

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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What If It Is Broken?

The little girl stood crying beside her bicycle. An elderly woman happened to be outside her house when she heard the crying and came over to see what was wrong. "My bicycle is broken!" the girl blurted out between her tears and sobs. The pink basket and the plastic streamers from the handlebars could not make up for what seemed like a crisis. The woman then took one look at the bike and smiled to herself because she knew this could have a good outcome. She quietly asked the girl if she could look at it, and after an approving nod, turned the bike over. She guided the chain back on the sprocket and turned the pedal to get it on the rest of the way and the crisis was over.... except for one thing: the girl threw her arms around the woman and just hung on with a new set of tears, this time of gratitude.

When something is broken and there is an easy or identifiable fix, most of us are ready to go after it. A good outcome frequently follows, and everyone is happy. But what about when there is no easy or identifiable fix? What if a parent has abused their child? What if your drinking is out of control? What if the person you love is dying? What if you are a mess inside (and or outside)? What if too many people don't care about society's norms or what is the right thing to do or how to treat other human beings?

In countless situations where brokenness grips our lives and there is no easy solution, all kinds of people run away or live in fear or stubbornly insist there is only one solution (theirs) or isolate themselves with "not in my neighborhood." But what does God do?

We just finished walking the way of the cross – brokenness at its most defining moment. We see what God does: put God's own self in the middle of it, reassure with words of "peace be with you," and commit to the costliest solution possible, death on a cross. There we find God's answer for all our seemingly unfixable broken lives and world. There we find, in Luther's words, the holy exchange – my (and the world's) sin for God's righteousness. There is healing for body, mind, soul. There is direction for every time we encounter the insurmountable. God's self-giving love enters our brokenness and helps us put the chain back on the sprocket.

Pastor Dave Hedlin

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

Prayers Requested

Ron Fullriede, Jim Farbak, Sharon Obuchina, Jonathan DeMik, Sandy Braun, Don Marks, Evan Hobgood, Ross Nichols family, Ed Bullerman's family Jeff Millikan's family, Jerry, Emilia Rose Taylor Woodford, Wally Post, Jane Meister, the family of Sydney Frahley, the Prible family, Pat Nelson, Becky Quintana, Brian Stokes, Karen Salutric, the family of Shirley Salutric, the family of Sydney Frahley, the family of Linda Pausz, Pat Fruhwirth, Michael Stasch, Sandy Mayer

Sympathy

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Alan Sons, father of Paul Sons

the family of Norma Allison

the family of Kay Johnson, wife of Dave Johnson and mother of Julie Harris, Bryan & Ben Johnson

Welcome to the Lord's Family

Emilia Anne Ott was baptized on Apr. 3

Madelyn Kate Wolf was baptized on Apr. 24

Congratulations

Ray & Debbie Standard, grandparents, on the birth of Rhett Joseph Standard on Apr. 7.

FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

Saturday worship starting this week is indoors at 5:00pm. (On the first Saturdays of the month it will move outdoors, with the next being May 7.) Sunday remains indoors at 8:30 & 11:00.

5:00pm and 8:30am 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 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. **At all indoor worship services, a come-forward option is now available.**

* 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 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!

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: Nicole Krneta Rogers, Amelia & Lauren – for assembling Easter bags for Easter Breakfast
George Rumbaugh & Renee Gatewood – organizers and everyone who helped with the Easter Breakfast
Everyone who provided music or helped with Holy Week & Easter services
Everyone who provided Easter Lilies
From: ELCA World Hunger – for the donation
New Lenox food pantry – for the donation
Guardian Angel Groundwork Program – for the donation

Offering Envelopes

The new offering envelopes (that begin in June) will be available in the middle of May. Please look for them 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.peacenewelenox.org), click on the donate tab and then use the donate through PayPal tab. You can use most major credit cards.

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.

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **May 22**.

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

* **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** – Suicide is not about wanting to die, but about a powerful need for pain to end. You can help someone today by reaching out, listening, and letting them know you care. Be sure that the person can reach you and several responsible others if the desire to commit suicide becomes strong or if he/she just feels the need to talk to someone. Give them the suicide prevention hotline. **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** are always located in the entrance area. Help someone today who is reaching out for help by picking up the cards and being attentive to what people are saying about their lives. Crisis Line – 815-469-6166, text -741741, and online - www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

* **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.

***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

***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.

***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

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

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.

Looking Ahead

***Apr. 30/May 1 – Teacher Appreciation Weekend
Stewardship Appeal Commitment Weekend
May 1 – What’s the Scoop 12 noon
May 4 –8th Gr. mandatory Confirmation meeting 7pm
May 7 – 3rd-6th Gr. Mini Retreat 1:30pm
Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 3pm
May 14 – Baptism Orientation 3:30pm
May 15 – Peace Page Turners 9:55am
Confirmation Sunday 11am (1st option)
May 18 – VBS Planning Meeting 9:00am
May 22 – Confirmation Sunday 11am (2nd option)
June 4/5 – Recognition of Graduates
June 11 – Blood Drive 9am-1pm
June 11-12 – Antioch
July 12 - 15 – Vacation Bible School
July 19 - Special Congregational Meeting after
8:30am worship - about 9:30am
July 9 – Special Prayers for Healing 5:00pm
Sept. 11 – Sunday School Rally Day 9:45am***

Groups

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., May 9 & 23

Quilting will meet on Monday, May 9 & 23 at 9:00 am. No experience necessary. Questions, contact the office.

Trailblazers – Tues., May 17

We invite anyone who’d like to get together with some others who are anything but “over the hill” to come together on May 17 at noon at church. Bring \$5; the food will be provided. Contact the office for more info.

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., May 4 & 18

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., May 15

Our next book, a novel written by Louise Erdrich is *The Night Watchman*. A copy of the book is available at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. The date has been changed to Sun., May 15 at 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.)

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 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

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!

May 1 - Gratitude in the Face of Life Not Being a Straight Line

May 8 - Sarah, Rachel & Rebekah - 3 mothers in early Old Testament history

May 15 - Book Discussion

May 22 - Using the Right Tool for the Problem

May 29 - No class (Memorial Day 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. May's passage is Zephaniah 3:14-20.

General Announcements

What's the Scoop (Bring your ideas to the group!) – Sun., May 1

We hope you'll come either in person or online through Zoom! Our next meeting is Sun., May 1, 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.)

Baptism Orientation – Sat., May 14

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

Blood Drive – Sat., June 11

Thank you to everyone who donated in April. We had 19 donors - 1 was a first time donor -1 deferral and 2 unsuccessful. Together, we saved 48 lives through the use of red blood cells, platelets, and plasma of each pint of blood. Our next blood drive will be Sat., June 11 from 9:00am -1:00pm. Please use the Versiti website to make an appointment.

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!

Anne Eckroth
Denise Eicken

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 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 Congregational Meeting – Sun., June 19

A special congregational meeting has been called for June 19 following the 8:30am worship service (so about 9:30) to approve the budget. The meeting usually lasts about 10 minutes but is a necessary legal event & a time to celebrate another year of ministry no matter what has gone on in the outside world! We'll be finished in plenty of time for you to enjoy the Father's Day ice cream social.

VBS – Tues., July 12 - Fri., July 15

Next planning meeting – Wed., May 18

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. The next planning meeting will be May 18 at 9:00 a.m. 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,

Holidays change when someone you love is no longer there to celebrate with. It becomes even harder when it is a holiday meant to celebrate a certain person, and that person has passed away or is not a part of your life for another reason. This month we celebrate Mother's Day and next month we will celebrate Father's Day. These two holidays can be hard for many people.

I remember every year on Mother's Day buying a carnation for my mom while we were at church. For Father's Day I would be away at church camp every year and so I always called my dad on the pay phone. For my family, the traditions that became so special are no longer possible because both of my parents have died. Perhaps, these holidays are hard for you in similar ways or for very different reasons. How can we lessen the pain that these days cause? Is there something else we could focus on? Our faith can be of comfort even on days like Mother's and Father's Day. We all as believers have a common parent. God is also our parent, and we can turn our celebration towards our heavenly parent. God is present for each milestone of our lives and has given us life, so it is right and good to honor this parent all days but especially on these days too.

If you're like me, you have people in your life who have stepped into that parental role for you. My Aunt Betty-Sue has cared for me when my mom was not able to. Since my mom's death, she has checked on me when I am sick, and celebrated accomplishments with me. On Mother's Day I will be celebrating her as well. On Father's Day I think of my Professor from College, Dr. Mike Beggs, who encouraged me and even taught me how to drive.

Celebrating the many parents in our lives is an important part of these holidays but it does not preclude us from remembering our birth parents.

It is ok to celebrate someone who has died. It is ok to give thanks for all that they have done for you, and for their witness. I will celebrate my mom, the one who carried me in her womb and named me, even though she will not be physically present to receive her carnation. I will celebrate my dad, the one who made me a scrambled egg sandwich every day before school and carried me into the house when I fell asleep in the car, even though I cannot talk to him on my cell phone.

Just as we celebrate God, who is not physically with us, our thoughts can be heard by our loved ones as well. Our timeless and limitless God has created a relationship that destroys barriers. May you feel the presence of your eternal parent and may these days provide beautiful memories and moments of joy.

God's Peace,

Deacon Shari

Questions Kids Ask About God

More kids and more questions!

Does God have any cousins?

Let's start with Jesus who lived on earth, and then talk about God in general. The earthly Jesus did have cousins and brothers and sisters! But when it comes to God in general, the one who created all the universe including us, that part of God doesn't have direct earthly relatives. However, God calls all of us God's children! That's better than having cousins.

How do we know the Bible stories are true because they happened so long ago?

Yes, the stories in the Bible are from a long time ago....some are from events that are at least 4,000 years old. Some of the stories are about things that took place before there was a universe at all....billions of year ago! We are sure that some stories in the Bible are 100% history (like Jesus dying on the cross), some are not historical but speak to a truth that is just as important as if they were history/facts. If we ask "what is the point?" of anything we read in the Bible, we'll be much better off than worrying about whether a story is history or not.

How do you know that God is real. We have never seen him and he might be a myth.

In truth, we would have to say God could be made up. But to say that is to ignore all the evidence that says God is real. Even more directly, Jesus was definitely a real person and as other people saw and dealt with him, they kept saying "God!" There is more: to make a conclusion that this whole amazing universe was not created on purpose and with an orderliness is to make a conclusion that is so far out of the range of "likely" as to be much harder to explain than a belief in God. Finally, so many, many of us have experienced a relationship with God as to say, "while I can't prove God to you, I can share what I have experienced."

Is it okay to chew gum in church?

It's okay as long as your parent(s) say it is okay, and you don't take it out and put it in any place other than a wastebasket!

Parents/grandparents/kids, keep those questions coming!

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.

Because of You

Neang Bophal is a wife and mother in Krous village, Cambodia. Where she lives, income sources can be difficult to find, but things turned around for her after she attended a training session on raising chickens that was supported by the Lutheran Church in Cambodia. Immediately she wanted to try it to earn more income for herself, her husband and her young son. She requested 30 chicks from the church – and her venture went better than she could have imagined. “After three months I sold the chickens and received a large amount of money, more than I had ever earned before,” Neang Bophal explained. “I gave an offering to the church, and with the rest I bought new chicks. I still had some funds left over, so I bought 50 kg of rice, which will feed my family for three months. I am so thankful to the church and people who care and thought about me and my family.”

May Collection – Essential Items

Our Youth Group will be putting together “Blessing Bags” filled with essential items that will then be distributed at MorningStar Mission. During May we will be collecting new white cotton socks, washcloths, Band-aids, tarps, blankets, nonperishable food items like granola bars, trail mix, hard candy & gum. 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!

Personal Care Items Thank You

Thank you so much for helping with items to fill Blessing Bags for MorningStar. Because of your generosity, we collected 358 personal care items for MorningStar. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Business Attire Collection thru April

Peace has generously provided to people who are unemployed find jobs by dressing for success. We’re looking for business attire and business casual clothing, including gently used shoes. Look through your closets for suits, sports coats, ties, shirts, blouses, dresses, skirts, pants, sweaters, whatever you think would help someone get and keep a job! We will be collecting through April.

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.

Children’s Choir Rehearsals

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

Belly Laughs and Bewilderment Carbonaro-Style – Sign up by May 10

Renowned magician and comedian Michael Carbonaro is coming to the Rialto in Joliet on Fri., Aug. 12. We'd like to get a group together for the 7pm show. Tickets are \$36, and for those hungry before the show, Juliet's tavern is just down the street from the theater. Juliet's has a range of salads, sandwiches or full dinners. We'd meet there at 5pm and then walk to the theater. Your tab at Juliet's is on you. Use the famous sign-up sheet or call the church office to reserve your tickets, and to let us know if you'd like to include pre-show dinner. We'd like to get good seats, so we'll ask for [Sign Up](#) by May 10.

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.

2022 Stewardship Appeal – Commitment Weekend April 30 & May 1



We are opening the door to the 2022 Stewardship Appeal, coming this spring. This year's theme is ***Opening Doors***. Through our contributions to the church, we open many doors for people who might otherwise feel that the world has shut them out. More information will be coming in an email or via the mail the week of April 25, but please start praying and considering what God would lead you to do in making a financial commitment to Peace Lutheran to keep opening doors to those in need. If you don't get your copy of that, please let us know so we can share these materials with you. [Stewardship Appeal 2022](#)

Caregiver Tip of the Month



A caregiver deserves a little time out. Take in a movie and splurge on YOU. Get the buttery popcorn filled to the rim. Put your feet up, relax, enjoy the show. Schedule your next outing before it slips away.

Fellowship/Faith Story 2022

Our family has always attended the 8:30 a.m. service each Sunday at Peace before the Pandemic. When you attend the same service every week you get to know who the regulars are.

Since we are now able to return to indoor services, we have been going to the 11:00 a.m. service. It has been great to have had the opportunity to meet the members that attend the other services. I feel that this has been one of the good things that has come out of the Pandemic for me. It is nice to put a face to a name of the other members who we would not normally see if we did not start attending the other services. I hope to see you and get to know you, too.

~ Jan Wolske

Interested in a Cubs Game?

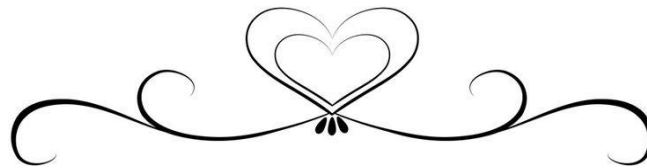
After multiple communications with the Cubs, we now have a date and time for a Cubs game at a reasonable price (\$30.) We have tickets for a Wednesday afternoon game, Aug. 10, against the Washington Nationals. The game starts at 1:20pm. If you need a ride, we'll find a way to get you there at \$10 each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

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>

Mandatory Confirmation rehearsal is on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, a parent/adult needs to be present. *



Confirmation Sunday dates

Confirmation Sundays will be held at the 11am services on **May 15** and **May 22**.

Youth Events

Peace 360 Events –

Sun., May 1 – Dinner and Discussions 4-6pm

Dinner is chicken and waffles

Sun, June 5 – Antioch Planning 4-6pm

3rd-6th Mini Retreat Lego and Let God

– Sat., May 7

3rd-6th graders are invited to join us on Sat., May 7 from 1:30pm -4:30pm. We will have fun, play games, build with Lego all while helping them build a relationship with God! Please sign up by May 1, so we know how many builders to expect! There will be a snack break.

[Lego & Let God Sign Up](#)

National Youth Gathering Meeting –

Sun., May 15

NYG group will meet from noon – 4pm. We will be busy tie dying our shirts and socks and making our goodie bags. Lunch will be provided.

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

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

Save the date! 3-6th Grade Event: Rainbow Riot – Sat. June 26

We invite 3-6th Graders to come to our first ever Rainbow Riot! Stay tuned for more details and be prepared to get very messy!!!

Wedding Celebration

Pastor Dave and Carol invite the Peace Church congregation to join in celebrating the marriage of their daughter Chris to Michael Drummond.

The ceremony will be at Peace on Sunday, May 29, at 2:00 pm.

Immediately following the ceremony, there will be an informal ice cream and cookies reception outdoors (rain plan: in Fellowship Hall).

Please indicate if you plan to attend on the sign-up in the bulletin, [online](#), or by calling the church office by May 22.

Please, no cards or gifts.

If you would like to bring something to the ceremony, we are collecting school supplies for Morning Star Mission.

Especially helpful items are folders, glue sticks, notebooks, Post-It notes, 3-ring binders, erasers, highlighters, and zippered pencil cases.

Thanks for helping to honor Chris & Michael's relationship and commitment to education.