

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 9 & November 10, 2019

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Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully*

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

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

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

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

Accompanist/Organist	Todd Yetman
Children's Choir Director	Leslie Walton
Adult Choir Director	Pamela Putrich
Bell Choir Director	Erica Desaulniers
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Barb Aaberg
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Lila Hadley
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Russell Scanlan
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Debbie Standard
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Bill Weber
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Syndy Lindbloom
Acolyte (5:00)	Jack Rinkunas
Acolyte (8:30)	Brenna Lovell
Acolyte (11:00)	Emersynn Smith
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Judy Mitchell
Nursery (ages 0-5) (11:00)	Trevor Salutric
Ushers (5:00)	Brad Johnson & Cameron Johnson
Ushers (8:30)	Kolin Dotzenrod, Claudia Gamache, Dennis Gamache Ken George
Ushers (11:00)	Ava Wandersee, Ken Otto, Grace Otto, Guy Nelson
Greeters (5:00)	The Schaffer Family
Greeters (8:30)	Doug & Mary Bergman
Communion Servers (8:30)	Jim Cassidy, Chris Darley, Scott Darley Aaron Knutson, George Rumbaugh
Bread Provider (8:30)	Wendy Marotta
Refreshments (5:00)	Monica Medows
Refreshments (8:30)	Judy Boyens, Diana Brewer, Jane Burnson
Refreshments (11:00)	Bethany Smothers, Lisa Star, Jenny Treasure
Offering Counters	Chuck Vick, Diane Vick

The altar flowers are given by Rich and Carol Dohrn in memory of Rich's mom, Lorraine Dohrn on the anniversary of her 92nd birthday; also given by Don and Sue Lafferty in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

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 11:00 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., Nov. 10 - Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:00-9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Adult Education Hour - *Jerks! How They Got to Be That Way and How to Deal with Them* 9:55 a.m.
 Blood Pressure Screenings 9:45 a.m.
 Teen Bible Study 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
 Peace 360 - Progressive Dinner 4:00 p.m.
 Mon., Nov. 11 - Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12 noon
 GriefShare 6:30 p.m.
 Tues., Nov. 12 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
 Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Men's Group - Dartball 7:30 p.m.
 Wed., Nov. 13 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Strong Seniors Exercise Group 11:15 a.m.
 Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.
 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.
 Sat., Nov. 16 - CPR Class 8:30 a.m.
 5th & 6th & 7th & 8th Grades - Sky Zone Event 1:00 p.m.
 Out to Eat Group - Side Street Tavern 6:30 p.m.
 Sun., Nov. 17 - Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:00-9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School and Peace Page Turners 9:45 a.m.
 Adult Education Hour - *The Truth Hurts (or Helps)?* - the Bible can help us 9:55 a.m.
 Teen Bible Study 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
 Ping Pong Group, Peace Buddies & Peace 360 -12 noon

Help Others

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., NOV. 13

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 **Nov. 13**. 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.

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. 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.

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 questions, or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, contact Marylynn Tyler at (815)423-6407.

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.*)

THANKS FOR THE KIDS' BOOKS

Once again, your generosity in helping others has gone beyond our hoped-for results. Putting books into the hands of kids who have challenges is a gift that keeps on giving!

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.

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, please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office. The famous clipboards will be going around, but feel free to call!

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Each year the money we receive in our Thanksgiving/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 hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and other disasters), Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (the agency of our church that serves so many people in need), 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).

23rd ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER - THURS., NOV. 28

Turkey and all the trimmings and heart-warming fellowship too! Please come and join us for this **FREE DINNER** if you are alone, new to the area, or if you would like to spend Thanksgiving with others. If plan to attend the dinner, please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office to let us know before **Nov. 22**.

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.

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 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.

November's passage is: Psalm 103:1-14

BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR JOB 19:23-27

Job reminds us that even in the worst situations God is on our side. Job is the story of a man who had it all, wealth, prestige, health, family, etc. In the blink of an eye Job lost it all, his children were killed, his health taken from him and his livestock stolen. Job goes through a variety of emotions and responses to his situation: grief, pity, anger, and sadness just to name a few. In this passage, we see the hopeful side of Job, not that his earthly situation will get magically better, but that God is still with him. "For I know that my Redeemer lives... and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side" (Job 19:23-25.) Job's hope was in God. Through parts of the story, Job blames God for his misfortune. Nevertheless, he keeps his hope and faith in him. When we face misfortune like Job, a variety of emotions and responses are appropriate, and we can be assured that God is with us.

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: **"The Mom Factor"** by **Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend.**

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., NOV. 17

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *The Pioneers: the Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West* by David McCullough. 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.

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.

Raymond Standard, Pam Salutric (recovery), Bob Britton (possible surgery), Alexis Flynn (transplant), Mary, Teresa, Barb Decker, Mark Krysiak (kidney failure & heart valve disease), Mason Mena (guidance), Jake & Josh (addiction), Cindy Chubb, Diane Weber (recovery), Denise Jones (recovery), Edna Anglin (health), Jim Grosche, Marty Rodey, Vivian Farbak, Ron Hnetkovsky (recovery), Tom Moore (job), Penny (health), Joshua Spreadbury, Tyler Ledvina, Mary Brouette, Emily Burnson (recovery from knee surgery), Cathy Arenz, 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...
Pam Ensley, Mary Anna (health), Donna Miller (recovery), Phoebe (kidney disease), Robin (depression), Estafania Caldron, Jean Britton (surgery), Violet Gambrel, Shelly Brodarick, Henry Torres, Eric Torres, Jean Korneta (broken hip), Liz (treatment for metastatic breast cancer), Pam Craig (health), Dick Tyler (hip surgery), Al Williamson (accident), the Yates family, Jim Fitzpatrick & family, Mark Sells & family (strength & comfort), Kelli (lost job), Anita (healing), Carol L. (healing from shoulder surgery), Kristin (praise new job), Patti (cancer), Donna Williams, Amy Jankauskis, Christine Erft (cancer), Mike Traken, Lori Black, Laura Olson, Jane, Mallory, Kristina, Julie, Terra Neal (health), Billy Rudy, Pat K. (comfort), Michelle Y. (guidance), Tim Rhodes (healing), Alicia (understanding), Gary (home for sale), Alan Booton, Erv & Mary Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt (strength), Bill Reidy (cancer), Mary Hand (family strength & healing), Tyler, the Austin family (strength & healing), Brena V. and family (strength & healing), Dan T. & family), Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY - If you know someone who is serving and would like them added to the 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, Elizabeth (Tatro) Grossart, Brian Kettell, Jake Treasure, Grover Keltz, Dylan Sperstad, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Dan Treasure, Stephanie (Jones) Vail, Neil Vickers, Lane Trainor, Allison DeVitto, Rob Boland

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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!

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY - MON., NOV. 11

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 the church office.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - TREE DECORATING & CAROLING EVENT - SAT., NOV. 30

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of decorating our church's sanctuary Christmas tree, followed by a trip to Sunny Hill nursing home to sing carols for the residents. The tree part lasts about 10 minutes. ☺ The singing part takes about an hour, and is so well received by the residents. The usual way God does things applies: we feel as good as any residents could ever feel because the giving and receiving are truly joyful. No special musical ability is needed, and we have song sheets so no memorization of words is needed. This year's date is Nov. 30 following the 5:00 worship service.

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD 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.

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. This year's edition is here and is \$25. (A portion of that goes to youth-related ministries.) We hope this helps you get some good bargains!

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Social Awareness/Service to Others - Giving. Something we can do at school is: include service learning as a part of the regular school curriculum. This week's idea for our home is: brainstorm as a family ten or more ways a family can serve others.**

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 (it may also be downloaded in order to manage online giving).



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: December 6. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here. If you want it via e-mail or first class, let us know.

CPR CLASS OPPORTUNITY - SAT., NOV. 16

The New Lenox Fire Department is going to be conducting a CPR class for us at the fire station on Rt. 30. The class will be from 8:30 until noon on Sat., Nov. 16, for ages Jr. High to adult. The cost for the session will be \$35 each (checks 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 use the sign-up slip in the bulletin, email us at peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or call the church office. You may park in the Metra commuter parking lot for free.

More General Announcements

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 Sat., 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 at Sunny Hill about 6:20 – you might have to wait for us.)

BEGINNING SAT., NOV. 2, there is no longer a staffed nursery for the Saturday night worship service. If you would like to take your child/children to the nursery and stay with them yourself, you are more than welcome to do so. A staffed nursery is still available for the 8:30 & 11:00 worship services.

POINSETTIA TIME AGAIN - BY 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 November 17.** If you have any questions, please call the church office.

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.

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Worship Related

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!

Sunday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Ecumenical worship at St. Peter's in Frankfort! Come and hear some great music and join in praising God with some other saints from neighboring churches in Frankfort.

Thursday, November 28, at 11:30 a.m. - here!

This service takes place before our Thanksgiving dinner.

LADIES ENSEMBLE - Sing! Sing a song!!! The Ladies Ensemble is looking for women who love to sing... and have a good time too! No experience needed! Spreading God's word thru music is a joy you will want to share in. For questions, contact the office, Pamela Putrich or Gerry Wurzburger. Hope to see you soon!

ADULT CHOIR - WANTED: Singers!

No experience needed. Just have a joy of singing. The Adult Peace Choir wants you! We are a fun bunch that love to sing and spread the joy of Christ through music. We practice Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Come check us out anytime throughout the year. You are always welcome. Have questions? Call the office or email the director, Pamela at sngbrd74@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!!

PEACE HANDBELL CHOIR - If you are not already a member but are interested in playing, we would love to have you join! Please contact Erica Desaulniers (ericasagerman@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$11,512.86** at worship plus another **\$2681** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **349**. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

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!!!

5-5 More Fellowship Opportunities/Events

CHESS TOURNAMENT - ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Calling all chess players! Peace Church is considering having a chess tournament and would like 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, or call or text Al at 708-977-7339. Whether you win or lose, the tournament will be a hoot!

MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., NOV. 12

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???)

Youth Ministry

PEACE 360 HS YOUTH GROUP

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

Sun., Nov. 10 - Thanksgiving Progressive dinner. Meet at church at 4 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 17 - Meeting with the Bishop. We are leaving at noon. Bring \$ for a fast food lunch. Pick up at church at 4:15 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 24 - 12 - 4 p.m. Blankets for Project Linus. Please bring a piece of fleece that is 1.5-2 yds long.

THE HOPE FUND

If your child(ren) would like to participate in a youth event but the cost is keeping him/her/them from joining us, funds are available to help. The Hope Fund was established through a generous donation of a Peace Lutheran Church family to enable a member(s) of our congregation to participate in church youth activities. Just let Deacon Shari or Pastor Dave know - no one else will know.

5/6TH & 7/8TH GR. SKY ZONE EVENT- 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 1 p.m. and jump time is 1:30 p.m. We will be back to church by 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$20. Please use the sign up online, in the narthex or in the bulletin. Parents, we will need chaperones and drivers, please let us know if you can help.

7TH & 8TH GRADE ICE SKATING EVENT - SAT., DEC. 7

On Sat., Dec. 8, we will meet at church at 1:30 p.m. and go to the Arctic Ice Arena, in Orland Park, to go ice skating. Cost of this outing is \$10 for admission and skate rental. Open skate is from 2:30 to 3:30. Pick up youth at church at 4 p.m. Please let us know if you can join 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 drive/chaperone please let us know.

5TH & 6TH GRADE HOLIDAY PARTY- 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 from the Ronald McDonald House wish list. **Parents you can find the RMH wish list in the narthex. We will be collecting these items until Dec. 15.** Please drop donations off in the Sunday School office. 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.

Groups

PEACE BUDDIES - SUN., NOV. 17

Peace Buddies is a special needs youth group for high school age and older. You do not have to be a part of our church to join us. We meet from 12 noon -2:00 p.m. If you know someone, please invite them to come.

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.

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!

RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTERS) - MON., NOV. 18

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.

PING PONG CLUB - SUN., NOV. 17

The Ping Pong Club will meet again on Sun., Nov. 17, at noon here at the church. If you think you may want to join them, let the office know.

Fellowship Opportunities/Events

THEATRE OPTIONS

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. **We have 8 tickets left.** Tickets are \$40 each. Our deadline for signing up is Jan. 10.

SHAKESPEARE'S AS YOU LIKE IT

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

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.

BLACKHAWKS EXCITEMENT! - THURS., NOV. 21

We've obtained good seats in the 3rd level at the discounted price of \$81 for the Blackhawks vs. Tampa Bay game on Thurs., Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. In addition each person will receive a Hawk Bobblehead. As an added incentive, one person's name will be drawn at random to receive an authentic Hawks jersey (large size only). **We have 2 tickets left.** Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office to reserve your seats, and indicate if you would like to have our group ride a bus (to and from) the United Center.

New This Week

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). If we run out, we'll get more!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS - DEC. 7 & 15

Our Sunday School has two programs. Children who are 3 years old through 2nd grade will have their program on Dec. 7 during the 5:00 worship. Children in 3rd through 6th grades will have their program on Dec. 15 during the 11:00 worship.

AMERICAN LEGION BAND - SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS SUN., DEC. 8

The award-winning Joliet American Legion Band will perform their 37th annual Sounds of Christmas concert at the Rialto Square Theater in Joliet for a 2:00 p.m. performance on Sun., Dec. 8. Tickets are free (but food items will be collected at the door). Please use the sign-up slip by Dec. 1 to reserve your spot.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN - SAT., DEC. 14

We hope you and your friends can join us for a breakfast with Santa on Sat., Dec. 14, at 9:00 a.m. at church. This is a great chance to see a relatively uncrowded Santa, visit with friends, and get into the Christmas spirit! Whether you are naughty or nice, we'll serve you waffles, sausages, bananas, donut holes, milk, juice, and coffee (for a suggested donation of \$2.00 per person.) If you plan to attend, please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin and give us ages of children too. Let us know if you would be able to help with the set-up on that Friday morning, or help with serving and or clean up on Saturday.

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 in the entrance area bin. Scarfs, hats, gloves/mittens and boots will also be accepted. Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL MUSIC DEADLINE - SUN., DEC. 1

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, if you'd like to volunteer, talk to Todd, pick out your music and get that to him by Dec. 1.

MADRIGALS ARE COMING! - SUN., DEC. 1

We are pleased that it worked out to get the Lincoln-Way Central Madrigals (all three groups of them!) to come to our church on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 9:55 a.m. between services. It is worth your while to come and hear this amazing group of high school singers.

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., DEC. 7

Thank you to everyone who donated in October. We had a great response! Our next Heartland blood drive will be Sat., Dec. 7, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This a time of year when giving is in the air. Your donation of blood saves lives – quite a gift!

TRIVIA NIGHT - SAT., JAN. 11

Mark your calendars now! Come and join the fun as we have our first ever general trivia contest on Sat., Jan. 11, at 6:15 p.m. We intend to have teams of approximately six players. Each is an expert at something, right?!!! You can assemble a team of your own. (Don't have six people? No problem! We will place everyone who wants to play on a team.) For parents who want to make this a date night, Peace will be providing childcare (\$3 per child). Although walk-ins are welcome, please help us by signing up now. Use the sign-up slip, email or call the church office, or email Al Davenport at al.davenport@comcast.net.

PARENTS OF PEACE SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH MEETING SUN., NOV. 24

Please join us for our next gathering on Sun., Nov. 24, during Sunday School (9:45-10:40 a.m.) in Fellowship Hall. We will have 2 guest speakers; Officer Jeff Lindeman from the New Lenox Police Department and Chris Campos, dean at Stagg High School. The presentation will focus on Social Media Safety for kids and will be followed by a round table discussion. Brunch will be served and we hope to see you there!

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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

Youth

5th-8th GR

____ My youth would like to attend the Sky Zone event on Sat., Nov. 16.
____ (Parents) I can drive and chaperone for this event.

7th/8th GR.

____ Yes, my child would like to attend the Ice Skating event on Sat., Dec. 7.
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5th/ 6th GR.

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Other Events

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How many? ____ I/We are interested in bus transportation.
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____ I/We will attend the CPR class on Nov. 16. How many? ____
____ I/We would like to be a part of the new Peace Circle of Prayer ministry.
Please use this email address _____

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____ I/We will attend the Trivia Night on Jan. 11
How many adults? ____ (If you have one, team name _____)
How many children who would need childcare? (& ages) _____
Willing to bring a food item? ____

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Thanksgiving Dinner

I can help with ____ set-up ____ serving ____ clean-up ____ transportation
____ I/We will attend the Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 28.
How many? ____ Adults ____ Children

Christmas Events

____ I/We will attend the Breakfast with Santa event on Dec. 14
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I can help on Saturday with serving ____ clean-up ____

Other Ministries/Sign-ups

Everybody Read - **Psalm 103:1-14**- What the passage means to me:

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

Name _____
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