

THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE

Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully

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

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What Is Your Net Worth?

Bill Gates of Microsoft fame is only worth 106 billion dollars. (Perhaps we should take up a “go-fund-me” collection for him, since he is only number two on the Forbes list of richest people.) Wanting to determine our own net worth or that of someone else tends not to matter most days....unless you’re looking for a loan/mortgage!

Society measures our net worth in terms of dollars, but I think God has a very different method. For example, Jesus lifted up people who were rejected by others, but whose true inner worth surpassed a Powerball winner’s by an infinite amount. God could take a stuttering loser (Moses) or a too-young boy (Jeremiah) and transform them into powerful witnesses to the people in power. Society may have pitied a poor widow and how little she had, but when she gave liberally from her heart, Jesus said her net worth was rich-beyond-belief.

Too often we measure our own worth by society’s standards of accumulated money wealth or power riches or some other model of “success.” I think God’s system is far richer and more powerful and fulfilling. This is the system that allows you to stop and have your heart moved by a video clip of a kid selling lemonade to benefit soldiers. This is the method that celebrates a less-abled person making it across a stage to receive a diploma. This is the call inside us to care about people who are cold or hungry or rejected by society whether they are black or brown or wear their hair funny or have a different version of sexuality. People who are God-type-rich bless the world because they forgive and are compassionate and humble and can respect the world as a gift to be well-managed.

I am so grateful for the people of God here at Peace and elsewhere in my life whose net worth has been off-the-charts by God’s standards, independent of their assets from the world’s point of view. When we demonstrate what God can do in and through us, we make the world richer and are worth a Bill Gates-equivalent in God’s system.

Pastor Dave Hedlin

Prayers Requested

Mark Chubb, Glenda Wilkins, Colin, Stephanie, Ervin Murray, Susan Wagner, Latonya & son, Helen Bohr, Sandi, Elias Losiniecki, Ken Winston, Pete Viehweg, Lisa Balstrode, Janice Musak, Hildegard Hansen, the Harth family, Charlie Crocker, Jayna Baggs, Eileen Krause, Nolan, Diane Sprandel, Matthew, special education workers, Lori Haag, Ron Krauch, Jr., Josh, Melissa & Justin, Tricia, Jake, Bill Reidy, Alan Booton, Katherine Ambrose, Janice M., Brad Whiteside, Josilyn, Bev Johnson, Ken Gatewood, Mark Miller, Dawn Speiden, the family of Janet Rosko, the family of Mary Pander, Alyson, Mike & baby, A.F., Kaelyn, Joanna Stasiak, Dan Folliard, Debra, Brian, Jen Arthur, John Bentley, Kevin Duffy, Samantha Danford, Robbie, Meg & family, Rick Davis, Caylin Reynhout, Gary Kelly, Elinor Trotter

Sympathy

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Don Dice, father of Julie Mathews

Welcome to the Lord’s Family

Tyler Andrew Nelson was baptized Feb. 15;

Elias Jacob Treasure was baptized Feb. 22;

Joshua Ty Spreadbury was baptized Feb. 23.

Daylight Savings Time

Before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7, be sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

Thank You Very Much!

The list that follows is for those who have done something for the first time. (If we miss someone, please let us know!) We are thankful for all the people who give of themselves to make ministry happen, even though their names don't keep getting mentioned here.

To:

Lauren Rogers – acolyte
Mark Anderson, Mike Bohl, Priscilla Huffman,
Abby Jarchow, Mike Kinsel, Olivia Koenig, Kelly
Renaud, Diane Weber, Nathaniel Knutson – nominees
for Congregation Council

Everyone who helped with or performed in the
Variety Show & Dinner

From:

Joshua Arms – for our support
Catholic Charities – for the donation
LOMC – for the donation
ELCA – for the Good Gifts donations
The Bridge Teen Center – for the donation
Aunt Martha's – for the donation
Resurrection Lutheran Church – for the donation
Santa Cruz Church – for the gifts and winter-wear
Guardian Angel Services – for the donation
Lutheran School of Theology – for the donation

Our Sponsored Missionary

Our Young Adult in Global Mission is Benjamin David from Chicago (member of Lebanon Lutheran) in Argentina. Below is his email address. When he finds a way to receive mail at his permanent housing, we will add it here. Email: btdavid94@gmail.com
Also, please feel free to follow the "YAGM Argentina-Uruguay" page on Facebook.
The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/YAGM-Argentina-Uruguay-538939472824198/>

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LOMC Memorial Day Work Weekend

LOMC will have a work weekend May 22-25. If you would like to sign up please contact Audrey at 815-732-2220 or registrations@lomc.org. Questions, contact Ken at ken@lomc.org or 815-978-5843.

Alzheimer's Association 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. There is an Alzheimer's Association Support Group meeting at Peace the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, contact Karin Knutson at karinknutson@hotmail.com.

Addiction and Family Support Group

An Addiction & Family Support Group meets here at Peace each Tuesday night from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Addiction is a family disease, because everyone in the family suffers if someone is addicted to or abusing drugs. The good news is people can and do recover and lead happy and productive lives. Please join us! This support group meeting is for those struggling, those who love someone struggling, or those who just want to learn about the epidemic of heroin and prescription pain medications in our community. For more information, contact Tom Moore at 815-354-3195.

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 located on the counter you may use. If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, please contact the office. Also, if you want to give on-line at any time, you can go to our website (www.peacenewelenox.org), click on the donate tab and then use the donate through PayPal tab. You can use most major credit cards.

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.**

2020 Member Directories

Our new phone/address directories are now available. They include a business and service directory. Look for them on the counter in the narthex starting next week. If you would like a copy but are unable to get one at church, please let us know in the church office at (815) 485-5327.

Quick Reminders

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

* **The Will-Grundy Medical Clinic** is now accepting patients for free healthcare for the uninsured and those who qualify. Appointments are available onsite or over the phone, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To schedule a free screening appointment, please call 815-726-3377, ext. 228.

***Crutches and walkers available** – The church has received crutches and walkers from members. Please feel free to contact the church office if you need to borrow one of these items.

* **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** – Suicide is not about wanting to die, but about a powerful need for pain to end. You can help someone today by reaching out, listening, and letting them know you care. Be sure that the person can reach you and several responsible others if the desire to commit suicide becomes strong or if he/she just feels the need to talk to someone. Give the individual the names and telephone numbers of people who could be contacted and if possible, have the person meet these people. Give them the suicide prevention hotline. **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** are always located in the entrance area. Let's remember to keep in mind to spread the word that no one is alone in a time of need. Suicide destroys everyone who cares! Help someone today who is reaching out for help by picking up the cards and being attentive to what people are saying about their lives. Crisis Line – 815-469-6166, text line – 741741, and online – www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

* **Bereavement Support Groups**

- *GriefShare* – Not currently meeting – please watch the newsletter.

- *Evening Adult Support Group* – Meets the third Thursday of the month, (with the exception of the month of March), December - June 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Joliet Area Community Hospice, *donation appreciated*.

- *Afternoon Adult Support Group* – Meets the second Friday of the month, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Joliet Area Community Hospice, *donation appreciated*.

For other services offered, including individual counseling, parent support and general grief support, please visit the Joliet Area Community Hospice website: www.joliethospice.org or call 815-740-4104.

***Thrivent members** – For those of you who have Thrivent dollars to donate, don't forget Peace is one of those choices.

* **LSSI's Joshua Arms Website** - Joshua Arms has a website that makes it easy for visitors to see all that the affordable senior housing development in Joliet has to offer. Visit the site at www.LSSI.org/JoshuaArms. Located at 1315 Rowell in a tree-lined residential area, Joshua Arms offers 186 independent, apartment-style units and 56 supportive living units, where residents can receive three meals a day, housekeeping and other daily living services. The new website is an easy to use tool for potential residents and family members to learn about Joshua Arms, including eligibility and floor plans.

***Cleaning for a Reason** – Provides free housecleaning once a month for 4 months for women currently undergoing chemotherapy. For more information or to sign up please go to: www.cleaningforareason.org/cancer_patients_acct.html. You will need a doctor's note confirming treatment to sign up and have a participating maid service in your zip code area arrange for service. This organization serves the entire US and currently has 547 partners.

Helping Santa Cruz's Food Pantry

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food pantry & resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. We have a list now of specific items they can use in their pantry. You can bring these anytime and put them in the baskets in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall.

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| cereal (all kinds) | canned fruit |
| coffee (ground) all kinds | creamers (powdered) |
| ice cream cones (summer only) | juices |
| hand soap (bar & liquid) | toothpaste |
| dish soap | disposable diapers |

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.

Follow Us on Social Media

Snapchat: [plutheranchurch](#)

Instagram: [peacechurch1062](#)

Twitter: [peacechurch1062](#)

Facebook: [Peace Lutheran Church](#)

Deacon Shari will be updating Facebook each month and the youth will be keeping up with the other three.

Ruth Circle Quilters – Mon., Mar. 9 & 23

Quilters meet every other Monday at 9:00 a.m. No experience necessary. You just have to know how to have fun to join. Questions, contact Karen Dircks 815-462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom 708-479-7338.

Prayer Shawl – Wed., Mar. 4 & 18

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. We meet every other Wed. at 6:00 p.m. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. Questions, contact Cheryl Gamen at 815-462-3089. There is request box in the narthex if you know someone in need of a shawl.

Men's Dartball – Tues., Mar. 10

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

Out to Eat Group – Sat., Mar. 14

The Out to Eat Group next heads for Portillo's on Sat., March 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.

Ping Pong Club – Sun., Mar. 15

The ping pong club meets on the third Sunday of the month at noon. If you think you may want to join, let the church office know your name and email address, and you will be added to the email reminders.

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 will have a speaker from Riverside to discuss maintaining our memory, plus celebrate Norma's birthday! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

Peace Buddies – Sun., Mar. 22

For our March 22 meeting we will be having a St. Patty's Day Party and a community service event. Peace Buddies is a special needs youth group for high school age and older that meets on the third Sunday of the month from **noon – 2:00 p.m.** You do not have to be a part of our church to join us.

Strong Seniors Exercise Group

Join us for a low impact, do what you can exercise program for seniors. We meet Mondays 12 noon - 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Casserole Cookoff & Dartball – Sun., Mar. 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 Sunday, 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; experience doesn't help. Please use the sign-up or call the church office!

Chess Tournament – Tues., Mar. 24

Calling all chess players! We now have a confirmed date for Peace's first chess tournament: Tuesday, 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. Whether you win or lose, the tournament will be a hoot!

Peace Page Turners – Sun., Mar. 29

The next meeting of the Peace Page Turners will be Mar. 29 at 9:45 a.m. We will discuss *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. All are welcome. Questions please contact Kathy at 815-545-2806.

Adult Class Topics...

Come to our Sunday ***weekly adult class***. It usually meets in the back of the sanctuary, starting about 9:55. Here are the scheduled topics for the coming month.

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'll pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write 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.

Blood Drive – Sat., Apr. 4

Thank you to everyone who donated in February. We registered 29 and collected 29 (including 2 double reds) and had 4 deferrals which is very low considering all the colds and flu we are encountering ...WOW!! Our next Heartland blood drive will be Apr. 4 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Health Care Ministry - Blood Pressure Screenings – 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 clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, please contact Marylynn Tyler at 815-423-6407.

Peace Circle of Prayer Ministry

If you would like special prayers said for someone, we have a Circle of Prayer ministry that is ready to help. Just let the office know of a particular need for prayer. We will send out an email to the praying volunteers with that need. Each will offer prayer on his or her own schedule.

Looking Ahead...

Mar. 6-8 – *Antioch Retreat*

Mar. 7 – *Worship Prep Team Orientation 9:30 a.m.*

Mar. 7/8 – *Girl Scout Weekend*

Mar. 8 – *Easter Lily order deadline*

Mar. 18 – *VBS Planning Meeting 9:00 a.m.*

Mar. 21 – *Baptism & New Member Event 6:00 p.m.*

Apr. 4 – *Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

Special Prayers for Healing 5:00 p.m.

Apr. 5 – *Palm Sunday*

Mental Health First Aid 12:00 noon

Apr. 9 – *Meal in the Upper Room 6:30*

Maundy Thursday Worship 8:00

Apr. 10 – *Good Friday Crosswalks –*

Cross Walk in New Lenox (starts at St. Jude's) @ 10:00 a.m.

Cross Walk in Frankfort (starts at St. Peter's) @ 12:30 p.m.

Good Friday Worship 7:30

Good Friday Vigil - from after worship until 9:00 p.m.

Apr. 11 – *Easter Eve Worship 5:00*

Apr. 12 – *Easter Sunday worship 8:30 & 11:00*

Easter Breakfast 9:45 (no Sunday School)

Apr. 19 – *New Member Orientations 9:45 & 6:30*

Apr. 26 – *Reception of New Members 11:00*

New Member Luncheon 12 noon

May 9 – *Baptism Orientation 3:30 p.m.*

May 17 – *Confirmation Sunday 11:00 (1st option)*

May 31 – *Confirmation Sunday 11:00 (2nd option)*

July 28 - 31 – *Vacation Bible School*

Souper/Super Bowl Results

Thank you to everyone who donated for the Souper/Super Bowl. We collected \$603 and 20 food items to help feed the hungry.

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.

Holy Week and Easter Worship

April 9

6:30 p.m. - Meal in the Upper Room

8:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Worship

April 10

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 at Peace Church
followed by Vigil until 9:00 p.m.

April 11

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

April 12

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Communion Festival Worship

9:45 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

Meal in the Upper Room – Thurs., Apr. 9

You are invited to the Maundy Thursday celebration of the "Meal in the Upper Room" on Apr. 9, 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 are inspired by God's word and special music. Questions, please contact Jan Bentley (815-485-3273) or Deb Howell (815-838-8478). Because of the special nature of this event, many volunteers are needed. Please call the church office if you are willing to help or if you would like to attend. The deadline to sign up is Apr. 5. Childcare is available. There is a maximum of 150 people for this meal, so be sure to sign up.

Good Friday Vigil – Fri., Apr. 10

After the 7:30 p.m. worship service on Good Friday, we are once again offering an opportunity to quietly reflect and pray in the darkened sanctuary. The church will be open from after worship until 9:00 p.m. to anyone who would like to participate.

Easter Breakfast – Sun., Apr. 12

This year's Easter breakfast on April 12 will begin about 9:45 after the 8:30 a.m. service and will conclude about 10:30 a.m. 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 in the bulletin.

Lenten Devotionals

This year we will have Lenten calendars and bookmarks with suggested daily Bible readings as well as devotionals for young adults and children. Look for them on the table in the narthex in the middle of Feb.

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.

Lenten Opportunities

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

Easter Lily Order Deadline – Mar. 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 deadline to order is Mar. 8. The cost of the plants is \$12.

From Deacon Shari Trotter

Dear Members and Friends of Peace,

This month there will be several youth events. However, the largest of those youth events is Antioch. The theme for Antioch this year is H.I.P.P.O. Please ask our youth what this stands for! We will spend some time during the weekend learning about and exploring God's promises to God's people. Another word often used for God's promises is covenant. I am looking forward to, with the help of many amazing volunteers, teaching our youth about the covenants that God has made with the Church and all creation.

You might be able to name some of them or perhaps remember the stories. God makes a covenant with Noah, Abraham, Israel, and King David. With each covenant or promise God makes relationship with God's people and there is a partnership that is born. We know though that people often fall short of the promises that we have made to God. Over and over again God's people break their part of the agreement or covenant.

At Antioch we will talk about why it is hard to keep our promises to God and we will be reminded that even though we break our promises God is faithful and creates a new covenant with us. We will explore together God's final covenant with the Church and all creation. God knew that people could not on their own keep their promises. Temptation and sin get the best of each of us from time to time and there is grace for that.

God sent a final covenant, a final promise to restore the relationship between God and God's people! I wonder if you can guess who that is? Let me give you a hint; "This is my blood, the new covenant, shed for you and for all people" the right answer is always Jesus. I am excited to invite our youth to understand their relationship to Jesus in a new way. We will investigate Jesus as promise to us and to all people. What does it mean that God gave God's self as a promise that we would always be forgiven and always be special to God?

These are giant and complex ideas! I invite you, the adults of our congregation to explore these ideas too and engage our youth in conversation about it.

While at Antioch we will be watching a video from *The Bible Project* on Covenants. It could be fun to watch that video on your own. This video will set the tone for our conversation and it will be something our youth can refer back to. To find the video you go to <https://bibleproject.com/explore/covenants/>. I find the videos on this site to be very entertaining but also really informative. Feel free to explore the other videos while you are on the site.

My hope is that as our youth grow in an understanding of Jesus as promise that we as a congregation will grow too. May your March be filled with wonder about our awesome God and the gift of relationship that he has given to each of us!

God's Peace ~ *Deacon Shari Trotter*

VBS theme and dates announced

Next planning meeting – Wed., Mar. 18

Our amazing Vacation Bible School planning crew met and has created another outstanding opportunity for kids (and volunteers) to grow closer to God. Our theme will be *Discover Team Jesus*. The dates will be July 28 -31. The next planning meeting will be Mar. 18 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. Please register online or you can find registration forms on the counter in the narthex.

Baptism & New Member Reunion Event – Sat., Mar. 21

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 Saturday, March 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 games/activities.

New Member Orientation – Sun., Apr. 19

We will be receiving new members again in April. The orientations are Apr. 19, at 9:45 and 6:30; the reception of new members will be April 26 during the 11:00 worship followed by a luncheon at noon. Please call the church office to let us know if you'll be involved.

Results of Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting on Feb. 16 was another opportunity to celebrate the ministries of people doing God's work. We are very grateful for all those who were nominated to serve on the Council (see the thank you list). Those elected for a two-year term were Mike Bohl, Priscilla Huffman, Abby Jarchow, Olivia Koenig and Diane Weber. Elected to serve as our youth representative was Nathaniel Knutson. Our Nominating Committee for 2021 will consist of Syndy Lindbloom, Al Davenport, Olivia Koenig, Chris Jarchow, Michele Lenz, Karen Town.

Youth Announcements

High School

Peace 360 Meets Sundays at 4-7 p.m.!

Attention all high school youth! Have you ever wished that there was a place that you could hang with your friends from church and elsewhere? Peace 360! meets most weekends on Sunday evenings at 4:00 p.m. If you can't make it every week, that's okay. Whenever you can be here, you'll be a welcome addition!

Sun., Mar. 1 – Movie night

Sun., Mar. 8 – No meeting

Sun., Mar. 15 – Game Night/ chicken & waffles

Sun., Mar. 22 – Top Golf /dinner out

Sun., Mar. 29 – Dinner and discussions/ kabobs

Confirmation Schedule - Wednesdays

7th Gr. Confirmation: Mar. 4 & 18 Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

8th Gr. Confirmation: Mar. 11 & 25 Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

7th & 8th Gr. Together: Apr. 1 Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

8th Gr. mandatory meeting: May 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Students and a parent /other adult should attend.

Confirmation Sundays are May 17 & May 31, 2020

Bible Buddies – Wed., Apr. 1

3rd-6th graders are welcome to join the HS youth and Deacon Shari for a bible lesson on Apr. 1 at 7:00p.m.! Kids are welcome to eat dinner with us at 6:30 p.m. (suggested \$3 donation for pizza). Please let us know if your youth would like to attend.

3/4th & 5/6th Gr. Pizza and Painting Party – Mar. 15

3rd /4th gr. & 5th/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.

7th-12th Gr. Antioch Weekend Mar. 6-8

7th - 12th grade youth, that have signed up, will gather for this weekend-long spiritual retreat. The name Antioch comes from the book of Acts, after a group of people studied together and learned what it meant to be a Christian (Act 11). This retreat will be a time of prayer, worship, friendship and fun. This year's retreat will be from 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 6 until approximately 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 8. The cost of the retreat is \$25 (don't forget about the Hope Fund if needed). March 7 we are going to a FMSC packing site in Schaumburg!!

3rd-6th Gr. BYG at LOMC – Mar. 20-21

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! Vicar Mike and a few adult chaperones will take our kids on this overnight experience. We hope to bring our youth together and help keep our group strong and growing.

Sunday School Collection

During the year, the 5/6th graders would like to help one of our local pet shelters. Here is a list of items that they need. You can drop items off in the Sunday School office or in the 5 & 6th grade classroom. Canned dog, cat or kitten food(any brand), dry dog food (chicken flavor is preferable and we typically feed Purina One), cat litter (scoop able), paper towels, laundry detergent, trash bags (13 and 33 gallon), and gift cards to pet supply stores or hardware stores.

Youth Events Looking Ahead...

Mar. 6, 7, & 8 – 7-12th grade Antioch Weekend
Sun., Mar. 15 – 5/6th grade Pizza and Painting
Wed. April 1 – 3-6th gr. Bible buddies at 7:00 p.m.
Sun., April 19 – 7/8th grade Service Project around Peace. Indoor and outdoor clean up 10a.m. – 3:00p.m.
Sat., April 25 – 5/6th grade In-house escape room 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.
Sun., April 26 – 7/8th Kids & Adults End of the Year luncheon at noon.

Building assets in youth and community

Our asset this month is **Personal Powers (Responsible Decision Making)**. *A young person feels that he or she has control over “what happens to me”.*

“It takes both sides to build a bridge.” ~ Frederick Noel

Here are some suggestions for how to help this asset happen at home, at school, in the community, and in church or public organization.

At home:

Express confidence in your children’s abilities. Help them understand the difference between what we can and cannot control.

At school:

Actively involve students in decision making with in the school.

In the community:

Recognize and affirm young people who demonstrate good judgement.

In the church or public organization:

Give youth a say in planning activities for the youth program.

Understanding Mental Health & Mental Illness - Sun., Apr. 5

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 Sunday, April 5, starting at noon by Carole Robinson from Linden Oaks Medica 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 be available. Please register with the church office by phone or email peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.

Baptism Orientation – Sat., May 9

Saturday, May 9, at 3:30 p.m., marks the next baptism orientation class for those who wish to have children baptized at Peace in the next few months.

Tickets Available

Shakespeare’s As You Like It – Sat., June 13, 3:00 p.m. at the Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier. This high-spirited version infuses Shakespeare’s comedy with the hit songs of The Beatles! Tickets are \$72. 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, 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 - Sat. June 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Drama Group Theatre in Chicago Heights. This drama tells the story of Christopher, at 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, at 7:30 p.m. at The Theatre in Munster. “Fats” Waller was an American Jazz pianist, organist, composer, violinist, singer and comedied 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, 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.**

Business Attire Collection

Our Warm Coat campaign has once again brought an overwhelming, wonderful response. Now we switch our emphasis to another need: clothes for people who are seeking employment (interviews and jobs). The Will County Center for Community Concerns helps people who are unemployed find jobs, including training them for interviews and for how to dress for success. Many of the people do not have adequate clothing. We can help! We're looking for business attire and business casual clothing, including gently used shoes. Look through your closets for suits, sports coats, ties, shirts, blouses, dresses, skirts, pants, sweaters, whatever **you think would** help someone get and keep a job! We'll use the same bin to collect these items.

Lawn Mowing

We have hired a company to mow the north half (eliminating the part with the slope along Hwy. 30, which is quite steep) and the part along the east side of the parking lot. Most of the time you can pick whether to mow on Friday or Saturday. Most mowers took between 1 to 1.5 hours (basically it's south of the building.) You'll still get to ride the John Deere! So, if you'd like a turn to mow this year, let us know. Use the sign-up or call/email the office to volunteer.

Questions Kids Ask 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!

Caregiver Tip of the Month

Roses are red. Violets are blue. Petunias are white. Lilies are too. Daffodils are yellow. Crocus are purple and Tulips come in all shades and colors. Buy a bouquet for **YOU** today!! Pick a **BIG** one!! You deserve it! Smell the roses. Enjoy the hues. Fill your heart with joy and may God bless you always.

(For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex.)

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."

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: May 31, June 14 & 28, July 12, 19, 26. plus many others.

Sunday School Teachers/Helpers Wanted

Parents/guardians, have you ever been interested in teaching, being a substitute, or a helper for our Sunday School? A few of our teachers have had some life changes and they can no longer teach Sunday School. We are looking for energetic parents/guardians to help with our Sunday School program for next year. If you or anyone you know would like to help, please let Pastor Dave or the Sunday School office know.

Summer Camps

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center's 2020 activities brochure (at www.lomc.org) is now available. You can also check out brochures from Lutherdale in Wisconsin (<http://www.lutherdale.org>), (www.lutherdale.org) and Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort (www.manitoqua.org).

Operation Care Package

Operation Care Package is an all-volunteer 501 C-3 Public Charity based in Manhattan. We ship "Care" packages to deployed troops weekly. Our organization is about supporting the men and women who bravely answer the call to duty for you, me and our country. If you know a service person, please submit their name, address, birthday, and date deployment ends. Call Pam Swyndro at 815-258-0474 or email jpswyn.att.net.

Katie's Closet Feeding Ministry

The Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago's food closet for its seminarians is low on supplies. We will be having 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.

Recyclable & Craft Donations for KidsWork Children's Museum

In order to have a cost-effective craft area for the children who visit the KidsWork Museum in Frankfort, they rely on donations of clean, recyclable materials. **Please make sure your items are clean before dropping them off.** They are in need of egg cartons, toilet paper & paper towel tubes, and yogurt containers. Crafty items like full sheets of felt, buttons, sequins, pipe cleaners and googly eyes would all be appreciated. Also, donations of plastic 35mm film canisters and unwanted CDs would be useful for STEM projects for this year's summer camp.