

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Current as of February 5, 2021 (new/important items since 1/29 are in bold type)**

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

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Please check in with our Peace website [www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org) regularly for updates. There will be occasional email updates as well, the last of which was 2/5. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

**THIS WEEK AND BEYOND**

**Sat. & Sun., Feb. 6 & 7 - Boy Scout Weekend & Souper Bowl of Caring weekend**

**Sat., Feb. 6 - Baptism Orientation - 3:00pm via Zoom or in person**

**Sat., Feb. 6 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))**

**Sun., Feb. 7 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 9:30am (including [Facebook video](#)) (plus another live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary [register ahead of time] at 8:30am)**

**Sun., Feb. 7 - Book Discussion - 10:30am via Zoom (ask for codes)**

**Sun., Feb. 7 - What's the Scoop - noon via Zoom (ask for codes)**

**Sun., Feb. 7 - Peace 360 - 3:00pm Grape Juice & Paint event**

**Wed., Feb. 10 - Bible Study - 10:00am via Zoom**

**Wed., Feb. 10 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation - 7:00pm**

**Sat., Feb. 13 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))**

**Sun., Feb. 14 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 9:30am (including [Facebook video](#)) (plus another live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary [register ahead of time] at 8:30am)**

**Sun., Feb. 14 - Virtual Coffee Hour - 11:30am**

**Wed., Feb. 17 - Bible Study - 10:00am via Zoom**

**Wed., Feb. 17 - Drive in opportunity for imposition of ashes 11:15am-noon & 6:30-7:30pm**

**Wed., Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday recorded worship on Facebook page, released at 11:00am**

**Sat., Feb. 20 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))**

**Sun., Feb. 21 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 9:30am (including [Facebook video](#)) (plus another live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary [register ahead of time] at 8:30am)**

**Sun., Feb. 21 - Annual Congregational Meeting - 10:30am via Zoom (ask for codes)**

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

**Drive-in/Online Worship for Feb. 6 & 7 - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Please join us for this weekend's Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) with [Facebook live stream](#) at 5:00pm on Saturday, Feb. 6, and on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 9:30am, with an additional in person worship (also with live streaming) in the sanctuary at 8:30am. (You need to register in advance.) The drive-in worship leaders are under the canopy, and those who are driving all facing in that direction. Please park on the yellow lines which allows us to be spaced apart. For the in person 8:30am worship, we will have people enter and exit using the Fellowship Hall door.

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 some great music from Todd, a hymn to which you can sing along, (words below this announcement, so be sure to print out the words) some liturgy, scripture readings (Isaiah 40:21-31, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, & Mark 1:29-39), prayers, communion and a sermon. Please join in being together in God's name in your cars, or electronically and share the worship post with others! If you want more details, search/look for "How will worship work" at the end of the document.

## **Words to This Week's Hymn – 2/6 & 2/7 - *Thy Word* - words by Michael W. Smith**

*Refrain:* Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me,  
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

*Refrain:* Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

2. I will not forget your love for me, and yet  
my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,  
and I will love you to the end.

*Refrain:* Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

## **Thank you**

Thank you to all the people who are watching our weekly worship and daily videos on line. (Bring some good news to people you know online and share them with others.) Thanks, too, for all your support financially, in prayer, with words of encouragement, acts of service and more! Thank you! **Your online gifts last week of \$2,001 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$20,708 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 899 Facebook views of last weekend's worship (plus You Tube and watching live), and for the drive-in about 11 at 5:00 and snowed-out at 9:30.** In troubled times, it is as important as ever to let the Word of God speak in our hearts and to the world.

## **Opportunities for Giving to Others**

### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - FEB. 6 & 7**

It's PLAYOFF time! Join the team that tackles hunger! On Feb. 7, people will be watching the Big Game, while an estimated 40 million Americans are food insecure, struggling to put food on the table. Imagine the impact we can make if everyone who watched the game gave one dollar or a can of food to help our neighbors in need. Show the world what it means to be a CHAMPION off the field. Join our church's effort in the Souper Bowl of Caring to help feed the hungry in this year's "Bigger than the Bowl" campaign. This year we will have our famous football (or maybe a soup pot in light of the w available at the drive-in worship for donations. But we also will ask all of you who regularly have supported this effort in the past to send in a donation to our PO Box 205 address, noting what it is for. If you wish to make a direct contribution to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, you can do that at <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger>. Every dollar counts!

## **New/ Important for This Week**

**INDOOR WORSHIP RESUMES @ 8:30AM FEB. 7**

Based on the latest information out of the state and Will County, we will resume indoor worship on a limited basis Sun., Feb. 7, only at the 8:30am time slot. (5:00 on Sat. & 9:30 on Sun. will continue to be drive-in worship.) The plan calls for you to make a reservation by calling or emailing sometime after the previous Sunday ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327.) All who come will have to wear masks the whole time and temperatures will be taken at the entrance. Enter & exit through the Fellowship Hall doors. (You'll be warmer while you are waiting for your temp to be taken.) We will need ushers and temperature takers ([Indoor worship volunteer online sign up form](#).) There will be no singing by the congregation. Communion will be offered both as a "bring your own bread/cracker" option as before, and now as an experiment, from pre-packaged kits that have both a wafer and grape juice that you can pick up on your way into church. (We'll also have a gluten free wafer option.) There is a limit of 40 in the sanctuary.

#### **BSA SCOUTS OF AMERICA WEEKEND - FEB. 6 & 7**

The annual BSA Scouts of America Weekend is coming up on Feb. 6 & 7. Boy Scouts of all ages, wear your uniforms to church. Girl Scout Weekend will be in March.

#### **NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION- SUN., FEB. 7 - 10:30am**

The next book for the book discussion group, Peace Page Turners will be *Room with a View* by E.M. Forster. The book features a young woman in the restrained culture of Edwardian era England. The story is both a romance and a humorous critique of English society at the beginning of the 20th century. You can pick up a copy of the book at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. The date will be Feb. 7 and the time will be 10:30am. Be sure to let us know you're interested so we can give you the Zoom codes you'll need.

#### **WHAT'S THE SCOOP? (Bring your ideas to the group!) - SUN., FEB. 7 - noon**

So, what goes on? Why should I come? The bottom line is ideas for ministry are exchanged and new ones brought to mind – even in these crazy times. We hope you'll join the effort via Zoom! Our next meeting is Sun., Feb. 7, at noon. Let us know if you plan to attend and how so we can send you information ahead of time ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327.)

#### **PEACE 360 GRAPE JUICE AND PAINT NIGHT - SUN., FEB. 7 - 3:00pm**

High school youth, please join us for a fun paint night with grape juice! Sun., Feb. 7 we will meet in Fellowship Hall at 3:00pm. Deacon Shari will lead us as we paint a really cool picture! We will provide the paint and the canvas! If you have a paint easel you can bring it. Remember to wear your mask. Please sign up for this event by Friday, Feb. 5, so we know how many supplies we need to prepare. Cost is \$5 per youth. Sign up online [Online Paint Night Sign up](#) or email the church to let us know you will be there.

#### **7/8TH GR. PIZZA DINNER ONLINE MEETING - SAT., FEB. 13 6:00PM**

Our high school youth had so much fun making dinner together we thought maybe our jr. high would like to do the same! On Sat., Feb. 13, 7-8th graders can meet via zoom at 6:00pm and we are going to make dinner together! Pizza is on the menu. Blaze pizza in Tinley Park offers a personal pizza that you can make yourself! They give you the dough and the ingredients and you get to roll it out, make it and bake it...and eat it! The cost is \$10. Please let me know how many pizzas kits you would like by Wed., Feb. 10. Please join us even if you don't want a pizza kit! The pizzas will be available for pick up on Saturday, Feb. 13, between 2-4pm. If for some reason you cannot get to church to pick up your pizza kit, please let us know. Sign up online [Online Pizza Order](#) or email the church to let us know your order.

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY PLANS - FEB. 17**

Ash Wednesday will be different; how often have we heard that phrase?! Yet, we want to recognize the beginning of Lent in as meaningful a way as possible. So, a worship service will be available on Feb. 17 on our Facebook & You Tube sites (always accessible via our church webpage [www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org)), starting at 11:00am. Then, for those who would like the imposition of ashes, we are going to have a drive-by version. You will be able to drive into the parking lot on Ash Wednesday between 11:15am and noon

or between 6:30 and 7:30pm. You will stay in your cars and wear your masks. We will say a prayer for each as well as offer ashes, applying them via a Q-tip. You will then be free to leave or park and reflect for a moment and leave when you wish.

#### LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

This year we have Lenten Devotionals for adults, families & children and also God's Global Barnyard coin boxes available in the black bin outside of the front door. There are also online devotionals for you to use free at Lenten Devotions :: Lutheran Hour Ministries.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

Because we are hopeful that we will be able to keep worshiping for a while at the Sunday 8:30 services, we will once again start getting altar flowers. Any week we have people who wish to donate them we will order them and have them for the indoor worship services (and hopefully visible online for the other two services as well.) You may call or email the church ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327.) Just let us know for which date from now to the end of 2021 you would like to provide them. The cost per arrangement is \$20.

#### TALENT SHOW 2021 - YOUR ACTS ARE WELCOME!

Our Fellowship Committee keeps thinking of ways to keep our congregation connected. This year's Talent Show is no exception and will be available online starting March 7. We'll give you details for how to access it later. But for now, we'd like to have you use your talent to share with us!!! Piano, other instrument(s), singing, some other fun thing you can do – they all are welcome! You will record it at home using any “movie-format.” When you're ready to turn it over to us, let us know and we'll send you the link for where to send it. Need help? We'll be happy to advise you. The main thing is, we're trying to have a fun “make the most of the situation” and create some great entertainment for the congregation. Let us know at 815-485-5327 or [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org). The deadline for turning in your submissions will be Feb. 17.

#### VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR - SUN., FEB. 14 - 11:30AM

One of the things we miss having is time together to just chat before or after worship. So, let's try a virtual coffee hour. You'll have to grab your own snacks and drinks, but have them in hand as you join us via Zoom on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 11:30am. Let us know you're planning to participate (815-485-5327 or [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)) so we can get the right codes to you. In addition to just hanging out, those willing to share could relate a story (funny, embarrassing or informative) regarding an experience with coffee, tea or other morning beverage, and/or share what they are drinking during the event and why they chose that beverage.

#### ANNUAL MEETING - SUN., FEB. 21 - 10:30am

Our annual meeting will take place on Feb. 21, at 10:30am. It is going to be quite a change since it will be primarily a Zoom meeting. **We need you to let us know you plan to attend online so that we can send you a special Zoom link/codes for the meeting!** ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327) For those who do not have internet access, you may come to the parking lot. Starting Feb. 12 (maybe sooner), we will have a link to a page on our website that will contain the full bulletin of reports, plus Council candidate bio's and pictures. You will then have these options for voting.

- 1) Give us your name and email by Feb. 17 and we will send you an electronic ballot to complete starting Feb. 19 and continuing until our congregation's president calls the voting to a halt on the day of the election (Feb. 21) shortly after 10:30am;
- 2) Let us know you'd like your ballot by mail by Feb. 12. Then mail your vote to Peace, PO Box 205, New Lenox, IL 60451 to be received by Friday, Feb. 19.

Highlights will include the election of council members and celebrating what God is doing through Peace even in a pandemic. The informal theme for 2020 turned out to be “go with the flow” – but really it was as always “go with God.” That's worth celebrating!

#### WILL COUNTY VACCINATION SITE

**The Will County Health Department invites you to go to their website (<https://willcountyhealth.org>) to register for a COVID-19 shot appointment. Then they will call you when it is your turn to make an appointment.**

#### DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS FOR JAN. - MARCH ARE AVAILABLE

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

### Prayer List

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

**The family of Joseph DeVito, the family of Wayne Mooney (COVID death), Zach Sperstad, Rachel Ward (surgery), Max,** Paul Lang (and family) (hospice), Joyce Smith (health), **Diane Baker (recovery),** Wally Paprocki (recovery), Jennifer Barker (recovery), Rich Dohrn (COVID - hospitalized), David Hennessey (recovery), John Overend (recovery), Jeff Howell (recovery), Diane Weber (procedure), Julie Friedrich (cancer), Wayne Hansen (recovery), Valerie Bogie & Zachary Hancock (COVID), Eileen (recovery), the Boyens family (COVID), Bonnie Ruisz (COVID), Don Lafferty (broken collar bone), Sue Horn (recovery & treatment), Terry Jesk, Zach Huelhorst (lymphoma), Ryan Jones, Sharon Obuchina (cancer), Kay Johnson, Marilyn Krauch (recovery), Denise Jones, Bonnie Fikeys, Barb Decker, Georgia Cash, Edith Saurer, Nolan (God’s guidance), Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Judy Williams, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatrow, Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot... Charlene (COVID), Renee (knee), Joseph (COVID), Jerry (COVID), Parker (seizures), Johnny Wellman (renal failure), Jim Stott (COVID - hospitalized), Lindsay, Stephanie, Jim Calvert (cancer), Joan Akaley, Carol Randall, Hildegard Hansen (recovery), David Leahy (cancer), Alwyn Dohrn (heart attack), Eli Hrnyak (health), Kelly & Dan Norton (COVID), Jamie, Paul & Caryl Sons (COVID), Larry Hedlin (recovery), Danny, Sandy Booten, Madisyn Ann Brill, Janet, Carol Bentley, Tyler, Vern Sandborn, Alan Booten, Bill Reidy (cancer), Erv Pander, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt, Mary Hand, Tyler, the Austin family, Brena V. and family, Dan T. & family, Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo, Jeffrey, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann.

**FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY** - We are starting from scratch with our military list. If you know someone who is serving and would like them on our list, let us know. Please pray for those who have returned from war who struggle to readjust to life and work through their grief. Donald Lazarz, T.J. Burns, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Jake Treasure, Allison DeVitto.

#### ADDRESS FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Midshipman Trevor Horn	Sargent Devin Pafford
PO Box # 12989	1208 Battery Creek Rd.
Annapolis, MD 21412	Beaufort, SC 29902

MA2 Baker, Connor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Jakob Swenson
5600 Shorewood Lane	16113 Ryan Place, Apt. C
Norfolk, VA 23502	Fort Polk, LA 71459

### Giving & Giving More Thanks

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

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



#### WARM COAT MINISTRY CONTINUES



*One Warm Coat* is a ministry of our church to assist in the collection of clean, reusable coats and jackets for donation to local individuals free of charge. We are grateful for our ability in all circumstances to continue in our mission to meet basic human needs. Items can be dropped off at church including left outside the front door in a bag or box. Scarfs, hats, gloves/mittens and boots are also accepted. Thank you for your continued support! The count last week was **21 coats, 27 hats & scarves, and 8 gloves!** Thank you, thank you, thank you!

## Groups

### RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTING) – MEETINGS CAREFULLY RESUMING

Ruth Circle quilting is back to meeting every other Monday at 9:00 a.m. for those who wish. We are socially distancing in Fellowship Hall, and are skipping the treats. Questions? Contact the church office.

### SENIORS EXERCISE GROUP - MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS - WAITING TO SEE WHEN WE CAN MEET IN PERSON AGAIN

We will pause our meetings on Mondays 12:00-1:00 and Wednesdays 11:30-12:30 in Fellowship Hall. When it is safe, join us for a low impact, do what you can exercise program for seniors. Bring your own chair.

### PRAYER SHAWLS - WEDNESDAYS - WAITING TO SEE WHEN WE CAN MEET IN PERSON AGAIN

The crew may be on hold, but here's an update on the work they've done: 356 shawls completed & 339 given away! Thanks be to God!

### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP - on hold

### ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY

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

## Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

PING PONG - If you are interested, contact the church office (815-485-5327 or [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org).) We resume meeting on the third Sunday of the month at noon.

## General Announcements

### CHURCH OFFICE - MORE CARE IN PLACE FOR THE STAFF

Because of more rampant (COVID) spread, we are asking you once again to being more restricted about coming into the church office (as it was when we first re-opened the office.) Call ahead M-F from 9:00 to noon and maybe you can arrange what needs to be done by dropping off or picking up something outside the front door. (You can always leave things for our various giving opportunities out there anytime and we'll take care of getting it inside. Also, you can email the church and we'll get back to you.) We continue to seek ways to serve and be safe at the same time.

### WOULD YOU LIKE A COPY OF THE WORSHIP BOOK FOR YOURSELF?

One of our members asked about doing this, and we can make that happen. If you'd like your own copy, let us know and we will pass one along at our cost, which should be about \$28 after shipping. Contact the office ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327).

### GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

Some of you have used these books to get discounts at restaurants, oil change places, dry cleaners and more.

The 2021 edition has arrived. They are \$25, with \$5 of that going to support youth ministries in our church. If you'd like a copy, come by the office M-F, 9:00 to noon, or let us know and we'll happily make arrangements to get one to you!

#### COLLEGE INFORMATION PACKETS

We have available an excellent packet of materials for all who are in the college search stage of life. Let the church office know via email or call, and we'll get it to you electronically.

#### ANOTHER WAY TO STAY CONNECTED

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

#### WANT SPECIAL PRAYERS?

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

#### BECAUSE OF YOU

After 12 years of serving with the U.S. Marine Corps, Rebekah Nelson sensed the Holy Spirit calling her in a new direction. The idea of serving as a chaplain had long been in the back of her mind, but she hadn't seriously considered it as a career. In that moment of discernment, she realized God was calling her to chaplaincy, a ministry of accompanying people wherever they happen to be while away from home, whether it's a veteran away from home in a veteran hospital or a person incarcerated in a federal prison or a soldier in the middle of a battlefield. The ELCA Fund for Leaders provides seminary scholarships to support the future leaders of the church, and Rebekah was awarded both a full-tuition scholarship and a federal chaplaincy scholarship. -19.

#### NEED A MASK?

Thanks to our wonderful group of masks makers, we have a supply of masks available. If you are need a face mask, please take what you need from the Ziploc bag in the grey tote by the front door of church. If you need children's mask or something else, please leave a note with your info in the tote and we will get back to you to see if we are able to help you out.

#### TRAILBLAZERS - STILL WAITING!

We keep ourselves on the radar, but will hold off meeting once again. Stay tuned for another update, but currently are thinking to wait until summer. Our group is for senior citizens and welcomes you to join us. Email the church office (or call Pastor Dave at home for now) for more information.

#### CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

We have a team that has been working over the past few months to bring our social media pages up to date and to post regular content to them. Ways you can help to promote our pages and our church are to follow our pages and engaging our content by commenting, liking, and sharing our posts. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the handle @PeaceNewLenox.

#### PEACE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like special prayers said for someone, just let the office know of a particular need. Our Circle of Prayer ministry is ready to help. We will send out an email to the praying volunteers with that need. (If you would like to be a part of this Peace Circle of Prayer, let us know, including what email address we should use.)

## Help Others

GOOD SHEPHERD group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eyeshadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs and brushes), personal items, bathing items (sponges, bubble bath, shower gel), and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons. Please place these items in the basket labeled *Good Shepherd Beauty Items* located under the left part of the narthex counter.

Thank you for your support!

#### DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSTAR TREASURE CHEST

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

#### CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

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

#### HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food and resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. You can bring donations anytime and put them in the baskets on the floor heading into Fellowship Hall. The pantry is in need of the following specific items: **especially cereal (all kinds), canned fruit, peanut butter, soups**, coffee (ground), creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

### Faith Development/Education

#### QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD

While we wait for more opportunities to share our *Questions Kids Ask About God* book with others, we recognize the questions don't stop. Here are some that we just discovered from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sunday School class: 1) Is there a dog heaven and a human heaven? *Since the only clue we have is from Paul's writings about all creation being redeemed (saved, restored, renewed), we believe that there is only one heaven that will be for all things.*

2) If the oldest human is (116), how could Noah be 600 when he built the ark? *In the early part of the Bible, it was before people kept accurate records of years. The Bible really just wants us to know that even though people were "old" (Abraham is another example), they could still be servants of God's ways. Today we can add, "even though we are very young, we can still be servants of God's ways!"*

3) Are God and Jesus the same person? *Most definitely "yes," with just a hint of "no." Jesus was the human form of God – God in the flesh. So, Jesus lived as a human on earth. But the God-in-Jesus is 100% the same. It seems confusing, doesn't it? So, just try to concentrate on when you see/think "Jesus" you are seeing an exact picture of who God is.*

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY -

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

#### DAILY DEVOTIONAL ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE

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

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

#### EVERYBODY READ

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write down a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage. **February's passage is Mark**



10:35-45.

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

## **Details for how we worship this weekend, Feb. 6 & 7**

### FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

\* Whether you drive-in, are in person 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. At the 8:30 worship, a pre-packaged grape juice & wafer will be available.

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

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

### DRIVE-IN WORSHIP ON SATURDAYS AT 5:00PM & SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

\* Households are required to socially distance from each other, which can be accomplished by **parking on the yellow lines. Our worship location is centered under the main canopy.**

\* Masks would be required if you get out of your car. (We have spare masks.)

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

\* The worship will last about 30 to 40 minutes. Worshipping outdoors allows us to sing!

### ONLINE OPTIONS CONTINUE INCLUDING AN 8:30 VERSION

\* We will continue to live-stream our worship services. We plan each week to record both Saturday and Sunday. Assuming everything works, all will be available through our Facebook site. **We also have an only-live-stream inside the sanctuary version at 8:30am for those for whom that option is meaningful.**

### INDOOR WORSHIP RESUMES only at 8:30am Sundays

Here are the notes if you are planning to come (registrations required)

\* **Masks will be required** from the time you leave your car until you get back in the car. If you forget yours, we will have spares. (Those who are less than 2 years old or those with special health issues are exempt.)

\* **Enter and exit through the Fellowship Hall door**

\* Temperatures will be taken and names will be checked off both to match the sign-up list, as well as if we needed to do contact tracing. You may have to wait a little bit, with spacing between households. Come early, please.

\* There will be no congregational singing of a hymn, except by one worship leader who will be shielded from the congregation. You *can* hum along!

\* We will have pews marked off so that socially distanced spaces can be maintained. Of course, household units can stay together in their pew. Ushers will be available to help guide people, filling in pews from the front of the sanctuary to the back, and at the end of service leaving from the back.

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

\* Between services, the sanctuary and all other spaces will be electrostatically sprayed with a disinfectant that will cover all surfaces.

- \* Bathrooms will be discouraged from being used but will also receive attention.
- \* Drinking fountains will not be in use.
- \* Communion will have options: continue to be “bring your own bread or cracker,” or take one of the wafers (gluten free or regular) or take one of the pre-packaged kind.
- \* The service length will continue to be between 30 and 40 minutes.
- \* If you feel sick or have come in contact with someone who has COVID-19, please stay home and watch via the live-stream.
- \* **We are going to need volunteer** ushers, temperature takers, and after worship sprayers. You can sign up on the website ([Sign Up](#)) or contact the office. These volunteers will need to provide a N95/KN95 mask for themselves. There will be no physical contact with anyone, but the temperature takers will be within the six foot space for a few seconds.

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