

# ***THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE***

**\*Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully***

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

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## ***Water the Flowers***

In terms of rain, we have entered another dry spell (at least at the time I'm writing this.) For all of us who have outdoor flowers, just about the time we thought we could put the hose on background status, along comes the question of watering the plants. (We know perfectly well that if you water the flowers, you're also giving water to the weeds, which do not seem to care if there's rain or not.)

I saw an anonymous quote from the Hazelden organization the other day that uses those images as a metaphor for how our lives go sometimes: "Stop watering the weeds in your life and start watering the flowers." It makes perfect sense to stop watering the weeds, right? And yet we spend a lot of our time watering our weeds. You probably know very well which weeds you've watered in your life. How about behaviors that are counter to what you want, and yet you hang around them and keep them close at hand (almost setting yourself up to keep doing them)? Or how about the amount of time we spend reliving our mistakes? Or how about how sometimes we are consumed by worry (and then worry about our worrying?) Negative thoughts and negative people are allowed an inside track to our brain, and the opinions are dismissed of people who would point out the irrationality of some of that thinking. The result? Weeds are watered.

Why not follow God's lead and water the flowers! What if you taught yourself to match every negative thought about yourself (or someone else or something else), with a positive one? What if the critique of someone toward us were a trigger to accept what's true in what was said, without making it universally true-in-all cases? One way to avoid watering the weeds is to get rid of them. Another way is to so overwhelm the weeds with flowers, they don't have room to grow and spread.

The goal in all this is not to be naïve or blind to the weeds in the world or our own lives. The goal is to minimize watering the weeds, and to augment, notice & celebrate how God looks at us and sees flowers first! Forgiveness, new life, self-giving are some great ways to water the flowers.

*Pastor Dave Hedlin*

## ***Prayers Requested***

Ron, Barb, Rita, Janet, Mary Ann Andress, Jason, Shirley & Bob Bennett, Josh & Matthew, Lorie Tierney, Vivian Farbak, Janie Rogan, DuWayne Klapper, Jodee Saenz, Bruce Klein, Charlotte & Pam, Juanita Murray, R.J. Busch, Greg Losiniecki, Sandra O' Shaughnessy, Loren & Betty Drews, the family of Gene Krohn, the family of Rich Johnson, the people affected by the various hurricanes, Christina Montgomery, the family of Gloria Lukow, the family of Bob Hanson, Emmy, Melissa, David Young, Nicole, Cie, Bill Goeglein, the family of Linda, Sandy Robertson, Trinity Lutheran Church – Warrenville, Joann Drake, Terry Skowronski, Bev Vogen, the Zamudio family, Alfredo Zamudio, Alyssa & Rob, Greg Klabisch

## ***Sympathy***

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Diane Knutson, mother of Pete Knutson.

## ***Congratulations***

Allison Johnson & Michael Wolf on their marriage on Sept. 15;

Jeremy & Sarah Knudsen, parents (Morgan, Grayson) & Denise Jones, grandmother, on the birth of Logan Scott Knudsen on Sept. 15.

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

Hayden Elizabeth Grace Hausherr was baptized on Sept. 2;

Austin Harper Kozlowski was baptized on Sept. 9;

Luke Thomas Welsh was baptized on Sept. 17;

Cole Alan Welsh was baptized on Sept. 17

## ***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:***

Marylyn Tyler – coordinator of Co-ed Golf Event  
Nathaniel Knutson – lesson reader  
Kate Massey – acolyte  
Jennifer Smith & Bethany Smothers – refreshments  
Bonnie & Frank Brazzale – giving statement assembly  
Bonnie & Frank Brazzale, food coordinators; Cheryl Brown, games; Lindeman family, jumpies and face painting and clean up; Lindsey Brown, face painting; Paape family, clean up ..... plus all who provided food, helped with clean up, or games or in any other way!! – church picnic

### ***From:***

Joliet Area Community Hospice – for the donation of prayer shawls  
JoAnn Pattera & Lincolnway Classical Conversation – for the use of the church  
Nursing Project Task Force – for the donation  
Cancer Support Center – for the quilts

## ***Prayer Group – Oct. 18***

Denise Jones hosts a monthly gathering for prayer on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:45 a.m. at her home (17013 Geneva Ave., Lockport). The prayers include our church, those on the prayer list and any other concerns or celebrations. Please call her (815) 838-0388 or the church office (815) 485-5327 for more information. The next gathering will be **Oct. 18.**

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

Mail for four of our members serving overseas in the military can be sent to:

MA 3Connor Wayne Baker	Sgt Pafford, Devin
PSC 455 Box 173	2714 S. Virginia Dr.
FPO AP 96540-1070	Apt. #36
	Yuma AZ 85364

Daniel Treasure, EMFN, EE DIV	Jacob Treasure
USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115)	3749 Radcliffe Rd.
Unit 100415 Box 1505	Abilene, TX 79602
FPO AP 96694	

## ***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.

## ***Do You Give Electronically or Want To?***

For those of you who give electronically and would like to put something in the offering plate, we have cards located on the counter you may use. If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, please contact the office. Also, if you want to give on-line at any time, you can go to our website ([www.peacenewelenox.org](http://www.peacenewelenox.org)), click on the donate tab and then use the donate through Paypal tab. You can use most major credit cards.

## ***Address for Our Sponsored Missionary***

If you would like to send Danielle Steinwart a note sometime this year, here is her address:  
Danielle Steinwart, High House,  
St. Swithun's Alresford Rd,  
Winchester SO21 1HA, UK

## ***The Hope Fund***

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

## ***Giving Statements Are Available***

The new giving statements that cover Jan. 1 through Aug. 31 are in the entrance area. Please save us postage and pick up yours today!

## ***Remember Our P.O. Box***

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

## ***Quick Reminders***

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Oct. 22**. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it mailed first class or via e-mail, let us know.

\* **The Will-Grundy Medical Clinic** is now accepting patients for free healthcare for the uninsured and those who qualify. Appointments are available onsite or over the phone, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To schedule a free screening appointment, please call (815) 726-3377, ext. 228. For patient eligibility information: <http://willgrundymedicalclinic.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Eligibility.pdf>.

\* **Crutches and walkers available** – The church has received crutches and walkers from members. Please feel free to contact the church office if you need to borrow one of these items.

\* **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** – Suicide is not about wanting to die, but about a powerful need for pain to end. You can help someone today by reaching out, listening, and letting them know you care. Be sure that the person can reach you and several responsible others if the desire to commit suicide becomes strong or if he/she just feels the need to talk to someone. Give the individual the names and telephone numbers of people who could be contacted and if possible, have the person meet these people. Give them the suicide prevention hotline. **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** are always located in the entrance area. Let's remember to keep in mind to spread the word that no one is alone in a time of need. Suicide destroys everyone who cares! Help someone today who is reaching out for help by picking up the cards and being attentive to what people are saying about their lives. Crisis Line – (815) 469-6166, text line – 741741, and online – [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

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

- *GriefShare* – Meets each Monday at 6:30 p.m.

- *Evening Adult Support Group* – Meets the third Thursday of the month, (with the exception of the month of October), June – December 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) 470-4104.

\* **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.

\* **Thrivent members** – For those of you who have Thrivent dollars to donate, don't forget Peace is one of those choices.

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

### \* **Attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend**

The next weekend will be held Friday evening, November 10 through Sunday afternoon, November 12, 2017, at the Garden Hotel in South Beloit, IL.

Telephone Pastor John and Connie Heins, 815-623-8323, or e-mail: [JCHeins@aol.com](mailto:JCHeins@aol.com) for further information. Go to [www.godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org) for application. (This is a marriage enrichment program.)

## ***C.D.s & Podcast Available***

Would you like a C.D. copy of a worship service? Look for the sign-up on the name tag table. 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](http://www.peacenewlenox.org).

## ***Special Music***

If you would like to provide special music (vocal or instrumental) during the worship services, please contact Kelly Muehlnickel at (815) 463-8836 or email her at [bluestonebay@comcast.net](mailto:bluestonebay@comcast.net).

### ***Ruth Circle Quilters – Oct. 9 & 23***

Quilting meets every other Monday at 9:00 a.m. **No experience necessary.** You just have to know how to have fun to join. And if that's not enticing enough, we always have snacks! Refreshments provided by Syndy Lindbloom on Oct. 9 and Karen Dircks on Oct. 23. If you have questions, call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338

### ***Peace Buddies – Oct. 1 & 15***

Peace Buddies is a special needs youth group for high school age and older. New Buddies are always welcome! You do not have to be a part of our church to join us. If you know someone, please invite them to come. We usually meet on the first and third Sundays of the month from **noon – 2:00 p.m.** Please bring a pumpkin to carve on Oct. 15. Any questions, please see Pastor Dave or call Emilie Harvey at (815) 529-7546. Any questions please see Pastor Dave or call Emilie Harvey at (815) 529-7546.

### ***Men's Dartball – Oct. 10***

Get ready for a new season! Dartball meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month. No prior experience is 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???)

### ***Trailblazers – Oct. 17***

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Oct. 17 at noon here at church. The menu will be beef stroganoff. Bring yourself and whatever you'd enjoy sharing with the group. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

### ***Reformation Sunday – Oct. 28 & 29***

Join us in celebrating our Lutheran heritage on Oct. 28 & 29 by wearing something red to church.

### ***Blood Drive – Oct. 7***

Thank you to everyone who donated in August. We collected 21 products, had 3 incompletes and 4 deferrals. Our next Heartland blood drive will be Oct. 7, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

### ***Peace Women's Group***

The Peace Women's Group is open to all women 18 and up. We invite all interested to join us for our events. We look forward to seeing you all soon! If you have any questions or want to sign up, contact Jan Stoller (815) 530-2786, or the church office.

Oct. 14 - Flight 102 - We will travel to beautiful downtown....Bourbonnais....to this small, intimate place for good wine and food. The time will be 5:00 p.m. and carpooling is available.

Friday, Nov 3 - Funeral for a Gangster - join us for an interactive dinner theater experience by the Lincoln-way Theatre Guild at CD and Me in Frankfort, at 6:30 p.m. Set in a speakeasy we will pay our respects to the late Vito "the Gut" Marzetti. Prizes for best costume and whomever solves the mystery. Tickets are \$40 and includes buffet dinner. Cash bar & you need to be 21 or older. We will purchase tickets together-sign up by October 13.

### ***Peace Page Turners – Oct. 15***

Peace Page Turners next will be discussing *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin on October 15. Join us for the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. We meet at 9:45 a.m. and all are always welcome. If you would like a copy of the book or have any questions, contact Kathy Davenport (815) 485-3874.

### ***Adult Fellowship Halloween Party – Oct. 28***

Do you want to have a howlin' good time??? Join us for the Adult Fellowship Halloween Costume Party - Saturday, October 28, at 6:15. Bring your favorite, hauntingly good appetizer or dessert to share. Enjoy goulash games and a costume contest with devilishly fun prizes. If you have any questions please call Claudia - 815-485-3712 or Marylynn - 815-423-6407. If you'd like childcare (\$3), let us know before Oct. 23. Let us know you're coming by calling the office.

### ***Bookstore Coming! – Oct. 14-22***

The publishing house of the ELCA is giving Peace an opportunity to host a two-week bookstore of all kinds of books about the Reformation and Martin Luther. The books will be at half price! You select the ones you want, we order them, and hooray!

## ***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.

**Oct. 1** – *Eastern Religions* (a special presentation by our own Mark Jaswanthkumar) Mark has studied these and been surrounded by them, so his knowledge is both personal and thorough.

**Oct. 8** – *How to Become/Stay a “Glass Half-full” Person*

**Oct. 15** – *PhD candidate Shane Brinegar* - something about Luther and the Reformation

**Oct. 22** – *God Says, “Just Do It!”* (Sometimes we get stuck when it comes to our faith in the real world.)

**Oct. 29** – *What Exactly Is Grace?*

## ***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. October's passage is: Micah 7:18-20.

## ***New Member Orientation in October***

We will be receiving new members again in October. The orientations are Oct. 15, at 9:45 and 6:30; the reception of new members will be Oct. 22 during the 11:00 worship followed by a luncheon at noon. Please call the church office to let us know if you will be involved.

## ***New Member Sponsors***

We want new members to feel welcome. Having sponsors is one key element. The “job description” for our sponsors includes the New Member Orientation Class on October 15, at 9:45 a.m., plus the 11:00 worship and luncheon on October 22. We would also like you to keep in contact with your new members from time to time. If you are interested, please call the office.

## ***Salads/Desserts Needed for New Member Luncheon***

We would appreciate volunteers who would be willing to provide a salad, dessert, bread/rolls, or help with serving or cleaning up for the new member luncheon on October 22. If you could provide any one of these, please call the church office. You will be reminded at a later date.

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

**Oct. 1** – *Blessing of the Animals 1:00 p.m.*

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

**Oct. 8** – *Flu Shot Clinic 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.*

*Blood Pressure Screenings between services  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Event 6:00 p.m.*

**Oct. 14** – *Special Prayers for Healing 5:00 p.m.*

**Oct. 14 - 22** – *Peace Bookstore*

**Oct. 15** – *Peace Page Turners – 9:45 a.m.*

*New Member Orientations 9:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.*

**Oct. 18** – *Hymn Picking – 6:00 p.m.*

**Oct. 21** – *First Communion Class - option 1, 3:00 p.m.*

*Out to Eat Group – Baker's Square 6:30 p.m.*

**Oct. 22** – *Reception of New Members 11:00 a.m.*

*Joint Worship with St. Jude 3:00 p.m. (there)*

**Oct. 28** – *First Communion Class - option 2, 10:00 a.m.*

**Oct. 28/29** – *Reformation Weekend*

**Nov. 4** – *C.P.R Class at N.L.F.D – 12:30 p.m.*

**Nov. 5** – *Special All Saints Worship 8:30 a.m.*

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

*All Come Committee Meeting – 7:30 p.m.*

**Nov. 11** – *Baptism Orientation – 3:30 p.m.*

**Nov. 23** – *21<sup>st</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Peace  
Church – 12 noon*

**Nov. 25** – *Tree Trimming & Caroling*

## ***Evening Bible Study – Oct. 17***

Our next session on Tuesday, October 17, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. we will continue with Luke 6:1. You don't need to know anything about the Bible to benefit.

## ***First Communion Class – Oct. 21 or 28***

Each year we seek to prepare children in the fifth grade (and beyond) for receiving their first communion. We do it in a one-hour concentrated class. A parent/other adult (or two) should attend along with the child. The class will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 3:00 p.m. or if you prefer, on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 10:00 a.m. You need only attend one class or the other.

## ***Special All Saints Worship – Nov. 5***

During the 8:30 worship on Nov. 5, people who have lost loved ones (especially those since the last All Saints Sunday) will have an opportunity to remember their loved ones. It would be helpful if you would let us know in advance if you will be coming forward to light a candle in memory of someone. We provide the candles and all, but we want to be sure we have an adequate supply. Please call the church office.

## ***From Deacon Shari Trotter***

Dear Peace Members and Friends,  
The busy part of the year has begun and already I have many thanks to give! We had a very successful Messtival! If you haven't yet seen the pictures, please check them out in the hallway near my office. They are great! A special thank you to the adults who came and helped with all of the messy fun; Eric Wessel, Gretchen Pfeiffer, Julie Massey, and Angie Klock! The same day the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth went for a bike ride, had a picnic of walking tacos and played games! A special thank you to Julie Massey for leading the bike ride and to all of the parents that came and helped with the ride and with lunch. It was so nice to see the youth have fun together and to watch our future youth group begin to take shape. Thank you to all of the parents and members who have taken interest in our youth. Thank you for all of the ideas sent my way. This is sure to be a wonderful year! Thank you for the support that you give to me and the ministry that I am blessed to do here! Whether you are supporting with time and talents or anonymous prayers, please know how much I appreciate it! Because of all of your support we have some really special things coming up in the next couple of months. The first and most exciting to our youth is the repainting and reimagining of both our Senior and Junior High youth rooms. They are getting new coats of vibrant paint and some new fun furniture! We have several Halloween parties coming up! The Highschool youth will be debuting their new youth room and watching Halloween movies on their brand new smart tv. The junior high youth will be going to Creepy Hallow and will have a chance to choose between some spooky and fun activities. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be having a pumpkin carving contest and costume party here at the church. This is my favorite time of the year and I am so excited!

Happy Fall Y'all!

*Deacon Shari*

## ***Special Prayers for Healing – Oct. 14***

Oct. 14 will be the next opportunity for special prayers for healing of body, mind and spirit for yourself or on behalf of someone else. We offer this as a part of the 5:00 worship service that day.

## ***Flu Shots – Oct. 8***

Once again, the staff from Jewel-Osco will be coming here to give flu and other shots. There date will be Sunday, Oct. 8 and the times will be 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. They'll work with you on insurance and Medicare issues. If you do not have insurance that covers the shot, the likely cost will be \$30 per person. Bring any insurance information with you. No appointments are necessary.

## ***Health Care Ministry - Blood Pressure Screenings – Oct. 8***

High blood pressure can start at any age and can cause catastrophic illness in our bodies if it goes untreated. With that in mind, our new Health Care Ministry has begun, and will continue each month. Our next screening date is October 8, between the two services. Your pressure will be measured by health care professionals, and will be kept strictly confidential. It only takes a few minutes for your screening, but those few minutes could save your life! If you have any questions, or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to be a part of the team, please contact Marylynn Tyler at 815-423-6407.

## ***Hymn Picking – Oct. 18***

The next round of picking hymns for the period of December through May will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6:00 p.m. Your input is always welcome! Please let us know that you're planning to come so we can get you a pre-list ahead of time.

## ***Thanksgiving Planning – Nov. 7 – 7:00***

Each year our church hosts a wonderful Thanksgiving Day dinner for people in need, new to the community, or looking to eat with others. The major planning will take place on Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. the dinner is on November 23 at noon.

## ***Everybody's Welcome***

### ***Committee Night – Nov. 7 – 7:30***

Four times a year we have an "everybody come" committee night. Your ideas meet with others who can help make them happen! The date for this next one is November 7, at 7:30 p.m.

## ***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**.

## ***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. 2 during the 5:00 worship. Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grades will have their program on Dec. 10 during the 11:00 worship. If you would be willing to help with one of this year's programs, please let Pastor Dave know.

## ***Prayer Shawl Ministry – Oct. 4 & 18***

We will be meeting every other Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. If you already know how to stitch, or would like to learn, come and join us. We have members teaching crocheting or knitting if you want to learn. You can bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. Any questions, please contact Cheryl Gamen at (815) 462-3089. And by the way, to date we have created 96 prayer shawls and given away 51! (That means there are more we'd love to wrap in prayer....See the next announcement.)

## ***Prayer Shawls to Be Given Away***

Do you know someone who is in need of being wrapped in prayer, who would benefit from knowing that they are being prayed for, or someone going through difficult times? Our Prayer Shawl Ministry would love to create a prayer shawl for you or someone you know. A prayer shawl is a knitted or crocheted shawl that is made with prayerful meditation. In the entrance area, you will find a plaque for the ministry along with a request box. Please put in your requests and you will be contacted when your shawl is ready for pickup. Make sure to include your contact information, the recipient's first name (last name optional) and prayer concern. You may also contact the office directly for a shawl.

## ***Prayer Shawl Group Yarn Request***

Maybe you can't knit or crochet, but you'd still like to support this new ministry. You can! The group is looking for full skeins of 4 ply worsted weight yarn.

## ***Theater Events***

### ***Margaritaville – Nov. 19***

On Sunday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 pm, at the Oriental Theatre in Chicago the tunes will be flowing and the mental relaxation should come with it. This musical features both original new songs and classic old ones from Jimmy Buffett, while it tells a story! Our bargain tickets are only \$21.50. There are 3 tickets left!

### ***Beautiful (The Carole King Story) – Dec. 27***

On Wed., Dec. 27, at 7:30 pm, at the Cadillac Theatre in Chicago this amazing story and music will be a great Christmas present! We went to this last year and the reviews from our own people told us to get more tickets this year! Our bargain tickets are \$38.

## ***Blessing of the Animals – Oct. 1***

St. Francis of Assisi is attributed to have been a great lover of animals and treated all of God's creation as sacred. In celebration of our non-human companions, we invite you to bring your animals to church for a special blessing on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 1:00 p.m. We welcome all feathery, furry, scaly, warm-blooded and cold-blooded friends of all shapes and sizes (**animals should be in carriers or on leashes to assure nothing is going to startle them and cause them to run away in a strange neighborhood**). The brief group blessing (outdoors south of the building) will take only a few minutes. If in addition to that you want an individual blessing for your pet, that will take place immediately afterward. (In case of rain, we will head into Fellowship Hall.) Please call the church office if you have any questions.

## ***Joint Worship with St. Jude's – Oct. 22***

In celebration of the great strides that have been made in the relationships of Catholics and Lutherans, a joint worship service has been planned for Oct. 22 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Jude's in New Lenox. Five hundred years ago a fracture took place when Martin Luther challenged some of the teachings and practices of the church. But ever since the Second Vatican Council, many dialogues and statements of agreement (as well as apology) have taken place. We will celebrate our common life in Christ with word and song, and hope that you will consider this historic moment.

***Time to...*** set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on November 4.

## ***God's Work in Action***

As one of this year's goals in our Long-Range Plan, we want to highlight at least 10 people from church who are volunteering outside of Peace. God's work gets done by you in so many different ways; we want to celebrate how you take your gifts from God and apply them! This month's contribution is from Cass Ott.

As some of you know, I attend the quilt group meetings here at Peace. Making the quilt tops at home and bringing them in gives me a wonderful feeling that I am helping to make a warm blanket for someone.

Several years ago, I was bored sewing the same thing. I needed another mission. It was a cold winter day and I attended a town meeting in Manhattan and learned that there is a quilt group here in my town. After meeting the leader, I was invited to attend a quilt group meeting, and met some ladies who have become my sewing friends.

Not only do we make things for ourselves, but we also sew many projects for others. This is how I first found out about "Operation Care Package". It is an all-volunteer non-profit organization sending packages to deployed service men and women.

I wondered how I could help. A sample kit was given to me to make a Christmas stocking to be filled at "OCP". This seemed so rewarding, and that first year I made 38. WOW. That seemed like so many. This year thus far I have made over 150 stockings and 200 Christmas gift bags to be delivered to OCP in early November. During the year OCP fills thousands of shower/hygiene bags and gifts bags all made by sewing volunteers. My sewing machine never sits still. Now along with making quilt tops to use here at Church, I make many bags (most from donated fabric). Each month when I take the bags to OCP, I enjoy talking with the volunteers who are filling and shipping the boxes.

What a blessing it is to be involved with a mission like this. Volunteers are always needed to help with all the donated items, love and prayers that are packaged and sent to the troops each month.

*Cass Ott*

## ***5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza, Games & Pumpkin Carving Event – Oct. 8***

Let's get together for pizza and games that we will play here at Peace! Bring a friend and be here Oct. 8, at 6:00 p.m. Dress for Halloween and bring a pumpkin for yourself (if you are bringing a friend, let them know this too). Donations of \$3 will help cover the pizza and other supplies. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin.

## ***Small Group Ministry***

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing". 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Small groups are a great way to carry out this command that God has for our lives!

You've been hearing about small groups over the last several weeks. Right now, it looks like we will have two groups meeting! Hooray! The likely days are Wednesday night and Sunday afternoon. Now that you know your new fall schedule and your routine is underway, it is a good time to figure out which small group time will work best for you. The groups will meet every other week for about 1.5-2 hrs. This is a great way to develop friendships and grow in your relationship with God through bible study and prayer. Anyone college age and older is invited to attend. We plan to officially start the groups the week of October 7. Hope to see you! Please use the sign-up, call the office or let Pastor Dave or Heather Antoniazzi ([hherbst2@yahoo.com](mailto:hherbst2@yahoo.com)) know if you are interested.

## ***Baptism Orientation – Nov. 11***

November 11, 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.

## ***Questions Kids Ask***

Carol Hedlin had an opportunity in September to represent our *Questions Kids Ask About God* book at the assembly of the Women of the ELCA of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. Because people "get it" that encouraging the next generation of people in the faith is the job of all of us, the reception once again was so very positive. If you haven't looked at how this simple book (and coloring book) can speak to young people and be a witness for God, be sure to check it out!

## ***Co-ed Golf Outing Results***

The Co-ed Golf Outing on Sept. 10 was a great success with 16 participants! Here are the results (excluding Marylynn Tyler, coordinator).

Best Score Men: 41 – Jeff Anderson

Best Score Women: 69 – Kay Johnson

Longest Drive Men: Dick Tyler

Longest Drive Women: Joanne Corcoran

Closest to the Pin – Jeff Anderson



## ***Waste Watchers (Environmental that is.....)***

### ***– Oct. 1***

The new environmental group at Peace is now up and running. We are a group of like-minded people who want to be good stewards of the world God has given us to use. We will be doing this through: **Awareness:** Becoming aware of the issues that put the Earth and our lives in jeopardy due to poor ecological choices. Thus we will: **Educate:** Ourselves and pass that information onto our church family. We will do this through information, resources, examples, discussions, and: **Taking Action:** There are many topics when the environment comes to mind. Some are easy fixes which we will address then make any necessary changes. Some are quick and easy; those we will work on as long term goals. Please join us, offer ideas and information, and give us feedback. We meet on a Wednesday evening or on a Sunday during Education Hour. Our next meeting is Sunday, Oct. 1 at 9:45 a.m. If you have any questions please contact Syndy at (708-623-9742)

## ***CPR Class Opportunity – Nov. 4***

The New Lenox Fire Department is going to be conducting a CPR class for our church, but it will be held at the fire station on Rt. 30 by the train station parking lot. The class will be from 12:30 to 4:00, on Saturday, Nov. 4 for ages Jr. High to adult. There are 10 spots available and the special price for the session will be \$20 each compared to the usual \$40 – check (to Peace) or cash please. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin.

## ***Out to Eat Group – Oct. 21***

The Out to Eat group next heads to a pie favorite: Bakers Square. We'll go to the one in Tinley Park, 15711 Harlem Ave. We'll meet there at 6:30. Please use the sign-up slip so we know how many to expect.

## ***Help for Hurricane Victims***

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

## ***Peace Church Christmas Ornaments***

On behalf of the New Lenox Historical Society, Peace Lutheran Church Christmas ornaments are now available for purchase. They are \$8.50 each. If you would like one (or more), please look for the display on the counter in the narthex.

## ***Golden Opportunities Books***

Several of you over the years have bought these coupon books filled with savings coupons for many different types of places, from food to entertainment to car washes. This year's editions of the Golden Opportunities Books have arrived and are \$25 each. (A portion of that goes to youth-related ministries.)

## ***Because of You and Your Gifts***

Bihar is the poorest state in India, where farming is the primary means of survival. When farming is not enough to satisfy the most basic of needs, families must separate to look for work. This is changing because of you, and because of our support for Lutheran World Relief. Families are learning how to maximize their production by carefully spacing seeds to give the rice the room and nutrients needed to flourish. At the same time, women and men are learning how to better share household and farm responsibilities. This combination of improved farming techniques and new approaches to everyday tasks is adding up to success. Families participating have seen their incomes increase more than 700 percent!

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

How do I get into the spirit when my life around me is so stressful that I can't even think straight? How do I put on a smile to family and friends when my heart is aching? How do I find quiet moments to keep my sanity? How can I put myself first when my loved one is in decline? As a caregiver, it is with great love that we continue to care, but it is of greater importance to keep ourselves healthy. How do I do that? Connect with God. Ask for help. Take one day at a time and know that you are not alone. Reaching out can and will make a difference in your life and for your loved one. Let the Spirit move you. *(For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex and you can borrow a book from the bin.)*

## ***GriefShare Ministry***

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

## ***Alzheimer's Association Support Group***

Do you care for someone diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia? Are you looking for information and support? You are not alone. There is an Alzheimer's Association Support Group meeting at Peace the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! If you would like more information, please contact Karin Knutson at [karinknutson@hotmail.com](mailto:karinknutson@hotmail.com).

## ***Opiate Recovery Group***

An Opiate Recovery Group meets here at Peace each Tuesday night from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Are you or a loved one struggling with heroin or opiate dependence? Addiction is a family disease, because everyone in the family suffers if someone is addicted to or abusing drugs. Too many people lost in addiction feel hopeless. 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 please contact Tom Moore at 815-354-3195.

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

**The asset for the month of October is:**

**Integrity & Honesty**

Young people act on their convictions, stand up for their beliefs and tell the truth even when it is not easy.

**October quote of the month:**

*"Integrity is telling myself the truth. And honesty is telling the truth to other people."  
~ Spencer Johnson*

## **Youth Announcements**

### **High School**

#### ***Peace 360 Meets Sundays at 6:00 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)? A place that is fun, interesting, and (sometimes) crazy? We have that place for you... Peace 360! We will meet most weekends on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We hope that you will mark off this day and time for us – and for you! If you can't make it every week, that's okay. Whenever you can be here you'll be a welcome addition!

**Oct. 1** - Putting finishing touches on the Youth room.

**Oct. 8 - OPEN HOUSE!** To show off the Youth room. Plus, we will have snacks and watch a movie.

### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

#### **Confirmation:**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Oct. 4 & 18 6:30 p.m.** – Pizza before class  
7:00 p.m. – Confirmation class

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Oct. 11 & 25 6:30 p.m.** – Pizza before class  
7:00 p.m. – Confirmation class

### ***7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Haunted Evening – Oct. 14***

Meet at church at 6:00 p.m. for pizza then we will head to Creepy Hallow for a haunted evening. There will be 4 options at Creepy Hallow when we get there: **1)** Terror Trails Haunted Cornfield & Woods \$22, **2)** Zombie Paintball Hunt \$20, **3)** Coffin Simulator Ride \$10 or, **4)** Paintball Target Shoot \$10 (for 80 balls). For more info go to ([www.creepyhallow.com](http://www.creepyhallow.com)). Plan on only ONE option! (If time allows you may be able to pick another one.) Please sign-up at Confirmation, in Sunday School, by using the sign-up slip in the bulletin or by calling the church office. Don't forget to include your friends too!  
**Parents we will need leaders and drivers, too!**

### ***Babysitters List Sign Up***

Each year we put together a list of willing babysitters. If you'd like your name included in this year's list, please look for an information form in the entrance area or call the church office and let us know. **The deadline to sign up is Oct. 1.**