions, contact Cheryl, 815-462-3089. If you know someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please put your request in the box on the narthex counter. **To date we have made 271 shawls and given away 250.**

HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food and resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. You can bring donations anytime and put them in the baskets on the floor heading into Fellowship Hall. The pantry is in need of the following specific items: cereal (all kinds), canned fruit, coffee (ground) all kinds, creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., JUNE 15

Thanks to your commitment to helping people, we collected 20 units blood in April. Our next drive will be June 15 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Everyone who donates will receive a Bears hat.

OPERATION CARE PACKAGE

You can almost see the smiles from here! OPERATION CARE PACKAGE will send a package with many thoughtful things inside to our deployed military. We would like to add another name to the list. All we need is a name, address, birthday month and day, and dates of deployment. A package will be sent to them. If you have a family member, friend, or neighbor to whom we may send a package, please send your information to: jpsywn@att.net.

2019 Stewardship Appeal

CALLED BY GRACE!

Each year we ask you to pray and consider what God is leading you to do in terms of your financial response. We are grateful for all the gifts we have received in the past, and for the ministries they have enabled in our church, community and world-wide.

If you haven't read about this year's appeal, you can go online or pick up materials at church in the entrance area.

What steps should we take?

- 1) Go to our website and look for the 2019 stewardship tab, or pick up materials here at church.
<http://www.peacenewlenox.org/stewardship-2019/>
- 2) Pray, reflect, and consider how you will respond to God's love and all that Peace means to you.
- 3) Consider how that response will be translated into your financial giving level for the next fiscal year, starting June 1. As a church, we agreed to take on an intern in August, so we encourage all of us to respond with joyful anticipation!
- 4) Share your giving intentions, either online or through a Giving Intentions Card.

Please remember to pick up your offering envelopes, and/or give electronically!



Thank you! For all the giving intentions we have received and for all the faithful giving, we are so grateful!

General Announcements

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Community Support**. Some things we can do at home are **1) Point out how your town uses resources to help kids prosper; 2) Encourage your kids to spend most of their time in places in the community where they feel valued; 3) Have regular family meetings to plan, solve problems, and encourage each other. Rotate who leads the meetings**

This week's idea for our schools is encourage students to get involved in community service .

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.*)

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

The committee working on the Spanish version of our book continues to make progress on the specifics of that future edition. There are a lot of steps! But progress is happening, including melding the translation into the existing pictures and working on a revised webpage. Meanwhile, the questions keep coming! One that came from our Kindergarten class is very timely: Is God a Cubs fan or a Sox fan? The answer is both! (and every other team from the major leagues down to the youngest organized or pick up games....and every other sport and every other activity where we use our talents and abilities or our interests and adventures, even our failures!) God is interested in us enjoying our lives and cheering for others, too.

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

C.Ds & PODCAST AVAILABLE

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

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - SUN., JUNE 9

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

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://eswatinixperience.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

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUN., JUNE 16

A special congregational meeting has been called for June 16 at 9:35 a.m. to approve the budget. The meeting usually lasts about 5-10 minutes, but is a necessary legal event & a time to celebrate another year of ministry ready to go!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of teaching Sunday School (or assisting.) These volunteers are part of the life-blood of our Christian education program. We have co-teachers in every class, so no one is left to fend for him or herself! Depending on the co-teacher and helper, most teachers are here every week, but there is time off for other happenings, of course. We also have substitutes available when needed. Sunday School takes place from September through May from 9:45 to 10:45. We have training, a curriculum with multiple good ideas each week, and full support each week. No one has to do it all! If you have questions, contact Jess Lindeman, our superintendent or the church office.

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.

During the summer months we will meet 2 times a month from 4-7p.m.

Sun., June 2 - 8th graders who are going into 9th grade are invited to join the Peace 360 Group!! Meeting at Angie Klock's house at 6p.m.-8p.m., weather permitting, we will have a bonfire! Hotdogs will be provided for dinner, please bring a side to share with the group.

Sat., Jun. 22 - 12 p.m.-2p.m. Gaga Ball Tournament. Please bring a side or a snack to share with the group.

Fri., July 5- Sat., July 6 Camping trip - DETAILS TO COME

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- SUN., JUNE 9

We are trying a new day for the high school teen bible study. During the summer, we will meet some Sundays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. High school age youth are invited to this Teen Bible study with Deacon Shari. Our next class will be Sun., June 9, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. We will cover in-depth, yet compact and easy to understand Bible lessons covering topics relevant to teens.

FEAST WITH FRIENDS - SUN., JUNE 9

Sunday School youth ages K-12 grade are invited to have a pancake breakfast from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Please use the online sign up on our church website, in the bulletin, or the sign up sheet in the narthex. Please sign up by June 5.

N.Y.G. INTEREST MEETING- SUN., JUNE 9

Sun., June 9 at noon we will meet with all who are interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in Minnesota June 29 - July 3, 2021. Youth going into 9th grade in the fall of 2021 through those graduated from 12th grade in the spring of 2021 are eligible to attend. Any adults who are interested in helping chaperone please come to the meeting.

SUMMER CAMPS

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center's 2019 activities brochure (at www.lomc.org) is now available. You can also check out brochures from Lutherdale in Wisconsin (www.lutherdale.org) and Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort (www.manitoqua.org).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Our amazing Vacation Bible School planning crew is creating another outstanding opportunity for kids (and volunteers) to grow closer to God. The dates will be July 30 - Aug. 2. Our theme will be "*God's Love Is out of This World*" With a space theme, we will draw on some great Bible stories to make our VBS as fun and attractive as ever. The next VBS planning meeting will be Wed., July 3 at 9:00 a.m. If you'd like to help in any way this year (including more planning), please let us know in the office. Registration forms will be available in the rack on the narthex counter and on-line. We will be collecting empty water bottles (about 16 oz. size) with the tops. Bring them to the church office.

COLLEGE INFORMATION PACKETS AVAILABLE

There are some great pieces of information available to youth who are heading out on college tours, on how to apply to colleges, on what to explore on a college overnight visit, on what to bring to a freshman dorm. Look in the entrance area counter.

A Litany for Graduation

L: O God of all life: In our baptism you blessed us with your spirit, promised your aid, and called us into discipleship. For this everlasting blessing,

C: We give you thanks, O God.

L: We pray for those graduates entering new lives of full time employment: May they find places to live and work where people will welcome their skills and foster their growth. May their education be on-going, their contributions to others truly helpful, and their vision of the future in unity with your will. God of daily labor,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We lift up those continuing their study: As their knowledge grows, increase also its wise and loving use that they, too, might serve you through their learning. God of all truth & understanding,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Guiding God, for those who have yet to figure out where life is leading them next: Grant them patience with the struggle, hope for the future and confidence that you will guide them well. God of hope,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Protecting God, watch over our graduates who are younger to help them resist any enticement that may tempt them and lead to harm. Keep those who are older from the cynicism and despair that may follow disappointment and failure. Embrace mistakes with repentance and misfortunes with restoration, always making clear your word of constant and abundant love. God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Help parents and others who share concern for the dangers and decisions that will be faced beyond their caring eyes. Reassure them where they have done their best and heal their regrets as they entrust their sons and daughters to your care. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Come quickly to... (Here other petitions will be given) God of compassion,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We commend our graduating sisters and brothers and one another to you, O God. By your unceasing Spirit, may our baptismal lights so shine before others that they may see our good works and glorify you in heaven and on earth.

C: Amen

(Sign-Up 06/01/19 - 06/02/19)

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Phone _____
Email _____

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

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Other Events

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- ___ I will provide a cake for the Strawberries, Cake & Ice Cream event June 16.
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- ___ **I/We are interested in learning more about teaching Sunday School.**
- ___ **I/We will have something to exhibit in the Art Fair on July 13-14.**
What kind of art/display? _____

Other Ministries/Sign-ups

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Everybody Read - *Jeremiah 31:1-9* - What the passage means to me:

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

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