

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Current as of August 9, 2022 (new/important items since 8/5 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.*

Please check in with our Peace website www.peacenewlenox.org regularly for updates. There will be occasional email updates as well, the last of which was 8/5. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Tues., Aug. 9 - Special Council Meeting 7:30pm
Wed., Aug. 10 - Bible Study - 10:00am
Wed., Aug. 10 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:15am
Wed., Aug. 10 - Cubs game (van leaves at 11:00am)
Sat., Aug. 13 - Blood Drive - 9:00am to 1:00pm
Sat., Aug. 13 - Baptism Orientation 3:30pm
Sat., Aug. 13- Worship - 5:00pm - **indoors**, but also live-streamed and on Facebook
Sun., Aug. 14 - 8:30am in person worship (**also live-streamed and on Facebook**) & 11:00am in person worship (no live-stream)
Sun., Aug. 14 - Sunday School Teacher Meeting - 9:30am
Sun., Aug. 14 - Peace Page Turners - 9:45am
Mon., Aug. 15 - Quilters (Ruth Circle) - 9:00am
Mon., Aug. 15 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:15am
Tues., Aug. 16 - Trailblazers - noon
Wed., Aug. 17 - Bible Study - 10:00am
Wed., Aug. 17 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:15am
Wed., Aug. 17 - Slammers event with Pastor Dave - 6:30pm (throwing out first pitch at 6:15pm)
Sat., Aug. 20 - Worship - 5:00pm - **indoors**, but also live-streamed and on Facebook
Sat., Aug. 20 - 3rd - 6th Grade youth event - Are You Smarter than Deacon Shari? - 6:00pm
Sun., Aug. 21 - 8:30am in person worship (**also live-streamed and on Facebook**) & 11:00am in person worship (no live-stream)
Sun., Aug.21 - Town Hall style meeting regarding Pastor Dave's retirement and what happens next - 9:45am
Mon., Aug. 22 - Senior Exercise Group - 12:00pm
Wed., Aug. 24 - Bible Study - 10:00am
Wed., Aug. 24 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:15am
Sat., Aug. 27 - Worship - 5:00pm - **indoors** but also live-streamed and on Facebook
Sat., Aug. 27 - Farewell reception for Pastor Dave & Carol - following 5:00pm worship
Sun., Aug. 28 - 8:30am in person worship (**also live-streamed and on Facebook**) & 11:00am in person worship (no live-stream)
Sun., Aug. 28 - Farewell reception for Pastor Dave & Carol - between services 9:30am

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

Worship for August 13 & 14 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

This week our worship schedule includes our regular schedule, with 5:00pm worship **indoors** on Saturday plus 8:30 & 11:00am inside on Sunday. **5:00 and 8:30 services are live-streamed.** 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 hymns to which you can sing along, (words below this announcement) some scripture readings (Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2, Luke 12:49-56) prayers, communion, a sermon, teaching moment, children's sermon, special music. Please join in being together in God's name inside the sanctuary 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.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for this week are given by Jennifer & Adam Paape in celebration of their 20th anniversary and also by Jim and Georgia Pander in gratitude for Pastor Dave and the leadership of Peace church.

Words to This Week's Hymns – 8/13 & 8/14

Opening Hymn - *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* #325

1. I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Hymn of the Day - *O Christ the Same* #760

1. O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

2. O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of life, in all your saving pow'r,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

3. O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Closing Hymn - *On Our Way Rejoicing* #537

1. On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy? ***Refrain***

Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

2. Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing now and evermore. ***Refrain***

Prelude:

Special music:

Postlude:

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 \$3,747 and mailed in & weekend offerings of \$8,553 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 229 Facebook views of the weekend's worship (plus You Tube and watching live), and for the in-person about 45 for the 5:00, about 48 at 8:30 and 43 at 11:00.** Let the Word of God speak in our hearts and to the world.

New/ Important for This Week's Bulletin

PASTOR DAVE'S RETIREMENT UPDATES

By now most people are aware that Pastor Dave's retirement is coming Aug. 31. Pastor Gary Erickson from the synod staff met July 19 with the Council (and committees) to give us an overview of what happens next. An email was sent out on July 23 with the main points of that meeting and information. (If you didn't get it, let us know.) We know questions are the order of the day! Please share those with the office or Pastor Dave so that we can record them and respond to everyone. If you have a question, so do others. An email was sent out July 31 with the questions we have received through that date. A Town-Hall style session will be held Aug. 21 at 9:45 as another opportunity to address questions. (The Town Hall will be on Zoom also, so if you plan to join that way, be sure to ask for the Zoom link!) There will be a farewell reception for Pastor Dave and Carol on Aug. 27 & 28. We entrust ourselves and our church to God's care and keeping – there is no better place to be!

FAREWELL RECEPTION TO HONOR PASTOR DAVE AND CAROL - AUG. 27 & 28

On Pastor Dave & Carol's last weekend with us, we want to say good-bye in a way that honors them and the wonderful relationship we have shared. There will be two options: Saturday, Aug. 27, after the 5:00pm worship and Sunday, Aug. 28, between services (approximately 9:30am). They will be the same so you can attend either one. We ask you to let us know via the [sign-up](#) or by calling the church office. The event will include ice cream of some kind ☺, light snacks and more. There will be a few words spoken and a presentation on behalf of the whole congregation. Pastor Dave and Carol have asked that instead of giving them gifts, that for those who wish to please write down some thoughts. Those memories and connections will mean more than any monetary or other gift could. (And so that you know, any money given to them would be given to the ELCA's Hunger Appeal and not kept by them.)

OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP

The new offering envelope boxes are ready to be picked up. They began June 1. Thanks for your faithful giving!

AUGUST HELP OTHERS EMPHASIS IS CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Your generosity is amazing, and we continue to want to connect that to people in need. This month we are collecting canned fruits & vegetables of all kinds for the New Lenox Food Pantry. 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!

SUMMER SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES - 9:45am

Please join us for periodic summer Sunday adult classes. Here is the line up for the next few weeks. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and the class is offered in person and on Zoom (let us know if you'd like the codes.)

Aug. 14 - Book Discussion

Aug. 21 - Town Hall format of questions and information about Pastor Dave's retirement and what happens next (be sure to ask for the Zoom link if you will be joining us online that day)

Aug. 28 - Farewell reception for Pastor Dave & Carol (another option will be on Sat. night after the 5:00pm worship)

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., AUGUST 13 - 9:00am to 1:00pm

Our next blood drive will be Sat., Aug. 13, from 9:00am -1:00pm. Please use the Versiti website https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5597808 to make an appointment or call the office and we'll schedule it for you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING - SUN., AUG. 14

Sunday School teachers and helpers will meet in the education wing to go over our agenda, fill out paper work and get ready for the 2022-2023 Sunday School year. This year our theme is G.L.O.W. (God Loves Our World). Please come and join our meeting if you are interested in helping!

PEACE PAGE TURNERS NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION - SUN., AUG. 14

Our next meeting will be Aug. 14 and we will discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. Set in the early summer of 1954, *The Lincoln Highway* follows a crew of kids — some fresh out of reform school — who hit the road in search of a better future, with a few detours along the way. A copy of the book is available at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. The date is Sun., Aug. 14, at 9:45am. You may come in person or attend via Zoom. (Be sure to let us know if you're attending online so we can give you the Zoom codes you'll need.)

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., AUG. 16- 11:30am

We invite anyone who'd like to get together with some others who are anything but "over the hill" to come together on Tues., Aug. 16 at 11:30am at church. Bring \$5; the food will be provided. We will have lasagne with some side dishes. Email or call the church office for more information.

YOUTH GOING INTO 3RD - 6TH Gr. EVENT - ARE YOU SMARTER THAN DEACON SHARI? - SAT., AUG. 20 6-8pm

Youth going into 3rd - 6th Grade are invited to join Deacon Shari for hot dog & chicken nugget dinner and a trivia game night! We will see if you are smarter than Deacon Shari! Meet in fellowship hall at 6pm and pick up will be at 8pm. Sign up in the bulletin or use our [Online sign up](#).

RALLY DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL - SUN., SEPT.11 at 9:45am

Sunday School will start on Sun., Sept. 11 at 9:45am. Please register your youth [online](#) or use the sign up slip in the narthex. Our theme this year is G.L.O.W and it stands for God Loves Our World!

7-12TH GR. AND BEYOND - MESSTIVAL! SUN., SEPT. 11

Youth 7th grade and older are invited to join us for the messiest of messy events...MESSTIVAL! On Rally Day, Sept. 11 at 12:30 we will meet for a pizza lunch and then we will get super messy! Please let us know if you can attend! We suggest that you wear play clothes or something you do not mind getting dirty. Bring a towel and a pair of goggles if you have them. [Online sign up](#) or use the sign up slip in the bulletin. Pick up time will be 3pm.

GETTING VOLUNTEERS IN PLACE FOR AFTER PASTOR DAVE RETIRES

We don't know all the in's and out's that will be coming and the timeline yet for when an interim pastor will be here after Pastor Dave retires at the end of August. But we can't wait for that. We need to be ready to take more responsibilities on our own shoulders.

Here are some ministry tasks to which we'd like to have you say "yes". Please let us know via email or call the office or use the [online sign up](#).

*Bring communion or make a phone call once a month to a shut in.

*Take a turn being an offering counter after the 11:00 worship service.

*Take a turn getting the coffee pot going and supplies in place before the 8:30 worship, or to clean up after the 11:00 worship.

*Snow shoveling in the winter!

COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SANTA CRUZ

The stores are getting school supplies out earlier and earlier! So, we'll be happy to accept your donations through August 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.

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. **We are going to take a few people off the list this week who were on our "permanent" list because we no longer know their status. If we have removed someone you know about, please just let us know and we will add them back in.***

The family of Larry Parvin, John (friend) & Pablo (serious medical issues), Deanna (liver issues), Richard Whyte (heart attack), Kathi (transplant recovery), Rick Mitchell (knee issues), Zach & Hannah Huelhorst (multiple health issues), Bonnie Fikeys (hospitalization), Marty Rodey (recovery), Annie Eckroth (healing), Jan Bentley (recovery), Claudia Green (recovery), Jane Meister (rehab), Jane (Alzheimer's) and Rich (caregiver) Meister, Dennis Flynn (kidney transplant list), Larry Parvin (health), Denise Jones, Ted Chubb (healing), Dorothy Vrshek (hospice), Chris Fehrenkamp, Hailey (strength and guidance), Barb Decker, Nolan (God's guidance), Cathy Richardson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Pam Prible, Ukrainian military, teachers, Paul Bentley (healing), Sue Panico (heart surgery), Rick Davis (cancer), Cie (infection), Kay Brennan (hospitalized), Kirsten Benner and family, Evan Hobgood, Kathi (health), Susan Wagner (lung surgery), the people suffering in Ukraine, John O'Keefe, Carrie (healing during recovery), Erv Pander, Marie (health), Parker (seizures), Sandy Booton, Alan Booton, Tyler, Bill Reidy (cancer), Georgianna Bafundo.

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.

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Youth News

YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY

Our amazing Sunday School staff, teachers, kids and parents are faithfully connecting one another to a closer relationship with God. **Register for the next school year 2022-2023 [on line](#), or use the slip in the narthex.**

Help Others

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A HELP OTHERS FUND?

Alongside our regular giving that helps all kinds of people in need, we also have a special "help others" fund within our general fund. It is targeted to help people who need food or gas. Thanks to another special donation we received, we are going to be able to expand our generosity to help people with emergency housing needs. We will continue to be diligent in making sure the money given away actually goes to people in need.

MORNINGSTAR MISSION SERVING

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

HELP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

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>

SANTA CRUZ SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP UNLOAD THEIR FOOD TRUCK

Our mission partners are now a regular delivery stop for food every Tuesday. They are looking for people to take a turn (as often as you're willing) to help unload it, please meet there at 11:15. The truck arrives each Tuesday about noon and the unloading is complete about 1:00pm. If you're interested, let us know and we'll put you in contact with the right people.

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 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), cereals, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, coffee (ground), creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

SMALL & MEDIUM-SMALL TOYS FOR A SCHOOL

We are always looking for ways to bless others out of our grateful and willing hearts. We have for years invited people to collect small toys (like you get with "Happy Meals" or items you pick up that are inexpensive or items that are like-new that you have in your house collecting dust.) The teacher who uses these as incentives for her special needs students has reported many times her gratitude and the difference it makes in motivating her students – a total win! Now her principal has seen her efforts and wants to expand it beyond her classroom. So, there is now openness to more toys/books/puzzles of an older student variety. Bring them with you to church and put in the special bin under the coat rack heading into Fellowship Hall, or leave them outside the front door anytime.

SHAREFEST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sharefest is a community organization we have supported for many years. They have all kinds of projects throughout Will County that they conduct for the betterment of people who just need a helping hand or have a need for food, not to mention their recycling efforts. (This is in addition to our support of the New Lenox Township Food Pantry.) Sharefest has now opened a food warehouse at 22014 Howell Dr., Unit #1, New Lenox. With the launching of the ShareFest Store's online ordering platform for free food, they have many

opportunities for volunteers to help feed the hungry on a daily basis. Please check out what they are doing and sign up through the ShareFest website if you are interested.

Giving & Giving More Thanks

BECAUSE OF YOU

Because of you, ELCA World Hunger is at work in 67 countries around the world. These three projects are examples of work being done in programs supported by funds from ELCA World Hunger. In the United States, gardens and farms can help provide food-insecure families with healthy foods while building community among neighbors. In Tanzania, agricultural innovations, emergency preparedness training and irrigation improvements help communities become more resilient. In Nepal, an animal husbandry project helps dairy herders increase their cows' milk production so they have more milk to give their families or to sell.

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 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 (download to manage online giving).

NEW MOBILE GIVING APP IS HERE

For those who use a mobile app for their giving, Vanco, the company that is our church's eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile (to replace GivePlus Mobile.) You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation. Vanco will be retiring GivePlus Mobile after this date. As an alternative, of course, we still will have the automatic withdrawal system that you can set up for on-going donations or giving through the website. Call or email us if you run into any problems!

Faith Development/Education

CROSS GENERATIONAL WOMEN'S RETREAT - FRI., OCT. 7, - SUN., OCT. 9

We are in the beginning stages of planning a cross generational retreat! We invite women ages 21 and older to join Deacon Shari as she hosts this retreat, at the Tower Hill Camp and Retreat Center in Sawyer, MI. The cost will be \$100, this includes lodging for 3 days and 2 nights and meals. If you would like to participate but the cost involved is keeping you from joining us, we have fund available to help you. Please talk with Deacon Shari or Pastor Dave, and no one else will know. Please contact the church (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327) or Sign up online.

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD

These two questions come from our QKA book. If you haven't checked out that book, we have copies at church!

Did Jesus have long hair and a beard?

We don't have any pictures or drawings of Jesus when he was on earth. We know most men at that time had beards and wore their hair different lengths.

How can God listen to all those prayers at once?

We don't understand how God does it, but God does. God can do anything. God put billions of stars in the sky. Each grain of sand and each snowflake God makes is different. God can also listen to all our prayers at once. God is awesome!

Parents/grandparents/kids, keep those questions coming!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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!

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 is 1 Thessalonians 5:11-24.**

Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

INTERESTED IN A CHICAGO CUBS GAME? - WED., AUG. 10 (2 tickets left)

After multiple communications with the Cubs, we now have a date and time for a Cubs game at a reasonable price (\$28.) 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, there will be a van leaving church at 11am. Cost is \$10 each (max \$20 per household.) Please contact the church to let us know if you are interested, or Sign up [online](#).

“PASTOR DAVE HEDLIN TO PITCH FOR SLAMMERS IN AUGUST ” TRIBUNE REPORTS

Well.....it's mostly true! Pastor Dave will be tossing out the first pitch (most likely a 90+ fastball) at the Joliet Slammers game on Wed., Aug.17, in downtown Joliet. Game time is 6:35pm, but the immortal pitch will be at 6:15pm. We'd hope everyone can be there for this. It will give everyone a chance during the evening to thank our pastor for his tremendous leadership and support to us and our church, and to congratulate him on his memorable pitch. Tickets are \$9 in reserved seats (2 yrs. & under are free). There is plenty of parking nearby. The Slammers have guaranteed good weather and you can't beat a ballpark hotdog! In order to obtain all the seats we will need, we ask that you use the bulletin sign-up slip, online [sign up](#) or call the church office 815-485-5327 by Aug. 8.

JOHN, PAUL, GEORGE AND RINGO TOGETHER AGAIN - WED., OCT. 5 (sign up by Aug. 29)

For obvious reason, this is not a Beatles reunion concert. But if you're like millions of others who love their music and never had a chance to see them in person, the Rialto in Joliet has the next best thing! On Wed., Oct. 5 at 7:30pm, one of the premier Beatles tribute bands will there. We will be getting tickets and need a head count ASAP. Cost of the tickets will be either \$52 or \$42, depending on what's available. We're also offering a pre-show get together at 6:00pm at Juliet's, just down the street from the theater. Have a snack, drink or dinner and then walk off the calories as you head to the theater. There will also be a Beatles trivia contest with fab prizes. This gathering is totally optional, but we'll still need a head count for reservations. Use the sign-up slip, online [sign up](#) or call the office 815-485-5327 by Aug. 29.

PEACE PICKLEBALL PLAYERS

This group meets every Wednesday at MPX Fitness at 15301 S Bell Rd, Homer Glen, from noon to 3pm. Cost will be \$5 for 3 hours. You sign up, and if you can make it, you come, you pay, and you play. To sign up, follow this link: <https://my.parkviewchurch.com/sgfinder> Any questions or problems signing up, please call the office and Al Davenport will get back to you.

Groups

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTING - MON., AUG. 15 - 9:00am

Quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:00am. We are socially distancing in Fellowship Hall, and are resuming treats because everybody's been vaccinated!!! You are welcome to join this great group! Questions? Contact the church office.

GOLF GROUP

We play on Wednesdays at 8:30am. 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. The format will still be "best ball". We play for fellowship, fresh air and maybe hit a good shot occasionally. Questions or to [sign up](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org), contact the church office (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

STRONG SENIORS EXERCISE GROUP - MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

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 11:15a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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.

General Announcements

FLOWER CHART FOR 2022

There are still some 2022 dates available to donate flowers for the altar. Any week we have people who wish to donate them we will order them. The cost per arrangement is \$20. You may call or email the church (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ON WHY BEING AT WORSHIP STILL MATTERS

We are grateful for our online presence for worship. It has been a gift from God for over two years now. We are also grateful for our ability to be back inside for worship. Encouraging one another is just one of the reasons listed in this article written by Laura Goossens MSW, LCSW, of the Chicago Christian Counseling Center. Check it out! <https://familyfire.com/articles/why-in-person-worship-still-matters>

VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR NEW SCHEDULE

Because of the fluid situation in the outside world, volunteers will be requested on a week by week basis instead of assigned ahead of time. We are happy to have you volunteer as an usher, lesson reader, greeter. Please let us know via or a phone call (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327.)

HAND-IN-HAND PARENTING OPPORTUNITY

There is a great parenting resource that is just a click away: 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 or 815-485-5327.) For professionals, there is CEU credit available for the intensive one.

CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

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.)

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.

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.)*

Details for how we worship this week, Aug. 13 & 14

FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

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

*** Masks are now optional, but are once again encouraged for all who are at all concerned.**

*Whether you drive-in, are on the blacktop or worship at home, we have modified communion options. You can take a piece of bread or cracker with you to the service. We will give the Words of Institution on behalf of all of us and invite us to take our bread/cracker at the same time and partake of this modified version of the Lord's Supper. **At all indoor worship services, a come-forward option is now available. For the outdoor option, we will have available a basket of the combination bread & grape juice containers.**

* In order to keep people's safety in mind, there will be a drop box if you wish to bring an offering with you. Otherwise, we will depend on people continuing to contribute online or by mail.

ONLINE OPTIONS CONTINUE

* Our normal schedule is back of live-streaming the 5:00pm and 8:30am worship services. Assuming everything works, all will be available through our Facebook site anytime.

INDOOR WORSHIP - (Saturdays at 5:00pm except the first Saturday of the month) and Sundays at 8:30 & 11:00am

Here are the notes if you are planning to come:

- * **Per IDPH guidelines, masks are optional.**
- * Congregational singing of hymns is allowed. We'll be using the hymnals, or you can use the online version in this bulletin.
- * We are asking for some more volunteers for worship, including acolytes and lay liturgists.
- * We will be sending an email each week also asking for volunteers to assist at worship. If you would like to volunteer for a specific week, please let us know.
- * The service length will be increasing as we add elements of the liturgy and other items back in.
- * If you feel sick or have come in contact with someone who has COVID-19, please stay home and watch via the live-stream.

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

To sign up for anything, to ask a question, or to share a thought, we suggest using the church's email: peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.