

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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Crawling through Life

When we were babies, there was a point when people got all excited because we started to crawl. Some of you were speed-demons on four “legs.” Some of you crawled to where you wanted to go, and then could pull yourself up for a moment before you were back on all fours. The goal, of course, was to walk, but crawling did the trick for a while.

Sometimes as kids or adults, we crawl again. Have you been to an amusement-type obstacle set up? To get through that tube in order to get to the next station, you have no choice but to crawl. In the military’s basic training, keeping your head and body down is essential to not getting shot! In some of your homes there are attics and crawl spaces that do not allow you to stand up.

What happens, though, when crawling becomes a way of life? I don’t have in mind literally moving on our hands and knees, but creeping along in life or dragging our lives along or never feeling as though we can stand up, much less walk or run. And what does this kind of crawling look like? It looks like anxiety or worry. It looks like too busy to enjoy life or to pay attention to the people who matter to us. It looks like despair and way too much pressure and inability to accomplish our goals. We keep waiting for that next thing to be done so we can relax....and it never happens because each thing is replaced by something else.

Many people are crawling through life because they never learned how to walk with a supportive Presence alongside them. They have bought into a false line that says it’s all up to you (alone.) It is exhausting to crawl through life that way. When we learn how to rely on God to help us with all the things that would keep us crawling, we are amazed at how we can stand up, and even walk and sometimes run, in spite of those obstacles. God’s supportive presence looks like self-giving, looks like forgiveness, looks like hope, looks like second-chances, looks like priority setting, looks like letting go. We are so grateful to God for these kinds of gifts that help lift us up day after day!

Pastor Dave Hedlin

Prayers Requested

Elvie Gramlich, the family of Dan Flanagan, Michelle Tilquist, Karen Brill, Sandy Losiniecki, Tanner & Emi Woodford, fire fighters suffering ill effects, Becky, Heather Wolf, Rene, Patrick Schuld, Dave Davenport, Jeri Sandt, Eric Anderson, Carly Salutric, 2nd Lt. Jakob Swenson

Congratulations

Diana & Larry Brewer, grandparents, Esther Coulter, great grandmother; on the birth of Rory Frederick Hanrahan on July 30;

Mary Brouette, great grandmother, on the birth of Kennedy Patience Garner on Aug. 4;

Deb Goebig & Ray Standard on their marriage on Aug. 17;

Don and Marie Phelps, great grandparents, on the birth of Remi Ann Yager on Aug. 17.

Welcome to the Lord’s Family

Viola Anna Marie Halvorsen was baptized on Aug. 11;

Harper Quinn Thompson was baptized on Aug. 25.

New Member Orientation in October

We will be receiving new members again in October. The orientations are Oct. 20, at 9:45 and 6:30 and the reception of new members will be Oct. 27 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.

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:

Mike & Julie Kinsel – communion set up/clean up
Chris Pitlik – communion server
Marylynn Tyler & John Parker – blood drive helpers
Dave Preston, Glenn Vanderwall, Russ Scanlan, Dan Schaffer – lawn mowing

From:

NLFD – for being a sponsor for their 8th Annual Controlled Burn Beef Cook Off

Our New Sponsored Missionary

Our next Young Adult in Global Mission will be Benjamin David from Chicago (member of Lebanon Lutheran.) He has received his assignment to Argentina! He will give us his address and blog information after he knows them.

Addresses for Service Personnel

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| Midshipman Trevor Horn PO Box # 12989 Annapolis, MD 21412 | Sgt. Pafford, Devin PO Box 1351 Eglin AFB, FL 32542 |
| MA2 Baker, Connor 5600 Shorewood Lane Norfolk, VA 23502 | 2 Lieutenant Jakob Swenson 947 Burr St. Apt. E Fort Benning, GA 31905 |

Sharefest 2019 Volunteers Needed

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

Sept. 14 - Recyclepalooza 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Spencer School Campus New Lenox – please use the link to sign up as a volunteer:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aada92ba4f94-recyclepalooza2>

Sept. 14 - Forest Preserve Workday 8:00 a.m.- Noon Hickory Creek Preserve-Hickory Creek Junction Mokena – to volunteer, please call Renee Gauchet – 815-722-7364

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

GriefShare Ministry Resumes – Sept. 9

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you heal after losing a loved one. The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days. GriefShare meets on Mondays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and will begin weekly meetings again on Sept. 9. If you would like more information please contact Janet at griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com.

Alzheimer's Association Support Group

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

Addiction and Family Support Group

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

Are You on a Medicare Drug Plan?

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

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Sept. 22**. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it mailed first class or via e-mail, let us know.

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

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

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

* **Bereavement Support Groups**

- *GriefShare* – Resumes Monday, Sept. 9 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Meets each Monday through Dec. 9.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUN., SEPT. 15

A special congregational meeting has been called by the Congregation Council for Sunday, Sept. 15, at 9:30 a.m., for the purpose of approving the expenditure of no more than \$30,000 for the purposes of major improvements to the landscaping around our building and in the islands of the parking lot. The funds are to come from the reserves we have kept from the sale of property to the State of Illinois when Rt. 30 was widened. We are grateful that we can continue to make our church an attractive place, where people who might be looking for a church home especially will feel encouraged and invited.

Donations for MorningStar Treasure Chest

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

Follow Us on Social Media

Snapchat: [plutheranchurch](#)

Instagram: [peacelutheranchurch1062](#)

Twitter: [peacechurch1062](#)

Facebook: [Peace Lutheran Church](#)

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

Ruth Circle Quilters – Mon., Sept. 9 & 23

Quilting will resume on Monday, Sept. 9, at 9:00 a.m. No experience necessary. You just have to know how to have fun to join. Questions, contact Karen Dircks 815-462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom 708-479-7338.

Prayer Shawl – Wed., Sept. 4 & 18

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

Trailblazers – Tues., Sept. 17

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tues., Sept. 17, at noon here at church. The food will be glazed salmon with roasted potatoes. The activity will be bingo. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

Peace Buddies – Church Picnic – Sun., Sept. 29

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. We meet on the third Sunday of the month from noon - 2:00 p.m., **except for Sept. when we will participate in the church picnic. (Please see the announcement below.)** Questions please see Pastor Dave or contact Emilie Harvey at 815-529-7546.

Church Picnic – Sun., Sept. 29

Planning is underway for the Peace Church Picnic!! The fun will begin at 12:00 noon on Sunday, Sept. 29, 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 let us know if you will be attending, what you are bringing, and if you can help with set up or clean up.

Men's Dartball Resumes – Tues., Sept. 10

Get ready for a new season! Dartball resumes on Sept. 10 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 – Sat., Sept. 14

You are invited to participate in the fun that comes with playing Bunco, and the white elephant prizes that follow. The date is Sat., Sept. 14, at about 6:10 p.m. The evening starts with appetizers/snacks/desserts that you bring, and then the rounds of 1's and 2's follow. Never played Bunco? You don't need to know a thing except how to laugh and enjoy yourself. The white elephant exchange comes as the culmination, and the "better" the white elephants (tackier = better), the more laughs we all have. All are welcome. Please use the sign-up to give us a clue as to how many to expect. If you need childcare, please let us know by Sept. 8 (\$3 per child).

Peace Page Turners – Sun., Sept. 15

The next meeting will be Sept. 15 at 9:45 a.m. We will discuss *Endurance: Shackletons Incredible Voyage* by Alfred Lansing. All are welcome. Questions, contact Kathy at 815-545-2806.

Ping Pong Club Resumes – Sun., Sept. 15

The ping pong club will resume meeting on Sun., Sept. 15, at noon. If you think you may want to join them, let the church office know your name and email address, and you will be added to the email reminders.

Out to Eat Group – Sat., Oct. 5

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

Strong Seniors Exercise Group

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

Sunday Adult Education Classes

Adult Education class meets at 9:45 a.m. until Sept. 8, when the time starts after the Sunday School opening exercises (so 9:55 from then on). We meet in the back of the sanctuary.

- Sept. 1 - The Burdens and Joys of Following Jesus**
Sept. 8 - What If Just Being Yourself Doesn't Work?
Sept. 15 - Guest presenter, Pastor Ron Gluskamp, director of the ELCA's Always Being Made New Campaign
Sept. 22 - Guest presenter, Pastor Jim McGuire, chaplain of the Joliet Community Hospice, and author of a new book *Stay*, and the difference four pillars can make in your everyday life
Sept. 29 - A Biblical List of Losers
Oct. 6 - Guest presenter, Sherry Lindstrom, nurse from the **Joliet Community Hospice** organization to talk about why hospice is not a death sentence

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: John 11:30-36

Blessing of the Animals – Sun., Oct. 6

In celebration of our non-human companions, we invite you to bring your animals to church for a special blessing on Sun., Oct. 6, at 12:30 p.m. We welcome all feathery, furry, scaly, warm-blooded and cold-blooded friends of all shapes and sizes (animals should be in carriers or on leashes to assure nothing is going to startle them and cause them to run away in a strange neighborhood). The brief group blessing (outdoors south of the building) will take only a few minutes. In addition to that you want an individual blessing for your pet, that will take place immediately afterward. (In case of rain, we will head into Fellowship Hall.) Any questions, please call the church office.

Special Prayers for Healing – Sat., Oct. 12

Sat., Oct. 12, will be the next opportunity for special prayers for healing of body, mind and spirit for yourself or on behalf of someone else. We offer this as a part of the 5:00 worship service that day.

Looking Ahead...

- Sept. 3 – Bell Choir resumes 7:00 p.m.**
Sept. 4 – Adult Choir Pizza Kick Off 6:15 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal resumes 7:15 p.m.
Sept. 7 – Ladies Ensemble resumes 3:00 p.m.
Sept. 8 – Sunday School Rally Day 9:45 a.m.
5/6th gr. Bike Ride 12 noon
7-12th gr. Messtival 4 p.m.
Sept. 9 – GriefShare Resumes 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 10 – Dartball resumes 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11 – Children's Choir resumes 6:00 p.m.
Confirmation Orientation 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 14 – Adult Fellowship Bunco – 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 – Special Congregational Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Peace Page Turners 9:45 a.m.
Ping Pong Club resumes 12 noon
Third Annual Golf Outing 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 21/22 – Bibles given to 3rd graders and up
Sept. 22 – Peace Parents Sunday School Group
Brunch Meeting 9:45 a.m.
Sept. 28 – Sunday School Christmas Program
Planning Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 29 – Flu Shot Clinic 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Church Picnic including Peace Buddies 12 noon
Oct. 5 – Out to Eat Group Mama Onesta's 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 – Blessing of the Animals 12:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 – Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Special Prayers for Healing 5:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 – New Member Orientation 9:45 & 6:30
Oct. 27 – Reception of New Members 11:00 a.m.

Health Care Ministry - Blood Pressure Screenings – Sun., Sept. 8

Our next monthly screening date is Sun., Sept. 8 between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, please contact Marylynn Tyler at 815-423-6407.

Flu Shots & More – Sun., Sept. 29

Once again, the staff from Jewel-Osco will be coming here to give flu and other vaccines (like pneumonia.) The date will be Sunday, Sept. 29, 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.

From Deacon Shari Trotter

Dear Members and Friends of Peace,

God loves messy people!!! It is that time of year again for the annual 7th-12th grade Messtival! The evening of rally day we will gather at 4:00 p.m. and play an assortment of Messy games. The idea behind the Messtival is to come and get to know everyone who is in youth group but also to have some good “not so clean” fun! We will also talk about the importance of knowing that God loves messy people. This means, that even when we mess up God’s love and forgiveness are gifts for us and for all of God’s messy people. Some of the games we will be playing this year are Whopper Slopper, Musical Candy-feet or face, and Wild Card musical chairs. Please bring friends! The more people we have the more mess we can make and that makes everything more fun!

Adults, if this sounds fun to you or at least entertaining to watch, please volunteer to help with set up, clean up or eyes on the field (helping to make sure no one gets hurt). You are not required to get messy, but you absolutely can! This event is very well attended so the more adults we have the safer the messy games are and with clean up many hands make light work.

Messtival is the kick-off each year for Peace 360, our high school youth group and Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders. Both of these groups will have time for learning and time for fun throughout the year. The Messtival is one of two large event that these two groups do together. The next large event will be Antioch, our annual 2- day retreat and youth led worship service. This event takes place the first weekend in March. Both of these events are great opportunities for our youth but also amazing chances to get to know each of them on a more personal level. Jesus is the future of the Church our youth are the Church now. Consider volunteering at one of these two amazing events!

Let’s get messy,

Deacon Shari

Blood Drive – Sat., Oct. 12

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

Sunday School Rally Day – Sun., Sept. 8

Sunday School begins Sept. 8. Our theme is *Space for God’s Love*. We look forward to another great year! We rely on the registration forms to give us updates and to help us know who will be available to help with Sunday School. We have a great team and would love to have you be a part of it!!! Please fill out a registration form (located on the narthex counter in an upright holder), register on-line, or call the church office. Even if you have no one in Sunday School, you might be hearing God’s call to serve in our amazing program.

Parents of Preschool - 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. 21 & 22

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. 21st or 22nd.

Peace Parents Sunday School Group Meeting – Sun., Sept. 22

Peace Lutheran Church is starting a group for the parents of our Sunday School students to enhance the fellowship among our families. We would like your feedback to see if we can get this group growing. Please fill out a survey, (online or in the narthex). We will have a meeting with brunch at 9:45 a.m. on Sun., Sept. 22, in Fellowship Hall. Bring some ideas to the meeting, too! We are excited to get this fellowship in motion as the new school year begins!

Children’s Christmas Programs Planning Meeting – Sat., Sept. 28

Oh yes, it is that time again: time to plan for our Sunday School Christmas programs. The date for this first meeting will be Sat., Sept. 28, at 9:30 a.m. Being involved in this effort is very rewarding, and not too much work!

Youth Announcements

High School

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

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

Sun., Sept. 8 – Messtival!!! 4-7p.m. Pizza for dinner

Sun., Sept. 15 – Dinner and discussions

Sun., Sept. 22 – TBD

Sun., Sept. 29 – TBD

7-12th Gr. MESSTIVAL!! – Sun., Sept. 8

September 8 at 4:00 p.m. we will be having our fourth annual Messtival! Messtival 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! **PLEASE wear clothes that can get ruined and wear closed toed shoes. Please bring a garbage bag with you to pick up your youth, you will need it to protect your car seat.**

(Parents: we could use your help to set up and clean up. You can join in on the fun of getting messy, too but you do not have too.) **Sign up by Sept 4**, so we have enough supplies for everyone :) You can use the sign up in the narthex, in the bulletin, or use the sign up online, under "Events". Parents we would love for you to get messy with us! If you can help, please let us know!

5th/6th Gr. Bike Ride, Lunch & Games – Sun, Sept. 8

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 and 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!

Confirmation Orientation – Wed., Sept. 11

A meeting for all students in 7th and 8th grades and at least one parent/adult is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 11, 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 him or her to come too.

Confirmation orientation: Sept. 11 Meeting 7: 00 p.m.

7th Gr. Confirmation: Sept. 18 Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

8th Gr. Confirmation: Sept. 25 Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Kids & Adults: Nov. 20 & Feb. 5 Hot dogs 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

7th & 8th Gr. Together: Jan.8 & April 1
Pizza 6:30 p.m.
Class 7:00 p.m.

In-House Church Picture Directory

We are going to create our own informal picture directory to help connect faces and names.

The last weekend to have your picture taken is Sept. 14 & 15. You don't need to dress a certain way or anything....just please come early for worship or stick around a few minutes afterward. Once the pictures are all taken, we'll assemble our own simple directory.

Interest Indicators by Sept. 29

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. 29.)

Building assets in youth and community

Our asset this month is **Responsibility (Self-Management)**. Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility. 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 responsibility in your daily life. When you make a commitment, follow through. Make to-do lists and encourage your child to make their own.

At school:

Expect students to act responsibly. Notice and affirm them when they do; set clear and reasonable consequences for when they don't.

In the community:

Challenge the assumptions that youth are irresponsible. Make responsibility a community value.

In the church or public organization:

Develop skits or stories to help teach younger kids about honesty. Support youth when they're in situations where it's difficult to carry out their responsibilities.

Building Assets in our Youth and Community

**The asset for the month of September is:
Responsibility (Self-Management)**

September quote of the month:

“Progress only starts when you get clear on
where you are right now.”

~Mehgan Heaney-Grier

CPR Class – Sat., Nov. 16

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

Bell Choir Resumes – Tues., Sept. 3

Handbell choir will start up again on Tues., Sept. 3 at 7:00 p.m.. If you are not already a member but are interested in playing, we would love to have you join! For more information please contact Erica Desaulniers ericasagerman@gmail.com. See you then!

Adult Choir Invitation – Wed., Sept. 4

WANTED: Singers! No experience needed. Just have a joy of singing. The Adult Peace Choir wants you! We will have our annual ‘Welcome with Pizza Kick Off’ Wed., Sept. 4, starting at 6:15 p.m. with our first practice at 7:15 p.m. We are a fun bunch that love to sing and spread the joy of Christ thru music. Come check us out on the 4th or 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!!

Ladies Ensemble Invitation – Sat., Sept. 7

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 through music is a joy you will want to share in. Our first practice is Sat., Sept. 7, at 3:00 p.m. followed by fellowship and singing at the 5:00 p.m. service. For questions you can contact the office, Pamela Putrich or Gerry Wurzbarger. Hope to see you soon!!!

Third Annual Golf Outing – Sun. Sept. 15

The Third Annual Peace Lutheran Church Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 2:00 p.m., at Woodruff Golf Course on Gouger Road in Joliet. This is an outing for men and women. 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 of this for \$41. Please make your checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church. Questions, contact Mike Bohl 815-593-5383 or mbohl1@gmail.com.

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." Ticket price, if we get a group of 15 or more, is \$81 for first balcony seats! Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office.

Once on This Island – Sat., Jan. 25, 2:00 p.m.
Cadillac Palace Theatre – Downtown Chicago
The 2018 Tony Award recipient for best revival of a musical, *Once on This Island* is the sweeping, universal tale of Ti Moune, a fearless peasant girl in search of her place in the world, and ready to risk it all for love. Guided by the mighty island gods, Ti Moune sets out on a remarkable journey to reunite with the man who has captured her heart. Ticket price, if we get a group of 15 or more, is \$76.50 for first balcony seats! Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office.

Two New Shows!

Jefferson Starship – Sat., Oct. 19, 8:00 p.m. at Governor's State. We have reserved some more great seats for this performance that includes two of the originals (David Freiberg & Donny Baldwin) plus long time members Chris Smith & Jude Gold. Use the sign-up or contact the church office. Tickets are \$40 each. Our deadline for signing up is Sept. 22.

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.

Operation Care Package

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

Caregiver Tip of the Month

Finding Comfort in Scripture – *When the future seems hopeless:* Isaiah 54:1-5, Lamentations 3:19-24, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 1 Peter 1:3-9, 1 Peter 5:10-11
When you need comfort: Psalm 23, Psalm 119:73-77, Isaiah 12, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
When you are tempted to be bitter: 1 Corinthians 13, Ephesians 4:29--5:2, Hebrews 12:14-15
When you are hurting: Deuteronomy 8:1-5, Psalm 77, Romans 8:12-17, Romans 8:35-39
When you are struggling with anger: Psalm 4:4, Matthew 18:21-35, Ephesians 4:26-32, James 1:19-20
(For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex.)

Questions Kids Ask Update

One of the questions for August from our amazing kids was "Is God rich?" Overwhelmingly YES! Only it is not just because God already owns everything in the whole universe. It is because God wants to share everything, including God's love, with everyone. What makes God rich is not what God has, but what God does with it all. Being generous can make us all rich, no matter how much "stuff" we can claim as ours. Our Spanish version of the book is nearing its final stages of preparation. We hope to send it to the layout person any day!

Because of You and Your Gifts

"Something is wrong with me! I don't know what it is. Something is wrong with me!"
Carlenia had already been concerned about her daughter, Andrea's behavior, and when she broke down emotionally at the doctor's office, they were sent straight to the emergency room. Their trip to the ER confirmed Andrea's claim that something was wrong: she was diagnosed with depression and a bipolar disorder. Today, one in five children through age 18 has a diagnosable mental health disorder. One in ten children has a mental health problem severe enough to impair how they function at home, in school, or in the community. Mental illness is treatable, but only when families get the information and resources they need. Thank you for your generosity and compassion that allows Lutheran Social Services of Illinois to reach people like her!

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.

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| 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 | |