

August 2017

News for the Youth at Peace Lutheran



Dear Peace Youth,

I hope that you are having an amazing summer! It has been an amazing summer here at Peace! We have had a lot of fun playing games, attending pool parties, and going to Sky Zone with Peace 360. We got wet and remembered our baptism at Wading in the Waters. It was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came and to all the adults who helped! This week we had Vacation Bible School, and we journeyed to Camp Peace. A special thank you to each and everyone of you who came to help this week. Whether you helped in crafts, snack, games, or followed a class, I am proud of you! You are doing an amazing job of living out your faith and sharing it with those younger and older than you! I love to tell people what I do for my job because it gives me a chance to brag about each of you. You are some truly awesome youth. When I spend time with you it is clear to me that God is good!

There are a couple events coming up that I want to remind you about! The deposits for the National Youth Gathering, in Houston next year, are due on August 15th. If you have not heard about the National Youth Gathering please come and talk to me about it! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to worship and serve with 30,000 other Lutheran Youth. So far we have 15 youth going and 5 adult leaders! I would love to take as many as possible! I have been to 4 of these events and each one has changed and shaped me in remarkable ways!

The second event that I want you to put on your calendar is the 2nd annual Messtival! This will be on September 10th! Come play some crazy and messy games, get to know the other youth from our church, kick off the school year with a lot of fun, and learn that God loves Messy People!

I am so thankful for all of you, and I am so thankful for the fun we have together! You make my job feel like a party everyday and I can't wait to see what other fun and faith filled things we will find to do together!

God's Peace,
Deacon Shari

Sharing Faith!

Decorate your bedroom (or dorm room) with symbols or pictures that say something about your faith or could invite conversation about God.

August's Everybody Read passage: 1 Samuel 16:4-13.

Each month Pastor will pick a passage for the whole church to read sometime during the month. You are invited to write a sentence or two (or more) on the sign-up slip in the bulletin to share what you got out of the passage. We will post responses in the bulletin.

Asset of the month: FAMILY SUPPORT

Family life provides high levels of love & support.

- Eat at least one meal a day together as a family.
- Participate in a family discussion about when each of you feels most supported by the family; and when you feel least supported by the family. Plan how you can all support each other more.
- Spend time with your family!
- Give and accept hugs from family members every day.
- Go to church, school and community events as a family.

Quote:

"My friends and family are my support system. They tell me what I need to hear, not what I want to hear."

Kelly Clarkson

THE HOPE FUND!

If you would like to participate in a youth event but the cost involved is keeping you from joining us, we have a fund available to help you. The Hope Fund has been established to enable members of our congregation to participate in church activities that they might not otherwise be able to participate in due to the cost of the activity. Just let Deacon Shari or Pastor Dave know if you need to use this fund—and no one else will know.



HELPING OTHERS!

When you are shopping for school supplies - if you are able - buy something extra and

place it in the container in the Narthex. The supplies we collect will go to help kids through our mission partners at Santa Cruz in Joliet.

Items needed:

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| pocket folders | 8 washable classic color markers |
| box of 24 crayons | 70 page spiral notebooks |
| 6" Fiskar scissors | 140-200 loose-leaf 3-hole paper |

*Bring to church no later than Aug. 31.

Willing to Help at Worship?

Summer is a busy time & 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 (please let us know which worship time you most often attend, also) and we will contact you when a need arises.

To sign-up, ask ?s, or reach us: email, call the office, use the bulletin sign-up slip, or use the sign-up sheet in Confirmation or in your Sunday School classroom or use the board in the narthex.



Join us for Worship, or any of our events! We are always glad when you are here!

Sunday School Helper Invitation

Wouldn't you like to make a life-long difference in people's lives? 😊 Being involved in Sunday School is a sure-fire way. Many of our needs are very short-term (like a one time basis helping with a special Sunday.) Why not take a leap of faith and volunteer! Let us know how you'd like to help: please call Pastor Dave at (815) 485-5327.



Church Picnic – Sept. 24

Mark your calendars now and save the date for our annual church picnic on Sunday, Sept. 24, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We are in the planning stages right now, so if you would like to help, please contact the church office.

COME JOIN IN ON CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS

GET TO KNOW OTHER KIDS AND THE ADULTS, TOO!



Stop by the Peace Library this Summer!

You are welcome to stay and relax and read!



Ping Pong Club

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



Sharefest New Lenox is a time for those who need help to receive it and for those who can help to offer it. "Service Projects for Those in Need" run now through September. Visit their website www.sharefestnewlenox.com for more information or to sign up individually (they have made it really easy). Here are two other things that are going on – see the website for more!
Sept. 9th: RECYCLEPALOOZA 8:00a-3:00p
Household hazardous waste collection; reuse/recycle collection of electronics, carpet/padding, wood, scrap metal, flags, usable latex paint. Located at the Spencer School Campus, 1711 S. Spencer Road in New Lenox. See www.sharefestwillcounty.com for a list of items.

Sept. 16th: ShareFest 2017 "Love Thy Neighbor Road Trip – Joliet. 40 volunteers are needed to hand out food, books & clothes. There will also be health care screenings and some employers on the road trip.

To volunteer go to:

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

Remember Those Serving:

Mail for those serving in the military can be sent to:
MA3 Connor Baker
PSC 1005 Box 60
FPO AE 09593 – 0001
Cpl Pafford, Devin
MCAS Yuma
PO Box 99160
Yuma AZ 85369

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

Our new sponsored missionary is:

Danielle Steinwart of Montgomery, IL will be the next missionary we have the opportunity to sponsor! She will be here on **July 30**, briefly introducing herself at both services. She will be spending the next year in the United Kingdom. We look forward to being connected for the next year.



Have you seen the box containing "Bible Background" in the bulletin? You can use it as a way to supplement your reading the Bible; or maybe it could be a way for you to start reading the Bible. Read the passage in the Bible and then the Bible Background, (or vis versa, if you prefer)! Here's an example from the:

July 9 bulletin - Bible Background for Romans 7:15-25a
This lesson "nails it" when it comes to human behavior: Why do I do things that I know are wrong/dumb? We should know better, right? Paul indicates it is a symptom of the fact that we are people capable of both loving God and sinning. Who can rescue us from the bad loop? Who can win the day? Only God!



All-Church Event: White Sox Tickets – August 13

We had fun going to a Sunday game last year, so we're going again! The game starts at 1:10 p.m. The tickets are FREE! We have 8 tickets left! If you're taking the bus, the cost is \$5 each and a maximum of \$15 per household. (Bring money for food/drink.) Please be here at 11:15 a.m. The bus will leave promptly at 11:30a. Use the sign-up slip, or call the office. Yes, your friends are welcome to come.

Offering of Letters – Aug. 12 & 13

What good can one letter do? How about when we combine that letter with millions of others? Time and again the Bible, including Jesus himself, advocates on behalf of the hungry. You can do your part to make this simple, but profound statement on behalf of them. We'll try to make it easy....on Aug. 12/13 we will have sample notes you can use to write to members of Congress (and the White House, if you wish) advocating for the ones in our country and around the world who go to bed hungry, and who can be helped! We'll even provide the paper, envelopes and stamps. Bread for the World is a national organization, led by a Lutheran pastor, whose results have been amazing! Please take the time to help.

7TH & 8TH GRADE INFO:

RALLY DAY!!! Sunday School Alert!!!

You won't want to miss the start of Sunday School! Rally Day, Sept. 10, 9:45 a.m. marks the beginning of our theme as "Peace Kids – Sharing the Spirit." The year will be filled with special events and projects that celebrate how all of us can link ourselves together to grow in faith and make a difference.

The Rally Day celebration will include a **free t-shirt**. Please sign up now so we'll have your "Peace Kids – Sharing the Spirit." t-shirt ready for you. Fill out a registration form (online or on the counter in the narthex); or call the office!

Join us for a great year of Sunday School where you can make new friends and GROW IN YOUR FAITH!

COMING SOON!:

Confirmation Orientation

A meeting for all students in 7th and 8th grades and at least one parent/adult is scheduled for:

Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 7:00 p.m.

This important night incorporates information about schedules, expectations, youth events, volunteering, and more! If you know someone who is not part of any church but has a student in this age bracket, please invite them to come too.



7/8 & HIGH SCHOOL INFO:

ENJOY the rest of your Summer!!!



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 in June 27 – July 1, 2018. Students going into 8th grade through those going into 12th grade in the Fall are eligible.

A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is due on August 15.

Your total share would be \$375 (plus souvenir costs).

Coming Up:

Sept. 10 – Messtival!!!

Come start the year off with us! We plan to have a great (& messy) time! Peace 360 is inviting the 7th & 8th graders to join in, too! Meet at church at 6:00 p.m. dressed to get messy!


And the start to another GREAT year of church events!

HIGH SCHOOL INFO:



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 you! Whenever you can be here you'll be a welcome addition! Our Summer schedule will consist of meeting on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the, meeting at 6:00p month (unless otherwise noted below).

August 13 - We are going to the Sox Game with others from the church! The bus costs \$5 and will leave at 11:15 a.m. The game tickets are free! (Bring money if you want to buy food/drink.)

August 20 (instead of Aug. 27) - Let's go along with others from the church to the "Talent Show on the Road" at Sunny Hill! If you wish to share your talent and be a part of the show please sign up on the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office. Otherwise, as a part of Peace 360 we will help serve cookies, etc. Meet at church at **12:00 p.m.** so we can grab a quick lunch before we head over  please bring \$ for food/drinks). **Correction!**

HS Students Wanting to Tour LW High Schools

We have an opportunity for you to check out your high school before school starts and get to know other kids from our church! Whether you are new to the school or already attending - all are welcome! Three of our church members, who already attend one of each of the high schools, will show you around your prospective school and answer questions you may have. We will meet at church at 11:00 a.m., then in groups per high school, will head out for your tours. Please bring some money with you because after the tours we will meet back at church for some lunch. (Date to be determined.) Please sign up if you are interested in attending this event (and let us know which high school you will be attending).

Graduated seniors: It's that time of year again, when we ask for addresses and email addresses for our young adults away from home. We want to send you our regular monthly newsletter and let you know we're thinking of you. Please give this information to the church office! GOOD LUCK in all that you do!!! (**Don't forget we are still here for you!**)

COLLEGE

O R N E R FYI: Lutheran colleges are affordable! Conventional wisdom might say that private schools are always more expensive than public ones, but at Lutheran schools that's not always the case. Over three-quarters of all Lutheran students receive financial aid, much of it in grants and scholarships they don't have to ever pay back. Plus, financial aid options are very plentiful, and very flexible, at Lutheran colleges.

Don't forget:



Special Music: If you would ever 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.

"Repeats" of important information:

★ Don't Forget to Check your Email for Reminders for Upcoming Worship Volunteers

Instead of phone calls, we are now sending emails to remind people if they are on the schedule to help during worship services (usher, greeter, refreshments, lay liturgist, lesson reader, etc.). If you would prefer to be reminded with a phone call, please let us know.

Opiate Recovery Group

An Opiate Recovery Group meets here at Peace each Tuesday night from 7:00 – 8:30p. For more information please contact Tom Moore at 815-354-3195.

FEMA Emergency Check Lists

FEMA has a website where you can view and order informational materials and home emergency disaster supply kits. You can also download basic emergency preparedness check lists and also lists for pet owners & seniors. Please visit: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/resources-documents/collections/344?page=1>

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. 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.



Year-round Sharefest Volunteer Opportunities

Many year-round activities that help our community in various ways have grown from the original Sharefest event that occurs in the fall. Volunteers are needed and always welcome. To find out more and/or to volunteer, please visit one of the following sites:

www.ShareFestNewLenox.com

www.ShareFestWillCounty.com

www.sharefestwillcounty.org



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 6:30p 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.



2017 Youth Calendar:

See you in church!



COME JOIN IN ON
CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS &
GET TO KNOW OTHER KIDS and ADULTS, TOO!

TUES.	Opiate Recovery Group 7:00p
1	Everybody Come Committee Night 7:30p
6	Waste Watchers meeting 9:30 a.m.
12	Blood Drive 9a-1p
12/13	Offering of Letters
13	White Sox Game (Church-wide event) Peace 360 – (Going to White Sox game)
19	Baptism Orientation 3:30p
20	Talent Show on the Road at Sunny Hill
Correction: →	Peace 360 – 12:00p Going to a quick lunch then heading over to the "Talent Show on the Road"
29	Church Council
Sept.	6 – Adult Choir Open House 6:00p 9 – Ladies Ensemble Open Rehearsal 2:30p 10 – Rally Day! 9:45a – Messtival! 6:00p 11 – GriefShare Ministry resumes 6:30p 13 – Confirmation Orientation 7:00p 14 – Bell Choir Rehearsal Resumes 7:30p



Nice weather is here! Don't forget we have a **bike rack** behind Fellowship Hall.

Share a sermon with a friend!

Find Pastor Dave's & Deacon Shari's sermons (audio only) on our website: peaceneulnox.org



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