

# 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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## *The Road Keeps Going*

When I was in seminary, I took two round-trips from Chicago to California via Greyhound. I rode the bus for two and a half days without a break. (They were when I was much younger and could endure all that sitting...and were also great adventures.) Some of the passengers had a story all their own and some of us could easily blend in but were in fact unique in our own stories, too. As you can imagine, every few hours when we would stop, a new driver would take over. Driver "A" got us part way, but the bus and the road kept going.

I have had the wonderful privilege of driving the vehicle of God's grace known as Peace Lutheran Church for 35 years. From its beginning to this very day, I have been blessed with a main partner, my wife Carol, our family, and more fellow passengers beyond my ability to name. They/you are unique, special, fun and have had life stories and faith stories all your own. We have shared some important moments in our lives. Some of you have been leader-types and some have blended in, but all were equally important. I wouldn't trade places with anyone!

Now it is time for some different drivers because, while I am taking this exit ramp, the road keeps going. That's important because this church is God's vehicle (not mine) and because there are so many ministries ahead that need Peace's best efforts and people. God has called you to be here and remain faithful in serving.

With confidence we once again entrust ourselves to God. We don't know who the next driver will be, but we can still see all the fellow passengers. We can begin to imagine and dream and envision a future that will be different in some respects and will be wonderfully the same in so many other ways that count. It counts that you still will give God your all. It counts that you will be in worship - because that's where it starts. You still can give financially from the heart because it feels good to give. You can serve people in need and find new ways and old to do that. It matters that you still will support the staff and encourage them as they take on day to day responsibilities they have never done before. As you volunteer and pray and study and learn, God is honored.

Thank you again for the wonderful privilege I have had. May God bless you in your partnership with God and each other. The road keeps going!

*Pastor Dave Hedlin*

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

## *Prayers Requested*

Kay Brennan, Cie, Jan Bentley, Ukrainian military, teachers, Annie Eckroth, Wayne Hansen, Bonnie Fikeys, Pam Prible, Paul Bentley, Sue Panico, Rick Davis

## *Sympathy*

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Vern Sanborn, husband of Diane Sanborn and father of Sandi Wesel

the family of Ed Fikeys, husband of Bonnie Fikeys

## *Congratulations*

John Parker for graduating from the Diakonia Program

## *Welcome to the Lord's Family*

Rylie Claire Cassidy was baptized on July 10

Isabella Marie Scanlan was baptized on July 23

## *Baptism Orientation – Sat., Aug. 13*

Saturday, Aug. 13, 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.

## **FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE**

**Saturday worship at 5:00pm is indoors** (only the first Saturday of the month is outdoors.) Sunday remains indoors at 8:30 & 11:00. **5:00 and 8:30 services are live-streamed.**

**\* Masks are now optional but are once again encouraged for all who are at all concerned.**

\* Whether you drive-in, are on the blacktop or worship at home, we have modified communion options. 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. **At all indoor worship services, a come-forward option is now available. For the outdoor option, we will have available a basket of the combination bread & grape juice containers.**

\* In order to keep people's safety in mind, 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.

## **ONLINE OPTIONS CONTINUE**

\* Our normal schedule is back of live-streaming the 5:00pm and 8:30am worship services. Assuming everything works, all will be available through our Facebook site anytime.

## **INDOOR WORSHIP - (Saturdays at 5:00pm except the first Saturday of the month) and Sundays at 8:30 & 11:00am**

Here are the notes if you are planning to come:

- \* **Per IDPH guidelines, masks are optional.**
- \* Congregational singing of hymns is allowed. We'll be using the hymnals, or you can use the online version in this bulletin.
- \* We are asking for some more volunteers for worship, including acolytes and lay liturgists.
- \* We will be sending an email each week also asking for volunteers to assist at worship. If you would like to volunteer for a specific week, please let us know.
- \* The service length will be increasing as we add elements of the liturgy and other items back in.
- \* 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!**

**To sign up for anything, to ask a question, or to share a thought, we suggest using the church's email: [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org).**

## ***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:** Wayne Diericks, Chuck Vick – lawn mowing  
John Ambrose, Helen Ambrose, Olivia Koenig, Syndy Lindbloom – MorningStar Mission serving Janet Park, Cheryl Gamen, Jodie Brugler, Karen Dircks, Audrey Kingery, Erin Hadley, Lila Hadley, Jennifer Paape, Zander Paape, Sydnee Paape, Abbey Lindeman, Madeline Rumbaugh, Quinn Rumbaugh, Julie Ruth, Abi George, Tricia Barker, Claire DeMik, Valerie Johnson, Ava Schwoebel, Tonya Stellwagen, Angie Klock, Abby Jarchow, Claudia Green & Jess Lindeman, Deacon Shari & Pastor Dave – Vacation Bible School planning/organizers/volunteers who made our Vacation Bible School such a great success!

**From:** ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response – for the donation  
Habitat for Humanity – for the donation  
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago – for the donation  
Bonnie Rudzki – for the prayer shawl for her husband

## ***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!

## ***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 counter 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.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.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 that started in June are now available. Please look for yours on the table in the narthex.

## **Quick Reminders**

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Aug. 28.**

\* **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.

\***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, 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)

\***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).

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

## **Addresses for Service Personnel**

Midshipman Trevor Horn PO Box # 12989 Annapolis, MD 21412	Sargent Devin Pafford 1208 Battery Creek Dr. Beaufort SC 29902
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MA2 Baker, Connor 5600 Shorewood Lane Norfolk, VA 23502	2 Lieutenant Jakob Swenson 16113 Ryan Place, Apt. C Fort Polk, LA 71459
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## **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, Shane Bonarek.

## **2022 Flower Chart**

2022 dates are available to donate flowers for the altar. Any week we have people who wish to donate them we will order them. You may call or email the church ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327.) The cost per arrangement is \$20.

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

Santa Cruz has a food & resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. We have a list now of specific items they can use in their pantry. You can bring these anytime and put them in the baskets on the floor heading into Fellowship Hall.

cereal (all kinds)	canned fruit
coffee (ground) all kinds	creamers (powdered)
ice cream cones (summer only)	juices
hand soap (bar & liquid)	toothpaste
dish soap	disposable diapers

## ***Looking Ahead***

***Aug. 7 – What’s the Scoop (share your ideas) 12 noon***  
***Aug. 8 – Slammers tickets sign up deadline***  
***Aug. 9 – Special Church Council Meeting 7:30pm***  
***Aug. 13 – Blood Drive 9am - 1pm***  
***Baptism Orientation 3:30pm***  
***Aug. 14 – Sunday School Teacher Meeting 6:00pm***  
***Aug. 14 – Peace Page Turners 9:45am***  
***Aug. 17 – Slammers Game 6:35pm***  
***Aug. 20 – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> gr. Are You Smarter Than  
Deacon Shari Event 6pm***  
***Aug. 21 - Questions about the process for the transition  
toward a new pastor - Town-Hall format 9:45am***  
***Farwell events sign up deadline***  
***Aug. 27 - Farewell event for Pastor Dave & Carol -  
after 5:00pm worship***  
***Aug. 28 - Farewell event for Pastor Dave & Carol –  
between services (approx. 9:45am)***  
***Aug. 29 – Beatles tickets sign up deadline***  
***Aug. 30 –Church Council Meeting 7:30pm***  
***Sept. 11 – Sunday School Rally Day 9:45am***  
***7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and Beyond – Messtival! 12:30pm***  
***Sept. 14 – Confirmation Orientation 7:00pm***  
***Oct. 5 – Beatles Show at the Rialto 7:30pm***  
***Dinner at Juliet’s before the show 6:00pm***  
***Oct. 7-9 – Cross Generational Women’s Retreat  
in Sawyer, Michigan***

## ***Pastor Dave’s Retirement Updates***

An email was sent out June 1 announcing Pastor Dave’s retirement effective Aug. 31. Pastor Gary Erickson from the synod staff met July 19 with the Council (and committees) to give us an overview of what happens next. An email was sent out on July 23 with the main points of that meeting and information. (If you didn’t get it, let us know.) We know questions are the order of the day! Please share those with the office or Pastor Dave so that we can record them and respond to everyone. If you have a question, so do others. A Town-Hall style session will be held Sun., Aug. 21 at 9:45 as another opportunity to address questions. There will be a farewell reception for Pastor Dave and Carol on Sat., Aug. 27 & Sun., Aug. 28. See announcement for details and online sign-up. We entrust ourselves and our church to God’s care and keeping – there is no better place to be!

## ***Reflections from Carol Hedlin***

I requested newsletter space because I wanted a chance to express my gratitude to all of you. As most of you know, I’m pretty emotional and would never get these words out the way I’d like in person . . . I have been wonderfully blessed by our time at Peace. From the very beginning, you embraced not only Dave, but also me and our children. It’s been a unique opportunity and such a joy to share in so many lives and experiences. There’s been laughter and fun, many truly touching moments, and also shared heartache - thank you for many special and meaningful moments, both big and small. Over the years, we have also been the appreciative recipients of truly countless cookies, ice-cream, breads, crafts, cards, hugs, and genuine expressions of concern, support, and celebration. Alongside all of you, Peace has been our spiritual home, our extended family, and the hub of our social life. Dave’s retirement will be a big life change and for sure, a mixed bag of new opportunities and losses. It’s impossible to adequately put into words, but I am forever grateful for the people of Peace and the impact you’ve had on my life.

*~ Carol Hedlin*

## ***Farewell Reception for Pastor Dave & Carol – Sat., Aug. 27 & Sun., 28***

On Pastor Dave & Carol’s last weekend with us, we want to say good-bye in a way that honors them and the wonderful relationship we have shared. There will be two options: Saturday, Aug. 27, after the 5:00pm worship and Sunday, Aug. 28, between services (approximately 9:30am). They will be the same so you can attend either one. We ask you to let us know via the [online sign-up](#), the sign-up in the bulletin or by calling the church office. The event will include ice cream of some kind ☺, light snacks and more. There will be a few words spoken and a presentation on behalf of the whole congregation. Pastor Dave and Carol have asked that instead of giving them gifts, that for those who wish to please write down some thoughts. Those memories and connections will mean more than any monetary or other gift could. (And so that you know, any money given to them would be given to the ELCA’s Hunger Appeal and not kept by them.)

## ***Volunteers in Place for after Pastor Dave Retires***

We don't know all the in's and out's that will be coming and the timeline yet for when an interim pastor will be here after Pastor Dave retires at the end of August. But we can't wait for that. We need to be ready to take more responsibilities on our own shoulders.

Here are some ministry tasks to which we'd like to have you say "yes". Please let us know via email or call the office or use the [online sign up](#).

\*Bring communion or make a phone call once a month to a shut in.

\*Take a turn being an offering counter after the 11:00 worship service.

\*Take a turn getting the coffee pot going and supplies in place before the 8:30 worship, or to clean up after the 11:00 worship

## **Groups**

### ***Quilting – Mon., Aug. 1, 15 & 29***

Ruth Circle Quilting will meet every other Monday from 9:00am.- 12:00pm. Come whenever you would like. Questions, contact the office.

### ***Trailblazers – Tues., Aug. 16***

We invite anyone who'd like to get together with some others who are anything but "over the hill" to come together on Tues, Aug. 16, at 11:30am at church. Bring \$5; the food will be provided. We will be having lasagna. Call the church office for more information.

### ***Strong Seniors Exercise – Mon. & Wed.***

Join us for a low impact, do what you can exercise program for seniors. We meet twice a week: Mondays 12 noon -1:00pm and Wednesdays 11:15am-12:15pm. Questions, contact the church office.

### ***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.)

## ***Prayer Shawls – Summer Break***

Thank you to everyone who has helped make Prayer Shawls. We will take a break over the summer and resume meeting in the fall.

## ***Peace Page Turners – Sun., Aug. 14***

Our next meeting will be Sun., Aug. 14 at 9:45am, we will discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. Set in the early summer of 1954, The Lincoln Highway follows a crew of kids — some fresh out of reform school — who hit the road in search of a better future, with a few detours along the way. A copy of the book is available at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. You may come in person or attend via Zoom. (Be sure to let us know if you're attending online so we can give you the Zoom codes you'll need.)

## ***Golf Group***

We play for fellowship, fresh air and maybe hit a good shot occasionally. We have been playing on Wednesdays at 10am. Each week Mike Bohl will send out an email to interested golfers with when and where to meet. You do not have to play every week. Questions or to sign up, contact the church office at ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327.)

## ***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.

## **Faith Development/Education**

### ***Wednesday Bible Study - New Testament***

We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. Why not join us online or in person to learn more about this amazing resource? 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!

## ***Sunday Adult Education Classes***

Summer Adult Education classes meets at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come in person or let us know for the Zoom codes!

**Aug. 7** - The Gift of Imperfection

**Aug. 14** – Book Discussion

**Aug. 21** – Town hall format – questions and answers about the call process and what happens next

**Aug. 28** – Pastor Dave’s Retirement Celebration  
(no class)

## ***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 1 Thessalonians 5:11-24.

## **General Announcements**

### ***What’s the Scoop – Sun., Aug. 7***

We hope you’ll come either in person or online through Zoom! Our next meeting is Sun., Aug. 7, at noon. Let us know if you plan to attend and how so we can send you information ahead of time ( [Online sign up](https://www.peacechurch.org/online-sign-up), [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org), or 815-485-5327.)

### ***Blood Drive – Sat., Aug. 13***

Thank you to everyone who donated in June. We collected 19 products, including 5 double reds! Fifty-seven lives were impacted because of that generosity. Our next blood drive will be Sat., Aug. 13 from 9am-1pm. Please use the Versiti website to make an appointment.

### ***Confirmation Orientation – Wed., Sept. 14***

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. parents, you will have your choice of in-person on Sept. 14 at 7:00pm, or on line on Zoom. Please email/call ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)/ 815-485-5327) and let us know if you plan to do Zoom, so we can give you the codes you’ll need. You can register your youth online here, [Confirmation Registration](#) .

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

Dear Members and Friends of Peace,

This past week we had our monthly Trailblazers luncheon. Trailblazers is our gathering of those who are young at heart. It is one of the highlights of my month to share a meal and hear stories with this amazing group of people. This month we tried something a little bit different, and we invited our Peace 360, high school group, to join us.

Three young men and three ladies who are young at heart had lunch together and the fun that ensued was one for the books. We made our own sandwiches and had all the typical picnic side dishes. While we ate, we talked about our favorite sport and sports teams and about how delicious the food was. After lunch I paired the group up and gave them a list of interview questions.

It was inspiring to listen to the conversations. There was so much laughter and genuine fellowship. They talked about their childhood and things they loved to do. At the end of lunch everyone was asking if we could do this again.

The joy of sharing faith and fellowship with one another is something that we all have desperately missed. To be able to have our youth learn from those who have lived lives of faith is a gift that I am so thankful to be able to give them. The joy of spending time with young people and being filled with hope for the future is a gift to the Trailblazers. This event was something we will do again and look forward to in the future.

God’s Peace,

*Deacon Shari*

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

These two questions come from our QKA book. If you haven’t checked out that book, we have copies at church!

Did Jesus have long hair and a beard?

*We don’t have any pictures or drawings of Jesus when he was on earth. We know most men at that time had beards and wore their hair different lengths.*

How can God listen to all those prayers at once?

*We don’t understand how God does it, but God does.*

*God can do anything. God put billions of stars in the sky. Each grain of sand and each snowflake God makes is different. God can also listen to all our prayers at once. God is awesome!*

Parents/grandparents/kids, keep those questions coming!

## ***Cubs Game – Wed., Aug. 10***

After multiple communications with the Cubs, we now have a date and time for a Cubs game at a reasonable price (\$28.) We have 5 tickets left for a Wednesday afternoon game, Aug. 10, against the Washington Nationals. The game starts at 1:20pm. If you need a ride, there is a van leaving church at 11:00am. Cost is \$10 each (max \$20 per household.) Please contact the church ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327) to let us know if you are interested or [Sign Up](#) online.

## ***“Pastor Dave Hedlin to Pitch for the Slammers in August” reports the Tribune***

Well.....it’s mostly true! Pastor Dave will be tossing out the first pitch (most likely a 90+ fastball) at the Joliet Slammers game on Wed., Aug.17 in downtown Joliet. Game time is 6:35pm, but the immortal pitch will be at 6:15pm. We’d hope everyone can be there for this. It will give everyone a chance during the evening to thank our pastor for his tremendous leadership and support to us and our church, and to congratulate him on his memorable pitch. Tickets are \$9 in reserved seats (2 yrs. & under are free). There is plenty of parking nearby. The Slammers have guaranteed good weather and you can’t beat a ballpark hotdog! In order to obtain all the seats we will need, we ask that you use the sign-up slip, online [sign up](#) or call the office **by Aug. 8.**

## ***John, Paul, George and Ringo Together Again – Wed., Oct. 5***

For obvious reason, this is not a Beatles reunion concert. But if you’re like millions of others who love their music and never had a chance to see them in person, the Rialto in Joliet has the next best thing! On Wed., Oct. 5 at 7:30pm, one of the premier Beatles tribute bands will there. We will be getting tickets and need a head count ASAP. Cost of the tickets will be either \$52 or \$42, depending on what’s available. We’re also offering a pre-show get together at 6:00pm at Juliet’s, just down the street from the theater. Have a snack, drink or dinner and then walk off the calories as you head to the theater. There will also be a Beatles trivia contest with fab prizes. This gathering is totally optional, but we’ll still need a head count for reservations. Use the sign-up slip, online [sign up](#) or call the church office **by Aug. 29.**

## ***Youth Fellowship & Faith Story***

Hi my name is Luke Honeycutt and I am 11 years old. I have always believed in God and I find it funny and cool that when I pray for something it always happens. I like coming to church because it is fun. I like the activities and the fun songs. My favorite part of the Bible is the Gospel of Luke because we have the same name. I tell others to believe in God because when you pray God listens.

~ Luke Honeycutt

## ***Because of You***

Because of you, ELCA World Hunger is at work in 67 countries around the world. These three projects are examples of work being done in programs supported by funds from ELCA World Hunger. In the United States, gardens and farms can help provide food-insecure families with healthy foods while building community among neighbors. In Tanzania, agricultural innovations, emergency preparedness training and irrigation improvements help communities become more resilient. In Nepal, an animal husbandry project helps dairy herders increase their cows’ milk production so they have more milk to give their families or to sell.

## ***August Collection – Canned Fruit & Vegetables for NL Food Pantry***

In August we will be collecting canned fruit & vegetables of any kind for the New Lenox Food Pantry. If you would like to donate, please bring your items to church and put them in the bin in the narthex or leave them in the gray bin outside the front doors and we will take care of them. Thank you!

## ***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.

## ***Invitation from Pat Haugen to Help Celebrate Margaret's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday***

You are invited to a Surprise Open House to celebrate Margaret Haugen's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, Aug. 14 from 1:00-4:00pm in Peace's Fellowship Hall, hosted by Margie's family. Attendees will be asked to write a note of when they first met Margie and also share a fun memory. Please no gifts. If you would like to give something in celebration of Margie, please make donations to Peace Lutheran Church.

## ***Cereal Thank You***

Because of your generosity, we collected 29 boxes of cereal for the New Lenox Food Pantry! Thank you!!

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



.....are angels carrying heavy wings.....yet their strength and faith keeps them soaring. Stay strong caregiver. Stay strong.

## ***Did You Know We Have a Help Others Fund?***

Alongside our regular giving that helps all kinds of people in need, we also have a special "help others" fund within our general fund. It is targeted to help people who need food or gas. Thanks to another special donation we received, we are going to be able to expand our generosity to help people with emergency housing needs. We will continue to be diligent in making sure the money given away actually goes to people in need.

## ***Sharefest Volunteer Opportunities***

Sharefest is a community organization we have supported for many years. They have all kinds of projects throughout Will County that they conduct for the betterment of people who just need a helping hand or have a need for food, not to mention their recycling efforts. Sharefest has now opened a food warehouse at 22014 Howell Dr., Unit #1, New Lenox. With the launching of the ShareFest Store's online ordering platform for free food, they have many opportunities for volunteers to help feed the hungry on a daily basis. Please check out what they are doing and sign up if you are interested.

## ***VBS School Supplies Collection Thank You***

Thank you so much to all of our VBS students and staff who donated school supplies to donated to the MorningStar Mission Jump on the Bus program. Because of all of you we will be donating 253 packs of school supplies to children in need. Thank you!!

## ***Ukraine & Eastern Europe***

Lutheran Disaster Response, a ministry we support through our offerings, is accompanying our companion churches in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. If you wish to make a special donation, use this link:

<https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response?erid=315faca8-b6ed-47e6-bde4-bfe361787659&trid=315faca8-b6ed-47e6-bde4-bfe361787659>

## ***Youth Events***

### ***Youth Going into 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> gr. Event – Are You Smarter Than Deacon Shari? – Sat., Aug. 20***

Youth going into 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join Deacon Shari for hot dog & chicken nugget dinner and a trivia game night! We will see if you are smarter than Deacon Shari! Meet in fellowship hall at 6pm and pick up will be at 8pm. Sign up in the bulletin or use our [Online sign up](#).

### ***Sunday School Rally Day – Sun., Sept. 11***

Sunday School will start on Sun., Sept. 11 at 9:45am. Please register your youth [online](#) or use the sign up slip in the narthex.

### ***7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr. and Beyond – Messtival! Sun., Sept. 11***

Youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to join us for the messiest of messy events...MESSTIVAL! On Rally Day, Sept. 11 at 12:30 we will meet for a pizza lunch and then we will get super messy! Please let us know if you can attend! We suggest that you wear play clothes or something you do not mind getting dirty. Bring a towel and a pair of goggles if you have them. [Online sign up](#) or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin. Pick up will be 3pm.