

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 15 & September 16, 2018
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Shari Trotter, Diaconal Minister

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
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Tammy Dunn
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	David W. Johnson
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Chris Campos
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Cindy Chubb
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Larry Wurzbarger
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Debbie Eggert
Acolyte (8:30)	Ryan Rajaballey
Nursery (ages 0-5)(5:00)	Pam Klipstein
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Jess Lindeman & Emma Rinkunas
Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)	Teagan Powers & Jessica Prince
Communion Servers (11:00)	Georgia Cash, Deb Howell, Jeff Howell
	Kate Jensen, Mike Svancarek, Pam Vanick
	Michelle Lyen
Bread Provider (11:00)	Adam Paape & Isabella Giertuga
Ushers (5:00)	Ethan Darley, Scott Darley, Ken Gatewood, Renee Gatewood
Ushers (8:30)	Jim Elkow, Pat Olofsson-Elkow, Elise Prince
Ushers (11:00)	Sofia Dahl Santoro
	Ron & Sharon Fullriede
Greeters (5:00)	Barb Narish
Greeters (8:30)	Kathy Norberg
Greeters (11:00)	Gina Losacco
Refreshments (5:00)	Julie Wandersee, Ricky Wesel, Michelle Wurtz
Refreshments (8:30)	Aiden Golub, Chuck Vick, Joe Walczak
Offering Counters	

The altar flowers are given by Christina Montgomery in honor of the 7th anniversary of Deacon Shari's Consecration; also given by Tammy Conway in honor of all September birthdays.

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 8:30 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

- Sun., Sept. 16 - Education Hour 9:55 a.m. - *Social Security Presentation*
- Golf Outing - 2:00 p.m.
- Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.
- Ping Pong - 6:00 p.m.
- Mon., Sept. 17 - GriefShare 6:30 p.m.
- Tues., Sept. 18 - Trailblazers Luncheon at noon
- Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Sept. 19 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.
- Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
- 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Sept. 20 - Faith Discussion Group at Jan Stoller's 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 22 - Children's Christmas Programs Planning Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Bell Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m.
- Adult Fellowship Bunco 6:00 p.m.
- Sat. & Sun., Sept. 22/23 - Bibles given to 3rd graders & up
- Sun. Sept. 23 - Education Hour 9:55 a.m. - *Will Simplifying Help Me?*
- Church Picnic & Peace Buddies at noon
- Peace 360 - 4:00 p.m.
- Mon. Sept. 24 - Ruth Circle - Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- GriefShare 6:30 p.m.
- Tues., Sept. 25 - Addiction & Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
- Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., Sept. 26 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
- Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
- Bible Buddies 7:00 p.m. - Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 29 - Out to Eat Group - Arrowhead Ales 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. & Sun., Sept. 29/30 - World Hunger Weekend

ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

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

Sept. 16 - Dave & Kelsey Narish: *Social Security Presentation*

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

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

SOCIAL SECURITY PRESENTATION - SUN., 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 benefits work and how you can optimize your benefits for a more prosperous retirement. Our members Dave Narish (ChFC, CLU, LUTCF) and his daughter Kelsey will be the presenters.

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., SEPT. 18

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at noon here at church. The menu will be mac and cheese and meatballs and you bring something you'd enjoy sharing with the group. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS - MON., SEPT. 24

Quilters will meet on Monday, Sept. 24, at 9:00 a.m. **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.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., OCT. 14

Peace Page Turners will be discussing "*Born A Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*" by Trevor Noah. Join us for the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. We meet at 9:45 a.m. and all are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Davenport (815) 545-2806.

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.)

GIVING STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

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

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.

The family of George Radcliffe, the family of Audrey Bednarz, the family of Nathan Haugen, the family of Pat Doran, the family of Debbie Bonavolanto, Howie Vanick, Bobby, Jill Goeglein, Perry Ehrsmann, Glen, Shane Brinegar, Joe Piliero, Nancy DeYoung (heart surgery), Joe D. (health & healing), Kelly, Shannon, Jenny Decker (surgery), Gwen (surgery), Kim Farbak, Jack Goesel, Renee Osbrink (recovery), Cathy Arenz (recovery), Kim Forrester, Jim Forrester, Sue Rushing (tests), Linda Goesel (recovery), Ted (strength), Ann Ciannella, Siri Moss, Danny Krzak (employment search), Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Jonah Huelhorst, Danielle Steinwart, Cathy Richardson, Kristie Paprocki, Rich Rosen, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Marie (depression), Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray and Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Benny Ortiz, Bob, Tim Gallagher, Carol Trosen (hospice), Lori (job), Nick C. (education), Nathan Legrif, Malar, Uncle Wally, Jackson & Tanner Borgia, Dr. Curtin (health & healing), Howie Vanick, Ken H. (health issues of the brain), Bev Decker, Steven (find a job), Brandon, Tom, Karen, Connie, Michael (recovery from heart surgery), Debbie Jacobson (pneumonia & respiratory issues), Anita Bosanko (pneumonia & respiratory issues), Sue Beasley (pneumonia & respiratory issues), Kent Brase (acute leukemia), Jenna Kaiser (head injury), Eleanor Trotter, Nancy Newman (health issues), Lorraine Dohrn, Connie Hanson (stroke), Carla Gruca, Loren Drews, Debra Fahey (knee surgery), Jim Lammert, Dave (brain cancer), Rupa (job), Rene (health), Lorraine & family, Sue Cash, Donna L., Kim Liebendorfer, John Westhus (cancer treatment), Anne (peace), Carl (foot pain/trouble walking), Don (bone cancer treatments), Alice, Nancy (surgery & recovery), Karen Mezera (strength & healing), Frank Rossi Sr., Craig (stomach cancer), April (health & healing), Delaney Hunt (health & healing), Paul (guidance & strength), April Veerman & family (comfort), Nate Petreli, Bob Brynteson & family (cancer treatment), Alexis Flynn, Rayna, Mike, Fred, Lana, Halley, Nolan, Greg, Robin, Rich Esposito, Tyler, Edwina Wilber, Donna L., the Neff family (loss), Alan Booton, Erv & Mary Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt (strength), Bill Reidy (cancer), Mary Hand (family strength & healing), the Austin family (strength & healing), Brena V. and family (strength & healing), Dan T. & family (strength & healing), Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery (cancer), Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - USHERS

There are literally hundreds of volunteers in this church. We are so grateful. We'd like to lift up a different ministry each week to let you know a little bit about it. Today we're highlighting ushers. They do more than hand out bulletins and collect the offering. Their ministry includes greeting people as they come into worship and preparing the sanctuary for the next service. They help communion flow smoothly and keep an eye on anyone who might need assistance. They take an attendance count and check in on the nursery. When needed, they also help get the refreshments out on the table! We have a training video and would welcome you to become a part of this ministry!

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Motivation & Goal Setting**:

Some things we can do in the community are: 1) Recognize the skills and accomplishments of youth in the community.

This week's idea is provide meaningful opportunities for youth to contribute to community life. Last week's was give your children opportunities to find meaning in ways that are consistent with your family's values.

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.

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

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of \$12,561.00 at worship plus another \$2473 electronically, and a total attendance in worship of 346. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

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!!!!

MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., OCT. 9

Why play dartball? (You need some bonding time with other people who want to stay humble.) What is dartball? (It's a cork baseball diamond mounted on a piece of plywood that you attack by throwing underhand darts toward with only minimal success of getting a hit.) When? (Dartball meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.) One more time, Why? (The snacks alone are worth the trip). You've never even heard of it? (No prior experience is needed or helpful.) Please join us! We finish up at 9:00 so you've got time for your bedtime ice cream, too.

GENEALOGY GROUP - SAT., OCT. 27

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

CHURCH-WIDE MINI-GOLF OUTING - SUN., 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.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP - BUNCO - SAT., 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 gets 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).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., SEPT. 19

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. every other week. Our next meeting is September 19. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you (also, help if you want to learn). Questions, contact Cheryl Gamen at (815) 462-3089. To date we have created 183 prayer shawls and given away 120!

PRAYER SHAWLS TO BE GIVEN AWAY

Do you know someone in need of being wrapped in prayer? Someone who would benefit from knowing that they are being prayed for? Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will create a prayer shawl for that person. Please put your requests in the box on the narthex counter. We will contact you when your shawl is ready.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - SUN., OCT. 7

In celebration of our non-human companions, we invite you to bring your animals to church for a special blessing on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 12:30 p.m. We welcome all feathery, furry, scaly, warm-blooded and cold-blooded friends of all shapes and sizes (**animals should be in carriers or on leashes to assure nothing is going to startle them and cause them to run away in a strange neighborhood**). The brief group blessing (outdoors south of the building) will take only a few minutes. If 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. 24

The next round of picking hymns for the period of December through May will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 6:00 p.m. Your input is always welcome! Please let us know that you're planning to come so we can get you a preliminary list ahead of time.

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 a welcome addition! Peace 360 meets from 4 -7 p.m.

Sun., Sept 16 - Shopping and dinner at Mariano's.

Sun., Sept. 23 - Discussions and dinner here at church.

Sun., Sept. 30 - Picnic & a hike. Bring your own dinner.

Sat., Oct. 6 - 2-4:30p.m. Feed My Starving Children event. FMSC this year is at Lincoln-Way West High School on Oct. 6 (use door 51.) We will meet at church at 2p.m. Our session is from 2:30-4:30 p.m. We will need some parent drivers. **Please use Peace's online sign-up or the sign-up slip so that we can register the group together on the FMSC site.**

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.

BIBLE BUDDIES

We are trying something new! Once a month, **on the fourth Wednesday of the month**, 5th grade through 12th grade 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 groups 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 or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin.

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL - "R.O.A.R. WITH GOD"

This year will be filled with special events and projects that celebrate how all of us can Respect, Overcome, Accept, Rejoice (and have a fun spirit while we're at it!) Join us for a great year of Sunday School where you can make new friends and GROW IN YOUR FAITH! And don't forget, we also have classes for teens and adults.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL THROUGH FIRST GRADE

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 brother or sister is going to pick up the younger child, that is okay as long as somebody you have approved comes to get him/her.

BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADERS & UP - SAT. & SUN., 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 September 22-23.

PEACE BUDDIES - SUN., 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 - SUN., 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, hot dogs, 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 to help with lunch set-up and clean-up in Fellowship Hall would be appreciated. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you will be attending and what you will be bringing.

Bible Background for Isaiah 5:4-9a

How do you react when you are unjustly attacked/insulted? The same “fight or flight” response that comes with a physical attack is a natural one. Today’s society has accepted and magnified the “fight back” option - if you attack me/my policies/my ways, then I’ll come back at you twice as hard. (“What has been the result?” we can ask.) The prophet Isaiah, and later to an even greater degree Jesus, have a different plan - trust God to sustain you and don’t double-down. Like the anti-bullying strategies, this method is to say the equivalent of “Is that all you got?” We have a strength from God beyond anyone’s insults.

PEACE WOMEN’S GROUP

The Peace Women’s Group is open to all women 18 and up. We invite all interested to join us for our next events. Any questions, contact Jan Stoller (815) 530-2786.

Friday, September 28 - *On Golden Pond* at Curtain Call Theatre in Mokena at 7:30 pm. We have 10 tickets put aside - we can get more but need to know by Sept. 1. Tickets are \$22.00. Dinner is NOT included in the ticket price - that would be separately arranged elsewhere. Please use the sign up slip in the bulletin and indicate if interested in dinner as well.

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. The pantry is in need of the following specific items. You can bring donations 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)	hand soap (bar & liquid)
dish soap	disposable diapers
juices	toothpaste

GOOD SHEPHERD group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eyeshadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs and brushes), personal items, bathing items (sponges, bubble bath, shower gel), and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons. Donations can be put in the box under the narthex counter.

OUR NEW MISSIONARY

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

PostNet Suite 30
Private Bag X6
Cascades
3203
South Africa

NEW TICKET OPTIONS - LET US KNOW!

The Fellowship Committee would like to find out the level of interest in these shows. If we get enough interest, we’ll follow through and get the tickets. *LATE NIGHT CATECHISM* - SUN., OCT. 21 at 2:30 p.m. Relive those good ol’ days? If you were raised in a Roman Catholic household or attended Catholic schools, we’ll bring back a lot of old memories of those days. If you are one of those “non-Catholics,” learn the real truths that your Catholic friends never revealed to you. Come hear from Sister herself Sun., Oct. 21, 2:30 p.m. at the Theatre at the Center, in Munster. Be on time! Make sure your school uniform is clean! Keep your hands to yourself or the Sister’s Ruthless Ruler may strike! Tickets are \$35 (sorry, not a deductible religious donation!). Use the sign-up slip. Warning - your penmanship will be graded.

HAMILTON - WED., JAN. 9, 2019 - DEADLINE SEPT. 20

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.

BLACKHAWKS TICKETS - SUN., DEC. 2

Another trip to the Madhouse on Madison (aka, The United Center) is in store for our church to see the Blackhawks. The game will be Dec. 2 at 6:00 p.m. We have 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.

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.

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY - MON. SEPT. 17

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 every Monday at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin. If you would like more information, contact Janet, Margie, or Pat at griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com or contact the church office.

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).



FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

If you know someone who is serving and would like them added to the list, let us know. We also ask for your prayers for those who have returned from war who struggle to readjust to life in the U.S. and work through their grief over friends they have lost in the Middle East.

Mike Scott, Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Brie Grams (Hatch), 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

ADDRESSES FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

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

MA3 Connor Baker
PSC 455 Box 173
FPO -AP 96540 -1070

Sgt Pafford, Devin
MC Alpha
P.O. 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

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.*)

ALZHEIMER'S 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. 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

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.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: September 23. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it via e-mail or first class, let us know.

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.

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

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.)

BELL CHOIR INVITATION

Thinking of joining the hand bell choir at Peace? We'd love to have you! Our hand bell choir offers the opportunity for individuals to worship God through music. The choir prepares music at scheduled rehearsals and then share our music with the congregation at selected worship services. We are active from Labor Day through Memorial Day. No audition or advanced musical skill are necessary - just a commitment to attend all rehearsals and participate in all performance opportunities. Please contact our director, Erica Desaulniers at ericasagerman2019@u.northwestern.edu for more details!

BOOK FAIR - SAT. & SUN., OCT. 6 & 7

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

DO YOU CARE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT?

We are forming a new group, Waste-Watchers, to focus on finding additional ways to reduce our carbon-imprint here at church. Use the sign-up to let us know if you're interested in joining us.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - SUN., OCT. 14

Our next monthly screening date is Sunday, Oct. 14, 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.

PING PONG CLUB - SUN., SEPT. 16

The ping pong club meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. - please join us for some fun and camaraderie on Sept. 16.

YOUR SUGGESTIONS WELCOME FOR A NEW CLASS

Our once a month Bible Study on the third Tuesday evenings has come to an end. It means Pastor Dave is ready and willing to teach something else in its place. It could be a series that would last a few months, or a collection of one-time classes. Please let us know your ideas through the sign-up, email the church at peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.

FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP - THURS., SEPT. 20

Our small group meets once a month to discuss various topics, deepen our faith and to 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 Thursday, 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!

C.D.s & 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.

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 has arrived and are \$25 each. (A portion of that goes to youth-related ministries.) We hope this helps you get some good bargains!

INTEREST INDICATORS

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.)

FLU SHOTS & MORE - SUN., OCT. 14

Once again the staff from Jewel-Osco will be coming here to give flu and other vaccines (like pneumonia.) The date will be Sunday, Oct. 14, and the times will be 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. They'll work with you on insurance and Medicare issues. If you do not have insurance that covers the shot, the likely cost will be \$30 per person. Bring any insurance information with you. No appointments are necessary.

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., 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 Saturday, Oct. 6, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILE PACK EVENT - SAT., 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.)

OUT TO EAT GROUP - SAT., 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.

DINNERS FOR EIGHT - NEW GROUPS STARTING THIS FALL

Do you enjoy gathering with a small group for dinner or dessert? We will soon start another round of "Dinners for Eight", a small group dinner setting in individuals' homes. It's a great way to get to know different members of our church community. Each group of eight decides what to eat and how often to meet over the course of a year. All ages are welcome. For those with children, childcare options are decided within each group. If interested, please call the church office by September 15.

LIBRARY BOOK OF THE WEEK

Each week we are going to 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 right then and there. (There's a 3-ring binder that is self-serve and easy to use.) This week's book is *Strengthening Your Grip - Essentials in an Aimless World* by Charles Swindoll.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING - SAT., SEPT. 22

Oh yes, it's 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!

WEDDING VOW RENEWAL OPPORTUNITY - SAT., OCT. 20

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

(Sign-Up 9/15/18 - 9/16/18)

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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

Youth

5th -12th Grades

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- ___ I/We would like to join Peace 360 at Feed My Starving Children Oct. 6.

Other

- ___ I/We are interested in attending the GriefShare meeting on Sept. 17.
- ___ I/We will attend the Bunco event Sept. 22.
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I can help with ___ set-up ___ clean-up
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- ___ I will participate in picking the next round of hymns on Oct. 24
- ___ I/We am/are interested in the genealogy group (meeting Oct. 27)

Women's Group

- ___ I will attend *On Golden Pond* on Sept. 28 at the Curtain Call Theatre.
- ___ I am interested in dinner as well.

Theater/ Events

- ___ I/We would like tickets for *Late Night Catechism* Oct. 21. How many? ___
- ___ I/We would like tickets for *Hamilton* Jan. 9. How many? ___

Sports Events

- ___ I/We would like Blackhawks tickets for Dec. 2.
How many? ___ & How many for the bus/van? ___

Other

Everybody Read - *Ephesians 2:13-22*- What the passage means to me:

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