

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 6 & March 7, 2010 Dave Hedlin and Stan Bockwoldt, Pastors

Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully*

Our Mission: *To bring people into contact with the Gospel,
and help them grow in their relationship to God in Christ.*

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

We are glad that you are here! We pray that you will be drawn closer to the living,
forgiving God who has come to meet us. Please come again.

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

Accompanist/Organist	Howard Eckdahl
Children's Choir Director	Leslie Walton
Adult Choir Director	Bob Howell
Bell Choir Director	Jim Tieri
Sound Engineer	Ted Chubb
Lay Liturgist (5:00)	Debbie Goebig
Lay Liturgist (8:30)	Roy Post
Lay Liturgist (11:00)	Kelly Muehlnickel
Lesson Reader (5:00)	Sandy Ringstrom
Lesson Reader (11:00)	Jen Thompson
Greeters (8:30)	Margaret Lazarz
Greeters (11:00)	Kristyn Soldan
Acolyte (5:00)	Ryan Curry
Acolyte (8:30)	Jacob Schnepfer
Acolyte (11:00)	Jenna Kirkeeng
Ushers (5:00)	Brad Johnson
Ushers (8:30)	Terry & Dan Treasure, David & Paul Burnson
Ushers (11:00)	Girl Scout Troop 649
Nursery (ages 0-5)(8:30)	Joy Treasure & Lynne Lovell
Nursery (ages 0-5)(11:00)	Katie Pudwell & Deb Hypke
Communion Servers (11:00)	Dylan Love, Pam Vanick, Jeff & Deb Howell
	James & Kevin Dusek
Bread Provider (11:00)	Leanne Primrose-Brown
Refreshments (5:00)	Tyler Trzcinski
Refreshments (8:30)	Cindy Hostert, Laura Tieri
Offering Counters	Dave Lang, Kevin & Scott Dusek, Wendy Marotta

The altar flowers are given by Cheryl Barry in memory of her mother, Lillian Jetter; also given by Jim, Grace & Ben Howell in memory of and in celebration of Marilyn D. Howell's 73rd birthday.

WE APPRECIATE your wearing name tags, turning off cell phones, and using a quiet voice for conversations once the prelude begins before worship.

WELCOME PADS

It helps us when you sign the red welcoming pads and give us your last name.

HEARING ASSISTANCE & LARGE PRINT HYMNAL AVAILABLE

We are happy to offer a large print hymnal for visual assistance, as well as wireless receivers to assist anyone with a hearing impairment. Please ask an usher for either or both.

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday worship services.

Saturday Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Mar. 6/7 - Girl Scout Weekend
 Mar. 7 - Workcamp meeting 9:30 a.m.
 Pastor Stan's Class - Jesus in Novel 9:45 a.m.
 High School Destination Unknown 12:30 p.m.
 Peace Buddies 3:00 p.m.
 Mar. 8 - Ruth Circle - Quilters 9:00 a.m.
 Pastor Stan's Class - Sexuality, Spirituality & Loving 7:30 p.m.
 Mar. 9 - Trailblazers Luncheon @ noon
 Coffee & Conversation w/ Pastor Stan at Paradise Smoothies 3:00-6:00 pm
 Dartball 7:30 p.m.
 Mar. 10 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.
 Mar. 11 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
 Mar. 12/13 - Asset Building Celebration
 Mar. 13 - Young Adult Group 6:00 p.m.
 Out to Eat Group - 6:15
 Mar. 13/14 - Sunday School Attendance Awards
 Mar. 14 - Book Club meets 9:45 a.m.
 Contemporary Worship Service 6:00 p.m.
 Sr. High Crosswalk 7:00 p.m.
 Mar. 15 - Yoga 7:00 p.m.
 Volleyball begins 7:30 p.m. (**note date change**)
 Mar. 16 - Coffee & Conversation w/ Pastor Stan at Starbuck's 3:00-6:00
 Pastor Dave's Evening Bible Study 7:15 p.m.
 Mar. 17 - Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
 7th Grade Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Pizza at 6:30 p.m.
 Mar. 18 - Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
 Mar. 19 - Scrapbooking & U. F. O. 7:00 p.m.
 Mar. 20 - Lenten Series (part 3) 6:05 p.m.
 Mar. 21 - Pastor Stan's Class - Introduction to the New Testament 9:45 a.m.
 Peace Buddies 3:00 p.m.
 Sr. High Service Project
 Mar. 22 - Ruth Circle - Quilters 9:00 a.m.
 Yoga - 7:00 p.m.

SCRAPBOOKING GROUP - MAR. 19

Mark your calendar, bring your supplies, and join us on Friday, Mar. 19, at 7:00 p.m. for fun, fellowship and scrapbooking. If you have any questions please call April Blair (815) 462-5324 or Debbie Powers (815) 806-0656. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin if you are able to join us.

RUTH CIRCLE - QUILTERS - MAR. 8 & 22

We usually meet every other Monday at 9:00 a.m. **No experience necessary.** You just have to know how to have fun to join. And if that's not enticing enough, we always have snacks! On Mar. 8, Kay Johnson will be providing the refreshments. Our next meeting will be on Mar. 22. If you have questions, call Diane Stohlquist at (815) 485-8281 or Syndy Lindbloom at (708) 479-7338.

CALLING ALL OLD BLANKETS...

The quilters of Ruth Circle are asking everyone to check their closets for any old blankets or mattress pads. We use them to create our quilts! We appreciate your support. If you have any questions, call Diane Stohlquist at 815-485-8218.

U.F.O. NIGHT (UNFINISHED OBJECTS) - MAR. 19

The quilters will be meeting monthly with the scrapbookers for a night of fun and crafting. You don't have to be a quilter, just bring any craft project you want to work on and have fun. Please join us on Friday, Mar. 19, at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Syndy Lindbloom (815) 479-7338.

TRAILBLAZERS - MAR. 9

Wear your green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day at our next luncheon on Tuesday, Mar 9 at noon. Carolyn Blair and Norma Allison will be our hostesses. If you have any questions, please see Janet Weber or contact Myrna Taeger at (815) 462-9407. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP - MAR. 13

Peace Lutheran young adults (up to 39 years of age) meet on the second Saturday of each month. Please join us here at church on Saturday, Mar. 13, at 6:00 p.m. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or let Pastor Stan know if you will be attending.

VOLLEYBALL BEGINS MAR. 15 (Note Date Change)

Peace's annual entry in the Christian Youth Center's volleyball league is scheduled to begin on Mar. 15 at 7:30 p.m. All games are on Monday evenings and the league is mostly for fun. We definitely could use players (high school age and above). The starting times for games vary 6:30, 7:30 or 8:30 p.m. Watch the bulletin for the game schedule. The Christian Youth Center is located on Rt. 52, one mile west of Briggs St. in Joliet. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Trosen at (708) 997-1050). Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin if you are interested in playing.

PRAYER LIST

(If your prayer request is for yourself or you have the other person's permission, you may be specific [for example, skin cancer]. For anyone you may be more general [for example, "a decision to be made," or "health"]. We will now keep people on the pray-for list for 60 days unless you tell us otherwise.)

The family of Robert Walker, Sarah Robinson, Jim Sawallisch, Patti Merk, Larry Burnson (strength & comfort), Bill Rudy (health & healing), Cathy Boer (chemotherapy), Georgianna Bafundo, Tara Torkelson, Ken Gatewood, Della Tollefson, Mark Bockwoldt (recovery), John Koblosky, Ron Krauch, Louise Schuler (recovery), Marty Biggs (full time employment), Karen Salutric (broken foot), Lee Krieger, Diane Kahl, Bernice Vanick, Mike Stanton, Linda Wilson, Denise Jones, Amber Rutkowski, Dennis Wesel, Janice Davila (lung & bone cancer), Jerry Gierman (recovery), Eric Bartels (recovery), Tim Geissler, Caleb Huelhorst, Joyce Smith, Jonah & Hannah Huelhorst, Nancy Nelson, Roy & Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Carol Tatro, Teri Hop, Diane Stohlquist, Duva Frazer, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot... Jennifer Lachat, Tricia Lahucik & family, the Wern family, Hannah Bulian, Lynn, David, & Erin (grief), Cathy Stege (grief), Adam Rush (Chicago firefighter injured in the line of duty), Judy, Sherri Eek, Bruce Havener, John Voglein, Christine, Leslie, Michelle Englert, Rose, Esther Coulter, Betty Brewer, Ann Rubin (broken ankle), Erica Inman, Gary Stout, Jordy Johns, Ted H., Mike Studenroth, Max Mejan, Barbara Hauser, Tina, Don Mayer, Brian Wieringa (hospitalized), Madison Freeman & family, Leslee Naslund (cancer), Donald Schuller (employment), the Hauert family, Lee Swank (recovery), Judy, Nancy Baczynski (cancer), Lee Potter, Barb Foose, Lisa (health), Greg (to keep his eye on the ball), Hannah Bulian (relapse), Bill Reichert (pancreatic cancer), Daneen (guidance), Sally (improved vision), Kim Yanowsky, Jon Templin (healing), Tom (heart surgery), Jeff Manske (strength for transplanted lungs), Tom, Tom Cross, Bruce Pierson, Ray Bergman, Collin, Carol Thompson, the Dunkman family, the Haiti earthquake victims, Jerry Vickers, Macy Bella Ganz, Marie Augitto, Mavis (cancer), Lisa (peace & joy), Sophie Rogowski (healing), Meggen Strickland (martial problems), Ginny Koepel, Madonna Pennington, Robin Dyer (cancer), Mary Ellen Rodeghier, Marianne Helland, Gabby, Tatiana, Andrew & Amy (marital problems), Margaret Collina (strength & healing), Jeffrey (strength & addiction), Lori Mack, Don Cohn, Barb McPhail, Leah, Ursula, Laura Williams, Joan Hatten, Larry (depression), Chuck Kitley, Adolfo (divorce/depression), Taylor (surgery), Johnny Lewis (pneumonia), Joan Rae, Carol & Van Hambrick (Alzheimer's), Norm & Jean Bjornson, Bill Reidy, Marge McGee, Alwyn Dohrn (health), Lacey Whalen (cancer), Ed & Martha Enoksen, Norb Skowronski (cancer), Vivian Trimby, the Potter family, Doris Fosnaugh, Mary Lauterbach, Brandon McSheffery (cancer), Jarrett Vann, Ernie Bergmark.

ADULT CLASS WELCOMES YOU

Our weekly **adult class** usually meets in the back of the sanctuary, starting about 9:55 a.m. Each week there is a different topic. This week: Mar. 7 - How Has Heaven Changed Over Time? (Some of our ideas come from interesting places!) Next week: Mar. 14 - Destructive Behavior - It Will Get You. (There are all kinds of destructive behavior from perfection to being passive-aggressive).

BUILDING ASSETS IN OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

The asset that we're focusing on this month is **Constructive Use of Time: Time at Home:** Some things we can do at home to help build this asset are: 1.) Set fair limits on how often kids can go out with their friends during the school week. 2.) Make time at home fun for everyone. Play games, watch videos, take walks, etc. Limit time alone. Last week's idea of the week was get to know your children's friends. This weeks is limit teenagers who work to 15 hours per week.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

We are encouraging your support for those in the military and their families. We also ask for your prayers for those who have returned from Iraq who struggle to readjust to life in the U.S. and work through their grief over friends they have lost in the Middle East. If you have someone you would like added to the list, let us know. Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Chris Hop, Brie Grams (nee Hatch), J. Travis Burns, Sgt. Brent Wendtland, Ned Fowler, Matt Landry, Tim Geary, Lane Kreisl, Jesse Benskin, Ed Ultoski, Jason Barnes, Matthew Chitty, Tim David, Scott Ferris, James Marks, Derick Voss, Brandon Beems, Tony Bodiker, Michael Wargin, Brian Kettell, Elizabeth (Tatro) Grossart, Gil Huerrera, Mandolyn Davila, Rick Davila, Christopher Waugh, Ashley, Jim Trimby, Jake Treasure, Chris Kaczmarek, Anthony Powers, Tom Swenson, David Aparicio, Richard Alderson, John Benitez.

ADDRESS & E-MAIL ADDRESS TO SERVICE PERSONNEL

We have five people connected to our congregation serving overseas. Mail can be sent to four of them at:

SPC Kettell, Brian	Jonathan Travis Burns	Ruple, Steven R
C BTRY 3/17 FA	PRG 6-11	HHC 2CAB
5-2 ID SBCT	APO – AE 09354	UNIT 15457 BOX 1313
APO AE 09355		APO AP 96271

Brent O. Wendtland
BCO 2-22 3rd Plt.
Kandahara, AB
APO AE 09355

GOOD SHEPHERD group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eyeshadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs and brushes), personal items, bathing items (sponges, bubble bath, shower gel), and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons.

MEN'S DARTBALL - MAR. 9

Dartball meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. (The snacks alone are worth the trip). No prior experience is needed (or helpful). Please join us!

C.D.s & PODCAST AVAILABLE

Would you like a C.D. copy of a worship service? Look for the sign-up on the name tag table. Also, if you want to listen to a sermon, teaching moment or children's sermon you missed or want to hear one again, go to the link on our website www.peacenewlenox.org.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE - MAR 14

Our next service will be **Sunday, March 14, at 6:00 p.m.**

GOD'S GREEN TEAM WANTS YOUR HELP

As part of God's Green Team our Sunday School classes are sponsoring a recycling project each month. They are decorating boxes that will be in the entry area for collection of the items for the month. If you would like to plan for upcoming months the schedule is as follows: **March** - 3rd graders - Hand Held Games (New Lenox Collection), **April** - 2nd graders - Cameras (New Lenox Collection).

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club is March 14, during the Sunday School hour. The book is The Help by Kathryn Stockett. It is about three very different women during the civil rights movement in Mississippi in 1962. All are welcome. There is no formal membership - join us anytime the book interests you. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Davenport.

BIBLE DONATIONS

Would you like to donate the cost of one of the new Bibles in the pew racks? The cost is \$7.50 per Bible and you can donate each book in memory or in honor of someone. Envelopes and forms are in the entrance area.

BATTER UP! PITCHERS AND CATCHERS REPORT! - MAR. 31

If those words are music to your ears, then maybe you would like to become a member of Peace's men's softball team (18 or older). If so, please join us for the Fifth Annual Softball Convention here at church on Wednesday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m.! OK, so it's not really a convention—it's just a pizza party with a bunch of guys kibitzing, but it's important to attend nonetheless. This meeting will give us a chance to get together, talk softball, and plan a practice schedule. We play in a pretty competitive men's league at the Christian Youth Center in Joliet and games begin in early May. We are in definite need of a couple new guys for this years team. Don't be shy—come on out! If you are interested, please contact Jim Tieri at (815) 462-5316, use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office. Hope to see you there!

Youth Ministry

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS - TUESDAYS - 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.

NEW TWIST: Pastor Stan will be at **Paradise Smoothies**, around the corner from the church (on Schoolhouse) on the **2nd Tuesday** of every month! He will **still be at Starbucks** (on Rt 30 - in front of Cardinal Fitness/Bluestone Grill/Lowes) on the other Tuesdays of the month. **Teens and Adults** are welcome to drop in any time between 3-6 p.m. for a chat about faith, church, school, or life in general.

THERE IS A PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PAGE OF FACEBOOK; plus you can join Peace Lutheran Youth (for high school students). Pastor Stan also has a Facebook page and if you would like to add him as a friend he can keep you informed about all the activities going on here at Peace! His name on Facebook is Stan Bockwoldt.

SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES

We now have 2010 camp brochures for LOMC, Camp Manitoqua, and Lutherdale in Elkhorn, Wisconsin available in the narthex. If you need financial assistance to attend camp, just let Pastor Stan or Pastor Dave know. Our Hope Fund is ready to help!

SR. HIGH DESTINATION UNKNOWN - MAR. 7

The destination is a secret, but for a clue read: 1 Peter 4:8-11. Plan on meeting at the church at 12:30 p.m. on Mar. 7.

SR. HIGH CROSSWALK - "YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT?" - MAR. 14

Sometimes forgiving is hard. Maybe a friend turned their back on you. Maybe someone you loved betrayed you. We all have wounds and we end up carrying around these things that people have done to us for weeks, months, and sometimes even years. When we hear that we should forgive we want to scream, "you want me to do what?!" It isn't always easy to forgive and after a while the hurts can really get heavy. So the only way to feel better seems to be somehow getting back at the people who hurt us, to get revenge. But does revenge truly satisfy? Maybe instead of revenge, forgiveness is the answer. We'll meet on **Mar. 14, at 7:00 p.m.** Please use the sign-up sheet or call Pastor Stan to let us know you are interested.

7th & 8th & SR. HIGH - HIDDEN COVE LOCK-IN - MAR. 26-27

Come one, come all! We are going to Hidden Cove again! You will be "locked in" the facility from 10:00 p.m. Friday night until early Saturday morning. That's plenty of time to try the arcade games and mini bowling, play basketball, enjoy some inflatables, ride bumper cars and as long as the weather is cooperating, there is mini golf, the climbing wall and batting cages! We will leave Peace Church at 9:00 p.m. Friday night and return around 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The cost is \$25 and it must be turned in by Sunday, March 21. As always, friends are welcome! (**Adult drivers and chaperones are needed!**)

PEACE BUDDIES - SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTH GROUP - MAR. 7

Peace Buddies is the special needs youth group for high school age and older. We will meet on the first and third Sundays, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Dave or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338.

SR. HIGH SERVICE PROJECT - MAR. 21

Get ready for our next service project. We are going back to the Ronald McDonald House! Watch for more details.

THE HOPE FUND

If your child(ren) would like to participate in a youth event but the cost involved is keeping him/her/them from joining us, we have a fund available to help you. The Hope Fund has been established through the generous donation of a Peace Lutheran Church family to enable a member(s) of our congregation to participate in church youth activities. Just let Pastor Stan or Pastor Dave know—and no one else will know.

PASTOR DAVE'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY - MAR 16

Each month on the third Tuesday we have a Bible study on a certain topic. We will next meet on March 16, from 7:15-8:30 p.m. The topic that evening will be: "Body, Mind, Spirit."

MISSION TRIP MEETING - MAR. 7

There will be a meeting on Mar. 7 following the 8:30 a.m. worship service for everyone who signed up for the Mt. Pulaski Mission Trip. We need to fill out the paperwork required for the trip. It should only take about 30 minutes. If you have any questions, contact Gina Losacco at (815) 462-3571.

ASSET CELEBRATION - MAR. 12-13

The annual Asset Building Celebration will take place Mar. 12 & 13. This year's events will be split between the Lincoln-Way East campus on Colorado Ave in Frankfort and the Lincoln-Way Central campus across the street from the church. There will be a Battle of the Bands on Friday, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. for the teens in the main gym at Central (school ID required), breakfast for people of all ages on Saturday, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at East, a Family Faire on Saturday, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at East. Asset Building is worth celebrating.

ASSET BUILDING CELEBRATION TOY DRIVE

As part of the annual Asset Building Celebration there will be a toy drive to benefit the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. The toy drive will be held in March with all toys needing to be delivered to Lincoln-Way East on Friday, March 12.

LAST WEEK our congregation shared offerings in the amount of \$7,859.24 and a total attendance in worship of 441. Your faithful support is deeply appreciated!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - APR. 11

A Special Congregational Meeting has been called for April 11 at 9:55 a.m. The purpose for the meeting is to give the necessary legal approvals for the State of Illinois to purchase additional right of way for the widening of Rt. 30. We will have several legal documents that will include the sale of the land, plus additional settlements for costs incurred in changes we will need to make (principally relocating our sign and one parking island), plus authorization for officers and/or Pastor Hedlin to sign the documents. (In advance of the meeting on April 11 opportunities will be given to see the plans and ask questions. Stay tuned for that information. We are currently asking the village and the state a series of questions.)

E-BLAST

Are you interested in receiving a weekly "E-Blast" highlighting the week's upcoming events? We will begin the E-Blast program soon. Let us know in the church office or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin and we'll send you a weekly update.

EVERYBODY READ

You may have heard of a common book to read by a school or city. We're going to invite you to read not a whole book, but a selected passage from the Bible. Each month we'll pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write down a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage. (We'll include that space on our sign-up sheet). For March., the passage is: Mark 14:32-42.

BIBLE READING RESPONSES FOR FEBRUARY - ISAIAH 58:6-12

1.) My favorite part of this section is verse 9. (Then you shall call and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, here I am. It is so simple, and the repetition sounds beautiful. I can picture God as a dad who comes to sleep on our floor at night when we have nightmares.

2.) I thought it was interesting that Isaiah described the actions---helping the oppressed, feeding the hungry, bringing in the homeless---as a kind of "fast." When I think of fasting, I think of someone refraining from eating in order to focus on God rather than his own body. However, I think Isaiah's definition makes even more sense. He recommends focusing on God by focusing on the needs of other people around him. If I want my "light" to "break forth like the dawn," I should turn that light on other people in the world.

BLOOD DRIVE - MAR. 27

Mark your calendars for the next blood drive which will be on Saturday, Mar. 27, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We'll be happy to entertain your kids while you donate (we'll have videos and craft projects). A photo I.D. is required. Please donate!

OUT TO EAT GROUP - MAR. 13

The next Out to Eat Group dining experience will be at Paisano's Restaurant (located on Rt. 30 in the shopping complex near Ace Hardware in New Lenox) on Saturday, March 13, at 6:15 p.m. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you will be joining us.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP - DESSERT COOK-OFF & DARTBALL WHOSE DESSERT TAKES THE CAKE? - MAR. 27

Come and join us for some yummy desserts as we test our culinary baking skills and enjoy a fun night of dartball! This all takes place on Saturday, Mar. 27 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dessert to share--we'll vote on whose dessert takes the cake! Childcare will be available (\$3.00 per child). If you have questions, contact Eric or Sandi Wesel at (815) 463-9253. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you will be joining us and if you need childcare.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: **Mar. 21.** If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it via e-mail or first class, let us know.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

April 1

- 6:30 p.m. - Meal in the Upper Room
- 8:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Worship

April 2

- 10:00 a.m. - Cross Walk in New Lenox (starts at St. Jude's)
- 12:30 p.m. - Cross Walk in Frankfort (starts at St. Peter's)
- 7:30 p.m. - Good Friday Worship Service at Peace Church

April 3

- 5:00 p.m. - Easter Eve Worship (transition from dark to light)

April 4

- 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Communion Festival Worship
- 9:45 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

MEAL IN THE UPPER ROOM - APR. 1

You are invited to the Maundy Thursday celebration of the "Meal in the Upper Room" on April 1, at 6:30 p.m. This holiday is a celebration of the Jewish people's emancipation from slavery during the pharaoh's rule in Egypt. Led by Moses, we are reminded of the hardship that the Jews endured before achieving freedom. We are inspired by God's word and special music. If you are interested in participating in the special music portion, please contact Terri Pignatiello at (708) 429-1854. Because of the special nature of this event, many volunteers are needed. Please call the church office or use the sign-up slip in the bulletin if you are willing to help. The deadline to sign up is March 28. Childcare is available.

EASTER FLOWERS

Each year at Easter we invite people to remember and honor people (events) that are important to them by donating an Easter lily plant to decorate our sanctuary. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. Envelopes and forms to complete are in the entrance area of the church. The order deadline is March 28. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (815) 485-5327.

EASTER BREAKFAST - APR. 4

This year's Easter breakfast on April 4 will begin about 9:45 a.m. after the 8:30 service and will conclude about 10:45 a.m. It will feature eggs and three kinds of meat, pancakes, French toast, fruit, juice, coffee, etc. The cost is a free will offering. Please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin to let us know if you will be attending and how many.

LENTEN & EASTER OFFERINGS

Each year the money we receive in our Lenten/Easter special envelopes is given away to others. This year it will be divided between the ELCA Hunger Appeal, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (the agency of our church that serves so many people in need), Resurrection Lutheran Church in Channahon (which is led by Pastor Ben Ingelson), and local ministries that help others (Groundwork, Daybreak, Lambs Fold, and Morningstar Mission).

LENTEN CLASS - JESUS: WHO WAS HE REALLY?

Join Pastor Dave for last Lenten class in the series focusing on the Jesus of the Gospels. The remaining date is Mar. 20. It will take place after the 5:00 Saturday worship (about 6:05 p.m.). Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call or email the church office (815-485-5327) if you plan to attend.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS NOW AVAILABLE

This year we have two different Lenten devotional choices, "Shaped by Love" Daily Family Devotions for Lent and "From Fear to Love" Lenten Reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. In addition we have a children's version, "O Lord, I'm Listening" with daily Lenten prayers for children. Be sure to pick up a copy of a Lenten devotional on the table in the narthex.

PEACE LIBRARY

Be sure to stop in the library during the month of March when we will be featuring books for Lent in preparation for Easter. Please feel free to check one out!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. is our All-Church Potluck and Stewardship Event. Watch the bulletin for more details.

(Sign-Up 3/6/10 - 3/7/10)

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Name _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

(Please place this in the offering plate, give it to Pastor Hedlin, or call the office)

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- Mar. 14 - Sr. High Crosswalk _____
- Mar. 21- Sr. High Service Project - Ronald McDonald House _____
- Mar. 26-27 - 7th/8th Gr. & Sr. High Hidden Cove Lock-in _____
- I can be a Driver _____ or Chaperone _____

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- I can be a Driver _____ or Chaperone _____

- _____ I will attend the Trailblazers luncheon on Mar. 9.
- _____ I/We will join the Out to Eat Group at Paisano's on Mar. 13
- _____ I/We will attend the Young Adults Group Mar. 13.
- _____ I will attend scrapbooking on Mar. 19.
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