

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Current as of Aug. 20, 2021 (new/important items since 8/13 are in bold type)**

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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.*

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Please check in with our Peace website [www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org) regularly for updates. There will be occasional email updates as well, the last of which was 8/20. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

**THIS WEEK AND BEYOND**

Sat., Aug. 21 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))

Sat., Aug. 21 - Slammers game - 6:05pm

Sun., Aug. 22 - Live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary [no registration needed] - 8:30am & Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) - 9:30am (no live-stream), including Blessings for Schools

Sun., Aug. 22 - Sunday School Teacher Orientation - 10:30am

Sun., Aug 22 - Peace 360 Youth event - 4:00pm - Minute-to-win-it games

Mon., Aug. 23 - Quilting 9:30am

Wed., Aug. 18 - Bible Study - 10:00am in person or via Zoom

Sat., Aug. 28 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))

Sun., Aug. 29 - Live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary [no registration needed] - 8:30am & Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) - 9:30am (no live-stream)

Sun., Aug. 29 - Adult Class - 10:30am in person or Zoom

Tues., Aug. 31 - Church Council - 7:30pm in person or Zoom

Wed., Sept. 1 - Bible Study - 10:00am in person or via Zoom

Daily: Reflections from Pastor Dave. [Facebook video](#).

**Drive-in/Online/In person Worship for Aug. 21 & 22 - 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Our worship schedule continues: Sat. at 5:00 and Sun. at 9:30 (back to regular time) are drive-in/outdoors and Sun. at 8:30 will be in person (**5:00 and 8:30 services are live-streamed.**) Weather will dictate where the drive-in worships will be located. If it is cooperative, we will be set up on the lawn area by the long sidewalk, facing the parking lot; if not, facing the front entrance. Regardless of grass area or at the main entrance canopy, you can bring your lawn chairs or stay in your cars (including a new and improved FM 88.3 option.)

Our [Facebook page](#) site continues to have the worship services recorded and available anytime. (You do not need to have a Facebook account to access this public page.) There will be a hymn to which you can sing along, (words below this announcement, so be sure to print out the words) some liturgy, scripture readings (Joshua 24:1-2a & 14-18, Ephesians 6:10-20, & John 6:56-69) prayers,

communion (bring your own bread or cracker), and a sermon. Please join in being together in God's name inside, on the grass/parking lot, in your cars, or electronically and share the worship post with others! If you want more details, search/look for "How will worship work" at the end of the document.

## **Words to This Week's Hymn – 8/21 & 8/22 - *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #733**

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

## **Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers this week are given by Deb & Jeff Howell in celebration of Millie Rose Howell's first birthday.

## **Thank you**

Thank you to all the people who are watching our weekly worship and daily videos on line. (Bring some good news to people you know online and share them with others.) Thanks, too, for all your support financially, in prayer, with words of encouragement, acts of service and more! Thank you! **Your online gifts last week of \$2,158 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$17,544 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 562 Facebook views of last weekend's worship (Sat. night's video failed, but add You Tube and watching live), and for the drive-in about 75 at 5:00, 90 at 8:30 & 80 at 9:30.** In troubled times, it is as important as ever to let the Word of God speak in our hearts and to the world.

## **New/ Important for This Week's Bulletin**

**SEPTEMBER BEGINS NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE & ONE MORE INSIDE WORSHIP OPTION**  
We are partially returning to somewhat previous worship plans (pre-pandemic) starting in Sept. The plan is for **Saturday** night's worship at 5:00 to remain outdoors for as long as we can. **Sunday's** schedule goes back to **8:30 and 11:00am - both indoors** with masks strongly encouraged. (Starting

**Sept. 12**, the **education hour resumes at 9:45** with Sunday School and adult education offerings.) Live-streaming of worship will continue on Saturday nights and at the 8:30 service on Sundays. What won't yet be changing: We will continue to have communion be taken all at once in your seats (bring your own or use our wafers.) We still won't have nursery care or as much liturgy. There won't be printed bulletins or using hymnals (song sheets are available inside and the words to the hymns are available electronically in that bulletin format.) We will have two hymns instead of one. Volunteers will be requested on a week by week basis instead of assigned ahead of time for an usher, lesson reader, greeter. No refreshments after worship.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Sunday School begins Sept. 12 at 9:45am. Our theme is Conductors of Faith!! We look forward to another great year! We rely on the registration forms to give us updates and to help us know who will be available to help with Sunday School. We have a great team and would love to have you be a part of it!!! Please fill out a registration form (located on the narthex counter in an upright holder), register on-line [Sunday School Registration](#), or call the church office. Even if you have no one in Sunday School, you might be hearing God's call to serve in our amazing program.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANS TO HELP KEEP KIDS SAFE**

We are trying to follow as many good practices as we can to keep kids safe in Sunday School. We have bought special air purifying equipment for each classroom. We are requiring masks be worn by all involved. We will space people out as best we can. All children will have their own box of supplies that will be only theirs each week. We will use our special virus killing sprayer before Sunday School each week. Until the situation improves, opening exercises will be out on the lawn in decent weather with designated meeting areas for each class.

#### **BLOOD DRIVE - THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who donated last week! We had 22 units collected!!! That translates into 66 lives saved; thanks be to God.

#### **UPDATES REGARDING A REPLACEMENT FOR TODD YETMAN**

No one needs to pretend we can replace Todd, but we are going to have a quality musician helping us worship together! That person will bring gifts of their own and we will all get used to the changes. We have scheduled 3 (possibly 4) candidates for a second round of interviews. This round will be with a committee of 10 interested volunteers from the congregation. Those interviews will be concluded on Aug. 28. If one of the candidates is acceptable, we would expect that the person would start no later than Oct. 1. (We will be using substitutes until then.) We are concentrating on finding a quality pianist as the lead instrument because our efforts to find an organist as the lead instrument produced zero applicants! (Part-time quality organists are a dying breed.)

#### **BLESSING FOR SCHOOLS - SUN., AUG. 22**

As a part of 8:30am & 9:30am worships on Aug. 22, we will have a special prayer of blessing for all those connected to schools in any way. We will pray for teachers, students, staff, parents, administrators, bus drivers, support personnel, etc.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ORIENTATION MEETING - SUN., AUG. 22**

Our Sunday School staff gathers before the start of Sunday School to help get to know each other, help new teachers and staff get acquainted with our Sunday School ministry, get our supplies and curriculum, and generally have a good time! This year's orientations will be Sunday, Aug. 22 at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall. (We also give extra special care and training for our new staff!)

#### **PEACE 360 YOUTH EVENT - SUN., AUG. 22 - 4:00pm**

Teens, plan on coming Aug. 22 at 4:00 for a series of minute-to-win-it games. See some old friends and make some new ones. And of course, there will be snacks and fun!

#### **ADULT CLASS - SUN., AUG. 29, 10:30am**

Please join us for another of our summer adult classes. The topic on Aug. 29 will be “Instead of ‘Why Me?’ Ask ‘What Can I Learn?’” God doesn’t bring us difficulties in life ever, including to teach us a lesson. But God is very interested in the moments of life’s challenges to help us grow through them. The class will look at the big theological picture of why bad things happen at all, plus concentrate on the next steps that can make a difference.

#### **PRAYER SHAWLS - EVERY OTHER THURSDAY - NEXT = SEPT. 2**

Do you crochet or knit? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting again! A prayer shawl is a shawl prepared for and prayed over for someone that is hurting so they can wrap themselves in God’s love. We could provide you with simple patterns or you could create your own. We are going to meet every other week on Thursdays at 6:00pm, with the next time being Sept. 2. 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 NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION - SUN., SEPT. 5 - 9:45am**

What do Charles Lindbergh, Babe Ruth, Cal Coolidge, Al Capone, flagpole sitting and a whole lot more have in common? You’ll want to read *One Summer - America 1927* by Bill Bryson. You will not believe all that happened that summer that made such an impact on American history and folklore. A copy of the book is available at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. The date will be Sept. 5 and the time will be 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.)

#### **STRONG SENIORS EXERCISE GROUP RESUMES WED., SEPT. 8**

Join us for a low impact, do what you can exercise program for seniors. We meet twice a week: Mondays 12 noon -1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### **3-6TH GR. BIBLE BUDDIES - SEPT. 15 & 22**

We are bringing back Bible Buddies!! While our 7 & 8th graders are in Confirmation class, we invite our 3-6th graders to come and hang out with Miss Jess. Come from 7:00 - 8:00pm We will have a lesson, some games, and some great conversations! We hope to see you soon! Please let us know if you’re planning to come.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - SUN., SEPT. 29, 10:30am**

Parents/Guardians and families please join us on Sun., Sept. 29 at 10:30am to meet the amazing teachers and helpers of our Sunday School program! We haven’t been in person for a while and we hope this will give parents, and children, a chance to meet their new teachers. Refreshments will be provided.

#### **DIAPER COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST**

One of the needs of people who are challenged economically has to do with diapers. We are starting a collection of diapers of all sizes, including adult sizes. You can put them outside the front door, or put them in the wire-rack bin we have in the entrance area.

#### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SANTA CRUZ THROUGH AUGUST**

The stores are getting school supplies out earlier and earlier! So, we’ll be happy to accept your donations of them that we’ll give to Santa Cruz, our mission partner in Joliet. Outside the front door or in the famous bin in the entrance area will be great places to leave them.

### VIAL OF LIFE AVAILABLE

Through the courtesy of the Faith Community Nursing Program, a not-for-profit organization of nurses that promotes public health and support for people in their lives, we have a supply of "The Vial of Life." These are to be stored in your refrigerator in your home and/or glove box in your car for emergency personnel (or family) in case you need emergency care and can't speak for yourself. They contain information helpful to care givers and remain private unless needed. The group suggests having one in both car and home since those are the two places they'd most likely be needed. They are free. We will put some in the black container outside the front door (the one containing the daily devotionals), as well as in the entrance area. Please help yourself.

### CHECK OUT THESE LOCAL EVENTS

We want to encourage people to safely get out and enjoy some local entertainment options. The Village of New Lenox hosts some things at the Village Commons: <https://www.newlenox.net/pview.aspx?id=54045&catid=529>. The Fellowship Committee also invites you to consider some other locales for your consideration. For example, Concerts on the Green in Frankfort, which our church has helped sponsor for 25 years: <https://www.frankfortchamber.com/concerts-on-the-green/>, or <https://paramountaurora.com/riveredge/>, or <https://iandmcanal.org/>.

### NEW OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES AVAILABLE

The offering envelopes boxes that began June 6 are now available for pick up in the Narthex. Come before or after worship or some other time when the office is open and pick up your box. (For those whose old numbers were above 336, you'll have a new number.)

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Any week we have people who wish to donate them we will order them and have them for the indoor worship services (and hopefully visible online for the other two services as well.) You may call or email the church ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327.) Just let us know for which date from now to the end of 2021 you would like to provide them. The cost per arrangement is \$20.

### DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS FOR JULY - SEPT. ARE AVAILABLE

We put a second bin (black) outside the front door labeled "devotional booklets" and you can come by the church and pick up the next quarter's devotionals. If you want us to mail it to you, let us know.

### 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 keep people on the pray-for list for 60 days unless you tell us otherwise.*

**Lindsay George, Geri Henning, ICU nurses, Linda (hospice), Marie (health), Jack Goesel (recovery),** Alice Harvey (recovery), Janice Musak (recovery), Cheryl Krieger (recovery), Claudia Green (surgery), Larry Parvin (health), Denise Jones (rehab), Ron Fullriede (healing), Ted Chubb (healing), Jeri Sandt (recovery), Roger Bentley (healing), Max (cancer), Wayne Hansen (recovery), Dorothy Vrshek (hospice), Chris Fehrenkamp, Hailey (strength and guidance), Rich Dohrn (COVID - recovery), Kay Johnson, Bonnie Fikeys, Barb Decker, Nolan (God's guidance), Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Judy Williams, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...  
Doug Ruth (injury), Michael (healing), Rick Davis (healing), Dave (heart attack), Jeanne (recovery), Marquin (father died), Scott Campbell (heart transplant), Bob & Jean Britton, Christy Chenoweth, Anita's mom (hospice), Mark (recovery), Celine (healing from surgery), Tammy Rokita (cancer), Steve Buenning, Sheila, Parker (seizures), Jim Calvert (cancer), Sandy Booten, Carol Bentley, Tyler, Vern Sanborn, Alan Booton, Bill Reidy (cancer), Erv Pander, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt, Mary Hand, the Austin family, Brena V. and family, Dan T. & family, Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo, Jeffrey, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY - We are starting from scratch with our military list. If you know someone who is serving and would like them on our list, let us know. 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.

#### ADDRESS FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Midshipman Trevor Horn	Sargent Devin Pafford
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Annapolis, MD 21412	Beaufort, SC 29902

MA2 Baker, Connor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Jakob Swenson
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Norfolk, VA 23502	Fort Polk, LA 71459

## **Giving & Giving More Thanks**

### **DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY (OR WANT TO)?**

If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, contact the office. If you want to give on-line, you can go to our website [www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org) and click on the donate tab. You can also scan the QR code here with your smart phone to donate one time or set up recurring payments (or download in order to manage online giving).



## **Groups**

### **SUMMERTIME QUILTING - AUG. 23**

**Summertime Quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be Aug. 23. We are socially distancing in Fellowship Hall, and are resuming treats because everybody's been vaccinated!!! Questions? Contact the church office.**

### **TRAILBLAZERS - WE WELCOME YOU AS WE COME BACK! - SEPT. 21**

**We invite anyone who'd like to get together with some others who are anything but "over the hill" to come together on Sept. 21 at noon at church. Bring \$5; the food will be provided. Email or call the church office for more information.**

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP - on hold

### **ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY**

Is someone you love abusing prescription or street drugs? Are you concerned about the destructive choices he or she is making and/or in denial? If you are feeling all alone and would like some support from other parents, siblings, friends and spouses who are traveling the same road you are on, then this group may be for you. We support all roads to recovery, so we share what has or hasn't worked for us. We also understand that we must recover, because our lives have also become unmanageable. We meet Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office.

## **Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events**

### **CURTAIN CALL THEATRE – "LEND ME A TENOR"**

**Couldn't we all use a good laugh? (Reviews about the play itself: "A sensation on Broadway, this madcap, screwball comedy is guaranteed to leave audiences teary-eyed with laughter.") This sounds like great fun! Arrange a group of your own or buy your own tickets on line. The cost is \$20.**



**Performances:** are at 7:00pm on Thurs., Fri., Sat. 8/19, 20, 21 & 8/26, 27 & 28 and Sun. 8/22 & 8/29 at 2:00pm.

**NEW: THE MIGHTY TED - SUMMERPLACE THEATER - NAPERVILLE - AUG. 20-22**

Ted had a stroke, survived and wrote a musical (comedy) about doctors, therapists, insurance companies and government bureaucrats. Go to [www.summerplacetheatre.org](http://www.summerplacetheatre.org) for all the information and to get tickets (\$20 - \$15.) Performances are at 7:00pm.

**A MOTOWN CHRISTMAS ALSO COMING TO THE RIALTO, DEC. 14, 7:30PM**

“A Motown Christmas” starring the Motown Experience could be just what you need to kick off the holiday season with a family- oriented, sing-along holiday spectacular at the Rialto Square Theatre on Tuesday, December 14th @ 7:30 pm. A Motown Christmas features a world-class vocal group assembled from past and present members of three of Motown’s most legendary groups: The Temptations, The Miracles and The Contours. A Motown Christmas is a powerful show combining Motown’s greatest hits with everyone’s favorite, holiday classics. The show features Motown’s trademark dazzling choreography, and unforgettable harmonies performed in that memorable, soulful Motown style. Tickets are available from \$39.50 and higher (plus fees if bought online.) Go to the box office or look at the Rialto’s website: <https://rialtosquare.com/shows/> (Interested as a group from church? Let us know by Aug. 30.)

**CINDERELLA - NOV. 10 - JAN. 9 AT THE PARAMOUNT**

Experience one of the most beloved and cherished fairy tales live on Paramount’s stage, with a re-imagined take on the story families have returned to over and over across generations. Experience magic as you’ve never seen before. From pumpkins into carriages to tattered rags into a beautiful gown, this show should delight and enchant young and old alike. Tickets are available from \$45 to \$79. (And note that the Paramount will be fully decorated for the Christmas season by then!)

Also looking ahead.....

We definitely will be getting group tickets for downtown shows: Simon & Garfunkel (the musical) in Feb. and Jesus Christ Superstar in July of 2022.

**GOLF GROUP**

We play when the temperature hits 50 degrees in the morning. The format will still be “best ball”. 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 (815-485-5327 or [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org).)

**CANTIGNY PARK OPTIONS**

Either on your own or as a church outing, are you interested in going to Cantigny (less than an hour from New Lenox?) The park is open from 7:00am to sunset daily. Some reasons to consider a trip: \$10 per car fee gets you all in for the whole time you’re there, no other costs.

Concerts: most Sundays through September, outdoor seating on lawn chairs or blankets. Food can be brought in or bought. Would you consider a soulful R & B event on Aug. 8 at 3:00pm (MAC 180) or how about “A Tribute to Old Blue Eyes” on Sept. 5 at 3:00pm? Let us know if you’d consider either one!

Gardens: beautiful!

First Division Museum: Revolutionary War through Desert Storm....walk through a WWI trench with sounds of exploding shells or sit in a landing craft and a whole lot more!

**General Announcements**

## HAND-IN-HAND PARENTING OPPORTUNITY

There is a great parenting resource that is just a click away: [www.handinhandparenting.org](http://www.handinhandparenting.org) with many tips on the site regarding everyday issues parents face. There is also an online starter training class for a more thorough treatment for how to deal with various issues in dealing with kids. Also available for professionals (social workers, counselors, day care workers, etc.) is an intensive training 8 week course (about 6-8 hours per week). For both the starter training and the intensive training, thanks to a generous offer from one of our member families, we have a bonus about those two trainings. If someone is willing to be trained, the entire tuition amount will be covered. All we ask is that you then lead a class (or series) at Peace. You would also hopefully use your training to help others or do classes for other organizations (could be for a fee.) If you are interested, contact Pastor Dave ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327.) For professionals, there is CEU credit available for the intensive one.

## 2021 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Our new phone/address directories are now available. They also include a business and service directory. Look for them in the black bin to the left of the church doors. If you would like a copy but are unable to pick one up, please let us know in the church office.

## GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY BOOKS - PRICE REDUCTION TO \$15

Some of you have used these books to get discounts at restaurants, oil change places, dry cleaners and more. We just got word that the 2021 edition's price has been reduced to \$15, with \$5 of that going to support youth ministries in our church. If you'd like a copy, come by the office M-F, 9:00 to noon, or let us know and we'll happily make arrangements to get one to you!

## 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.

## ANOTHER WAY TO STAY CONNECTED

Check out our Facebook page on a regular basis. (Make sure to like and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!)

## WANT SPECIAL PRAYERS?

Because we aren't together in worship, you maybe would like opportunities to have prayers for specific people. Please feel free to share those via our email ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)) or call the office.

## BECAUSE OF YOU

**Your generosity to ELCA makes new congregations possible by supporting mission developers such as Rev. Maria Rojas at Unidad Latinx Mission in Berwyn, Illinois. Mission developers are unique church leaders with the skills and vocation required to walk alongside communities as they build new spiritual homes. "Mission developers need to go to those communities and just observe, learn and listen," Rev. Maria says. "When you bring somebody new, a new group or a new idea or new church, we need to acknowledge that these are people that have their own ideas, that have their own way of seeing things, that they have their own power, their own love, and if they put what they have in with what we have, we will be creating something very new. Because at the end of the day, this is going to be their congregation, this is going to be their church, this is going to be their home." This is Unidad at its core – celebrating the diversity of its community.**

## CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

We have a team that has been working over the past few months to bring our social media pages up to date and to post regular content to them. Ways you can help to promote our pages and our church are to follow our pages



and engaging our content by commenting, liking, and sharing our posts. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the handle @PeaceNewLenox.

#### PEACE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like special prayers said for someone, just let the office know of a particular need. Our Circle of Prayer ministry is ready to help. We will send out an email to the praying 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.)

## Help Others

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. Please place these items in the basket labeled *Good Shepherd Beauty Items* located under the left part of the narthex counter. Thank you for your support!

#### DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSTAR TREASURE CHEST

We are still accepting donations of clothing and household goods for MorningStar Treasure Chest. Place your donations in the basket marked MorningStar located in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall.

#### CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

Whether you are a caregiver for a spouse, parent, teen, sibling or a child, you need help with the emotional, spiritual, mental and physical side of reality. These days you might fold your hands in prayer and ask God to always be there. It isn't doubt, it isn't fear, it's just that NEED to want Him near. In the sleepless nights, and the worrying days, you tremble with sadness and laugh with tears. Keep my loved one safe you pray, keep me strong and healthy with each new day. Remind me dear God to always trust, no matter what the day may bring. Remind me too dear God, that my loved one also folds their hands in prayer and asks that I be there. Find more comfort in: Psalm 23, Psalm 119:73-77 and Isaiah 12. *(For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics – see our display in the entrance area of church when we get back together. Help yourself to the variety of resources that we have pulled together for you and know you're not alone.)*

#### HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food and resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. You can bring donations anytime and put them in the baskets on the floor heading into Fellowship Hall. The pantry is in need of the following specific items: **especially cereals, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, paper towels, household cleaning products, personal care items such as tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, easy-open snack-type items (protein bars, cookies, chips, nuts),** coffee (ground), creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

## Faith Development/Education

#### QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD

While we wait for more opportunities to share our *Questions Kids Ask About God* book with others, we recognize the questions don't stop. Here are two more. 1) Does God look like us? *More important than looks is how we are inside. In that most important area, we have been created in God's image: to love God and others. Sometimes we don't do it. Then we don't look (act) like God. As to how we look physically, no, God doesn't look like us because God doesn't live in time or space. One day we will look like God in all aspects of life.*

**2) Does God have to go to the dentist? (My guess is the writer of the question was going to the dentist!)  
No, God doesn't have to go to the dentist because God doesn't need teeth where God lives.  
Parents/grandparents, please keep sending in your kids questions! Go ahead and ask them  
specifically what questions they have about God!**

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY -

We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in person or via Zoom. If you have any questions, call the office.

#### DAILY DEVOTIONAL ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE

The coronavirus calls for new ways of helping people of faith. The ELCA's publishing house, Augsburg-Fortress, has made *Christ in Our Home* available free online:

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286137/Christ-in-Our-Home>.

#### EVERYBODY READ

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we 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. **August's passage is Psalm 32:1 - 11.**

**September's will be Hosea 11:1-4**

### **Details for how we worship this weekend, Aug. 21 & 22**

#### FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

**\*Masks are strongly encouraged for all for the indoor worship services.**

\*Whether you drive-in, are on the lawn or worship at home, we have a modified communion option. You can take a piece of bread or cracker with you to the service. We will give the Words of Institution on behalf of all of us and invite us to take our bread/cracker at the same time and partake of this modified version of the Lord's Supper.

\* In order to keep people's safety in mind following the advice of the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health, there will be a drop box if you wish to bring an offering with you. Otherwise, we will depend on people continuing to contribute online or by mail.

\* Bathrooms will be available, but people would be encouraged to use them only if necessary, and social distancing would be required. The doors to the bathrooms will be left open to eliminate having to touch them, and for the sake of knowing what kind of distancing/waiting is needed.

#### DRIVE-IN WORSHIP ON SATURDAY AT 5:00PM & SUNDAY AT 9:30

**\* Our worship location will be either from the long sidewalk (lawn area) or from under the canopy at the front entrance, depending on the weather.**

\* We will have sound projection/speakers for all to hear, plus our new transmitter for the FM channel (88.3.)

\* The worship usually lasts about 35 minutes. Worshiping outdoors allows us to sing with gusto!

#### ONLINE OPTIONS CONTINUE

\* We will continue to live-stream our 5:00 & 8:30 worship services. Assuming everything works, all will be available through our Facebook site anytime.

#### INDOOR WORSHIP CONTINUES at 8:30am with no limits

Here are the notes if you are planning to come

**\* Masks are optional, but strongly encouraged.**

\* Congregational singing of a hymn is now allowed, but wear your masks for singing, and hold down the volume. We'll have some printed copies available.

\* We will have pews marked off so that socially distanced spaces can be maintained.

\* We won't be having nursery attendants, acolytes, refreshments, lay liturgists, etc.

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

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

\* Communion will have options: continue to be "bring your own bread or cracker," or take one of the wafers (gluten free or regular) or take one of the pre-packaged kind.

\* The service length will continue to be between 30 and 40 minutes.

\* If you feel sick or have come in contact with someone who has COVID-19, please stay home and watch via the live-stream.

Please pray for our world's healing, and for our congregation's ongoing attempts to stay faithful to God and God's leading!

**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).**