

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May 4 & May 5, 2019

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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)	Debbie Goebig
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Christian Knutson
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Leah Prince
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Diane Lillie
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Renee Osbrink
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Bethany Smothers
Acolyte (5:00)	Kassidy Withers
Acolyte (11:00)	Sofia Dahl Santoro
Nursery (ages 0-5) (5:00)	Peyton Arthur
Nursery (ages 0-5) (8:30)	Chris Osbrink & Bella Schumacher
Nursery (ages 0-5) (11:00)	Helen Ambrose & Emersynn Smith
Communion Servers (11:00)	Jennifer Campos, Jacob Cole, Jack Cosich, Vicki Breslan-Golub, Donna Hartmann, Emilie Harvey
Bread Providers (11:00)	Becky Prince
Ushers (5:00)	Dave & Carol Hennessey
Ushers (8:30)	Ken George, Tony & Megan Gerasch
Ushers (11:00)	Jonah DeMik, Marc D. & Mark A. Larson, Allen Muehlnickel
Greeters (5:00)	Diane Lillie
Greeters (8:30)	Pam Swyndro
Greeters (11:00)	Diane Rosen
Refreshments (5:00)	Jennifer Paape
Refreshments (8:30)	Morgan Barlow, Mary Bergman, Judy Boyens
Offering Counters	Georgia Cash, Jason Smith

The altar flowers are given by Claire Edgoose in celebration of her 88th
birthday, and Deb Hypke.

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. & Sun., May 4 & 5 - Teacher Appreciation Weekend
Called by Grace Stewardship Appeal Commitment Weekend
Sun., May 5 - Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Brunch 9:15 a.m.
Adult Education Hour - **No Thanks, God** (You wouldn't be the
first to think God must be asking someone else.) 9:55 a.m.
What's the Scoop 12 noon
Mon., May 6 - Ruth Circle - Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Strong Seniors Exercise Class 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.
Tues., May 7 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Wed., May 8 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Strong Seniors Exercise Class 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Hymn Picking 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
No Teen Bible Study
Sat., May 11 - Adult Fellowship The Best of... 6:15 p.m.
Sun., May 12 - Adult Education Hour - **Q & A – What Things Do You Have
Trouble Understanding/ Believing about God?** 9:55 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screenings between services
Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.
Mon., May 13 - Strong Seniors Exercise Class 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.
Tues., May 14 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Dartball 7:30 p.m.
Wed., May 15 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Budget Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Strong Seniors Exercise Class 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Prayer Shawl 6:00 p.m. & Last Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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.

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

May 12 - Q & A – What Things Do You Have Trouble Understanding/ Believing about God?

May 19 - “Four” Words to Inner Peace (The number of words we might use will vary and we'll concentrate on inner peace/contentment, not happiness.)

May 26 - How to Cope with Politics - What We Can Learn from Jesus

June 2 - First Things First – God (From ancient times to today, why it is so easy to forget)

June 9 - Why Are We Lutherans & Why Do We Do/Think Certain Ways?

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.

May's passage is: Matthew 15:21-28.

BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR REVELATION 1:4-8

The book of Revelation can be quite confusing. This portion helps us get part of the message of the whole book: Jesus is God in the flesh and through his death and resurrection has made us a part of the kingdom of “priests” to serve and witness. Since God is the beginning and end (alpha and omega) of all existence, we rightfully and joyfully can point to God.

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: *Where Does A Mother Go To Resign?* By: Barbara Johnson**

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.

Phil Boskey, the family of Dirce Santos, Joe Canniff, Dan, Liz Weberling, the family of Betty Woerner, Claudia Green, John J., Pam (cancer), Rosemary Tierney (health & strength), Mary W. (health & strength), Lorie T. (health & strength), Deb Howell, Dennis Flynn, Laurie Lee, Jill Zaki (healing), Eric Craigmile (college), Andrew DeMik (recovery), Terry Baker, Karen Padgen, Ryan, Claudia Cole, Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Wally Paprocki, Diane Rosen, Hannah Huelhorst (health), Bill Sandt, Halley Price (strength), Penny (health), Louisa Ishida (missionary), Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Kristie Paprocki, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray and Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot... Birgee, Rick, Lula (healing), Justin & Norma (peace), Melissa, Josh, & Jake (addiction), Judy's father (last days), Liam (direction and rehab), Cie (strength), Christy Chenoweth, Dave Boer (health issues), Joe Schultz, Pam, Suzanne & Andrew, Bill Horsley, Deb (loss of father), Julie, Mark M. (moving), Amanda (depression), Jill Goeglein, Amber Goeglein, Amanda Edwards, Dave Davenport, Tyler, Chris (guidance), Kristin (graduation from law school), Dean Horsley (healing), Joshua (eye procedure), Grant Frick, Jim Swyndro, Madlyn Howard (peace & comfort), Anthony Inman (baby, illness), Nathan Mackey (job search), Clayton (headaches), Fred (alcohol addiction), Robin (loss of leg), D.J., Kent, Bill Burnett (Alzheimer), Elinore Trotter (health), Margo, Marcie Harrison, Reyna, Marc (shoulder surgery), Judy Brann, Grace, Malar, Ned (throat cancer), Sandy Ringstrom, Darryl (job), Amy & family, Lee (health), Terri Dunn (comfort & courage), Judy (hand healing), Jim (job search), Stacey, Lon, Anita, Scott, Lisa Balstrode, Lisa, Mark, Audrey Brennan, Brad (anxiety), Alexis Flynn, Coach Les & family, 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), Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY - If you know someone who is serving and would like them added to the 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

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

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Groups

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., MAY 21

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on **Tuesday, May 21** at noon here at church. The food will be pizza plus what you bring. The program will be portions of the talent show & a game! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS - MON., MAY 6

Quilters will meet on Mon., Apr. 22 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.

PING PONG CLUB - SUN., MAY 19

The ping pong club meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month. Please join us for fun and camaraderie on May 19 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. **New players are always welcome!**

MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., MAY 14

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 there is 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 11:15 am-12:15 pm. Please call Anita Drake (815) 299-4417 with any questions.

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.

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 would 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.

Fellowship Opportunities/Events

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.

Thank you

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$6,192.50** at worship plus another **\$627** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **313**. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

After the country’s severe economic downturn, over a million Venezuelans have fled to Columbia. With food shortages and a public health-care crisis, families have left behind homes and possessions while risking their lives in search of a safe and secure place to live. The Lutheran Federation in Colombia, who works with Venezuelans and Columbian host communities, is supported by your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response. Through the program, people received access to water, health care, shelter and psychosocial support. These services are offered to both Venezuelans and Columbians.

New This Week

OPERATION CARE PACKAGE

You can almost see the smiles from here! OPERATION CARE PACKAGE will send a package with many thoughtful things inside to our deployed military. If would like to add another name to the list, all we need is a name, address, birthday month and day, and dates of deployment. A package will be sent to them. If you have a family member, friend, or neighbor to whom we may send a package, please send your information to: jpsywn@att.net.

SUMMER CLASS SUGGESTIONS

Each year Pastor Dave encourages people to suggest topics for the summer adult classes. You can use the sign-up or let him know some other way!

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES - JUNE 1 & 2

On the weekend of June 1 & 2 during the worship services, we would like to recognize all those who are graduating from high school, college and beyond. Please call the church office with the information, or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., JUNE 23

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *Hidden Figures : the American dream and the untold story of the Black women mathematicians who helped win the space race* by Margot Lee Shetterly. 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.

OUT TO EAT GROUP - SAT., JUNE 15

The next destination for the Out to Eat Group will be at Fajitas (19118 88th Avenue, Mokena) on Sat., June 15, meeting there at 6:30 p.m. Check out their menu online; lots of choices. Please use the sign-up or call the office to let us know that you’ll be coming. All are welcome!!!

GENEALOGY GROUP - SAT., JUNE 29

The next gathering for this group will be June 29, at 10:00. We’ll have a working session where you can bring your own work-to-date and we’ll help each other get going further. Even if you haven’t started and wonder how to take step one, you’ll be happy you came. Please join us.

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., JUNE 15 -

Thanks to your commitment to helping people, we collected 20 units blood in April. Our next drive will be June 15 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

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.
AUGUST RUSH - SAT., MAY 18, 3:00 p.m. - 3 tickets at \$37 each have become available. If you would like them, please see Pastor Dave.

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 **1** ticket left. We will 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.

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) **by today**. 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 have **4 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 - THE MUSIC MAN - SAT., JULY 7

A classic American musical will be at the Goodman Theater in Chicago. We are hoping to reserve 15-20 main floor seats for the Saturday, July 7, 2:00 p.m. performance. The discounted cost per ticket will be \$64. If you have seen this timeless musical in the past, you'll want to go again! If you've never seen it, we think you'll love it! Please use the sign-up or call the office by May 26.

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. Remaining dates available are: June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 29, Nov. 17 & 24, Dec. 22 & 29.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY SINGING - SAT. & SUN., MAY 11 & 12

We have a tradition for Mother's Day weekend for how we sing the opening hymn. We hope you'll add your voice to the glory of God!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - BOOK DISCUSSION

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of the book discussion group (Peace Page Turners). These volunteers decide on a book to read (a wide variety of books, to say the least), and a different person leads the discussion each time. Watch for the next time (or anytime) they meet, and join them! You don't even need to have read the book to benefit. They meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. on a periodic basis (about 8 times a year.) If you have questions, contact Kathy Davenport or the church office.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY DATES - MAY 19 & 26

Confirmation Sundays will be held at the 11:00 services on Sunday, May 19 & 26. Please be in prayer for all of our confirmands as they affirm their faith!

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 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! Look for the bin in the entrance area. **We will collect through May 12.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., MAY 15

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 **May 15**. 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.

2019 Stewardship Appeal

CALLED BY GRACE!

Commitment Weekend is May 4 & 5. Each year we ask you to pray and consider what God is leading you to do in terms of your financial response. We are grateful for all the gifts we have received in the past, and for the ministries they have enabled in our church, community and world-wide.

If you haven't read about this year's appeal, you can go online or pick up materials at church in the entrance area.

What steps should we take?

- 1) Go to our website and look for the 2019 stewardship tab, or pick up materials here at church.
<http://www.peacenewlenox.org/stewardship-2019/>
- 2) Pray, reflect, and consider how you will respond to God's love and all that Peace means to you.
- 3) Consider how that response will be translated into your financial giving level for the next fiscal year, starting June 1. As a church, we agreed to take on an intern in August, so we encourage all of us to respond with joyful anticipation!
- 4) Share your giving intentions, either online or through a Giving Intentions Card.



General Announcements

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Personal Power**. Some things we can do here are 1) Keep youth involved in making decisions and plans; 2) Explore how to handle stress; 3) Provide many options for involvement. This week's idea for our homes is to express confidence in your child's abilities.

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. We have a draft copy that people who speak and write Spanish are reviewing.

Meanwhile, the questions keep coming, including this one: *Are there other places we can learn about God (besides church)?* A gazillion places!

Anything can be a place to learn more about God as long as we are open to looking/hearing/sensing. To get started, make a list from A to Z and start thinking of a place for each letter (A = airplane, for example.)

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: May 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.

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - SUN., MAY 12

Our next monthly screening date is **Sunday, May 12**, between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have questions, or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, contact Marylynn Tyler at (815)423-6407.

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.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEKEND - MAY 4 & 5

We'd like to say thanks to teachers – both in our Sunday School and in the world of education. May 4 & 5 will be this year's official time to express our appreciation. Students feel free to invite a teacher to worship with you!

BUDGET MEETING - WED., MAY 15

This year's opportunity to help put together the budget for 2019-2020 will be May 15 at 11:00 a.m. It is such a blessing to work on this after we have received people's joyful responses to our appeal! (We don't give to a budget. We let a budget help point to where God is leading us.)

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

WHAT'S THE SCOOP? (Bring your ideas to the group!) - SUN., MAY 5

We have had great experiences with this new version of what used to be called "Everybody Come" night. We want to include you in brainstorming ideas and getting them going. We will meet Sunday, May 5, at noon. We'll eat and share ideas for ministry and try to be finished in 1.5 hours or less. For the food, we'll be having pizza, and we encourage you to bring something to share (salads or fruit would be nice). We'll also have ice cream (in keeping with our title!).

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., May 5 - What's the Scoop @ noon / Avengers End Game !!! 3:00 p.m. Meet at AMC in New Lenox. \$10 per ticket, and extra for food/drinks. Avengers starts at 3:30

Sun., May 12 - Game day

Sun., May 19 - Service Project (outdoor clean up weather permitting)

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., MAY 15

High school age youth are invited to a new Teen Bible study with Deacon Shari. Our next class will be Wed., May 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (We will not meet May 1 & 8). We will cover in-depth, yet compact and easy to understand Bible lessons covering topics relevant to teens.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT - SAT., MAY 18

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. We will watch Aladdin and have pizza!

5th & 6th GR. MESSY GAMES - SUN., MAY 26

It's time to get MESSY! Have you ever used your nose or ear as a paint brush? Deacon Shari is ready to get MESSY! We will meet on Sun., May 26 at noon. Be prepared to stick your toes in jello, paint with pudding and throw spaghetti! Please come in clothes that can get messy! We will eat pizza for lunch so bring a couple dollars to contribute for that. Parents, please use the sign-up form on the website, in the bulletin, or the sign-up sheet on the narthex counter.

FEAST WITH FRIENDS - SUN., JUNE 9

Sunday School youth ages K-12 grade are invited to have a pancake breakfast from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Please use the online sign up on our church website, in the bulletin, or the sign up sheet in the narthex.

N.Y.G. INTEREST MEETING- SUN., JUNE 9

Sun., June 9 at noon we will meet with all who are interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in Minnesota June 29-July 3, 2021. Youth going into 8th grade though those going into 12th grade in the fall of 2021 are eligible to attend. Any adults who are interested in helping chaperone please come to the meeting.

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 is creating 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., May 22 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. **We will be collecting empty water bottles (about 16 oz. size) with the tops. Bring them to the church office.**

PEACE BUDDIES - SUN. MAY 19

Peace Buddies is a special needs youth group for highschool age and older. New Buddies are always welcome! Our next meeting is Sun., May 19. You do not have to be a part of our church to join us. We usually meet on the third Sunday of each month from noon - 2 p.m. Questions, see Pastor Dave or call Emilie Harvey at (815) 529-7546.

COLLEGE INFORMATION PACKETS AVAILABLE

There are some great pieces of information available to youth who are heading out on college tours, on how to apply to colleges, on what to explore on a college overnight visit, on what to bring to a freshman dorm. Look in the entrance area counter.

(Sign-Up 05/04/19 - 05/05/19)

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Phone _____
Email _____

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5th & 6th Gr.

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___ I/We would like tickets for *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me* on June 20.

How many? ___ I/We would like the bus option. How many? ___

___ I/We would like tickets for *Music Man* on July 7

Sports Events

___ I would like the **1** remaining ticket for the Cubs/Reds game on May 26.

___ I would like the van/bus option. How many? ___

Other Events

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How many? ___

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___ I/We would like to hear more about the bell choir.

Other Ministries/Sign-ups

Everybody Read - *Matthew 15:21-28* - What the passage means to me:

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

Recognizing graduates

I (my child) will be graduating from _____

(and for college or beyond, with a degree in _____)

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