

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 21 & September 22, 2019

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Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully*

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

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

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

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

Accompanist/Organist	Todd Yetman
Children's Choir Director	Leslie Walton
Adult Choir Director	Pamela Putrich
Bell Choir Director	Erica Desaulniers
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Tammy Dunn
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Eric Wesel
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Syndy Lindbloom
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Diane Lillie
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Karin Knutson
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Tina Hammar
Acolyte (5:00)	Kassidy Withers
Acolyte (8:30)	Megan Gerasch
Acolyte (11:00)	Helen Ambrose
Nursery (ages 0-5)(5:00)	Georgia Brolley
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Ryan Rajaballey & Kathy Sons
Nursery (ages 0-5) (11:00)	Ashley Wandersee
Ushers (5:00)	Bill Sandt
Ushers (8:30)	Mark Anderson, Drew Darley, Ethan Darley, David W. Johnson
Ushers (11:00)	Nicholas Ledvina, Dave Merk, Trevor Salutric
Greeters (5:00)	Jim & Laura Tieri
Greeters (8:30)	Cindy & Tony Gerasch
Greeters (11:00)	Donna Hartmann
Communion Servers (8:30)	Ken & Renee Gatewood, Lindsay George Daneen Taylor, Gordy Taylor Jr.
Bread Provider (8:30)	Cindy Hostert
Refreshments (5:00)	Ingrid Howard
Refreshments (8:30)	Jenni Vondra, Cindy Gerasch, Lindsay George
Refreshments (11:00)	Joan Posch, Julie Sabatini
Offering Counters	Jack Cosich, Lisa Parker, Chuck Vick, Diane Vick

The altar flowers are given by Terry and Michele Lenz in celebration of their grandson, Ian Osbrink's 4th birthday; also given by Christina Montgomery in honor of Deacon Shari's ordination anniversary.

WE WANT TO WELCOME Pastor Peter Vethanayagamony and thank him for serving again as our celebrant for communion.

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 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship services.

Saturday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Education Hour	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sat., Sept. 21 & Sun., Sept. 22 - Bibles to 3rd Graders and older
Sun., Sept. 22 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Adult Education Hour - 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 9:55 a.m.

Peace Sunday School Parents Group Brunch	9:45 a.m.
Teen Bible Study	9:45 a.m.
Peace 360	4:00 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 23 - Ruth Circle Quilters	9:00 a.m.
Strong Seniors Exercise Group	12 noon
GriefShare	6:30 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 24 - Addiction & Family Support Group	7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 25 - Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Strong Seniors Exercise Group	11:15 a.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
8 th Grade Confirmation	7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 28 - Children's Christmas Program Planning Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Sun., Sept. 29 - Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Adult Education Hour - <i>A Biblical List of Losers</i>	9:55 a.m.
Flu Shots	9:45 a.m.
Teen Bible Study	9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
Church Picnic (including Peace Buddies & Peace 360)	12 noon

Help Others

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WED., OCT. 2

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. We meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. Our next meeting will be **Oct. 2**. Questions, contact Cheryl, 815-462-3089. If you know someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please put your request in the box on the narthex counter. To date we have made 297 shawls and given away 260.

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.

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 the date their deployment ends. Call Pam Swyndro at 815-258-0474 or email jpswyn@att.net.

HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

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

GARDENERS FOR MORNINGSTAR

For those of you who garden, as your produce comes in, if you have any extras, bring them to church and we'll take them to MorningStar Mission.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - SUN., OCT. 13

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

CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

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

HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

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

OLD KIDS BOOKS WANTED

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

Worship Related

LADIES ENSEMBLE

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

ADULT CHOIR - WANTED: Singers!

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

PEACE HANDBELL CHOIR

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

HYMN PICKING - WED., OCT. 30

The next round of picking hymns for the period of December through May will take place on Wed., Oct. 30, at 6:00 p.m. Your input is always welcome! Please let us know that you're planning to come so we can get you a preliminary list ahead of time.

Faith Development/Education

ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

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

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

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

Oct. 20 - What to Pray For

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

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

EVERYBODY READ

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we 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: John 11:30-36.

BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR AMOS 8:4-7

Sometimes a wake up call is not what we want. The people of the Northern Kingdom (Israel) were having a time of prosperity, and they had forgotten about what God wanted them to do with that prosperity. They thought they'd just make more money (and ignore questions of fairness and justice.) Amos, the prophet from the Southern Kingdom (Judah) was called by God to bring the wake up call: God will not forget how they have trampled on the needy for their own gain.

LIBRARY BOOK OF THE WEEK

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

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., OCT. 20

Peace Page Turners will be discussing, "So Big" by Edna Ferber.

Join us for the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. We meet at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Davenport (815) 545-2806.

BIBLES TO BE GIVEN TO THIRD GRADERS (& ABOVE), SAT. & SUN., SEPT. 21-22 - Our church has great joy in giving each child a Bible of his or her own. We invite children from third grade - sixth grade who haven't received one yet from the church to come forward during worship. We want to have Bibles to read, mark up, use by our young people in their homes!

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 Jinny Eken, the family of Chris Gray, the family of Barbara Starr, Mary Ann Anders, Laura Olson, Jane, Mallory, Kristina, Julie, Emily Burnson (healing), Terra Neal (health), Billy Rudy, Pat K. (comfort), Michelle Y. (guidance), Tim Rhodes (healing), Alicia (understanding), Gary (home for sale), Janet Park (healing), Vivian Farbak, Cathy Arenz, Michelle Tilquist (positive biopsy results & healing), Emily Burnson (knee surgery), Benjamin David (missionary), Charlie Conway, Jeri Sandt, Tammy Conway, Barry, Barb Garbett, Daniel Obuchina (cancer), Penny (health), Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Marie, Gary Hoffig (surgery), Dennis (surgical procedure), Phyllis Holmquist, Tracy Romano, Hilda Brockman, Dave Somerfeld, Heidi (cancer), Marshall Erickson, Jill Schairer, Bev Decker (job), Joe Schultz, Judy Lake, Eric Anderson, Sandy Losiniecki, Tanner & Emi Woodford (recovery), firefighters suffering ill effects, Becky, Elvie Gramlich, Rene, Patrick Schuld (major surgery), Dave Davenport, Karen Brill (car accident), Evelyn, Lynn, Mr. Kairies (heart health), Nolan (peace), Julius Taglia (health), Lana (happiness), Mason & Kaylee Mena (guidance), Janet Sikma (serious health condition), Debbie & family, Dave & Judy, Pam & George, Keith, Bill Musak (cancer), Susan Stokes, Paige (health), John Salyers, Jason, Cie's mom (health), Lynne Medrano, Terry Jesk, Jim Jesk, Alexis Flynn, Alan Booton, Erv & Mary Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt (strength), Bill Reidy (cancer), Mary Hand (family strength & healing), Tyler, the Austin family (strength & healing), Brena V. and family (strength & healing), Dan T. & family), Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

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

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New This Week

NEW TICKET QUESTION - SHAKESPEARE'S AS YOU LIKE IT
We have been given an opportunity to see a modern adaptation of this classic play. This high-spirited version infuses Shakespeare's comedy with the hit songs of The Beatles! The date will be Sat., June 13, at 3:00 p.m. at the Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier. Group rate tickets will be \$72 - \$81. We will need to know by Oct. 15 to book the tickets, so use the sign-up or call the office before then!

Fellowship Opportunities/Events

THEATRE OPTIONS

"THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" – SAT., DEC. 21, 2:00 p.m.
 (Cadillac Palace Theatre – Downtown Chicago)

Critics are saying that this production of Andrew Lloyd Weber's Phantom of the Opera is "bigger and better than ever before." **New, lower ticket price has been confirmed for the middle balcony of \$58.50. There are 4 tickets remaining!** Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office.

"ONCE ON THIS ISLAND - (THE MUSICAL)"- SAT., JAN. 25, 2:00 p.m.
 (Cadillac Palace Theatre – Downtown Chicago)

The 2018 Tony Award recipient for best revival of a musical, *Once on This Island* is the sweeping, universal tale of Ti Moune, a fearless peasant girl in search of her place in the world, and ready to risk it all for love. Guided by the mighty island gods, Ti Moune sets out on a remarkable journey to reunite with the man who has captured her heart. **New, lower ticket price has been confirmed for the middle balcony of \$43.00. There are 4 tickets remaining!** Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office.

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.

MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., OCT. 8

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

CHURCH PICNIC - SUN., SEPT. 29

Planning is underway for the Peace Church Picnic!! The fun will begin at 12:00 noon on Sun., 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 use the sign-up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you will be attending and what you will be bringing.

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 Sat., Oct. 5. Reservations are necessary, so please use the sign-up slip or call the office.

CHESS TOURNAMENT - ARE YOU INTERESTED?

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

NEW NEW MEMBER MINISTRY - SUN., OCT. 6

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

General Announcements

C.Ds & PODCAST AVAILABLE

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

RECYCLING ITEMS

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

OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARY

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

AWAY FROM HOME ADDRESSES/EMAILS

It's that time of year when we ask for the addresses and email addresses for young people who are away from home. We like to send them the newsletter and let them know we're thinking about them. Please use the sign-up or call/email the church office.

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY - MON., SEPT. 23

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

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We are very grateful for all our volunteers in this church. Today we're highlighting the ministry of attending the Sunday morning adult education classes. These wide-ranging classes cover topics from the Bible to getting help with our anger. You can see the topics in the bulletin each week and come whenever you have an interest. There is great freedom in exploring our faith lives without any pressure to know anything. Plus the go around questions are an easy way to get to know others.

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD 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!

FLU SHOTS & MORE - SUN., SEPT. 29

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

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Responsibility (Self Management)**. **Some things we can do in a religious, service or other organization are: 1) Have real responsibilities/opportunities for youth within your congregation or organization; 2) Develop skits or stories to help teach younger kids about honesty.**

This week's idea for our community is be clear and explicit about job responsibilities for teen workers and teach them how to meet those responsibilities.

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).



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 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.

GET ON THE BABYSITTING LIST?

We have a list of available babysitters that we update every year. If you would like to be on the 2019 version of the list, please use the form that is in the stand-up display rack on the counter in the entrance area, and turn it in by the end of September.

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

More General Announcements

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. 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.

INTEREST INDICATORS - BY SEPT. 29

One of the hallmarks of this church is the number of volunteers we have serving God and each other in a wide variety of ways. Our use of Interest Indicators is one of the ways that comes about – with people letting us know what ministries are of interest to them, and then the leaders trying to match people with opportunities. Even if you’ve filled one out in the past, we appreciate an updated one! Please take the time to fill one out (either in the pew rack or online.)

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., OCT. 12

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

GIVING STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

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

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES BOOKS

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

Youth Ministry

PEACE 360 HS YOUTH GROUP

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

Sun., Sept. 22 - Genesis VR in New Lenox. Buffalo Wild Wings for dinner. Please bring \$15 for the VR games and an extra \$10 for dinner. We will meet here at 4 p.m. and go we will be back to church around 7:45 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 29 - Church Picnic from Noon - 2 p.m. Hotdogs for lunch.

Sun., Oct. 6 - Country Line Orchard - Stay tuned for details.

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.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 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 meeting will be Sat., Sept. 28, at 9:30 a.m. Being involved in this effort is very rewarding, and not too much work!

7/8TH GR. & PEACE 360 TEEN BRIDGE CENTER THRIFT STORE - SAT., OCT. 12

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

5TH & 6TH GR. PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY– SUN., OCT. 13

Let’s get together for pumpkin carving, pizza and games that we will play here at Peace! Bring a friend and be here Sun., Oct. 13, at 4:00- 6:00 p.m. Please bring a pumpkin for yourself (if you are bringing a friend, let them know this too). Donations of \$3 will help cover the pizza and other supplies. Please use the online sign up on our church website, use the sign up in the bulletin, or the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - SAT., OCT. 19 OR SAT., OCT. 26

Each year we seek to prepare children in the fifth grade (and above) for receiving their first communion. We do it in a one-hour concentrated class. A parent/other adult (or two) should attend along with the child. The class will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10:00 a.m. or if you prefer, on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 3:30 p.m. You need only attend one class or the other.

More Groups

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENT GROUP! - GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS + BRUNCH ON SUN., SEPT. 22

Peace Lutheran Church is starting a group for the parents/guardians of our Sunday School students. The hope for this group is to enhance the fellowship among our families. On Sun., Sept., 22, at 9:45 a.m. we invite the parents of our Sunday School children to a brunch for our first meeting! We will use this time to discuss how and what we would like to do in the group. If you cannot make the meeting there is survey posted on the Peace Lutheran website or a paper copy that you can fill out (located in the narthex on the counter.) Please fill out this survey and bring some ideas to the meeting, too! We are excited to get this fellowship in motion as the new school year begins!

PEACE BUDDIES - SUN., SEPT. 29 - 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., except for Sept. when we will participate in the church picnic. (Please see the announcement above). Questions please see Pastor Dave or call Emilie Harvey at (815) 529-7546.

WOMEN'S GROUP - FRI., OCT. 11

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

Thank you

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of **\$12,345.20** at worship plus another **\$706** electronically, and a total attendance in worship of **291**. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

The recent local Feed My Starving Children event was significantly funded through your generosity. As a community-wide effort to assemble simple, nutritious food packets, children are fed throughout the world. Our Lincoln-Way Area Mobile Pack packed between 120,000 and 130,000 packs – enough to feed 383 kids for an entire year!

Groups

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., OCT. 15

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tues., Oct. 15, at noon here at church. The food will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, plus your usual food donations. The activity will be bingo. Questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTERS) - MON., SEPT. 23

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 Synda Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP - SECOND TUESDAYS

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

ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY

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

INFORMAL GOLF GROUP

Each week the group plays 9 holes, starting around 10:00 a.m., have lunch and finish around 1:30 p.m. The format is best ball. Depending on the wishes of the group, the likely days are Tues. or Wed. (In case of less than 50° or more than 90° or other weather problems, there would be no golf.) You may call Mike Bohl with questions, or to sign up, at 815-277-2636.

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 use the sign-up slip or call the church office by Sept. 22.**

PING PONG CLUB - SUN., OCT. 20

The Ping Pong Club will meet again on Sun., Oct. 20, at noon here at the church. If you think you may want to join them, let the office know your name and email address, and you will be added to the email reminders.

(Sign-Up 09/21/19 - 09/22/19)

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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

Youth

5th & 6th Grade

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How many? ____

7th & 8th Grade & Peace 360

____ I will attend the "Drive out Bullying" event at the Teen Bridge Center in Orland Park on Oct. 12.

Other Events

____ I/We would like to be part of the "Dinners for Eight" Groups.

____ I/We will attend the church picnic on Sept. 29. How many? ____

I will bring a ____ side dish ____ dessert

I can help with ____ set-up ____ clean-up

____ I/We will join the Out to Eat Group at Mamma Onesta's Restaurant in Lockport on Oct. 5. How many? ____

____ I/We are interested in participating in a Peace Church Open Chess Tournament.

____ I/We are planning to come and help pick hymns on Oct. 30.

Theater Events

____ I/We would like tickets for *Jefferson Starship* on Oct. 19.

How many? ____ (**deadline for signing up is today**)

____ I/We would like tickets for *Phantom of the Opera* on Dec.21.

How many? ____

____ I/We would like tickets for *Once On This Island* on Jan. 25.

How many? ____

____ I/We would like tickets for *A Tribute to Whitney Houston* on Feb. 8.

How many? ____

____ I/We would like tickets for *Shakespeare's As You Like It*

How many? ____

Other Ministries/Sign-ups

Everybody Read - John 11:30-36 - What the passage means to me:

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

My away from home address is:

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