

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 16 & March 17, 2019 Dave Hedlin, Pastor
Shari Trotter, Diaconal Minister

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

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

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

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

Accompanist/Organist	Todd Yetman
Children's Choir Director	Leslie Walton
Adult Choir Director	Pamela Putrich
Bell Choir Director	Erica Desaulniers
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Priscilla Huffman
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Lila Hadley
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Leslie Walton
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Al Davenport
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Megan Gerasch
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Pat Olofsson-Elkow
Acolyte (5:00)	Alexis Arthur
Acolyte (8:30)	Jaiden Lawless
Acolyte (11:00)	Cole Pawlicki
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Morgan Barlow & Renee Osbrink
Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)	Madeline Melde
Communion Servers (11:00)	Tina Hammar, Denise Ledvina, Kate Massey Paul Muehlnickel, Margaret Skurka Bonnie Brazzale
Bread Providers (11:00)	Ron & Sharon Fullriede
Ushers (5:00)	Ed Cochran, Diane Cochran, Alexa Hadley, Matthew Lohmar
Ushers (8:30)	Alex Brown, Ryan Gamem, Ken Otto, Lori Trosen
Ushers (11:00)	Mike & Jennifer Arthur
Greeters (5:00)	Jack & Linda Goesel
Greeters (8:30)	Lori Kooi
Refreshments (5:00)	Chantell Oudsteyn, Janet Park, Jennifer Rimkunas
Refreshments (8:30)	Chris Fehrenkamp, Marc A. Larson, Kim Trzcinski
Offering Counters	Joe Walczak

The altar flowers are given by Kathy Jesk in celebration of the birthday of her husband, Terry Jesk; also given by Jan Bentley.

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

WELCOME PADS

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

HEARING ASSISTANCE & LARGE PRINT HYMNAL AVAILABLE

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

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS & OTHER ASSISTANCE

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

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship services.

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

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sat., Mar. 16 & Sun., Mar. 17 - Sunday School Attendance Awards

Sun., Mar. 17 - Adult Education Hour - *Background for Caiaphas, Pilate, Peter, Judas* (A suggestion for our Lenten discussions)

Lenten Soup, Salad & Discussion - *Forgiveness* - 12 noon

Ping Pong Group 12 noon

All-Church Bowling Event (includes 5th-8th Grade, Peace Buddies & Peace 360) - 12:45 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 18 - Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Tues., Mar. 19 - Trailblazers Luncheon at 12 noon

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

Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 20 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.

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

7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.

Teen Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 23 & Sun., Mar. 24 - Blessing of the Instruments

Sun., Mar. 24 - Adult Education Hour - *Negative Emotions? Fix Them!*

Lenten Soup, Salad & Discussion - *Spiritual Warfare* - 12 noon

Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 25 - Ruth Circle Quilters 9:00 a.m.

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

Tues., Mar. 26 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 27 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

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

No Children's Choir Rehearsal - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 30 - Youth Movie Night 6:00 p.m.

Adult Fellowship Games & Chocolate Tasting Event 6:15 p.m.

Faith Development/Education

ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

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

Mar. 17 - *Background for Caiaphas, Pilate, Peter, Judas* (A suggestion for our Lenten discussions)

Mar. 24 - *Negative Emotions? Fix Them!*

Mar. 31 - *The Heart of Listening*

April 7 - *How Can We Carry "Lent" Forward?* (A suggestion for our Lenten discussions)

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

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

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.

March's passage is: Psalm 31:9-13 & 21-24

BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

It isn't often someone from prison would write to another inviting them to imitate him. Paul is, of course, not encouraging them to be in prison because of criminality, but rather because of how he has modeled the Gospel. He's not there because he did something wrong, but because he did too many things right – following Jesus and the example of self-giving 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: *Just Hand Over the Chocolate and No One Will Get Hurt* by Karen Scalf Linamen.

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 Mathias Ruiz, Jr., the family of Paul Nesbig, Grace, Malar, Tom Sprandel (employment), Lee (health), Terri Dunn (comfort & courage), Judy (hand healing), Jim (job search), Amber Salutric (travels), Andrew DeMik (surgery), Stacey, Lon, Anita, Scott, Lisa Balstrode, Claudia Cole, the Price family, Ed Hovi, Michele Lenz, John Parker (shoulder), Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Wally Paprocki, Dennis Flynn, Pam Swyndro, Nolan, Joel Peterson, Janis Sobun (hospitalized), Mary Brouette, Diane Rosen, Bryan & Jessica Howell, Nancy Sons (recovery), Cass Ott, Bev Vogen, Hannah Huelhorst (health), Bill Sandt (recovery), Halley Price (strength), Tom Moore (job search), Penny (health), Louisa Ishida (missionary), Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Kristie Paprocki, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Marie (depression), Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray and Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Joe & Pat Bertucci, Robin Stanford, Barb (healing from hip surgery), Mr. Kula (stomach & esophagus cancer), Jay Robinson (health), Ken Vrshek (recovery), Colleen (cancer), Ron Sprandel (healing & strength), the Newtons (reconciliation), John S. (illness), Judy S. (caregiver), Lisa, Mark, Les Coats, George Davy & Ruth Davy (health), Lisa (stomach cancer), Mark M. (lost job), Delores Niemczyk (health & wellness), Kirstin & Patrick Johnston (healthy newborn in July), Barb Decker, Marty H. (cancer), Delaney Hunt (guidance), Melissa & Jacob (addiction), Audrey Brennan, Paige, Vicki (son being sent to Syria), Ron Sprandel, Yoli (recovery), Brad (anxiety), Amanda Edwards, Pete Severson (basic training), Nancy Holmes (stroke), Natalie, Judy Brann, Debbie, Kristin & Stephen Daughtry (adoption), Judy Powless (ovarian cancer), Tom Dolan, Alexis Flynn, Judy Sabatino (leukemia), Coach Les & family, Theresa Skowronski, Alan Booton, Erv & Mary Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt (strength), Bill Reidy (cancer), Mary Hand (family strength & healing), Tyler, the Austin family (strength & healing), Brena V. and family (strength & healing), Dan T. & family (strength & healing), Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery (cancer), Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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

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

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Groups

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., MAR. 19

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

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS - MON., MAR. 25

Quilters will meet on Mon., Mar. 25 at 9:00 a.m. **No experience necessary.** You just have to know how to have fun to join. And if that's not enough, we always have snacks! If you have any questions, call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., MAR. 31

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *Rocket Men: the daring odyssey of Apollo 8 and the astronauts who made man's first journey to the Moon* by Robert Kurson. Join us for the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. We meet at 9:45 a.m. and all are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Davenport (815) 545-2806.

PING PONG CLUB - SUN., MAR. 17

The ping pong club meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month. Please join us for fun and camaraderie on Mar. 17 at 12:00 p.m. following the 11:00 a.m. service. If you want to receive email reminders, let the church office know your name and email address.

PEACE WOMEN'S GROUP - SUN., APR. 28

The Peace Women's Group is open to all women 18 and up. Our next event is Sunday, April 28, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Garfield Park Conservatory. Use the bulletin sign-up to indicate if you will join us (deadline March 31). Contact Jan Stoller (815) 530-2786 with questions.

GENEALOGY GROUP - SAT., APR. 27

The next gathering for anyone interested in learning more about how to do genealogical searches will be Sat., April 27 at 10:00. We'll have a projector so all can see the real nuts and bolts! Please join us.

MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., APR. 9

Why play dartball? (You need some bonding time with other people who want to stay humble.) What is dartball? (It's a cork baseball diamond mounted on a piece of plywood that you attack by throwing underhand darts toward with only minimal success of getting a hit.) When? (Dartball meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.) One more time, Why? (The snacks alone are worth the trip). No prior experience is needed or helpful. Please join us! We finish up at 9:00 so you've got time for your bedtime ice cream, too.

STRONG SENIORS EXERCISE GROUP - Join us for a low impact, do what

you can exercise program for seniors. We meet twice a week: Mondays 12 noon -1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please call Anita Drake (815) 299-4417 with any questions.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

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

PEACE BUDDIES - SUN., MAR. 17 - BOWLING WITH CHURCH

We will next meet to go bowling with the church on March 17 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 or call the church office. Peace Buddies is a special needs group for high school age and up. No need to be a part of our church to join. If you know someone, please invite them to come. We meet on the third Sunday of the month from **12:00-2:00 p.m.**

Worship Related

FLOWER CHART

Each week people donate the cost of altar flowers (\$20 per arrangement). On the 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 for the donation. Envelopes for the cost are by the chart and are mailed the week following your selected week. Upcoming dates available are: May 12, June 2, 23 & 30, July 7 & 21.

BLESSING OF THE INSTRUMENTS - SAT. & SUN., MAR. 23 & 24

We know what a gift music is! It enlivens our worship and our daily lives. Many of you have instruments that you use to make that music. We would like to support all of you and have a Blessing of the Instruments weekend on March 23 & 24. If your instrument is not transportable, bring a picture of it with you.

SINGERS WANTED FOR ADULT CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Looking for a fun activity? Want to kick the winter blahs to the curb and welcome Spring? Come and check out the Adult Choir! Springtime is the perfect time to check us out and be part of the beautiful Lent and Easter Season. Rehearsals are only once a week and our members will welcome you warmly. Men and women with interest or questions can contact the office or Pamela Putrich. Come Make A Joyful Noise!!

New This Week

INFORMAL GOLF GROUP

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

HYMN PICKING - WED., MAY 8

The next round of picking hymns for the period of June through November will take place on Wednesday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. Your input is always welcome! Please let us know that you're planning to come so we can get you a preliminary list ahead of time.

Lent/Holy Week

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AND MORE

Some people in their observance of Lent give something up. It is an option that can work if approached in the right way. We suggest, as an alternative, that you **take something on for Lent!** Take on Bible reading or meditation or some personal discipline or the Lenten Reflections idea. Or how about attending the Sunday morning adult class or use one of the Lenten devotional books or do an act of caring for someone anonymously or use one of the God's Global Barnyard coin boxes and help people around the world?

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY: SOUP, SALAD, DISCUSSIONS & MORE

A small group opportunity for "taking something on this Lent" is taking shape. You are invited to come at noon on Sundays. Our theme will be "Following in the Footsteps of Jesus." All are welcome to join. You do not need to attend all the sessions. The sessions will be: Forgiveness (3/17), Spiritual Warfare (3/24), Meditation (3/31), Prayer (4/7) and Resurrection (4/14). Please use the sign-up or call the office.

EASTER LILY ORDER DEADLINE - SUN., APR. 7

Each year at Easter we invite people to remember and honor people (events) that are important to them by donating an Easter lily to decorate our sanctuary. Order forms are available in the narthex and the deadline to order is April 7. The cost of the plants is \$12 each.

MEAL IN THE UPPER ROOM - THURS., APR. 18

You are invited to the Maundy Thursday celebration of the "Meal in the Upper Room" on April 18, at 6:30 p.m. This holiday is a celebration of the Jewish people's emancipation from slavery during the pharaoh's rule in Egypt. Led by Moses we are reminded of the hardship that the Jews endured before achieving freedom. We will be inspired by God's word and special music. Please contact Jan Bentley (815-485-3273) or Deb Howell (815-838-8478) with questions. Because of the special nature of this event, many volunteers are needed. Use the sign-up or call the church office if you are willing to help or if you would like to attend (deadline is April 14). Childcare is available. There is a maximum of 150 people for this meal, so be sure to sign up.

EASTER BREAKFAST - SUN., APR. 21

This year's Easter breakfast on April 21 will begin about 9:30 after the 8:30 a.m. service. It will feature eggs and three kinds of meat, pancakes, French toast, fruit, juice, coffee, etc. The cost is a free will offering. Please call the church office or use the sign-up slip.

Fellowship Opportunities/Events

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GAME NIGHT & CHOCOLATE TASTING EVENT SAT., MAR. 30

Come join the Adult Fellowship Group on Saturday, March 30 at 6:15 pm. for game night and a chocolate tasting event. Whip up your favorite chocolate recipe and bring it to share with the group. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you will be attending. If you need childcare (\$3 per child) please also let us know that by Mar. 23.

ALL CHURCH BOWLING - MAR. 17

Our All-Church Bowling outing will be on Mar. 17, 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. The event is also the Peace Buddies, 5th/6th gr. and 7th/8th gr. group activities for March.

Theater and Other Tickets

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

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

The lead singer was hand-chosen by Queen to be the star of their tribute band. This show is at Governors State's Performing Arts Center. Our seats are 8 rows from the stage. Our discounted tickets are \$36. We now have 2 tickets left.

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

Paramount Theatre is producing this brand new musical for the first time. Based on the movie, follow the journey of 11-year-old Evan on his search to find his parents. The story-line and music alone would be worth the price – deeply discounted at \$37 each. We have 5 tickets left.

ANOTHER NEW SHOW TO CONSIDER

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

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

CUBS GAME - SUN., MAY 26

We were able to secure 20 tickets for the game against the Cincinnati Reds, on Sun., May 26, with the game at 1:20 p.m. Our seats are in section 225 on the first base side. The group rate price is \$69. We have 10 tickets left. If there is interest, we will either have a van or a bus going to the game. The cost for that will be \$5 per person, maximum \$15 per household. Friends are welcome – first come basis. Use the sign-up or call the office.

Help Others

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

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

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

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS OTHERS - BUSINESS ATTIRE

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., MAR. 20

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 March 20. 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. **To date we have made 247 shawls and given away 227.**

HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

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

DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSTAR TREASURE CHEST

We are still accepting donations of clothing and household goods for MorningStar Treasure Chest. Place your donations in the basket marked MorningStar located in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall.

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

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
Our amazing Vacation Bible School planning crew met and has created another outstanding opportunity for kids (and volunteers) to grow closer to God. The dates will be July 30 - Aug. 2. Our theme will be "*God's Love Is out of This World*" With a space theme, we will draw on some great Bible stories to make our VBS as fun and attractive as ever. **The next VBS planning meeting will be Wed., April 3, at 9:00 a.m.** If you'd like to help in any way this year (including more planning), please let us know in the office. Registration forms will be available in the rack on the narthex counter and online.

Thank you!

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of \$12,064.00 at worship plus another \$1,209 electronically, and a total attendance in worship of 305. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU - Thanks to your commitment to helping people, 21 people gave blood in February. Our next drive will be April 6.

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS
When conflict broke out in Darfur, Sudan, in the early 2000s, Souad, her parents and 11 siblings were forced to flee. After 13 years in a refugee camp in Chad, Souad and her family moved to Tucson, AZ, where she and her family members began volunteering for the Iskashitaa Refugee Network (IRN). IRN is an intergenerational network of Tucson volunteers and refugees from Africa, Asia and the Middle East that harvests and redistributes locally grown fruits and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste. The group's work is supported in part by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

AMAZON SMILE THANKS
Thanks to the people who have designated Peace with your Amazon Smile donations, another \$67.91 is being deposited to Peace's account. If you use Amazon, simply use <https://smile.amazon.com> instead. By designating a worthy cause of your choice (Peace is one of those), but that cause benefits.

Youth Ministry

PEACE 360 HS YOUTH GROUP

Have you ever wished that there was a place that you could hang with your friends (from church and elsewhere)? A place that is fun, interesting, and (sometimes) crazy? We have that place for you... Peace 360! We truly hope that you will mark off this time for us - and for you! Whenever you can be here, you'll be a welcome addition! Peace 360 meets from 4 -7 p.m. Sun., Mar. 17 – Bowling at 12:45 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 24 - Project Linus. Monkey bread for dinner.

THE HOPE FUND

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

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN BIBLE STUDY- WED., MAR. 20

High school age youth are invited to a new Teen Bible study with Deacon Shari. We will meet at church on Wed., Mar. 20 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will cover in-depth, yet compact and easy to understand Bible lessons covering topics relevant to teens.

7th & 8th GR. ZOO TRIP - APR. 6

Join us on April 6, at 10 a.m. We will meet at the church and go to the Lincoln Park Zoo. The cost is \$5 to help cover the cost of parking. Please use the online sign up on our website or sign up in the bulletin if your child would like to participate. Feel free to bring your own snack/drink or extra money for a treat.

5th & 6th GR. BIBLE BUDDIES - WED., APR. 24

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT - SUN., APR. 7

During Sunday School hour on April 7, the kids will be hunting for Easter eggs!

SUNDAY SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT - SAT., MAR. 30

Grades K-12! Please join us at 6:00 p.m., after the 5:00 p.m. worship service for dinner and a movie! Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or use the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

5th & 6th GR. PIZZA, PAINTING, & PARTY! APR. 7

Come and join us on Sun. April 7 at 12 p.m.-2 p.m. We will eat some pizza, paint a picture and have some party fun! Please use the online sign up, sign up in the bulletin or on the sheet in the narthex.

General Announcements

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Decision Making**. Some things we can do in the community are: 1) Offer workshops for community members on planning and decision making skills. 2) Train adult leaders to help kids through the decision making process.

This week's idea is explain how "not making a choice" or letting others choose for you are also choices. Last week's was talk children through choices.

DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY (OR WANT TO)?

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



CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

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

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

More great questions in February! Two of them were "How can you talk to God if you can't see him?" and "Does God always hear you talk since you can't see him?" Our original QKA book has a great visual for this question as well a great answer to a similar question that recognizes we don't understand how God can do it, but are assured that it happens. Because God put billions of stars in the sky, and each grain of sand and each snowflake is different, God can easily listen to all our talking to God, even at once – God is awesome! Also, the group that is working on the new Spanish version of our *Questions Kids Ask About God* book had their second meeting. They are doing research on potential markets and whether to print only a coloring book or that and a full-color book, as well as all the background pieces necessary to get it printed. We also have translation efforts underway from English to Spanish.

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!

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: March 24. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here. If you want it via e-mail or first class, let us know.

C.D.s & PODCAST AVAILABLE

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

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.)

INTERNSHIP UPDATE

By a vote of 60-3, the congregation decided at the annual meeting to move forward with having an intern join us in August. The faculty at LSTC votes Mar. 8 to confirm the appointment. We will wait word about our next steps in trying to follow God's lead for this future pastor's experiences here at Peace!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - SUN., APR. 14

Our next monthly screening date is Sunday, April 14, 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.

LAWN MOWING

You can pick whether to ride the John Deere on Friday or Saturday. Mowers took between 1 to 1.5 hours to tend the south of the building. If you'd like a turn to mow this year, please use the sign-up or call/email the office.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - NURSERY ASSISTANT

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of **Nursery Assistants**. These volunteers take a turn in the nursery, attending to young children (under 5.) The goal is to give parents who want to give undivided attention to the worship service a chance to have that happen. While our church loves having kids in worship, sometimes the choice is to have them in the nursery. The assistants play, read, color, watch over the kids, etc. At the time of the children's sermon, the kids are brought into the sanctuary, and then return to the nursery. Our goal is to have two assistants for each service. Interested in taking a turn? Let us know through the sign-up, email us, or call the office!

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.

(Sign-Up 03/16/19 - 03/17/19)

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Phone _____
Email _____

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5/6th gr.

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7/8th gr.

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Theater Events

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____ I/We would like tickets for A Funny Thing Happened... on May 4 How many? ____

____ I/We would like tickets for August Rush on May 18. How many? ____

Sports Events

____ I/We would like ____ tickets for the Cubs/Reds game on May 26.
____ I/We would like the van/bus option. How many? ____

Other Events

____ I/We will attend the Lenten Soup, Salad, Discussions & More.
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How many? ____ Childcare is needed. How many children? ____
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Peace Women's Group

____ I will attend the Garfield Park Conservatory and Concert on Apr. 28.

Holy Week & Easter Events

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How many? Adults ____ Children ____

I/We can help with set-up on Saturday morning ____
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Other Ministries/Sign-ups

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

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