

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 25 & January 26, 2020

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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 (5:00)	Tammy Dunn
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Lynn Taeger-Peterson
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Sydney Lindbloom
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Cindy Chubb
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Janet Park
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Dave Preston
Acolyte (5:00)	Miranda Melde
Acolyte (8:30)	Christian Knutson
Acolyte (11:00)	Tyler Ledvina
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Madison Mitchell & Judy Mitchell
Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)	Kate Massey & Mia Melde
Ushers (5:00)	Bill Dudeck, Rose Dudeck
Ushers (8:30)	Kolin Dotzenrod, Claudia Gamache, Dennis Gamache Ken George
Ushers (11:00)	Patricia Olofsson-Elkow, Jim Elkow, Jay Parker, Paige Rogde
Greeters (5:00)	Diane Lillie
Greeters (8:30)	Chantell Oudsteyn
Greeters (11:00)	Kim Trzeinski
Communion Servers (8:30)	Lindsay George, Matthew Lohmar, Renee Osbrink Jacob Weber, Priscilla Huffman
Bread Provider (8:30)	Bob Perschau
Refreshments (5:00)	Sharon Fullriede
Refreshments (8:30)	Gerry Wurzbarger, Joanna Ziolkowski, Eddie Barker
Refreshments (11:00)	Abby Jarchow, Julie Kirkeeng, Sydney Lindbloom
Offering Counters	Lori Trosen, Lisa Star, Paul Sons, Kathy Sons

The altar flowers are given by Claudia Green in memory of Helen Teda; also given by Ed and Diane Cochran in celebration of their daughter Valerie's 33rd birthday.

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

WELCOME PADS

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

HEARING ASSISTANCE & LARGE PRINT HYMNAL AVAILABLE

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

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS & OTHER ASSISTANCE

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

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and the 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship services.

Saturday Evening Worship5:00 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. 25 & 26 - Peanut Butter Weekend
 Sat., Jan. 25 - Out to Eat Group at Durbins Frankfort 6:30 p.m.
 Sun., Jan. 26 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Adult Education Hour - *How to Deal with Kids of Any Age Who Reject the Faith* 9:55 a.m.
 Altar Guild informational meeting 9:45 a.m.
 Teen Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
 Reception of New Members 11:00 a.m. - New Member Luncheon 12:00 pm
 Peace 360 at MorningStar Mission 3:00 p.m.
 Mon., Jan. 27 - Ruth Circle Quilting 9:00 a.m.
 Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12:00 p.m.
 Tues., Jan. 28 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
 Addiction and Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 Wed., Jan. 29 - 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.
 Sat. & Sun., Feb. 1 & 2 - Souper Bowl of Caring Weekend
 Sat., Feb. 1 - Blood Drive 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.
 Sun., Feb. 2 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Adult Education Hour - *Dimensions of Prayer* 9:55 a.m.
 Teen Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
 What's the Scoop - Bring Your Ideas to Our Meeting 12:00 p.m.
 Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.
 Mon., Feb. 3 - Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12:00 p.m.

Groups

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. 27

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., FEB. 11

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., FEB. 18

Our next meeting will be our usual day Tues., Feb. 18, at noon here at church. The food will be sloppy joes, plus your usual food donations. If you have any questions, please contact the church office . Invite a friend!

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 Wurzburger. The Handbell Choir practices on Tuesday nights. Please contact Erica Desaulniers (ericasagerman@gmail.com) for more information. Hope to see you soon in the praise of God!

New This Week

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - FEB. 26

The worldwide observance of Lent begins this year on Feb. 26 with Ash Wednesday. This solemn occasion reminds us of our mortality, as well as our need for forgiveness. We will have worship services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The option for the imposition of ashes will be available at both services.

Thank you

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$8,258.00** at worship plus another **\$2,081** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **270**. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

Because you supported the ELCA's churchwide ministries in 2019, you were there all year long as we walked alongside one another and our brothers and sisters around the globe. Through your generosity, you were a light in this world. You were a light for those who experience hunger and poverty. A light for those whose lives have been upended by disaster. A light for our missionaries and volunteers who are walking alongside our brothers and sisters and serving as they have been called to serve. A light for future leaders, both in this church and in Lutheran churches around the world, who through your support can let their own light shine as brightly as God intended.

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.

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 in a religious or other public organization is: Include resistance skills in your youth education programming. This week's idea for our school is: Encourage students to express their feelings, beliefs, values and opinions without fear of being put down.**

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 (or download in order to manage online giving).



General Announcements

PEACE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like special prayers said for someone, just let the office know of a particular need. Our Circle of Prayer ministry is ready to help. We will send out an email to the praying volunteers with that need. (If you would like to be a part of this Peace Circle of Prayer, let us know, 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: Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, & 29, May 3 & 31, June 14, 21 & 28, plus many others.**

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.

More Help Others

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS - FEB. 27 & 28

The Will County Habitat for Humanity is constructing multiple homes this year. They anticipate needing some volunteers for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27 & 28. While the jobs to be done are not finalized yet, they think they may need people to help with siding, or drywall or painting. That is quite a variety! But we know some of you have skills and others of you have willingness to give a day or two so that others may have a home! Not able to do that kind of volunteering? They also have a resale shop (ReStore) that can use volunteers as well. Let us know through the sign-up.

LOMC MEMORIAL DAY WORK WEEKEND - MAY 22-25

Well it's that time of year again when we are reminded to start thinking ahead to warmer days and Memorial Day Work Weekend at LOMC. If you have any questions you can call Ken at 815-978-5843 or email him at ken@lomc.org

Help Others

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., FEB. 5

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 **Feb. 5**. 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 low on supplies. We have organized 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.

COAT DRIVE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED – ENDS FEB. 2 & THANKS!!!

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. We invite 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. As of last Saturday, you have given 60 men's coats, 51 women's coats, 52 children's coats, 8 snow pants, 78 scarves, 184 hats, 132 gloves, 3 socks/tights, 12 boots, 2 vests, 3 ear muffs – for a total of 585 items!!!

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS OTHERS - BUSINESS ATTIRE BEGINS IN FEB.

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

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.)

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!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - SUN., FEB. 9

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

Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

THEATRE/SHOW OPTIONS

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.

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.

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 **3 tickets** remaining (and we think we can get more if needed.)

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, 5/6th gr., 7/8th gr., and Peace360 activities for February. Drop off and pick up at Laraway Lanes.

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

Feb. 2 - *Dimensions of Prayer*

Feb. 9 - *Darrell Holmquist will present on the history of Peace Lutheran Church!*

Feb. 16 - *Is It the Same God? (Comparing the Old & New Testaments)*

Feb. 23 - *Manipulative Behaviors - Why & How to Deal with Them*

Mar. 1 - *Forgiveness: A Part of the Journey toward Healing*

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. **February's passage will be:**

Deuteronomy 6:4-12

BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

In the First Letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul is writing to help the community resolve some internal conflict. From this passage we can see that Paul puts an emphasis on the desire for Christians is to be unified. "Now I (Paul) appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Paul did not want to see the Christian community at Corinth to be divided over their disputes. Rather, Paul wanted to see the disputes resolved so that the community could continue in its common mission of spreading God's word and love.

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: ***10 Stupid Things Couples Do to Mess Up Their Relationships*** by Dr. Laura Schlessinger.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., FEB. 23

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. **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

It has begun, but you're not too late to get the maximum benefit. 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.

More Faith Development/Education

VBS PLANNING MEETING – WED., FEB. 19

Yes, it's time to think summer! Our VBS is amazing, and involves lots of people each helping in some way. The planning crew invites you to join in the behind-the-scenes fun (we're not kidding) of putting this great event together. Join us Wed., Feb. 19, at 9:00 a.m., or let us know of your interest in helping if you can't make the date or time. Use the sign-up or call the office.

More Fellowship Opportunities/Events

HOWL WITH THE WOLVES - SAT., MAR. 14

We have a block of up to 30 main level seats for the 7:00 p.m., Sat., March 14 Wolves hockey game vs. Rockford. Tickets are \$23 each and include a Wolves cap for all. We are planning on a bus to take us to the Allstate Arena in Rosemont. The bus cost will be \$5 per person (beats fighting the expressway traffic and exorbitant parking fees!) This promises to be a great night of fellowship, fun, food and hockey. Use the sign-up sheet, or call the church office and indicate the number of tickets and how many for the bus.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP PIZZA, PLANNING & GAMES – SAT., FEB. 22

Because of all the fun we had with Trivia Night, the group delayed our planning night until February. But now it's time! Set aside Saturday, Feb. 22, beginning at 6:05 p.m., for some fun, fellowship, pizza (wide variety), games, and planning our activities for the coming year. The cost is \$3 each. Need childcare? Let us know (also \$3.) Use the sign-up or call the office.

CHESS TOURNAMENT - 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, 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.

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 Brian Gramza, Sandi, Christy Chenowith, Brandon (military), Marty (healing), Em (healing), Kaitlyn Halper, Robert Larsen, Brenda Easton, Jeff Howell (recovery), 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, Lynn McGuire, Ken Barker, 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...

Shirley Maier, Esther Coulter, Frankie (head trauma), Halley (healing), Jessica (stress), Marty Kolar, Dave Boer, Mrs. Misna (pneumonia & heart issues), Pam Shea, Eric Stohlquist (surgery), Gary Gould (recovery), 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), 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.

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

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More General Announcements

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

We are beginning to get leads for where and how to let people know about our new Spanish version of the Questions Kids Ask About God book. It is very exciting to think about this new outreach on God's behalf, made possible because of your support and the hard work of our committee! Meanwhile, the questions keep coming, including one about what happens to our bodies in heaven? Will we always be children, or adults or wrinkly or what? While we don't know the exact answer, we do know we will be God's, and that God will give us a new body appropriate for our new life. That new body will still be you, but in a different form.

BSA SCOUTS OF AMERICA WEEKEND - FEB. 8 & 9

The annual BSA Scouts of America 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.

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!

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.

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., 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.

7&8TH / HS ANTIOCH RETREAT - MAR. 6-8

7th - 12th 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.

WHAT'S THE SCOOP? (Bring your ideas to the group!) -SUN., FEB. 2

So, what goes on? What do the various committees cover?
Why should I come?

To help with those questions, here is an overview for what each committee is responsible. Beside that, we eat, we talk through an agenda of ideas that are in process, we look for new suggestions and ideas, we get to know other people. We hope you'll come! Our next meeting is **Sun., Nov. 3**, at noon. Use the sign-up to let us know how many to expect.

Outreach

WOMEN'S GROUP & OUT TO EAT GROUP More than just fellowship, these are avenues to try to include more people.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECEPTION Meeting three times annually, these sessions are held to let new members become acquainted with the church and other new members before actually becoming members. A luncheon is held in their honor on each new member orientation Sunday

ELCA SYNOD RELATIONSHIP Review and advise the church concerning mission opportunities and publications with various implications for church growth.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH Peace Lutheran is always ready to lend a helping hand to whomever may need assistance. When we hear of a local need in some organization or effort, Peace Church steps up to help.
DOOR KNOCKING Knock on doors in the surrounding area monthly to invite the unchurched to worship services.

Worship

MUSIC Bells, choirs, special music, and congregational music during worship

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS Readers, greeters, lay liturgists, ushers, acolytes and communion servers

BEHIND THE SCENES People who provide bread, pick hymns, run the sound system, setup/cleanup communion, and serve in the nursery

Fellowship

FAMILY EVENTS bowling, baseball games, church picnic, ice cream social – to name a few

HOLIDAY EVENTS Easter breakfast, Thanksgiving day dinner, Christmas tree trimming & caroling

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS dartball , ping pong, theater events, concerts

INDIVIDUAL GROUPS Ruth Circle (quilters), Adult Fellowship, Out to Eat Group

Faith Development

YOUTH EDUCATION Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and confirmation, teen Bible Study, Bible Buddies

ADULT EDUCATION Sunday classes, theme classes, special initiatives, weekly bible study

SPECIAL NEEDS Peace Buddies - teens and adults with special needs

LIBRARY Books and videos

Support

INTEREST INDICATORS This form is completed in September for people to share their time and talent in about 100 areas that interest them

JOYFUL GIVING All members and friends are encouraged to share in the joy of giving

GROWTH OF RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH STEWARDSHIP
Relationships with each other and God

Property

MAJOR REPAIRS Identify major repairs and improvements needed to the church building

MINOR REPAIRS Identify minor building repairs needed and find volunteers in the congregation to address those needs

CHURCH GROUNDS Maintain the church grounds (landscaping, gardening and lawn mowing)

SECURITY Evaluate security needs of the church as they arise

Service

PROVIDE ASSISTANCE Reach out and help others in need

SPREAD GOD'S WORD & WORK Look for ways to bring God's word into Peace Church and the community by sharing

HUMANITARIAN SERVICES Deliver food and clothing to local agencies, provide meals to the needy including a Thanksgiving dinner at church, provide transportation, participate in local and worldwide hunger efforts, work with Habitat for Humanity, and more

(Sign-Up 1/25/20 - 1/26/20)

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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_____ (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.
____ I/We will provide altar flowers for: ____ Feb. 2 ____ Feb. 9 ____ Feb. 16 ____ Feb. 23
____ Mar. 1 ____ Mar. 15 ____ Mar. 29

____ Please use this email address _____
____ I/We are planning to come to the What's the Scoop lunch and idea sharing Feb. 2.
How many? ____ I/We also need child care. ____ for how many? ____
____ I/We will attend the Movie Discussion for Adults: Green Book Feb. 9.
How many? ____ Childcare is needed. How many children ____
____ I/We would like to go to the All Church Bowling on Feb. 16
How many will be bowling? ____
____ I/We will attend the VBS planning meeting on Feb. 19
____ I/We will attend the Adult Fellowship Pizza, Planning & Games on Feb. 22
(Childcare? How many? ____)
____ I/We would like to volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity effort Feb. 27 & 28.
How many for the housing site? Which day or dates? ____
How many for the ReStore resale shop? Which day or dates? ____
____ I/We will attend the Wolves event March 14. How many? ____
Want to ride the bus? How many? ____

Theater Events

____ I/We would like ____ tickets for *A Tribute to Whitney Houston* on Feb. 8.
____ I would like the 1 remaining ticket for *Shakespeare's As You Like It* on June 13.
____ I would like ____ tickets for *Dear Evan Hansen* on July 12.

Variety Show & Dinner

____ I would like to perform in the variety show on Feb. 23 at 3:00.
____ I will perform in the variety show and attend the dinner.
____ I/We will attend the catered dinner following the variety show on Feb. 23.
How many? ____
____ I/We can help set up for the dinner on Saturday.
____ I/We can help clean up after the dinner.

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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