

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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You've Got 10 Tickets

When I was a kid and the annual Pope County Fair came to our county, for a few years there was a deal you could buy in advance for riding the various rides. For \$1, you could get 10 tickets. (I know, it was a long time ago!) To have those 10 tickets meant you could have a lot of fun, but you didn't want to waste them. Today there is something even better. There are all kinds of "unlimited" deals. With many phone plans, for example, you can make as many calls and texts and even downloads as you want. No need to parcel them out or evaluate. Just go for it!

Not everything is unlimited, however. Some of us bump into that reality every day. For example, each one has only 24 hours, and we have to make choices of what not to do because we've run out of time or energy. Or, if you have children who are involved in activities, in which ones will you involve yourself? Or, most of us do not have unlimited budgets and carefully make choices about where to spend our hard-earned money.

We also have limits and options when it comes to our orientation in life. Will we use up our lives on that which doesn't matter? Are we consumed by worry and fear that we already have lost a part of our life spent for what turned out to be less than it was worth?

God has great encouragement for us on how to use our "10 tickets." Life-giving words are found in "seek first the Kingdom of God and God's ways." "Consider the birds of the air, God cares for them." "If you want to be first, then be last of all (a servant)." It has proven to be true over and over again that those who spend their lives living for themselves eventually come to a place of loneliness and regret. Those who spend their lives living for others and giving of themselves may have fewer marks of worldly success. Yet with it we can gain an inner peace that gives meaning to life, and helps direct how to spend our 24 hours and how to spend our money and how to work on what really counts. Self-giving love turns out to be the biggest bargain of all time.

Pastor Dave Hedlin

Prayers Requested

Carla Gruca, Loren Drews, Debra Fahey, Jim Lammert, Dave, Rupa, Rene, Daniel Obuchina, Danny Krzak, Siri Moss, Nancy Newman, Lorraine Dohrn, the family of Eleanor Zuehlke, the family of Mary DeGroot, the family of Hildegard Lockwood, Connie Hanson, Sue Rushing, Linda Goesel, the family of Brian Schumacher, Eleanor Trotter, the family of Tony Gregory, Brandon, Tom, Karen, Connie, Michael, the family of Jack Hacker, Debbie Jacobson, Anita Bosanko, Sue Beasley, Kim & Jim Forrester, Kent Brase, Jenna Kaiser, Cathy Arenz, Ken H., Bev Decker, the family of Tim Breen, Steven, Aubrey B., Malar, the family of Amy Lee, Uncle Wally, Jackson & Tanner Borgia, Dr. Curtin, Howie Vanick, the family of Wayne Town

Sympathy

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Bob Hill, stepfather of Laura Tieri;

the family of Karen Georgeson, daughter of Marty Johnson;

the family of Dolores Klock, mother of Todd Klock.

Congratulations

Heather & Mike Antoniazzi, (Alyssa) on the birth of Kyle Edward Antoniazzi on Aug. 1;

Stephanie & Mark Ott, (Juliana) on the birth of Isabella Grace Ott on Aug. 3.

Welcome to the Lord's Family

Fitz William Chellios was baptized on Aug. 18;

Bradley Alexander Cach was baptized on Aug. 26;

Evan William Cach was baptized on Aug. 26;

Jameson Ryan Damiani was baptized on Aug. 26;

David Andrew Gray III was baptized on Aug. 26.

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:

Todd Klock, Mark Lupei, Rick Mitchell – lawn mowing

Winnie & Douglas Nyhus, Lori Trosen & Kaitlin Halper – collating bulletins

Christina Montgomery – for leading the *Women in Ministry* class

Tim Dunn – special music

Jodie Brugler, Karen Dircks, Vivian Farbak, Cheryl Gamen, Linda Goesel, Claudia Green, Jennifer Paape – Vacation Bible School planning/organizers and the 70+ volunteers who made our Vacation Bible School such a great success!

George Rumbaugh & Marylynn Tyler – helping with Heartland Blood Drive

Martino Jr. High – for the donation of notebook paper for Santa Cruz

From:

Debbie Goebig & Ray Standard – for the great time her grandsons had at VBS

New Lenox Fire Dept.– for sponsoring seventh annual Controlled Burn Beef Cook Off

Guardian Angel Community Services – for the prayer shawls

Northern Illinois Synod World Hunger – for the donation

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.

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 basket on the table in the narthex.

Addresses for Service Personnel

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

MA 3Connor Wayne Baker
PSC 455 Box 173
FPO AP 96540-1070

Sgt Pafford, Devin
MC Alpha
PO Box 92421
Yuma AZ 85369

Daniel Treasure
USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115)
Unit 100415 Box 1505
FPO AP 96694

Jacob Treasure
3749 Radcliffe Rd.
Abilene, TX 79602

Remember Our P.O. Box

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

GriefShare Ministry Resumes – Sept. 10

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. and will begin weekly meetings again on Sept. 10.

If you would like more information, contact Janet, Margie, or Pat at griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com or 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.

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Sept. 23**. 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* – Resumes Monday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Meets each Monday through Jan. 7, 2019. (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

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.

Amazon Smiles Thanks!

We recently received \$35.99 from the Amazon Smile Foundation. Thank you!

Ruth Circle Quilters – Sept. 10 & 24

Quilting will resume on Monday, Sept. 10, 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 – Sept. 5 & 19

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. As of Aug. 8, we have made 203 and given away 174 prayer shawls. 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.

Trailblazers – Sept. 18

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Sept. 18 at noon here at church. The menu will be mac & cheese and meatballs and whatever you'd enjoy sharing with the group. Questions, please contact the church office.

Peace Buddies – Sept. 23 – Church Picnic

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. If you know someone, please invite them to come. This year we will meet on the third Sunday of the month from **noon – 2:00 p.m.** We will resume meeting on Sept. 23, at 12 noon and participate in the church picnic. (Please see the announcement below.) Questions please see Pastor Dave or call Emilie Harvey at 815-529-7546.

Church Picnic – Sept. 23

Planning is underway for the Peace Church Picnic!! The fun will begin at 12:00 noon on Sunday, Sept. 23 here at church. Chicken and hot dogs will be served, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Throw away containers will be helpful. (We eat inside = no bugs or bees.) There will be fun for everyone – jumpies, face painting, bean bag games, water balloon toss and MORE. Volunteers are definitely needed! We need help with lunch set-up and clean-up in Fellowship Hall, 2-3 face painters, and also 2-3 leaders for games of their choice outside. Contact the church office to volunteer, to let us know if you will be attending and what you will be bringing.

Peace Page Turners – Sept. 9

The next meeting will be Sept. 9 at 9:45 a.m. We will discuss *Beartown* by Fredrick Backman. All are welcome. Join us even if you haven't read the book. Questions, contact Kathy at 815-545-2806.

Men's Dartball Resumes – Sept. 11

Get ready for a new season! Dartball resumes on Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m., and meets monthly 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???)

Adult Fellowship Bunco – Sept. 22

It is time to find another piece of junk (oops, we mean precious treasures, a.k.a. "white elephant" gift) to share with others at the Adult Fellowship Bunco event. If you don't know how to play Bunco, it won't matter – it's 100% luck. But the junk (we mean precious treasures) that get doled out at the end, the laughs throughout the event, plus the snacks to share (that's what you can bring) are worth your time and effort. The event starts at 6:00 with the food and is done by about 8:15/8:30. Use the sign up or call the church office. If you'd like childcare, let us know before Sept. 15 (\$3 per child).

Faith Discussion Group – Sept. 20

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 Sept. 20 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 – Sept 28

The Peace Women's Group is open to all women 18 and up. All are invited to join us for our events. On Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. we will be going to *On Golden Pond* at Curtain Call Theatre in Mokena. We have 10 tickets reserved - we can get more but need to know by Sept. 1. Tickets are \$22. Dinner is NOT included in the ticket price-that would be separately arranged elsewhere. Please use the sign up and indicate if you are interested in dinner as well.

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.

Sept. 2 - *I'm No Good Is Not Humility* - reclaiming a true sense of God's version of you.

Sept. 9 - *When God Is Hiding* - a look at this ancient lament in the Bible and in our own day (And we'll also get your input on what topics to cover in 2018-2019.)

Sept. 16 - *Social Security Presentation* (see other announcement for details)

Sept. 23- *Will Simplifying Help Me?*

Sept. 30 - Guest presenter Robin Brown *Your Gifts to the ELCA Hunger Appeal in Action* (hear about the amazing work of the ELCA on our behalf all around the country and world)

Oct. 7 - *Moving Beyond the Pain of Loss* (we have many different losses, and how to deal with them with God's help)

Social Security Seminar – Sept. 16

When and how to elect Social Security benefits is a decision that every retiree must face. However, many of the strategies to maximize Social Security have changed. Join us for a one-hour session to learn how your Social Security benefit works and how you can optimize your benefit for a prosperous retirement. This seminar will be presented by David Narish, ChFC, CLU, LUTCF & Kelsey Narish on Sept. 16 at 9:45 a.m.

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. September's passage is Ephesians 2:13-22.

Health Care Ministry - Blood Pressure Screenings – Sept. 9

Our next monthly screening date is Sept. 9, 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...

Sept. 5 – *Adult Choir Open House* – 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 8 – *Ladies Ensemble Open Rehearsal* – 3:00 p.m.

Sept. 9 – *Sunday School Rally Day* 9:45 a.m.

Peace Page Turners 9:45 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screenings 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

5/6th grade Bike ride 12 noon – 2 p.m.

7-12 grade Messtival 4 – 7 p.m.

Sept. 10 – *Ruth Circle Quilting resumes* – 9:00 a.m.

GriefShare Ministry resumes 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 11 – *Dartball resumes* 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 12 – *Children's Choir resumes* – 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Orientation 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 15 – *Bell Choir resumes* – 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 16 – *Social Security Seminar* 9:45 a.m.

Golf Outing at Woodruff 2:00 p.m.

Sept. 20 – *Faith Discussion Group* 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 22 – *Children's Christmas Program Planning Meeting* – 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 22 – *Adult Fellowship Bunco* – 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 22/23 – *Bibles given to 3rd graders and older*

Sept. 23 – *Church Picnic & Peace Buddies* 12 noon

Peace Buddies at church picnic 12 noon

Sept. 28 – *Women's Group* 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 29 – *Out to Eat Group at Arrowhead Ales* 6:30

Sept. 30 – *Church-Wide Mini Golf* 1:00 p.m.

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

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event

Oct. 6/7 – *Book Fair*

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

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

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

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

Oct. 27 – *First Communion Class - option 2, 3:30 p.m.*

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

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

Blood Drive – Oct. 6

First, thanks for your great response to the last blood drive in August. We had 23 donations and 4 deferrals. Our next blood drive will be Oct. 6, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

New Member Orientation in October

We will be receiving new members again in October. The orientations are Oct. 21, at 9:45 and 6:30 and the reception of new members will be Oct. 28 during the 11:00 worship followed by a luncheon at noon. Please call the church office to let us know if you will be involved.

From Deacon Shari Trotter

Dear Members and Friends of Peace,
We have spent a lot of time, in our adult education hour, talking about women. We have discussed women in ministry and the joys and struggles that come with that vocation. We have studied the draft of the new social statement, “Women and Justice: One in Christ”, and explored the deep roots of patriarchy and sexism. As a woman, and as a woman in ministry, I am deeply moved that we as a congregation are willing to have tough discussions and to disagree while still being open to conversation with the other. Our culture is plagued with so many people who have dug in their heels on their side of the imaginary lines created by sin. Crossing those lines in faith and goodwill toward the other is a sign of great courage and great love. Jesus was a line crosser! Jesus encouraged his disciples to challenge the cultural norms of his time. Jesus commanded that divisions between God’s people be done away with. There are no slave or free, gentile or jew, woman or man; rather there are God’s people called, loved, and sent. We as a congregation are taking steps to be a witness to the world that the love of Jesus is not one of complacency or entrenchment in one’s opinions, but rather a powerful, motivating, patient, and paradoxical love for the world. May we continue to have tough discussions that are rooted in faith and guided by love. May Peace be a place where all can come and find the love of God in every single nook and cranny. May Peace also be a place where all can come and find a forum for discussion, challenge, and mutual respect. May we as a congregation be a beacon of Christ centered love for our community and our world.
God’s Peace,

Deacon Shari

Our New Missionary

As we welcome Danielle Steinwart back from her year of service as a Young Adult in Global Mission, we prepare to be supportive people to Louisa Ishida. Louisa 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. When we get a physical address, we’ll pass it along.

Adult Choir Open House – Sept. 5

Attention new and returning Adult Choir members!
We are kicking off our new year with a “pizza rehearsal” on Wed., Sept. 5 at 6:00 p.m. Our music practice will begin at 7:15 p.m., after our pizza fellowship. Love to sing and just want to check us out? Join us for pizza, information and song! For information about the Adult choir anytime, you may contact Pamela Putrich.

Ladies Ensemble Invitation – Sept. 8

Ladies of the church! If you enjoy singing, the Ladies Ensemble invites you to our first open rehearsal on Sat., Sept. 8 at 3:00 p.m. We will practice first, and then enjoy appetizers and snacks together in Fellowship Hall. Then at the 5:00 p.m. service we will be singing our first song of the season together! Please join us! For more information, you may contact Pamela Putrich.

Children’s Choir Resumes – Sept. 12

Children’s Choir rehearsals will resume Wed., Sept. 12 at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Walton at 815-462-4544.

Bell Choir Resumes – Sept. 15

Bell Choir rehearsals will resume Saturday, Sept. 15 at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Erica Desaulniers, at ericasagerman2019@u.northwestern.edu.

Sunday School Begins Sept. 9!!

Rally Day, Sept. 9, 9:45 a.m. marks the beginning of our theme of “R.O.A.R with God” (Respect, Overcome, Accept, Rejoice). The year will be filled with special events and projects that celebrate how all of us can link ourselves together to grow in faith and make a difference for kids 3 years old and older. The Rally Day celebration will include a **free t-shirt**. Sign up now!
Join us for a great year of Sunday School where you can make new friends and **GROW IN YOUR FAITH!** (Adults and teens, if you’d like to help out this year in some way, please be sure to let us know that too.)

Ping Pong Club Will Resume in the Fall

The ping pong club at church meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. - however, we are taking a summer break and will resume in the fall. We have two tables, so there is a lot of action. The group can include all levels of play in rounds of doubles.

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!

Sept. 9 – MESSTIVAL! 4-7 p.m. Please sign up on line, in the bulletin or on the clip board in the narthex on the counter!

Sept. 16 – Mariano's shopping spree 4-7p.m. Bring a few dollars for dinner at Mariano's. Then we will purchase some items for the food pantry.

Sept. 23 – Dinner and discussions at church 4-7 p.m.

Confirmation Orientation – Sept. 12

A meeting for all students in 7th and 8th grades and at least one parent/adult is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 7:00 p.m. This important night incorporates information about schedules, expectations, youth events, volunteering, and more! If you know someone who is not a part of any church but has a student in this age bracket, please invite them to come too.

Confirmation Schedule-

**Confirmation orientation
for parents & kids** **Sept. 12**
Meeting 7: 00 p.m.

7th Grade confirmation class **Sept. 19**
Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Class 7:00 p.m.

8th Grade confirmation class **Sept. 26**
Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Class 7:00 p.m.

(Looking ahead)
Kids and Adults gathering **Nov. 28 & Feb. 6**
Hot dogs 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

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.

5/6th gr. Bike ride and lunch - Sept. 9

Join us for a bike ride along the bike path, kitty-corner from the church, to Hickory Creek Junction. Once there we will have lunch and play some games in the park. Meet at church at 12:00 p.m. for the bike ride or at the park around 12:45 p.m. We expect the event to end around 2:00 p.m. - please pick kids up at the park. Please sign up to join us! You can use the sign-up sheet in the bulletin, email the church office, or use the sign-up in the web site under "Events". Parents, you are welcome to ride along &/or join us at the park for lunch and games! (And if you need help getting a bike to church in order to join the ride to Hickory Creek Junction let us know that too.)

7/8th gr. & High school Messtival – Sept. 9
September 9 at 4:00 p.m. we will be having our third annual Messtival! What's a Messtival you ask? It is a time to come together and celebrate the beginning of our year as well as get to know other youth, and at the same time have a lot of fun with very messy games! Grades 7-12 are invited to come and see that God loves messy people! (Parents: we could use your help to set up and clean up. You can join in on the fun of getting messy, too!) To sign up, please go to the church website <http://www.peacenewlenox.org>, under "EVENTS". There are 2 sign up links one is for the youth and one is for parents. Or use the sign up in the bulletin or on the counter in the narthex. Please wear clothes that can be ruined, closed toed shoes and bring a pair of goggles. Parents bring a garbage bag to pick up your youth to protect your car seat.

High school and beyond- Back to school

It's that time of the year. We at Peace are so proud of all of you! Whether you are looking at your first day of College or heading to a trade school or to the workforce, we want you to know that we believe in you and are in your corner. Please be reading our newsletters for upcoming events for young adults to be held during school breaks. Also, if you are nervous about this next adventure let Deacon Shari know. She is working on connecting underclassmen with upperclassmen as mentors to explain all the twist and turns and exciting aspects of all that is to come. Please know that you are an important part of Peace and we are praying for you!

Parents of 3 yr. Olds – 1st gr. Students

We ask you to go to the classroom at the end of the education hour each week—be there at 10:45—to pick up your children. (We will let children older than that be dismissed from the classes.) If an older sibling is going to pick up the younger child, that is okay as long as somebody you have approved comes to get him/her

Bibles to Be Given To Third Graders & Up – Sept. 22/23

Our church has great joy in giving each child a Bible of his/her own. We invite children from third grade on up, who haven't received theirs yet, to come forward during a worship service on Sept. 22/23.

Children's Christmas Programs Planning Meeting – Sept. 22

Oh yes, it is that time again: time to plan for our Sunday School Christmas programs. The date for this first meeting will be Sept. 22, at 9:30 a.m. Being involved in this effort is very rewarding, and not too much work!

Book Fair – 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.)

Interest Indicators by Sept. 25

This is the time of year when our Support Committee invites you to fill out a new Interest Indicator. We use them to help match your skills and interests to the ministry needs of the church. It's a win-win! Because we have such a great track record of having many different volunteers each serving in the areas he/she wants, we hope to avoid burn out as well as enrich the faith of all of us. Please fill one out today! When we see that everything we have is a gift from God, we want to respond! (We hope to wrap this up by Sept. 25.)

FORE! Peace Golf Outing – Sept. 16

Ever wonder why golfers yell "Fore!" when their shot is about to clobber another golfer? If you don't know, the answer will appear on the poster in the entrance area. Wouldn't "Oops!" or "Duck!" be more appropriate? On Sept. 16, 2:00 PM, at Woodruff on Gougar Rd. in Joliet, you will have a chance to practice whichever 4 letter word you prefer. The Peace Golf Outing is a co-ed event and there are no age limitations. We play 9 holes riding in a luxurious cart, laugh a lot, have some refreshments, win some prizes, and enjoy the wonders of nature trees, sand, tall grass..... All this for \$40! Use the sign-up slip or call the church office today. Questions..... call Marylynn Tyler 815-423-6407.

Church-Wide Mini Golf Outing – Sept. 30

Perhaps you don't want to be on a real golf course. Maybe you just want to "improve" your putting. Maybe you'd like to spend some quality time with others. No matter why, the Fellowship Committee has planned a miniature golf outing to Odyssey Fun World in Tinley Park for Sunday, Sept. 30, meeting there at 1:00 p.m. The cost for all 18 holes is less than 50 cents a hole (otherwise known as \$7.) Please use the sign-up or contact the office so we know whom to expect.

Blackhawks Tickets – 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 22 tickets 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.

Hamilton – Jan. 9, 2019

Through the cooperation of Broadway in Chicago, we are 95% 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. (Hamilton makes the final call, but we think the tickets will be around \$95 each.) We will have 50 tickets on a first come basis. Let us know your interest by Sept. 20.

Blessing of the Animals – 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 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.

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack – Oct. 6

Because of our church's vision to help feed the hungry, we make a significant financial donation to the local mobile pack of FMSC. This year's again will be at Lincoln-Way West High School on Oct. 6 (use door 51.) We are able to make **advance reservations before the sign ups go public on Sept. 21**. We have set aside blocks of 15 packers for each of two sessions. (Peace 360 will have its own time.) They will be on a first-come basis, so sign up right away. The sessions that Saturday are from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and noon to 2:00 p.m. Children are welcome, but FMSC requires us to maintain a ratio of children/teens to adults as follows: K-2nd grade: 1 student - 1 adult; 3rd-6th grade: 3 students - 1 adult; 7th-9th grade: 4 students - 1 adult; 10th-12th grade: 5 students - 1 adult. (They also need people to set up on Friday [3:00 to 5:00] and clean up on Saturday [4:30 to 6:30] - let us know if you're interested.)

Because of You and Your Gifts

Our gift of goats – who knew it could be so helpful? Nearly 70 percent of India's rural families depend upon agriculture for their livelihoods. In the small, remote village of Temraraiyat, the economy depends on rain. Scarce water and not having diverse crops limited people's incomes. Then goats arrived. Ten farmers received one animal each from Tripti Field Workers, funded in part by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh (ELCM) and supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Goats multiply fast, produce milk to drink or sell and provide manure that can be used for farming. Adding goats to their farms means the farmers in Temraraiyat are a big step closer to financial stability and sustainability. Thank you!!!!

Caregiver Tip of the Month

From Today's Caregiver Article by LeAnne Austin, RN
As difficult as it can be when illness or disability enters into a home, there needs to be equal focus on both the needs of the child and the needs of the person who is ill. Achieving a balance between each person's needs allows the child to focus on age-appropriate issues such as school, interactions with peers and personal growth, without nurturing feelings of guilt over not "doing more" with respect to the ill or disabled person in the home. Verbalizing interest in the child's life provides positive reinforcement for development of interests outside the home. This can also help to decrease mood changes associated with fear or loss of control, as they have the opportunity to succeed outside the home environment with the support and approval of those in the home. (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.)

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.

Questions Kids Ask

More great questions keep on coming in! This month we had three. (1) *“Where is heaven?”* Heaven is where God is. It isn’t a place you can drive or fly or sail to. It isn’t a place at all, in one sense. But in a bigger sense, heaven is so much better than any place could ever be. We will live with God in peace and joy and forever be free from all the bad things that happen. (2) *“Why does God live so long?”* Because “time” is something God created, God doesn’t live by our clocks and calendars. The closest we can come to how this feels is to be at an event where you are having so much fun, you have no idea that time is passing. (3) *“If being a Lutheran is by the teachings of Martin Luther, and he was a Protestant, aren’t we then Protestants?”* Originally, Luther was also called a Protestant (protestor). Soon his group of followers were called Lutherans (which he didn’t really want because he wanted people to focus on God in Jesus.) All those others who protested against the Roman Church were grouped together with the label of Protestants. So, we are both Protestants and Lutherans. (In math, we’d be called a subset.)

Texting – Another Option When You’re in Crisis

THE SHORT VERSION: Text HOME to 741741 from anywhere in the United States, anytime, about any type of crisis. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform. The volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment. (AND IN A BIT MORE DETAIL...) First, you’re in crisis. That doesn’t just mean suicide: it’s any painful emotion for which you need support. You text us at 741741. Your opening message can say anything. The first two responses are automated. They tell you that you’re being connected with a Crisis Counselor and invite you to share a bit more. The Crisis Counselor is a trained volunteer, not a professional. They can provide support, but not medical advice. It usually takes less than five minutes to connect you with a Crisis Counselor. (It may take longer during high-traffic times). When you’ve reached a Crisis Counselor, they’ll introduce themselves, reflect on what you’ve said, and invite you to share at your own pace. (And don’t forget the standard option, if you’re thinking about suicide, call 1-800- SUICIDE.)

Out to Eat Group – Sept. 29

The Out to Eat group next heads to Arrowhead Ales Brewing Company, 2101 Calistoga Dr., New Lenox, on Sept. 29. Plan to meet there at 6:30 p.m. Please use the sign-up slip so we know how many to expect.

Special Prayers for Healing – Oct. 13

Oct. 13 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.

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!

Building assets in youth and community

Our asset this month is Motivation and Goal Setting. 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:

Model what it means to have an internal motivation to achieve and do well. Listen to your kids when they talk about their dreams, get excited and ask how you can help.

Teachers at school:

Encourage students to write down their dreams and short-term and long-term goals. Include student leaders in decision making committees and boards. Help students to see that there is a purpose in everything that they are learning in school.

In the community:

Recognize the skill and accomplishments of the youth in your community. Be a mentor for youth whose dreams are related to your own life’s area of expertise.

In the church or public organization:

Give young people an active role in planning the youth program. Encourage young people to question and develop their own values and inner motivation. Help children and teens identify, nurture, and celebrate their gifts.

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

The asset for the month of September is:

Motivation & Goal Setting

A young person has internal motivation to achieve, and do will in life and then sets positive, realistic, and measurable goals to get there.

September quote of the month:

“Stay focused, go after your dreams, and keep moving towards your goals.”

-LL Cool J