

# 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**

1900 E. Lincoln Hwy, P.O. Box 205, New Lenox, IL 60451

815-485-5327

e-mail: [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) - web page: [www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org)

November 2019

Vol. XXIV, Issue 11

## *The Opposite of a Vicious Circle*

Have you ever found yourself caught in a vicious circle? There are plenty of them around! If you're in one, you know how draining it is. For example, better job, more money = more hours away, less time for self or others. Then a new reward for harder work & responsibility = better job, more.... At the opposite end are people who are in poverty who start at the bottom, have less health care, poorer schools and fewer options. How do you break out of that one? Or how about families where abuse happens? Children of abusers tend to grow up to be abusers. How can we individually or as a society break any of those circles?

Some people don't care and don't want to do anything – "tough luck" is their underlying motto, along with "You figure it out; it's all up to you." Others, from the inside would say, "I'll never get out of this."

What a contrast to the message we get from God! "Call on me in your time of trouble." "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy-laden." Those are just two of a great multitude of words from God that we can read/hear/experience. God is not in the business of "zapping" us out of the circle as in "poof" it's over. Rather, God seems to be in the business of entering the circle with us and inviting us to see what is going on and then helping us try something else.

At its core, a vicious circle breeds hopelessness and feeling trapped. At its core, what God wants and provides is hope and freedom. God's bust-out-of-the-circle methods are based on real in-the-flesh experiences of how God's love can help us see what is happening and then take steps to make changes.

How does that happen? One way, of course, is through the tried and true method of being in worship – *somehow* God's word and the sacraments penetrate our darkness. The more we're in worship, the more the message can reach us. There are other means, too, of course, like counseling, meditation, or prayer. Another is thanksgiving, which is not just a one-day holiday at this time of year, but an attitude that looks in gratitude at life. Once again, the "how" seems to be a mystery. Maybe it breaks through trapping loops by helping us look outward. God is very inventive in helping people find ways out of vicious circles and brings life-out-of-death, forgiveness-and-healing-out-of-injury, hope-out-of-despair. God's vital circle still works and still matters.

*Pastor Dave Hedlin*

## *Prayers Requested*

The family of Evelyn Surowiec, Joshua Spreadbury, Tyler Ledvina, Myrla Johnson, the family of John Siddons, Mary Brouette, Kelli, Anita, Carol L., Kristin, Patti, the Vates family, Jim Fitzpatrick & family, Penny, Tom Moore, the family of Jean, Mark Sells & family, Dave Davenport, Pam Craig, Ron Hnetkovsky, Dick Tyler, Al Williamson, Marty Rodey, Estafania Caldron, Jean Britton, Violet Gambrel, Shelly Brodarick, the family of Melissa Heath, Henry Torres, Eric Torres, Jean Korneta, Liz, Vivian Farbak, Jim Grosche, Mary Anna, Diane Weber, Denise Jones, Donna Miller, the family of Amy Odak, the Cesario family, Phoebe, Pioneer Grove School, Robin

## *Sympathy*

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Jerome Neubauer, father of Karl Neubauer;

the family of John "Jay" Parker, father of Steve Parker;

the family of MaryAnn Andress, mother of Diane Weber;

the family of Rosemary Tierney, mother of Pat Vanderwall;

the family of Dan Obuchina, husband of Sharon Obuchina.

## *Congratulations*

Zach Brown, son of Cheryl and Wayne Brown, achieved Eagle Scout status on Sept. 17;

Somer Druskowski & Joseph Strain on their marriage, Oct. 12;

Zach Perschau & Christine Teeling on their marriage, Oct. 12;

Jason & Becky Gofron, parents (Audrey) and Debbie & Ray Standard, grandparents, on the birth of Julia Gofron on Oct. 23.

## ***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:***

Jim Hunziker – lawn mowing

### ***From:***

ELCA Good Gifts – for the donation

## ***Welcome to the Lord's Family***

Devyn Mikel Niemczyk was baptized on Oct. 5.

## ***Interest Indicators - Thank You***

Thank you to everyone who filled out a 2019 Interest Indicator. So far, we have had 109 turned in. If you have not filled out a new one and would like to, please look for them on the counter in the narthex. We are blessed to have so many volunteers!

## ***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/>

## ***Addresses for Service Personnel***

Midshipman Trevor Horn PO Box # 12989 Annapolis, MD 21412	Sgt. Pafford, Devin PO Box 1351 Eglin AFB, FL 32542
---	---

MA2 Baker, Connor 5600 Shorewood Lane Norfolk, VA 23502	2 Lieutenant Jakob Swenson 947 Burr St. Apt. E Fort Benning, GA 31905
---	---

## ***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.)

## ***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. GriefShare meets weekly on Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. If you would like more information, please contact the church office 815-485-5327.

## ***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](mailto: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.

## ***Are You on a Medicare Drug Plan?***

Do you know there are changes in the drug plans every year? To be sure you are on the correct plan for you, your plan should be reviewed every year during open enrollment from Oct. 15 - Dec. 7. David I. Johnson will be available at church every Thursday morning to review your plan to see if it is the best one for you. He can also assist with supplemental plan analysis. This review is by appointment only. Please call the church office 815-485-5327 if you would like to set up an appointment. David is a retired pharmacist with 7 years as a Riverside Sr. Advantage Program in Kankakee SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) consultant.

## ***Quick Reminders***

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Dec. 6**. 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](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

### \* **Bereavement Support Groups**

- *GriefShare* – Monday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Meets each Monday through Dec. 9, 2019.

- *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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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., Nov. 4 & 18***

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., Nov. 13 & 27***

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. 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. 12***

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???)

### ***Out to Eat Group – Sat., Nov. 16***

You are invited to join us at Side Street Tavern (18401 N. Creek Dr., Tinley Park) on Sat., Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. If we get enough people going, we think we'll get our own room. Look online for their menu and be sure to sign up or call the office by Nov. 10!

### ***Peace Buddies – Sun., Nov. 17***

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.

### ***Trailblazers – Tues., Nov. 19***

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tues., Nov. 19, at noon here at church. The food will be fried chicken and we will also do a Thanksgiving craft. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

### ***What's the Scoop – Sun., Nov. 3***

At this new version of what used to be called "Everybody Come" night, we want to include you in brainstorming ideas and getting them going. We will meet Sunday, Nov. 3 at noon. We'll eat and share ideas for ministry and try to be finished in 1.5 hours or less. We'll be having pizza, and we encourage you to bring something to share (salads or fruit would be nice). We'll also have ice cream (in keeping with our title!). Childcare is available if you let us know ahead of time

### ***Peace Page Turners – Sun., Nov. 17***

The next meeting of the Peace Page Turners will be Nov. 17. We will discuss *The Pioneers: the Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West* by David McCullough. All are welcome. Questions, contact Kathy at 815-545-2806.

### ***Ping Pong Club – Sun., Nov. 17***

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

### ***Strong Seniors Exercise Group***

Join us for a low impact, do what you can exercise program for seniors. We meet twice a week: Mondays 12 noon -1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Questions, contact Anita Drake 815- 299-4417.

### ***Adult Fellowship Wine Tasting Event – Sat., Nov. 9***

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. 9, 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.

## ***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. 3** - How to Shift the Focus from Challenges to Blessings

**Nov. 10** - *Jerks! How They Got to Be That Way and How to Deal with Them*

**Nov. 17** - *The Truth Hurts (or Helps)?* - the Bible can help us

**Nov. 24** - *Getting on the Same Page (Including with God)*

**Dec. 1** - *Is Your Past Dragging You Down?*

**Dec. 8** - *"Be Nice" and Other Good Advice (for December & beyond)*

## ***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 103:1-14.

## ***New Peace Circle of Prayer Ministry to Begin***

One of our members who came from another church was part of a simple prayer group. We would like to begin that ministry here! For those who are willing to be prayer partners in this effort, the process will be very simple. Someone will let the office know of a particular (urgent) 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. That's it. Would you be willing to be a part of this new Peace Circle of Prayer? Let us know via the sign-up or calling the office, including what email address we should use.

## ***LAMP Feed My Starving Children Thank You***

We recently heard from FMSC that the food packed at the August event has shipped to Haiti. With the help of close to 500 volunteers 139,968 meals were packed, which will potentially feed 383 kids for an entire year! \$33,000 was also raised to fund the ingredients for meals.

## ***Looking Ahead...***

**Nov. 5** – *Thanksgiving Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.*

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

*Adult Fellowship Wine Tasting at Claudia Green's home 6:15 p.m.*

**Nov. 16** – *CPR at New Lenox Fire Dept. 8:30 a.m.*

*5-8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Sky Zone Event 12:30 p.m.*

*Out to Eat Group 6:30 p.m.*

**Nov. 17** – *Poinsettia Order Deadline*

**Nov. 21** – *Blackhawks Game 7:30 p.m.*

**Nov. 24** – *Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Peter's in Frankfort 7:00 p.m.*

**Nov. 26** – *Church Council 7:30 p.m.*

**Nov. 28** – *23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Peace Church – 12 noon*

**Nov. 30** – *Decorating Peace's Tree 6:00 p.m. Caroling at Sunny Hill*

**Dec. 3** – *Committee Chairs Meet 7:30 p.m.*

**Dec. 1** – *Madrigal Performance 9:55 a.m.*

**Dec. 7** – *Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

*P3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> gr. Christmas Program 5:00 p.m.*

**Dec. 14** – *Breakfast with Santa 9:00 a.m.*

**Dec. 15** – *3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> gr. Christmas Program 11:00 a.m.*

*5/6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Holiday Party & Service project 12 noon*

**Dec. 17** – *Church Council (1 week early) 7:30 p.m.*

**Dec. 21** – *Shortest Day/Longest Night Service*

**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. 7***

Thank you to everyone who donated in October. We registered 20 donors, had 14 whole blood donations, 6 double red donations and 3 deferrals. Our next drive will be Sat, Dec. 7, from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

## ***Health Care Ministry - Blood Pressure Screenings – Sun., Nov. 10***

Our next monthly screening date is Sun., Nov. 10 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.

# **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Thursday, Nov. 28, 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. 24  
to Peace Lutheran Church,  
815-485-5327 or e-mail us at  
[peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto: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. 28, 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 24, at 7:00 p.m. –**  
Ecumenical worship at St. Peters Church in Frankfort.

**Thursday, November 28, 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. 9.

## *From Deacon Shari Trotter*

Dear members and friends of Peace,

For what shall we pray? We know as Christians that prayer is and should be, an important part of our lives. However, knowing what to pray for and knowing how to pray is often where we get stuck. Prayer in its simplest form is a relationship with God. It's the moments that we set apart to listen to what God is saying, to talk to God about our struggles and our joys, and to just "be" with God.

In our world there is a constant push to go and do. We must finish all the items on our checklist. This checklist might be a literal written list, or it might be that quiet list that plagues your mind at 3 in the morning when you can't stop thinking about all the things to do and all the things that went left undone. Our culture would say that there is never a time at which you should give yourself a break. Our culture would say that needing time away from the to do list of life is weakness. But this simply isn't true.

On the seventh day God rested. Sabbath/rest/prayer is a holy gift from God. God demonstrated for us a holy pattern of living. You must rest! You must take time to listen, ask, and be with God! During this season of Thanksgiving the danger will be to overload yourself with tasks. You might find yourself saying, "It is my job to make this Thanksgiving perfect". Fight the urge to believe this lie. This season will be made no more perfect with an exhausted and depleted you. Instead hear the words of God to rest and be thankful.

I invite you during this holy season of thanks to set apart moments in each day to listen, ask, and be with God. Why not instead of repeating the to do list in your head, replace it with a list of thanksgiving to God? God is always listening, and the world is always pulling. It is your decision whether you will take a moment to be with God or if you will be dragged along by the world's constant badgering of demands. This is the season of Thanksgiving, let us rejoice and give thanks to the God who called us out of darkness into light.

God's Peace,

*Deacon Shari Trotter*

## *Welcome New Members*

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

Carol Conroy  
Erica & Paul-Léon Desaulniers and Soren  
Claudia & Dennis Gamache  
Cindy James & Paul Kiefner  
Max Labus  
Lois Reil

## *All Church Tree Decorating & Caroling Event – Sat., Nov. 30*

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. 30. 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 p.m.– you might have to wait for us.)

## *Children's Christmas Programs*

Our Sunday School has two programs. Children who are 3 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have their program on Dec. 7 during the 5:00 worship. Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades will have their program on Dec. 15 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. 17*

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 Nov. 17. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

## 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., Nov. 3** – What's the Scoop at Noon, then Game Night. 12-7 p.m.

**Sat., Nov. 10** – Progressive Thanksgiving dinner (we will need some adult help for this dinner, if you are interested please let us know)

**Sun., Nov. 17**– Meeting with the Bishop in the afternoon, bring \$ for lunch.

**Sun., Nov. 24** – Making blankets for Project Linus 12-4p.m. Pizza for lunch.

**Sun., Dec. 1** – Zoo lights at Brookfield Zoo. We will be eating dinner at the zoo.

**7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation: Nov. 6 & 20 Pizza 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation: Nov. 13 & 20 Pizza 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**Kids & Adults: Nov. 20 & Feb. 19 Hot dogs 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Together: Jan.8 & Apr. 1  
Pizza 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

#### **5/6<sup>th</sup> & 7/8<sup>th</sup> Gr. SkyZone – Sat., Nov. 16**

Please join us at 12:30 p.m. at church then we will go to SkyZone in Joliet, check in is at 1p.m. and jump time is 1:30 p.m. We will be back to church by 3:00p.m. The cost is \$20 if you do not have Sky Socks. Parents, we will need chaperones and drivers, please let us know if you can help. Please use the sign up online, in the narthex or in the bulletin.

#### **7/8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Ice Skating Event – Sat., Dec. 7**

Please join us at 1:30 p.m. at church and we will head to Arctic Ice Arena in Orland Park. \$10 is for admission and skate rental. If your youth would like to attend please use the sign up in the bulletin, in the narthex, or online.

## ***Building assets in youth and community***

Our asset this month is Social Awareness/ Service to Others – Giving. Young person serves in the community and demonstrates how to be generous by giving of themselves on or more hours per week. 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:***

Be a role model for your children by serving others. Talk with your children about the benefits of serving others. For example: Personal satisfaction, learning to get along better with others and acquiring new skills.

### ***At school:***

Include learning as a part of the regular school curriculum. Encourage school groups to serve the neighborhood.

### ***In the community:***

Make volunteering convenient for children and teens. Recognize youth who serve.

### ***In the church or public organization:***

Create intergenerational service projects so the youth and the adults have an opportunity to serve together. Form a partnership with a community agency that needs regular help and or financial assistance.

### ***Building Assets in our Youth and Community***

**The asset for the month of November is:  
Social Awareness/Service to Others – Giving**

#### **November quote of the month:**

“Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much.”

~Helen Keller

### ***5/6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Holiday Party & Service Project – Sun., Dec. 15***

Please join us on Sun., Dec. 15 at 12:15 p.m. (right after the Sunday School Christmas Program!!) for some holiday fun! We will play games, eat some food and put together the items we collected for The Ronald McDonald wish list. The wish list of donations the RMH can be found in the narthex. Pick up youth at 2:30 p.m. Please let us know if you will be joining us. There is an online sign up on our church website, use the sign up sheet in the narthex, or the sign up in the bulletin. Parents if you would like to chaperone, please let us know.



## ***Thanksgiving Planning – Tues., Nov. 5***

For our wonderful dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, all kinds of people help in a variety of ways, from providing food to helping with set-up, clean-up, serving, transportation, etc. The planning meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 7:00 p.m. - help set the whole effort in motion. If you'd like to help, please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office. The famous clipboards will be going around in early November, but feel free to call!

## ***More New Tickets Available***

A TRIBUTE TO WHITNEY HOUSTON – Sat., Feb. 8, 8:00 p.m. at Governor's State. Belinda Davis, a chart-topping artist. There will be all the theatrical sounds, dancing, lights, and songs from the amazing Whitney Houston. Use the sign-up or contact the church office. Tickets are \$40 each. Deadline for signing up is Jan. 10.

WHITE CHRISTMAS - Sun., Dec. 15, 2:30 p.m. at Theatre at the Center in Munster. You know all about the show. See it live in this great-seats venue. Use the sign-up or contact the church office. Ticket prices will depend on whether we get a group rate (at least 11 = \$38; if not \$51.50.) Let us know by Nov. 15!

DISNEY ON ICE - Sat., Feb. 1, at 3:00 p.m. at the United Center in Chicago. Those group-rate tickets will be \$18 each – a good Christmas gift. Use the sign-up or contact the church office. Let us know by Dec. 15.

SHREK THE MUSICAL - Sat., June 6, at noon at the Drury Lane in Oakbrook. Ticket prices will depend on whether we get a group rate (at least 15 = \$15.50; if not \$25.) Use the sign-up or contact the church office. Let us know by Jan. 1.

## ***CPR Class – Sat., Nov. 16***

The New Lenox Fire Department is going to be conducting a CPR class for us at Station 1 on Rt. 30. The class will be 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon on Sat., Nov. 16, for ages Jr. High to adult. The cost for the session will be \$35 each (check to Peace Church or cash please), which is a real bargain since the usual price is \$50! There is a limit of 10 people. Please call the church office or email us at [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) if you would like to sign up.

## ***Baptism Orientation – Sat., Nov. 9***

November 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.

## ***Chess Tournament – Are you interested?***

Calling all chess players! Peace Church is considering having a chess tournament and we want to know approximately how many deep thinkers we have in the congregation. After compiling a list, along with a general consensus of availability, we will then pick a date and time for the first Peace Church Open Chess Tournament. 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](mailto:al.davenport@comcast.net). Whether you win or lose, the tournament will be a hoot!

## ***Caregiver Tip of the Month***

Experiencing joy while caregiving isn't always easy, but it can be more than just a nice thing to do: It's a crucial survival skill. Every moment of joy fills our tanks a bit so we can keep going. And a little bit of fun can go a long way to relieve stress, motivate, activate and connect — as well as relieve boredom. Music. Adventures. Food. Physical Activity. Games. Celebrations. Humor. Nature. Home movies. Being creative and open to the humorous, joyful moments will help you face the tougher aspects of caregiving. You might consider keeping a "joy journal" and noting the joyful moments. They will bring you comfort in the future. (*Article provided by AARP.*) (*For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex.*)

## ***Questions Kids Ask Update***

Very recently, we had a chance to present to the Women of the ELCA in the Central-Southern Illinois Synod. They had asked us to come back and we were grateful for the opportunity. The reception was excellent, and the chance to spread the conversation about being able to ask questions about God is part of our mission. Regarding our Spanish version of the amazing book, we reviewed the work of the layout person and have sent our notes back to her. The updated pages are one step further along, but still in the beginning stages. It all is coming together thanks to the work of our committee and other volunteers.

## *Because of You and Your Gifts*

For five years, Peace contributed \$10,000 per year to the ELCA's Being Made New Appeal. One of the emphases in that appeal was to encourage people to become full-time leaders/pastors/deacons in the church. Here is the story of one of the people affected by your gifts.

After 14 years as an elementary school music teacher, Brenda Greenwald felt called to a deeper commitment. Her decision led her to the ministry of word and sacrament at Bethany Lutheran Church in Denver which in turn led her to seminary. The ELCA Fund for Leaders provided her with a scholarship that has enabled her to follow her call without letting money keep her from it. She sees the Spirit at work in the future of the church. Thank you for your generosity!!

## *New Lenox Fire Dist. Foundation 2019 Pancake Breakfasts*

All New Lenox residents, along with their friends and families are welcome to our FREE pancake breakfast! Please join us at New Lenox Fire Station #1 – 261 E. Maple Street on Sat., Nov. 9 and Sat., Dec. 14 from 8:00-10:00a.m. Donations to the Fire Foundation are encouraged. Donations to the New Lenox Food Pantry will also be accepted – cash donations or nonperishable food items. We kindly thank you for your support.

## *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](mailto:jpswyn.att.net).

## *Treats for Troops*

In case you buy too much candy, or simply want to donate some, 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 men and women stationed in foreign countries appreciate getting packages – and bonus treats like chocolates, candy, gum, and mints. **The deadline to bring in treats for Operation Care Package is Nov. 4.** You can put the items in the big bin in the entrance area or the church office. Thank you for your support!

## *New 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 dangerously 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. Often students do not have extra income because of the high cost of their education. This food closet, named Katie's Closet after Katie Luther, serves as a source of food and other basic needs to those who would go without otherwise. Below is a list of most needed items. Some of these items are culturally specific because many of the students with families are international students.

### Items most needed for Katie's closet

Lentils, Basmati rice, Jasmine rice  
Jars of seasoning (salt, pepper, garlic powder, ginger, cinnamon, curry powder, paprika)  
Flour (all purpose and gluten free 1 to 1 baking flour)  
Sugar (canisters instead of bags preferred)  
Vegetable bouillon  
Chicken broth  
Honey  
Shelf stable milk (whole, almond sweetened, and almond unsweetened)  
Canned coconut milk  
Canned tuna  
Jar minced garlic  
Baby food  
Small packs of tampons and pads  
Individually packaged nut & snack packs  
Variety pack cereal  
Granola or protein bars  
Peanut butter & Nutella (small or medium sized jars)  
Strawberry preserves (small or medium sized jars)  
Small bottles of vegetable or olive oil  
Small jars of sweet and dill pickles  
Juice boxes (apple juice or orange juice)  
Small individual bottles of juice  
Toilet paper & Paper towels  
Ritz crackers (fresh stacks please so they can be given to more than one family)  
Amazon gift cards or money to use on Amazon wish list

## *Madrigals Coming Sun., Dec. 1*

Once again, we will have the privilege of hosting the Lincoln-Way Central Madrigals at our church. Come on Sun., Dec. 1 during the education hour (9:55) to hear these amazing youth!