

# ***THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE***

**\*Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully***

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

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## ***What a Relief***

Have you ever gone through an experience when you were living in anxiety about some potential outcome? Or maybe you've been at something for a long time, and you couldn't wait for it to be over? Or maybe you were carrying a burden on your own? Our lives are filled with those moments. Waiting for a test result to come back from the doctor, waiting for a child to come home or know they're safe, fearing that someone you love (or you) might lose a job or lose a loved one – they all fill us with anxiety. Many a person has been so done with school or a job or a project that he or she counted the days or hours. Some of you have been the sole caregiver (even if others should have helped), and desperately needed some time off.

When the situation finally changes, whether by conclusion or through help, there is a sense of relief. Our faith knows about the situations we face, and also about the profound feeling of relief that can come into those situations. While there are many external pieces that can bring us that feeling, God has provided something possible that is not dependent on externals. A realization that you are loved by the source of all creation, no matter what, can make any part of our lives different. The biblical phrase is a peace that passes all understanding.

How can we get there? Part of the answer, of course, lies in opening ourselves to God's presence. When we recognize we are not alone, and that the one with us is remarkably capable of getting us through this moment, we can take a breath. So, also do that: breathe! And don't forget to turn to others for advice or support or to listen to you. When we experience that God is for us directly and through others, we can apply that to other experiences and see over and over again how much our God is for us. What a relief!

*Pastor Dave Hedlin*

## ***Prayers Requested***

Christina Montgomery, the family of Roy Guthridge, the family of Ashley Montgomery, Nick Costa, Mike Lindbloom, Sharon Mack Connelly, Tricia, Joyce A., the family & friends of Pat Hardy, Mary Brouette, Jodee Saenz, Karen Severson, Pastor Larry Cudmore, Gail Hanks, Maria S., Theresa S., John Koblosky, Matt Price, Jean Chenoweth, Fred, Dorothy, Judy, Carolyn, Jessica, Trevor & family, Susan, Lynda & Cyndy, Kevin & Bella, Greg, Sarah, Nolan, Oliver & Gwen, Tim Stoller, Tammy Rae, Lynette, Lanham, Amy Olson, the family of Jean Town, the family of Donna Corp, Diane Sanborn, Dennis Flynn, Vicky Jackson, John Lechowicz & family, Ray Borowicz, Jim Pander, the family of Beth Goebig, Patricia Stevenson, George Page, Michelle Yurgen & family, Jeffrey Curtin, Bill, Kurt, the friends and family of Jesse

## ***Congratulations***

Malai Lingle & Kyle Chellios on their marriage on April 29;

Kirsten Boer, Skye Brugler, Jared Candelaria, Cara Dudeck, Matt Klock – Peace Lutheran Church Scholarship recipients;

Tom & Mary Sue Walker (Cecilia, Ellie), parents and Jeff & Kathy Walker, grandparents, on the birth of George Miheve Walker on May 12;

Allison Travnik & Mark Hammond on their marriage on May 20;

Abby Hedlin & Josh Wolfgram on their marriage on May 28;

Robyn Paprocki & Tanner Woodford on their marriage on May 28.

## ***Thank You Very Much!***

*The list that follows is for those who have done something for the first time. (If we miss someone, please let us know!) We are thankful for all the people who give of themselves to make ministry happen, even though their names don't keep getting mentioned here.*

### ***To:***

Jeff Anderson, Mark Lupei, Bill Sandt, George Rumbaugh, Charlie Conway – lawn mowing  
Paulette Overend – offering envelope project  
Isabella Giertuga – acolyte  
Shane Brinegar – greeter  
Bonnie Brazzale, Kelly Renaud, Jen Smith – V.B.S. project  
Jeri Sandt, Kathy Sons – Saturday office volunteer

### ***From:***

Frankfort Concerts on the Green – for the donation  
Lincoln-Way Central Cafeteria Ladies – for the gift cards  
New Lenox Girl Scout Troops – for sharing our beautiful building with the Scouts  
LSSI – for the donation  
NI Synod – for the donation for Mission Support (Benevolence)  
Guardian Angel Community Services – for the donation  
Lincoln-Way Central High School – for participating in the Scholarship Ceremony  
Kirsten Boer, Cara Dudeck, Matthew Klock – for the scholarships  
ELCA World Hunger – for the donation  
Rebecca Worley, Kathy Norberg – for the use of the church for piano recitals  
Together We Cope – for the donation of quilts

## ***Our Sponsored Missionary***

Shemiah Curry is the young adult we're helping to sponsor this year as a missionary in Rwanda.

Her mailing address is: Kate Warn

Att: Shemiah Curry

P.O. Box 5692

Kigali, Rwanda

A first class letter costs \$1.15 for first ounce, and \$.83 additional for each ounce up to 3.5 ounces.

You can also follow Shemiah via her blog (updated at the end of February): <https://shemiahc.wordpress.com>

or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AdventuresofRwanda/>.

## ***Remember Our P.O. Box***

Use P.O. Box 205 for mail addressed to Peace.

## ***Sympathy***

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:  
the family of Lynne Parker, mother of Leslie Walton;

the family of Buellah Conatser, mother of Randy Conatser;

the family of Marilyn Thorson, sister of Renee Gatewood.

## ***Welcome to the Lord's Family***

Isabella Ann Boye was baptized on April 30;

Michael Zixuan Roger Rogde was baptized on May 7;

Emersyn Nicole Suski was baptized on May 13;

Emery Mae Stanko was baptized on May 28.

## ***New Addresses for Service Personnel***

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

MA3 Conner Baker

PSC 1005 Box 60

FPO AE 09593-0001

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

## ***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 located on the name tag table you may use. If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, please contact the office. Also, if you want to give on-line at any time, you can go to our website ([www.peacenewelenox.org](http://www.peacenewelenox.org)), click on the donate tab and then use the donate through Paypal tab. You can use most major credit cards.

## ***Offering Envelopes Are Here***

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

## ***Quick Reminders***

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **June 25**. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it mailed first class or via e-mail, let us know.

\* **The Will-Grundy Medical Clinic** is now accepting patients for free healthcare for the uninsured and those who qualify. Appointments are available onsite or over the phone, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To schedule a free screening appointment, please call (815) 726-3377, ext. 228. For patient eligibility information: <http://willgrundymedicalclinic.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Eligibility.pdf>.

\* **Crutches and walkers available** – The church has received crutches and walkers from members. Please feel free to contact the church office if you need to borrow one of these items.

\* **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** – Suicide is not about wanting to die, but about a powerful need for pain to end. You can help someone today by reaching out, listening, and letting them know you care. Be sure that the person can reach you and several responsible others if the desire to commit suicide becomes strong or if he/she just feels the need to talk to someone. Give the individual the names and telephone numbers of people who could be contacted and if possible, have the person meet these people. Give them the suicide prevention hotline. **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** are always located in the entrance area. Let's remember to keep in mind to spread the word that no one is alone in a time of need. Suicide destroys everyone who cares! Help someone today who is reaching out for help by picking up the cards and being attentive to what people are saying about their lives. Crisis Line – (815) 469-6166, text line – 741741, and online – [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

### \* **Bereavement Support Groups**

- *GriefShare* – Not meeting at this time. Please watch the newsletter for the date we will resume.  
- *Evening Adult Support Group* – Meets the third Thursday of the month, (with the exception of the month of March), April – June 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Joliet Area Community Hospice, *donation appreciated*  
- *Afternoon Adult Support Group* – Meets the second Friday of the month, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Joliet Area Community Hospice, *donation appreciated*  
For other services offered, including individual counseling, parent support and general grief support, please visit the Joliet Area Community Hospice website: [www.joliethospice.org](http://www.joliethospice.org) or call (815) 470-4104.

\* **LSSI's Joshua Arms Website** - Joshua Arms has a website that makes it easy for visitors to see all that the affordable senior housing development in Joliet has to offer. Visit the site at [www.LSSI.org/JoshuaArms](http://www.LSSI.org/JoshuaArms). Located at 1315 Rowell in a tree-lined residential area, Joshua Arms offers 186 independent, apartment-style units and 56 supportive living units, where residents can receive three meals a day, housekeeping and other daily living services. The new website is an easy to use tool for potential residents and family members to learn about Joshua Arms, including eligibility and floor plans.

\* **Thrivent members** – For those of you who have Thrivent dollars to donate, don't forget Peace is one of those choices.

\* **Cleaning for a Reason** – Provides free housecleaning once a month for 4 months for women currently undergoing chemotherapy. For more information or to sign up please go to: [www.cleaningforareason.org/cancer\\_patients\\_acct.html](http://www.cleaningforareason.org/cancer_patients_acct.html) You will need a doctor's note confirming treatment to sign up and Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in your zip code area arrange for service. This organization serves the entire US and currently has 547 partners to help these women.

## ***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.

## ***C.D.s & Podcast Available***

Would you like a C.D. copy of a worship service? Look for the sign-up on the name tag table. 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](http://www.peacenewlenox.org).

## ***Special Music***

If you would like to provide special music (vocal or instrumental) during the worship services, please contact Kelly Muehlnickel at (815) 463-8836 or email her at [bluestonebay@comcast.net](mailto:bluestonebay@comcast.net)

***Building Assets  
in our Youth and Community***

The asset for the month of June is:

***Family & Community Support***

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they spend three or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in community organizations.

***Summertime Quilting – June 5 & 19***

Summertime quilting starts June 5, at 9:30 a.m. and will meet every other Monday. Fill those lazy days of summer making quilts and enjoying fellowship. If you have any questions, call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

***Trailblazers – June 20***

Our next meeting will be our usual luncheon on June 20 at noon here at church. The menu will be hot dogs (several varieties) and you bring something you'd enjoy sharing with the group. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Invite a friend!

***Peace Buddies***

Peace Buddies is a special needs youth group for high school age and older. We take a break from our regular meetings during the summer and resume meeting in September. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Dave or call Emilie Harvey at (815) 529-7546.

***Prayer Group – June 21***

Denise Jones hosts a monthly gathering for prayer on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:45 a.m. at her home (17013 Geneva Ave., Lockport). The prayers include our church, those on the prayer list and any other concerns or celebrations. Please call her (815) 838-0388 or the church office (815) 485-5327 for more information. The next gathering will be **June 21**.

***Father's Day Singing – June 17/18***

Special music for Father's Day June 17 & 18 will include all adult males (and any children) leading us in our opening hymn. Plan to be a part of this one-time group to celebrate Father's Day!

***Peace Page Turners – June 11***

Peace Page Turners will be discussing the book, "Shattered Love: a Memoir" by Richard Chamberlain. Join us! 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!

***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. Country Night at Peace – June 24, after the 5:00 p.m. service at church. Come to enjoy this new event: Country Night at Peace! Carol Hedlin will lead us in dance followed by a country-themed pot luck and more! Please use the sign up slip or call the church office. 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 Dots 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 3-5 (depending on how much fun we are having!) Carpooling will be available. Please call the office and let us know if you wish to carpool.

***New Health Care Ministry – Blood Pressure Screenings***

Did you know that 1 out of 3 people over the age of 60 has high blood pressure? Or that high blood pressure can start at any age? Hypertension is known as the "Silent Killer," because it has no symptoms, but can cause catastrophic illness in our bodies if it goes untreated. With that in mind, a new Health Care Ministry will begin at Peace once a month. Starting on Sunday, June 11, between the two services, free blood pressure screenings will be offered to our adult congregation. 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.

## ***Summer Adult Education***

The results are in...here is the line up through July 2.  
The beginning time is 9:45 a.m.

**June 4** - Christ and Culture (Where do we fit in today's culture?)

**June 11** - Book Discussion - "*Shattered Love: a Memoir*" by Richard Chamberlain (You don't need to read the book to come!)

**June 18** - Special Congregational Meeting & Ice Cream Social (We always learn something)

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

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

## ***Evening Bible Study – June 20***

### ***The Gospel of Luke***

We are going to switch the format of the evening Bible study to be an in-depth look at one book of the Bible at a time. We are going to start with Luke. The date will be Tuesday, June 20, from 7:15 to 8:15. We'll get as far as we get each time, and keep going (for months) on the book of Luke, meeting on the third Tuesday each month. You don't need to know anything about the Bible to benefit.

## ***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. June's passage is: Ephesians 2:14-22.

## ***Recognizing Graduates – June 3/4***

On the weekend of June 3/4 during the worship services, we would like to recognize all those who are graduating from high school, college and beyond. Please call the church office with the information.

## ***500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation***

From time to time, we'll let you know about events, classes & resources regarding the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, led by Martin Luther. Here's one of those: <https://www.newberry.org/religious-change>.

## ***Looking Ahead...***

**June 3** – *Out to Eat Group at Little Joe's 6:15 p.m.*

**June 4** – *Confirmation Sunday 11:00 (2<sup>nd</sup> option)*

*Aladdin event 6:30 p.m.*

**June 5** – *Summertime Quilting starts 9:30 a.m.*

**June 6** – *Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.*

**June 11** – *Show & Shine Car Show*

*Free Blood Pressure checks 9:45 a.m.*

*Outdoor Worship & Potluck 6:00 p.m.*

**June 17** – *Blood Drive 9:00-1:00*

**June 18** – *Special Congregational Meeting 9:35 a.m.*

*Ice Cream Social 9:45 a.m.*

**June 20** – *VBS Planning Meeting 9:00 a.m.*

*Evening Bible Study 7:15 p.m.*

**June 24** – *Women's Group Country Night 6:00 p.m.*

**July 8** – *Special Prayers for Healing 5:00 p.m.*

**July 14** – *Youth Group Wading in the Waters event*

**July 22/23** – *Art Fair*

**July 23** – *Something's Rotten event 2:00 p.m.*

*Wendella Architectural Boat Tour event 2:30 p.m.*

**July 24** – *Vacation Bible School Set-up 9:00 a.m.*

**July 25-28** – *Vacation Bible School*

**Aug. 1** – *Caring Ministry Team 6:30 p.m.*

*Everybody Come Committee Night 7:30 p.m.*

**Aug. 12** – *Blood Drive 9:00-1:00*

**Aug. 13** – *White Sox Game*

## ***Special Congregational Meeting – June 18***

A special meeting to approve the budget will be held June 18, at 9:35 a.m. While the meeting is usually brief, it is an opportunity to officially act on our 2017-2018 budget plan.

## ***Strawberries, Cake & Ice Cream – June 18***

You'll want to come (or stay) on June 18, following the Special Congregation Meeting – so about 9:45 - for our eleventh annual, strawberries-cake-other toppings & ice cream social in Fellowship Hall. Please let us know if you'll be coming (and/or if you'd provide a cake) by calling the church office or using the sign-up at church. The previous ten years were delicious successes! (And it will be a fun way for us to honor Father's Day too.)

## ***Pentecost Begins June 3/4***

The worship committee is asking everyone to think "red" that weekend. To celebrate if you'd like, please bring red flowers to church with you. The flowers will then be planted around the outside of the church building.

## ***From Deacon Shari Trotter***

Dear Members and friends of Peace,  
I find myself singing the “Summer” song from Disney’s Frozen, where Olaf the adorable snowman sings about his favorite season, Summer. Summer is here for most of our youth and for some of you, especially those who are teachers. Summer is a great time to be able to slow down a bit, spend time with those we love and enjoy the beautiful creation that God has made. Summer will also bring some exciting events in the life of our 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth here at Peace. I wanted to tell you about them because they are so exciting and you may want to participate in lifting our youth in prayer. In July of this year our youth will have the opportunity to participate in a daylong event here at the church. It will be called Wading in the Waters and will take place on July 14<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m. till 10p.m. During this event our youth will explore the sacrament of baptism. We will dive into big questions about infant baptism, why we baptize, and so much more. We will also be playing water themed games and will have a cook out together. If you have a youth in your family that just completed 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade please encourage them to come to this new and exciting event!

The second event I wanted to share with you will be happening next summer in June 2018. A delegation of youth and a few adult leaders will be traveling to Houston Texas for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. This is an event that takes place every 3 years. The last event was in 2015 and took place in Detroit. In 2018 we will be traveling to the land of heat and cowboy hats to be in relationship with the people there and explore what God is doing in this great city. The National Youth Gathering is an opportunity for our youth to worship and serve with 30,000 other Lutheran youth. It is like nothing they will have ever experienced before. Our congregation is a large congregation and even here our youth are exposed to less than 1,000 faithful people at one time. Imagine being immersed in a group of 30,000 people all worshipping the same God together, and imagine having that experience as a young person. This event is faith formation at its finest! They will have a chance to serve, to explore their own faith, and to worship in new and exciting ways! I would like to invite you to join me in praying for our youth who will go to this event, those who are diligently planning and preparing for it and for the people of Houston as they ready their city to be changed by our church’s youth! Also if you have a youth who has just finished 7<sup>th</sup> grade though youth that will be going into 11<sup>th</sup> grade, please encourage them to attend the interest meeting on June 11, 2017 (in about a week) either at 9:45 a.m. between services or at 7:15 p.m. following the outdoor worship

and potluck, and please have at least one adult come with them. This event takes a lot of preparation, but it is an event that should be on the timeline of every youth’s faith journey.

May your summer be filled with faith exploration and the loving presence of God.

God’s Peace,

*Deacon Shari Trotter*

## ***Waste Watchers—Watch for More Information***

We will have met again May 31...our mission will be the same, but we may have a new name. Watch for more information! Questions, contact Jan Stoller 815-530-2786.

## ***Prayer Shawl Ministry – June 14 & 28***

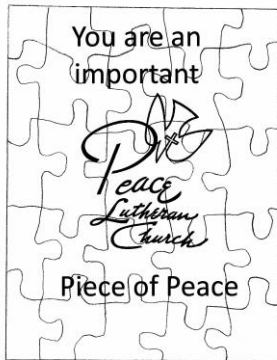
The Peace Prayer Shawl ministry is under way! We will be meeting every other Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m.. If you already know how to stitch, or would like to learn, come and join us. We have members teaching crocheting or knitting if you want to learn. You can bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. Any questions, please contact Cheryl Gamien 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 Yarn Request***

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.



***You Are an Important  
Piece of Peace  
2017 Stewardship  
Appeal***

***Thank you!***

The results of our appeal have once again been amazing. At the time this was written more than 110 Giving Intention Cards were returned, with increased commitments of over \$12,000. We are so grateful for the congregation's faithfulness. Together we make a difference in our church, our community, and in the world on God's behalf. You are an important piece of Peace!

For just as the body is one  
and has many members....so  
it is with Christ. You are the  
body of Christ and  
individually members of it.  
1 Corinthians 12:12, 27

***Technology/Social Media Task Force –  
June 4***

We had a great first meeting, and are excited to enhance the ministry and mission of the congregation to help people come in contact with the Gospel, and grow in their relationship with God in Christ! Our next steps are to dream about what might be, to evaluate the current use of electronics, and to check out other churches' offerings. Our next meeting will be June 4 at 12:30. It's not too late to jump in.

***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.

***Theater/Events***

***Architectural/Lake Tour – July 23***

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

***Dennis Watkins, Magician – Aug. 19***

This magician will do amazing tricks and entertain people of all ages. The show will be Sat., Aug. 19, at the Theatre at the Center in Munster (free parking!). The cost will be \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. The show is at 7:30 p.m.

***Margaritaville – Nov. 19***

On Sunday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 pm, 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 (the Carole King Story) – Dec. 27***

On Wed., Dec. 27, at 7:30 pm, 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.

***Les Miserables – Oct. 11***

This tried and tested show now has tickets available for Wed., Oct. 11 at 7:30. It's opening night! And we have secured the bargain rate of \$21.50. We have 20 tickets available on a first come basis.

***Wicked – Jan. 14, 2018***

This classic show has great music and more. Here's another select show where they won't give us our usual great price. We get a small discount on the fees, but that's it. So, the cost would be \$105 each for mid-balcony. Let us know if you're interested. The show would be for the 2:00 performance on Sunday, Jan. 14.

***Love Never Dies – Feb. 18, 2018***

This is Andrew Lloyd Webber's sequel to the *Phantom of the Opera*. We have 10 bargain tickets at \$21.50 each for the 7:30 show on Sunday, Feb. 18.

***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.

## ***Vacation Bible School – July 25-28***

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 planning meeting will be June 20 at 9:00 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 counter in the narthex and online.

## ***Register for Next Fall'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 a table in the narthex), register on-line, or call the church office.

## ***Show & Shine Auto Display – June 11***

Calling all car lovers! Do you have a beautiful example of automotive history hiding in your garage? If so, bring your treasure out for display at the church on Sunday, June 11, between 9:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. We will be displaying our vehicles in a reserved section of the parking lot at church. All makes and models, and conditions are welcome (if you love it, bring it). Two "People's Choice" awards will be given. To let us know you'll participate or for information, contact Terry Lenz at (708) 478-3683, or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin. (The rain date is July 16.

## ***Outdoor Worship & Potluck – June 11 Hosting Santa Cruz/First Lutheran***

On Sunday, June 11, at 6:00 p.m., we will have an outdoor worship service (if it's raining or cold we'll be in Fellowship Hall.) It will be a shortened service but otherwise have all the regular pieces, including special music! Following the worship we will also have a time of fellowship with a potluck. We will provide sloppy joes. So, bring side dishes, salads or desserts. We will also be hosting our mission partners from Santa Cruz and First Lutheran Church in Joliet. Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office if you are able to join us.

## ***Blood Drive – June 17***

Please mark your calendar for the next blood drive on Saturday, June 17, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## ***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.

## ***Everybody Come Committee Night – Aug. 1***

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

## ***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, crafts, 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](mailto:jlambrose@chubb.com)).

## ***White Sox Tickets – Free – Aug. 13***

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!



## ***God's Work in Action***

As one of this year's goals in our Long-Range Plan, we want to highlight at least 10 people from church who are volunteering outside of Peace. God's work gets done by you in so many different ways; we want to celebrate how you take your gifts from God and apply them! This month's contribution is from Jan Bentley.

*Hi, my name is Jan Bentley. What I would like to share is about my volunteering at Sunny Hill Nursing Home in Joliet, IL. It all started with a prayer. When my dad needed skilled nursing care for dementia and I asked God for guidance, the name Sunny Hill came to mind as a friend had just mentioned Sunny Hill as the place he would go if in need of care, after doing some volunteer work there. Sunny Hill has many events on its schedule for the resident's enjoyment. I wanted my dad to attend these events and realized how much it helped the staff if family members were available to assist in bringing residents to the event. Claudia Green also volunteered on many of these events and we found out how satisfying it was to help residents whose families were unable to attend. I also volunteered in the Sweet Shop on my day off and attended bus trips to local parades and outings. Sunny Hill also has a volunteer group called The Friends of Sunny Hill, which Claudia and I also joined. They fund and supply volunteers for many events and amenities at Sunny Hill that are not in the county budget. Some of the outings we've been on are trips to the zoo, the Tall Ships at Navy Pier, The Honor Flight reception at Midway Airport, the Festival of Trees at the Rialto and a fund raiser dance where I learned to Polka with a person in a wheelchair. Janet Park and Dave and Kay Johnson are now also members of the Friends of Sunny Hill.*

*About seven years ago God said "Wait, there is more". Sunny Hill was in need of a bus driver and asked if my husband Roger would be interested in the job. He has been "the Bus Driver" for almost seven years now. When you love something as much as Roger and I love this church you want to share it. Sunny Hill residents have now become regulars at our outdoor services, Talent Shows and other events.*

*I feel overwhelmed with gratitude for all God has given us. Volunteering is truly a gift from God and Roger will continue to drive and we will continue to volunteer as long as we can. All of this because of one prayer.*

## ***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?

## ***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 call the office.

## ***New Small Group Ministry***

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 (weekly or bi-weekly.) 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 is to ask you to pray and consider being a group leader. The job description is to facilitate the group! You do not need to be an expert at any part of this!!! (The goal is to have the group learn from each other and the material.) To facilitate means to keep the group on task, be in prayer, always be prepared yourself for the next lesson, help the group make decisions, and coordinate with whomever to get the next study materials. We will provide training and support of every kind. Please let us know of your willingness to consider this through the sign up or by contacting Pastor Dave.

## ***Questions Kids Ask About God Update***

The fifth question in our book, Questions Kids Ask About God, is "How did God make the world?" The answer provided is "We are not sure how the world was made. We do know who made it - God! We also know why God made the world - because God loves us." The question of who and why turns out to be more important than the question of exactly how. We can have fun trying to figure out the how, but when we see that the creation is good and God's, that helps us live as caring people toward all of God's creation.

## ***Because of You and Your Gifts***

A family owned cow means food and income for Ka and her family, even though during Senegal's eight month dry season milk production drops significantly. ELCA World Hunger works in partnership with the Senegal Lutheran Development Service and Fedannde Jolof, an animal husbandry center, to crossbreed cows that produce three times more milk year-round to help families on their way to food security.

## ***Caregiver Tip of the Month***

**A Prayer of Hope** -This world can be a place of trials and tribulations, but as believers, we are secure. We need never lose hope because God has promised us peace, joy, and eternal life. So, let us face each day with hope in our hearts and trust in our God, remembering always that God keeps his promises. Always. *(For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex and don't forget to borrow a book from the bin.)*

## ***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.

## ***Beauty Items Requested***

The Good Shepherd group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eye shadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs, brushes), bathing items (sponges, bubble bath, shower gel), and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons. Items can be left in the basket on the table in the narthex.

## ***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 a member(s) of our congregation to participate in church youth activities. Just talk to Deacon Shari or Pastor Dave – and no one else will know.

## ***Summer Camp***

Summer camp is a great way for kids to enjoy God's creation in fellowship with others. Three great options are Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC), Camp Manitoqua, and Lutherdale in Wisconsin. Brochures are now available on the narthex counter. Or you can look, and register, online at [www.LOMC.org](http://www.LOMC.org) and [www.manitoqua.org](http://www.manitoqua.org) and [www.lutherdale.org](http://www.lutherdale.org).

## ***Alzheimer's Association 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. There is an Alzheimer's Association Support Group meeting at Peace the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! If you would like more information, please contact Karin Knutson at [karinknutson@hotmail.com](mailto:karinknutson@hotmail.com).

## ***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? This support group meeting is for those struggling, those who love someone struggling, or those who just want to learn about the epidemic of heroin and prescription pain medications in our community. For more information please contact Tom Moore at 815-354-3195.

## ***Discount Prescription Cards***

American Consultants Rx, Inc. is donating free discount prescription cards for assistance in receiving up to a 40% discount on name brand drugs and up to a 60% discount on generic prescriptions. The cards are good at over 50,000 chain pharmacies. Please let us know in the church office if you could benefit from this prescription card.

## ***GriefShare 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).

# Youth Announcements

## Mission Statement

To be a model of Christianity, as an enjoyable way of life for mutual support and development in our relationships with God and one another.

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## High School

### **Peace 360 Summer Schedule**

Attention all high school youth. 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. **Peace 360 will meet twice a month during the summer, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month.** This month our meetings will be:

**June 11** – Come for the Outdoor Worship & Potluck Dinner, and then stay for a special meeting, just for you, about the 2018 National Youth Gathering!

**June 25** – Pool Party! Meet at the Klock's house at **3:00 p.m.** Don't forget a towel; & please bring a snack to share!

## High School & 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Have a Safe & Wonderful Summer!

See you in church!!!

(For worship &/or church-wide events!)

## **National Youth Gathering Interest Meeting – June 11, 9:45a**

We would like to get together with all who are or may be interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX in July of 2018. Students going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade through those going into 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall are eligible.

We will let you know all the exciting things you will be doing there, the cost of going, and answer questions you may have. Please bring a parent with you so they can hear the information first hand and ask questions they may have, too. Any adults interested in helping to chaperone please come to this meeting also.

## **The Hope Fund**

If you would like to participate in one of our youth events but the cost involved is keeping you from joining us, we have a fund available to help you. This fund has been established to enable members of our congregation to participate in church youth activities. Let Pastor Dave or Deacon Shari know - no one else will know.

## **Wading in the Waters – July 14**

It's a mini retreat! (For our students going into grades 8-12 in the Fall; including the recently graduated.) Please join us Friday, July 14 from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Our theme is – Baptism. (Prepare to get wet!) We will learn, eat lunch and dinner together and have LOTS of fun! \*If you attend Summer School join us after that. Please sign up!

## **\*\*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  
Acolyte

Please let the office know if you would be willing to help and we will contact you when a need arises.

## **Want to help at Vacation Bible School?**

Peace's Vacation Bible School could use your help. Please let Pastor Dave know if you can help in any way. VBS is July 25-28 and this year's theme is "Come to Camp Peace."

## **L.O.M.C. 2016 Activities Brochure**

The Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center's 2017 activities brochure can be found on the counter in the narthex. You can also find brochures for Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort and Lutherdale in Wisconsin on the counter. Or you can look, and register, online at [www.LOMC.org](http://www.LOMC.org) and [www.manitoqua.org](http://www.manitoqua.org) and [www.lutherdale.org](http://www.lutherdale.org).

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

We ask God's blessings on the 29 young people, who affirmed their baptisms in May.

Emily Ann Ciannella  
Andrew Evans Darley  
Nicholas Gerald Dudeck  
Victoria Grayce Entwistle  
Megan Elizabeth Gerasch  
Isabella Beth Giertuga  
Tannor Edward Giertuga  
Zayne Edward Giertuga  
Zachary Lowell Gouty  
Lauryn Elizabeth Grothe  
Carter Gibbs Harris  
Zachariah Matthew Huelhorst  
Jacob Riley Hypke  
Kate Ceylon Jensen  
Nathaniel Peter Knutson

Brianna Nicole Kokenes  
Alexis Nicole LaBuda  
Nicholas James Ledvina  
Joshua Matthias McLean  
Andrew Chester Murphy  
John Adam Parker  
Cole Ahlden Pawlicki  
Elise Marie Prince  
Simon Benjamin Saathoff  
Daniel James Schaffer  
Aidan James Soldan  
Carson James Vektor  
Peter Vondra III  
Jacob Christian Weber

## **Confirmation Pictures**

If anyone would like to view and/or order copies from Pastor Dave's Confirmation Sunday pictures, they are available in the narthex. Please place orders by June 25.