

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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February 29 & March 1, 2020

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Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully*

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

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

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

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

Accompanist/Organist	Todd Yetman
Children's Choir Director	Leslie Walton
Adult Choir Director	Pamela Putrich
Bell Choir Director	Erica Desaulniers
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Isabella McKenna
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Randy Conatser
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Deb Howell
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Keith Tague
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Larry Wurzbarger
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Jan Stoller
Acolyte (11:00)	Alex Brown
Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)	Lindsey Brown & Emersynn Smith
Ushers (5:00)	Jim Tieri & Priscilla Huffman
Ushers (8:30)	Tyler Hanson, Judy Mitchell, Rick Mitchell
Ushers (11:00)	Georgia Cash, Paul-Leon Desaulniers, Tori Entwistle
	Teagan Powers
Greeters (5:00)	Tyler Wolf
Greeters (8:30)	Morgan Barlow
Greeters (11:00)	Jan Stoller
Communion Servers (11:00)	Aiden Golub, Paul Muehlnickel, Julie Ruth
	Janet Scanlan, Russell Scanlan
Bread Provider (11:00)	John & Amy Ambrose
Refreshments (5:00)	Cindy Chubb
Refreshments (8:30)	Renee Gatewood, Lindsay George, Cindy Gerasch
Offering Counters	Mark Muehlnickel, Kelly Muehlnickel, Molly Muehlnickel
	Ken Otto

The altar flowers are given by John and Paulette Overend in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary; 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 Worship5:00 p.m.

Education Hour9:45 a.m.

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

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sun., Mar. 1 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & Teen Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

Adult Education Hour - *Forgiveness: A Part of the Journey toward Healing* 9:55 a.m.

Mon., Mar. 2 - Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12:00 p.m.

Tues. Mar. 3 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

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

Fri., Mar. 6 - Sun., Mar. 8 - Antioch Retreat

Sat. & Sun., Mar. 7 & 8 - Girl Scout Weekend; Daylight Savings time change

Sat., Mar. 7 - Worship Prep Team Orientation 9:30 a.m.

Youth Led Worship 5:00 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 8 - Sunday School & Teen Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

Adult Education Hour - *God's Gifts through Grief* 9:55 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screenings 9:45 a.m.

Antioch Luncheon at 12:00 p.m.

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

Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12:00 p.m.

Tues., Mar. 10 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Wed., Mar. 11 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise 11:15 a.m.

8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.

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

Sat., Mar. 14 - Out to Eat Group - Portillo's 6:15 p.m.

Youth Ministry

PEACE 360 HS YOUTH GROUP

Have you ever wished that there was a place that you could hang with your friends from church and elsewhere? A place that is fun, interesting, and sometimes crazy? We have that place for you...Peace 360! We truly hope that you will mark off this time for us - and for you! Whenever you can be here, you'll be welcome! Peace 360 meets most Sundays from 4 -7 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 1 - No Peace 360

Fri-Sun., Mar. 6-8 - Antioch Weekend

7TH & 8TH GR. and HIGH SCHOOL ANTIOCH RETREAT - MAR. 6-8
7th - 12th grade youth are invited to gather together for this weekend-long spiritual retreat. The name Antioch comes from the book of Acts, after a group of people studied together and learned what it meant to be a Christian (Act 11). This retreat will be a time of prayer, worship, friendship and fun. This year's retreat will be from 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 6 until approximately 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 8.

3RD -6TH GR. BYG OVERNIGHT AT LOMC – MAR. 21- 22

B.Y.G. stands for Building Youth Groups. This retreat is designed to build and strengthen the relationships in our emerging "youth group." We invite 3rd-6th graders to this fun community-building experience! This overnight experience will help bring our youth together and help keep our group strong and growing.

3/4TH & 5/6TH GR. PIZZA & PAINTING PARTY! - MAR. 15

3rd gr. - 6th graders are invited to join us on Sun., Mar. 15 at 12 p.m.-2 p.m. We will eat some pizza, paint on a canvas, and have some party fun! Please use the online sign up, sign up in the bulletin or on the sheet in the narthex.

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.

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.

Kevin Duffy, Robbie (seizures stop), Meg & family, Rick Davis, Caylin Reynhout, Gary Kelly, Elinor Trotter, Samantha Danford (pregnancy complications), Jen Arthur (surgery), Ken Gatewood (recovery), Janice Musak, Nolan (God's guidance), Pete Viehweg, Jeff Howell, Scott & Monica Medows (grief), Janet Stoller, Amber & Carly (college), Kaitlyn Halper, Lynn McGuire, Ken Barker, Esther Coulter, Denise Jones (recovery), Benjamin David (missionary), Tammy Conway, Barry, Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Alyson, Mike, & baby, A.F. (cancer), Kaelyn (graduate school decisions), Joanna Stasiak (cancer), Dan Folliard, Debra, Brian, John Bentley, Mark Miller (recovery), Bev Johnson, Josilyn, Hildegard Hansen, the Harth family, Charlie Crocker, Jayna Baggs (healing), Eileen Krause, Diane Sprandel (cancer treatment), Matthew (pediatric hospitalization), Special Education workers, Lori Haag (knee surgery recovery), Ron Krauch, Jr., Josh (mental health & addiction), Melissa & Justin (mental health & addiction), Tricia (cancer), Jake (mental health & addiction), Bill Reidy (cancer), Alan Booton, Katherine Ambrose, Janice M., Brad Whiteside, Lisa Balstrode, Mark Chubb, Glenda Wilkins, Colin, Stephanie, Ervin Murray (recovery), Susan Wagner, Latonya & her son, Helen Bohr, Sandi (healing), Elias Losiniecki, Ken Winston, Greg Liska, Danny, Pam & George Ogorzaly, Stacey (guidance), Miles, Christy Chenowith, Brandon (military), Marty (healing), Em (healing), Robert Larsen, Brenda Easton, Shirley Maier, Frankie (head trauma), Halley (healing), Jessica (stress), Marty Kolar, Mrs. Misna (pneumonia & heart issues), Pam Shea, Eric Stohlquist, Gary Gould (recovery), Erv Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt, Mary Hand, Tyler, the Austin family, Brena V. and family, Dan T. & family, Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo, Jeffrey, the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY - If you know someone who is serving and would like them on our list, let us know. Please pray for those who have returned from war who struggle to readjust to life and work through their grief. Mike Scott, Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Ned Fowler, Brian Kettell, Jake Treasure, Grover Keltz, Dylan Sperstad, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Dan Treasure, Neil Vickers, Lane Trainor, Allison DeVitto, Rob Boland

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Groups

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP - SECOND TUESDAYS

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

ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY

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

RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTERS) - MON., MAR. 9

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

MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., MAR. 10

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

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., MAR. 17

Our next meeting will be our usual day Tues., Mar. 17, at noon here at church. The food will be fish filets in honor of Lent plus your usual food donations. We also will have a speaker from Riverside speaking on "Maintaining Your Memory" plus celebrate Norma's birthday! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

OUT TO EAT - SAT., MAR. 14

The Out to Eat Group next heads for Portillo's on Sat., Mar. 14, meeting there at 6:15. In this casual atmosphere, you can order whatever you want from their varied menu. We will pull tables together and enjoy a fun and delicious evening together. Be sure to use the sign-up or call the office so we know how many to expect.

LADIES ENSEMBLE, ADULT CHOIR, HANDBELL CHOIR

Sing! Sing a song!!! Ring some bells!!! The Ladies Ensemble and Adult Choir are always looking for people who love to sing... and have a good time too! Spreading God's word thru music is a joy you will want to share in. For questions, contact the office.

Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

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

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

SHREK THE MUSICAL - SAT., JUNE 6

This family-friendly event could be right up your alley! The date is Saturday, June 6, at 12:00 p.m., at the Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook. Tickets are \$15 (if we get a group of 15 or more). Use the sign-up or call the church office. Deadline to sign up: April 5.

THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME - SAT., JUNE 20

Saturday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Drama Group Theatre in Chicago Heights. This drama tells the story of Christopher, a 15-year old math genius who has difficulty dealing with everyday life. While investigating the death of his neighbor's dog, he unearths life-changing secrets. Tickets are \$23.00. Use the sign-up or call the church office. Deadline to sign up: April 12.

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' - THE FATS WALLER MUSICAL - SAT., JULY 18 - Saturday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. at The Theatre in Munster. "Fats"

Waller was an American Jazz pianist, organist, composer, violinist, singer and comedic entertainer. His innovations in the Harlem stride style laid the groundwork for modern jazz piano. His best-known compositions are "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Honeysuckle Rose." Tickets are \$46.00. Use the sign-up or call the church office. Deadline to sign up: April 19.

FOREVER PLAID - SAT., SEPT. 12

Saturday, Sept. 12, at 3:00 p.m. at the Drury Lane Theater in Oakbrook. On the way to their first big gig, tragedy strikes Forever Plaid, a "guy group" specializing in barbershop quartet harmonies and pitch-perfect melodies. Forever Plaid begins when the guys are given the chance to perform from the afterlife. This smash hit musical is a nostalgic homage to the music of the '50s and includes hits such as "Three Coins in the Fountain" and "Love is a Many Splendored Thing." Tickets are \$62.75 if we get a group of 15 or more. Use the sign-up or call the church office. Deadline to sign up: May 3.

CHESSTOURNAMENT - TUES., MAR. 24

Calling all chess players! Peace's first chess tournament will be held on Tues., March 24, at 6:30 p.m. It is an open tournament and everyone is welcome, from the youngest generation to the most experienced generations. ☺ If interested (and why wouldn't you be?), please use the sign-up slip or contact Al Davenport directly at al.davenport@comcast.net, or call or text Al at 708-977-7339. Win or lose, the tournament will be a hoot!

More New This Week

EASTER LILY ORDER DEADLINE - SUN., MARCH 8

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 very early deadline to order given to us by Trinity Services is March 8! The cost of the plants is \$12 each.

Thank you

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$8,332.00** at worship plus another **\$3,167** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **375**. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

With the tools and training provided by Life With Dignity, a longtime partner of ELCA World Hunger that serves vulnerable communities through development work prioritizing human dignity, Toa Phoeurn of Cambodia started growing cucumbers. From her first harvest, she earned more than \$500, four times as much as her corn crop had earned. She used her earnings for food, school fees, clothing and social activities, while putting a chunk of it into savings. From her second harvest, she bought a bicycle for her daughter to get to and from school more easily. Thanks to you, Toa now says, "I have money to support the study of my children, and I have saved some money to support my family and children's study in the future."

Worship Related

BLESSING OF THE INSTRUMENTS - SAT., SUN., FEB. 29 & MAR. 1

Do you have an instrument you play? Do you enjoy your own voice instrument? We'd like to encourage you to come forward at worship the weekend of Feb. 29-March 1, as we bless the various instruments! You say that piano is too big to bring with you? Then bring a piece of sheet music or a picture! You think you'll forget to bring anything that day? Come forward anyhow! We celebrate the gifts of music that we have among us in all kinds of forms and expressions.

New This Week

CASSEROLE COOKOFF & DARTBALL - SUN., MARCH 22

What could be more "normal" than a casserole at a church function? What could be less normal than making it a casserole cookoff combined with dartball? The Adult Fellowship Group invites you to come back on a Sunday evening for some fun and great food! Save Sun., March 22, at 6:00 p.m. for the fun to begin. If you can't or don't want to cook, don't worry, come anyhow. And don't think you need to know how to play dartball, either; experience doesn't help. Need childcare? Let us know. Please use the sign-up or call the church office.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH & MENTAL ILLNESS WORKSHOP - SUN., APRIL 5 - NOON

We all experience a wide range in our moods and emotions. That's normal. How do we know when/if it's not so normal anymore? How do we care for loved ones with mental illness in their behaviors? How do we know when it is time to get help? Anxiety, depression, bipolar & suicide will be covered in a special presentation on Sun., April 5, starting at noon by Carole Robinson from Linden Oaks Medical Group. She is a Clinical Therapist, RN., LCPD, CADC in the field of mental health and mental first aid. We will provide a light lunch so those who come to the 11:00 service can just stay. The presentation will take about 2.5 hours with time for questions. Additional resources will also be available. Please register with the church office by phone or email peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.

BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBER REUNION - SAT., MAR. 21 - 6:00 P.M.

One of the joys we have as a congregation is to welcome people into the fellowship of the Gospel here at Peace. When we have a chance to baptize someone or receive a new member, it helps us all to remember our own connection to God and renew our faith. We're going to try something different to celebrate those special days with a reunion of those who have been baptized or joined Peace in the last two years on Sat., Mar. 21 at 6:00 p.m. We will feed you and have a fun evening of getting further acquainted with each other, including some non-threatening get-acquainted activities. Please use the sign up slip in the bulletin.

WORSHIP PREPARATION TEAM ORIENTATION - SAT., MAR. 7

If you are interested in taking a turn as one of the behind the scenes set up people relating to worship, please join us for Worship Preparation Team orientation on Sat., Mar. 7, at 9:30 a.m. This is a volunteer position that probably should require no more than one hour per week for a month at a time, with the goal of three months out of the year (four teams in all; 4 people per team.) Duties would include caring for the altar, vestments, altar linens, communion vessels, and banners.

General Announcements

C.Ds & PODCAST AVAILABLE

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

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

OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARY

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

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - ADULT FELLOWSHIP

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

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: March 22. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here. If you want it via e-mail or first class, let us know.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES BOOKS

We are once again offering Golden Opportunity books. They're filled with savings coupons for many different types of places, from food to entertainment to carwashes. These books are now \$15. (A portion of that goes to youth-related ministries.) Great savings are to be had by all. Look for the display on the counter in the entrance area.

GIRL SCOUT WEEKEND - MAR. 7 & 8

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

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

The QKA is getting ready to meet to plan how to get the word out about our amazing book, including the new Spanish versions. We have been given several leads, and hope for more. We have scheduled events in Springfield and Peoria, and Pastor Forni took our book to a ministry fair in Chicago. We will be working with him and several others to share the importance of kids' questions in faith development. Meanwhile, the questions keep coming here at Peace!

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Personal Power (Responsible Decision Making)**. **Something we can do at home is: Express confidence in your children's abilities. This week's idea for our school is: Whenever possible, give students 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 (or download in order to manage online giving).



PEACE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like special prayers said for someone, just let the office know of a particular need. Our Circle of Prayer ministry is ready to help. We will send out an email to the praying volunteers with that need. (If you would like to be a part of this Peace Circle of Prayer, let us know, including what email address we should use.)

NEW FLOWER CHART

Each week people donate the cost of altar flowers (\$20 per arrangement). The process is very simple. There is a chart in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall. Sign your name and phone number for the week(s) you want to donate flowers. We will contact you to find out the reason (if any) for the donation. Envelopes for the cost are by the chart and also are mailed the week following your selected week. **Upcoming dates available are: June 14 & 28, July 12 & 19, Aug. 2 & 9, plus many others.**

PICTURE DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

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

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - SUN., MAR. 8

Our next monthly screening date is **Sun., Mar. 8**, between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have questions, or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, contact Marylynn Tyler at (815)423-6407. (We could use a few more people to help take the pressures!)

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - MARCH 7/8

The changing of the clocks takes place overnight between March 7 & 8. So, don't be late for church!

Help Others

LOMC MEMORIAL DAY WORK WEEKEND - MAY 22-25

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

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

DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSTAR TREASURE CHEST

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

CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., MAR. 4

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 Mar. 4. 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.

KATIE'S CLOSET FEEDING MINISTRY

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

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

Prayers of Intercession

L: God, we come together in prayer lifting all needs both known and unknown....(pause for silence)

L: We thank you for putting new songs on our lips and in our hearts. Hear our voices and instruments as we join in songs of lament and praise. We give thanks for and ask your blessings on all musicians and instruments of music, including those who are here today, as well as.... (*all are invited to give their own prayers of thanks either out loud or silently*)

L: Even in the wilderness,

C: We will follow you.

L: We pray for all nations. Liberate leaders and governments from the temptation to lead unjustly. Help them to have hearts of servants. We pray for your presence....(*All are invited to give their own prayers for our community or nation either out loud or silently*)

L: Even in the wilderness,

C: We will follow you.

L: God of creation, you show your glory in deserts and Mountain tops. Give us the knowledge to care for all that you have created and forgive us when our own needs and wants do harm. We pray for....(*All are invited to give their own prayers for the world either out loud or silently*)

L: Even in the wilderness,

C: We will follow you.

L: God of peace, you promise life and wholeness to those who cry out to you for help. Bring companionship to those who are lost, lonely, or in need. We especially pray for....

(*The lay liturgist will give some names, and then all are invited to give their own prayers for personal needs or on behalf of others either out loud or silently*)

L: Even in the wilderness,

C: We will follow you.

L: Out of your steadfast love hear these and all prayers as we lift them to you. In the name of your Son who walks in the wilderness with us, **AMEN.**

More Help Others

BUSINESS ATTIRE COLLECTION

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.)

ASSET BUILDING - BY MARCH 1

As a part of the Asset Building effort that our congregation supports, we will be taking part in a toy drive to benefit the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. Their mission is to provide toddlers to 18 year olds who are going through cancer treatments with a small gift such as new toys, books, crafts, dollar store items, unopened kids' meal toys, accessories and gift certificates. All items must be new. Please – NO stuffed animals. **You may deliver your items to the church office or send them with your child to Sunday School by March 1.** Any questions please contact Pastor Dave. Thanks for all your support of young people!

Faith Development/Education

ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

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

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

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

Mar. 8 - *God's Gifts through Grief*

Mar. 15 - *God's Gifts through Sacrifice*

Mar. 22 - *Being Smart/Rich/Popular Isn't Enough*

Mar. 29 - *Is the Same God in the Old Testament as the New?*

April 5 - *A Holy Week Primer*

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: Isaiah 51:1-6

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 28 - 31. Our theme is "*Discover Team Jesus!*"

The next VBS planning meeting will be March 18 at 9:00 a.m. If you'd like to help in any way (including planning), please let us know. Use the sign-up or call the office.

BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR GENESIS 2:15-17, 3:1-7

In this story of creation, God had given the man (Adam in Hebrew means "man/mankind") a call, or a way he can serve God. In the story, before the serpent (the evil one) gets the humans to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil (represents what humans can't be [God]), God had given the man a call. In chapter 2 verse 15 it says, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." (Genesis 2:15) This serves as a reminder to us that from the very beginning God has made us with a purpose and has called each of us in different ways to serve God. From the first people to us today we are created and called by 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: **Blind Trust** by: Terry Blackstock

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., MAR. 29

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. 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.

DEVOTIONAL IDEAS FOR LENT AND BEYOND

Our own Peace website has a link to the ELCA website which can connect you to a page called Enter the Bible. You can create a free account on this extensive site, which covers all the books of the Old and New Testaments. There is also a link called Everything You Wanted to Know about the Bible. It has a place for questions and also has some videos.

Another website is luthersem.edu/godpause/. The God Pause site contains daily devotions and more. Their 2020 Lenten Devotional is called *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*.

For those Facebook followers, there is a website call GodVine. It is not associated with a specific church or denomination. It too has a daily posting. Their purpose is to bring a Christian, positive light to the Internet.

And don't forget our own daily written devotional, Christ in Our Home, with more readings for each day recently added, and a whole set of Lenten written devotionals which are in the entrance area.

There are also special Lenten devotional booklets on the table here at church.

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Email _____

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

Youth

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___ (parents) I would like to chaperone.

Other Events

___ I/We will provide altar flowers for: ___ June 14 ___ June 28
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___ I/We will attend the Out to Eat Group event at Portillo's on Mar. 14.
How many? ___
___ I/We will attend the VBS planning meeting on Mar. 18.

___ **I/We will attend the Baptism and New Member Reunion Mar. 21.**
How many? ___

___ **I/We will attend the Adult Fellowship Casserole Cook-Off & Dartball.**
Mar. 22. How many? ___ Child care is needed. How many children? ___

___ I/We are interested in participating in the Chess Tournament on Mar. 24.

Theater Events

___ I would like the 1 remaining ticket for *Shakespeare's As You Like It* on June 13.

___ **I would like tickets for *Shrek the Musical* June 6. How many? ___**

___ **I would like tickets for *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In the Night-Time*, June 20. How many? ___**

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Other Ministries/Sign-ups

Everybody Read - Deuteronomy 6:4-12

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