

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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August 19 & August 20, 2017

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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.*

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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
Substitute Accompanist/Organist	Dolores Barenz
Children's Choir Director	Leslie Walton
Adult Choir Director	Pamela Putrich
Bell Choir Director	Jim Tieri
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Jan Bentley
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Eric Wesel
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Kate Jensen
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Darrell Holmquist
Lesson Readers (8:30)	Karen Town
Lesson Readers (11:00)	Donna Conway
Acolyte (8:30)	Joe Wesel
Acolyte (11:00)	Tyler Misch
Ushers (5:00)	Peter Viehweg & Jack Farbak
Ushers (8:30)	Ricky Wesel, Dave Johnson, Alex Hiller, Tony Gerasch Abbey & Jeff Lindeman
Ushers (11:00)	Deb & Duane Hypke, Ryan Gamen
Greeters (5:00)	Vivian Farbak
Greeters (8:30)	Pam Johnson
Greeters (11:00)	Nancy & Scott Kurber
Nursery (ages 0-5)(5:00)	Sara Losacco
Nursery (ages 0-5) (8:30)	Emily Loranger, Megan Gerasch
Nursery (ages 0-5) (11:00)	Maddy Soldan & Evelyn Powers
Refreshments (5:00)	Joyce & Mark Nelson
Refreshments (8:30)	Cindy Hostert, Ingrid Howard, Kathy Sons
Offering Counters	Bill & Jeri Sandt, Lisa Star, Nate Thomas

The altar flowers are given by the Klock family in celebration of Elizabeth's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday; also given by the Prince family.

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

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Aug. 20 - Education Hour - Peace Page Turners book discussion on *Easter Island* by Jennifer Vanderbes 9:45 a.m.  
Youth Ministry Meeting 9:45 a.m.  
Talent Show On the Road, Sunny Hill 1:30 p.m. (includes Peace 360)

Aug. 22 - Opiate Recovery Group 7:00 p.m.

Aug. 23 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.

Aug. 26/27 - Blessing of the Backpacks (during worship services)

Aug. 27 - Summer Education Hour - *What? Me Worry?* (A little worry can be energizing; a lot of worry can be debilitating; how to find a balance) 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School meeting 9:45 a.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Event 12:15 p.m.  
Peace 360 - 6:00 p.m.

Aug. 28 - Summertime Quilting 9:30 a.m.

Aug. 29 - Opiate Recovery Group 7:00 p.m.  
Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 30 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Waste Watchers 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 3 - Summer Education Hour - *Is It Ever Okay to Be Glad Someone's Dead?* 9:45 a.m.

Sept. 4 - Labor Day - Office Closed

Sept. 5 - Opiate Recovery Group 7:00 p.m.  
Committee Chairs Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 6 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.  
Adult Choir Open House (pizza & rehearsal) 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 7 - Bell Choir Rehearsal Resumes 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9 - Ladies Ensemble Open Rehearsal & Refreshments 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 9-16 - Sharefest

Sept. 10 - Sunday School Rally Day 9:45 a.m.  
Blood Pressure Screening (between services)  
Coed Golf Outing 2:00 p.m.  
Peace 360 & 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Messival 6:00 p.m.

### PRAYER GROUP - SEPT. 20

Denise Jones hosts a monthly gathering for prayer. The prayers include our church, our young people, those on the prayer list from the bulletin, and any other concerns or celebrations. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:45 a.m. at her home (17013 Geneva Ave., Lockport). Please call her (815) 838-0388 or the church office (815) 485-5327 so she can prepare appropriately. The next gathering will be September 20.

### ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

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.

**This week: Aug. 20** - Peace Page Turners book discussion on *Easter Island* by Jennifer Vanderbes

**Next week: Aug. 27** - *What? Me Worry?* (A little worry can be energizing; a lot of worry can be debilitating; how to find a balance)

**Sept. 3** - *Is It Ever Okay to Be Glad Someone's Dead?*

### SUMMERTIME QUILTING - STAY COOL & QUILT - AUG. 28

Summertime quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:30 a.m. Fill those lazy days of summer making quilts and enjoying fellowship. Questions? Call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

### RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS - SEPT. 11 & 25

Quilting will resume on Monday, Sept. 11, 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.

### ONCE A MONTH EVENING BIBLE STUDY - SEPT. 19

Our next session on Tuesday, September 19, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. we will continue with Luke 4:40. You don't need to know anything about the Bible to benefit.

### PEACE PAGE TURNERS - AUG. 20

Peace Page Turners next will be discussing *Easter Island* by Jennifer Vanderbes on August 20. Join us for the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. We meet at 9:45 a.m. and all are always welcome. If you would like a copy of the book or have any questions, contact Kathy Davenport (815) 485-3874.

### 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. (The cards are located on the narthex counter.) If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, contact the office. Also, if you want to give on-line at any time, you can go to our website ([www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org)), click on the donate tab and then use the donate through Paypal tab. You can use most major credit cards through that site.

### 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 Lowell Christiansen, Jennifer Otto, Renee Wiedman, Mark, Ann Marie, Andrew, Heather Rossi (healing from shoulder surgery), Amber Salutric (starting 2<sup>nd</sup> year of college as an RA), Sonia Muehlnickel, Kevin Vick (shingles), Allison Moore (treatment/recovery), Jonah Huelhorst, Ed Fikeys, Paulette Overend, Jon Olofsson, Christina Montgomery, Ben Walczak (broken ankle), Tammy Rae, Shane, Nolan, Cathy Richardson, Kristie Paprocki, Rich Rosen, Sharon Obuchina, Mike Williams, Shemiah Curry, Chuck Olson, Carolyn Blair, Maddox James Spooner (premature), Margo Stromberg, Georgia Piech-Pander, Doris Fosnaugh, Eric Bartels, Gary Hoppenrath, Carol Tatro, Marie (depression), Rick Becker (health & well-being), Tony McGuire, Jonah Huelhorst, Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Tyler Anderson, Ray and Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Denise Patrick, Jill Goglein, Joe & Pat Bertucci, Dino Parato, Kitty Walker (surgery/recovery), Rich Johnson, Diane (health & wellness), Melissa B. (addiction), Josh D. (addiction), Michelle Y. (comfort & strength), Pat Butler (stroke), Alan Booton, the Kiebles family, Kate W. (decisions & strength), Ryan, Pat. N., Shawn N., Doris Kipp, Pastor Peggy Johnson, Edward (health), Mari & Dewey Klapper, Lorie Tierney & family, Merisa Pernice, Phillip Cammack, Jim Fitzpatrick (health), Jean Kelly, Avery Mark, Roberta Owens, Carol Bentley, Kathy S., Den & Maria, Jodee Saenz, Mark Krysiak (heart & kidney transplant), Erv & Mary Pander, 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), Carol Hambrick (Alzheimer's), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery (cancer), Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

### A PASTORAL NOTE FROM PASTOR DAVE

Racism and bigotry are wrong, plain and simple. Everyone carries prejudice in his or her heart in some way or other. Most of those are simple and mostly quite harmless – like a prejudice for a sports team or laundry detergent. However, when any prejudice gets out of hand or becomes directed toward people, then repentance is called for. An honest effort to change means we turn to God for help. Having said that, none of this can diminish the weight of *groups* of people making their prejudice a matter of pride instead of shame. As followers of Jesus, we are invited to own our own part, of course, and absolutely to resist and reject the false impression that any form of racism and bigotry is acceptable.

### WELCOME ALPHA CHAPTER OF THE BETA SIGMA PSI LUTHERAN FRATERNITY

At the 11:00 worship, representatives of the fraternity from the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign will present Matthew Klock from our church with their 2017 Christian Leadership Scholarship. We are pleased to welcome them and to congratulate Matthew.

### BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Family Support**: Some things we can do in the community are: 1) Offer workshops for parents on positive parenting skills. 2) Provide and publicize family crisis hotlines.

3) When children call their parents, make it a priority that parents receive the call.

This week's idea of the week is be a role model for kids. Last week's was be loving in your interactions.

### 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 (nee 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

### NEW ADDRESSES FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

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

Connor Wayne Baker  
PSC 445  
FPO AE 96540

Cpl Pafford, Devin  
2714 S. Virginia Dr.  
Apt. #36  
Yuma AZ 85364

Daniel Treasure, EMFN, EE DIV  
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 about being a caregiver and other related topics can be found on the narthex counter and in the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall.*)

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.

### WILLING TO HELP AT WORSHIP

Summer is a busy time and the office is frequently looking for substitutes for the many worship roles, such as usher, communion server, nursery or acolyte. Please let the office know if you would be willing to help and we will contact you when a need arises.

### 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 down a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage.

August's passage is: *1 Samuel 16:4-13*

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of \$8,258.00 at worship plus another \$655 electronically, and a total attendance in worship of 253. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

### BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois offers low-income apartment style housing for older adults and people over the age of 18 with disabilities in 21 developments throughout Illinois. The buildings, which are owned and/or managed by LSSI, provide comfortable and affordable living environments. Most apartments feature an open floor plan with a full kitchen, large bathroom, carpeting, cable access and LifeLine Emergency call system. Rent at most sites is 30 percent of one's annual adjusted income (taking into account medical expenses and other deductions). Your giving supports the work of LSSI!

### QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

Pastor Dave and Carol were in Minneapolis July 12-15 at the Women of the ELCA's triennial gathering. We were once again blessed overwhelmingly by the response to the Questions Kids Ask about God book. Many people who had bought the book previously came up and spoke of how they had used it. New people not only bought the book, but shared the story of it with others who then bought their own copies. Because of the great response, we will be able to make more donations to Lutheran World Relief and Feed My Starving Children.

### PING PONG CLUB

We have gotten feedback. We are going to play monthly and will arrange schedules for who plays whom each month. If you'd like to participate, please use the sign-up slip.

### OPIATE RECOVERY GROUP

An Opiate Recovery Group meets here at Peace each Tuesday night from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Are you or a loved one struggling with heroin or opiate dependence? Addiction is a family disease, because everyone in the family suffers if someone is addicted to or abusing drugs. Too many people lost in addiction feel hopeless. The good news is people can and do recover, and lead happy and productive lives. Please join us! For more information please contact Tom Moore at (815) 354-3195.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER/ASSISTANT MEETING - AUG. 27

Our Sunday School staff is getting together for orientation, materials, and some inspiration! The meeting date will be Sunday, Aug. 27 at 9:45 a.m. We have a great time, even as we go over details and plans. We have a fun theme again this year: Peace Kids - Sharing the Spirit.

### CRAFT & ART SUPPLIES STILL NEEDED FOR KIDS WORK MUSEUM

Thanks to everyone who took the time to save and donate their toilet paper tubes, egg cartons, yogurt cups, yarn and other recyclable materials. They now have an over abundance of those articles and **do not** need any more. They **still** need crafty items like full sheets of felt, buttons, sequins, pipe cleaners and googly eyes. Please bring your items to church; there is a donation box in the hallway across from the kitchen door. Debbie Powers will take care of dropping the collected materials off at the museum. Donations can also be dropped off at the museum in Frankfort. Thank you for your support!

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS -SEPT. 10

High blood pressure can start at any age and can cause catastrophic illness in our bodies if it goes untreated. With that in mind, our new Health Care Ministry has begun, and will continue each month. Our next screening date is Sept. 10, between the two services. Your pressure will be measured by health care professionals, and will be kept strictly confidential. It only takes a few minutes for your screening, but those few minutes could save your life! If you have any questions, or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to be a part of the team, please contact Marylynn Tyler at 815-423-6407.

### ADULT CHOIR OPEN HOUSE – SEPT. 6

Attention new and returning Adult Choir members! We are kicking off our new year with a pizza rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 6:00 p.m. New people are always welcome and there is no auditioning – if you want to sing, we want you! Music practice will begin after our pizza fellowship. Men and women who like to sing should come and check us out. The Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. and performs during the month at various services. We would be happy to answer any questions or concerns, including desire but schedule conflicts. Please contact Pamela Putrich or the church office. (And did you see: No auditions! And pizza!!!!)

### LADIES ENSEMBLE OPEN REHEARSAL – SEPT. 9

Ladies of the church! The Ladies Ensemble invites you to our first open choral rehearsal on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 2:30 p.m., for song and fellowship (refreshments)! We always welcome new ladies! There are no auditions so if you just like to sing please come check us out. The Ladies Ensemble only rehearses one Saturday a month and we try to sing at three different services during the month. Women's lives are busy so we understand schedule flexibility. We are made up of ladies who enjoy singing, spreading God's word through song and fellowship with one another. Please join us! For more information, please contact Pamela Putrich or Gerry Wurzburger or the church office.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS - SEPT. 13

The chance for kids to have a great time singing to God will resume Wednesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Leslie Walton at 815-462-4544. Choir is for kids from 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. In addition to learning great songs, getting some great coaching on singing, you'll also have opportunities to sing duets and special parts if you wish.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - AUG. 23

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 will be August 23. We have members teaching crocheting or knitting if you want to learn. You can bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. Questions, contact Cheryl Gamen at (815) 462-3089.

### PRAYER SHAWLS TO BE GIVEN AWAY

Do you know someone who is in need of being wrapped in prayer? Do you know someone who would benefit from knowing that they are being prayed for? Do you know someone going through difficult times? Our Prayer Shawl Ministry would love to create a prayer shawl for you or someone you know. A prayer shawl is a knitted or crocheted shawl that is made with prayerful meditation. In the entrance area, you will find a plaque for the ministry along with a request box. Please put in your requests and you will be contacted when your shawl is ready for pickup. Please make sure to include your contact information, the recipient's first name (last name optional) and the prayer concern. You may also contact the office directly for a shawl.

### PRAYER SHAWL GROUP REQUESTS YARN

Maybe you can't or don't want to put those stitches together, but you'd still like to support this new ministry. You can! The group is looking for full skeins only of 4 ply worsted weight yarn.

### GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY BOOKS - REDUCED PRICE

Courtesy of the company, the price of these coupon books has been lowered to \$15 each. We still have 6 left (in one of the cubbies under the counter.) Help yourself!

### GARDENERS FOR MORNINGSTAR

For those of you who like to garden, when your produce starts to come in, if you have any extras, bring them to church and we'll bring them to MorningStar Mission.

### TRAILBLAZERS - SEPT. 19

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at noon here at church. The menu will be a sausage and peppers and you bring something you'd enjoy sharing with the group. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO HELP OTHERS – BY AUG. 31

As you shop for school supplies, please consider helping others by picking up some extras. This year the bulk of the supplies will go to help kids through our mission partners at Santa Cruz in Joliet. We give all the supplies away to kids that otherwise couldn't start the year right!

24 count crayons

70 page spiral notebooks

8 count washable classic color markers

blue/black/red pens & 6" Fiskar scissors

140-200 count loose-leaf 3-hole paper

# Youth Ministry

## PEACE 360 HS YOUTH GROUP

Amazing high school youth, Peace is a place for you! Peace 360 is our high school youth group! We will be excited to see you, and, please feel free to bring a friend - this is a place for you!!

**August 20** (instead of Aug. 27) - Let's go along with others from the church to the "Talent Show on the Road" at Sunny Hill! As a part of Peace 360 we will help serve cookies, etc. Meet at church at 12:00 p.m. so we can grab a quick lunch before we head over (please bring money for food/drink.)

**September 10, at 6:00 p.m.** - Our first Peace 360 meeting will be held the evening of Rally Day!! We will be having our second annual Messtival! What's a Messtival you ask? It is a time to come together and celebrate the beginning of our year as well as get to know other youth, and at the same time have a lot of fun with very messy games! Some games planned are Slop-stacle Course, Mustard Tanks, and Musical Chair Squat. Come ready to have fun and get very very messy! All youth, grades 7-12, are invited to come and see that God loves messy people!

## YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING - AUG. 20

Please join us on Sunday, Aug. 20 at 9:45 a.m. as we meet to plan out the year ahead. All youth and adults are welcome!

## THE HOPE FUND

If your child(ren) would like to participate in a youth event but the cost involved is keeping him/her/they from joining us, we have a fund available to help you. The Hope Fund has been established through the generous donation of a Peace Lutheran Church family to enable members of our congregation to participate in church youth activities that they might not otherwise be able to participate in due to the cost of the activity. Just let Pastor Dave or Deacon Shari know you need to use the fund—and no one else will know.

## 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS COME TO THE MESSITVAL! - SEPT. 10

We will be having our Second Annual Messtival on September 10 at 6:00 p.m.! All youth grades 7-12 are invited to come and see that God loves messy people! What's a Messtival you ask? It is a time to come together and celebrate the beginning of our year as well as get to know other youth, and at the same time have a lot of fun with very messy games! Some games planned are Slop-stacle Course, Mustard Tanks, and Musical Chair Squat. Come ready to have fun and get very very messy! All youth, grades 7-12, are invited to come and see that God loves messy people!

## CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION - SEPT. 13

A meeting for all students in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades and at least one parent/adult is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 7:00 p.m. This important night incorporates information about schedules, expectations, youth events, volunteering, and more! If you know someone who is not a part of any church but has a student in this age bracket, please invite them to come too.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS - OUTDOOR GAMES - AUG. 27

Let's get together on Sunday, August 27 at 12:15 p.m.! We will have a simple lunch and then play games outdoors. Please sign up!

## PEACE BUDDIES - SEPT. 24 - CHURCH PICNIC

Peace Buddies is a special needs youth group for high school age and older. New Buddies are always welcome! You do not have to be part of any church to join us. If you know of someone, please invite them to come. We usually meet on the first and third Sundays of the month. The meeting time is **noon-2:00 p.m.** We will resume meeting on Sept. 24, at noon and participate in the church picnic. (Please see the announcement for the church picnic in the bulletin for more details). Our wonderful leaders, Dana VanDyke, Emilie Harvey and Lisa Utter will welcome you back!!! Any questions, please see Pastor Dave or call Emilie at (815) 529-7546.

## NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Our next step for those who are attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering Houston, TX on June 27 - July 1, is to get together on the second Sunday of each month prior to the Gathering. Our first meeting will be on October 8 at 9:45 a.m. If you have any questions before then please talk to Deacon Shari. (Also, if you missed the deposit deadline but are interested in attending the Gathering please talk to Deacon Shari.)

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## SHAREFEST 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & PLACES TO VOLUNTEER

Check out [www.sharefestnewlenox.com](http://www.sharefestnewlenox.com) and email [info@sharefestnewlenox.com](mailto:info@sharefestnewlenox.com) for more information. To volunteer go to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aada92ba4f94-lovethy>.

Sept. 9: RECYCLEPALOOZA 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Household hazardous waste collection; reuse/recycle collection of electronics, carpet/padding, wood, scrap metal, flags, usable latex paint. Located at the Spencer School Campus, 1711 S. Spencer Road in New Lenox. See [www.sharefestwillcounty.com](http://www.sharefestwillcounty.com) for a list of items.

Sept. 11: 9/11 PATRIOT DAY CEREMONY at the Village Commons Fireman's Memorial at 9:11 a.m. Bring items to be donated to our Troops (website has list of items).

Sept. 13: JOB & RESOURCE FAIR at the Frankfort Township Office Building, 11000 W. Lincoln Hwy. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Get connected to over 50 local employers looking to hire local employees!

Sept. 16: SHAREFEST 2017 "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR ROAD TRIP" - JOLIET. 40 volunteers are needed to hand out food, books & clothes. There will also be health care screenings and some employers on the road trip.

## CHURCH PICNIC - SEPT. 24

Planning is underway for the Peace Church Picnic!! The fun will begin at 12:00 noon on Sunday, Sept. 24, 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 56:1, 6-8

The Bible certainly was written a long time ago, and reflects pieces of history that were even longer ago. It is amazing, then, how timely it is. This passage talks about including people of all races and nationality in God's house of prayer. The clarion call is for people to maintain justice, and not to think "we're better than others" just by who we are.

#### 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. We look forward to seeing you all soon! Any questions, contact Jan Stoller (815) 530-2786.

#### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP – SEPT. 12

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.

#### HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOOKLET ABOUT PEACE - WE HAVE MORE!

We were able to get more *Go In Peace to Serve the Lord - A History of Peace Lutheran Church* books. If you'd like one, help yourself. They cost \$5. The proceeds go to the New Lenox Historical Society. (There's an envelope right by the books.)

#### SANTA CRUZ PROJECTS

As a part of our long-range plan, we have had conversations with Will County Habitat for Humanity and with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church. Stay tuned for more Habitat ones. For now we are looking for people who might be interested in some hands-on projects with Santa Cruz. So far the projects suggested are painting, power-washing, building a raised vegetable garden space. We expect more ideas over time. Let us know through the sign-up or by calling the office if you're interested.

#### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND MORE - AUG. 26 & 27

Blessing of the Backpacks will take place during services on Aug. 26 & 27. Students, teachers and anyone who works in the schools are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, tote bags, etc. to be blessed at this time.

#### MEN'S DARTBALL RESUMES - SEPT. 12

Get ready for a new season! Dartball resumes on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m., and meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month. (The snacks alone are worth the trip). 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. (Who's idea is that???)

#### BIBLES TO BE GIVEN TO THIRD GRADERS & UP - SEPT. 16 & 17

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 16-17.

#### THEATER/EVENTS

##### *MARGARITAVILLE* - 3 TICKETS AVAILABLE - NOV. 19

On Sun., Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Oriental Theatre in Chicago the tunes will be flowing and the mental relaxation should come with it. This musical features both original new songs and classic old ones from Jimmy Buffett, while it tells a story! Our bargain tickets are only \$21.50. There are only 3 tickets left!

##### *BEAUTIFUL (CAROLE KING STORY)* TICKETS AVAILABLE - DEC. 27

On Wed., Dec. 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cadillac Theatre in Chicago this amazing story and music will be a great Christmas present! We went to this last year and the reviews from our own people told us to get more tickets this year! Our bargain tickets are \$38. There are 16 tickets left!

##### *LOVE NEVER DIES* TICKETS AVAILABLE - FEB. 18, 2018

This is Andrew Lloyd Webber's sequel to the *Phantom of the Opera*. We have bargain tickets for the 7:30 show on Sunday, Feb. 18: \$21.50 each. We have 3 tickets left.

#### Are you interested?

Sometimes we find about a show and ask for your interest before we try to get tickets. Let us know on the sign-up if you would plan to go. We think we have a very strong likelihood of getting the tickets. We need 10 people per show to get the discounted rates listed.

##### *MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET*

Oct. 29 at 7:00 p.m. would be the date and time, and \$52.50 the likely price per ticket. This show will be at the Paramount Theater in Aurora. The show itself is about a historic meeting of Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash at Sun Records, and all the background for each of the singers.

##### *ELF*

Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. would be the date and time, and \$52.50 is also the likely price for this one, again at the Paramount Theater in Aurora. This show is the Broadway musical version of the movie. If you want a Christmas feel-good experience, this should do it.

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##### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING – SEPT. 16

Oh yes, it is that time again: time to plan for our Sunday School Christmas programs. The date for this first meeting will be Sept. 16, at 9:30. Being involved in this effort is very rewarding, and not too much work!

##### GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY RESUMES - SEPT. 11

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you heal after losing a loved one. The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days. They meet on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and will begin weekly meetings again on Sept. 11. If you would like more information, contact Janet, Margie, or Pat at [griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com](mailto:griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com).

## REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins Sept. 10. Our theme is Peace Kids - Sharing the Spirit. 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 the next year. We have a great team and would love to have you be a part of it!!! Please fill out a registration form (they are located on the counter in an upright holder in the entrance area), 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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES - SEPT. 10

Kids, you won't want to miss the start of Sunday School! **Rally Day, Sept. 10**, 9:45 a.m. marks the beginning of our theme as "Peace Kids – Sharing the Spirit." The year will be filled with special events and projects that celebrate how all of us can share the gifts of the Spirit (and have a fun spirit while we're at it!) The Rally Day celebration will include a **free t-shirt**. Please sign up now so we'll have your "Peace Kids – Sharing the Spirit" t-shirt ready for you. (Sunday School is for kids 3 years old and older.) Join us for a great year of Sunday School where you can make new friends and GROW IN YOUR FAITH! (Adults and teens, if you'd like to help out this year in some way, please be sure to let us know that too.) 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.

## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY – WE'RE READY FOR YOU

We are starting small groups here at Peace! Small groups are little different than our current studies. It involves a group of about 4-8 people who commit to meeting together weekly or biweekly, and this same group of people will stay together throughout the whole school year. Instead of at church, the small group will meet in the home of one of the members so everyone can get to know their group members and God's word in a comfortable setting. During your small group time, you will enjoy fellowship with each other, study God's word, and share prayer requests together. A small group is important because the members support each other in faith, friendship, and accountability. We already have several individuals who are willing to lead! After we have determined everyone who would like to join a small group, we will meet and get the individual groups started. We ask that you prayerfully consider becoming part of a small group this year! Please use the sign-up, call the office or let Pastor Dave or Heather Antoniazzi ([hherbst2@yahoo.com](mailto:hherbst2@yahoo.com)) know if you are interested. As of now, the small group leaders are from New Lenox and Mokena – so not far – and the leaders and meeting times are Karen Dircks [Monday afternoon (perhaps an evening if needed)], Janet Stoller [Wednesday evening or Sunday afternoon], Heather Antoniazzi [Tuesday evening], Carol Hedlin [once a month on Saturday morning], and Janelle Tague [not set yet.]

## 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.

## AMBASSADORS WANTED!

We are looking for welcomers of visitors to our church (Ambassadors). The "duties" are simply to help greet visitors after the church service. We hope to have one person, besides Pastor Dave or Deacon Shari, welcome new people to the church after each service. If you are interested, please use the sign up slip in the bulletin, or call the office.

## 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. This is a great way of getting to know new and/or 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, child care options are decided within each group. If interested, please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call Angie Klock at (815) 463-1848.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: August 27.** 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.

## COED GOLF OUTING - SEPT. 10

What if you like golf, and would like to have some fun playing 9 holes with some other people/friends from church? Woodruff Golf Course in Joliet will be the place, and Sunday, September 10, at 2 pm will be the time! Marylynn Tyler is coordinating the event, and has some plans to have different events on a few of the golf holes - longest drive (for men and women) closest to the pin, etc. with prizes!! The cost is \$40 per person which includes 9 holes of golf, cart and lunch. (Please bring a dessert or salad to share.) So that we can give some indications to the golf course as to how many will be participating, please let us know by using the sign up slip in the bulletin by **Aug. 27** if you will be attending.

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP - BUNCO - SEPT. 23

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

## WASTE WATCHERS - AUG. 30

Our next meeting will be on August 30 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Syndy Lindbloom, 708-623-9742, with any thoughts or questions.

(Sign-Up 8/19/17 - 8/20/17)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Away from home address (for \_\_\_\_\_):

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