

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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June 24 & June 25, 2017

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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

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| Accompanist/Organist | Todd Yetman |
| 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 (8:30) | Joel Peterson |
| Lay Liturgist (11:00) | Jillian Helfrich |
| Lesson Reader (5:00) | Jan Bentley |
| Lesson Readers (8:30) | Priscilla Huffman |
| Lesson Reader (11:00) | Bob Lindbloom |
| Acolyte (8:30) | Kara Rimkunas |
| Acolyte (11:00) | Jimmy Helfrich |
| Ushers (5:00) | Jim Malec & Peter Viehweg |
| Ushers (8:30) | Jason & Cindy Villalobos, Glenn Vanderwall, Joe Wesel |
| Ushers (11:00) | Emily Pfeffer, Jack & Vivian Farbak, Guy Nelson |
| Communion Servers (8:30) | Bob Perschau, Debbie & Dennis Slusarski Erik Torkelson, Karin Knutson, Scott Cucci |
| Bread Provider (8:30) | Ken & Renee Gatewood |
| Greeters (5:00) | Bill & Rose Dudeck |
| Greeters (8:30) | Ingrid & Jasen Howard |
| Greeters (11:00) | Ashleigh Jadin |
| Nursery (ages 0-5) (8:30) | Amanda Villalobos & Tricia Barker |
| Nursery (ages 0-5) (11:00) | Kirsten Boer & Ruby Johnson |
| Refreshments (5:00) | Kathy Davenport |
| Refreshments (8:30) | Cathy Arenz, Jennifer Barker, Mary Bergman |
| Refreshments (11:00) | Janet Stoller, Kim Trzcinski, Lori Uthe |
| Offering Counters | Jay & Lisa Parker |

The altar flowers are given by Bob Reimel in memory of Doris Reimel; also given by Larry and Gerry Wurzburger in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

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 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship services.

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| 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

June 25 - Summer Education Hour - *"You're Wrong!"* (How to take and give criticism/complaining in a godly way.)
Peace 360 - Pool Party at the Klock's home 3:00 p.m.

June 27 - Opiate Recovery Group 7:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

June 28 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m.

July 1 - Habitat For Humanity Project

July 2 - Summer Education Hour - *What Is the Role of Government in Morality and a Christian's Daily Life?*

July 3 - Summertime Quilting 9:30 a.m.

July 4 - Office Closed

July 5 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

July 8 - Habitat For Humanity Project
Special Prayers for Healing at 5:00 p.m. worship service

July 9 - Summer Education Hour - *What Is an Anonymous Christian?* (Do people of other religions have Jesus in them?)
Blood Pressure Screenings 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

July 11 - Opiate Recovery Group 7:00 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m.

July 12 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

July 14 - Wading In the Waters (youth mini retreat) 10:00 a.m.

July 15 - Women's Group to Wilmington 9:30 a.m.

July 16 - Summer Education Hour

July 17 - Summertime Quilting 9:30 a.m.
VBS Planning Meeting 9:30 a.m.

July 18 - Trailblazers luncheon at noon
Opiate Recovery Group 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Dave's Evening Bible Study - *The Gospel of Luke* 7:15 p.m.

July 19 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Gathering at Denise Jones' home 11:45 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP - JULY 19

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 July 19.

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: June 25 - *"You're Wrong!"* (How to take and give criticism/complaining in a godly way.)

Next week: July 2 - *What Is the Role of Government in Morality and a Christian's Daily Life?*

July 9 - *What Is an Anonymous Christian?* (Do people of other religions have Jesus in them?)

July 16 - *The Augsburg Confession: Lutherans confessing their faith.*

Shane Brinegar (Deacon Shari's husband) will be the teacher!

July 23 - *Appreciating the Valley* (how even negative times can make a difference), and also Peace Page Turners (book discussion)

July 30 - *Maybe You Should Doubt Your Self-Doubts!*

SUMMERTIME QUILTING - STAY COOL & QUILT - JULY 3

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.

ONCE A MONTH EVENING BIBLE STUDY - JULY 18

We continue our in-depth look at Luke, on Tuesday, July 18, from 7:15 to 8:15. We'll get as far as we get each time, which this time means we're looking closely at Jesus' birth stories. You don't need to know anything about the Bible to benefit.

OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE

The new offering envelopes are now available (they began in June). Please look for yours on the table in the narthex.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING - JULY 8

As a part of the 5:00 Saturday night service on July 8, we will have an opportunity for people to come forward for special prayers for healing. They can be for you or for somebody you know.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - JULY 23

Peace Page Turners will be discussing *High Rise Stories: Voices from Chicago Public Housing* by Audrey Petty. Join us - it should be interesting to hear your opinion of this selection! 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. You don't need to have read the book to benefit! The next date for the summer is August 20.

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.

Charlotte, Pamela, the family of Geraldine Gunn, the family of Alex Newman, the family of Tim Geissler, Dawn Losiniecki, the Rowe family, Jodee Saenz, Mark Krysiak (heart & kidney transplant), Vivian Farbak, Jim Pander, Dennis Flynn, Mary Brouette (recovery), Karen Severson, Gail Hanks, John Koblosky (recovery), Tim Stoller (new job), Christina Montgomery, Nolan, Debbie Powers (health issues), Cathy Richardson, Kristie Paprocki, Rich Rosen, Melissa N., Sharon Obuchina, Shemiah Curry, Chuck Olson, Carolyn Blair, 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, Ray and Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Marge Beck, Sue Smith (grief work), Andrew, Sue, Drew, Edward (health), Aiden Lindbloom, Brody Doyle (Lyme disease), Shef (cancer), Bill (recovery), Kurt (health), Patricia Stevenson, Michelle Yurgen & family (comfort), Jeffrey Curtin, Lynette Lanham, Amy Olson, Diane Sanborn, Vicky Jackson (cancer), John Lechowicz & family (kidney cancer), Ray Borowicz (health & strength), Pastor Larry Cudmore, Maria S. (surgery), Theresa S., Matt Price, Jean Chenoweth (recovery), Fred, Dorothy, Judy, Carolyn, Jessica, Trevor & family, Susan (brain tumor recovery), Lynda & Cyndy (battling cancer), Kevin & Bella (pediatric patients), Greg, Sarah, Nolan, Oliver & Gwen, Tricia (health), Joyce A. (health & strength), Nick Costa, Mike Lindbloom, Sharon Mack Connelly (loss of brother), Renee Osbrink, George Page (in ICU), Tyler Anderson, Erv & Mary Pander, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt (strength), Alwyn Dohrn, 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 & Van Hambrick (Alzheimer's), the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery (cancer), Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

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), click on the donate tab and then use the donate through Paypal tab. You can use most major credit cards through that site.

CARING MINISTRY TEAM - AUG. 1

We care about people who have not attended recently. This team wants to find compassionate and respectful ways to reach out and offer ministry to them. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, August 1, at 6:30 p.m.

KIDS IN WORSHIP THIS SUMMER - Children learn about priorities from their parents. If you consistently make worship attendance optional for the whole family, what message do you give?

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Youth Programs & Community Involvement**: Some things we can do in the religious community are: 1) Coordinate youth program activities so they don't conflict with important extracurricular activities.

This week's idea of the week is encourage youth to get involved in community groups, as participants and leaders. Last week's was evaluate how you spend your time.

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

TRAILBLAZERS - JULY 18

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on Tuesday, July 18 at noon here at church. The menu will be pulled pork and you bring something you'd enjoy sharing with the group. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

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 the 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.

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.

July's passage is: *Psalm 78:1-8*

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of \$10,612.00 at worship plus another \$2,225 electronically, and a total attendance in worship of 246. Thank you for all the ministries you enable!

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GIFTS

Senegal Lutheran Development Services can provide services from their health hut in rural Khol Khol, Senegal. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support this and many other ministries that are creating long-term, sustainable impact in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries around the world.

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.

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD UPDATE

The sixth question in our book is "Were Adam and Eve alive before the dinosaurs?" Our answer is "Scientists have studied the earth and know that dinosaurs lived before people. God created people a long time after the dinosaurs were gone." While some people want to believe that the Bible is a science book, it really doesn't want to go there! It is a book of faith that reminds us all creation is a gift of God, and God continues to create – including us! So, the "how" question can be answered by our theories, but the "who" question is our department: God!

PING PONG CLUB

Another new ministry in which the Fellowship Committee would like to find out the level of interest, is a Ping Pong Club. We know there are a lot of you players, past and present. Would you like to have a chance to play some other people from church occasionally? We won't try to figure out how often or whether to play at church or in the homes of you with tables....once we get interested people, we'll let the group arrange all that. Please use the sign-up slip.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: June 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.

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.

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.

WE'RE READY AGAIN FOR MORE TOILET PAPER ROLLS & MORE

In order to have a cost-effective craft area for the children who visit the KidsWork Museum in Frankfort, they rely on donations of clean, recyclable materials. They DO need egg cartons and tubes from toilet paper. Crafty items like full sheets of felt, buttons, sequins, pipe cleaners and googly eyes would all be appreciated. This round they don't need yogurt containers. 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. Thank you for your support!

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.

WHITE SOX TICKETS - AUG. 13 - FREE

We had fun going to a Sunday game last year, so we're going again! The game starts at 1:10, so kids and adults can both enjoy the game before it gets too late. We'll find out where our seats will be soon, but the bottom line is they are FREE. We have 100 tickets available, and probably could get more if need be. More good news: we also coordinate a bus so you don't even have to fight traffic or find parking. (The bus will leave at 11:15 a.m. If you're taking the bus, the cost is \$5 each and a maximum of \$10 per household.) Use the sign-up slip, or call the office. Yes, your friends are welcome to come. With the whole package, the only thing we can't do is watch the game for you!

NEW HEALTH MINISTRY AT PEACE - JULY 9

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 Sunday, July 9, 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.

GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

Three times a year we make available a copy of our version of the giving record of people who have offering envelopes. Please save us the postage and pick up yours today!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - JUNE 28

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 June 28. 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.

ART FAIR - JULY 22-23

Was it Oscar Wilde who said "the only thing worse than being talked about, is not being talked about"? Hear the ooohs and aaaahs about your work at the Peace Church Art Fair, the weekend of July 22-23. We would love to have members and friends share their work in painting, drawing, carving, woodwork, pottery, poetry, quilting, jewelry, photography, writing and other creative talents. Artists who have displayed their work in past years are encouraged to do so again for the benefit of newer members who have not had the privilege to see the deep pool of artistic talent in the congregation. If you are interested, please contact the church office, use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or contact John and Amy Ambrose at (708) 478-6709 (email address: jlambrose@chubb.com).

APPRECIATING THE VALLEY CLASS - JULY 23

In our lives we do not have a lot of "Mountaintop" moments - those awe inspiring, never forget it times; we have a lot of ordinary days which we navigate well most days. The times that tend to bring us down are those spent at the low points in our lives. It does not always have to be that way. We can learn to anticipate and find ways to deal with those "Valley" moments. And perhaps even appreciate the role they play in our lives - if not the times we spend there. Join us in the discussion on July 23 during the education hour. Any questions, please contact Jan Stoller or Karen Krzak.

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!

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! During the summer, we will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Some things planned for the summer are game nights, pool parties and so much more. We will be excited to see you, and, please feel free to bring a friend - this is a place for you!!

June 25 - Pool party at the Klock's - 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Please talk to Deacon Shari if you are, or think you may be, interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, June 27 - July 1, 2018. Students going into 8th grade through 12th grade in the Fall are eligible. A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is due on August 15. Your total share will be \$375 (plus, food & drink and souvenir costs).

SUMMER CAMPS

We have L.O.M.C.'s 2017 activities brochure (at www.lomc.org), and brochures from Lutherdale in Wisconsin (www.lutherdale.org) and Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort (www.manitoqua.org). All of these brochures are on the narthex counter.

WADING IN THE WATERS - JULY 14

This event is open to students going in to 8th - 12th grades in the Fall; also including those who have just graduated high school. It will take place on Friday, July 14th beginning at 10am and will last until 10pm! It's like a mini Antioch Retreat! Our theme will be - Baptism. We will have A LOT of fun! All of our games will be water themed and we will be having a pool party! So prepare to get wet! Some games to look forward to are Drip, Drip, Drop, Tug of war (water style), and an epic game of capture the flag with water bombs. We will have lunch and dinner together and the amazing ladies who prepared dinner for us at Antioch have offered to WOW us again, this time with a cook out! We will also have snacks throughout the day including watermelon; which will lead to a seed spitting contest! We hope that you can come and enjoy this amazing, wet, and wild day here at Peace and learn together about the awesome gift of baptism! *If you are attending Summer School – please join us when your school day is done! (When you sign up let us know when you will be able to get here.) Everyone, please sign up by July 7 using the sign-up slip in the bulletin, or the sheet on the counter in the narthex, or by contacting Deacon Shari or the office. Please bring \$2.00 for the cost of lunch.

Also, if any adults can help for all or part of this mini retreat please let us know.

THE HOPE FUND

If your child(ren) would like to participate in a youth event but the cost involved is keeping him/her/them 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.

5th & 6th GRADE PARENTS MEETING - EVENTS PLANNING - JULY 30

We have so much potential to help 5th & 6th graders get excited about being in youth ministry together. We would like to plan an activity about once a month during the next school year. This past year's method worked great: Several different parents took a turn being leaders and/or drivers. To get the same ball rolling for next year, please set aside Sunday, July 30, at 9:45 a.m. for a brief planning meeting. If you can't make the meeting, but are willing to help, please let Deacon Shari or the church office know, or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin.

REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We've had a lot of fun in Sunday School. We look forward to another great year starting next Fall. 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), via the Sunday School News, register on-line, or call the church office.

VBS PLANNING MEETING - JULY 17

Our amazing Vacation Bible School planning crew met and has created another outstanding opportunity for kids (and volunteers) to grow closer to God. Our theme will be "*Come to Camp Peace.*" With a camping background, we will draw on some great Bible stories to make our VBS as fun and attractive as ever. The dates will be July 25-28. The next VBS planning meeting will be July 17 at 9:30 a.m. If you'd like to help in any way this year (including more planning!), please let us know in the office. Registration forms are in the rack on the narthex counter and on-line.

CONFIRMATION PICTURE ORDERING

If you would like to order copies of any of our pictures look through the binder in the entrance area and let us know.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY UPDATE

Many people very much would like to grow in connecting faith to daily life. We are excited about starting a new small group ministry in the fall of 2017 that would seek to build relationships with God and others. It would meet in people's homes and would be 6 to 10 people in number. Each group would pick the study materials it would be using, and how often to meet. The leaders will pick the day of the week and time of day to begin meeting. Each get-together would last between 1½ and 2 hours, with a gathering time, study time, and prayer time. The goal would be for the group to stay together for an entire school year calendar.

THE FIRST STEP was to ask people to pray and consider being a group leader. We have been blessed by a wonderful response! So, the NEXT STEP will be to meet with those leaders and provide some options for what is available and their schedule preferences. Soon we will be offering you the opportunity to be in one of these small groups!

Bible Background for Jeremiah 20:7-13

Poor Jeremiah! As far as humans can judge, he sure got the short end of the stick when God called him to be a prophet. In this passage he is complaining to God, "I had no choice! I tried to keep from speaking such heavy duty words (of coming judgment and war) to the people, but I couldn't – the words were yours and were necessary. So while they want me to fall and be wrong, God, I'm counting on you to hold me up." Our problem in the Western world these days is the opposite: We don't proclaim God at all or not enough to make a difference. What is God asking us to tell others?

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. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin and indicate which events you would like to attend.

WILMINGTON OUTING - Join us Saturday, July 15, for a day in the country!

First, a visit to downtown Wilmington for some shopping & antiquing in a charming river town. Next, over to Polka Dot Drive-In on Route 66 in Braidwood for lunch - a diner with juke boxes at the table, hamburgers & nostalgia. Then, with Janelle Tague as our host, over to the Braidwood Recreation Club for swimming and fun at the beach. We can meet at church at 9:30 a.m. and expect to return between 3-5p.m. (depending on how much fun we are having!) Carpooling will be available. Please use the sign-up and let us know if you wish to carpool.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP – JULY 11

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY & 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. They have given us some hands-on (physical) suggestions for projects for which we would like to see how many volunteers we can get. We envision any of these projects to be about half a day on a Saturday (and/or on a Sunday). Would you consider being one of those? So far the projects suggested are painting, power-washing, building a raised vegetable garden space. We expect more ideas over time. Specifically, Habitat has this project: We have a home in Fairmont (Lockport) that needs its entire interior to be painted. A lot of items to move, then paint and move everything back. This project is scheduled for July 1 & July 8.

THEATER/EVENTS

SOMETHING'S ROTTEN - 1 TICKET AVAILABLE - JULY 23

You'll want to be there on July 23, at 2:00 pm, at the Oriental Theater, Chicago for this comedy about two brothers who want to write a hit play, and end up writing the world's very first musical. The director previously did *Aladdin*, and was co-director for the *Book of Mormon*. Tickets are \$23 each. If you would like this last ticket, please let Pastor know.

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.

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 10 tickets.

ARCHITECTURAL/LAKE TOUR - JULY 23

July 23, 2:30 p.m. This 1½ hour boat ride covers both the Chicago River and out into Lake Michigan. Tickets will be around \$36. Unless the weather is really bad, the ride takes place.

COED GOLF OUTING

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!! We are waiting for an exact cost for the 9 holes/cart/lunch etc., but hope to find that out soon. (Our current best guess is around \$40 per person.) So that we can give some indications to the golf course, please use the sign up to let us know of your interest.

TALENT SHOW ON THE ROAD - AUG. 20

We'd like to share some of the great musical talent that is a part of our church with the residents of Sunny Hill in Joliet. We've lined up August 20, at 1:30 p.m. for that, with the goal of entertaining them for about an hour. If you'd like to take your talent on the road, just let us know by using the sign-up slip in the bulletin or by calling the church office.

FAVORITE HYMNS - Do you have a favorite song or hymn that you would like to have Todd play? Before worship, Todd is inviting people to speak out favorites as a bonus prelude. Just come early and get yours sung!

(Sign-Up 6/24/17 - 6/25/17)

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Sports Events

___ I would like free tickets for the White Sox game on Aug. 13.

How many? ___ I/We will take the bus, how many? ___

Other

Everybody Read - *Ephesians 2:14-22* - What the passage means to me:

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

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