

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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February 3 & 4, 2018

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Shari Trotter, Diaconal Minister

Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully*

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

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

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

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

Accompanist/Organist	Todd Yetman
Children's Choir Director	Leslie Walton
Adult Choir Director	Pamela Putrich
Bell Choir Director	Erica Desaulniers
Director of Ladies Ensemble	Pamela Putrich
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Tammy Dunn
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Debbie Goebig
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Youth
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Al Davenport
Lesson Reader (8:30)	Lindsay George
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Youth
Acolyte (5:00)	Colin Vctor
Acolyte (8:30)	Kara Rimkunas
Acolyte (11:00)	Youth
Ushers (5:00)	Ron & Sharon Fullriede
Ushers (8:30)	Garry & Matthew Lohmar, Mark Anderson
Ushers (11:00)	Youth
Greeters (5:00)	Adam & Jennifer Paape
Greeters (8:30)	Janelle & Keith Tague
Greeters (11:00)	Youth
Communion Servers (11:00)	Youth
Bread Provider (11:00)	Keith Boer
Nursery (ages 0-5) (5:00)	Dana Van Dyke
Nursery (ages 0-5) (8:30)	Abbey Lindeman & Martina Lohmar
Nursery (ages 0-5) (11:00)	Youth
Refreshments (5:00)	Gina Losacco
Refreshments (8:30)	Ricky Wesel, Cathy Arenz
Offering Counters	Jim & Ranette Travnik

The altar flowers are given by Jeff and Deb Howell in memory of Jeff's mother, Marilyn Howell; also by Robert and Pamela Putrich in memory of Pamela's mother, Margie Snyder.

WE APPRECIATE your wearing name tags, turning off cell phones, and using a quiet voice for conversations once the prelude begins before worship.

WELCOME PADS

It helps us when you sign the red welcoming pads and give us your last name.

HEARING ASSISTANCE & LARGE PRINT HYMNAL AVAILABLE

We are happy to offer a large print hymnal for visual assistance, as well as wireless receivers to assist anyone with a hearing impairment. Please ask an usher for either or both.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS & OTHER ASSISTANCE

If you would like a gluten free cracker instead of a wafer or bread, or if you have difficulty picking up an individual communion cup, please just ask your server to assist you. Also, if you are not able to come forward for communion, let an usher know and we will come to you.

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship services.

Saturday Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
 Education Hour9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Feb. 3 & 4 - 30th anniversary of 1st worship
 7th & 8th Grade and High School Lock-In
 Boy Scout Weekend
 Souper Bowl of Caring Weekend
 Bring-A-Friend Weekend

Feb. 4 - Education Hour - 9:55 a.m. *The Burdens We All Carry* (and how to help others)
 Youth Led Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Peace 360 - 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 6 - Caring Ministry Team Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Addiction and Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Everybody Welcome Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 7 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.
 Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
 Kids & Adults Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Hot Dogs at 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 10 - Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.
 Baptism Orientation 3:30 p.m.
 7th & 8th Grade - Out to Eat Event at Gatto's Restaurant 3:50 p.m.
 Women's Group outing 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 11 - Education Hour - *Why Do Some Churches Not Let You Take Communion?*
 Blood Pressure Screenings 9:45 a.m.
 National Youth Gathering meeting 9:45 a.m.
 Peace 360 - 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 12 - Ruth Circle Quilters 9:00 a.m.

Feb. 13 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
 Addiction and Family Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Dartball 7:30 p.m.

PRAYER GROUP - Mar. 21

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 March 21.

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: Feb. 4 - *The Burdens We All Carry* (and how to help others)

Next week: Feb. 11 - *Why Do Some Churches Not Let You Take Communion?*

Feb. 18 - *Who Helped Write Your Book of Life?*

Feb. 25 - *The Enemies Within* (the value of Lent and looking at life)

Mar. 4 - *The Bible: Fact or Fiction? Story or History?* (How can you tell?)

Mar. 11 - *What Does It Take to Be Inspirational?*

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTERS - FEB. 12

Quilting meets every other Monday 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! The refreshment provider on February 12 will be Syndy Lindbloom. If you have any questions, call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

ONCE A MONTH EVENING BIBLE STUDY - FEB. 20

Our next meeting date will be February 20 at 7:15 p.m. You don't need to know anything about the Bible to benefit. Luke 9:1 is where we will pick it up. We do need to have a few more people come regularly for this class to continue. (If you'd like a reminder that week, let us know and we'll do that.)

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - FEB. 25

Peace Page Turners next will be discussing *Mrs. Kennedy & Me* by Clint Hill. Join us for the discussion, even if you haven't read the book. We meet at 9:45 a.m. and all are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Davenport (815) 545-2806.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Feb. 25. 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.

TRAILBLAZERS - FEB. 20

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, February 20, at noon here at church. The menu will be two kinds of lasagne (vegetarian and gluten free).... plus what you bring that you'd enjoy sharing with the group. We will have a guest presenter, too. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

2017 GIVING STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

Please pick up your 2017 giving statements in the entrance area. It also serves as the IRS document for those who itemize their taxes.

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.

Gloria Krause (healing), The family of Gloria Bales, Diane Weber (broken foot), Robert Fleckenstein (heart), Paige Fitzpatrick (broken ankle), Amy Olsen, George Huffman, Jeff Lindeman (healing), Sue Rushing, Mike & Judy Williams, Jim Pander (recovery), Eric Krauss, Hannah Huelhorst, Jay Parker, Virginia Weiss, Ann Ciannella, Renee Osbrink, Debbie Goebig, Jeff Howell, Cathy Rumbaugh, Lori Trosen (healing), Chris Fehrenkamp, Jonah Huelhorst, Danielle Steinwart, Cathy Richardson, Kristie Paprocki, Rich Rosen, Mike & Judy Williams, Chuck Olson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Marie (depression), Rick Becker (health & well-being), Joyce Smith, Bev Kuzdas, Ray and Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot... Jody, Ann Griffin (healing), Gavin (surgery), Gary Stout, Monica Gilmartin, Lori Tierney and family, Bob Haney, Chris Martin (head injury), Liz, Vernon Sanborn, Hildegard, Tyler, Donna L. (lung transplant), Colin R. (addiction), Darlene C. (health), Bobby Reynolds, Dori Klock, Richard Thorau, Jim Fitzpatrick, Robin Scanlan, Mary Ann, Patsy, Stacey D. (in hospital), George Becker, Tiffani Ntanos, the Piper family, Michael Bianchi, Melissa (addiction), Josh (addiction), Bob P. (health & healing), Mike Morres (health & healing), Dorothy Trotter, Jeffrey Curtin, Elizabeth (knee surgery), Jodee Saenz, Nancy (cancer), Dorothy (recovery), Terry Campbell, John Arthur (heart surgery), Tom S. (lost job), Susan Ujcie & family, Richard Thurau, George Ballantine (heart problems), David Hovi, Sandy Robertson, Alan Booton, Erv & Mary Pander, Carol Bentley, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt (strength), Bill Reidy (cancer), Mary Hand (family strength & healing), the Austin family (strength & healing), Brena V. and family (strength & healing), Dan T. & family (strength & healing), Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo (health & wellness), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), Carol Hambrick (Alzheimer's), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery (cancer), Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - FEB. 3 & 4

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country. We will be participating again in the "Souper Bowl" for the hungry. After each service on the weekend of February 3 & 4, people will have the opportunity to give a donation to help fight hunger. We'd suggest the cost of a meal/snacks.

BOY SCOUT WEEKEND - FEB. 3 & 4

The annual Boy Scout Weekend is on Feb. 3 & 4. Then on March 3 & 4 all Girl Scouts remember to wear your uniforms to church to celebrate Girl Scout weekend.

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Cultural Competency**:

Some things we can do at home are: 1) Teach your children about their heritage. Encourage them to feel proud of their cultural, ethnic, and racial identity without feeling superior.

This week's idea of the week is encourage your child to get a pen pal from a different country. Last week's was visit art museums and cultural centers.

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.

February's passage is: *Isaiah 58:1-10*

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of \$9,964.00 at worship plus another \$2205 electronically, and a total attendance in worship of 340. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

DeafCan!, the human service program of Christ the King Deaf Church in West Chester, Pa, serves deaf refugees and immigrants from 15 countries with gifts provided through an ELCA World Hunger domestic hunger grant. Through DeafCan!, people like Mary Grace, an immigrant from the Philippines, can enroll in classes to help them learn to navigate the world as they become more independent and productive. They learn to access resources, such as ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters, assisted listening devices, video cell phones and other technology.

COAT DRIVE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED - ENDS FEB. 4

One Warm Coat is a community service effort assisting in collecting clean, reusable coats for donation to local individuals free of charge. Peace is following in its mission to give away coats to people of all ages. Our Altar Guild invites you to help those in need with good, warm coats, scarves, hats, gloves/mittens and boots. Items can be dropped off here at church in the entrance area bin. Thank you for your continued support.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS OTHERS - BUSINESS ATTIRE

Our Warm Coat campaign has once again brought an overwhelming, wonderful response. Week after week there are coats in the bin. (We collect those coats through February 4.) Now we have become aware of another need: clothes for people who are seeking employment (interviews and jobs). The Will County Center for Community Concerns helps people who are unemployed find jobs, including training them for interviews and for how to dress for success. Many of the people do not have adequate clothing. We can help! We're looking for business attire and business casual clothing, including gently used shoes. Look through your closets for suits, sport coats, ties, shirts, blouses, dresses, skirts, pants, sweaters, whatever you think would help someone get and keep a job! We'll use the same bin to collect these items (with or without hangers.)

TICKET UPDATES & NEW SHOWS ADDED

Here is the latest from our Fellowship Committee and the theater outings we have in the works.

Hamilton - Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 7:30 p.m., \$107, at the CIBC Theatre in Chicago. This award winning show has great energy in the first half, and a meaningful message throughout, especially in the second half. We had 1 ticket left as of Jan. 31. Put the time down on the sign-up slip because we can't get more tickets for this round.

Waitress - Sun., July 15, 2:00 p.m., \$23, at the Cadillac Theatre in Chicago. *Waitress* tells the story of Jenna, a waitress and expert pie maker, who dreams of a way out of her small town and loveless marriage. A baking contest in a nearby county and the town's new doctor may offer her a fresh start, while her fellow waitresses offer their own recipes for happiness. There are original songs created by award winning musicians, too. We have been allotted 10 tickets for this show.

Dirty Dancing - Sunday, June 3, at 2:00 p.m., \$23, at the Cadillac Theatre in Chicago. The classic story on stage is an unprecedented live experience, with great music and dancing. It features the hit songs, "Hungry Eyes," "Hey Baby," "Do You Love Me?" and "The Time of My Life." We have 6 tickets available.

Pretty Woman - Sunday, April 8, at 2:00 p.m., \$23 at the Oriental Theatre in Chicago. A new musical based on one of the iconic movies of our time, this will be the pre-Broadway World Premiere stage production. See it before it gets to New York! We have 2 tickets available.

JUST ADDED

On Your Feet - Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., \$22.50, at the Cadillac Theatre in Chicago. This great story about Gloria and Emilio Estefan and their journey from Cuba to the USA will also get your toes tapping. The music and choreography is inspiring in its own right. We have 10 tickets available.

The Color Purple - Sunday, July 22, 2:00 p.m., \$23.00 at the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago. Don't miss this stunning re-imagining of an epic story about a young woman's journey to love and triumph in the American South. With a soul-raising score of jazz, gospel, ragtime and blues, *The Color Purple* gives an exhilarating new spirit to this Pulitzer Prize-winning story and Tony Award winning production. We have 10 tickets available.

WAITING LISTS FOR SOLD OUT SHOWS

Love Never Dies - Sold out. If you want to be on the waiting list, let us know.
Shakespeare's Macbeth - Sold out. If you want to be on the waiting list, let us know.

The Cher Show - Sold out. If you want to be on a waiting list, let us know.

ANTIOCH HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Peace Lutheran Church is in need of host families for our annual Antioch retreat (grades 7-12). Host families will provide overnight lodging on Friday, March 2, as well as transportation for those youth to and from the church. It is hoped that host families will host at least two youth (of the same gender). If you are willing to be a host family, or if you have questions about such, please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office and someone will get back to you.

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 your friends! You can be here and you are a welcome addition!

Peace 360 Meetings

Feb. 4 – no meeting (Lock In earlier)

7th & 8th GRADE EVENT - OUT TO EAT - FEB. 10

Come to dinner with us! We'll meet at Peace on Saturday, February 10, at 3:50 p.m. to walk over to Gatto's. A special family style menu is being prepared for us. The cost of the meal is \$11 plus tip. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin, sign up at Confirmation or Sunday School, or contact the church office at (815) 485-5327 so we know how many people are coming.

5th & 6th GRADE EVENT - BOWLING – FEB. 18

Please join us as we participate in the All-Church Bowling event on Sunday, Feb. 18 at Laraway Lanes (1009 W. Laraway Rd., New Lenox). Meet at the bowling alley at 12:45 p.m. Your parents are welcome to join us or they can pick you up at the bowling alley by 3:00. The cost will be \$9 per person for 2 games and shoes. (Bring extra money if you want a drink or snacks.) Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin.

ANTIOCH RETREAT - MARCH 2-4

For the past several years, the 7th - 12th grade youth have gathered together for a weekend-long spiritual retreat. The name Antioch comes from the book of Acts when a group of people studied together and learned what it meant to be a Christian (Acts 11). This year's retreat will be a time of prayer, worship, conversation, friendship and fun. It will be from 6:30 p.m., Friday, Mar. 2 - approximately 1:00 p.m., Sunday, Mar. 4. The cost of the retreat is \$20 (don't forget about the Hope Fund if needed). Registration is due by Feb. 18. Friends are welcome. If you have any questions, or if you are interested in participating but not sure you can come for the whole weekend, talk to Deacon Shari! Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin to let us know you are interested. The information and registration form can be found on the narthex counter.

CONFIRMATION KIDS & ADULTS - FEB. 7

This is the first Kids & Adults meeting of the year. Our goal is to get each parent/adult to come to at least 1 out of 2 get togethers so that the youth can make a connection with other adults within our church community. It is a regular Confirmation night so come one and all (kids and parents). If you want hot dogs, come at 6:30 p.m. The regular session begins at 7:00 p.m. (Please let us know ahead of time how many will be joining us for the food portion of the night; otherwise just show up for the class!)

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.

PEACE CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

Peace Church will make available the annual scholarship for high school seniors who are planning to attend 4 or 2 year college programs or technical/trade schools. Up to 5 scholarships of \$700 each will be awarded. Recipients will be chosen based on several factors, which will be detailed in the application form. These forms are available on the counter in the narthex and must be submitted no later than February 25, 2018.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - FEB. 14

The worldwide observance of Lent begins this year on Feb. 14 with Ash Wednesday. This solemn occasion reminds us of our mortality, as well as our need for forgiveness. We will have worship services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The option for the imposition of ashes will be available at both services.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AND MORE

Some people in their observance of Lent give something up. It is an option that can work if approached in the right way. We suggest, as an alternative, that you take something on for Lent! Take on Bible reading or meditation or some personal discipline or the Lenten Reflections idea (below). Or how about attending the Sunday morning adult class or use one of the Lenten devotional books or do an act of caring for someone anonymously or use one of the God's Global Barnyard coin boxes and help people around the world?

LENTEN REFLECTIONS (WITH SOUP)

Feed both your spirit and your body! Join us at 12:15 p.m. on Sundays during lent, starting on 2/18 and continuing through 3/25 (Palm Sunday). Lent is a time many have the desire to deepen their faith, to learn more about the ministry of Jesus, his sacrifice, our role in it all - and what it means to us in our daily world now. We will share a simple meal, followed by devotion, prayer and reflection. It will be a time of quiet study and contemplation. Bring your questions, doubts, observations-whatever you wish us to lift up. Use the sign up so we can gauge interest-and have enough soup! Any questions contact Jan Stoller at 815-530-2786. You do not need to attend all sessions - come when you can.

VBS PLANNING MEETING – FEB. 20

Yes, it's time to think summer! Our VBS is amazing, and involves lots of people each helping in some way. The planning crew invites you to join in the behind-the-scenes fun (we're not kidding) of putting this great event together. Join us Feb. 20 at 9:00 a.m., or let us know of your interest in helping if you can't make the date or time.

Bible Background for Isaiah 40:21-31

Rip van Winkle stands in American literature as a figure for someone who slept for 20 years through the Revolutionary War, the death of his wife and the birth of his grandson. There are times when people do not seem to have a clue as to what is going on. In this lesson, the prophet is challenging people to “take a look” and not be “sleeping” when it comes to what God is doing. Specifically, God can in a moment turn around their feelings of abandonment and uncertainty. Just as surely as God’s amazing creative abilities have demonstrated God’s superiority over all things, so God can bring about a change from “exiled” to “restored” with equal creativity.

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. Start the New Year with something new!

February 10, Saturday, at 6:00 p.m. at Prairie State College. *LADIES NIGHT UNMASKED*—is a five woman play about their ladies night—with a twist. March date - TBD, but a taste of Thailand is in our future! Joy of Thai Restaurant in Mokena is our next destination on the food train! Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more details.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS - FEB. 11

Our next monthly screening date is February 11, between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions, or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, please contact Marylynn Tyler at 815-423-6407.

SMALL TOYS NEEDED

Jodie Brugler is creating a prize box for the children at the school where she works. If you have any small toys (McDonald’s Happy Meal toys, dollar store toys, etc.) laying around your house and would like to donate them, please look for the box marked small toys in the narthex. Thank you!

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR FIRST WORSHIP - FEB. 3 & 4

On Feb. 7, 1988, Peace had its first worship service at the Lions Community Center in New Lenox. A lot has happened since then. Most importantly, we have striven to be faithful to our calling to “bring people into contact with the Gospel” and “help them grow in their relationship to God in Christ.” As a part of worship on Feb. 3 & 4, we’ll sing one of the songs we sang at the first worship, and we’ll lift up our thanks to God who has made our ministry possible and who still inspires us to be the people of God in this place!

CARING MINISTRY TEAM - FEB. 6

Peace is a community of compassion and heartfelt concern for each other, especially if there is a time of need. We want to find compassionate and respectful ways to reach out and offer ministry to those who have not attended church recently. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

ALL-CHURCH BOWLING EVENT - FEB. 18

Our All-Church Bowling outing will be on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 1:00 p.m. at Laraway Lanes in New Lenox (1009 W. Laraway Rd.). Please arrive around 12:45 p.m. to get your shoes, bowling ball and lane ready before we begin at 1:00 p.m. The cost will be \$9 per person for 2 games and shoes. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office.

PEACE BUDDIES - FEB. 18 - BOWLING WITH CHURCH

Peace Buddies is a special needs group for high school age or older. New Buddies are always welcome! You do not have to be part of any church to join. If you know of someone, please invite them to come. We usually meet the first and third Sundays of the month. **There will be no meeting on Feb. 4. We will next meet to go bowling with the church on Feb. 18.** Our wonderful leaders, Dana VanDyke, Emilie Harvey and Lisa Utter will welcome you. Any questions, please see Pastor Dave or call Emilie at (815) 529-7546.

ANNUAL TALENT SHOW & 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER - FEB. 25

Back by popular demand is the Talent Show and catered dinner! A bonus to the dinner will be a celebration of the 30th anniversary of Peace’s first worship service. Whether you want to share your talents or come and enjoy the talents of others, mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 25. The show begins at 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in performing a song or act, there are sign up sheets in Kelly Muehlnickel’s mailbox. Please fill it out and return it to her mailbox. The dinner following the show is free, but please bring a salad or dessert to share. It should begin at about 4:30/5:00 p.m. (if you cannot make the show). Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the office if you plan to attend.

BAPTISM ORIENTATION - FEB. 10

Feb. 10 marks the next baptism orientation class for those who wish to have children baptized at Peace in the next few months. The class meets at 3:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING - FEB. 18

Our annual meeting will take place on February 18, at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. Highlights will include the election of council members and reflections on our ministries on God’s behalf. Please plan to attend.

MEN’S DARTBALL - FEB. 13

Dartball meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (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???)

NEW FLOWER CHART

Each week people donate the cost of altar flowers (\$20 per arrangement). The process is very simple. There is a chart in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall. Sign your name and phone number for the week(s) you want to donate flowers. We will contact you to find out the reason (if any) for the donation. Envelopes for the cost are by the chart and also are mailed the week following your selected week. Upcoming dates still available are February 18 & 25, March 11 & 18, Apr. 1, 22 & 29 and, May 27.

EVERYBODY'S WELCOME COMMITTEE NIGHT - FEB. 6

Four times a year we have an "everybody come" committee night. We meet at 7:30 p.m. Come and share your ideas.

OUT-TO-EAT GROUP INVITES YOU - FEB. 10

The Out-to-Eat group invites you to join in an evening of food and conversation at the Double Yolk restaurant 11400 E. Lincoln Hwy, Mokena, on Saturday, Feb. 10, meeting there at 6:15 p.m. Please use the sign-up slip or call the church office so we can let them know how many spots to reserve.

CHRISTMAS GENEROSITY THANKS

Once again the people of Peace have opened their hearts to let God's love flow through them and out into the world. We gave gifts to 25 young people at Augustana Center with Open Arms, to approximately 100 people connected to Santa Cruz and their ministries to their neighborhood, and through the ELCA's Good Gifts program (\$1412!!!), we have provided 7 goats, 4 pigs, 6 sets of bees, feeding 3 refuge families for a month, 5 sets of chicks, 1 Bible, 2 school fees, 1 set of farming tools, 2 roosters, and a cow and a share of a cow! How wonderful it is to give!!!

BUSINESS/SERVICE/MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

As a part of our membership directory that we print in March, we have a section for people connected to our church to list their businesses and/or services. If you have been listed in the past and changes need to be made or would like to be added, please give us a note with your name, business/service and a phone number. If anyone else has an address or phone change to add, let us know that too. The deadline is February 19.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - FEB. 7

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. every other week. Our next meeting is February 7. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you (also, help if you want to learn). Questions, contact Cheryl Gamon at (815) 462-3089. To date we have created 122 prayer shawls and given away 94!

PRAYER SHAWLS TO BE GIVEN AWAY

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

(Sign-Up 2/03/18 - 2/04/18)

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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

Youth

7th & 8th Grade & High School

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____ Waitress July 15 (How many tickets? _____)

____ Hamilton Aug. 8 Waiting list??? (How many tickets? _____)

____ Pretty Woman April 8 (How many tickets? _____)

____ Dirty Dancing June 3 (How many tickets? _____)

____ The Color Purple July 22 (How many tickets? _____)

____ On Your Feet April 4 (How many tickets? _____)

Talent Show & Dinner

____ I/We will attend the catered dinner following the talent show on

Feb. 25. How many? _____

Other

Everybody Read - *Isaiah 58:1-10* - What the passage means to me:

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

(Sign-Up 2/03/18 - 2/04/18)

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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

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C.D.s & PODCAST AVAILABLE

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR ALL AGES

Our education hour begins each week at 9:45 a.m. It's not just for kids.

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

HELP FOR NATURAL DISASTER VICTIMS

There are many good ways to help our neighbors who are suffering because of natural disasters. One such way is to donate through Lutheran Disaster Response. They and other help agencies can use dollars more than physical supplies because there is no storage or trucking involved. With LDR, 100% of the donated funds goes to the cause.

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. Also, if you want to give on-line at any time, you can go to our website (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.

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.*)

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.

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

The questions keep coming! This past month we had questions ranging from the practical (What's with the AWESOME candle-lighting thing?) to the deeply theological (Why is the cross the symbol for God [and not the triangle, for example]?) We can be so proud of our kids who take the time to ask their questions (and hopefully hear the answers.)

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, Lane Trainor

ADDRESSES FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

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

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

Sgt Pafford, Devin
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

ADDRESS & BLOG FOR OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARY

If you would like to send Steinwart a note, remember to use international postage (currently 60¢). Her address is:
Danielle Steinwart, High House,
St. Swithun's Alresford Rd,
Winchester SO21 1HA, UK
Her blog: daniellesteinwart.wix.com/UnitedKin-dom

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Is someone you love abusing prescription or street drugs? Are you concerned about the destructive choices he or she is making and/or in denial? If you are feeling all alone and would like some support from other parents, siblings, friends and spouses who are traveling the same road you are on, then this group may be for you. We support all roads to recovery, so we share what has or hasn't worked for us. We also understand that we must recover, because our lives have also become unmanageable. We meet Tuesdays from 7-830 pm. For more information, contact Tom Moore at 815-354-3195.