

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.*

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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 (5:00)	Jan Bentley
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Janet Park
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Annika Woerner
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Barb Aaberg
Lesson Reader (8:30)	John Hanson
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Bob Lindbloom
Acolyte (5:00)	Peyton Arthur
Acolyte (8:30)	Brenna Lovell
Acolyte (11:00)	Joshua DeMik
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Amelia Rogers & Christian Knutson
Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)	Grace Liszkiewicz
Ushers (5:00)	Jeff Klipstein & Pam Klipstein
Ushers (8:30)	Paul Sons, Pam Swyndro, Jason Vondra, Jacob Weber
Ushers (11:00)	Deb Howell, Natalie Pfeffer, Nicholas Ledvina
Greeters (8:30)	Don & Sue Lafferty
Greeters (11:00)	Nate Thomas & Kathy Christman
Communion Servers (8:30)	Linda Johnson, Judy Mitchell, Rick Mitchell
	Debbie Slusarski, Dennis Slusarski
Bread Provider (8:30)	Lindsay George
Refreshments (5:00)	Kathy Davenport
Refreshments (8:30)	Diane Vick, Amanda Villalobos, Jenni Vondra
Refreshments (5:00)	Colene Halvorsen, Carol Hedlin, Corinne Hutton
Offering Counters	Joe Walczak, Kim Trzcinski

The altar flowers are given by Deb Howell in memory of the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of her brother, Dave Skowronski; also given by Cathy Arenz in memory of her father, John Klouse.

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 (adult class only).....9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sun., Jan. 12 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Adult Education Hour - *Who Are the Hindus and What Do They Believe?*  
9:55 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm. 1 - 9:45 a.m.

Teen Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

Help Serve at Santa Cruz Soup & Chili Luncheon 11:30 a.m.

Parents of Future College Students Meeting 12:15 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 13 - Ruth Circle Quilters 9:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12:00 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 14 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

Addiction and Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m.

Men's Group - Dartball 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 15 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Group 11:15 a.m.

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

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan 18 - First Communion Class 10:00 a.m.

Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 19 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Adult Education Hour - *The Parables of Jesus* 9:55 a.m.

New Member Orientation (part 1) 9:45 a.m. (part 2) 6:30 p.m.

Teen Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

Peace Buddies 12 noon

Ping Pong Tournament & All-Church Pieluck 12:15 p.m.

**No** Peace 360

Mon., Jan. 20 - 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade MLK Service Day 10:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12:00 p.m.

## Groups

### PEACE BUDDIES - SUN., JAN. 19

Peace Buddies is a special needs youth group for high school age and older. You do not have to be a part of our church to join us. We meet from 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. If you know someone, please invite them to come.

### 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.

### RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTERS) - MON., JAN. 13

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. Join us at 9:00 a.m.

### MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., JAN. 14

Dartball meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. No prior experience needed or helpful. Please join us! We finish at 9:00 p.m. so you've got time for your bedtime ice cream, too. (Who's idea is that???)

### TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., JAN. 21

Our next meeting will be our usual day Tues., Jan. 21, at noon here at church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

## New This Week

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE COLOR? COME AND LEARN ABOUT ALTAR GUILD! SUN., JAN. 26

If you ask people what their favorite color is, you'll likely get a wide variety from blue to yellow to purple to green, etc. But what if you asked the question in connection to what the church seasons are? Maybe you've noticed that the colors change on the altar and on the stoles that Pastor Dave & Deacon Shari wear. Maybe you've noticed that various banners show up depending on whether it's Christmas or Advent or Lent or Easter or something special or an "ordinary" time. Want to make those changes happen? Find out more about Altar Guild! These volunteers are behind the scenes people who make all kinds of good things take place. Come on Sun., Jan. 26, between the services out in the entrance area, and look for Debbie Standard who will have a table set up for sharing information and answering questions. The Altar Guild would love to have you join the ranks! Can't make that time? Let us know and we'll happily give you the information!

### ALL CHURCH BOWLING - SUN., FEB. 16

Our All-Church Bowling outing will be on Feb. 16, at 1:00 p.m. at Laraway Lanes in New Lenox (1009 W. Laraway Rd.). Please arrive around 12:45 p.m. to get your shoes, bowling ball and lane ready. The cost will be \$11 per person for 2 games and shoes. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin, online, in the narthex, or call the church office by Feb. 9. The event is also the Peace Buddies, 5/6<sup>th</sup> gr., 7/8<sup>th</sup> gr., and Peace360 activities for February. Drop off and pick up at Laraway Lanes.

### ANTIOCH HOST FAMILIES WANTED, FRI., MAR. 6

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 6, 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.

### BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., FEB. 1

Thank you to everyone who donated in December. We had a great response! Our next Heartland blood drive will be Sat., Feb. 1, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Your donation of blood saves lives!

### OUT TO EAT GROUP - SAT., JAN. 25

Our next stop in our eating adventures will be Durbins in Frankfort (on Elwood) on Sat., Jan. 25, meeting there at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome! Please use the sign-up or call the office by Jan. 21 to let us know how many are coming.

# General Announcements

## 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](http://www.peacenewlenox.org).

## 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

Benjamin David is serving a year in Argentina as a Young Adult in Global Mission. It's our privilege to support him financially, through prayers each week in worship, Trailblazers' cards, and more!

## VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - ADULT FELLOWSHIP

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of the group known as Adult Fellowship. This group meets on occasion to enjoy each other (and food!) Whenever you see an event that they have planned, know that you are welcome and encouraged to come to it. It is not a group of closed-minded to newcomers! The bulletin and newsletter and website are places to look for their announcements.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: January 26.** If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here. If you want it via e-mail or first class, let us know.

## 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!

## BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Resistance Skills (Relationship Skills)**. **Something we can do at school is: Show that you value assertiveness with students. Be willing to listen even when you disagree. This week's idea for our community is: Offer assertiveness training workshops for children, youth and adults.**

## 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](http://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 (or download in order to manage online giving).



## PEACE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

One of our members who came from another church was part of a simple prayer group. We would like to begin that ministry here! For those who are willing to be prayer partners in this effort, the process will be very simple. Someone will let the office know of a particular (urgent) need for prayer. We will send out an email to the praying volunteers with that need. Each will offer prayer on his or her own schedule. That's it. Would you be willing to be a part of this new Peace Circle of Prayer? Let us know via the sign-up or calling the office, including what email address we should use.

## 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. Upcoming dates available are: Jan. 19 & 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.

## PICTURE DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Thanks to all the people who had their pictures taken. Our new photo directory is available in the entrance area on the counter. Help yourself, and start matching pictures with names! If you didn't get your picture taken, we'll be happy to do it and include you in the next printing.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECEPTION - SUN., JAN. 19 & 26

We will be privileged once again to welcome more people officially to become partners with us in our mission of spreading the Gospel and growing in faith. The three-part orientation and get-acquainted sessions will take place (1) on Sun., Jan. 19, during the 9:45 education hour at church; (2) at 6:30 p.m. that evening at the church; (3) on Sun., Jan. 26, during the luncheon that follows the actual reception of new members, which is at the 11:00 a.m. worship service that day. If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, use the sign-up, call the church office at 815-485-5327 or see Pastor Dave.

## NEW MEMBER SPONSORS

We want new members to feel welcome. Having sponsors is one key element. The "job description" for our sponsors includes the New Member Orientation Class on Jan. 19, at 9:45 a.m., plus the 11:00 worship and luncheon on Jan. 26. We would also like you to keep in contact with your new members from time to time. If you are interested, please call the office or use the sign-up slip.

## SALADS/DESSERTS FOR NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON - SUN., JAN. 26

We appreciate volunteers who are willing to provide a salad, dessert, bread/rolls, etc. for the new member luncheon on Jan. 26. If you could provide any of these, please use the sign-up in the bulletin or call the church office. You will be reminded at a later date. (Also, please put your name on the item and/or give a recipe if you made it. We sometimes get requests from time to time asking for recipes or where and what people bought at the store.)

# Help Others

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., JAN. 22

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 Jan. 22. 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.

## NEW FEEDING MINISTRY

We have been given the opportunity to help support future pastors and deacons in a new way. The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Chicago has a food closet for its seminarians and the closet is dangerously low on supplies. We will be having an ongoing food drive to help fill the shelves and lift the burden that seminary can sometimes be for students and their families. A list of needed items can be found in the narthex.

## 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), creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - SUN., JAN. 12

Our next monthly screening date is Sun., Jan. 12, 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. **(We could use a few more people to help take the pressures!)**

## COAT DRIVE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

*One Warm Coat* is a community service effort assisting in the collection of clean, reusable coats and jackets for donation to local individuals free of charge. Peace Church is following in its mission to give away coats to people of all ages. Our Altar Guild helps with this, and invites you to help those in need with good warm coats. Items can be dropped off here at church in the entrance area bin. Scarfs, hats, gloves/mittens and boots will also be accepted. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

## 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.)*

## PEANUT BUTTER WEEKEND - JAN. 25 & 26

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.

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - FEB. 1 & 2

It's PLAYOFF time! Join the team that tackles hunger! On Feb. 2, 2020, 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.)

## MORNINGSTAR KEEP WARM AND HEALTHY COLLECTION

This month our youth will be serving dinner at Morning Star Mission and would also like to take items to help the people there keep warm and healthy during the cold months. They would like our help by filling Winter Keep Healthy Blessing Bags. Please take a sealable bag provided in narthex, fill with the contents on the list, and return to the collection bin. The items can mostly be found at a dollar store, and you are asked to get as many items on that list as possible, in small enough sizes to fit in the bag (Emergen-C or the like, cough drops, tissue packets, lotion, lip balm, foot/hand warmers, energy/snack food, a "gatorade" type drink or water bottle.) We'd need these by Jan. 19.

Other items we'll be collecting as a general giveaway this month:

Socks, Gloves, Hats  
Ponchos  
Tarps  
Duct Tape

Wipes  
Personal Hygiene Items  
Snack cups  
Sweet treats

# Faith Development/Education

## ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

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

**Jan. 12 - Who Are the Hindus and What Do They Believe?**

**Jan. 19 - The Parables of Jesus**

**Jan. 26 - How to Deal with Kids of Any Age Who Reject the Faith**

**Feb. 2 - Dimensions of Prayer**

## 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.

**January's passage is: Isaiah 61:8-11**

## BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR ACTS 10:34-43

**Jesus came for everyone, regardless of their ethnicity. This concept might seem very normal for us, but in the time immediately following Jesus' death and resurrection all of his followers had been Jewish, and religion rarely crossed outside of a specific nationality. In this text Peter explains to a Gentile, a Roman centurion, that the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ is for all who believe in him. This serves as a reminder for us that God loves all his children, all 7.8 billion, and "all who believe in him receive forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43)**

## 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: ***Traveling Mercies - Some Thoughts on Faith*** by Anne Lamott.

## PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., JAN. 19

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. 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.

## WED. BIBLE STUDY & THE BOOK OF JOB

We will begin studying the book of Job on Jan. 15! It is a profound book that directly addresses the issue of suffering. It is an amazing book in its literary form and style, and really gets us thinking about "why?" We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for an hour.

## 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 Joe Schultz, Marty Kolar, Dave Boer, Mrs. Misna (pneumonia & heart issues), Pam Shea, Eric Stohlquist (surgery), Gary Gould (recovery), Jeff Howell, the Schnepfer family (peace), Helen Sarsfield, Jack Farbak, Grace Otto, Scott & Monica Medows (grief), Sonja Muehlnickel (recovery), Kerrie Flynn (recovery), Nolan (find his way back), Janet Stoller, Nancy Bohl, Lynn McGuire, Roger Bentley, Ken Barker, Mel Stromberg, Denise Jones (recovery), Edna Anglin (health), Benjamin David (missionary), Tammy Conway, Barry, Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot... Bill Horsley, Betty Golke, the Buhle family, Bernie Wright (hospice care), Jodi Marneris, Gary Kelly, Gene Trezzo (cancer), Jim Fitzpatrick and family, Melissa, Jake & Josh (mental health & addiction), Sherry Seat (healing, strength & guidance), Tammy Hoehn & Jackie, Josilyn, Rick Davis, Andrew, Drew, Suzanne & Steve, Menke, Matthew (recovery), Courtney, Betty, Karen, Gloria, Lisa Brooks (healing), Frank Brixius, Diane Sprandel (cancer recovery), Katie Fanning, Sallie (lost job single parent), Alan Booton, Erv & Mary Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt, Bill Reidy, Mary Hand, Tyler, the Austin family, Brena V. and family, Dan T. & family, Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo, Jeffrey, 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 on our 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, Rob Boland

## ADDRESS FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

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## Fellowship Opportunities/Events

PING PONG CLUB - SUN., JAN. 19 (PART OF PIELUCK – SEE BELOW)

The ping pong club meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. But in January, we'll combine with the all-church Pieluck event. If you want to receive email reminders of upcoming ping pong club dates, let the church office know your name and email address.

PING PONG TOURNAMENT 2020 & ALL-CHURCH PIELUCK - SUN., JAN. 19

You've heard of a potluck, right? This is a pieluck! We'll provide the pizza pies and tossed salad. You bring a favorite pie! After eating is finished (and during!), it's time for ping pong. The date is Sun., Jan. 19, with food beginning at 12:15 and ping pong at 12:30. For ping pong, we will have a "lose three times and you're done" plan, with people playing one game at a time per opponent at 15 points for a victory so that more people can play more games. You can designate yourself as an "A" or "B" or "C" level player, and depending on how many sign up, may or may not play just within your group. Please use the sign-up slip or call the church office.

CHESSTOURNAMENT - ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Calling all chess players! Peace Church is considering having a chess tournament and would like to know approximately how many deep thinkers we have in the congregation. After compiling a list, along with a general consensus of availability, we will then pick a date and time for the first Peace Church Open Chess Tournament. Everyone is welcome, from the youngest generation to the most experienced generations. ☺ If interested (and why wouldn't you be?), please use the sign-up slip or contact Al Davenport directly at [al.davenport@comcast.net](mailto:al.davenport@comcast.net), or call or text Al at 708-977-7339. Whether you win or lose, the tournament will be a hoot!

VARIETY SHOW & DINNER - SUN, FEB. 23

The stage is calling! Back by popular demand is our Annual Variety Show & Dinner - Sun., Feb. 23, at 3:00 p.m. All ages and talents are welcome and encouraged to perform. Perhaps a short skit, instrumental, or vocal performance? Maybe a duet, trio, quartet, or quintet? Let's do our best to top last year's show! If you wish to perform, we ask that you fill out an information form available in Kelly Muehlnickel's mailbox or in the church office. Please return the completed form to her mailbox or the office. The deadline to sign up is February 12. Not ready to perform? Then be sure to attend the show! As a delicious bonus, a catered dinner will follow the show beginning about 4:45/ 5:00 p.m. on a free-will offering basis. Come join the fun! Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the office if you wish to attend. Call Mark Muehlnickel at 815-463-8836 with any questions.

## Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

THEATRE/SHOW OPTIONS

We have 2 free tickets that have been gifted to the church for the show *Once on This Island* at the Cadillac Theater in Chicago on Jan. 25 at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested, please see Pastor Dave.

A TRIBUTE TO WHITNEY HOUSTON - Sat., Feb. 8, 8:00 p.m. at Governor's State. Belinda Davis, a chart-topping artist. There will be all the theatrical sounds, dancing, lights, and songs from the amazing Whitney Houston. Use the sign-up or contact the church office. **We have 4 tickets left.** Tickets are \$40 each. Please sign up by Jan. 10.

SHAKESPEARE'S AS YOU LIKE IT - SAT., JUNE 13

We have been given an opportunity to see a modern adaptation of this classic play. This high-spirited version infuses Shakespeare's comedy with the hit songs of The Beatles! The date will be Sat., June 13, at 3:00 p.m. at the Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier. Group rate tickets will be \$72 - \$81. We have **1 ticket left, but probably can get more.** Please use the sign-up or call the office to let us know.

AMERICAN IN PARIS - SUN., FEB. 9

Valentine's Day Quandary!!!! Men.... stumped once again as to how to express your love for that special someone? Women..... are you really going to give that special person those heart covered socks or that cupid tie? Make the day special with an excellent musical production of *An American in Paris* at Drury Lane Oak Brook on February 9, 2:00 p.m. **We have 4 tickets available at \$64.85 each.** (Make it extra special with our dinner group at Maggiano's in the nearby mall afterwards. Dinner cost is separate.) Use the sign up sheet and indicate show only or show & dinner.

**NEW SHOW**

***Dear Evan Hansen* - Sunday, July 12, 2:00 p.m., at the CIBC Theater in Chicago. This musical won six Tony awards, including best musical in 2017. The story is both "heavy" and redeeming. It is based on the life of a person who is seen as a misfit in his school, and a letter that was never meant to be seen, a lie that was never meant to be told. It also features a life he never dreamed he could have. This is a deeply personal and profoundly contemporary musical about life and the way we live it. We were able to secure the lowest priced tickets that will be available in Chicago with our special group rate of \$38. Word has gotten out and there are currently only 6 tickets remaining (and we think we can get more if needed.)**

## *Fellowship Opportunities/Events*

**MOVIE DISCUSSION FOR ADULTS: GREEN BOOK, SUN., FEB. 9**  
Come at 12:15 pm on Sunday, Feb. 9 at church for a movie and discussion. This new opportunity came out of our “What’s the Scoop” meetings, and with our new license to show movies, we hope you’ll come. We will be watching *Green Book*, the 2019 Academy Awards winner for best picture. *Green Book* is set in the 1960's and is based on the unlikely relationship of Don Shirley, an African American pianist and Tony Vallelonga, an Italian American bouncer from the Bronx. Vallelonga becomes Shirley's driver and bodyguard. As they travel the South together, they struggle to get along with two clashing views of life and the world, all the while experiencing racial injustice. Following the film we will have a discussion about various themes we saw present in the film and how these themes relate to us. A light lunch will be served, featuring hot dogs and chips and popcorn! Please use the sign-up or call the office to let us know how many will be coming, and if you’ll need childcare.

## *Thank you*

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$11,217.00** at worship plus another **\$2,246** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **327**. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

### BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

The power of food to bring people together is a foundational principle of Farming Hope, a Bay Area nonprofit organization that provides transitional employment and job training to people who are experiencing homelessness or poverty and those who were formerly incarcerated. Farming Hope is funded in part by your gifts through our church to ELCA World Hunger. Farming Hope trains its participants during a six-week program in which they work several days a week in the kitchen learning restaurant skills and one day a week in an urban garden learning about food production. San Francisco has many job opportunities for people with culinary skills, so learning food safety, knife skills and how to work as a line cook - and getting paid experience to list on a resume - can be a key stepping stone for long-term employment.

## *More General Announcements*

### QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

The Spanish version of our amazing book (and coloring book) is now in our hands! The committee will be working on how and where to market it. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. If you know of someone who is a part of a Spanish-speaking congregation or organization, please let us know that too. Just call the church office (815-485-5327) or email us ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org).)

### BOY SCOUT WEEKEND - FEB. 8 & 9

The annual Boy Scout Weekend is coming up on Feb. 8 & 9. Boy Scouts of all ages, wear your uniforms to church. **Girl Scout Weekend will be March 7 & 8.**

### BAPTISM ORIENTATION - SAT., FEB. 8

Feb. 8, 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.

### CONSIDER COMING TO “WHAT’S THE SCOOP”! SUN., FEB. 2

This new format for our “Everybody Come” sessions has been a success. Come to give input or learn or just listen. We start with pizza and hot dogs, have an ice cream option, share ideas for ministry and try to be finished in 1½ hours or less. (For the food, we also encourage you to bring something to share - salads or fruit would be nice.) We’ll also have childcare during the meeting. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you’re coming and if you need childcare.

## *Worship Related*

### LADIES ENSEMBLE, ADULT CHOIR, HANDBELL CHOIR

Sing! Sing a song!!! Ring some bells!!! The Ladies Ensemble is looking for women who love to sing... and have a good time too! Practices are usually on Saturday, and the group sings at various services. The Adult Choir practices on Wednesday nights from 7:15 to 8:15. Here, too, no experience is needed! Spreading God’s word thru music is a joy you will want to share in. For questions, contact the office, Pamela Putrich or Gerry Wurzbarger. The Handbell Choir practices on Tuesday nights. Please contact Erica Desaulniers ([ericasagerman@gmail.com](mailto:ericasagerman@gmail.com)) for more information. *Hope to see you soon in the praise of God!*

# 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 welcome! Peace 360 meets most Sundays from 4 -7 p.m.

**Sun., Jan. 19** - No meeting

**Mon., Jan. 20** - MLK Service Event 11a.m.-3p.m.

**Sun., Jan., 26** - Morningstar Mission. Meet at church at 3p.m. and please bring money for a fast food dinner on our way home.

## 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.

## PARENTS OF FUTURE COLLEGE STUDENTS - SUN., JAN. 12

For some people the financial aspects of having someone heading to college in a year or four years creates a massive panic attack. Would you like some help evaluating a path that might make things a little more focused? Joe Duea, a presenter from Thrivent Financial, will offer a free seminar for parents and kids in grades 9-12 on how to maximize your options. He will not sell you anything at the program. (He will offer to meet with anyone at a different time, but that would be your choice.) He has presented this program multiple times and the response has been highly favorable. The date is Sun., Jan. 12 at 12:15 p.m. We'll provide hot dogs and chips and beverages so you can eat here and then learn together. We invite you to bring any kind of salad or dessert to share. He encourages both teens and parents to attend because all are in this together.

## 5TH-12TH GR. MLK DAY EVENT - MON., JAN. 20

On Mon., Jan. 20 at 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. we invite 5-12<sup>th</sup> graders to come and participate in a group project where we will be discussing the importance of Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be discussions, games and lunch. Please let us know if your youth can join us. There is a sign up online, in the bulletin, and in the narthex. Parents, we would love for you to join us. Let us know if you would like to chaperone for this event.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - SAT., JAN. 18

Each year we seek to prepare children in the fifth grade (and beyond) for receiving their first communion. We do it in a one-hour concentrated class. A parent/other adult (or two) should attend along with the child. The class will be offered on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 10:00 a.m.

## 7 & 8<sup>TH</sup> / HS ANTIOCH RETREAT – MAR. 6-8

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to gather together for this weekend-long spiritual retreat. The name Antioch comes from the book of Acts, after a group of people studied together and learned what it meant to be a Christian (Act 11). This retreat will be a time of prayer, worship, friendship and fun. This year's retreat will be from 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 6 until approximately 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 8. The cost of the retreat is \$25 (don't forget about the Hope Fund if needed) and registration is due by Feb. 16. Friends are also 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 fill out the registration form found in the narthex.

## PEACE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP - DEADLINE FEB. 23

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 will be detailed in the application form. These forms are available on the counter in the narthex and must be submitted no later than February 23, 2020.



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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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5-12th Gr.

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(parents)\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to chaperone this event.

**7-12th Gr.**

My youth, \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in attending Antioch weekend.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parents) I would like to be a host family during Antioch weekend.

**Other Events**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We are interested in participating in a Peace Church Open Chess Tournament.

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Please use this email address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take part in the Pieluck & Ping Pong Tournament on Jan. 19.

I am a: \_\_\_Level A Player (quite good) \_\_\_Level B Player (average)

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How many will be bowling? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Other Ministries/Sign-ups**

Everybody Read - **Isaiah 61:8-11**

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

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