

# 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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## *Looking for an Excuse*

If a child is going to be absent from school these days, the system is to call a particular number and give the details. Way back when I was in high school, we had to have a signed written excuse from a parent brought in the first day we were back. There was a student who one day was just playing hooky and made the big mistake of writing the note himself in his own handwriting, "Please excuse me from being absent yesterday, I was sick of school."

Making up excuses is part of the fabric of human life. (The dog ate my homework!) We want to justify ourselves as to what went wrong when there was a mistake, or to indicate how we did not really make a mistake at all; or it was someone else's fault, or some kind of miscommunication or misunderstanding. Why the need for an excuse? To make ourselves look better? To keep from getting fired? To put the blame where it really belongs? No matter how hard we try, however, the results of what happened will not change.

"No excuses" and "none needed" are two phrases in God's vocabulary toward us. God knows us so well and the circumstances of what has gone wrong so completely that when we have made mistakes, there is no point in trying to justify ourselves. "The jig is up." And if we were not wrong to begin with, God has already pulled that to the front even if others will not. The results still have not changed but something can change in us.

What can change in us because of our relationship with that God? For one thing, the fear of condemnation is removed which means truth-telling is more likely which means the game-playing can stop. Wouldn't that be nice?! Healing can begin. Not making up excuses may get us in more hot water with some on this earth. With God, however, it enables us to stop working so hard at covering up. We gain respect for ourselves and others. We are set free to receive from God the blessing of forgiveness and/or letting something go.

*Pastor Dave Hedlin*

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

## ***Prayers Requested***

Jack Goesel, Kelly Boyens, Pastor Carlos Vidler, Wayne Hansen, Kerry Carroza & family, the family of Jo Wayda, Dana Pitlik, Pam Vanick, the family of Marlene, Cathy Cameron, Ted Witkowski, Kelly & Dennis Renaud, Susan Wagner, Chris Durham, and Jackie Parvin

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

Rian Colleen Costello was baptized on May 8

## ***Congratulations***

Becky & Jason Gofron (Audrey & Julia), parents and Ray & Debbie Standard, grandparents, on the birth of Dylan Richard Gofron on May 3

Pamela & Robert Putrich, grandparents, on the birth of Boone John Putrich on May 23

## ***Blessings to our Confirmands***

Please join in praying for these young people as they affirm their faith! We celebrate with family and friends this important step along their journey with God.

### May 15

Evan Marie Brolley  
Jaxson Raymond Fishback  
Erin Geraldine Hadley  
Ryan Daniel Krause  
Aubrey Caroline Smith  
Penny Beverly Smith  
Olivia Grace Stewart  
Andrew Jason Villalobos  
Andrew Patrick Woodburn

### May 22

Camden Leslie Cosich  
Sophia Grace Campos  
Luke Scott Gouty  
Bailey Jae Mitchell  
Olivia Mae Gertrude Otto

### June 11

Joshua Stanley DeMik

## **FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE**

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

\* Masks are now optional, but strongly encouraged in Sunday School.

\* 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:** Bob Putrich, Kevin Curry, Frank Brazzale, George Rumbaugh, Rick Mitchell – lawn mowing

**From:** Trisha Barker, Andrew DeMik, Ally Pfeffer, Joe Wesel, Alexis Arthur – for the scholarships  
Lauren LeMahieu – for the use of our church  
Denise Eicken – for the new member luncheon  
Bonnie & Brian Rudzki – for the prayer shawl  
Girl Scout Troop 75133 – for use of our church for meetings

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

The new offering envelopes that start in June are now available. Please look for yours on the table in the narthex.

## ***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.

## ***An Interesting Article on Why Being at Worship Still Matters***

We are grateful for our online presence for worship. We are also grateful for our ability to be back inside for worship. Look at this article written by Laura Goossens MSW, LCSW, of the Chicago Christian Counseling Center. Check it out!

<https://familyfire.com/articles/why-in-person-worship-still-matters>

## ***Quick Reminders***

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **June 26**.

\* **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, Allison DeVitto, 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**

**June 4/5 – Recognition of Graduates**  
**Peace360 Meeting 4-6pm**  
**June 6 – Summertime Quilting Starts 9:00am**  
**June 11 – Blood Drive 9am-1pm**  
**June 11-12 – [Antioch](#)**  
**June 15 – VBS Planning Meeting 9:00am**  
**June 19 – Father’s Day**  
**Special Congregational Meeting after**  
**8:30am worship - about 9:30am**  
**Ice Cream Social about 9:45am**  
**June 25 – New Members & Baptism Breakfast 9:00am**  
**Family Event Rainbow Riot 6pm**  
**June 26 – Peace Page Turners 9:45am**  
**July 9 – Special Prayers for Healing 5:00pm**  
**July 10 – Peace 360 Meeting 4-6pm**  
**July 11 – Vacation Bible School Set-up**  
**July 12-15 – [Vacation Bible School 9:30am -12noon](#)**  
**July 17 – Peace 360 Meeting 4-6pm**  
**Aug. 7 – What’s the Scoop (share your ideas) 12 noon**  
**Aug. 13 – Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00pm**  
**Aug. 13– Baptism Orientation 3:30pm**  
**Sept. 11 – Sunday School Rally Day 9:45am**

## **Groups**

### **Summertime Quilting – Mon., June 6 & 20**

Ruth Circle Summertime Quilting will meet every other Monday beginning on June 6 from 9:00am.- 12:00pm. Come whenever you would like. Questions, contact the office.

### **Trailblazers – Tues., June 21**

We invite anyone who’d like to get together with some others who are anything but “over the hill” to come together on Tues, June 21, at 11:30am at church. Bring \$5; the food will be provided. We will have a picnic style lunch with hamburgers and hotdogs, with some side dishes. 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 – 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., June 26**

Our next book, a novel written by Kati Marton is *The Chancellor-The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel*. A copy of the book is available at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. The date is Sun., June 26 at 9:45am. 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.)

## **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!

**May 29** - No class (Memorial Day weekend)

**June 5** - Getting on the Same Page (as God)

**June 12** - Caring Works, Caretaking Doesn't (crossing the line only gets us exhausted)

**June 19** - Special Congregational Meeting (about 9:30) followed by Strawberries, Cake & Ice Cream event

**June 26** – Book Discussion

**July 3** - No class (holiday weekend)

## ***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. June's passage is Hebrews 13:1-3 & 4-6.

## **General Announcements**

### ***Congratulations***

Congratulations to the 2022 recipients of the Peace Lutheran Church Scholarships:

Alexis Arthur  
Trisha Barker  
Andrew DeMik  
Trevor Salutric  
Ally Pfeffer  
Joe Wesel

### ***Recognition of Graduates – June 4/5***

All you who are graduating from high school, college and beyond, you had another strange year. But we want to do something to celebrate you and your accomplishment! On the weekend of June 4 & 5 we're going to have special recognition and prayers for all of our graduates. Please email us at [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) with your name, from where you are graduating, and if an advanced degree, for what that degree is. Not only that, but we would like to create a special piece within our [Facebook page](#). **Please send us a graduation picture, whether one of those you had done at a studio or one you take yourself, by Sun., May 29.**

## ***Special Prayers for Healing – Sat., July 9***

As a part of the 5:00 Saturday night service on July 9, we will have an opportunity for people to come forward for special prayers for healing. They can be for you or for somebody you know.

## ***Blood Drive – Sat., June 11***

Our next blood drive will be Sat., June 11 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Please use the Versiti website to make an appointment.

## ***VBS Planning Meeting – Wed., June 15***

The next VBS planning meeting will be Wed., June 15 at 9:00 a.m. If you'd like to help in any way (including planning), please let us know.

## ***Special Congregational Meeting – Sun., June 19***

Each year we have a special congregational meeting to approve the budget for the fiscal year, June 1 to May 31. Unlike Congress, we have no problem with passing our budgets and do it after we've technically started in order get the results from the stewardship appeal. The meeting typically lasts about 10 - 15 minutes.

## ***Strawberries, Cake, & Ice Cream – Sun., June 19***

You'll want to come (or stay) on June 19, at approximately 9:45 a.m. - for our strawberries-cake-other toppings & ice cream social in Fellowship Hall. Please let us know if you'll be coming (and/or if you'd provide a cake) by calling the church office or using the sign-up slip. The previous thirteen times we've done this were delicious successes! (And it is a fun way for us to honor Father's Day too.)

## ***VBS – Tues., July 12 - Fri., July 15***

Our amazing Vacation Bible School planning crew met and has created another outstanding opportunity for kids (and volunteers) to grow closer to God. Our theme will be *All Aboard God's Love*. The dates will be Tues., July 12- Fri, July 15, 9:30am-12pm. It will be mostly inside. If you'd like to help in any way this year (including more planning!), please let us know in the office. Registration forms are available on the counter in the narthex or [sign up online](#).

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

Dear Members and Friends of Peace,

Do you like vegetables? I love vegetables but my fiancé Brett absolutely does not. We often have discussions about the need to eat vegetables for health.

Unfortunately, we cannot choose some healthy things and decide not to do other healthy things and still have an overall health or wellbeing. Overall health takes eating right, exercising, drinking enough water etc. All these components are equally important.

The same can be said for our faith. To have an overall healthy faith life we must continue to learn about God, be in community with other likeminded people, receive communion, and speak/ listen to God with regular frequency. It can be incredibly challenging, especially in this time of Covid healing, to maintain all these parts of our faith life. The desire to read one more thing after studying for school, or the pull of our bed on Sunday morning, or a mind and heart full of noise can make time for God impossible. Yet, we have a God who continues to show up repeatedly with an invitation into a well-balanced faith life with Christ at the center.

So, although the thought of broccoli on your plate might give you the shivers it is important for health. Time spent in quiet listening to God or coming back to community after staying home for 2 years may be a struggle at first but the gifts that it gives are worth making time for. May God bless you with a full and vibrant faith life. I look forward to each moment I am in community with you!

God's Peace,

*Deacon Shari*

## ***Register for 2022/2023 Sunday School***

We've had a lot of fun this year in Sunday School! We look forward to another great year starting on Rally Day, Sept. 11. We rely on the registration forms to give us updates and to help us know who will be available to help with Sunday School the next year. We have a great team and would love to have you be a part of it!!! Please fill out a registration form (they are located on a table in the narthex), [register online](#), or call the church office.

## ***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.

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

More kids and more questions!

Who was Jesus' best friend?

*We don't know who might have been Jesus' best friend as a child. The Bible doesn't give us any hints about that at all. As a grown up, we would have to say the 12 disciples were his best friends. Within that group, he seemed to have really trusted Peter, James and John. That his brother (also named James) became the top leader after Jesus left the earth might make us think he trusted him completely also. (We could also say God was his best forever friend!)*

Did Jesus ever get mad?

*Yes. He got mad when some people didn't treat the temple (think cathedral) with the respect it deserved as they took advantage of people in it. He sometimes got a little mad at his disciples for being so slow to catch on to God's way of serving people instead of "being in charge." He also got angry when the religious leaders were stubborn and not listening to what God really wanted.*

## ***Because of You***

Since the conflict began in late February, millions of people have fled Ukraine, with millions more in dire need within their own country. Your love and support greeted them, providing for both short and long-term needs through Lutheran World Relief. Emergency cash and vouchers distributed in Poland allow refugees to make the best decisions for themselves based on their own individual needs. Food, shelter and emergency supplies meet critical basic needs while they decide their next move. Support for St. Martin Lutheran Church in Krakow, Poland, which established a hostel for Ukrainian women and children, helps them to provide milk, energy biscuits, personal hygiene products and room partition panels for housing the refugees. Over 7400 quilts and 8000 personal care kits made by Lutherans in the U.S. have been distributed to refugees in Poland. Once the refugees have reached safety, they often need medical attention. Your support is getting medical supplies and equipment to the Polish border and to a hospital in Ukraine. LWR is also providing protection services for refugee women and children at risk of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

## ***Jesus Christ, Superstar Tickets*** ([Sign Up](#))

Through Broadway in Chicago, our bargain rate seats will be in the upper sections, as we've had before. We have reserved 10 seats but would hope to be able to add more if needed.

***Jesus Christ, Superstar*** – July 24 at 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.

## ***Interested in a Cubs Game?***

After multiple communications with the Cubs, we now have a date and time for a Cubs game at a reasonable price (\$30.) We have tickets for a Wednesday afternoon game, Aug. 10, against the Washington Nationals. The game starts at 1:20pm. If you need a ride, we'll find a way to get you there at \$10 each (max \$20 per household.) Please contact the church ([peacechurch@peaceneulenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peaceneulenox.org) or 815-485-5327) to let us know if you are interested or [Sign Up](#) online.

## ***Fun Summertime Activities***

You can also check out what is going on at Cantigny (lots to do there, including outdoor concerts) that are based on a \$10 parking fee, and the rest of the events are at no cost. Pack a picnic if you like. Their website is <https://cantigny.org/events>. Don't like to travel far? Check out the Rialto or Curtain Call or the Drama Group.

## ***Sunday School Teachers/Helpers Wanted***

Parents/guardians, have you ever been interested in teaching, being a substitute, or a helper for our Sunday School? A few of our teachers have had some life changes and they can no longer teach Sunday School. We are looking for energetic parents/guardians to help with our Sunday School program for next year. If you or anyone you know would like to help, please let Jess Lindeman or Pastor Dave know.

## ***Youth Fellowship/Faith Story 2022***

Hi, my name is Abi George, and I am 11 years old. I attend Peace with my mom Lindsey, my dad Ken, and my sister Anna. I like coming to church because this is where I learn that as I get older that Jesus begins to appear more in my life. I believe in God because he made a lot of meaningful things and I enjoy learning all of the stories that are in the Bible. My favorite Bible story that I have learned is the story about Jesus healing the man who was born blind. I like it because it tells me that Jesus listens to people who are different. I would invite people to come to Peace because it will give them a day in the life of my religion and maybe I could help someone believe who does not.

~ Abi George

## ***MorningStar Mission Serving***

We are resuming our once a month serving at MorningStar Mission in Joliet. With a team of four people (we'll put teams together or you can assemble four people of your own and let us know so we can put you on the schedule together), we take one Sunday early evening to serve people who come to the mission for a meal. Those who have done this in the past have found it very meaningful. Our serving dates will be the fourth Sunday of each month, and our time starts at 3:45pm and we're usually finished by 5:30pm. We already have six months covered and would like to fill out the year so each team would serve once a year. If you would like more information, call the office (815-485-5327) or send us an email or if you're ready, sign up.

## ***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. (This is in addition to our support of the New Lenox Township Food Pantry.) 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.

## ***June Collection – Toothbrushes & Toothpaste***

In June we will be collecting toothbrushes & toothpaste for MorningStar. 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!

## ***Essential Items Thank You***

Thank you so much for helping with items to fill Blessing Bags for MorningStar. Because of your generosity, we collected 140 essential items for MorningStar. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

## ***Business Attire Thank You***

Our Business Clothing Donation drive was a huge success! Thank you for all of you who donated. Because of you we have collected: 173 women's shirts, 14 skirts, 62 pants, 26 dresses 36 sweaters, 33 jackets, 2 belts, 9 pairs of shoes, 1 pant suit, 19 scarves and 8 purses. Also, 10 men's suits, 52 pants, 77 shirts, 14 jackets, 5 belts, 44 ties, 13 pairs of shoes, 16 vests and 6 sweaters for a total of 620 items!

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



### ***Needs for S***

When you feel like you want to run, then plan the run. When you feel like you want to scream, then scream. When you need help, then ask. It's OK and it will be OK. And don't forget to pray.

## ***Reunion Breakfast For Last Two Years - Baptism & New Members Sat., June 25***

We want to do a "couldn't do it then, but we can now" event for those who joined our church during COVID! We also want to include those baptized in our efforts - after all they were also new members. We will host a breakfast with a variety of good food on Saturday, June 25 at 9:00am. It will be a chance to be together with some other new members and enjoy a free breakfast. If you plan on attending, please let us know via the [sign up](#) or call/email the church office.

## ***You Are There in Ukraine and 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. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has joined other religious leaders from Europe and around the globe in issuing an [interfaith call for peace](#) in the region. If you wish to make a special donation to the cause, you can go to the ELCA website, or 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***

### ***Peace 360 Events –***

**Sun., June 5 – Antioch Planning 4-6pm**

**June 11-12 - Antioch**

**Sat., June 25 – Family Event (We will need some help with this event!)**

**Sun., July 10 – Off Campus**

**Sun., July 17 – Gaga Ball and dinner**

### ***Antioch: Hidden in plain sight – Sat./Sun., June 11 & 12***

... going into 8<sup>th</sup> Grade & Beyond are invited to join weekend of June 11 & 12! We will meet at at 10am and get ready to host a youth led service , June 11. Please let us know if your youth can Please sign up by May 31. [Sign up](#) & [Printable ation Forms](#)

### ***Family Event: Rainbow Riot – Sat., June 25 6-8pm***

We invite families of all sizes and descriptions and ages to come to our first ever Rainbow Riot! Think of it as capture the flag and a color run combined! We will definitely need some adult helpers so let us know if this is something that you/your family would like to do! We will have a sweet treat at the end!

<http://www.peacenewlenox.org/news-resources/events/sign-up/>



