

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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Listening to a Different Voice

“I hate myself.” The words came out with tears flowing, eyes downward. What kind of pain must “John” have to say such a thing? What in his past had now come to a head to feel so broken and empty? Maybe some of you could be John??? Maybe you never get to that level of hating yourself, but you feel plenty of regret and shame or guilt. You don’t wonder why; you know exactly. Like a blow to the chest, you can’t ignore it when it strikes. No wonder we hide from those feelings as much as possible.

While we move about today, people around us (and maybe you) carry all kinds of inner burdens. Most of them don’t show. Most of them don’t reach “I hate myself” with tears and complete brokenness, but the hurt lingers in the shadows.

God knows all about those shadows. To the woman caught in adultery, to the tax collector who had ripped off his own people, to the woman at the well (loser!) who had been through five husbands and was working on #6, to the person (Paul) who persecuted the early Christians – God knows the shadows, the guilt, the shame, the regret. Yes, God knows about those, and that is why God also speaks a gracious word to all who are living in the shadows: “I forgive!” “Go, your faith has healed you.” “I don’t condemn you; go and sin no more.” “Today salvation has come to this house.”

You may not have any heavy-duty regrets. I encourage you, then, to be the one who brings Jesus’ words to life for all those who do. If you live with downcast eyes, please hear Jesus speaking to you. It sure made a difference for “John.”

Pastor Dave Hedlin

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

Prayers Requested

The O’Connell family, Helen, the family of Carol Bafundo, Edith Saurer, Gail Hanks, Audrey, Nancy Bohl, Nicole Stoller, Hildegard Hansen, Helen Bohr, Sharon Wesel, Meghan & Kyle, Kristie Paprocki, Mary, Cathy Rumbaugh, the family of Keith Kumlin, Kevin & Jonathan Vick

Sympathy

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Eleanor O’Connell, mother of Tom O’Connell

the family of Richard Anderson, stepfather of Melissa Rumbaugh

the family of Paul Swenson, father of Paula Ennis

the family of Lisa Parker, wife of Steve Parker and mother of Emily & Jay Parker.

Congratulations

Claire Edgoose, great-grandmother, on the birth of Maddox Todd Whitlock

Stephanie & Mark Ott (Juliana & Isabella) on the birth of Emilia Anne Ott on Dec. 29

Baptism Orientation – Sat., Feb. 12

Feb. 12, 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.

Worship Schedule

We have partially returned to somewhat previous worship plans (pre-pandemic). The plan is for Saturday night's worship at 5:00 to remain outdoors for as long as we can. Sunday's schedule is back to 8:30 and 11:00am - both indoors with masks. Live-streaming of worship will continue on Saturday nights and at the 8:30am service on Sundays.

We will continue to have communion be taken all at once in your seats (bring your own or use our wafers.) We still won't have nursery care or as much liturgy. There won't be printed bulletins or using hymnals (song sheets are available inside and the words to the hymns are available electronically in that bulletin format.) We will have two hymns instead of one. Volunteers will be requested on a week by week basis instead of assigned ahead of time for an usher, lesson reader, greeter. No refreshments after worship.

Details for How We Worship

FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

***The IDPH guidelines mandate masks indoors.**

* Children's sermons have resumed.

*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

*** Our worship location will be from under the canopy at the front entrance.**

* 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.

Worshipping 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 AT 8:30am AND 11:00am

Here are the notes if you are planning to come:

* **Masks are required indoors, per IDPH guidelines.**

* Congregational singing of a hymn is allowed. 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, lay liturgists, etc.

* We will be sending an email each week asking for lesson readers. If you would like to volunteer for a specific week, please let us know.

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

* Communion will have options: continue to be "bring your own bread or cracker," or take one of the wafers (gluten free or regular) or take one of the 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. Also, Augsburg has made *Christ in Our Home* available free online: <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286137/Christ-in-Our-Home>.

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: New Lenox Girl Scouts – for donating peanut butter & jelly for our food drive for New Lenox food pantry

From:

Operation Care Package Manhattan – thank you for all the support & donations

ELCA World Hunger – for the donation

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Feb. 27.**

* **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.

* **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 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. 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 or www.namiwillgrundy.org

Addresses for Service Personnel

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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, Allison DeVitto, Shane Bonarek.

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.

2021 Giving Statements

The 2021 giving statements have been mailed. If you have not received yours, please contact the church office at 815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org. These statements serve as the IRS document for those who itemize their taxes.

Looking Ahead

Jan. 29 – Blood Drive 9am - 1pm
Feb. 2 – 7th Gr. Confirmation & Bible Buddies 7pm
Feb. 5 – NLFD CPR at Station 1 8:30am
Feb. 5/6 – BSA Weekend
Feb. 6 – What’s the Scoop 12noon
All Church Sledding 1:30pm
Feb. 9 – 8th Gr. Confirmation & Bible Buddies 7pm
Feb. 12 – Baptism Orientation 3:30pm
Feb. 12/13 – Souper/Super Bowl
Feb. 13 – NYG Meeting 3pm
Feb. 16 – 7th Gr. Confirmation 7pm
Feb. 19 – 5th Gr. & Beyond Painting Party 6pm
Feb. 20 – Annual Meeting 9:55am
Feb. 23 – 8th Gr. Confirmation 7pm
Feb. 27 – 7th Gr. & Beyond Snow Frisbee 1:30pm
Mar. 2 – Ash Wednesday
Mar. 6 – 5th Gr. & Beyond Movie Day Time TBD
Mar. 12/13 – Girl Scout Weekend
Mar. 19 – All Church Bonfire 6pm
Mar. 27 – Scholarship Application Deadline
Apr. 3 – Scholarship Interviews via Zoom
Apr. 9 – Special Prayers for Healing 5pm
Apr. 10 – Palm Sunday
Apr. 17 – Easter Sunday

Groups

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., Feb. 14 & 28

Quilting will meet on Monday, Feb. 14 & 28 at 9:00 a.m. No experience necessary, you just have to know how to have fun to join. Questions, contact the church office.

Trailblazers – Tues., Feb. 15

We invite anyone who’d like to get together with some others who are anything but “over the hill” to come together on Feb. 15 at noon at church. Bring \$5; the food will be provided (meatloaf & mac & cheese.) Email or 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.

Prayer Shawls – Wed., Feb. 9 & 23

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 Wednesday 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., Feb. 27

Our next book, a novel written by Kristin Hannah, is *Winter Garden*. A copy of the book is available at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. The date will be Sun., Feb. 27, and the time will be 9:55am (to match all the other Education Hour times.) 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.)

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.)

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.

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 or 815-485-5327.) The cost per arrangement is \$20.

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

Adult Education class meets at 9:55 a.m. after the Sunday School opening in the front of the sanctuary. Come in person or let us know for the Zoom codes!

Jan. 30 - Your Follow up Questions to the Discussion "If There's a Good God, Why (the Holocaust, floods, COVID, etc.)"

Feb. 6 - Garbage Truck Personalities Stink! (and how God offers a different path)

Feb. 13 - Valentine's Improved: Love Your Enemies

Feb. 20 - Annual Meeting (in person to vote)

Feb. 27 - Book Discussion

Mar. 6 - What's the Deal with Ashes and Lent in general?

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. February's passage is Romans 12:9-21.

Lenten Opportunities

Some people in their observance of Lent give something up. It is an option that can work if approached in the right way. We suggest, as an alternative, that you take something on for Lent! How about if you take on Bible reading or meditation or some personal discipline or attending the Sunday morning adult class via Zoom or use one of the Lenten devotional books or do an act of caring for someone anonymously or use one of the God's Global Barnyard coin boxes and help people around the world?

Lenten Devotionals

This year we will have Lenten devotionals for adults, families and children and also God's Global Barnyard coin boxes available in the gray bin outside of the front door beginning Feb. 16.

General Announcements

February Soup Collection

Our Service Committee has an idea to have an emphasis of the month for helping others. Your generosity is amazing, and we continue to want to connect that to people in need. In February we will collect cans of soup to be given to the New Lenox Township Food Pantry.

Blood Drive – Sat., Jan. 29

Our next Versiti blood drive will be Sat., Jan. 29 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. New donors, please enter the code word new when you register to receive a \$25 gift card. Visit the Versiti website schedule an appointment.

CPR Class – Sat., Feb. 5

The New Lenox Fire Department is going to be conducting a CPR class for us at Station 1 on Rt. 30. The class will be 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon on Sat., Feb. 5, for ages Jr. High to adult. The cost for the session will be \$35 each (check to Peace Church or cash please), which is a real bargain since the usual price is \$50! There is a limit of 10 people. Please call the church office or email us at peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org if you would like to sign up.

BSA Weekend – Feb. 5/6

The annual BSA weekend is coming up on Feb. 5/6. Boy Scouts of all ages, wear your uniforms to church. Then on March 12/13 all Girl Scouts remember to wear your uniforms to church in celebration of Girl Scout weekend.

What's the Scoop – Sun., Feb. 6

We hope you'll come either in person or online through Zoom! Our next meeting is Sun., Feb. 6, at noon. Let us know if you plan to attend and how so we can send you information ahead of time ([Online sign up](#), peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org, or 815-485-5327.)

From Deacon Shari Trotter

Dear Members and friends of Peace,

I did some googling in hopes of writing an awesome newsletter and came across the fact that the third week of February is Random Acts of Kindness week. This makes sense in the month that is known for hearts and love. Acts of kindness are essential to our faith.

As Christians we are called to live each moment with kindness in mind. We live each day following the teachings of Jesus. Jesus cared for the unlovable. He spent time with those who society cast aside. During the month of February, we can be intent on sharing God's love with the world and with those in need.

So, let's make a pact that all days we will live with kindness in our hearts. Let's plan though that the third week of February we will do something special to lift the ways in which Jesus lived out kindness. Let's do random acts of kindness in very intentional ways.

God's Peace,

Deacon Shari Trotter

Souper Bowl of Caring – Feb. 12/13

It's PLAYOFF time! Join the team that tackles hunger! On Feb. 13, people will be watching the Big Game, while an estimated 40 million Americans are food insecure, struggling to put food on the table. Imagine the impact we can make if everyone who watched the game gave one dollar or a can of food to help our neighbors in need. Show the world what it means to be a CHAMPION off the field. Join our church's effort in the Souper Bowl of Caring to help feed the hungry in this year's "Bigger than the Bowl" campaign. This year we will have our famous football available at the drive-in worship and inside for donations. But we also will ask all of you who regularly have supported this effort in the past to send in a donation to our PO Box 205 address or make an online donation, noting what it is for. If you wish to make a direct contribution to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, you can do that at <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger>. Every dollar counts!

Welcome New Members

We are honored to welcome the following people who are affirming their faith today by signing the charter of Peace Lutheran Church!

Nancy & Wayne Diericks
Joanie & Dave Kramp
Melissa Rumbaugh

Notice of Annual Meeting – Sun., Feb. 20

Our annual meeting will take place on Feb. 20, at 9:55am. It will be in person, with people spaced in the sanctuary. Highlights will include the election of council members and celebrating what God is doing through Peace even in a pandemic. The informal theme for 2021 once again turned out to be "go with the flow" – but really it was as always "go with God." We are very grateful for everyone's combined efforts to make mission happen!

Children's Choir Rehearsals

Children's Choir is back! We would like to invite youth 2nd - 8th grade to join us in Fellowship Hall every Sunday from 9:00-9:30am. No sign up required, just come to Fellowship Hall! Any questions please contact the church office

Questions Kids Ask About God

More kids and more questions!

Who was God's mom?

It's a tricky question to answer because God doesn't have either a father or a mother. God just exists before there was time itself, and before there were earthly parents. Why the answer gets tricky is because God chose to become one of us in Jesus. So, God took a "part" of God's own self and made that have flesh and blood. Therefore, earthly Jesus' mother is Mary. We call her the God-bearer (that is, she gave birth to the one who is God in the flesh.) We call Jesus the Son of God because he is fully God, but we also see him as fully human. In that sense, Joseph is his dad.

Parents/grandparents/kids, please keep those questions coming!

Faith & Life Experience

We are going to feature stories about people from Peace from time to time. Enjoy this one from Sharon Wesel!

What do a kerosene bucket and a nursing degree have in common? How about Bucktown in Chicago and Wisconsin and Pennsylvania? They all are a part of my story as a child of God. With a black raspberry patch that needed Japanese Beetles removed, my mother sent me out with that bucket to do the job. I learned early on about “sometimes you need to do what you have to do, even if it isn’t fun.” As a nurse who spent more than 25 years just in public health, sometimes the rewards of helping people were so plentiful and easy to come by. Sometimes they were few and far between. No matter when or where, the calling to be present with and for others is real, as is the reality of both the ones I served and me equally being children of God.

My late husband, Dennis, and I moved into our house in New Lenox 50 years ago. Over time, we and our family found our way to Peace. We’re so glad. Being at Peace gives me fun social opportunities from choir to the exercise group to going out to eat together. Being at Peace helps me see the power of people who care for you through deaths and losses as well as on the good days. Being at Peace Church has helped me see how God has claimed me as God’s own child, and how a life lived in community is more complete and fulfilling in every way. To be surrounded by people who are caring – looking out for each other – means so much to me. To hear sermons (I especially like character sermons!) and otherwise get to know a God who operates out of love and acceptance rather than from fear or guilt motivates me to live that way. I am so grateful for how God has blessed us together as children of God.

Sharon Wesel

Caregiver Tip of the Month



Holding hands for just awhile awakens a weakened heart.
Holding hands and holding tight the greatest joy and it's just so right.

Ash Wednesday Plans – Mar. 2

Ash Wednesday will be like last year, with one addition. We want to recognize the beginning of Lent in as meaningful a way as possible. So, a worship service will be available on Mar. 2 on our Facebook & YouTube sites (always accessible via our church webpage www.peacelenox.org), starting at 11:00am. Then, for those who would like the imposition of ashes, we are going to have two drive-in opportunities. You will be able to drive into the parking lot on Ash Wednesday between 11:15am and noon or between 6:30 and 7:00pm. For this, you can stay in your cars and wear your masks. We will say a prayer for each as well as offer ashes. You will then be free to leave or park and reflect for a moment and leave when you wish. The additional option this year will be that you can choose to come into the sanctuary and have the imposition of ashes there instead of in your car. The times will be the same: 11:15am to noon and 6:30 to 7:00pm.

Variety Show 2022 – Your Acts Are Welcome! ([Sign Up](#))

Our Fellowship Committee keeps thinking of ways to keep our congregation connected. This year’s Variety Show is no exception and will be available online starting March 20. We’ll give you details for how to access it later. But for now, we’d like to have you share your talent with us!!! Piano, other instrument(s), singing, comedy, some other fun thing you can do – they all are welcome! You will record it at home using any “movie-format.” When you’re ready to turn it over to us, let us know and we’ll send you the link for where to send it. Need help? We’ll be happy to advise you or we can do the recording at church. The main thing is, we’re trying to have a fun “make the most of the situation” and create some great entertainment for the congregation. Let us know at peacechurch@peacelenox.org or 815-485-5327. The deadline for turning in your submissions will be Feb. 27.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Thank You

COVID or no COVID, thank you so much for helping to feed the hungry. Because of your generosity, we collected 119 jars of peanut butter and 58 jars of jelly for the New Lenox Township food bank.

Some New Theater Options - ([Sign Up](#))

Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me - Thurs., Apr. 7

The "Wait" is almost over! The well-known radio program that "tapes" in Chicago, *Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me* will be back in Chicago at the Harris Theater at 7:30pm on Thurs., Apr. 7. As always, the laughs, mixed with some info on current events, will be plentiful, but tickets are going fast.

Main floor group tickets are \$42.50, and **we would like your commitment on the number of tickets you'd like no later than Feb. 7.** Call or email the church office. Since tickets are not refundable, we will not order any tickets until Feb. 8.

We're also considering a pre-show dinner at Giordano's Pizza, right around the corner from the theater. When you request tickets, let the church office know if you would like to partake in this Chicago classic. Don't Wait, Wait.....Just tell usthat you'll be there!

We Are Heading Back to Broadway in Chicago! ([Sign Up](#))

We are going to put our proverbial toes in the water and offer two different shows through Broadway in Chicago. We think it is safe to give this a try because both shows will require proof of vaccination with an ID, plus masks will need to be worn. Our bargain rate seats will be in the upper sections, as we've had before. We have reserved 10 seats for each of these, but would hope to be able to add more if needed.

The Simon and Garfunkel Story – Sun., Feb. 27 - 2:00pm show - CIBC Theatre

This show features all of the hits of these two legendary performers. They have won all kinds of awards, including a lifetime achievement Grammy award. Tickets are \$38 each, including the handling fees.

Jesus Christ, Superstar – July 19-31 – 2:00pm - Cadillac Theatre

In celebration of its 50th Anniversary, a new mesmerizing production of this iconic musical phenomenon comes to Chicago! Originally staged by London's Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, this production won the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival, garnering absolutely outstanding reviews. (The show is 90 minutes and there is no intermission.) Tickets will be \$23, including all fees.

Are You Interested? ([Sign Up](#))

The Fellowship Committee wants to bring some more shows to your attention. If you have an interest, you can get your own tickets. However, if you have an interest to go with some others from church, let us know through the sign up and we'll see what we can do to get the tickets for you!

South Pacific - Sun., Feb. 13 at 7:30pm - Rialto Theater
Tickets are \$49 - \$59 (For Valentine's Day??)

Deathtrap - Mar. 18-27 - Curtain Call in Mokena
(comedy-thriller with twists and turns of devilish cleverness)

Groundhog Day - Feb. 2 - Mar.13 - Paramount

Doubt (Drama) - Feb. 18-27 - The Drama Group in Chicago Heights

Rock of Ages - Apr. 13 - May 29 - The Drama Group in Chicago Heights

Leading Ladies (comedy) -Aug. 5-14 - The Drama Group in Chicago Heights

Run for Your Wife (comedy) June 1-19 - The Drama Group in Chicago Heights

ELCA Good Gifts Thanks

Once again, the people of Peace have opened their hearts to let God's love flow through them and out into the world. Through the ELCA's Good Gifts program (\$2509!!!) we have provided, 20 goats, 8 groups of honeybees, 6 groups of chicks, 3 roosters, 10 piglets, 4 bibles, 2 uniform/school fees for girls, 7 sets of school supplies, 11 weeks of food for refugees, 1 water filter and 1 women's microloan. How wonderful it is to give!

Peace Church Scholarship

Peace Church will make available the annual scholarship for high school seniors who are planning to attend 4- or 2-year college programs or technical/trade schools. Up to 5 scholarships will be awarded. Recipients will be chosen based on several factors, which are detailed in the application form. These forms are available on the counter in the narthex and must be submitted no later than March 27, 2022. [Printable Scholarship 2022](#). The interviews will take place on April 3, 2022, via Zoom.

One Warm Coat Drive Thank You!!!

Our *One Warm Coat* collection has come to an end. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success. We collected 81 men's coats, 91 women's coats, 59 children's coats, 11 snow pants, 147 scarves, 250 hats, 176 gloves, 3 socks/tights, 15 boots, 3 shoes, 2 vests, 3 earmuffs, 56 sweaters, 1 sweatshirt, 9 sweatpants – for a total of 907 items!!!

Because of You

Scolastica is descended from generations of farmers in Barundi, but has spent 30 years living in refugee camps in various other countries. In 2015, Scolastica, her husband, her five children, her parents and her siblings were able to resettle in Iowa. Dreaming of owning her own farm, she enrolled in the Global Greens program at Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) Refugee and Immigrant Services, a project supported in part by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Through LSI, Scolastica has learned how to strategize which vegetables to grow throughout the season, how to keep bugs away from her produce and how to wash it properly before selling it at the Global Greens Farmers Market, through LSI's Community Supported Agriculture program, and through the Iowa Food Cooperative. She has gained confidence from overseeing three farming plots at Global Greens Farm, and her kids have access to fresh, healthy food. Scolastica is proud of the life her family has built in the U.S.

Want to Help the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center?

Instead of having the typical Memorial Day Work Weekend we will be switching to an individual group or family workday or weekend. Contact LOMC at ken@lomc.org for open weekends and potential projects. It is also possible to help them out through Thrivent gift cards to fund the projects.

New Needs for Santa Cruz's

In addition to the non-perishable food items and personal care items that are needed for their food and resource pantry for people of their neighborhood, Santa Cruz is in need of cleaning supplies and garbage bags for the church. If you would like to donate these or any items for the food pantry, please bring them to church and put them in the baskets by the entrance to Fellowship Hall.

Youth Events

Confirmation Schedule:

7th gr. Confirmation 7:00pm Feb. 2 & 16

8th gr. Confirmation 7:00pm Feb. 9 & 23

3-6 Gr. Bible Buddies – Wed., Feb. 2 & 9

Come join us for Bible Buddies! On two Wednesdays of the month, from 7-8:00pm, we invite our 3rd-6th graders to come and hang out with Miss Jess. Please let us know if you're planning to come. [Bible Buddies sign up](#)

All Church Sledding Event – Sun., Feb. 6

Please join us at church at 1:30pm and we will walk over to the park to go sledding! Be sure to dress warm! In case of inclement weather, we will have a game day and set up some games inside, to play. [Sign Up](#)

National Youth Gathering Meeting – Sun., Feb. 13

NYG Group please join us from 3-4pm for our monthly meeting. Meet in classroom 8/9.

5-12th Gr. & Beyond Painting Party – Sat., Feb. 19

Please join us in Fellowship Hall, from 6-8pm, as we channel our inner artist! Deacon Shari will lead us in some instructions for this event and the cost is \$5 for supplies. You can bring an easel if you want, too. [Sign Up](#)

7-12th Gr. & Beyond Snow Frisbee – Sun., Feb. 27

If there is still some snow on the ground, we invite our 7th grade youth & older to join us for some frisbee fun in the snow at 1:30pm! Pick up time is 3:30pm. If weather is not cooperating, we will play Ga-Ga Ball inside. [Sign Up](#)

5-12th Gr. & Beyond – Emagine Movie Theater Day – Sun., Mar. 6

Movie and time are TBD, but please save the date! We will meet at the theater. Cost of tickets will be \$10 a person, snacks are not included.

All Church Bonfire – Sat., Mar. 19

Weather permitting, we will have a bonfire from 6-8pm. All are welcome! We will have several fire pits set up in our parking lot so we can spread out and have some fun! If we must cancel, we will set up a date in April.