

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 14 & March 15, 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
Substitute Bell Choir Director	Ken George
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Priscilla Huffman
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Nathaniel Knutson
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Syndy Lindbloom
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Don Lafferty
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Diane Weber
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Mike Svancarek
Acolyte (5:00)	Peyton Arthur
Acolyte (8:30)	Ryan Rajaballey
Acolyte (11:00)	Helen Ambrose
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Morgan Barlow & Kolin Dotzenrod
Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)	Annika Woerner, Natalie Pfeffer
Ushers (5:00)	Bruce Vollrath & Tyler Wolf
Ushers (8:30)	Ken Gatewood, Renee Gatewood, Alec Boyens, Tony Gerasch
Ushers (11:00)	Deb Hypke, Duane Hypke, Ava Murphy, Janet Stoller
Greeters (5:00)	Rich Dohrn
Greeters (8:30)	The Darley Family
Communion Servers (11:00)	Jacob Cole, Kathy Drews
	Angie Klock, Todd Klock, Bethany Smothers
Bread Provider (11:00)	Keith Boer
Refreshments (5:00)	Tammy Dunn
Refreshments (8:30)	Jaiden Lawless, Beth & Martina Lohmar, Wendy Marotta
Offering Counters	Dan Kahl, Diane Kahl, Ellen DeMik, Jonah DeMik
	Cathy Arenz

The altar flowers are given by Kathy Jesk in celebration of her husband Terry's 83rd birthday; also given by Mark Nelson in memory of Pat and Gerald Feist and Norman and Alice Nelson.

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. 15 - Children's Choir Rehearsal - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & Teen Bible Study - 9:45 a.m.

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

3rd/4th and 5th/6th Grade Pizza and Painting Party - 12:00 p.m.

Scholarship Committee Meeting - 12:00 p.m.

Scholarship Interviews - 12:30 p.m.

Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 16 - Strong Seniors Exercise Group - 12:00 p.m.

Tues., Mar. 17 - Trailblazers Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.

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

Wed., Mar. 18 - VBS Planning Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise - 11:15 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.

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

Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:15 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 20 - Sat., Mar. 21 - BYG Overnight at LOMC 3rd -6th Grade

Sat., Mar. 21 - Baptism and New Member Reunion Event - 6:00 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 22 - Sunday School & Teen Bible Study - 9:45 a.m.

Prayers of Intercession Planning Meeting - 9:45 a.m.

Adult Education Hour - *Being Smart/Rich/Popular Isn't Enough* 9:55 a.m.

SCS Easter Egg Hunt - 9:55 a.m.

Ping Pong Group - 12:00 p.m. **(note date change)**

Peace Buddies - St. Patty Party & Community Service - 12:00 p.m.

Peace 360

Adult Fellowship: Casserole & Dartball - 6:00 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 23 - Ruth Circle Quilters - 9:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Group - 12:00 p.m.

Tues., Mar. 24 - Chess Tournament - 6:30 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.

March 15 - Movie Night!

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 - 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!

THE HOPE FUND

If your child(ren) would like to participate in a youth event but the cost is keeping him/her/they 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT - SUN., MAR.29

During Sunday School hour on March 29, the kids will be hunting for Easter eggs!

7/8TH GR. CLEAN UP DAY - SAT., APR. 18

On April 18 we will meet here at the church from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. to help clean up around the church. Please wear clothes you can get dirty in and closed toed shoes. Our clean up projects will range from wiping down tables to cleaning up around the out side of the church. Lunch will be served. Please use the sign up in the narthex, online, or in the bulletin.

7TH & 8TH KIDS & ADULTS END OF YEAR LUNCH - APR. 26

The last Kids & Adults get together of the year will be on Sun., April 26 at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of our Kids & Adults get together is for the youth to meet and get know other adults in the congregation. This year we will join the New Members Luncheon for some food and fellowship!

Confirmation Parents: The family is invited! Please RSVP to let us know how many will be attending the luncheon by calling or emailing the church office, use the online sign up on our church website, or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin. Come & enjoy!

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.

Vern Sandborn, the family of Dr. Burnette, the family of Ceily Marcath, Carly (safe travels), Bill Sandt, Tom DeMik, Logan Treesdell, Kathy Kreutzer & Cindy Anderson (cancer treatment), Julian & Gail Hanks, Vern Sanborn (emergency surgery), Eli Hrnhak, Jennifer Thompson (Chubb) (new job), Mark Chubb (back injury), Chuck Olson, Rick Tilquist (recovery), Jen Arthur (recovery), 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, 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...

Meg, Ella Putrich (health concerns), Bill Sykes, Elinor Trotter, Kevin Duffy, Robbie (seizures stop), Meg & family, Rick Davis, Caylin Reynhout, Gary Kelly, 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 (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, 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, 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, Daniel Lauer

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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. 23

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., APR. 14

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 celebrate Norma's birthday! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

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

NEW TICKET IDEA? SIMON & GARFUNKEL STORY

We are exploring how many would be interested in seeing the *Simon & Garfunkel Story* downtown Chicago on Sunday, May 17, at 2:00. If we have at least 10, then we can get first balcony tickets for \$38.00 each! We need to act fast on this one, so let us know by March 29.

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.**

CHESS TOURNAMENT - 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!

Thank you

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$12,912.00** at worship plus another **\$2,916** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **292**. 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

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 Service at Peace Church

From after worship until 9:00 p.m. - Good Friday Vigil at Peace

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 April 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 will be inspired by God's word and special music. Please contact Jan Bentley (815-485-3273) or Deb Howell (815-838-8478) with questions. Because of the special nature of this event, many volunteers are needed. Use the sign-up or call the church office if you are willing to help or if you would like to attend (deadline is April 6). Childcare is available. There is a maximum of 150 people for this meal, so be sure to sign up.

New This Week

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECEPTION, SUN., APR. 19 & 26

We will be privileged once again to welcome more people officially to become partners with us in our mission of spreading the Gospel and growing in faith. The three-part orientation and get-acquainted sessions will take place (1) on Sunday, April 19, during the 9:45 education hour at church; (2) at 6:30 p.m. that evening at the church; (3) on April 26, during the luncheon that follows the actual reception of new members, which is at the 11:00 a.m. worship service that day. If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, use the sign-up, call the church office at 815-485-5327 or see Pastor Dave.

NEW MEMBER SPONSORS

We want new members to feel welcome. Having sponsors is one key element. The "job description" for our sponsors includes the New Member Orientation Class on April 19, at 9:45 a.m., plus the 11:00 worship and luncheon on April 26. We would also like you to keep in contact with your new members from time to time. If you are interested, please call the office or use the sign-up slip.

SALADS & DESSERTS FOR NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON SUN., APR. 26

We appreciate volunteers who are willing to provide a salad, dessert, bread/ rolls, etc. for the new member luncheon on April 26. If you could provide any of these, please use the sign-up in the bulletin or call the church office. You will be reminded at a later date. (Also, please put your name on the item and/or give a recipe if you made it. We sometimes get requests from time to time asking for recipes or where and what people bought at the store.)

PICKLEBALL INTEREST? LET US KNOW!

Anyone interested in learning the fastest growing sport in the world? Come join us for fun exercise and learn the social/competitive game of Pickleball! Have you ever played tennis, table tennis, racquetball, badminton, or anything which required hand eye coordination? C'mon people, I'm sure you have at least swatted a fly before! Pickleball is a cross between tennis and table tennis, played with paddles and a hard wiffleball. Please sign up and indicate what times are best for you....weeknights, or weekends or both. We are looking to start this activity as soon as mid May or June...depending on weather, outside court availability and your interest. We will teach you and even provide paddles and balls. So get off that couch or lawn chair and let's play some Pickleball! Questions? Contact Al Davenport (708-977-7339) or al.davenport@comcast.net

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.

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!

CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

We have a team that has been working over the past few months to bring our social media pages up to date and to post regular content to them. Ways you can help to promote our pages and our church are to follow our pages and engaging our content by commenting, liking, and sharing our posts. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the handle @PeaceNewLenox.

General Announcements

AMAZON SMILE DONATION THANKS

We received word that another \$72.78 has been sent to Peace through the Amazon Smile Foundation's donation program; thanks to all who have used it! If you would like to designate Peace (or some other worthy cause) as a beneficiary of the program, just use <https://smile.amazon.com> as the go-to site. Everything else is the same and it costs you nothing.

LAWN MOWING

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

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 school is: Work to build social competencies in your child. This week's idea for our school is: Actively involve students in decision making within the school.**

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.)

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 28, July 12, Aug. 2 & 9, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, plus many others.**

General Announcements

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., MAY 10

Our next monthly screening date (because of Easter in April) is **Sun., May 10**, 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!)

BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBER REUNION, 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 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.

WISH LIST

From time to time, people want to make "above and beyond" financial gifts to the church. These gifts are not in place of regular, faithful stewardship – giving from the heart, off the top. Instead they are signs of extra gratitude/joy for the blessings of God. If you would like to make one of those gifts, see Pastor Dave for a list of items that are on his wish list (beyond the budget.)

Groups

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.

Fellowship Opportunities

EASTER BREAKFAST - SUN., APR. 12

This year's Easter Breakfast on April 12 will begin about 9:45 a.m. after the 8:30 a.m. service. It will feature eggs and three kinds of meat, pancakes, French toast, fruit, juice, coffee, etc. The cost is a free will offering. Please call the church office or use the sign up slip in the bulletin.

GOLF GROUP

The golf group will be playing each week this year. Each Wednesday at 10 am the group will play 9 holes, best ball format (usually at Woodruff or Green Garden courses). We typically eat lunch at the course and finish around 1:15 pm. You do not need to be a "good" golfer to play, our goal is to have fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. We will start around April 8, weather permitting.

Each week Mike will send out an email to the interested golfers to find out who is playing, schedule a tee time, and email players when and where to meet. We play in temperatures between 50° and 90°. You do not have to play every week. Questions or to sign up, contact Mike 815-277-2636 or mbohl1@gmail.com. You may also use the sign-up in the bulletin or contact the church office.

More 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.*)

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.)

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., MAR. 18

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. 18**. 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.

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.

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 EXODUS 17:1-7

Moses's task of leading the Israelites is not an easy one. The Israelites in Exodus appear to do nothing but complain. In this text, they are complaining that they have no water and are questioning why they even left Egypt. God provides for both the Israelites and Moses. God provides water for the Israelites, and he does so in a way that instills the Israelites with more faith in Moses's leadership ability. These examples support a larger theme throughout Exodus that no matter the situation we find ourselves in God will provide.

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: ***Chalkdust - Prayer Meditations for Teachers* by Elspeth Campbell Murphy.**

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.

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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

Youth

Confirmation Parents: We will attend the Kids & Adults Luncheon April 26.

How many? _____

8th Grade Confirmants:

I will participate in the following Confirmation date: _____ May 17 _____ May 31

5th/6th gr.

_____ **My youth would like to attend Bible Buddies on April 1.**

7/8th gr.

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Other Events

_____ I/We will provide altar flowers for: _____ June 28 _____ July 12 _____ Aug. 2 _____ Aug. 9
_____ Sept. 27 _____ Oct. 4

_____ I/We will attend the VBS planning meeting on Mar. 18.

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_____ **I/We are interested in Pickleball! _____ weekends _____ weeknights _____ both**

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Holy Week & Easter Events

_____ I/We will attend the "Meal in the Upper Room" April 9.

How many? _____ I need childcare _____

I would be willing to help with the Meal in the Upper Room by....

_____ Reading an assigned verse. Name(s) _____

_____ Helping set-up the room Wednesday evening.

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_____ I/We will attend the Easter Breakfast on April 12.

How many? Adults _____ Children _____

I/We can help with set-up on Saturday morning. _____

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New Member Events

_____ **I/We will come to the New Member Orientation April 19.**

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_____ **I/We are willing to bring food &/or help for the next new member luncheon on April 26.**

_____ **Salad _____ Dessert _____ Rolls _____ Set up/serve &/or clean up**

Other Ministries/Sign-ups

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

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