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#### Children's Christmas programs planning meeting – Sat., Sept. 28

There will be a planning meeting for our annual Children's Christmas Programs on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 9:30 a.m. Anyone who would like to help in any way is invited to attend.

## 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 use the sign-up slip in the bulletin, or online on the church website, to let us know if you will be attending.

# T-Shirt Sunday – 10/6

On the first Sunday of each month we would like everyone to wear the new Peace Kids – Sharing the Spirt t-shirt. Also on that day during the 11:00 service we will invite the students to sing a Sunday School song. Watch the Sunday School News for more details.

#### **7/8<sup>th</sup> Gr. & Peace 360 group** 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 2p.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. Sign up online, sheet in the narthex or in the bulletin.

## Adult Class

Our 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. 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.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza, Games and Pumpkins – 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 Sunday, Oct. 14, 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.

#### Parents of 3 yr. olds – 1<sup>st</sup> graders

#### graders

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.

## Old kids books needed –

We are collecting some old kids books for one of our church members, who works with low functioning 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Please drop the books off in the Sunday School office in the box labeled Book Donations or in the big bin in the entrance.



#### First communion class – Sat., Oct. 19 or Sat., Oct.26

Each year we seek to prepare children in the fifth grade (and beyond) 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 at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 19 or if you prefer, on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 3:30 p.m. You need only attend one class or the other.

## **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr.** Odyssey Fun Farm Event – Sat., Oct. 26

We will meet at church at 10:30 a.m. Details to follow. Please let me know if your youth is interested in going.

#### 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!

## Children's choir rehearsal

Everyone from grades 2-8, is welcome to join. The younger choir members will learn basic singing skills and some music reading skills. Older choir members will assist younger members and have a variety of solo and small group opportunities. Everyone will have a great time! The children's choir rehearses on Wednesdays, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and sings approximately twice a month at either 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. services. For more information, please contact Leslie Walton at (815) 462-4544.

## Confirmation Schedule-

**7**<sup>th</sup> **Gr. Confirmation: Oct. 2 & 16** Pizza 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation: Sept. 25** & **Oct. 9** Pizza 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## Your friends are welcome here

Whether it is for youth events or Sunday School or worship, your friends are welcome at Peace. We want people to know what a great God we have!!! You probably know kids who do not go to church—be sure to bring them with you! (We'll even give them a prize for coming.)

#### Help us manage traffic

If all you are doing is dropping off or picking up from Sunday School, please use the west entrance (the one from the strip mall.) There are parking spaces along the fence, plus more behind the mall. As we all cooperate, we'll reduce congestion in the parking lot, avoid problems on Rt. 30, and provide more parking for people who are looking for a church home. That is the mission of all of us!!! If you're using the main lot, please don't line up in front of the main entrance...either park, or head closer toward the garage. THANKS! Also remember that you may park, enter, and exit via Schoolhouse Rd. at the property adjoining our parking lot.

## **Babysitting List**

We are updating our babysitting list. If you are a babysitter, please fill out the yellow form on the counter, in the narthex, if you would like to be added to the babysitting list. Please turn your form in by the end of September. New lists will be printed with updated information soon.



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