

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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Dents and Scratches

About 20 years ago, our family had picked up a new car at the dealer on a Wednesday. I drove it to church that night and parked it on the back row of the parking lot. When I came out after confirmation, I discovered a Girl Scout leader or parent had backed into our car. It had less than 20 miles on it, and already was dented! Some of you have experiences of getting dents and scratches on your cars. Grocery carts on the loose, other people opening their doors on a windy day which bang into your car, fender benders – there are no limits to the causes. The question isn't whether you'll have them, the question is how soon and how many...and how you react.

Far more importantly than a car, our lives are also filled with dents and scratches and sometimes crashes. We'd love to go through life without any blemishes, but it won't happen. Illnesses, bad choices on our part, times we are victims of others' behaviors, bad luck or timing – once again there are no limits to the causes. And once again, the question isn't whether you'll have them, the question is how soon and how many...and how you react.

God's intention in creation was 100% good – think new car right off the lot. The amazing story of our God and God's relationship with humanity, including a steady stream of dents and scratches (and crashes), also includes how to deal with them.

How does God react? God's reaction is not just "oh well." God hates sin! But God doesn't stop there. God's profound reaction is to let them go (to forgive) and with deep compassion to issue an invitation to all of us to understand how we can use our dents to grow. The growth is not to ignore the pain or the reality, but instead to learn from them and to move beyond them. You can't back up in time, nor change a thing by "I should have" nor find a magic formula to fix what went wrong. What you can do for the self-inflicted dents is to resolve to be/do better. For the ones that come from the outside to deal with them. For both inside and outside ones, learn, forgive and let them go. Sometimes our own reaction is to find blame or get revenge or stay mad – and all we'll see are the dents. God's method in spite of the dents gives renewed life instead.

Pastor Dave Hedlin

Prayers Requested

Benny Ortiz, Bob, the family of Lance Jones, the family of John Miles, Tim Gallagher, Jack Goesel, Carol Trosen, Lori, the family of Patricia Ross, the family of Teri & Eddie Gorenz, Nick C., Nathan Legrif, Howie Vanick, Bobby, Jill Goeglein, Perry Ehrman, Glen, Joe Piliero, Nancy DeYoung, Joe D., the family of Pat Doran, Kelly, Shannon, Jenny Decker, Gwen, Kim Farbak, the family of Debbie Bonavolanto, the family of Audrey Bednarz, the family of George Radcliffe, the family of Steve Edwards, Ted, Scott & Sarah, Judy Szeszycki, Susan Wagner, Dan Hiller, Diane Lillie, Jodee Saenz, Kim Kulovitz, Bill, Michael, Craig & Brittany, Kristen & Steve Daughtry, Amanda, Jake, Brendan Marshall

Sympathy

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Nathan Haugen, son of Pat and Margie Haugen;

the family of Debbie Bonavolanto, mother of Crissy Gregori;

the family of Jason Clements, grandson of Charlie & Donna Conway and nephew of Susan Lundgren;

the family of Louis Reyes, father of Denise Ledvina.

Welcome to the Lord's Family

Charlotte Grace Wright was baptized on Sept. 22.

Baptism Orientation – Sat., Nov. 10

November 10, at 3:30 p.m., marks the next baptism orientation class for those who wish to have children baptized at Peace in the next few months.

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:

George Rumbaugh, Dan Schaffer, Nate Thomas – lawn mowing
Darrell Holmquist – property clean up
Paulette Overend – giving statements
Marylynn Tyler – organizing co-ed golf outing
Carol Dohrn – delivery of prayer shawls to Journey
Rich Dohrn & Ron Fullriede – installing lights and
Bob Lindbloom, Jonathan DeMik & Ted Chubb – set up work for lights project
Ron & Sharon Fullriede – Fellowship Hall ceiling project

From:

Danielle Steinwart – for the kind words and the opportunity to share her experiences
The Cancer Support Center – for the prayer shawls

Do You Give Electronically or Want To?

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

Our New Missionary

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

Addresses for Service Personnel

Mail for three of our members serving overseas in the military can be sent to:
MA 3Connor Wayne Baker
PSC 455 Box 173
FPO AP 96540-1070
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FPO AP 96694

GriefShare Ministry

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

Alzheimer's Association Support Group

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

Addiction and Family Support Group

An Addiction & Family Support Group meets here at Peace each Tuesday night from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Addiction is a family disease, because everyone in the family suffers if someone is addicted to or abusing drugs. The good news is people can and do recover and lead happy and productive lives. Please join us! This support group meeting is for those struggling, those who love someone struggling, or those who just want to learn about the epidemic of heroin and prescription pain medications in our community. For more information, contact Tom Moore at 815-354-3195.

Remember Our P.O. Box

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

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Oct. 28**. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it mailed first class or via e-mail, let us know.

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

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

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

* **Bereavement Support Groups**

- *GriefShare* – Meets each Monday at 6:30 p.m. (Will not be meeting Dec. 24 or Dec. 31)

- *Evening Adult Support Group* – Meets the third Thursday of the month, (with the exception of the month of March), December - June 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Joliet Area Community Hospice, *donation appreciated*.

- *Afternoon Adult Support Group* – Meets the second Friday of the month, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Joliet Area Community Hospice, *donation appreciated*.

For other services offered, including individual counseling, parent support and general grief support, please visit the Joliet Area Community Hospice website: www.joliethospice.org or call 815-740-4104.

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

* **LSSI's Joshua Arms Website** - Joshua Arms has a website that makes it easy for visitors to see all that the affordable senior housing development in Joliet has to offer. Visit the site at www.LSSI.org/JoshuaArms. Located at 1315 Rowell in a tree-lined residential area, Joshua Arms offers 186 independent, apartment-style units and 56 supportive living units, where residents can receive three meals a day, housekeeping and other daily living services. The new website is an easy to use tool for potential residents and family members to learn about Joshua Arms, including eligibility and floor plans.

***Cleaning for a Reason** – Provides free housecleaning once a month for 4 months for women currently undergoing chemotherapy. For more information or to sign up please go to: www.cleaningforareason.org/cancer_patients_acct.html You will need a doctor's note confirming treatment to sign up and Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in your zip code area arrange for service. This organization serves the entire US and currently has 547 partners to help these women.

Helping Santa Cruz's Food Pantry

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food pantry & resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. We have a list now of specific items they can use in their pantry. You can bring these anytime and put them in the baskets on the floor heading into Fellowship Hall.

cereal (all kinds)	canned fruit
coffee (ground) all kinds	creamers (powdered)
ice cream cones (summer only)	juices
hand soap (bar & liquid)	toothpaste
dish soap	disposable diapers

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.

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. Just talk to Deacon Shari or Pastor Dave – and no one else will know.

Ruth Circle Quilters – Mon., Oct. 8 & 22

Quilting meets every other Monday at 9:00 a.m. No experience necessary. You just have to know how to have fun to join. Questions, contact Karen 815-462-9527 or Syndy 708-479-7338.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wed., Oct. 3 & 17

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. We meet every other Wed. at 6:00 p.m. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. Questions contact Cheryl Gamen at 815-462-3089. If you know someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please put your requests in the box on the narthex counter.

Men's Dartball – Tues., Oct. 9

Dartball meets on the second Tues. of the month. No prior experience needed or helpful. Please join us! We finish up at 9:00 so you've got time for your bedtime ice cream, too. (Who's idea is that???)

Peace Page Turners – Sun., Oct. 14

The next meeting will be Oct. 14 at 9:45 a.m. We will be discussing *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. All are welcome. Join us even if you haven't read the book. Questions, contact Kathy at 815-545-2806.

Trailblazers – Tues., Oct. 16

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at noon here at church. The menu will be stuffed cabbage rolls and gluten free chicken tenders and you bring something you'd enjoy sharing with the group. We'll also be playing Bingo. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

Peace Buddies – Sun., Oct. 21

Peace Buddies is a special needs youth group for high school age and older that meets on the third Sunday of the month from **noon – 2:00 p.m.** You do not have to be a part of our church to join us. Please bring a pumpkin to decorate this month.

Adult Fellowship Halloween Party – Sat., Oct. 27

Do you want to have a howlin' good time??? Join us for the Adult Fellowship Halloween Costume Party - Saturday, Oct. 27, at 6:15. Bring your favorite, hauntingly good appetizer or dessert to share. Enjoy goulash games and a costume contest with devilishly fun prizes. (Costumes are not a necessity to come, but please try!) Questions? please call Claudia - 815-485-3712 or Marylynn - 815-423-6407. If you'd like childcare (\$3), let us know before Oct. 21. Please use the sign up slip in the bulletin to let us know you will be joining us.

Faith Discussion Group – Thurs., Oct. 25

Our small group meets once a month to discuss various topics, to deepen our faith and build relationships within the group. We welcome anyone to join - men and women of all ages - you do not have to attend all meetings! The next is on Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Janet Stoller's home. If interested, please email her at jlstoller2000@yahoo.com. P.S. we have great snacks!

Peace Women's Group – Fri., Oct. 19

The Peace Women's Group is open to all women 18 and up. All are invited to join us for our events. Friday Oct. 19 at 7:00 p.m. we will go to Thrive - Joliet Junior College's wonderful Culinary school restaurant at the City Center campus, 235 N Chicago St., Joliet. We have reservations for 8 and may be able to get more. Reservations fill up fast, so please sign up ASAP.

Hymn Picking – Wed., Oct. 24

The next round of picking hymns for the period of December through May will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 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.

Genealogy Group – Sat., Oct. 27

We would like to invite any of you who are interested in working on genealogies to come together for a wide-ranging opportunity on Oct. 27 at 10:00 a.m. Some of you will be veterans of this work and can share with those who would like to start. Even those who are veterans will be able to share tips with each other. If and how the group would desire to continue will be decided by the group that day.

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. 7 - Cindy (&Ted) Chubb guest presenters about their experiences at *Argonne National Laboratory*

Oct. 14 - *Moving Beyond the Pain of Loss* (we have many different losses, and how to deal with them with God's help)

Oct. 21 - *What if "Just Being Yourself" Doesn't Work*

Oct. 28 - *We Surrender to Win (and other great paradoxes of the faith)* - includes Luther's "saints & sinners at the same time" one

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

Nov. 11 - *Duty & Dread Are Different* (lessons from the armed forces on Veterans Day)

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 Isaiah 42:1-7.

Flu Shots – Sun., Oct. 14

Once again, the staff from Jewel-Osco will be coming here to give flu and other vaccines (like pneumonia.) The date will be Sunday, Oct. 14, 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 – Sun., Oct. 14

Our next monthly screening date is Oct. 14, between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, please contact Marylynn Tyler at (815) 423-6407.

Looking Ahead...

Oct. 6 – *Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Events

Oct. 6/7 – *Book Fair*

Oct. 7 – *Blessing of the Animals – 12:30 p.m.*

Oct. 13 – *Special Prayers for Healing 5:00 p.m.*

7th & 8th Grade Event 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Oct. 14 – *Peace Page Turners 9:45 a.m.*

5th & 6th Grade Event 4-6:00 p.m.

Oct. 19 – *Women's Group Thrive Event 7:00 p.m.*

Oct. 20 – *First Communion Class - option 1, 10:00 a.m.*

Wedding Vow Renewal 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 21 – *New Member Orientation 9:45 & 6:30*

Oct. 24 – *Hymn Picking 6:00 p.m.*

Oct. 25 – *Faith Discussion Group 7:00 p.m.*

Oct. 27 – *Genealogy Group 10:00 a.m.*

First Communion Class - option 2, 3:30 p.m.

Adult Fellowship Halloween Party 6:15 p.m.

Oct. 27/28 – *Reformation Weekend*

Oct. 28 – *Reception of New Members 11:00 a.m.*

Nov. 3 – *CPR at New Lenox Fire Dept. 8:30 a.m.*

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

What's the Scoop 12 noon

Nov. 6 – *Thanksgiving Planning Meeting– 7:00 p.m.*

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

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

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

Church – 12 noon

Nov. 24 – *Tree Trimming & Caroling*

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

Dec. 10 – *3rd - 6th gr. Christmas Program 11:00 a.m.*

What's the Scoop (Bring Your Ideas to the Group!) – Sun., Nov. 4 – noon

We have had great experiences with this new version of what used to be called "Everybody Come" night. As a part of our Long-Range Plan's 2018 ideas for implementation, we wanted a new way of including people in brainstorming ideas and getting them going. We're ready for round 3: we're "on" for Nov. 4 at noon. We'll eat and share ideas for ministry and try to be finished in 1.5 hours or less. For the food, we'll be having pizza, and we encourage you to bring something to share (salads or fruit would be nice). We'll also have ice cream (in keeping with our title!). The teens have volunteered to provide childcare during the meeting. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the office to let us know if you're coming and if you need childcare

From Deacon Shari Trotter

Dear Members and Friends of Peace,

Happy Fall Y'all! October is my favorite month! The cool breezes begin, and the colors of nature start to change. There is a sense of fun in the air. Fall festivals and carnivals begin and children's laughter can be heard especially on Halloween night. I love the smells and tastes of October! I am a pumpkin spice fan! You either are or you aren't, well I am! My birthday falls in October too, so there is a general gratefulness for life that comes with October for me!

I even love the church year in October! We as a church celebrate two very special days in October. The first of the two is at the very beginning. Saint Francis day is the day we bless all animals, and remind ourselves of the gift they are, not only to us but to all creation. I love the blessing of animals. There is nothing better than kneeling to bless a pet and receiving a sloppy wet kiss of gratefulness. I am grateful for my precious pet crackerjack and will be bringing him to the pet blessing this year! Fair warning to all, he has way more energy than a dog his size should have!

The second of the two special days on the Church calendar comes at the very end of October. Reformation Sunday is accompanied by the color red, the singing of a Mighty Fortress, and a general sense of celebration. I look forward to this day however because it is a day to pray for the Church that is always reforming and should always be reforming. When the reformation started it was an acknowledgment of the ways the Church was missing the needs of God's people, today we take time to listen and observe the ways that we as a universal Church can work together to be a movement but also a sanctuary on behalf of ALL God's people.

October is a month to be grateful and to be active. The cool winds of fall stir us, and the spirit of Reformation pushes us. We are grateful for all creation, and for the joy that it brings!
God's Blessings this October,

Deacon Shari

Blackhawks Tickets – Sun., Dec. 2

Another trip to the Madhouse on Madison (aka, The United Center) is in store for our church to see the Blackhawks. The game will be Dec. 2 at 6:00 p.m. We have 14 tickets left at \$95.20 each. A van or bus will be available for those who would like that option (\$5 each with a maximum of \$15 for a household.) Use the sign up or call the office.

Blood Drive – Sat., Oct. 6

Thank you to everyone who donated in August. Our next Heartland blood drive will be Oct. 6, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Heartland has changed their procedures, so you will need to register for a time slot. Call the church office.

First Communion Class – Sat., Oct. 20 or 27

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. 20, at 10:00 a.m. or if you prefer, on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 3:30 p.m. You need only attend one class or the other.

Wedding Vow Renewal – Sat., Oct. 20

As a part of the 5:00 worship on Saturday, Oct. 20, we will offer a simple opportunity for those who would like to renew their wedding vows. Think of all the bonuses to this idea, unlike the original version: no pre-marital counseling, no invitations to send out or seating arrangements to consider, no decisions about flowers or how to keep everyone happy. All those who want to be a part of the renewal will come up at the same time, and the rest of us will be your witnesses/attendants. One more good thing: we'll have special refreshments afterward, including a cake and punch. Please use the sign-up so we have some idea how many to expect.

Special All Saints Worship – Sun., Nov. 4

During the 8:30 worship on Nov. 4, 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.

Thanksgiving Planning – Tues., Nov. 6

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, Nov. 6, at 7:00 p.m., the dinner is on Nov. 22 at noon.

Youth Announcements

High School

Peace 360 Meets Sundays at 4-7 p.m.!

Attention all high school youth! Have you ever wished that there was a place that you could hang with your friends (from church and elsewhere)? We have that place for you... Peace 360! We will meet most weekends on Sunday evenings at 4:00 p.m. If you can't make it every week, that's okay. Whenever you can be here you'll be a welcome addition!

Oct. 6 –2-4:30p.m. Feed My Starving Children event. FMSC this year is at Lincoln-Way West High School (use door 51.) We will meet at church at 2 p.m. Our session is from 2:30-4:30 p.m. We will need some parent drivers. **Please use the online sign up for this.**

Oct. 7 – Dinner and discussions at church 4-7 p.m.

Oct. 14 – Halloween Party and Pizza 4-7 p.m.

Oct. 20 – Service Project at The Bridge Teen Center. Meet at church at 11:30 a.m. Sign up on line.

Oct. 21 – No meeting

Oct. 28 – Going to County Line Orchard 12 noon.

Confirmation Schedule - Wednesdays

7th Grade confirmation Oct. 3 & 17 Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

8th Grade confirmation Oct. 10 & 24 Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

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

7th & 8th Grade Odyssey Fun Farm Event – Sat., Oct. 13

We will meet Saturday, Oct. 13 at church at 10:30 a.m. and go to Odyssey Fun Farm in Tinley Park! Admission for this event is \$8. We will eat lunch at Odyssey. There is a Zombie Shooting Range for an additional \$5 and a Zip Line \$7. \$20 should cover lunch, admission, and a paid activity if they want. There are other activities that are included in the admission price; a corn cannon, pig races, corn maze, and more! Please use the online sign up on our church website, www.peacenewlenox.org under "Events" or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin let us know if you will be joining us. We need at least 15 people to make this event a success so bring a friend!!!

5th & 6th Grade Pizza, Games & Pumpkin Carving Event – Sun., Oct. 14

Let's get together for pizza and games that we will play here at Peace! Bring a friend and be here Oct. 14, at 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. 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 or use the sign up on line at www.peacenewlenox.org under "Events".

Bible Buddies

We are trying something new! Once a month, on the fourth Wednesday of the month, students 5th gr. - 12th gr. are invited to come and have dinner together on Wednesday night. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.! At 7:00 p.m. the 7th and 8th graders will go into confirmation with Pastor Dave and the 5th and 6th graders will be split into small groups led by the high schoolers and monitored by Deacon Shari. This will be a fun time to get introduced to youth group and explore the Bible stories with other youth in a new way! For our high schoolers this will be an awesome opportunity to be leaders and create relationships with the younger youth of our congregation! Bible Buddies will be once a month starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. If your youth is interested in participating in Bible Buddies please contact Deacon Shari and indicate this on your interest indicator! Bible buddies starts Oct. 24.

Book Fair – Sat., & Sun., Oct. 6 & 7

The publishing house of the ELCA has two branches (or more.) One of those (Sparkhouse) is geared toward households who know people who are youth, whether their own or someone else's. A selection of books will be available at Peace on Oct. 6 & 7 to preview (and order.) The books will be discounted (some up to 40% off) and will come with no shipping fees. (This one is geared for the younger crowd, and in the future we'll be having another one for older readers.)

Hamilton Tickets – Wed., Jan. 9

Through the cooperation of Broadway in Chicago, we are now 100% sure we will get another round of tickets for Hamilton. We'll have our usual seats in the upper balcony, and because it is the Wednesday after a holiday week, the tickets will be discounted even more than they had been, with a price of \$87 per ticket. We have 50 tickets on a first come basis (30 are taken already.)

Blessing of the Animals – Sun., Oct. 7

In celebration of our non-human companions, we invite you to bring your animals to church for a special blessing on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 12:30 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 you want an individual blessing for your pet, that will take place immediately afterward. (In case of rain, we will head into Fellowship Hall.) Any questions, please call the church office.

Reformation Weekend – Oct. 28 & 29

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

Children's Christmas Programs

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

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.)

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 of the ELCA (go to www.elca.org). (They and other help agencies can use dollars more than physical supplies because then there is no storage or trucking involved.) With LDR, 100% of the donated funds goes to the cause.

New Member Orientation & Reception – Sundays, Oct. 21 & 28

We will be privileged once again to welcome more people officially to become partners with us in our mission of spreading the Gospel and growing in faith. The three-part orientation and get-acquainted sessions will take place (1) on Sunday, Oct. 21, during the 9:45 education hour at church; (2) at 6:30 p.m. that evening at the church; (3) on Sunday, Oct. 28, during the luncheon that follows the actual reception of new members, which is at the 11:00 a.m. worship service that day. If you are interested use the sign-up, call the church office at 815-485-5327 or see Pastor Dave.

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 Oct. 21, at 9:45 a.m., plus the 11:00 worship and luncheon on Oct. 28. 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 or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin.

Salads & Desserts for New Member Luncheon – Sun., Oct. 28

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 Oct. 28. If you could provide any one of these, please use the sign-up in the bulletin or call the church office. You will be reminded at a later date. (Also, please put your name on the item and/or give a recipe if you made it. We get requests from new members from time to time asking for recipes or where and what people bought at the store.)

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**.

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 Tara Torkelson.

"... but God shows his love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8

This passage is painted on the wall in the reception area of a very special place where I volunteer my time while sharing my faith. Ballet 5:8 is a school of the arts and professional ballet company in Frankfort, IL whose mission is to engage communities in Chicago, the Midwest and across the nation in conversation of life and faith through innovative storytelling and breathtaking dance. I volunteer my time as a member of the Ballet 5:8 Board of Directors because I believe in their mission. It also allows me to combine my lifelong love of dance with my innate desire to serve others. Often in the world of professional dance companies and schools, values and human decency can be lost. The founders of Ballet 5:8 recognized this in their own professional careers and built a non-profit dance company that uses their art form to tell stories that don't get told elsewhere. They tell stories of real emotions, real issues, and real people that help spark conversations of life and faith. I have sought out and served in volunteer activities my entire life. I know it makes a difference in the lives of others as well as in my own life, but it is even more meaningful when you can bring forward faith at the same time. ~ *Tara Torkelson*

Caregiver Tip of the Month

"I want you to realize how intricately involved in your life I am. I delight in taking care of you 'tweaking' the situation you are in, to spare you from unnecessary hardship. Remember that I am a shield for all who take refuge in Me. Your part in this adventurous journey is to trust Me, communicate with Me, and walk with Me in steps of joyful dependence. I will not remove all adversity from your life, but I will widen the path you are traveling on—to bless you and keep you from harm." Psalm 18:36; Psalm 18:30; Numbers 6:24.

(For information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex and don't forget to borrow a book from the bin.)

Ping Pong Club Invites You – Sun., Oct. 21

The ping pong club meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. - please join us for some fun and camaraderie on Oct. 21.

Co-ed Golf Outing Results

The Co-ed Scramble Golf Outing on Sept. 16th was a great success with 19 participants! Here are the results: Best Team Score - Mike & Matt Schilke and Pat & Ryan Froehlke - 33

Longest Drive Men: Brian Lenz

Longest Drive Women: Marylynn Tyler

Closest to the Pin: Pat Froehlke

Great Time: EVERYONE

Because of You – A Ministry of Healing

Dr. Stephan and Jodi Swanson have been serving as ELCA missionaries in Tanzania since 2013, addressing malnourishment and elevating the quality of neonatal care in profound ways. He writes, "As I travel throughout the church I see the love of Christ being lived out in so many life-giving ways - transforming communities and creating places of hope that embody God's grace. Arusha is a bustling city in northern Tanzania. As a church we walk alongside our companions at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania through several ministries, including education and health care." Your gifts are bringing hope and healing into the lives of so many of our neighbors in Tanzania and throughout the world. Thank you!

Questions Kids Ask

Pastor Dave and Carol Hedlin had an opportunity Sept. 15 to represent our *Questions Kids Ask About God* book at the assembly of the Women of the ELCA of the Northwestern Minnesota 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 online or in person at church!

Time to... set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on November 3.

Building assets in youth and community

Our asset this month is Constructive Use of Time: Time Management and Screen Usage. Here are some suggestions for how to help this asset happen at home, at school, in the community, and in church or public organization.

At home:

Set fair limits on how often kids go out with their friends during the week. Make time at home fun for everyone. Play games, watch videos, take walks, etc. Limit time online.

Teachers at school:

Encourage students to get involved in activities outside of school. Sponsor performances by local artist.

In the community:

Sponsor workshops for parents on communicating with kids. Publicize youth programs. Think intergenerationally.

In the church or public organization:

Encourage adult members to volunteer as sponsors for extracurricular activities. Invite kids to perform solos, duets, or small ensemble pieces.

Building Assets in our Youth and Community

The asset for the month of October is:

Constructive Use of Time: Time Management and Screen Usage

A young person knows how to balance his or her schedule to engage in those organizations and activities that will help them grow, serve others, and positively fill “nothing to do” periods.

October quote of the month:

“Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you.”
-anonymous

CPR Class – Sat., Nov. 3

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 12:30 on Saturday, Nov. 3, for ages Jr. High to adult. The cost for the session will be \$35 each (check to Peace Church or cash please), which is a real bargain since the usual price is \$50! There is a limit of 10 people. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin, call the church office or email us at peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.

Remind Option

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

Golden Opportunities Books are back

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

Recyclable & Craft Donations for Frankfort Kids Work Museum

In order to have a cost-effective craft area for the children who visit the KidsWork Museum in Frankfort, they rely on donations of clean, recyclable materials. **Please make sure your items are clean before dropping them off.** They are in need of egg cartons, toilet paper & paper towel tubes, and yogurt containers. Crafty items like full sheets of felt, buttons, sequins, pipe cleaners and googly eyes would all be appreciated.

Beauty Items Requested

The Good Shepherd group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eye shadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs, brushes), bathing items (sponges, bubble bath, shower gel), and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons. Items can be left in the narthex basket.

Sharefest Volunteers Needed

Sharefest is hosting a food drive on Oct. 6 & 7 at Jewel, 475 Nelson Rd, New Lenox. Volunteers are needed to collect food donations for our pantries.

To volunteer for events online, click the signup link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/1357ed807a0cbeac24-sharefest>