

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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Can You Believe It?

My dad told the story of one day sitting at a lunch counter eating a delicious hamburger when he heard two women sharing the story of a new grandson who had been born to one of them. That one said to the other, "Can you believe it? They named the poor kid 'Walter!'" You already might have guessed that my dad's name was Walter. He had a hard time not laughing out loud and putting in his two cents that he had survived okay with the name, knowing full well the name was out of date.

Can you believe (it)?! There are some who can't believe people actually landed on the moon. A few rare ones still think the earth is flat. Some can't believe the behavior or words of politicians or the price of gas or who is in the final four for the NCAA basketball tournament. What are you shocked to hear or experience? What do you have a hard time believing because it is so outside of your grasp of what is possible or desirable?

We are coming up on Easter and the proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus. Can you believe it? The women who came to the tomb to anoint the body and found an empty tomb were not so sure, and the disciples definitely thought the women were making up a story that Jesus had been raised. But something transformed them. Something caused them to turn from disbelief to enthusiastic proclaimers. Something energized them in a way they had never imagined. "Can you believe how we've changed?" they might well have asked.

What made the difference? An experience of the resurrected Christ in some form or other in their own life. I get it that their experience of that was unique and special. But immediately, in the proclamation of what they had experienced, others were drawn to have that resurrection power at work in their own life – death to new life; broken to whole; sinner to forgiven. The resurrection was unbelievable until it was real and it was real over and over and over again. The circumstances changed but the reality of new life in Christ was undeniably present. They were open to looking for it, and sure enough! It happened to them. And since then it has happened to people named Walter and Augustine and Yvonne and Adele and I hope you, too. Look for it in your own life! Christ **is** risen!

Pastor Dave Hedlin

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

Prayers Requested

Dick Walker, Nancy Bohl, Ron Hnetkovsky, Joseph, Jane & Rich Meister, Ken Gatewood, the family of AnnaMae Lohmar (mother of the late Garry Lohmar), Carol Dohrn, Karen Severson, the family of Marilyn Perryman, Jack Picciolo, Audre Kurowski, Jeff Anderson, Deacon Shari, Jonathan DeMik, the family of Robert Sanchez, Cathy Cameron

Sympathy

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of John Vogrin, husband of Jeanette Vogrin and mother of Melissa Onderisin, Nicole & Rebecca Vogrin

the family of Karyn Kitley, wife of Bryan Kitley

the family of Irene Ruisz, mother of Matt Ruisz

Welcome to the Lord's Family

Francesca Helene DiPerna was baptized on Mar. 5



Worship Schedule & Details

FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

Saturday worship is drive-in/outdoors at 5:00pm and is facing the front canopy. Sunday remains indoors at 8:30 & 11:00. 5:00 and 8:30 services are live-streamed.

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

*** At both indoor Sunday worship services, a come-forward option is now available.** 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.

* 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.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP AT 5:00pm, Saturdays

* Our worship location is from the parking lot, facing the front entrance.

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 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.
- * Pews will no longer be marked off for distancing.
- * We are asking for some more volunteers for worship, including acolytes and lay liturgists.
- * We 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 has increased as we added 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: Dave Johnson – for delivering soup, pasta & sauce to the New Lenox food pantry

From: Teresa Schofield – for the prayer shawl
MorningStar Mission – for the donation

Your Offerings Matter & Are Appreciated!

You can either donate online or mail in your offering (PO Box 205, New Lenox, IL 60451). If you know your envelope #, write that on the check. If you don't, we'll gratefully look it up so that you get credit!

No matter how: thanks for your offerings – they are making a difference at Peace, in our community, in our country and around the world!

Do You Give Electronically or Want To?

For those of you who give electronically and would like to put something in the offering plate, we have cards located on the counter you may use. If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, please contact the office. Also, if you want to give on-line at any time, you can go to our website (www.peacenewlenox.org), click on the donate tab and then use the donate through PayPal tab. You can use most major credit cards.

Wish List

From time to time, people want to make “above and beyond” financial gifts to the church. These gifts are not in place of regular, faithful stewardship – giving from the heart, off the top. Instead, they are signs of extra gratitude/joy for the blessings of God. If you would like to make one of those gifts, see Pastor Dave for a list of items that are on his wish list (beyond the budget.)

You Should See What's Going On With Our Sunday School and Youth Program!

Our amazing Sunday School staff, teachers, kids and parents are faithfully connecting one another to a closer relationship with God. You can check out our [Sunday School News](#) (Click on the link) for some of the latest. There are highlights to events on the calendar for youth ministry, and don't forget our Children's Choir!

Quick Reminders

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Apr. 24.**

* **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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MA2 Baker, Connor	2 Lieutenant Jakob Swenson
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Norfolk, VA 23502	Fort Polk, LA 71459

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. 3 – Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
Scholarship Interviews via Zoom**
- Apr. 9 – Blood Drive 9am-1pm
Special Prayers for Healing 5pm**
- Apr. 10 – Palm Sunday
New Member Orientation 9:45am
7th Gr. & Beyond Easter Escape Room 1pm**
- Apr. 14 – Maundy Thursday Facebook worship
released at 11am**
- Apr. 14 – Maundy Thursday (Virtual) Dinner in Your
Room at 6:30pm via Zoom**
- Apr. 15 – Good Friday Walk of the Cross – 10am
beginning at St. Jude’s in New Lenox (outdoors)**
- Apr. 15 – Good Friday worship at Peace – 7:00pm**
- Apr. 16 – Easter Eve Worship 5pm on the grass or
parking lot**
- Apr. 17 – Easter Sunday worship 8:30am in the
Sanctuary
Easter Breakfast after worship (sign up by 4/10)
Easter Sunday worship 11am in the Sanctuary**
- Apr. 20 – VBS Planning Meeting 9am**
- Apr. 24 – Reception of New Members 11am
New Member Luncheon 12 noon**
- Apr. 30/May 1 – Teacher Appreciation 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
May 14 – Baptism Orientation 3:30pm
May 15 – Peace Page Turners 9:55am
Confirmation Sunday 11am (1st option)
May 22 – Confirmation Sunday 11am (2nd option)
July 12 - 15 – Vacation Bible School**

Groups

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., Apr. 11&25

Quilting will meet on Monday, Apr. 11 & 25 at 9:00 am. No experience necessary. Questions, contact the church office.

Trailblazers – Tues., Apr. 19

We invite anyone who’d like to get together with some others who are anything but “over the hill” to come together on Apr. 19 at noon at church. We will be having brunch. Bring \$5; the food will be provided. Email or call the church office for more information.

Strong Seniors Exercise – Mon. & Wed.

Join us for a low impact, do what you can exercise program for seniors. We meet twice a week: Mondays 12 noon -1:00pm and Wednesdays 11:15am-12:15pm. Questions, contact the church office.

Prayer Shawls – Wed., Apr. 6 & 20

Do you crochet or knit? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting again! A prayer shawl is a shawl prepared for and prayed over for someone that is hurting so they can wrap themselves in God’s love. We could provide you with simple patterns or you could create your own. We meet every other Wednesday at 6:00pm. You may also create shawls at home and drop them at church if you are not able to attend in person. Any questions, please contact the church office.

Peace Page Turners – Sun., 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.)

Golf Group

We will start playing around April 1st and/or when the temperature hits 50 degrees in the morning. 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!

April 3 - What's New on Your/the Menu?

April 10 - Why Start with Jesus in Life? (A reflection on the paradox of Holy Week)

April 17 - (no class - Easter breakfast – sign up by 4/10)

April 24 - Conflicts and Motives (We can help lower the temperature Conflict arises)

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

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. April's passage is Luke 4:1-13.

April - June Devotional Booklets Available

There is a black bin outside the front door labeled "devotional booklets.". If you want it mailed just let us know via peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.

Women's Retreat – Sat., Apr. 30 (Register by Apr. 1)

The Women of the Northern Illinois Synod organization invites all women to attend a one day retreat on Saturday, April 30, at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center (LOMC) in Oregon, Ill. The theme is "Praising God with All That We Are." The cost of the retreat is \$25.00, which includes coffee, snacks, lunch and materials. To register, call or email the church office or go to www.nisynod.org/women.

General Announcements

A Special Opportunity – Apr. 8 & 9

Our church has begun a relationship with Glory International Harvest Church in Joliet. They are inviting us to a unique stage presentation that delivers a powerful message of redemption and grace, and reminds us that in the Kingdom of God, God can always use us--in spite of ourselves sometimes--to accomplish a greater purpose. There will be three performances, Friday, April 8 at 7:30pm; Saturday, April 9 at 2:00 & at 8:00pm. Tickets for this professional play are \$25. For more information go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/good-friday-tickets-293736743507>

Special Prayers for Healing – Sat., Apr. 9

As part of the 5:00pm Saturday night service on Apr. 9, we will have an opportunity within the prayers of intercession to especially note those who need special prayers for healing. They can be for you or for somebody you know.

Blood Drive – Sat., Apr. 9

Our next Versiti blood drive will be Sat., Apr. 9 from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Visit the Versiti website schedule an appointment.

New Members – Sun., Apr. 10 & 24

We are privileged once again to invite more people to become formal partners with us in our mission of spreading the Gospel and growing in faith. Because of the strange times we are going through, it continues to be a different version of our new member orientation and reception! Part 1: Sun., April 10, at 9:45am in person in the sanctuary or via Zoom. The Reception of New Members Sun., April 24, at 11:00am worship. If you are interested in joining email peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or call the church office at 815-485-5327 or see Pastor Dave. [Sign Up](#)

Salads & Desserts for New Member Luncheon – Sun., Apr. 24

We would appreciate volunteers who would be willing to provide a salad, dessert, bread/rolls, or help with serving or cleaning up for the new member luncheon on April 24. If you could provide any one of these, please use the sign-up in the bulletin or call the church office.

Holy Week Worship Plans

April 14 – Maundy Thursday, worship via Facebook, released at 11:00am

Meal in Your Room through Zoom at 6:30pm

April 15 – Good Friday Walk of the Cross – 10am beginning at St. Jude’s in New Lenox (all portions outdoors)

Good Friday Worship Service at Peace – 7:00pm

April 16 – Easter Eve Worship 5pm on the grass or parking lot (live-streamed)

April 17 – 8:30am Easter Sunday worship in the Sanctuary and live-streamed

Easter Breakfast after worship – need to sign up

11:00am Easter Sunday worship in the Sanctuary and live-streamed

Meal in Your Room – Maundy Thursday Breaking Bread Together – April 14

Instead of our usual Maundy Thursday Meal in the Upper Room, we will for one more year have a “Meal in Your Room - Together.” The location will be your own home, but the opportunity to join together on this Holy Thursday will unite our hearts. Together on Zoom we will remember our Lord gathering with his disciples to transform the Passover Meal into the Lord’s Supper. We would like to ask you to have some kind of bread as a part of your meal as a sign of our unity as we break bread together. The rest of the menu will be up to you, but if you’d like, we have a list of foods that we have traditionally had at the Meal in the Upper Room, (let us know and we will supply that to you.) The date is April 14, the time is 6:30pm. There will be prayers and the reading of Bible passages as a part of the evening for which we would like volunteers. There will also be opportunity to share our voices and view our faces. Please RSVP at MIUR or 815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org so we can get the Zoom codes to you.

Good Friday Cross Walk – April 15

The outdoor Good Friday Cross Walk sponsored by the New Lenox Ministerial Association will take place Friday, April 15 beginning in front of St. Jude Catholic 10am. All denominations are invited to participate in this symbolic walk of Jesus to Calvary, following a wooden cross being carried by youth from local churches. Walkers will follow the cross and offer a hymn, brief homily and prayer outside at each of the following: St. Jude Church, United Methodist Church, and end at Maplewood Cemetery.

Easter Breakfast & Baskets – Need to sign up by Apr. 10

Our Fellowship Committee has decided to go for it....the Easter Breakfast, that is. So, there will be a full Easter menu of (most likely) eggs and sausages and bacon and french toast and potatoes and fruit and danish. The breakfast cost is on a donation basis. There also will be Easter baskets for the kids who have signed up. We will need many people to act as servers of the food Easter Sunday morning, set up on Saturday and clean up afterwards on Sunday. Use the [Sign Up](#) to let us know if you’re coming and if you’ll be able to help. Seating will be in Fellowship Hall (and if needed the classrooms.) Because of the need to let the caterer know the exact count this year, you will need to sign up by April 10; sorry, no last minute guests.

Teacher Appreciation – Apr. 30/May 1

We like to say thanks to teachers – both in our Sunday School and in the world of education. Sat., April 30 & Sunday, May 1 will be this year’s official time to express our appreciation. Students, feel free to invite a teacher to worship!

Hymn Picking – Sign up by April 10

Picking hymns, as with so many other activities, is not the usual plan. If you are interested in helping to pick the hymn of the day from June through November, let us know in the office by April 10. We’ll send you a packet of materials, from which you can give input. Then Deb Howell will coordinate all the responses. All that needs to be done by May 1.

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.

Variety Show 2022 – Take a Look

This year’s Variety Show is ready for you to view, with more than 150 views already! Look at our www.facebook.com/peacenewlenox site and enjoy 30 minutes of our variety show without a single commercial interruption.

From Deacon Shari Trotter

Dear Members and Friends of Peace,

What is the greatest sound in the world? I guess that is an objective answer but for me the greatest sound in the world is children praying together. There is one place at Peace that you can find this sound every single week. On Sunday mornings, the best place to be is in the educational wing.

We currently have approximately 50 children gathering to learn about Jesus and to grow in their faith. Most weeks I get to walk the hallway and listen to the joy coming from each classroom. This is a wonderful opportunity because it means that I get to pop my head in to say hi and be available for help when anyone needs it. However, on rare occasions, I get a special treat because I get to teach.

Teaching Sunday School may sound daunting, but it is fun and one way to grow in your own faith. Our Sunday School program has a new curriculum this year and it has been incredibly easy to use as well as provided a great starting point for a wonderful program. Teaching children about Jesus allows you to spend time learning with a childlike faith. Spending time with some of our youngest believers challenges you to identify the foundations of your own faith and encourages you to come up with unique and creative ways to share it. Not to mention that it is so much fun! Laughter, joy, and faith are great ways to start your week.

If you have ever wondered about teaching, come, and give it a try. You will not be disappointed, I promise! God's Peace,

Deacon Shari Trotter

VBS – Tues., July 12 - Fri., July 15 Next planning meeting – Wed., Apr. 20

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. The next planning meeting will be Apr. 20 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.

Questions Kids Ask About God

More kids and more questions!

Why is it called "Good Friday"? Shouldn't it be called "Sad Friday"?

The day Jesus died is 100%, bad and sad from the point of view that people would kill and betray and deny Jesus – the very one of God in the flesh. Plus, Jesus had to suffer, and his disciples all hid themselves out of fear. But the day is called Good because of what God did! God, even at the moment when people were so mean and put themselves first, forgave and loved. And finally, on Easter, it became clear that not even death or any kind of evil can beat God's love. That Jesus overcame death and evil and shares that victory with us makes it great for all of us.

If God makes everything, who made God?

You're right. God has made all of creation and is still creating. One of the things God made is time. So before there was a beginning to everything, there was only God. In other words, no one made God. God just always is and was.

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

Because of You

LSSI's Welcoming Center is a safe, walk-in emergency department alternative for people experiencing behavioral health symptoms like anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, substance use, and post-traumatic stress. Project IMPACT (Immediate Multidisciplinary Pre-Screening Assessment Crisis Team) uses a creative wrap-around behavioral health model with trained counselors available 24 hours a day, every day, to help people experiencing a behavioral, psychiatric, or addiction crisis. LSSI's Step-Up School-Based Counseling Services partners with 64 Chicago Public Schools to provide mental health care for grammar and high school age students. LSSI provides a full continuum of targeted alcohol and drug treatment services for individuals, beginning with medically assisted detox through residential care and transitional housing. From July 2020 - June 2021, LSSI provided critical mental health services to 18,254 clients and served 2,288 clients with alcohol/drug challenges.

Amazon Smile Thanks

We received word of another \$118.56 from the Amazon Smile Foundation. Thank you to all who have designed Peace as the recipient of those dollars. Interested in learning how to do it? Let us know. It costs you nothing extra.

April Collection - Personal Care Items

Our Youth Group will be putting together “Blessing Bags” filled with personal care & other items that will then be distributed at MorningStar Mission. In April we will be collecting personal care items - toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, soap, deodorant, travel size shampoo & conditioner, combs, women’s hygiene products, sunscreen and Chapstick. 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!

Pasta & Sauce Thank You

Thank you so much for helping to feed the hungry. Because of your generosity, we collected 229 boxes of pasta and 71 jars of sauce for the New Lenox Township food bank. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Business Attire Collection

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’ll use the same process as with the warm coat ministry: bring them to church and put them in the bin inside, or just leave them outside the front door and we’ll take them from there.

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

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.

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

The Fellowship Committee wants to bring some shows at The Drama Group in Chicago Heights to your attention. If you have an interest, you can get your own tickets. However, if you have an interest to go with some others from church, let us know through the sign up and we’ll see if we can get the tickets for you!

Rock of Ages - Apr. 13 - May 29

Run for Your Wife (comedy) June 1-19

Leading Ladies (comedy) Aug. 5-14

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@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327) to let us know if you are interested or sign up online.

Caregiver Tip of the Month



God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Hebrews 6:10

Youth Events

Confirmation Schedule:

7th gr. Confirmation 7:00pm Apr. 6 & 20

8th gr. Confirmation 7:00pm Apr. 6 & 27

****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** Please let the office know which date your 8th grader would like to be confirmed. Please go to [Confirmation date and verse choice](#), and fill out the form.

3rd-6th Bible Buddies – Wed., Apr. 6 & 20

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

7th Gr. & Beyond – Easter Escape Room Sun., Apr. 10

7th Graders and older are invited to participate in our first ever Easter Escape Room, from 1-3pm. Let us know if your youth is interested in participating! [Sign Up](#)

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. [Antioch 2022](#)

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.

2022 Stewardship Appeal



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 April, 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.

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>