

# 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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## ***Citizens and Aliens***

Have you seen or heard any of the reports recently about UFOs? The US military has opened up some of their files to indicate a number of objects that were in the sky that went unidentified. The speculation about what those really were went off the charts. At the end of the day, they remain unidentified. In contrast to that, two adventures this month to escape Earth's gravity by two billionaires were identified very well, complete with smiles and cameras back on the ground.

I think it is safe to say that none of us will be traveling into outer space soon. And whether you have or will ever encounter a true UFO, I won't speculate. One thing I know for sure, however, is that you are grounded in/on this planet. We are citizens of this planet Earth...and, it turns out, all kinds of other very real communities, from the United States down to a school or group or organization.

There is another perspective that as the people of God we wish to add here: At the very same time that we are citizens here, we are also *aliens*. Our true citizenship is not based on a planet or geography or ethnicity or a grouping. Sometimes people, groups, nations and even we forget that we are citizens of God's kingdom! That kingdom does not go to war over borders or seek to inflict malware or try to keep out people who don't look or think like us. Being citizens of that kingdom is not granted based on our achievements or having lived long enough in a place or passed a test. It is a gift! Being a citizen of God's kingdom means we have access to the ultimate rights and privileges of forgiveness for the mistakes of the past, insights into life now, and a promise for life with God forever! Rather than trying to escape it, the more time we spend reflecting on our roles in it, the more we can't wait to stay connected now and forever!

Having a temporary loyalty to our affiliations on Earth can be okay (even good sometimes); far greater is to remember that we and all others are also living as aliens here. May we easily be identified by all as grounded in Christ – a citizenship that surpasses all others!

*Pastor Dave Hedlin*

***Please check our website, Facebook and YouTube for the latest information, videos, and more!***

## ***Prayers Requested***

The family of Carson Smith, Ted Chubb, Diane Conatser, Jeri Sandt, Roger Bentley, Pastor Dave, Michael, Ron Fullriede, Norma Allison, Denise Jones, the family of Geoff Upjohn, Larry Parvin

## ***Sympathy***

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Terry Jesk, husband of Kathy Jesk

## ***Congratulations***

Patrick & Kirstin (Skurka) Johnston, parents and Rich & Margaret Skurka, grandparents, and on the birth of Ryan Patrick Johnston on July 15.

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

Skylar Hope Bassett was baptized on July 17.

## ***Baptism Orientation – Sat., Aug. 14***

Saturday, Aug. 14, at 3:30 p.m., marks the next baptism orientation class for those who wish to have children baptized at Peace in the next few months.

## ***New Member Orientation in October***

We will be receiving new members again in October. The orientations are Oct. 17, at 9:45 and 6:30 and the reception of new members will be Oct. 24 during the 11:00 worship. Please call the church office to let us know if you will be involved.

## ***Details for How We Worship*** **FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE**

\*Whether you drive-in, are on the lawn or worship at home, we have a modified communion option. You can take a piece of bread or cracker with you to the service. We will give the Words of Institution on behalf of all of us and invite us to take our bread/cracker at the same time and partake of this modified version of the Lord's Supper.

\* In order to keep people's safety in mind following the advice of the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health, there will be a drop box if you wish to bring an offering with you. Otherwise, we will depend on people continuing to contribute online or by mail.

\* Bathrooms will be available, but people would be encouraged to use them only if necessary, and social distancing would be required. The doors to the bathrooms will be left open to eliminate having to touch them, and for the sake of knowing what kind of distancing/waiting is needed.

### **DRIVE-IN WORSHIP ON SATURDAY AT 5:00PM & SUNDAY AT 9:30**

\* **Our worship location will be either from the long sidewalk (lawn area) or from under the canopy at the front entrance, depending on the weather.**

\* We will have sound projection/speakers for all to hear, plus our new transmitter for the FM channel (88.3.)

\* The worship usually lasts about 35 minutes.

Worshiping outdoors allows us to sing with gusto!

### **ONLINE OPTIONS CONTINUE**

\* We will continue to live-stream our 5:00 & 8:30 worship services. Assuming everything works, all will be available through our Facebook site anytime.

### **INDOOR WORSHIP CONTINUES at 8:30am with no limits**

Here are the notes if you are planning to come

\* **Masks are optional, but encouraged for those not vaccinated.**

\* Congregational singing of a hymn is now allowed, but wear your masks for singing, and hold down the volume. We'll have some printed copies available.

\* We will have pews marked off so that socially distanced spaces can be maintained.

\* We won't be having nursery attendants, acolytes, refreshments or lay liturgists. Lesson readers have resumed on a volunteer basis.

\* Bathrooms will be discouraged from being used but are available.

\* Communion will have options: continue to be "bring your own bread or cracker," take one of the wafers (gluten free or regular) or pre-packaged kind.

\* The service length will continue to be between 30 and 40 minutes.

\* If you feel sick or have come in contact with someone who has COVID-19, please stay home and watch via the live-stream.

Please pray for our world's healing, and for our congregation's ongoing attempts to stay faithful to God and God's leading!

## ***Your Offerings Matter & Are Appreciated!***

You can either donate online or mail in your offering (PO Box 205, New Lenox, IL 60451). If you know your envelope #, write that on the check. If you don't, we'll gratefully look it up so that you get credit!

No matter how: thanks for your offerings – they are making a difference at Peace, in our community, in our country and around the world!

## ***Daily Devotionals Available***

There is a black bin outside the front door labeled "devotional booklets." You can come by the church and pick one up at your convenience. If you want it mailed to you, just let us know via [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org). Also, Augsburg has made *Christ in Our Home* available free online: <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286137/Christ-in-Our-Home>.

## ***New Offering Envelopes Available***

The offering envelopes boxes that began with the June 6 weekend are available for pick up in the Narthex. Come before or after worship or some other time when the office is open and pick up your box.

## ***Golden Opportunity Book – Price Reduction - \$15***

The 2021 edition's price has been reduced to \$15, with \$5 of that going to support youth ministries in our church. If you'd like a copy, come by the office M-F, 9:00 to noon, or let us know and we'll happily make arrangements to get one to you!

## **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:**

Kathy Drews, Donna Conway and Handbell Ensemble: Marylynn Tyler, Diane Rosen, Suzanne Holmquist, Janet Park, Jan Bentley, Deacon Shari Trotter – for special music

Kevin Curry, Frank Brazzale – lawn mowing

Janet Park, Helen Ambrose, Jodie Brugler, Karen Dircks, Audrey Kingery, Erin Hadley, Alexa Hadley, Lila Hadley, Jennifer Paape, Zander Paape, Abbey Lindeman, Erica Sagerman, Angie Klock, Ally Pfeffer, Abby Jarchow, Nora Jarchow, Deacon Shari, Claudia Green & Jess Lindeman – Vacation Bible School planning/organizers/volunteers who made our Vacation Bible School such a great success!

### **From:**

Halley Price – for the scholarship

ELCA World Hunger, Friends of Sunny Hill, Mokena - Marley FISH, Manitoqua Ministries, LOMC, Lutheran School of Theology – for the donations

## **Quick Reminders**

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Aug. 22.**

\* **The Will-Grundy Medical Clinic** is accepting patients for free healthcare for the uninsured and those who qualify. Please call 815-726-3377, ext. 228.

\* **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 them the suicide prevention hotline.

**Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** are always located in the entrance area. 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 -741741, and online - [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

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

- *GriefShare* – Not currently meeting – please watch the newsletter.

- *Evening Adult Support Group* – Meets the third Thursday of the month, (except for the month of March), December - 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, parent support and general grief support counseling, please visit the Joliet Area Community Hospice website: [www.joliethospice.org](http://www.joliethospice.org) or call 815-740-4104.

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

\***Crutches, walkers & wheelchairs available** – Please feel free to contact the church office if you need to borrow one of these items.

\***Guardian Angel Community Services** – Sexual assault & rape crisis services, prevention education & outreach. Programs include medical advocacy, legal advocacy, individual counseling, group counseling, prevention education & professional training. 24-hour sexual assault hotline: 815-730-8984.

\* **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.

\* **NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) Will Grundy** offers, at no charge, education programs and support groups to “support individuals with mental illness and their families through advocacy, education and outreach.”

For more information call 815-409-7917 or go to: [info@namiwillgrundy.org](mailto:info@namiwillgrundy.org) or [www.namiwillgrundy.org](http://www.namiwillgrundy.org)

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## ***Looking Ahead***

***Aug. 1 – Peace Page Turners 10:30am***  
***What's the Scoop? 12 noon***  
***Aug. 8 – SCS Teacher/Helper Meeting I 10:30am***  
***Peace 360 Emagine Theaters 2:45pm***  
***Aug. 14 – Blood Drive 9:00am -1:00 pm***  
***Baptism Orientation 3:30pm***  
***Aug. 14/15 – Farwell to Todd after 5pm & 9:45am***  
***(note time change) services***  
***Aug. 15 – NYG Meeting 3pm***  
***Aug. 17 – Trailblazers Resume 12noon***  
***Aug. 21 – Peace Parent's Group Movie 8pm***  
***Aug. 22 – Blessings for Education 8:30 & 9:30am***  
***SCS Teacher/Helper Meeting II 10:30am***  
***Sept. 1 – Confirmation Orientation 7pm***  
***Sept. 12 – Sunday School Rally Day 9:45am***

## **Groups**

### ***Summertime Quilting – Aug. 9 & 23***

Summertime Quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be Aug. 9. Questions? Contact the church office.

### ***Prayer Shawls – Aug. 5 & 19***

Do you crochet or knit? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting again! A prayer shawl is a shawl prepared for and prayed over for someone that is hurting so they can wrap themselves in God's love. We could provide you with simple patterns or you could create your own. We meet every other Thursday at 6:00pm. You may also create shawls at home and drop them at church if you are not able to attend in person. Any questions, please contact the church office.

### ***Peace Page Turners – Sun., Aug. 1***

The next book discussion will be Aug. 1 at 10:30am. We will discuss *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle. It is the true story of a Jesuit priest who ran a gang-intervention program in Los Angeles. You can pick up a copy of the book at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. Be sure to let us know you're interested so we can give you the Zoom codes you'll need, or you can show up in person.

## ***Trailblazers – Tues., Aug. 17***

We invite anyone who'd like to get together with some others who are anything but "over the hill" to come together on Aug. 17 at noon at church. Bring \$5; the food will be provided. Email or call the church office for more information.

## ***Peace Parent's Group – Sat., Aug. 21***

On Saturday, Aug. 21 we will have an outdoor family movie night, starting at 8:00pm.. Please bring your own snacks, drinks & something to sit on. We will start the movie once it is dark enough. Please respond on our group Facebook page, or use this link [Peace Parents Movie Night Sign Up](#) by Aug. 16. We are looking for a large popcorn machine, if you own one and are willing to bring it to the event, please let the office know.

## ***Strong Seniors Exercise – Summer Break***

Strong Seniors will take a break for the Summer and resume in the fall. Please watch the newsletter.

## ***Addiction and Family Support Group***

The Addiction & Family Support Group meets at Peace on Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30pm. 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, contact the church office.

## ***GriefShare Ministry***

Please watch the newsletter & bulletin for when we will be able to resume meeting. 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. For more information, please contact Janet at [griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com](mailto:griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com).

## ***Peace Circle of Prayer Ministry***

If you would like special prayers said for someone, just let the office know of a particular need. We will send out an email to the volunteers with that need. (If you would like to be a part of this Peace Circle of Prayer, let us know, including what email address we should use.)

## **Faith Development/Education**

### ***Wednesday Bible Study***

We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in person or via Zoom. If you have any questions, call the office. Any version of the Bible you have will work. You do not need to know anything about the Bible to join us!

### ***Everybody Read***

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we will pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage. August's passage is Psalm 32:1-11.

### ***Summer Adult Class – Sun., Aug. 29***

Please join us at 10:30am on Sun. Aug. 29 for another of our summer adult classes. The topic will be “Instead of ‘Why Me?’ Ask ‘What Can I Learn?’” God doesn't bring us difficulties in life ever, including to teach us a lesson. But God is very interested in the moments of life's challenges to help us grow through them. The class will look at the big theological picture of why bad things happen at all, plus concentrate on the next steps that can make a difference.

## **General Announcements**

### ***What's the Scoop (Bring your ideas to the group!) – Sun., Aug. 1 – 11:45am***

So, what goes on at these meetings? Why should I come? The bottom line is ideas for ministry are exchanged and new ones brought to mind. We hope you'll join the effort either in person or via Zoom! Our next meeting is Sun., Aug. 1, at 11:45am. Let us know if you plan to attend and how so that we can send you information ahead of time [What's the Scoop Sign Up](https://www.peacechurch@peacelenox.org) [peacechurch@peacelenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacelenox.org) or 815-485-5327.

### ***Military Pray for List***

Please pray for those who have returned from war who struggle to readjust to life and work through their grief. T.J. Burns, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Jake Treasure, Allison DeVitto, Shane Bonarek.

### ***Sunday School Teacher/Assistant Orientation – Sun., Aug. 8 & 22***

Our Sunday School staff gathers before the start of Sunday School to help get to know each other, help new teachers and staff get acquainted with our Sunday School ministry, get our supplies and curriculum, and generally have a good time! This year's orientations will be Sun., Aug. 8 & Aug. 22 at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall. (We also give extra special care and training for our new staff!)

### ***Blood Drive – Sat., Aug. 14***

Our next Versiti blood drive will be Sat., Aug. 14 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please use the Versiti website to make an appointment.

### ***Todd Yetman is Retiring – Appreciation Events: Aug. 14 & 15***

It is with deepest gratitude that we acknowledge how much we have been blessed by Todd Yetman as our organist, pianist, accompanist, vocalist, encourager, recruiter, and inspiring God-led friend for over 10 years! So, as Todd now prepares to “retire from the bench” (organist lingo), we get to express our own regret, but also celebrate what a difference he has made. In the next two months, please find your own ways to let Todd know what a difference he has made. As a congregation, we will be having a thank-you event on his last weekend with us, Aug. 14 & 15. After the 5:00pm Sat. worship and after the 9:45am worship that Sunday (we're moving the service back 15 minutes because of special music that will be part of the worship at all services), we are going to have a thank you reception. The plan is to have it on the lawn, but in case of rain, it will be in Fellowship Hall. (In case of rain, the worship service would also move indoors to accommodate the music.) In the meantime, if you know someone we should contact about becoming our next organist/pianist, please let us know! We also welcome people to be part of the interview team. Again, let us know.

### ***Blessings for Education – Sun., Aug. 22***

During the worship services on Sun., Aug. 22 there will be an opportunity to receive a blessing for all things related to education – teachers, students, parents, bus drivers, custodians, room helpers, IT people, secretaries, etc., as well as for any supplies for school.

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

Dear Members and Friends of Peace,

Last week we had an amazing VBS! The theme was Discovering Team Jesus and how we are a part of God's team just like athletes are a part of an Olympic team. We had around 24 children and lots of amazing volunteers. We rotated between 3 stations, snacks, games, and crafts and then each child was assigned a home team that they traveled to each station with and a home base to take frequent water breaks at! We had visits from Water Woman (aka Deacon Shari) and Water Girl (aka Nora Jarchow) to remind us how important it is to stay hydrated.

On day one we learned about the twelve disciples and how Jesus knew he needed a team of people to spread God's love. We learned all their names and we learned that Jesus sent them out in teams of two, kind of like a relay race. We played soccer, we ate goldfish, and we made Olympic torches.

On the second day we talked about the body of Christ. We learned how a gymnast uses every part of their body to compete. In the body of Christ all people have unique gifts and without everyone the team is not complete! All God's people are a part of Team Jesus! We played basketball, ate applesauce, and made Olympic rings out of tissue paper.

On the last day we talked about coaches and parents who are also a part of an athlete's team. No athlete accomplishes their goals on their own. We learned that there are many people in the Bible who had important roles in Team Jesus but did not get mentioned very much. We learned about Dorcas and how she cared for the widows. Even if we are not a famous Olympic athlete, we are an important part of Jesus team. We had snow cones, we played volleyball, and we painted American flags.

The whole week was spectacular! We may never walk on a balance beam, swim for the victory, shoot for the winning team, we may never win the Olympic dream but we're on Jesus' team!!!

God's Peace,

***Deacon Shari Trotter***

## ***Joliet Slammers Outing – Sat., Aug. 21***

Time is running short baseball fans. We need to know how many tickets (\$8 each) you want for what promises to be an enjoyable evening of fellowship, food and baseball. Please call the church office or use the church website to reserve your tickets by Tues., Aug. 3. If you want tickets in our section after that, we may be able to round up some more seats, but no guarantees. So, get your request in now. [Sign up here.](#)

## ***Confirmation Orientation – Wed., Sept. 1***

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. parents, you will have your choice of in-person on Sept. 1 at 7:00pm, or you can do a live Zoom during those same times. Please let us know which you plan to do, and especially if you plan to do the Zoom so we can give you the codes you'll need. You can register your youth online here, [Confirmation Registration](#) .

## ***Sunday School Rally Day – Sept. 12***

Sunday School begins Sept. 12. Our theme is *Conductors of Faith!!* We look forward to another great year! We rely on the registration forms to give us updates and to help us know who will be available to help with Sunday School. We have a great team and would love to have you be a part of it!!! Please fill out a registration form (located on the narthex counter in an upright holder), register on-line [Sunday School Registration](#), or call the church office. Even if you have no one in Sunday School, you might be hearing God's call to serve in our amazing program.

## ***Mules, Marigolds, and Mimosas – 4 hours, \$62 per person, moderate walking***

Pair the I & M Canal Boat Tour with a visit to the gorgeous Weber Gardens! Enjoy a relaxing and educational ride on the I & M Canal, then kick back with mimosas as the Boat Captain's Lunch, courtesy of the Lock 16 Café. (There is a Lock 16 Gift Shop). Next, venture to the whimsical world of Ted Weber, his Storybook-style house, and over two acres of stunning English gardens, complete with fountains, statues, and other ornamental features. So, then comes a question: A group from church? Individually? Let us know 815-485-5327 or [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) if you'd be interested in this event as a group and we'd get group tickets. The date we'll pick for that will be Sept. 11, and if we get enough interest, the people there will work around us for a starting time! Tentatively, we'd start there at 10:00am. Let us know by Aug. 15.

## ***Faith & Life Experience***

*We are going to feature stories about people from Peace from time to time. Enjoy this one from Carole Boer!*

I'm a Lutheran because as a child I grew up in my family's Lutheran church in Chicago. After many years and three Lutheran churches, I proudly became a member of Peace Lutheran in 2009.

I am blessed to have two married children. My son has two grown daughters and my daughter has 2 grown daughters. I am grateful to have four lovely granddaughters and 3 great-grandchildren, all whom I truly love and enjoy! My husband Richard passed away suddenly after we celebrated 57 great years of marriage. I like knowing I can join Pastor Dave and my brothers and sisters in my Lutheran church to help support important causes at the local, national and international level. To me church is a place where people of all ages, backgrounds, races and orientations can come together to sing and pray, love one another and work out their differences.

It is so important for me to be involved in my congregation because I like being a part of having my church friends to rely on in good times and bad. I also look to them for support when I'm having a tough time or I help them out with my love and support. I can not achieve anything important on my own, but my God through the Holy Spirit realizes this kingdom. Whenever I recite "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven", they are not merely words, it is action.

I am proudly a member of the Ladies Ensemble singing group and the Trailblazers Senior Group. I've made many Christian friends through these two organizations. I thank God for my blessed life and for being a member of Peace Lutheran Church.

In Christian Love,

*Carole Boer*

## ***Flu Shots & More – Sun., Oct. 10***

Once again, the staff from Jewel-Osco will be coming here to give flu and other vaccines (like pneumonia.) The date will be Sun., Oct. 10 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They'll work with you on insurance and Medicare issues. If you do not have insurance that covers the shot, the likely cost will be \$30 per person. Bring any insurance information with you. No appointments are necessary.

## ***Check Out These Local Events***

We want to encourage people to safely get out and enjoy some local entertainment options. The Village of New Lenox hosts some things at the Village Commons: <https://www.newlenox.net/pview.aspx?id=54045&catid=529>. The Fellowship Committee also invites you to consider some other locales for your consideration. For example, Concerts on the Green in Frankfort, which our church has helped sponsor for 25 years: <https://www.frankfortchamber.com/concerts-on-the-green/>, or <https://paramountaurora.com/riveredge/>, or <https://iandmcanal.org/>. And don't forget about Cantigny or the Michaelangelo's Sistine Chapel display at Oakbrook - both described below!

### ***Cantigny Park Options***

Either on your own or as a church outing, are you interested in going to Cantigny (less than an hour from New Lenox?) The park is open from 7:00am to sunset daily. Some reasons to consider a trip: \$10 per car fee gets you all in for the whole time you're there, no other costs.

Concerts: most Sundays through September, outdoor seating on lawn chairs or blankets. Food can be brought in or bought. Would you consider a soulful R & B event on Aug. 8 at 3:00pm (MAC 180) or how about "A Tribute to Old Blue Eyes" on Sept. 5 at 3:00pm? Let us know if you'd consider either one!

Gardens: beautiful!

First Division Museum: Revolutionary War through Desert Storm...walk through a WWI trench with sounds of exploding shells or sit in a landing craft and a whole lot more!

### ***Sistine Chapel Exhibit***

Our Fellowship Committee has an idea that we are really excited about. It involves a visit to see "Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel – The Exhibition" which is housed inside the former Sears store at 2120 Oakbrook Center. The duration of the visit takes from 60-90 minutes with time slots every ½ hour. Each painting is accompanied by informative signage and audio guides are available to rent for an even more in-depth experience. Ticket prices start at \$20.00 per person and are disappearing fast. Go to <https://sistinechapelexhibit.com/chicago/>. An option would be for you to get a group and go together. Making this event more fun would be dinner at Maggiano's after the tour!

## ***Curtain Call Theatre – “Lend Me a Tenor”***

Couldn't we all use a good laugh? (Reviews about the play itself: “A sensation on Broadway, this madcap, screwball comedy is guaranteed to leave audiences teary-eyed with laughter.”) This sounds like great fun! Arrange a group of your own or buy your own tickets on line. The cost is \$20. Performances: are at 7:00pm on Thurs., Fri., Sat. 8/19, 20, 21 & 8/26, 27 & 28 and Sun. 8/22 & 8/29 at 2:00pm.

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

While we wait for more opportunities to share our *Questions Kids Ask About God* book with others, we recognize the questions don't stop. Here are two more.

1) How can God not sleep? *We live where time clicks from one minute to the next. We know that when we stay awake too long, we get crabby and tired. But God doesn't live in time. God lives in a way so that it always “now.” We can't imagine what that is like because we always have a sense of past, present and future.*

2) Does God get mad? *The Bible helps us see that God is able to make judgments all the time on what is going on in God's universe. Some of those behaviors make God really happy, such as when we love other people and want to spend time with God. When people are hurt, God is very sad and wants to be with us. When people do things that show they don't want to let God be first in their lives or when they hurt/hate other people or God's creation, then God does get mad. God isn't mad just because God is having a bad day. God's anger is always toward behaviors that show people following their own path instead of God's.*

## ***Because of You***

Reducing vulnerability and accompanying neighbors on the path to economic stability and food security are central to the work of the Lutheran Church in Guinea. Malavele Guilavogui, a farmer in Guinea, participates in this ministry. Supported in part by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, Malavele's gardening group received wheelbarrows, sprayers, watering cans, shovels, fertilizer and other tools and supplies. With the support they need to increase crop production, farmers such as Malavele will know greater food security and increased income from selling their produce. By addressing the root causes of hunger, the Lutheran Church in Guinea helps neighbors access food for today and secure livelihoods that will ensure food for tomorrow – whatever tomorrow may bring.

## ***Diaper Collection Through Aug. 31***

One of the needs of people who are challenged economically has to do with diapers. We are starting a collection of diapers of all sizes, including adult sizes. You can put them outside the front door or put them in the wire-rack bin we have in the entrance area.

## ***School Supplies Collection for Santa Cruz***

The stores are getting school supplies out earlier and earlier! So, we'll be happy to accept your donations through August that we'll give to Santa Cruz, our mission partner in Joliet. Outside the front door or in the famous bin in the entrance area will be great places to leave them.

## ***Vial of Life Available***

Through the courtesy of the Faith Community Nursing Program, a not-for-profit organization of nurses that promotes public health and support for people in their lives, we have a supply of “The Vial of Life.” These are to be stored in your refrigerator in your home and/or glove box in your car for emergency personnel (or family) in case you need emergency care and can't speak for yourself. They contain information helpful to care givers and remain private unless needed. The group suggests having one in both car and home since those are the two places, they'd most likely be needed. They are free. We will put some in the black container outside the front door (the one containing the daily devotionals), as well as in the entrance area. Please help yourself.

## ***Helping Santa Cruz's Food Pantry***

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food and resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. You can bring donations anytime. The pantry needs the following specific items: **especially cereals, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, paper towels, household cleaning products, personal care items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, easy-open snack-type items (protein bars, cookies, chips, nuts),** coffee (ground), creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

## ***Altar Flowers***

Please email church at [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) and let us know for which date from now to the end of 2021 you would like to provide them. The cost per arrangement is \$20.

## ***College Information Packets***

We have available an excellent packet of materials for all who are in the college search stage of life. Let the church office know via email or call, and we'll get it to you electronically.

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

Time outs are not just for children and it doesn't have to be a bad thing. Probably by the age of two they start to understand why they need to sit and calm down and then it usually fades out by the time school starts - and so, it is short lived. As caregivers, time outs take on a whole new meaning. The stressors in our life can become somewhat overwhelming at times and we learn how to walk away, self -control, to refocus, call a friend and/or seek help. Today - put yourself in a time out. Make it a positive one. Yes, sit and be calm. And don't come out until YOU'RE ready. *(For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex)*

## **Youth Events**

### ***Peace 360 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade and beyond!***

We are expanding our youth group! From now on our 7/8th graders and our high school graduates are invited to join our high school youth group! Peace 360 will be open to youth going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade through our graduated youth, as well!

**Aug. 1** – No meeting

**Aug. 8** – Movie at Emagine Theaters. Cost is \$10 for a ticket, drink, and popcorn. We will be viewing Jungle Cruise! Meet at Emagine at 2:45pm [Emagine Movie Sign Up](#)

Please sign up, we only have 18 spots!

**Aug. 15** – 4pm Dinner and Discussions

**Aug. 22** – 4pm Dinner and Discussions

**Aug. 29** – 4pm In house service project

### ***National Youth Gathering – Sept. 15***

Meetings will be held at 3pm. We switched the August meeting to August 15. Next meeting will be Sept. 19.

### ***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. Just talk to Deacon Shari or Pastor Dave – and no one else will know.

### ***Away From Home Addresses/Emails***

It's that time of year when we ask for the addresses and email addresses for young people who are away from home. We like to email them the newsletter and let them know we're thinking about them. Please use the sign-up or call/email the church office.