

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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Graduation “Theme Song”

Besides “Pomp and Circumstance,” some of you will have experienced a graduation speaker or two (or ten) this year. If you haven’t this year, perhaps you can recall some from another year. So often there is a common theme to those speeches: have a purpose in life and know who you are (and by the way, you’re great.) There will be quotations from a few famous people (and many people you’ve never heard of before.) Some will go on and on, and too few will get right to the point. Some will use humor and some will try to sound really profound and important. I suppose that on a very rare occasion, a speaker will really touch a graduate’s life and make a difference. Mostly though, I think graduates and audience members alike are thinking “when can I get my diploma and get out of here?”

It might be far more productive to skip the graduation speeches and just go for the “theme song” (on ordinary days and not just at a commencement.) Every once in a while ask, “What is my purpose?” and “Who am I?”

At various stages in our lives we may have different answers to the questions. Looking back now, some of our answers seem to have been so shallow we can’t believe it. Sometimes our answers were (are) a great big “I don’t know.” But sometimes our answers help shape us in ways that matter.

God has been trying to help people come up with honest, fulfilling, meaningful answers to the questions for as long as humans have been on the earth. In Jesus we have the clearest, right-to-the-point clues. *Who are we?* We are not just great, no matter what the speakers may say. We are both broken and whole; have no idea how to live or act sometimes, and other times have at least a glimpse; we are capable some days of greatness and others of pettiness. But we are still always *loved by the creator of all that is!* *Our purpose* may seem unclear too often in a mixed-up world. But God invites us to *love and serve God and our neighbor*. How’s that for direct and to the point!

It takes less than a minute to say or read those answers, and a wonderful lifetime of discovery for how to believe and do them. I’ll take that over a graduation speech any day!

Pastor Dave Hedlin

Prayers Requested

Dorothy Davis, the family of John Cammack, Flowers Jenkins, the Kim Boginsky family, Patti, Jack, Judy & Deb, Rene, Heidi, Delores Niemczyk, the Stock family, the Sobczyk family, Lisa Balstrode, Tammy Dunn, the family of Harry Cook, Robert Burkhart, Pam & George Ogorzaly, Jill Goeglein & family, Barb Garbett, Richard Vachert, the family of Ross Mathews, the family of Mary Goeglein, Dawn Bullerman, Ronnie Kissel, Jim Jesk, the family of Dorothy Davis, Debbie Wert, Mary Brouette, Dorothy Tyler, Nolan, Halley & Joey, Luke Alvarez

Sympathy

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Bill Burnett, father of Syndy Lindbloom

the family of Nancy DeYoung, mother of Barb Narish

Congratulations

Mary Brouette, great grandmother, on the birth of Leland James Rackelin on April 28;

Mike & Lisa Rumbaugh, parents and George & Cathy Rumbaugh, grandparents on the birth of Joy Marie Rumbaugh on May 17;

Rich & Jane Meister on their 60th anniversary on June 20.

Welcome to the Lord’s Family

Logan Kenneth Harms was baptized on May 25.

Special Prayers for Healing – Sat., July 13

As a part of the 5:00 Saturday night service on July 13, 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.

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:

Patty Matoush – offering envelope project

From:

Clothes 4 Work Closet – donation of business clothes
Kathy Norberg and Lauren LeMahieu – for use of the church for piano recitals

Multiple New Lenox Girl and Boy Scout troops and leaders – for the use of our facility

Lincoln-Way Central, East & West – for participation in Scholarship Night

Brendan Bergman, Ryan Gamen, Abbey Lindeman, and Emily Pfeffer – for the scholarships

Multiple families – for the treats for finals for High School students

Trinity & Feed My Starving Children – for the donations

Our Missionary

Louisa Ishida is from Villa Park, graduated from Valparaiso University, and is serving in Swaziland in Southern Africa. Her blog address is

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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.

GriefShare Ministry Resumes – Sept. 9

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. GriefShare meets on Mondays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and will begin weekly meetings again on Sept. 9. If you would like more information please contact Janet 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! For more information, 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. 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.

Offering Envelopes Are Here

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

Follow Us on Social Media

Snapchat: plutheranchurch

Instagram: [peacechurch1062](https://www.instagram.com/peacechurch1062)

Twitter: [peacechurch1062](https://twitter.com/peacechurch1062)

Facebook: Peace Lutheran Church

Deacon Shari will be updating Facebook each month and the youth will be keeping up with the other three.

Remember Our P.O. Box

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

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **June 23**. 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* – Resumes Monday, Sept. 9 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Meets each Monday through Dec. 9.

- *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 have a participating maid service in your zip code area arrange for service. This organization serves the entire US and currently has 547 partners.

Recycling Items

We are still continuing to accept some items for recycling. 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. Chargers, phone cases and cables are not recyclable. Please note that Epson cartridges are no longer accepted, these items can be disposed of at another location (village hall or schools).

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

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.

Summertime Quilting – Mon., June 3 & 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. Questions? Call Karen (815) 462-9527 or Syndy (708) 479-7338.

Strong Seniors Exercise Group

We will take a break for the summer and resume Monday, Aug. 5. 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 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Please call Anita Drake (815) 299-4417 with any questions.

Prayer Shawl – Wed., June 12 & 26

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. To date we have made 271 prayer shawls and given away 250. 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., 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, and please let us know if you're planning to attend. All are welcome!!!

Ping Pong Club – Summer Hiatus

The ping pong club will be taking a summer hiatus. They will resume meeting on the third Sunday of September. If you think you may want to join them, let the church office know your name and email address, and you will be added to the email reminders.

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 casserole surprise plus what you bring. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

Peace Page Turners – Sun., June 23

The next meeting will be June 23 at 9:45 a.m. We will discuss *Hidden Figures*: the American dream and the untold story of the Black women mathematicians who helped win the space race by Margot Lee Shetterly. There are copies of the book in Kathy Davenport's mailbox. If you borrow one, please let her know which copy you took. All are welcome. Questions, contact Kathy at 815-545-2806.

Peace Women's Group

The Peace Women's Group is open to all women 18 and up. Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for more upcoming events. For now, see the announcement about the **Aug. 18 Johnny Russler Concert** in this newsletter! Questions, contact Jan Stoller (815) 530-2786.

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 Caribbean/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.

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 1st/2nd 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!

Summer Adult Education

The results are in...here is the line up through July 14. Adult Education class meets at 9:45 a.m.

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'll pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage. June's passage is: Jeremiah 31:1-9.

Health Care Ministry - 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 any questions or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, please contact Marylynn Tyler at (815) 423-6407.

Blood Drive – Sat., June 15

Thank you to everyone who donated in April. Our next Heartland blood drive will be Sat., June 15 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Everyone who donates will receive a Bears hat.

Wish List

From time to time, people want to make “above and beyond” financial gifts to the church. These gifts are not in place of regular, faithful stewardship – giving from the heart, off the top. Instead they are signs of extra gratitude/joy for the blessings of God. If you would like to make one of those gifts, see Pastor Dave for a list of items that are on his wish list (beyond the budget.)

Looking Ahead...

June 9 – *Sunday School Feast with Friends 9:45 a.m.*
Teen bible study 9:45a.m.

Blood pressure screenings between services
National Youth Gathering 2021 interest meeting 12 noon

Outdoor Worship & Potluck 6:00 p.m.

June 15 – *Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Out to Eat Group at Fajitas 6:30 p.m.

June 16 – *Special Congregational Meeting 9:35*
Ice Cream Social 9:45 a.m.

June 22 – *Cantigny Park Outing*

Peace 360! Gaga Ball Tournament 12 noon

June 23 – *Peace Page Turners 9:45 a.m.*

July 3 – *VBS Planning Meeting 9:00 a.m.*

July 13 – *Special Prayers for Healing 5:00 p.m.*

July 13/14 – *Art Fair*

July 29 – *Vacation Bible School Set-up*

July 30 - Aug. 2 – *Vacation Bible School*

Aug. 4 – *What's the Scoop (share your ideas) 12 noon*

Aug. 10 – *Baptism Orientation 3:30 p.m.*

Aug. 17 – *Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Sept. 8 – *Sunday School Rally Day 9:45 a.m.*

Sept. 9 – *GriefShare Resumes 6:30 p.m.*

National Youth Gathering Interest Meeting – Sun., June 9

On Sun., June 9 at 12p.m. there is a meeting for those who are interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota in July of 2021. ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis, June 29 - July 3, 2021. Students going into 9th gr. in the fall of 2021 and those who are graduating 12th gr. in the spring of 2021 are eligible. Adults interested in helping chaperone, please come to this meeting also.

Outdoor Worship & Potluck – Sun., June 9 ***Hosting Sunny Hill & Santa Cruz***

On Sunday, 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 also have a time of fellowship with a potluck. We will provide sloppy joes and hotdogs. So, bring side dishes, salads or desserts. We will also be hosting residents from Sunny Hill Nursing Home and Santa Cruz/First Lutheran in Joliet. Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office if you are able to join us.

From Deacon Shari Trotter

Dear Members and Friends of Peace,

It is time for us to begin talking about the next National Youth Gathering. Every three years the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America holds a gathering for its youth. At this gathering, 30,000 youth and adults come together to worship and serve for a whole week. The National Youth Gathering will be held in June of 2021 and will be in Minneapolis Minnesota.

The day after we returned from the last National Youth Gathering, our youth were already planning for Minneapolis. This event is a great opportunity to live, learn and serve among youth who also have faith. It gives great perspective on the greater Church. The look on our young people's faces when they see everyone in the mass gathering is one of awe.

Our first interest meeting will be June 9th following the 11 a.m. worship service. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 12 noon. I will have videos to show from the last gathering, go over a timeline of what to expect, and give important dates. If you know a youth who will be entering 7th grade through entering 11th graders, please encourage them and a parent or responsible adult to attend this meeting.

The National Youth Gathering is a lot of fun, but it also takes a lot of preparation. We as a congregation sent 19 youth to the last gathering. We have the potential to send a much larger delegation in 2021. If you are interested in serving as an adult leader please come to the interest meeting as well. There will be an explanation on how adult leaders are chosen and what the time commitment will look like.

If you have any questions about the National Youth Gathering don't hesitate to reach out to me. This event means a lot to me and I am delighted to be able to offer it to our youth. See you on June 9th!

God's Peace,

Deacon Shari Trotter

Blessings to our Confirmands

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

May 19

Amelia Ciannella
Anthony Ciannella
Jacob Cole
Benjamin Gouty
Robert Kazlauskus
Marc Larson
Joseph Michael Lundgren
John O'Brien
Leah Faith Grace Prince
Ryan Rajaballey
Sofia Dahl Santoro
Jake Vanderkin
Colin Vetor

May 26

Jack Cosich
Aiden Pierce Golub
Alexa Hadley
Cameron Krause
Jaiden Lawless
Brayden Robert Lovell
Danielle Schabes.
Matthew Schilke
Skylar Smith
Jason Michael Vondra
Kassidy Withers

Special Congregational Meeting – 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!

Strawberries, Cake, & Ice Cream – Sun., June 16

You'll want to come (or stay) on June 16 between services for our thirteenth annual strawberries-cake-other toppings & ice cream social. Please let us know if you'll be coming (and/or if you'd provide a cake) by calling the church office or using the sign-up at church. The previous twelve years were delicious successes! (And it will be a fun way for us to honor Father's Day too.)

Father's Day Singing – June 15/16

Special music for Father's Day June 15 & 16 will include all adult males (and any children) leading us in our opening hymn. Help celebrate Father's Day!

Genealogy Group – Sat., June 29

The next gathering for anyone interested in learning more about how to do genealogical searches will be Sat., June 29, at 10:00. We'll have a working session where you can bring your own work-to-date and help each other get going further. Even if you haven't started yet, you can benefit by coming. Please join us.

VBS Tues., July 30 – Fri., Aug. 2

Our amazing Vacation Bible School planning crew met and has created another outstanding opportunity for kids (and volunteers) to grow closer to God. Our theme will be *God's Love is Out of this World*. The dates will be July 30 - Aug. 2 from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon. The next planning meeting will be July 3 at 9:00 a.m. If you'd like to help in any way this year, please let us know in the office. Registration forms are available on the counter in the narthex or sign up online. **For one of the crafts, we need empty water bottles (approximately 16 oz. size) with the tops still on them.**

Register for 2019/2020 Sunday School

We've had a lot of fun in Sunday School. We look forward to another great year starting on Rally Day, Sept. 8. 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.

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: jlambrose@chubb.com).

Recognition of Graduates

We would like to recognize all those who have let us know they've graduated from high school, college and beyond. Congratulations on all your achievements!

High School Graduates

Eddie Barker, Brendan Bergman, Paige Candelaria, Ethan Darley, Melanie Drews, Ryan Gamen, Camryn Gervase, Kaitlin Halper, Jillian Helfrich, Rick Jensen, Kaidon Lingle, Abbey Lindeman, Olivia Murphy, Codi O'Brien, Emily Pfeffer, Keara Powers, Jessica Prince, Carly Salutric, Hayley Sawyer, Katie Schneider, Caroline Schnepfer, Rachel Svancarek, Cade Vector, and Sarah Walton

College

Nick Sabatini - bachelor's degree - Purdue University

Pentecost Begins June 8 & 9 – Think Red!

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.

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 p.m. – 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.

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? Peace 360! meets 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!

Sun., June 2 - We invite our newly Confirmed 8th graders to have a bonfire. **We will meet at Miss Angie Klock's house. 6-8p.m. Please bring a side to share.**

Sat., June 22 – Peace 360 Gaga Ball Tournament
Noon – 2 p.m.

Fri., July 5- Sat., July 6 – Camping- Details to come

Teen Bible Study – Sundays

High school age youth are invited to a new Teen Bible study with Deacon Shari. We will meet at church on Sundays from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. (Summer meetings will be earlier.) We will cover in-depth, yet compact and easy to understand Bible lessons while covering topics relevant to teens.

Sun., June 9 & 30

Feast with Friends – Sun., June 9

Sunday School youth grades K-12 grade are invited to have a pancake breakfast from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sign up online, use the sign up in the bulletin, or use the sign up in the narthex.

Movie Night – Sat., July 20

Sunday School youth K-12 grade are invited to come and watch a movie and have some dinner, (TBD) on July 13 at 6:00 p.m. Come in your pj's if you want! Sign up online, use the sign up in the bulletin or use the sign up in the narthex.

Summer Camp

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

Building assets in youth and community

Our asset this month is **Community Support- Caring environment**. Kids perceive that adults in the community value youth. 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:

Make your kids feel valued by; listening to them and taking them seriously and take time to be with them. Have family meetings, to solve problems and encourage each other. Rotate who gets to lead each meeting.

At school:

Encourage students to do community service. Create leadership roles in the youth.

In the church or public organization:

Maintain a year-round connection with youth. Don't lose contact over the summer.

Building Assets in our Youth and Community

**The asset for the month of June is:
Community Support-Caring Environment**

June quote of the month:

“We rise by lifting others.” -Robert Ingersoll

College Information Packets

There are college information packets for HS students located in the narthex on the counter.

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.

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?

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.

Questions Kids Ask 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.

Caregiver Tip of the Month

Do you recognize any of these? Burnout? Feeling guilty about taking breaks? Stressed? Not finding support? Forgetting about yourself? **Do some research.** Some helpful organizations that can provide information or assistance on care giving include: Administration on Aging - National Association of Area Agencies on Aging - Eldercare Locator - AARP - Children of Aging Parents - Family Caregiver Alliance - National Alliance for Caregiving - Caregiver Action Network. Recognize that you can't do it alone and help is out there (For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex.)

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.

diakonia™

You are invited to a diakonia™ Come and See event on Tues., July 16, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., at St. John Lutheran in Joliet. The diakonia™ Program is a two-year process of spiritual formation and theological education. The purpose and goal of the program is to provide participants the opportunity to discover their God-given gifts, strengthen their faith and abilities, and give them purpose within their own congregations, communities, synods, and the church-wide body of Christ. For more information visit the NIS diakonia™ webpage, <http://nissynod.org/diakonia> or contact Dr. Trenton Ferro, trferro@yahoo.com or (724) 762-0305.

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Recyclable & Craft Donations for Frankfort Kids Work Museum

In order to have a cost-effective craft area for the children who visit the KidsWork Museum in Frankfort, they rely on donations of clean, recyclable materials. **Please make sure your items are clean before dropping them off.** They are in need of egg cartons, toilet paper & paper towel tubes, and yogurt containers. Crafty items like full sheets of felt, buttons, sequins, pipe cleaners and googly eyes would all be appreciated.