

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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Good and Bad Conductors

When it comes to wanting electricity to flow, using silver and copper are smart choices. When it comes to cooking, the pans on top of the stove will always be metal of some kind – some “quick” like aluminum, and some “slow” like cast iron. But when it comes to holding on to a pot, or wrapping a wire where electricity is flowing, you don’t want more metal. You want a poor conductor, like wood or plastic.

Human beings are conductors, too. The Gospel of God made known in Jesus invites us to be good conductors, which has nothing to do with how well an electric current flows through us or how much heat we give off (or whether we keep time to music!) It has everything to do with how well the good news of God is transmitted. As you look around, it is easy to see bad conductors. Mercifully, the ads for candidates for elections will soon be over. The ratio of commercials where “the other person is a bum” compared to uplifting ones has to be 5:1. Positive leadership seems to be lacking on the national scene. Local news has its own share of people who are out to hurt, fleece, exclude, denigrate others. Those are not conducting what God wants.

So, let’s concentrate on some great conductors, instead. Take the work of ELCA’s World Hunger and Disaster Appeal ministries. All over the world they are (on our behalf and with your support), providing sustainable food programs, education, dignity, hope, and so much more. In this month, another amazing effort will be made by people in this congregation to provide a Thanksgiving dinner, provide warm coats, provide candy to soldiers, provide ministry to nursing homes, provide gifts to children, and more. You will listen to people who need a caring ear; you will snuggle children and soothe their wounds and worries; you will encourage the discouraged; and more.

I will give thanks this month for you and the witness of so many people in this congregation and throughout the world who have allowed God’s love and forgiveness and mercy to flow through them – it makes a huge difference. We can’t make someone else into a good conductor, but we ourselves can be “silver” and not “wood”!

Pastor Dave Hedlin

Prayers Requested

Paul-Leon & Erica Desaulnier, the family of Elaine DuBois, Sandy Losiniecki, Cindy Anderson, Siri Moss, Michel Nachev, Joyce, Heather, Bess, Rob Boland, Anne Powell, Deacon Shari, Sue Rushing, Joyce Condon, Alwyn Dohrn, Terry, Carl, Gwen, Don, Lorraine Dohrn, Carol Hennessey, David & Linda, Ken Gatewood, Edith Saurer, Brian, Leo Szpak, Lillie Conway, Kevin Conway Jr., Nicole Marchese, Spindler family, Sharon Rausch, Bruce, Marijo & Judy, Joyce, Brenna Lovell, Orville Broadrick, Barbara Hassig, Carol Torkelson, Glenn

Sympathy

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Ernie Ambrose, father of John Ambrose

the family of Benny Ortiz, father of Monica Medows

the family of Evilena Molthan, mother of Carol Vollrath

the family of Don Slusarski, father of Dennis Slusarski

Congratulations

Jake Dittman & Jamie King on their marriage, Oct. 7;

Nick & Jill Burger (Duncan), parents, and Rick & Judy Mitchell, grandparents, on the birth of Charlee June Burger on Oct. 8.

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:

Nicole Krneta Rogers, Frank Brazzale, George Rumbaugh – lawn mowing
Helen Ambrose – nursery
Winnie Nyhus – Out-to-Eat Group coordination
Jan Bentley & Deb Howell – Vow Renewal reception
Jeff & Kristin Bell Family – ushers
Emersynn Smith – communion server
Joel Peterson & Lynn Taeger Peterson – Peace Buddies pumpkin carving
All the instrumentalists for Reformation Sunday

From:

Mickie Nacker – for the prayer shawl
Miniature Group – for use of the church for meetings
Manteno Christmas Baskets – for the quilts

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.

Our Missionary

Louisa Ishida is from Villa Park, graduated from Valparaiso University, and will be serving in Swaziland in Southern Africa. Her blog address is <https://eswatiniexperience.wordpress.com/> so you can keep up to date on what is going on. Look on our bulletin board on the way into Fellowship Hall for more information. Her physical address is:
PostNet Suite 30
Private Bag X6
Cascades
3203
South Africa

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.

Addresses for Service Personnel

Mail for one of our members serving overseas in the military can be sent to:
MA 3Connor Wayne Baker
PSC 455 Box 173
FPO AP 96540-1070

GriefShare Ministry

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you heal after losing a loved one. The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days. They meet on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. If you would like more information, contact Janet, Margie, or Pat at griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com.

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.

Welcome to the Lord's Family

Dylan Joshua Eaton was baptized on Oct. 7;

Isabella Grace Ott was baptized on Oct. 14;

Sullivan James McDivitt was baptized on Oct. 20;

Skylar Bree Donegan was baptized on Oct. 27.

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Nov. 25**. 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. For patient eligibility information: <http://willgrundymedicalclinic.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Eligibility.pdf>.

***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* – Meets each Monday at 6:30 p.m.

(Will not be meeting Dec. 24 or Dec. 31)

- *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 Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in your zip code area arrange for service. This organization serves the entire US and currently has 547 partners to help these women.

***New Lenox Township Operation Santa**

Homebound seniors will be visited by Santa and his carolers, who will present a gift bag, on Dec. 8. If you or anyone you know would like to be included in this program, contact Kathy Johnson 815-717-6221. Volunteers and donated items are also needed.

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 on the floor heading into Fellowship Hall.

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

Golden Opportunities Books are back

We are once again offering Golden Opportunity books. They're filled with savings coupons for many different types of places, from food to entertainment to carwashes. This year's edition has arrived and are \$25 each. (A portion of that goes to youth-related ministries.) We hope this helps you get some good bargains!

Ruth Circle Quilters – Mon., Nov. 5 & 19

Quilting meets 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 815- 462-9527 or Syndy 708-479-7338.

Prayer Shawl – Wed., Nov. 14 & 28

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 815-462-3089. If you know someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, look for the request box on the narthex counter.

Men's Dartball – Tues., Nov. 13

Dartball meets on the second Tues. 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. (Who's idea is that???)

Peace Page Turners – Sun., Nov. 18

The next meeting will be Nov. 18 at 9:45 a.m. We will be discussing *Elephant Company: the inspiring story of an unlikely hero and the animals who helped him save lives in World War II* by Vicki Constantine Croke. All are welcome. Join us even if you haven't read the book. Questions, contact Kathy at 815-545-2806.

Trailblazers – Tues., Nov. 20

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 20., at noon here at church. The menu will be baked and fried chicken and you bring something you'd enjoy sharing with the group. We'll also be playing Bingo. If you have any questions, contact the church office. Invite a friend!

Peace Buddies – Sun., Nov. 18.

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.

Ping Pong Club– Sun., Nov. 11

The ping pong club meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. But in November, **we'll meet a week early because of the ecumenical Thanksgiving worship.** Please join us for some fun and camaraderie on Nov. 11. The new format includes some singles and some doubles playing among whoever shows up.

Adult Fellowship Wine Tasting Event – Sat., Nov. 10

Mark your calendars and come and enjoy a relaxing evening with good conversation. The Adult Fellowship Wine Tasting will be at Claudia Green's house on Saturday, Nov. 10, starting at 6:15 p.m. Bring along your favorite bottle of wine and an appetizer or dessert to share. If there is a special reason or story behind your choice of wine—feel free to share that too. There will be soft drinks available, too, of course. Please use the sign up slip in the bulletin or call Claudia Green 815- 485-3712 if you are planning on attending.

Faith Discussion Group – Thurs., Nov. 15

Our small group meets once a month to discuss various topics, to deepen our faith and build relationships within the group. We welcome anyone to join - men and women of all ages - you do not have to attend all meetings! The next is on Nov.15 at 7:00 p.m. at Janet Stoller's home. If interested, please email her at jlstoller2000@yahoo.com. P.S. we have great snacks!

Peace Women's Group

The Peace Women's Group is open to all women 18 and up. We invite all interested to join us for our next events. Questions, contact Jan Stoller (815) 530-2786. Future events - to be scheduled

Out to Eat Group – Sat., Nov. 3

The next outing will be Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Trail's Edge, 20 Kansas St. in Frankfort. We will meet there at 6:30 p.m.

Remember Our P.O. Box

Use P.O. Box 205 for mail addressed to Peace.

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.

Nov. 4 - Tim Urness (guest speaker) *Estate Planning and Planned Giving* - How to make a difference even when you're dead (to your family and to God's work)

Nov. 11 - Karen Danielson (guest speaker) *Islam* - hear first-hand from a person who is in the religion about her faith.

Nov. 18 - *Cindy Chubb* (with Ted) (part 2) on her work at *Argonne*

Nov. 25 - *Duty & Dread Are Different* (lessons from the armed forces.)

Dec. 2 - *The Burdens We All Carry* (and how to help others)

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. November's passage is Psalm 88:13 - 89:6.

Health Care Ministry - Blood Pressure Screenings – Sun., Nov. 11

Our next monthly screening date is Nov. 11, between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, please contact Marylynn Tyler at (815) 423-6407.

Baptism Orientation – Sat., Nov. 10

November 10, 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.

No Tricks, Only Halloween Treats

In case you buy/get too much candy, you don't *have to* eat it all. Individually wrapped candy may be brought here to be donated to Operation Care Package for distribution to our military. Service people in foreign countries appreciate getting packages– and bonus things like chocolate/candy. The deadline to bring in treats for Operation Care Package will be November 5. Thank you for your support.

Looking Ahead...

Nov. 3 – *C.P.R Class at N.L.F.D – 8:30 a.m.*

Out to Eat Group – Trail's Edge 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 4 – *Special All Saints Worship 8:30 a.m.*

What's the Scoop 12 noon

Nov. 9 -11 – *Adult Retreat – Michigan*

Nov. 11 – *Blood Pressure Screenings between services*

Ping Pong Group 6:00 (note date change)

Nov. 10 – *Baptism Orientation 3:30 p.m.*

Adult Fellowship Wine Tasting at Claudia

Green's home 6:15 p.m.

Nov. 17 – *7th & 8th gr. SkyZone Event 6:00 p.m.*

Nov. 18 – *5th & 6th Movie day at Emagine 12:45 p.m.*

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 22 – *22nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Peace*

Church – 12 noon

Nov. 24 – *Genealogy Group 10:00 a.m.*

Decorating Peace's Tree 6:00 p.m.

Caroling at Sunny Hill

Nov. 27 – *Church Council 7:30 p.m.*

Dec. 1 – *Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Craft/Gift/Vendor Fair 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

P3 - 2nd gr. Christmas Program 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 4 – *Committee Chairs Meet 7:30 p.m.*

Dec. 9 – *3rd - 6th gr. Christmas Program 11:00 a.m.*

Dec. 15 – *Breakfast with Santa 9:00 a.m.*

Shortest Day/Longest Night Service 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 18 – *Church Council (note - 1 week early)*

Dec. 24 – *4:00 p.m. – Celebration service – including*

our invitation for children to bring bells to ring

Dec. 24 – *7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 p.m. – Candlelight*

Communion services

Dec. 25 – *10:00 a.m. – Festival Communion service*

Blood Drive – Sat., Dec. 1

Thank you to everyone who donated in October. Our next Heartland blood drive will be Dec. 1, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Heartland has changed their procedures, so you will need to register for a time slot by going online or signing up at church.

Blackhawks Tickets – Sun., Dec. 2

Another trip to the Madhouse on Madison (aka, The United Center) is in store for our church to see the Blackhawks. The game will be Dec. 2 at 6:00 p.m. We have 11 tickets left at \$95.20 each. A van or bus will be available for those who would like that option (\$5 each with a maximum of \$15 for a household.) Use the sign up or call the office.

From Deacon Shari Trotter

Dear Peace members and friends,
Recently I was given the gift of an amazing frog statue. This gift was given to me to help me remember to F.R.O.G or Fully Rely On God. I will admit that this has been hard for me the last couple months. It's easy to forget that God is in control when your life feels out of control.

I'm sure that I am not alone in this. I imagine that each of you has had a time or two where you remember wondering where God was and what was the point of all of it. It is a part of our human nature to wonder and to question. It is also a part of our human nature to dislike challenge that creates struggle. We often immediately seek to end the struggle by any means necessary and usually that means trying to do it all on our own. Perhaps this is where F.R.O.G comes in. God gives us community for times of joy but especially for times of struggle. When we wonder where God is, maybe it is easier to find God active in the people in our lives. To fully rely on God I first allow others to help me and then I acknowledge where God is working through them. As I look back on this past month and acknowledge that it has been one of great pain, I can also see where God has been at work restoring and comforting me through all those in my life who love me. I see this every time I look at my frog statue and every time I re-read the many cards and emails that you have sent to me. When I feel sad I go to these things and I am shown again that God is right by my side in each of you. I do not have to struggle alone because I am never alone, and neither are you. May you be aware of God's presence in your life this day as we learn together to F.R.O.G!
God's Peace,

Deacon Shari

Genealogy Group – Sat., Nov. 24

Please join us on Saturday, Nov. 24 at 10:00 a.m. if you are interested in working on genealogies. Some of you are veterans of this work and can share with those who would like to start.

AmazonSmiles

Peace has recently received \$38.86 through the AmazonSmiles program. Thank you to everyone who has designated Peace Church as your choice when ordering through Amazon.

Welcome New Members

We are delighted to welcome these new members into our church!

Anita Drake
Nick & Colene Halvorsen and Lilly & Viola
Chris & Abby, Jarchow and Ruthie & Nora
Eileen Krause
Diane Lillie
Mike & Karen Padgen

All Church Tree Decorating & Caroling Event – Sat., Nov. 24

Everyone is invited to join us as decorate the church's Christmas tree and then go caroling at Sunny Hill nursing home. The date is Saturday, Nov. 24. If you're coming just for this (not staying after 5:00 worship), plan to be at church by 6:00 p.m. (or meet us there about 6:20 – you might have to wait for us.)

Children's Christmas Programs

Our Sunday School has two programs. Children who are 3 years old through 2nd grade will have their program on Dec. 1 during the 5:00 worship. Children in 3rd through 6th grades will have their program on Dec. 9 during the 11:00 worship. If you would be willing to help with one of this year's programs, please let Pastor Dave know.

Christmas Special Music Deadline

Each year several people offer to do prelude and other special music for Christmas worship services. To help manage all the music we have to coordinate for Christmas, we're going to set a Dec. 1 deadline for that music to be in Todd Yetman's hands. So, if you'd like to volunteer, talk to Todd, pick out your music and get that to him by **Dec. 1**.

Poinsettia Order due by Sun., Nov. 18

This year we will be able to once again buy our poinsettias from Trinity Services. A percentage of the money they receive goes for the children and adults with special needs. The Worship and Music Committee is pleased that our congregation can help others in need. Look for the poinsettia order forms in the narthex. The cost will be \$11 each. The deadline for placing your order will be November 18. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

22nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

**Thursday, Nov. 22, at noon
Turkey with all the trimmings
& heart-warming fellowship too**

Please come if you...

- **are alone or in need, or**
- **are new to the area or want to meet others, or**
- **would like to spend Thanksgiving with others**

**Call in your reservations for this FREE
DINNER by Nov. 18**

**to Peace Lutheran Church,
815-485-5327 or e-mail us at
peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.**

**Let us know how many adults and
children will be attending.**

The church is located at 1900 E. Lincoln Highway, New Lenox (On U.S. Hwy. 30, directly across the street from Lincoln-Way Central High School)

If you know people who could benefit from the dinner, please encourage them to attend. Transportation will be available, so please let us know if a ride is needed. We also deliver to the homebound. (For those interested, there will be a Thanksgiving worship service with communion at 11:30.)

Thanksgiving Dinner Help

For our wonderful dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, all kinds of people help in a variety of ways, from providing food to helping with set up, clean up, serving, transportation, etc. If you'd like to help, call the office or sign up at church.

Thanksgiving Worship

Sunday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. –
Ecumenical worship here at Peace! We'll be happy to have some volunteers for ushering and refreshments (use the sign up).

Thursday, November 22, at 11:30 a.m. – here!
This service takes place before our Thanksgiving dinner.

**IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD!**

Thanksgiving & Christmas Offerings

Each year the money we receive in our Thanksgiving and Christmas special envelopes is given away to others. This year it will be divided between the ELCA's Hunger Appeal (which includes direct help for the victims of the floods, earthquakes, and other disasters), Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (the agency of our church that serves so many people in need, especially as state funding is so short), mission churches (Santa Cruz in Joliet and Resurrection in Channahon – Pastor Ben's church), and local ministries that help others (Groundwork, Daybreak, Trinity Services, and Morningstar Mission.)

Thinking about Christmas Gifts?

Give your loved one a goat. What!? Through the ELCA's Good Gifts, you can find all kinds of alternative Christmas giving ideas. In short, someone who needs something, such as livestock, receives the actual animal, and your loved one knows that his or her gift is helping someone in need. Check out these and many other good gifts at <https://community.elca.org/elcagoodgifts>.

Christmas Gift Giving for Santa Cruz & Augustana Center

Each year we put up a tree with Christmas gift giving tags for people who could use our help to have a better Christmas. This year we again are going to support Santa Cruz's efforts to make that happen for people in their neighborhood and congregation, and for Augustana Center, which cares for kids without parents. Look for the tags towards the middle of November, with a return date of Dec. 2.

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)? We have that place for you... Peace 360! We will meet 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!

Nov. 4 –Progressive Dinner. We will travel to different houses for different parts of our meal this evening.

Nov. 11 – Dinner, games and speaker at church 4-7 p.m.

Nov. 18 – Ecumenical Service and dessert with church 4-7 p.m.

Nov. 25 – Dinner and discussion at church 4-7 p.m.

Confirmation Schedule - Wednesdays

7th Grade confirmation Nov. 7 & 28 Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

8th Grade confirmation Nov. 14 & 28 Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Kid & Adults Nov. 28 & Feb. 6 Hot dogs 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

7th & 8th Grade Jan. 9 & April 24 Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

7th & 8th Sky Zone Event – Sat., Nov. 17

We will meet Saturday, Nov. 17 at church at 6:00 p.m. and go to Sky Zone in Joliet. Admission for this event is \$16 if you have Sky Socks or \$19 if you do not. You must have Sky Socks to jump at Sky Zone. Please can use the sign up in the bulletin or use the sign up on the Peace Lutheran website or use the clipboard in the narthex. Please **RSVP by Nov. 12**. Parents we will need drivers and chaperones for this event, if you would like to join us let us know.

5th & 6th Movie day at Emagine – Nov. 18 12:45 p.m. Castle in the Sky

On Sun., Nov. 18 we will meet at Emagine at 12:45 p.m. to see Castle in the Sky watch a movie in the theater. The movie starts at 12:55 p.m. You can sign up if you are interested in joining us. Please can use the sign up in the bulletin or use the sign up on the Peace Lutheran website or use the clipboard in the narthex. Cost of admission is \$12.50, bring extra money if you wish to get snacks or a drink. Please **RSVP by Nov. 10**. Parents we will need drivers and chaperones for this event, if you would like to join us let us know.

Building assets in youth and community

Our asset this month is Boundaries: Internet Safety and Usage. 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:

Establish clear boundaries for children's behavior and discuss/adjust as necessary. Learn who your children's friends are and "network" with their parents.

Teachers at school:

Clearly state expectations about use of the internet and phones. Seek student input and find common ground on conduct issues and support each other's efforts.

In the community:

Offer workshops for parents on ways to establish boundaries, address problem behavior and enforce consequences. Create tip sheets for parents on fair and effective discipline strategies.

In the church or public organization:

Set and enforce clear expectations for the behavior of youth in your group. Educate young people about how to set boundaries for themselves.

Building Assets in our Youth and Community

The asset for the month of November is:

Boundaries: Internet Safety & Usage

Young person and his or her family have clear rules, guidance and expectations.

November quote of the month:

"We make time for what we value most."
-anonymous

Craft/Gift/Vendor Fair – Sat., Dec. 1

In the spirit of giving, a gift/craft/vendor fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. here at Peace. Each vendor will designate a portion of their sales to a special cause. For vendor information, call the church office.

Faith Connections

We appreciate this month's guest-writing about how his faith has been impacted here at Peace.

Since the first time I walked into Peace Lutheran Church 13 years ago, I along with my family have found a deeper meaning in what it really means to having faith in God and most of all practicing that faith. Belonging to a church is more than just attending worship services. Living our faith means coming to terms with what you really should be doing as part of our everyday life. Peace greatly assists each and every one of us in developing a stronger faith. Bible studies, Sunday school, adult education hour on Sundays, youth and young adult ministries, fellowship, outreach, and missions to those in need for various reasons are just a few of the ministries that are offered at Peace. This is all made possible by dynamic leadership and wonderful, friendly caring people in the congregation who support that leadership.

It is up to each and every one of us to take advantage of all of the opportunities that Peace offers to us. It is all of these things that make our church a progressive church body that will continue to grow. My family and I have found that you don't have to become involved in activities at Peace because you are asked to. You do so because you want to. It's the Holy Spirit at work.

Chuck Wolske

Coat Drive for People in Need

One Warm Coat is a community service effort assisting in the collection of clean, reusable coats and jackets for donation to local individuals free of charge. Peace Church is following in its mission to give away coats to people of all ages. Our Altar Guild helps with this, and invites you to help those in need with good warm coats. Items can be dropped off here at church. Scarfs, hats, gloves/mittens and boots will also be accepted. Thank you for your continued support!

Questions Kids Ask

In October, some of the questions came from the Kindergarten class and 7th & 8th grade class. Talk about variety! We had questions that ranged from how God makes candy and food to whether Hitler could be in heaven (based on God's forgiveness). If you (or your child) ever have a question you'd like answered, be sure to put it in the box in the entrance area and be in worship on the third weekend of the month!

Peace Church Christmas Ornaments

On behalf of the New Lenox Historical Society, Peace Lutheran Church Christmas ornaments are now available for purchase. If you would like one (or more), please look for the display on the counter in the narthex. The cost is \$8.50 per ornament. (There's an envelope available by the ornaments to place your cash or check made payable to Peace Lutheran Church).

Caregiver Tip of the Month

Once upon a time.... Long ago and far away....On a vibrant sunny day... are all beginnings to wonderful stories; stories we have heard, shared and told over and over and over. Fiction or non-fiction, sharing a story from yesterday or many moons ago is not only welcomed by your loved one who can't remember, but it can refresh you, the caregiver. Reflecting on days past can bring back smiles, tears, laughter and love. And their hearts were filled...The end. (*For information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex and don't forget to borrow a book from the bin.*)

Help for Natural Disaster Victims

There are many good ways to help people in the U.S. or around the world who are suffering because of natural disasters. One such way is to donate through Lutheran Disaster Response. They and other help agencies can use dollars more than physical supplies because there is no storage or trucking involved. With LDR, 100% of the donated funds goes to the cause.

Beauty Items Requested

The Good Shepherd group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eye shadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs, brushes), 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!

Remind Option

Our use of technology to assist in our ministry of reaching out to others and helping each of us grow in faith has taken important turns this year. Here is another option in that effort: Remind. Remind is an app on your phone that allows us to send you a text reminder of a meeting/event/group. From our end, we will create as many different groups as people wish to have reminders. Then we'll send out a one-way-only text message to each person in that group. (You don't need to worry about getting anyone else's reply to tie up your phone!) From your end, once you let us know of your interest, we'll send you an invitation to join the group. You'll follow the link and with any luck, we're good to go. So, the next step is for you to let us know for what meetings/events/groups you'd like us to remind you, so we can set up the groups. Please use the sign-up or call the office.

Recyclable & Craft Donations for Frankfort Kids Work 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.