

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 26 & October 27, 2019

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Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully*

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

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

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

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

Accompanist/Organist	Todd Yetman
Children's Choir Director	Leslie Walton
Adult Choir Director	Pamela Putrich
Bell Choir Director	Erica Desaulniers
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Musicians	(5:00) Carlo Isabelli - trumpet
(8:30 & 11:00)	Carlo Isabelli, Mark Lipinski - trumpets, Jay Parker - timpani
	Ken George, Allen Hartmann - trombones, James Lipinski - tuba
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Carol Dohrn
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Diane Weber
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Sydney Lindbloom
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Janelle Tague
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Gerry Wurzbarger
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Debbie Powers
Acolyte (5:00)	Tyler Wolf
Acolyte (11:00)	Kate Jensen
Nursery (ages 0-5)(5:00)	Grace Farrell
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Ava Wandersee, Emersynn Smith
Nursery (ages 0-5) (11:00)	Lila Hadley & Natalie Pfeffer
Ushers (5:00)	Jim Tieri
Ushers (8:30)	Martina Lohmar, Matthew Lohmar, Gordy Taylor Jr.
Ushers (11:00)	John Ambrose, Helen Ambrose, Donna Hartmann, Skylar Smith
Greeters (5:00)	Diane Lillie
Greeters (8:30)	Sue Lafferty
Greeters (11:00)	Dan & Diane Kahl
Communion Servers (8:30)	Karen Krzak, Margo Stromberg, Mel Stromberg
	Glenn Vanderwall
Bread Provider (8:30)	Linda Goesel
Refreshments (5:00)	Barb Aaberg
Refreshments (8:30)	Gerry & Larry Wurzbarger, Joanna Ziolkowski, Lila Hadley
Refreshments (11:00)	Jason Smith, Carole Boer, Bonnie Brazzale
Offering Counters	Jodie Brugler, Chuck Vick, Tori Entwistle, Tannor Giertuga

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Christina Montgomery in celebration of Deacon Shari's birthday; also given by Vivian Farbak in memory of the 82nd wedding anniversary her mom and dad, Mae and Earl; and by Eric Stohlquist in memory of Ralph Stohlquist.

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

WELCOME PADS

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

HEARING ASSISTANCE & LARGE PRINT HYMNAL AVAILABLE

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

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS & OTHER ASSISTANCE

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

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and the 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship services.

Saturday Evening Worship5:00 p.m.

Education Hour9:45 a.m.

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

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sat., Oct. 26 & Sun., Oct 27 - Reformation Weekend

Sun., Oct 27 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Prayers of Intercession meeting 9:45 a.m.

Adult Education Hour - In What Do You Trust? (the anniversary of the Reformation can remind us of a better answer) 9:55 a.m.

Reception of New Members 11:00 a.m. - Luncheon at 12 noon

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

Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 28 - Strong Seniors Exercise Group 12 noon

GriefShare 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 29 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

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

Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 30 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Strong Seniors Exercise Group 11:15 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.

Hymn Picking 6:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 2 - Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.

Help Others

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., OCT. 30

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. We meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. Our next meeting will be Oct. 30. Questions, contact Cheryl, 815-462-3089. If you know someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please put your request in the box on the narthex counter. To date we have made 297 shawls and given away 260.

NEW FEEDING MINISTRY

We have been given the opportunity to help support future pastors and deacons in a new way. The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Chicago has a food closet for its seminarians and the closet is dangerously low on supplies. We will be having an ongoing food drive to help fill the shelves and lift the burden that seminary can sometimes be for students and their families. A list of needed items can be found in the narthex.

TREATS FOR TROOPS

In case you buy too much candy, or simply want to donate some, you don't have to eat it all! Individually wrapped candy may be brought here to be donated to Operation Care Package for distribution to our military. Service men and women stationed in foreign countries appreciate getting packages – and bonus treats like chocolates, candy, gum, and mints. The deadline to bring in treats for Operation Care Package is Nov. 4. You can put the items in the big bin in the entrance area or the church office. Thank you for your support!

HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food and resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. You can bring donations anytime and put them in the baskets on the floor heading into Fellowship Hall. The pantry is in need of the following specific items: cereal (all kinds), canned fruit, coffee (ground), creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - SUN., NOV. 10

Our next monthly screening date is Sun., Nov. 10, between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have questions, or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, contact Marylynn Tyler at (815)423-6407.

CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

Whether you are a caregiver for a spouse, parent, teen, sibling or a child, you need help with the emotional, spiritual, mental and physical side of reality. Help yourself to the variety of resources that we have pulled together for you and know you're not alone. *(Information is on the narthex counter and in the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall.)*

OLD 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."

THANKSGIVING DINNER HELP & 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 Tues., Nov. 5, at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like to help set the whole effort in motion, 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!

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.

Thank you

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$9,065.00** at worship plus another **\$2806** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **318**. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

For five years, Peace contributed \$10,000 per year to the ELCA's Being Made New Appeal. One of the emphases in that appeal was to encourage people to become full-time leaders/pastors/deacons in the church. Here is the story of one of the people affected by your gifts.

After 14 years as an elementary school music teacher, Brenda Greenwald felt called to a deeper commitment. Her decision led her to the ministry of word and sacrament at Bethany Lutheran Church in Denver which in turn led her to seminary. The ELCA Fund for Leaders provided her with a scholarship that has enabled her to follow her call without letting money keep her from it. She sees the Spirit at work in the future of the church. Thank you for your generosity!!!

INTEREST INDICATORS

Thank you to everyone who filled out a 2019 Interest Indicator. So far, we have had 101 turned in. If you have not filled out a new one and would like to, please look for them on the counter in the narthex. We are blessed to have so many volunteers!

Faith Development/Education

ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

Our Sunday weekly **adult class** usually meets in the back of the sanctuary, starting at 9:55 a.m. Each week there is a different topic.

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

Nov. 10 - *Jerks! How They Go to Be That Way and How to Deal with Them*

Nov. 17 - *The Truth Hurts (or Helps)?* - the Bible can help us

Nov. 24 - *Getting on the Same Page (Including with God)*

Dec. 1 - *Is Your Past Dragging You Down?*

Dec. 8 - *"Be Nice" and Other Good Advice (for December & beyond)*

EVERYBODY READ

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write down a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage.

October's passage is: Matthew 7:24-27. **November's passage will be:**

Psalm 103:1-14

BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR JEREMIAH 31:31-34

We have a saying "out with the old, in with the new," which means we must move on from the past and look forward to the future. Jeremiah was a prophet during the Israelites' exile. While most of Israel went to Babylon, Jeremiah stayed in the destroyed Jerusalem with some of the Israelites to try to re-establish life in Jerusalem. The book of Jeremiah attributes the exile as a punishment by God for Israel's failure to obey God and his laws. In this passage a new covenant is prophesied (which we as Christians believe was established through Jesus). The old covenants failed because we were unable to live up to our end of the promise. In the new covenant, we are no longer bound to the consequences of our iniquity and sin. The old covenants will give way to the New Covenant through Christ.

LIBRARY BOOK OF THE WEEK

Each week we feature a book that's in our library. On your way to refreshments, take a look for it. And if you like it, check it out. (There's a 3-ring binder that is self-serve and easy to use.) This week's book is:

***Conversations with God for teens* by Neale Donald Walsch.**

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., NOV. 17

Peace Page Turners will be discussing ***The Pioneers: the Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West* by David McCullough**. Join us for the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. We meet at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Davenport (815) 545-2806.

PRAYER LIST

If your prayer request is for yourself or you have the other person's permission, you may be specific [for example, skin cancer]. For anyone, you may be more general [for example, "a decision to be made," or "health"]. We will keep people on the pray-for list for 60 days unless you tell us otherwise.

Edna Anglin, the family of Melissa Heath, Jim Grosche, Marty Rodey, Estafania Caldron, Jean Britton (surgery), Violet Gambrel, Shelly Brodarick, Henry Torres, Eric Torres, Jean Korneta (broken hip), Liz (treatment for metastatic breast cancer), Vivian Farbak, Ron Hnetkovsky (recovery), Tom Moore (job), Penny (health), Joshua Spreadbury, Tyler Ledvina, Mary Brouette, Emily Burnson (healing), Janet Park (healing), Vivian Farbak, Cathy Arenz, Benjamin David (missionary), Tammy Conway, Barry, Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Pam Craig (health), Dick Tyler (hip surgery), Al Williamson (accident), the Yates family, Jim Fitzpatrick & family, Mark Sells & family (strength & comfort), Kelli (lost job), Anita (healing), Carol L. (healing from shoulder surgery), Kristin (praise new job), Patti (cancer), Donna Williams, Amy Jankauskis, Christine Erft (cancer), Mike Traken, Lori Black, Laura Olson, Jane, Mallory, Kristina, Julie, Marie, Gary Hoffig (surgery), Terra Neal (health), Billy Rudy, Pat K. (comfort), Michelle Y. (guidance), Tim Rhodes (healing), Alicia (understanding), Gary (home for sale), Dennis (surgical procedure), Phyllis Holmquist, Tracy Romano, Hilda Brockman, Dave Somerfeld, Heidi (cancer), Marshall Erickson, Jill Schairer, Bev Decker (job), Joe Schultz, Judy Lake, Dave Davenport, Lynne Medrano, Alan Booton, Erv & Mary Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt (strength), Bill Reidy (cancer), Mary Hand (family strength & healing), Tyler, the Austin family (strength & healing), Brena V. and family (strength & healing), Dan T. & family), Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY - If you know someone who is serving and would like them added to the list, let us know. Please pray for those who have returned from war who struggle to readjust to life and work through their grief. Mike Scott, Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Ned Fowler, Elizabeth (Tatro) Grossart, Brian Kettell, Jake Treasure, Grover Keltz, Dylan Sperstad, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Dan Treasure, Stephanie (Jones) Vail, Neil Vickers, Lane Trainor, Allison DeVitto, Rob Boland

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General Announcements

C.Ds & PODCAST AVAILABLE

Would you like a C.D. copy of a worship service? Look for the sign-up on the narthex counter. Also, if you want to listen to a sermon you missed or want to hear one again, go to the link on our website www.peacenewlenox.org.

RECYCLING ITEMS

The following items can be dropped off in the basket in the narthex: DVD players, Game Boys, digital cameras, laptops, tablets, cell phones, most printer cartridges (including Epson), chargers and cables.

OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARY

Benjamin David has begun his year of service in Argentina as a Young Adult in Global Mission. It's our privilege to support him financially, through prayers each week in worship, Trailblazers' cards, and more!

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY - MON., OCT. 28

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

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - HELP PICK HYMNS

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of helping to pick hymns. This is a twice a year ministry that meets for about 1 hour each time. The announcements about it go in the bulletin. (The next one is coming Oct. 30 at 6:00 p.m.) How do hymns get chosen for each week? This is the group that takes a list of hymns from Pastor Dave and then attempts to match the assigned lessons from the day and or the time of the church year with hymns that fit, and are singable! Can't make the meeting? Have a favorite hymn you want to make sure we sing? Let us know anytime!

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

Very recently, we had a chance to present to the Women of the ELCA in the Central-Southern Illinois Synod. They had asked us to come back and we were grateful for the opportunity. The reception was excellent, and the chance to spread the conversation about being able to ask questions about God is part of our mission.

Regarding our Spanish version of the amazing book, we reviewed the work of the layout person and have sent our notes back to her. The updated pages are one step further along, but still in the beginning stages. It all is coming together thanks to the work of our committee and other volunteers.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES BOOKS

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

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Restraint (Self Management)**. **Something we can do in the religious community or other public organization is: Set and enforce clear expectations for the behavior of youth in your group.**

This week's idea for our community is offer tips on internet and phone usage and safety.

DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY (OR WANT TO)?

For those of you who give electronically and would like to put something in the offering plate, we have cards you may use (located on the narthex counter). If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, contact the office. If you want to give on-line, you can go to our website (www.peacenewlenox.org), click on the donate tab. You can also scan the QR code (below) with your smart phone to donate one time or set up recurring payments (it may also be downloaded in order to manage online giving).



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

TRANSPORTATION HELP NEEDED

Denise Jones is in need of rides to choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. If you would be able to help, please use the sign up slip in the bulletin or contact the church office.

CPR CLASS OPPORTUNITY - SAT., NOV. 16

The New Lenox Fire Department is going to be conducting a CPR class for us at the fire station on Rt. 30. The class will be from 8:30 until noon on Saturday, Nov. 16, for ages Jr. High to adult. The cost for the session will be \$35 each (checks to Peace Church or cash please), which is a real bargain since the usual price is \$50! There is a limit of 10 people. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin, email us at peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or call the church office. You may park in the Metra commuter parking lot for free.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - SAT., NOV. 2

The changing of the clocks takes place overnight between Nov. 2 & 3. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

CONSIDER COMING TO "WHAT'S THE SCOOP"!

SUN., NOV. 3 - This new format for our "Everybody Come" sessions has been a success. Come to give input or learn or just listen. We start with pizza and hot dogs, have an ice cream option, share ideas for ministry and try to be finished in 1½ hours or less. (For the food, we also encourage you to bring something to share - salads or fruit would be nice.) We'll also have childcare during the meeting. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you're coming and if you need childcare.

Worship Related

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

ADULT CHOIR - WANTED: Singers!

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

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

HYMN PICKING - WED., OCT. 30 -The next round of picking hymns for the period of December through May will take place on Wed., 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 preliminary list ahead of time.

SPECIAL ALL SAINTS WORSHIP - SUN., NOV. 3 - During the 8:30 worship service on Sunday, 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 use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the office.

Youth Ministry

PEACE 360 HS YOUTH GROUP

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

Sun., Oct. 27 - Haunted Hay Ride. Meet here at 4 p.m. Cost is \$10. We will eat pizza first then head to the Forest View Farms in Tinley Park. The Haunted Hay Ride is at 7:00 p.m. We should be home by 8:30p.m.

Sun., Nov. 3 - What's the Scoop at noon, and then game night 12-7 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 10 - Thanksgiving Progressive dinner - We will need willing and active participants for this dinner. Please let us Deacon Shari know if you would like to host a part of the dinner.

THE HOPE FUND

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

5/6TH & 7/8TH GR. SKY ZONE EVENT- SAT., NOV. 16

Please join us at 12:30 p.m. at church then we will go to SkyZone in Joliet, check in is at 1 p.m. and jump time is 1:30 p.m. We will be back to church by 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$20. Please use the sign up online, in the narthex or in the bulletin. Parents, we will need chaperones and drivers, please let us know if you can help.

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

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

5TH & 6TH GRADE HOLIDAY PARTY- SUN., DEC. 15

Please join us on Sun., Dec. 15, at 12:15 p.m. (right after the Sunday School Christmas Program!), for some holiday fun! We will play games, eat some food and put together the items from the Ronald McDonald House wish list. Pick up youth at 2:30 p.m. Please let us know if you will be joining us. There is an online sign up on our church website, use the sign up sheet in the narthex, or the sign up in the bulletin. Parents if you would like to chaperone please let us know.

Fellowship Opportunities/Events

THEATRE OPTIONS

“THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA” – SAT., DEC. 21, 2:00 p.m.
(Cadillac Palace Theatre – Downtown Chicago) - Critics are saying that this production of Andrew Lloyd Weber’s Phantom of the Opera is “bigger and better than ever before.” **New, lower ticket price has been confirmed for the middle balcony of \$58.50. We got more tickets; 3 tickets left.** Use the sign-up slip 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.

SHAKESPEARE’S AS YOU LIKE IT

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

BLACKHAWKS EXCITEMENT! - THURS., NOV. 21

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

CHESS TOURNAMENT - ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Calling all chess players! Peace Church is considering having a chess tournament and would like to know approximately how many deep thinkers we have in the congregation. After compiling a list, along with a general consensus of availability, we will then pick a date and time for the first Peace Church Open Chess Tournament. Everyone is welcome, from the youngest generation to the most experienced generations. ☺ If interested (and why wouldn’t you be?), please use the sign-up slip or contact Al Davenport directly at al.davenport@comcast.net, or call or text Al at 708-977-7339. Whether you win or lose, the tournament will be a hoot!

MEN’S DARTBALL - TUES., NOV. 12

Dartball meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. No prior experience needed or helpful. Please join us! We finish at 9:00 p.m. so you’ve got time for your bedtime ice cream, too. (Who’s idea is that???)

Groups

PEACE BUDDIES - SUN., NON. 17

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

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP - SECOND TUESDAYS

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

ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY

Is someone you love abusing prescription or street drugs? Are you concerned about the destructive choices he or she is making and/or in denial? If you are feeling all alone and would like some support from other parents, siblings, friends and spouses who are traveling the same road you are on, then this group may be for you. We support all roads to recovery, so we share what has or hasn’t worked for us. We also understand that we must recover, because our lives have also become unmanageable. We meet Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tom Moore at (815) 354-3195.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP - WINE TASTING EVENT - SAT., NOV. 9

Mark your calendars and come and enjoy a relaxing evening with good conversation. The Adult Fellowship Wine Tasting will be at Claudia Green’s house on Saturday, Nov. 9, starting at 6:15 p.m. Bring along your favorite bottle of wine and an appetizer or dessert to share. If there is a special reason or story behind your choice of wine—feel free to share that too. There will be soft drinks available, too, of course. Please use the sign up slip in the bulletin or call Claudia Green (815) 485-3712 if you are planning on attending.

OUT TO EAT GROUP - SAT., NOV. 16

You are invited to join us at Side Street Tavern (18401 N. Creek Dr., Tinley Park) on Sat., Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. If we get enough people going, we think we’ll get our own room. Look online for their menu and be sure to sign up or call the office by Nov. 10!

RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTERS) - MON., NOV. 4

No experience necessary. You just have to know how to have fun to join. And if that’s not enough, we always have snacks! If you have any questions, call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

PING PONG CLUB - SUN., NOV. 17

The Ping Pong Club will meet again on Sun., Nov. 17, at noon here at the church. If you think you may want to join them, let the office know your name and email address, and you will be added to the email reminders.

More New This Week

THANKSGIVING DINNER HELP

For our wonderful dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, all kinds of people help in a variety of ways, from providing food to helping with set-up, clean-up, serving, transportation, etc. If you'd like to help, please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office. The famous clipboards will be going around, but feel free to call!

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Each year the money we receive in our Thanksgiving/Christmas special envelopes is given away to others. This year it will be divided between the ELCA's Hunger Appeal (which includes direct help for the victims of the hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and other disasters), Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (the agency of our church that serves so many people in need), mission churches (Santa Cruz in Joliet and Resurrection in Channahon - Pastor Ben's church), and local ministries that help others (Groundwork, Daybreak, Trinity Services, and Morningstar Mission).

ALL CHURCH TREE DECORATING & CAROLING EVENT - SAT., NOV. 30

Everyone is invited to join us as decorate the church's Christmas tree and then go caroling at Sunny Hill nursing home. The date is Saturday, Nov. 30. If you're coming just for this (not staying after 5:00 worship), plan to be at church by 6:00 p.m. (or meet us there about 6:20 - you might have to wait for us.)

New This Week

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!

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

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

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

This service takes place before our Thanksgiving dinner.

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

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

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

POINSETTIA TIME AGAIN - BY NOV. 17

This year we will be able to once again buy our poinsettias from Trinity Services. A percentage of the money they receive goes for the children and adults with special needs. The Worship and Music Committee is pleased that our congregation can help others in need. Look for the poinsettia order forms in the narthex. The cost will be \$11 each. The deadline for placing your order will be November 17. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

NEW PEACE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY TO BEGIN

One of our members who came from another church was part of a simple prayer group. We would like to begin that ministry here! For those who are willing to be prayer partners in this effort, the process will be very simple. Someone will let the office know of a particular (urgent) need for prayer. We will send out an email to the praying volunteers with that need. Each will offer prayer on his or her own schedule. That's it. Would you be willing to be a part of this new Peace Circle of Prayer? Let us know via the sign-up or calling the office, including what email address we should use.

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

(Bring your ideas to the group!)-SUN., NOV. 3

So, what goes on? What do the various committees cover? Why should I come?

To help with those questions, here is an overview for what each committee is responsible. Beside that, we eat, we talk through an agenda of ideas that are in process, we look for new suggestions and ideas, we get to know other people. We hope you'll come! Our next meeting is **Sun., Nov. 3**, at noon. Use the sign-up to let us know how many to expect.

Outreach

WOMEN'S GROUP & OUT TO EAT GROUP More than just fellowship, these are avenues to try to include more people.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECEPTION Meeting three times annually, these sessions are held to let new members become acquainted with the church and other new members before actually becoming members. A luncheon is held in their honor on each new member orientation Sunday

ELCA SYNOD RELATIONSHIP Review and advise the church concerning mission opportunities and publications with various implications for church growth.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH Peace Lutheran is always ready to lend a helping hand to whomever may need assistance. When we hear of a local need in some organization or effort, Peace Church steps up to help.

DOOR KNOCKING Knock on doors in the surrounding area monthly to invite the unchurched to worship services.

Worship

MUSIC Bells, choirs, special music, and congregational music during worship

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS Readers, greeters, lay liturgists, ushers, acolytes and communion servers

BEHIND THE SCENES People who provide bread, pick hymns, run the sound system, setup/cleanup communion, and serve in the nursery

Fellowship

FAMILY EVENTS bowling, baseball games, church picnic, ice cream social – to name a few

HOLIDAY EVENTS Easter breakfast, Thanksgiving day dinner, Christmas tree trimming & caroling

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS dartball , ping pong, theater events, concerts

INDIVIDUAL GROUPS Ruth Circle (quilters), Adult Fellowship, Out to Eat Group

Faith Development

YOUTH EDUCATION Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and confirmation, teen Bible Study, Bible Buddies

ADULT EDUCATION Sunday classes, theme classes, special initiatives, weekly bible study

SPECIAL NEEDS Peace Buddies - teens and adults with special needs

LIBRARY Books and videos

Support

INTEREST INDICATORS This form is completed in September for people to share their time and talent in about 100 areas that interest them

JOYFUL GIVING All members and friends are encouraged to share in the joy of giving

GROWTH OF RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH STEWARDSHIP Relationships with each other and God

Property

MAJOR REPAIRS Identify major repairs and improvements needed to the church building

MINOR REPAIRS Identify minor building repairs needed and find volunteers in the congregation to address those needs

CHURCH GROUNDS Maintain the church grounds (landscaping, gardening and lawn mowing)

SECURITY Evaluate security needs of the church as they arise

Service

PROVIDE ASSISTANCE Reach out and help others in need

SPREAD GOD'S WORD & WORK Look for ways to bring God's word into Peace Church and the community by sharing

HUMANITARIAN SERVICES Deliver food and clothing to local agencies, provide meals to the needy including a Thanksgiving dinner at church, provide transportation, participate in local and worldwide hunger efforts, work with Habitat for Humanity, and more

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

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

Youth5th-8th GR

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

7th/8th GR.

____ **Yes, my child would like to attend the Ice Skating event on Sat., Dec. 7.**
 ____ (Parents) I would like to drive/chaperone for this event.

5th/ 6th GR.

____ **Yes, my child would like to come to the Holiday Party Sun., Dec. 15.**
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Other Events

____ I/We will participate in picking the next round of hymns on Oct. 30.
 ____ I/We would like tickets to the Blackhawks game on Nov. 21
 How many? ____ I/We are interested in bus transportation
 ____ I/We are interested in participating in a Peace Church Open Chess Tournament.
 ____ I would be willing to give Denise Jones a ride to choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings.
 ____ I/We will attend *What's the Scoop?* on Nov. 3. How many? ____
 Childcare is needed. How many children? ____
 ____ I'll be at the Thanksgiving dinner planning meeting on Nov. 5.
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 How many? ____
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 ____ I/We would be willing to take one turn watering the new landscaping.
 ____ I/We would like to light a candle/candles on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 3
 How many candles? ____
 ____ **I/We would like to be a part of the new Peace Circle of Prayer ministry.**
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Theater Events

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 How many? ____
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 How many? ____
 ____ I/We would like tickets for *Shakespeare's As You Like It* on June 13.
 How many? ____

Thanksgiving Dinner

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

Other Ministries/Sign-ups

Everybody Read - **Matthew 7:24-27** - What the passage means to me:

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

Name _____
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