

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 16 & November 17, 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

Children's Choir Director

Adult Choir Director

Bell Choir Director

Director of Ladies Ensemble

Sound Engineer

Lay Liturgist (8:30)

Lay Liturgist (11:00)

Lesson Reader (5:00)

Lesson Reader (8:30)

Lesson Reader (11:00)

Acolyte (5:00)

Acolyte (8:30)

Acolyte (11:00)

Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)

Nursery (ages 0-5) (11:00)

Ushers (5:00)

Ushers (8:30) Ken Gatewood, Renee Gatewood, Alec Boyens, Tony Gerasch

Ushers (11:00) Patricia Olofsson-Elkow, Jim Elkow, Jay Parker, Paige Rogde

Greeters (5:00) Bill & Jeri Sandt

Greeters (8:30) Judy Boyens

Greeters (11:00) Paul & Shannon Muehlnickel

Communion Servers (11:00) Tina Hammar, Angie Klock, Todd Klock

Joseph Lundgren, Matthew Muehlnickel, Bethany Smothers

Bread Provider (11:00) Melissa Fountain

Refreshments (5:00) Jennifer Paape

Refreshments (8:30) Diane Cochran, Kathy Davenport, Chad Dotzenrod

Offering Counters Lori Trosen, Lisa Star, Paul Sons, Kathy Sons

The altar flowers are given by Rich and Carol Dohrn in memory of their son, Richard; also given by the Lohmar family in memory of Bonnie Dyer and Gordon Lohmar.

WE APPRECIATE your wearing name tags, turning off cell phones, and using a quiet voice for conversations once the prelude begins before worship.

WELCOME PADS

It helps us when you sign the red welcoming pads and give us your last name.

HEARING ASSISTANCE & LARGE PRINT HYMNAL AVAILABLE

We are happy to offer a large print hymnal for visual assistance, as well as wireless receivers to assist anyone with a hearing impairment. Please ask an usher for either or both.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS & OTHER ASSISTANCE

If you would like a gluten free cracker instead of a wafer or bread, or if you have difficulty picking up an individual communion cup, please just ask your server to assist you. Also, if you are not able to come forward for communion, let an usher know and we will come to you.

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship services.

Saturday Evening Worship5:00 p.m.

Education Hour9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sun., Nov. 17 - Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Adult Education Hour - *The Truth Hurts (or Helps)?* - the Bible can help us 9:55 a.m.

Peace Page Turners 9:45 a.m.

Teen Bible Study 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Prayer of Intercession Planning Meeting 9:45 a.m.

Ping Pong Group, Peace Buddies & Peace 360 -12 noon

Mon., Nov. 18 - Ruth Circle Quilters 9:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12 noon

GriefShare 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 19 - Trailblazers Luncheon at 12 noon

Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 20 - 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.

3rd -6th Grade Bible Buddies 7:00 p.m.

Kids & Adults Confirmation Meeting 7:00 pm - Hot Dogs at 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 24 - Sunday School

Adult Education Hour - *Getting on the Same Page (Including with God)* 9:55 a.m.

Teen Bible Study 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Peace 360 -Fleece Blankets Project 12 noon

Ecumenical Worship Service at St. Peter's - Frankfort 7:00 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 25 - Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12 noon

GriefShare 6:30 p.m.

Help Others

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., NOV. 27

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. 27**. 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., DEC. 8

Our next monthly screening date is Sun., Dec. 8, 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**.

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.

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!

GOOD SHEPHERD group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eyeshadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs and brushes), personal items, bathing items (sponges, bubble bath, shower gel), and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons. Please place these items in the basket labeled *Good Shepherd Beauty Items* located under the left part of the narthex counter. Thank you for your support!

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. 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 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

Have you heard the saying "don't anticipate, participate," this was a typical response I got when growing up if I asked a question about what we would do next? Paul in his second letter to the Thessalonians is telling his audience the exact same thing, "don't anticipate, participate." There was a group within the Christian community at Thessalonica that was not contributing to society. Paul wrote to address this laziness urging them to follow his example, "for you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you." (2 Thessalonians 3:7) One hypothesis for why this group was idle is that they were so confident the second coming of Christ would happen soon that they stopped living normal lives. They figured there was no point to working today if Christ was coming back tomorrow. Paul urged them to be active participants in the community, and to continue to do what is right, regardless of what might come tomorrow.

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: *Prayers for Later Years* by **Malcolm Boyd**.

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.

Frank Brixius (surgery), the family of Morgan Palley, the family of Gabriella Adamo, the Kraii family, Roger Bentley, Mel Stromberg, Joe Schultz, those with disabilities and those who advocate for them, Diane Sprandel (cancer recovery), Katie Fanning, Bill Horsley, Sallie (lost job single parent), Nancy Bohl, Raymond Standard, Pam Salutric (recovery), 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...

Bob Britton (possible surgery), Alexis Flynn (transplant), Mary, Teresa, Barb Decker, Mark Krysiak (kidney failure & heart valve disease), Mason Mena (guidance), Jake & Josh (addiction), 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, 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 on our list, let us know. Please pray for those who have returned from war who struggle to readjust to life and work through their grief. Mike Scott, Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Ned Fowler, 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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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 Wurzbarger. 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.

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.

General Announcements

C.D.s & 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. 18

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.

More General Announcements

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 in the community is: Ask kids how they would like to serve. Match opportunities to their interests and abilities.**

This week's idea for our school is: Train teenagers how to help, tutor, and befriend younger children.

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.

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.)

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.

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.

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!

Thank you

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$9,624.87** at worship plus another **\$986** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **365**. 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!!!

THINK ABOUT A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS GIFT

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 on the tree in the entrance area or at www.elca.org/giving.

CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING- SANTA CRUZ & AUGUSTANA CENTER

Each year we have gift tags on a tree for those who wish to help people in need. Some are for people at Santa Cruz, our mission partner in Joliet. Some are for Augustana Open Arms Center (an orphanage). [Some tags are for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.] Please follow the instructions on the tag, and return the gifts and tags by Dec. 11 for the first two, and by Christmas for the ELCA ones.

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., DEC. 10

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???)

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.

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New This Week

SHORTEST DAY/ LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP - SAT., DEC. 21

As a part of the 5:00 p.m. worship service on Dec. 21 we will have a special liturgy and emphasis. It will acknowledge that Christmas is not merry for everyone. This Shortest Day/Longest Night observance allows anyone who has felt any kind of loss (death, divorce, job, etc.) to come and recognize that each is not alone; each is also held in God's compassionate care. We encourage you to invite anyone who has experienced a loss (or is struggling).

QUIET TIME IN THE SANCTUARY

Have you ever needed a break from the hectic pace of life, or wanted to have some alone-time with God? Always feel free to come to church and use the sanctuary to just sit (and think or pray or cry or meditate or whatever you need that day.) The church office is usually open M-F from 8:30 to 2:45. If there is an evening meeting in the building and no one is using the sanctuary, you can come then, too, of course. You can call the office that day and ask if there is anything going on in the sanctuary. (There are some days and times when you can sort of plan that no one would be using the sanctuary: Monday late mornings and early afternoons, Tuesday mornings & early afternoons, Friday mornings & early afternoons – but we'd still say to call and check.) Just being in the space surrounded by the windows and symbols and peacefulness can be a great gift from God to you.

WED. BIBLE STUDY & THE BOOK OF JOB

The book of Job in the Bible is a profound book that directly addresses the issue of suffering. It is an amazing book in its literary form and style, and really gets us thinking about "why?" In about a month or so we are going to be starting the study of this book on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in our Bible study. We go verse by verse throughout the Bible from beginning to end, and will be working next on Ezra and Nehemiah, with Job to follow Esther. You are free to join us anytime and to come when you can. We'll keep you updated on a more exact starting date as we get closer. (But again, you can come now and get some more good faith material.)

WISH LIST

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

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. 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. Fleece Blankets Project. 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.

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.

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.

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 set-up on that Friday morning, or help with serving and/or clean up on Saturday.

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!

BIBLE BUDDIES 3-6TH GR. WED., NOV. 20

While the Kids and Adults are in Confirmation on Wed., Nov. 20 we invite any of our 3rd-6th graders to have bible study with Deacon Shari and some of our high school youth. Hotdogs are served at 6:30 p.m. Bible Buddies will start at 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please let us know if your child can attend.

PEACE 360 BABYSITTING EVENT - SUN., DEC. 8

Our High school youth group, Peace 360, is setting aside some time to baby sit! It will be on Sun., Dec. 8, from 12-3 p.m. here at church (ages 2 years old and up) free of charge! Maybe you would like time to go out shopping, make other preparations for Christmas, or just take some time for yourself. **Please let us know if you would like to use our services by using the sign-up sheet on the counter in the narthex or contacting the church office. First come, first serve.**

KIDS AND ADULTS CONFIRMATION MEETING - WED., NOV. 20

7th & 8th graders along with their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the Kids and Adults meeting on Wed., Nov. 20. A hotdog dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Just a heads up, it has been brought to our attention that the next meeting on Feb. 19 falls on the 8th grade open night, for up coming Lincoln Way freshman.

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.

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

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA - SAT., DEC. 21 - 2:00 P.M.

Due to a cancellation, we now have 2 tickets available. Ticket price is \$58.50 each. See Pastor Dave if you are interested.

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. We have **1 ticket left.** Please use the sign-up or call the office to let us know.

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.

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.

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

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

Youth

7th/8th GR.

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Theater Events

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How many? ____

Thanksgiving Dinner

I can help with ____ set-up ____ serving ____ clean-up ____ transportation

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How many children? (& ages) ____

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I can help on Saturday with serving ____ clean-up ____

Other Ministries/Sign-ups

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

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

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 Phone _____
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