

THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE

Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully

Our Mission: *To bring people into contact with the gospel, and help them grow in their relationship in God in Christ
1900 E. Lincoln Hwy, P.O. Box 205, New Lenox, IL 60451
815-485-5327

e-mail: peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org - web page: www.peacenewlenox.org

October 2019

Vol. XXIV, Issue 10

Different Kinds of Doors

Have you ever seen the doors that lead into the U.S. Supreme Court building? Wow! Those are some kind of doors! (Maybe you've seen some other really impressive ones.) Many of us go through a variety of doors every day. Most of them are very ordinary, like garage doors, front doors, back doors, sliding doors. Some of them at stores or other places will slide open on their own as you approach. Some of them revolve. Some doors are for pets. When a door is wide open, it has a message: Come on in! When a door is locked or there is a sign "Do not enter," no matter how much you would like to get in, you're not welcome.

You don't have to have a physical door to feel you're not welcome. Some people have mastered "the look" that could freeze anyone in place. Some have figured out how to make other people feel so small or unimportant (at least in comparison to them) that there is no doubt but that they should go away. Sometimes we are told to leave. In effect, all of them are saying "There's the door."

But there are also people who make you feel like you belong, even if you've never met them before. When those people are around, the whole atmosphere goes from dark to light; from rejection to inclusion; from loss to gain. Jesus was absolutely one of those people. Instead of "there's the door" Jesus said, "I am the door." And over and over again we see how Jesus' door was open and encouraging. Jesus healed and forgave and brought meaning to people's lives.

When we feel like we don't belong or are broken or less-than, maybe we need to try a different door. Rather than the door of approval based on others, God invites us to walk through God's door of "value from the inside out." The love of God is so powerful and so amazing, it even can open the closed doors of people's hearts. It can transform us, too, into opening our lives up for the sake of others, even as we walk through ordinary (and extraordinary) doorways in our daily world.

Prayers Requested

The family of Lesly, Hilda Brockman, Dave Somerfeld, Heidi, Marshall Erickson, Jill Schairer, Bev Decker, Joe Schultz, Judy Lake, Vivian Farbak, Cathy Arenz, Jim Jesk, Lynne Medrano, Marie, Gary Hoffig, Janet Park, the Guest family, Dennis, Phyllis Holmquist, Tracy Romano, the family of Jill Goeglein, the family of Chris Gray, Mary Ann Anders, Laura Olsen, the family of Barbara Starr, Jane, Mallory, Kristina & Julie, Emily Burnson, Terra Neal, Billy Rudy, Pat K., Michelle Y., Tim Rhodes, Alicia, Gary, Donna Williams, Amy Jankauskis, Christine Erft, Mike Traken, Lori Black

Sympathy

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Jinny Eken, wife of Don Eken

the family of Barb Garbett, wife of Jim Garbett

Congratulations

Rob & Christina Spreadbury, parents (Lucas), on the birth of Joshua Ty Spreadbury on Sept. 20.

Welcome to the Lord's Family

Nolan Martin Utter was baptized on Sept. 1;

Rowan Travnik Hammond was baptized on Sept. 8.

Baptism Orientation – Sat., Nov. 9

November 9, at 3:30 p.m., marks the next baptism orientation class for those who wish to have children baptized at Peace in the next few months.

Time to... set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on November 2.

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:

Nate Thomas, George Rumbaugh – lawn mowing
Johnny Russler & Jo Dell Albi – helping with
GriefShare
Marie Phelps – giving statements
Everyone who helped with or provided food for the
Acquaviva funeral luncheon
Jess Lindeman, Cindy Hostert, Mike & Julie Kinsel –
photographers for picture directory

From:

ELCA World Hunger – for the donation

Our Sponsored Missionary

Our Young Adult in Global Mission is Benjamin David from Chicago (member of Lebanon Lutheran) in Argentina. Below is his email address. When he finds a way to receive mail at his permanent housing, we will add it here. Email: btdavid94@gmail.com
Also, please feel free to follow the “YAGM Argentina-Uruguay” page on Facebook.
The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/YAGM-Argentina-Uruguay-538939472824198/>

Addresses for Service Personnel

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

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

Golden Opportunities Books are back

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

GriefShare Ministry

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you heal after losing a loved one. The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days. GriefShare meets weekly on Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. If you would like more information, please contact the church office 815-485-5327.

Alzheimer's Association Support Group

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

Addiction and Family Support Group

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

Are You on a Medicare Drug Plan?

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

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Oct. 27**. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it mailed first class or via e-mail, let us know.

* **The Will-Grundy Medical Clinic** is now accepting patients for free healthcare for the uninsured and those who qualify. Appointments are available onsite or over the phone, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To schedule a free screening appointment, please call 815-726-3377, ext. 228.

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

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

* **Bereavement Support Groups**

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

Meets each Monday through Dec. 9, 2019.

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

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

For other services offered, including individual counseling, parent support and general grief support, please visit the Joliet Area Community Hospice website: www.joliethospice.org 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 have a participating maid service in your zip code area arrange for service. This organization serves the entire US and currently has 547 partners.

Helping Santa Cruz's Food Pantry

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

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

Donations for MorningStar Treasure Chest

We are still accepting donations of clothing and household goods for MorningStar Treasure Chest. Place your donations in the basket marked MorningStar located in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall.

Follow Us on Social Media

Snapchat: [plutheranchurch](#)

Instagram: [peacechurch1062](#)

Twitter: [peacechurch1062](#)

Facebook: [Peace Lutheran Church](#)

Deacon Shari will be updating Facebook each month and the youth will be keeping up with the other three.

Ruth Circle Quilters – Mon., Oct. 7 & 21

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

Prayer Shawl – Wed., Oct. 2, 16 & 30

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

Men's Dartball – Tues., Oct. 8

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???)

Trailblazers – Tues., Oct. 15

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tues., Oct. 15, at noon here at church. The food will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

Peace Buddies – Sun., Oct. 20

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.

NEW New Member Ministry – Sun., Oct. 6

Are you interested in meeting new people? Share the meaning of your church with others? Deepen relationships with like-minded people? We are seeking a group of people willing to spend time with our new members in a more meaningful way. If you are interested, please join us on Sunday, Oct 6 at noon where will explore the possibilities-with no pressure! Bring your ideas and enthusiasm! Thank you for considering this rewarding ministry. Any questions contact Jan Stoller 815-530-2786.

Out to Eat Group – Sat., Oct. 5

The Out to Eat group next heads to Mamma Onesta's, 1100 S. State St., Lockport. Plan to meet there at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 5. Reservations are necessary, so please call or email the office so we know how many to expect.

Women's Group Event – Fri., Oct. 11

On Friday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. we will return to a favorite spot, Thrive Restaurant, (downtown) Joliet. We have reservations for 10, so first come first serve. Please use the sign up slip in the bulletin. Questions, contact Jan Stoller 815-530-2786.

Peace Page Turners – Sun., Oct. 20

The next meeting will be Oct. 20 at 9:45 a.m. We will discuss "So Big" by Edna Ferber. All are welcome. Questions, contact Kathy at 815-545-2806.

Ping Pong Club Resumes – Sun., Oct. 20

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

Strong Seniors Exercise Group

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

Adult Fellowship Halloween Party – Sat., Oct. 26

Do you want to have a howlin' good time??? Join us for the Adult Fellowship Halloween Costume Party - Saturday, Oct. 26, at 6:15. Bring your favorite, hauntingly good appetizer or dessert to share. Enjoy goulish 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 us the sign up slip in the bulletin to let us know you will be joining us.

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. 6 - Guest presenter, Sherry Lindstrom, nurse from the Joliet Community Hospice organization to talk about why hospice is not a death sentence

Oct. 13 - Guest presenter, Louisa Ishida, last year's Young Adult in Global Mission, who will share her experiences with us!

Oct. 20 - What to Pray For

Oct. 27 - In What Do You Trust? (the anniversary of the Reformation can remind us of a better answer)

Nov. 3 - How to Shift the Focus from Challenges to Blessings

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: Matthew 7:24-28.

Blessing of the Animals – Sun., Oct. 6

In celebration of our non-human companions, we invite you to bring your animals to church for a special blessing on Sun., Oct. 6, 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. 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.) Any questions, please call the church office.

Hymn Picking – Wed., Oct. 30

The next round of picking hymns for the period of December through May will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 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.

Looking Ahead...

Oct. 5 – Out to Eat Group Mama Onesta's 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 6 – Blessing of the Animals 12:30 p.m.

Peace 360 County Line Orchard 1:00 p.m.

Oct. 11 – Women's Group Thrive Event 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 12 – Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Special Prayers for Healing 5:00 p.m.

7/8 & Peace 360 Teen Bridge Center 8:30 a.m.

Oct. 19 – First Communion Class - option 1, 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 20 – Peace Page Turners 9:45 a.m.

New Member Orientation 9:45 & 6:30

Oct. 26/27 – Reformation Weekend

Oct. 26 – First Communion Class - option 2, 3:30 p.m.

Adult Fellowship Halloween Party 6:15 p.m.

Oct. 27 – Reception of New Members 11:00 a.m.

Oct. 30 – Hymn Picking 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 3 – Special All Saints Worship 8:30 a.m.

What's the Scoop 12 noon

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

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

Nov. 21 – Blackhawks Game 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 28 – 22nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Peace

Church – 12 noon

Nov. 30 – Tree Trimming & Caroling

Dec. 7 – P3 - 2nd gr. Christmas Program 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 14 – Santa Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

Dec. 15 – 3rd - 6th gr. Christmas Program 11:00 a.m.

Blood Drive – Sat., Oct. 12

First, thanks for your response to the last blood drive in August. We had 17 donations and only 1 deferral. Our next drive will be Sat, Oct. 12, from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Health Care Ministry - Blood Pressure Screenings – Sun., Oct. 13

Our next monthly screening date is Sun., Oct. 13 between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, please contact Marylynn Tyler at 815-423-6407.

Special Prayers for Healing – Sat., Oct. 12

Sat., Oct. 12, 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.

From Vicar Mike Markwell

Dear Members and Friends of Peace,

When I was 16, I created my Facebook account. At the time, Facebook was a relatively new platform for people to connect with their friends. When I made my account in 2007 it was mainly high school and college students who were on Facebook. Then in my college years, I remember when my own mother made a Facebook account. I thought my life was going to end, my parent's generation had infiltrated social media.

Today 70% of Americans 18 and older are on social media, with the largest social media site being Facebook. On average people spend 8 hours a week on social media. Churches are finding social media is one of the more successful ways to reach people in the community, especially those who they wouldn't have previously reached. Social media is a public space in which we, as a church, can engage people in our community. Like being visible to the community at events in public spaces, having a visible social media presence will encourage engagement with the church for congregation members and those without a church home.

In my two months here, I have observed how welcoming this community is and how much stuff is going on. A well developed and implemented social media team can help to tell that story to the community. A social media presence can be much more than free advertising for the church and its events. A social media presence is a ministry of the church with the potential to reach people who otherwise would not be reached.

One of my projects while I am here at Peace is to develop a team that will update and maintain the social media accounts for Peace Lutheran Church. Do you have experience with Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter? Are you interested in helping to develop a social media strategy? At this point we are looking volunteers who are interested in brainstorming what we want our social media to achieve, and also people who are interested in being part of a committee that will be responsible for ongoing upkeep and management of our sites. If you are interested in getting the social media ministry team up and going please let me know.

Vicar Mike Markwell

New Member Orientation & Reception – Sundays, Oct. 20 & 27

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. 20, during the 9:45 education hour at church; (2) at 6:30 p.m. that evening at the church; (3) on Sunday, Oct. 27, 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. 20, at 9:45 a.m., plus the 11:00 worship and luncheon on Oct. 27. 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. 27

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. 27. 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.)

Special All Saints Worship – Sun., Nov. 3

During the 8:30 worship on Nov. 3, 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 if you would like to participate.

Youth Announcements

High School

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

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

Sun., Oct. 6 – County Line Orchard- We will leave at 1:00 p.m. please bring \$20 for food, apples, etc.

Sat., Oct. 12 – Teen Bridge Center- 8:30-2 p.m. bring \$ for a fast food lunch.

Sun., Oct. 13 – Halloween Party. Please bring a pumpkin to carve. Dinner is pizza.

Sun., Oct. 20 – Discussions and dinner at church. Halloween Potluck bring your favorite Halloween dinner dish.

Sun., Oct. 27 – Roller Skating. Details TBD

7/8TH Gr. & PEACE 360 Teen Bridge Center Thrift Store - Sat., Oct. 12

We will meet at church at 8:30 a.m. and go to the Teen Bridge Center in Orland Park to help them with their "Drive out Bullying" event. Please eat breakfast before you come to church. Also, please bring \$10 for a fast food lunch after. We should return to church around 2p.m. This does count as service hours for those of you who need hours for NHS or school! Please bring your papers and someone can sign them. Please use the online sign up or the sign up sheet in the narthex.

National Youth Gathering Interest Meeting – Sun., Oct. 13

We would like to get together on Sun., Oct. 13 at 12p.m. with all who are or may be interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota in July of 2021. ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis. June 29 - Sat., July 3, 2021. *Students going into 8th gr. through those going into 12th gr. in the fall of 2021 are eligible.* Any adults interested in helping chaperone, please come to this meeting also.

Giving Statements Are Available

The new giving statements that cover Jan. 1 through Aug. 25 are in the entrance area. Please save us postage and pick up yours today!

5th & 6th Gr. Pumpkin Carving Party– Sun., Oct. 13

Let's get together for pumpkin carving, pizza and games that we will play here at Peace! Bring a friend and be here Sunday, Oct. 13, at 4:00- 6:00 p.m. Please 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 online sign up on our church website, use the sign up in the bulletin, or the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**7th Gr. Confirmation: Oct. 2 & 16 Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**8th Gr. Confirmation: Oct. 9 & 23 Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

First Communion Class – Sat., Oct. 19 or 26

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. 19, at 10:00 a.m. or if you prefer, on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 3:30 p.m. You need only attend one class or the other.

7th & 8th Gr. Odyssey Fun Farm Event – Sat., Oct. 26

We will meet at church at 10:30 a.m. Details to follow. Please let me know if your youth is interested in going.

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.

Building assets in youth and community

Our asset this month is **Restraint (Self-Management)**.

Young person believes it is important to not be sexually active or use alcohol or drugs. 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:

Talk with kids as openly as you can about sex, alcohol and other drugs. If you are uncomfortable discussing certain topics, admit it and encourage kids to talk with other adults that you know and trust.

At school:

Have resources available in the resource center on sex, alcohol, drugs, addiction, etc.

In the community:

Offer support groups and publicize where to go to find help.

In the church or public organization:

Affirm youth who are making positive choices. Set and enforce clear expectations of the behavior of youth in your group.

Building Assets in our Youth and Community

The asset for the month of October is:
Restraint (Self-Management)

October quote of the month:

“Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid of only standing still.”
~Chinese Proverb

CPR Class – Sat., Nov. 16

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

Reformation Weekend – Oct. 26 & 27

Join us in celebrating our Lutheran heritage on Oct. 26 & 27 by wearing something red to church.

Thanksgiving Planning – Tues., Nov. 5

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

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 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. If you would be willing to help with one of this year's programs, please let Pastor Dave know.

What's the Scoop – Sun., Nov. 3

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

Theatre Options

Jefferson Starship – Sat., Oct. 19, 8:00 p.m., at Governor's State. We were able to extend the deadline for this show. We have 8 tickets remaining with our tickets in a great location. Two of the originals (David Freiberg & Donny Baldwin) plus long time members Chris Smith & Jude Gold will be in concert. Use the sign-up or contact the church office. Tickets are \$40 each. Please sign up by Oct. 6.

The Phantom of the Opera – Sat., Dec. 21, 2:00 p.m. Cadillac Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$58.50 each. We are officially sold out, but we will probably be able to get more tickets. If you are interested, please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin.

Once on This Island – Sat., Jan. 25, 2:00 p.m. Cadillac Palace Theatre – Downtown Chicago
The 2018 Tony Award recipient for best revival of a musical, *Once on This Island* is the sweeping, universal tale of Ti Moune, a fearless peasant girl in search of her place in the world, and ready to risk it all for love. Guided by the mighty island gods, Ti Moune sets out on a remarkable journey to reunite with the man who has captured her heart. **New, lower ticket price has been confirmed for the middle balcony of \$43.00. There are 2 tickets remaining!** Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office.

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

New Ticket Question – *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. Deadline is Oct. 15 to book the tickets, so use the sign-up or call the office.

Blackhawks Tickets – Thurs., Nov. 21

It's officially autumn! We all know what that means.... Blackhawk hockey! We've secured tickets for Thur., Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Seats will be good, and the price is lower than previous years. There will also be a bobblehead give-away for everyone, and a special drawing for one person in our group to receive a special gift. Watch the bulletins in October for more details.

My Faith Story

Since the first time I walked into Peace Lutheran Church several years ago, I along with my family have found a deeper meaning in what it really means to having faith in God and most of all practicing that faith. Belonging to a church is more than just attending worship services. Living our faith means coming to terms with what you really should be doing as part of our everyday life. Peace greatly assists each and every one of us in developing a stronger faith. Bible studies, Sunday school, adult education hour on Sundays, youth and young adult ministries, fellowship, outreach, and missions to those in need for various reasons are just a few of the ministries that are offered at Peace. This is all made possible by dynamic leadership and wonderful, friendly caring people in the congregation who support that leadership. It is up to each and every one of us to take advantage of all of the opportunities that Peace offers to us. It is all of these things that make our church a progressive church body that will continue to grow. My family and I have found that you don't have to become involved in activities at Peace because you are asked to. You do so because you want to. It's the Holy Spirit at work.

~ Chuck Wolske

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.)

Caregiver Tip of the Month

Long-term stress can lead to serious health problems. When we maintain healthy boundaries, practice self-compassion, educate ourselves about the warning signs of stress, and practice the other elements of self-care, we have a better chance of giving compassionate care to others without risking our own health and well-being. Self-care is a prevention tool that helps us more effectively meet caregiving opportunities and challenges with self-awareness and intention. This blog article was provided by, *Take Good Care: Finding Your Joy in Compassionate Caregiving* by Cynthia Orange. (For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex.)

Chess Tournament – Are you interested?

Calling all chess players! Peace Church is considering having a chess tournament and we want to know approximately how many deep thinkers we have in the congregation. After compiling a list, along with a general consensus of availability, we will then pick a date and time for the first Peace Church Open Chess Tournament. Everyone is welcome, from the youngest generation to the most experienced generations. ☺ If interested (and why wouldn't you be?), please use the sign-up slip or contact Al Davenport directly at al.davenport@comcast.net. Whether you win or lose, the tournament will be a hoot!

Questions Kids Ask Update

One of the questions for September from our amazing kids was “Does God care about pollution?” Since the whole universe is God’s and God has let us borrow it, just as it would be for us when we loan things to others, God would like his “stuff” to be taken care of. Now that we are more aware of what happens to our Earth, we know we can do a better job!

Regarding our Spanish version of the amazing book, the layout person has done her first round and it is back to us to proofread. Our new bookmarks have been completed. The new web pages are in the beginning stages of “here’s what we need.” God is indeed good!

Because of You and Your Gifts

Since 2000, the ELCA Fund for Leaders has provided scholarships to more than 900 ELCA seminary students. In 2018-19, 76 YAGM were sent into a year of global service. In October 2018, Disability Ministries dedicated \$250,000 for 25 mental health ministry grants. In 2019, ELCA World Hunger is supporting 34 gender justice projects in 25 countries, which include women’s literacy and girls’ education projects.

Operation Care Package

Operation Care Package is an all-volunteer 501 C-3 Public Charity based in Manhattan. We ship "Care" packages to deployed troops weekly. Our organization is about supporting the men and women who bravely answer the call to duty for you, me and our country. If you know a service person, please submit their name, address, birthday, and date deployment ends. Call Pam Swyndro at 815-258-0474 or email jpswyn.att.net.

Hurricane Disaster Relief

Donations through Lutheran World Relief (<https://lwr.org>) or the ELCA’s Disaster Relief (<https://elca.org/disaster>) are directed 100% to designated areas. Both sites are very efficient and in it for the long haul. You can also give a donation through our church....just give the check to Pastor Dave so it gets sent to the right place.

Used Kids Books Wanted

Jodie Brugler works in a school with special needs kids who also have economic challenges. Some of these kids are trying to learn how to use books without destroying them. The school can’t afford to let them at their limited library. She has a plan to let them use old (even somewhat worn-out) kids books to get used to how to take care of books. Please bring them to church and put them in the big wire bin near the refreshment table, or in the small bin under the one coat rack that’s marked as “small toys needed.”

Sharefest 2019 Volunteers Needed

Check out www.sharefestnewlenox.com and email info@sharefestnewlenox.com for more information.

Oct. 19 - Collections for troops, schools, and pantries 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Jewel 2021 E. Laraway Rd., New Lenox– please use the link to sign up as a volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aada92ba4f94-collections>

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.

Remember Our P.O. Box

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