

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 30 & March 31, 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)	Barb Aaberg
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Dave Narish
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	John Pfeffer
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Darrell Holmquist
Lesson Reader (8:30)	John Hanson
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Leslie Walton
Acolyte (5:00)	Jake Vanderkin
Acolyte (8:30)	Matthew Schilke
Acolyte (11:00)	Leah Prince
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Kathy Sons & Jacob Weber
Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)	Ava Murphy
Communion Servers (8:30)	Linda Goesel, Chuck Wolske, Priscilla Huffman Janet Park, Eric Wesel, Joe Wesel
Communion Servers (11:00)	Pam Vanick, Syndy Lindbloom, Janet Stoller Bethany Smothers, Deb Howell, Jeff Howell
Bread Providers	(8:30) Joanna Ziolkowski (11:00) Lindsey Brown
Ushers (5:00)	Julie Mathews & Scott Mathews
Ushers (8:30)	Heather Joynt, Mike Schilke, Paul Sons
Ushers (11:00)	Chris Jarchow, Joseph Lundgren, Annika Woerner John Woerner
Greeters (5:00)	Dennis & Roni Bava
Greeters (8:30)	Cathy Arenz
Greeters (11:00)	Paul & Shannon Muehlnickel
Refreshments (5:00)	Gina Losacco
Refreshments (8:30)	Beth & Martina Lohmar, Wendy Marotta
Offering Counters	Jim & Ranette Travnik

The altar flowers are given by Karen and Dan Krzak in memory of John Szeszycki; also given by Eric and Sabina Stohlquist in memory of Ralph and Diane Stohlquist.

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	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sun., Mar. 31 - Adult Education Hour - *The Heart of Listening* 9:55 a.m.
Peace Page Turners 9:45 a.m.
Lenten Soup, Salad & Discussion - *Meditation* - 12 noon
Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.

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

Tues., Apr. 2 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Committee Chair Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Apr. 3 - VBS Planning Meeting 9:00 a.m.
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 7:00 p.m.

Fri., Apr. 5 - Women's Group 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 6 - Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
7th & 8th Grade Lincoln Park Zoo Event 10:00 a.m.
Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.
Out to Eat Group 6:30 p.m. at McAlister's Deli

Sun., Apr. 7 - Adult Education Hour - *How Can We Carry "Lent" Forward?*
(A suggestion for our Lenten discussions) 9:55 a.m.
Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 a.m.
Lenten Soup, Salad & Discussion - *Prayer* - 12 noon
5th & 6th Grade Pizza, Paint & Party Event 12 noon
Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.

Mon., Apr. 8 - Ruth Circle Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Strong Seniors Exercise Class 12 noon - 1:00 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. 31 - *The Heart of Listening*

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

April 14 - Darrell Holmquist will present on *"The History of Lincoln Highway,"* concentrating on its span through our area.

April 21 - Easter Breakfast! (No education class)

April 28 - *Islam* (part 3) - Karen Danielson returns to answer all kinds of questions we raised after session 2

May 5 - *No Thanks, God* (You wouldn't be the first to think God must be asking someone else)

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 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.

April's passage is: **Isaiah 56:1-8**

BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR JOSHUA 5:9-12

Transitions are a part of life. Every person alive has gone and will go through them. The Hebrew people had been in the wilderness for about 40 years. Now they had arrived in the "promised land." Finally, they could get rid of the food they had been eating all those years (manna) and eat from the variety from the land. Sounds great, right? It was....except that the people soon started to think it was all their own doing, and diminished God's role. When we make it through one transition after another, we are encouraged to keep our minds focused on the One who brought us through the last arena and into the next stage of life.

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: *As For Me and My House by Walter Wangerin, Jr.***

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 Bev Vogen, the family of Jan Moisan, the family of John Szeszycki (Sonny), Bill Burnett (Alzheimer), Elinore Trotter (health), Margo, Rya, Jill Zaki (healing), Marc (shoulder surgery), Eric Craigmile (college), Andrew DeMik (recovery), the Price family, Ed Hovi, Michele Lenz, John Parker (shoulder), Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Wally Paprocki, Dennis Flynn, Pam Swyndro, Nolan, Janis Sobun (cancer), Diane Rosen, Cass Ott, 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...

Marcie Harrison, Reyna, Judy Brann, Grace, Malar, Terry Baker, Ned (throat cancer), Liam (guidance), Sandy Ringstrom, Darryl (job), Amy & family, Tom Sprandel (employment), Lee (health), Terri Dunn (comfort & courage), Judy (hand healing), Jim (job search), Stacey, Lon, Anita, Scott, Lisa Balstrode, Claudia Cole, 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, Brad (anxiety), Amanda Edwards, Pete Severson (basic training), Nancy Holmes (stroke), Natalie, Debbie, Judy Powless (ovarian cancer), Tom Dolan, Alexis Flynn, 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., APR. 16

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, April 16 at noon here at church. The food will include hot beef for sandwiches and what you bring for the sides, desserts, etc. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS - MON., APR. 8

Quilters will meet on **Mon., Apr. 8** 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., APR. 14

The ping pong club meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month. Please join us for fun and camaraderie on Apr. 14 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

The Peace Women's Group is open to all women 18 and up. Our next events are:

Friday, Apr. 5 at 7:00 pm. - The women's group will be hosting egg decorating (big girl style!!!). We will be using silk ties (or scarfs), napkins/tissue paper, yarn, nail polish, and natural items to dye and decorate eggs. Please see the photos of examples in the Fellowship Hall. The "supply list" will be there as well. So we are able to plan the needed materials, please place a hash mark on the page(s) you would like to do. Don't forget to bring an egg carton with you to take your eggs home.
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.

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.

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.

OUT TO EAT GROUP - SAT., APR. 6

We are putting this outing together in a hurry because of other things going on through church. So come to McAlister's Deli (11215 Lincoln Hwy., Mokena) on Saturday, April 6, meeting there at 6:30. We'll group ourselves together at tables and be able to order individually. They have a wide variety on their menu, so all tastes should be accommodated! Please use the sign-up or call the office to let us know that you'll be coming. All are welcome!!!

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.

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 & 30, July 7 & 21, Aug. 4 & 18.

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!!

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

April 18

6:30 p.m. - Meal in the Upper Room
8:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Worship

April 19

10:00 a.m. - Cross Walk in New Lenox (starts at St. Jude's)
12:30 p.m. - Cross Walk in Frankfort (starts at St. Peter's)
7:30 p.m. - Good Friday Worship Service at Peace Church
From after worship until 9:00 p.m. - Good Friday Vigil at Peace

April 20

5:00 p.m. - Easter Eve Worship (transition from dark to light)

April 21

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Communion Festival Worship
9:45 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

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: 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 9:45 a.m after the 8:30 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.

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. - LAST CHANCE

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 and the discounted tickets are \$36. We 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 3 tickets left.

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 2 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.

New Member Reception

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECEPTION

SUN., APRIL 14 & 28

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 Sunday, April 14, during the 9:45 education hour at church; (2) at 6:30 p.m. that evening at the church; (3) on April 28, 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 April 14, at 9:45 a.m., plus the 11:00 worship and luncheon on April 28. 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., APRIL 28

We appreciate volunteers who are willing to provide a salad, dessert, bread/rolls, etc. for the new member luncheon on April 28. 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

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. We have now switched 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., APR. 3

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 April 3. Questions, contact Cheryl 815-462-3089. If you know someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please put your request in the box on the narthex counter. To date we have made 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.

Thank you!

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$10,799.58** at worship plus another **\$1,149** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **366**. 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

On a half-acre on the island of Nias, Indonesia, Yaatulo and his wife, Mariata, grow bananas to support themselves and their two children. While they work hard, the income from the bananas wasn't enough to support the family. One day while working, Yaatulo heard about a development program of the Center for Disaster Risk Management & Community Development Studies, which is supported by gifts to ELCA World Hunger. He decided to join, and soon he had the support to borrow enough money for chili seed. Over two months, Yaatulo and Mariata planted more than 1,000 chili bushes. Chilis can be harvested multiple times per year, giving farmers more opportunities to sell them at market and have extra income. Thanks to your gifts, farmers like Yaatulo have improved access to tools, training, livestock, seeds and more that will help their families increase farm production and have more to eat and sell at market.

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.

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 are: 1) Give your teenager increasing responsibility for planning his or her own future. 2) Give your teenager full responsibility for planning a family meal once a month. 3) When appropriate, point out to youth how their faith and values influence their decisions.

This week's idea is talk about plans that affect the whole family. Last week's was allow for mistakes. Don't blow-up or rescue a child from a poor choice.

DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY (OR WANT TO)?

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



CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

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

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

The effort to produce a Spanish version of the book and the coloring book continues to move forward. The committee invites you to let them know of your interest. Meanwhile, the questions keep coming, including this one: *What good is Lent if you don't have anything to give up?* More important than giving something up is using the season of Lent to reflect on our lives, and how God might be leading us to take on something more from our relationship with God!

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: April 28. 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.

INTERNSHIP UPDATE

We are in the "waiting" stage for our relationship with Mike Markwell to begin! That won't happen until August 1, but between then and now, we will have some background work to do, arrange for a lay committee to serve as his sounding board, and of course, have our stewardship appeal to support this ministry financially!

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.

RECYCLING ITEMS

The following items can be dropped off in the basket in the narthex: DVD players, Game Boys, digital cameras, laptops, tablets, cell phones, most printer cartridges (including Epson), chargers and cables.

OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARY

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

More New This Week

MORE TICKETS!

"Legally Blonde", the "hilarious and touching" musical to be presented by Lincoln Way Central. 30 seats are reserved for us at a cost of \$10 each. The date is Saturday, May 4, at 7:00 PM. Use the sign-up sheet or call the church office, and hurry! These tickets go fast!

The Good Old Times and the Good (?) New News During the heyday of radio, many shows used studio audiences during presentation or recording. That is still alive and well in Chicago with National Public Radio's "**Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me.**" We will be getting tickets for the Thursday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. performance of this comedic look at current news and culture at the Chase Bank Auditorium at 10 S. Dearborn in Chicago. Ticket price is \$30 and we are thinking about a bus to get us there. We will need your commitment to the show (and bus) no later than May 5. Never heard of this radio show? Check their website for more info or a sampling of a performance. Use the sign-up sheet or call the church office.

Can't Beat the Classics! "**Hamlet**," presented by Chicago's Shakespeare Theater, will be available to us on Sunday, June 9, at 2:00 PM at the Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier. Tickets will be \$70 on the main floor, and we will have 10 available, but should be able to get a few more. These productions are first-rate and make Shakespeare come alive (and understandable.) As Hamlet himself might have said "To go or not to go....that is the question." No doubt about it. GO! Use the sign-up sheet or call the church office.

New This Week

ADULT FELLOWSHIP - THE BEST OF.... – SAT., MAY 11
Come, join the Adult Fellowship Group on Sat., May 11, at 6:15 p.m. for "The Best of...." We want to have some fun getting to know more about each other. Bring "something" to show and tell and/or a story that no one in the group likely knows about you. We will try to guess who belongs to what! Also bring a dish/appetizer, dessert that reminds you of childhood. Use the sign-up in the bulletin if you plan to attend. If you want childcare, let us know that by April 21 (\$3 per child.)

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - BELL CHOIR

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of the Bell Choir. These volunteers add to our worship through the bells. They are very welcoming of anyone who would like to join this ministry. It helps a lot if you can read music, but even if you can't but have a sense of rhythm you should give this a try! They rehearse on Tuesday evenings for an hour and offer special music about once a month. Interested in giving this a shot? Let us know through the sign-up, email us, or call the office!

REFLECTIONS ON MARCH BIBLE PASSAGE OF THE MONTH

I have reread the verses of Psalm 31 and find them quite moving and also quite contemporary. In verses 9-13 I see the situation of the people that I have observed on the streets of Chicago, and recently in Toronto, as well as many of those I've seen at Morningstar in Joliet. These people are probably not much different from many people during David's time. And while the later verses offer comfort and hope to all, it speaks directly to those who are included in the earlier verses. It also should speak to those who are not in the situations mentioned or alluded to in 9-13. We should have a more compassionate attitude toward those who need us most.

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. 31 – Discussion and Dinner

Sun., Apr. 7 – Project Linus. Please bring 2 pieces of fleece that are 1.5 yards long each, and a good pair of scissors.

Sun., Apr. 14 – Discussion and Dinner

Sun., Apr. 21 – No Meeting, Happy Easter!

Sun., April 28 – TBD

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., APR. 10

High school age youth are invited to a new Teen Bible study with Deacon Shari. We will meet at church on Wed., Apr. 3 & 10 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 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!

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.

7TH & 8TH KIDS & ADULTS END OF YEAR LUNCH - APRIL 28

The last Kids & Adults get together of the year will be on Sun., April 28 at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of our Kids & Adults get togethers is for the youth to meet and get know other adults in the congregation. This year we will join the New Members Luncheon for some food and fellowship! **Confirmation Parents:** The family is invited! Please RSVP to let us know how many will be attending the luncheon by calling or emailing the church office, use the online sign up on our church website, or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin. Come & enjoy!

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 on-line.

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).

(Sign-Up 03/30/19 - 03/31/19)

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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

Youth

5th & 6th gr.

____ My youth would like to attend the Pizza, Painting & Party on Apr. 7.
____ (parents) I would like to chaperone

5th/6th gr.

____ My youth would like to attend Bible Buddies on April 24.

7th & 8th gr.

____ My youth will attend the Zoo Event on April 6.
____ (parents) I can drive/chaperone.

Confirmation Parents: We will attend the Kids & Adults Luncheon April 28.
How many? _____

8th Grade Confirmands:

I will participate in the following Confirmation date: ____ May 20 ____ May 27

Theater Events

____ I/We would like tickets for *Queen* on April 27. How many? ____
____ 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? ____
____ I/We would like tickets for *Legally Blonde* on May 4. How many? ____
____ I/We would like tickets for *Hamlet* on June 9. How many? ____
____ I/We would like tickets for *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me* on June 20. 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.
How many? ____
____ I/We will come to the Out to Eat event at McAlister's Deli, Apr. 6.
How many? ____
____ I would like to ride the John Deere (and cut the grass). ____ I'd like more than one turn if possible.
____ I/We are interested in participating in the informal golf group.
____ I/We are planning to come and help pick hymns on May 8.
____ I/We will attend the Adult Fellowship "The Best Of..." event May 11.
How many? ____ If childcare is needed. How many children? ____
____ I/We would like to hear more about the bell choir

Peace Women's Group

____ I will attend the Easter Egg Decorating Big Girl Style on April 5.
____ I will attend the Garfield Park Conservatory and Concert on Apr. 28.

(Over)

Holy Week & Easter Events

____ I/We will attend the "Meal in the Upper Room" April 18.
How many? ____ I need childcare ____
I would be willing to help with the Meal in the Upper Room by
____ Reading an assigned verse.

Name(s) _____

____ Helping set-up the room Wednesday evening.
____ Helping set-up the room Thursday morning.
____ Providing 2 dozen hard-boiled peeled eggs (in sealed bags).
____ Helping with clean-up.
____ Help with childcare during the meal.

____ I/We will attend the Easter Breakfast on April 21.

How many? Adults ____ Children ____
I/We can help with set-up on Saturday morning ____
I/We can help serve at 9:30 on Sunday ____
I/We can help with clean-up at 11:00 on Sunday ____

New Member Events

____ I/We will come to the New Member Orientation April 14.
____ I/We would be willing to be sponsors for a new member.
____ I/We are willing to bring food &/or help for the next new member luncheon on April 28.
____ Salad ____ Dessert ____ Rolls ____ Set up/serve &/or clean up

Other Ministries/Sign-ups

Everybody Read - Psalm 31:9-13 & 21-24 - What the passage means to me:

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