

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Current as of August 23, 2022 (new/important items since 8/19 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.peacelenox.org regularly for updates. There will be occasional email updates as well, the last of which was 8/19. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

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

Mon., Aug. 29 - Quilters (Ruth Circle) - 9:00am

Mon., Aug. 29 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:15am

Tues., Aug. 30 - Council Meeting - 7:30pm

Wed., Aug. 31 - Bible Study - 10:00am

Wed., Aug. 31 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:15am

Sat., Sept. 3 - Worship - 5:00pm - **indoors** and also live-streamed and on Facebook

Sun., Sept. 4 - 8:30am in person worship (**also live-streamed and on Facebook**) & 11:00am in person worship (no live-stream)

Sun., Sept. 4 - No adult class

Mon., Sept. 5 - Labor Day - Office closed

Tues., Sept. 6 - Committee Chairs - 7:30pm

Wed., Sept. 7 - Bible Study - 10:00am

Wed., Sept. 7 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:15am

Wed., Sept. 7 - Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:00pm

Sat., Sept. 10 - Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal - 3:00pm

Sat., Sept. 10 - Worship - 5:00pm - **indoors**, but also live-streamed and on Facebook

Sun., Sept. 11 - 8:30am in person worship (**also live-streamed and on Facebook**) & 11:00am in person worship (no live-stream)

Sun., Sept. 11 - Sunday School begins! - 9:45am

Sun., Sept. 11 - Messtival (7th-12th Grades) - 12:30pm

Mon., Sept. 12 - Quilters (Ruth Circle) - 9:00am

Mon., Sept. 12 - Senior Exercise Group - 12:00pm

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

Worship for August 27 & 28 - 12th 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 (Proverbs 25:6-7, Psalm 112, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1,7-14) 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 the Hedlin family in gratitude for Peace Church.

Words to This Week's Hymns – 8/27 & 8/28

Opening Hymn - *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #742

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear –
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, encumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Hymn of the Day - *Blest Are They* #728 (stanzas 1, 3, 5)

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled. **Refrain**

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. **Refrain**

5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. **Refrain**

Closing Hymn - *I Love to Tell the Story* #661

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. **Refrain**

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. **Refrain**

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. **Refrain**

Prelude: Bell Choir (Sat.), Hedlin family (Sun.)
Special music: The Hedlin family (Sun.), Adult Choir (Sun.)
Communion time: Ladies Ensemble
Postlude: Bell Quartet (Sun.)

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 \$3,435 and mailed in & weekend offerings of \$9,148 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 237 Facebook views of the weekend's worship (plus You Tube and watching live), and for the in-person about 61 for the 5:00, about 75 at 8:30 and 70 at 11:00.** Let the Word of God speak in our hearts and to the world.

New/ Important for This Week's Bulletin

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

The time is here. 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. The sign up time has passed for the two receptions, but you are welcome to let them know via a note or your own words of support. 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.)

ADULT CHOIR INVITATION - BEGINS SEPT. 7

Come one, come all!!! Adult Choir is beginning Wed., Sept. 7 at 7:00pm. We welcome all men and women who love to sing. What could be better than making a joyful noise to the Lord with like-minded people?! No audition or musical past required. We can use every voice, so please think, pray and act on it. Please contact the church office for more information.

LADIES ENSEMBLE INVITATION - BEGINS SAT., SEPT. 10

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies...step right up!! Make a joyful noise to the Lord and fellowship with wonderful ladies who enjoy a good time by joining the Peace Ladies Ensemble!! Rehearsals are only one Saturday a

month and there are no auditions. Just a joy for singing. The first rehearsal will be Sat., Sept. 10 at 3:00pm. Please contact the church office for more information."

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!

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES - 9:45am

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

Sept. 4 - What's on Your Life-Menu?

Sept. 11 - Get to know the interim (we hope to have that person with us in advance of starting Oct. 1)

Sept. 18 - Peace Page Turner Book Discussion

Sept. 25 - God Calls Us Together

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!

7TH -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.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION - SUN., SEPT. 18

Our next meeting will be Sept. 18 at 9:45am and we will discuss *The Flight of the Sparrow - an Early American Novel* by Amy Belding Brown. This story takes place during the 1670's and is fiction based upon the real story of Mary Rowlandson. Mary is a minister's wife who gets captured along with her three children by Native Americans. Her life demonstrates a transformation in the midst of hardship. 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.) Copies of the book are available to sign out at church.

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., SEPT. 20 - 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., Sept. 20, at 11:30am at church. Bring \$5; the food will be provided. Email or call the church office for more information.

GETTING VOLUNTEERS IN PLACE FOR AFTER PASTOR DAVE RETIRES

It is time to go back to the way we were used to doing the volunteers for worship! Starting Oct. 1, we are going to use our system of "assigning" willing volunteers to a particular worship service. Ahead of that, we are going to use our Interest Indicators (starting in Sept.) to collect names and changes to previous volunteers. Please fill those out! (We're also going to take a chance by asking you let us know if you want to be taken off some list you were on before.)

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 Bonnie Fikeys, Rita Seehofer (healing), the Becker Family, Mike Endsley, Celebrate the wedding of Michalla J. Rodey and Rico Atkins on Sept. 2, Dennis Flynn (COVID pneumonia), Scott, Sally & Seth Trzcinski (COVID), Rick Mitchell (knee issues), Zach & Hannah Huelhorst (multiple health issues), Marty Rodey (recovery), Annie Eckroth (healing), Jan Bentley (recovery), Claudia Green (recovery), Jane (Alzheimer's) and Rich (caregiver) Meister, 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... Steve and Grace (health), Jason Costello (hit by a car), Zori, John (friend) & Pablo (serious medical issues), Deanna (liver issues), Richard Whyte (heart attack), Kathi (transplant recovery), Pam Prible, Ukrainian military, teachers, Paul Bentley (healing), Sue Panico (heart surgery), Rick Davis (cancer), Cie (infection), Kay Brennan, 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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2nd Lieutenant Jakob Swenson
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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. September's will be Philippians 4:4-9.**

Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

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.

Groups

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTING - MON., AUG. 29 - 9:00am

Quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:00am. 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](#), 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.)

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. 27 & 28

FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

Saturday worship at 5:00pm will be indoors, with no more outdoor services until special occasions. 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 worship services, a come-forward option is available.**

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

ONLINE OPTIONS CONTINUE

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

INDOOR WORSHIP - at 5:00pm and Sundays at 8:30 & 11:00am

Here are the notes if you are planning to come:

* **Per IDPH guidelines, masks are optional.**

* Congregational singing of hymns is allowed. We'll be using the hymnals, or you can use the online version in this bulletin.

* We are asking for some more volunteers for worship, including acolytes and lay liturgists.

* We will be sending an email each week also asking for volunteers to assist at worship. If you would like to volunteer for a specific week, please let us know.

* The service length will be increasing as we add elements of the liturgy and other items back in.

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

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

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