

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Current as of February 26, 2021 (new/important items since 2/19 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.*

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 2/19. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sat., Feb. 27 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))

Sun., Feb. 28 - 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. 28 - Adult class - 10:30am either Zoom or in person

Sun., Feb. 28 - Peace 360 - Gaga Ball - 4:00pm at church

Tues., Mar. 2 - Committee chairs - 7:30pm either Zoom or in person

Wed., Mar. 3 - Bible Study - 10:00am either Zoom or in person

Wed., Mar. 3 - 7th Grade Confirmation - 7:00pm either Zoom or in person

Mar. 6 & 7 - Girl Scout weekend

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

Sun., Mar. 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)

Mon. Mar. 8 - Ruth Circle (quilters) - 9:00am

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

Wed., Mar. 10 - 8th Grade Confirmation - 7:00pm

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

Drive-in/Online Worship for Feb. 27 & 28 - Second Sunday of Lent

Please join us for this weekend's Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) with [Facebook live stream](#) at 5:00pm on Saturday, Feb. 26, and on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 9:30am, with an additional in person worship (also with live streaming) in the sanctuary at 8:30am. (It helps if you register in advance.) The drive-in worship leaders are in the entrance area, 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 (Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16, Romans 4:12-25, & Mark 8:31-38), prayers, special music, 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.

Altar Flowers This Week

The flowers on the altar this week are provided by John & Paulette Overend in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, and by Miss Jess in celebration of the youth of Peace Church.

Words to This Week's Hymn – 2/27 & 2/28 - *O Savior, Precious Savior* - words by Frances Havergal

1. O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, all other names above:
we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.
2. O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought,
thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought:
we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee, our gracious Lord and King.
4. Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above,
in endless adoration and everlasting love;
then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring,
and evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King!

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 \$4,335 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$8,884 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 648 Facebook views of last weekend's worship (plus You Tube and watching live), and for the drive-in about 15 at 5:00, 17 in person at 8:30, and 10 for the drive-in 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

WARM COAT MINISTRY CONTINUES THROUGH FEB. 28

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! **Overall, prior to this weekend we collected 83 men's coats, 92 women's coats, 70 children's coats, 10 snow pants, 181 scarves, 300 hats, 218 gloves, 3 socks/tights, 20 boots, 2 vests, 3 earmuffs, 2 umbrellas and 3 sweaters – for a grand total of 987 items. Thank you, thank you, thank you!**

BUSINESS ATTIRE COLLECTION BEGINS MARCH 7

Peace has generously provided to people who are unemployed find jobs by dressing for success. We're looking for business attire and business casual clothing, including gently used shoes. Look through your closets for suits, sports coats, ties, shirts, blouses, dresses, skirts, pants, sweaters, whatever you think would help someone get and keep a job! We'll use the same process as with the warm coat ministry: bring them to church and put them outside the front door and we'll take them from there.

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE OPPORTUNITY

Because of the work of the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal, we are present in Texas and elsewhere

making a difference. Not only are the various churches and synods of the region at work, through the wider church and individuals like us, an ongoing presence will be there long after others have gone home. If you would like to make a donation, 100% of the funds designated through the ELCA for “US Severe Storms” will go to that work. You can go to ([Texas Disaster Response](#)) if you wish.

New/ Important for This Week’s Bulletin

ADULT CLASS - FEB. 28 - 10:30AM

Because of more relaxed COVID options from the state, you can have your choice of Zoom or in person for this week’s Adult Class. The Lenten topic for Feb. 28 at 10:30am will be “How Come There Are Wilderness Times?” We would all rather avoid those times of wandering without direction. This class will look at the wilderness times in the Bible and how they might inform and even help us in ours. If you are planning to come, please let us know whether in person or via Zoom. The topic for March 14 will be “Paradoxes Can Be a Good Thing” - through the eyes of Jesus. (We’ll finish in time for the virtual coffee hour at 11:30 that morning.) The topic for March 28 will be “If a Job Is Worth Doing....” - as reflected in Holy Week.

PEACE 360 GAGA BALL - SUN., FEB. 28

High school youth are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall on Sun., Feb. 28 from 4-6pm. We will play a game of Gaga Ball, social distance edition.

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 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 - CHECK IT OUT (STARTING MARCH 7)

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 on our Facebook page. Be sure to check it out!

ONLINE GAME NIGHT FOR 1ST & 2ND GR. - THURS., MARCH 11, 5PM

1st & 2nd graders, please join us via zoom for an online game night on March 11 at 5pm. A link and codes will be sent out on March 10.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP - VIRTUAL BINGO - SAT., MARCH 13 - 6:00pm

We are ready to give this a go! We’ve been trying to figure out what can we do remotely, but still be together? Bingo! Now we need to know who wants to play? The date is Sat., March 13, the time is 6:00pm. Let us know if you’d like to be a part of this via Zoom. Whether you need a Bingo card or have your own, we can make this work! See some of your long-separated acquaintances and friends. You can be a part of this even if you don’t like being on camera. The plan is to have some prizes, too. Let us know at 815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org by March 7.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR #2 - SUN., MAR. 14 - 11:30AM

One of the things we miss having is time together to just chat before or after worship. So, having done

this once with success, we're going to have another 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, Mar. 14, at 11:30am. Let us know you're planning to participate (815-485-5327 or 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 donuts.

NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION- SUN., MAR. 21 - 10:30am

The Overstory is a novel by Richard Powers published in 2018. It is Powers' twelfth novel. The novel is about five trees whose unique life experiences with nine Americans bring them together to address personal issues and experiences of the nine, also framed around the destruction of forests. You can pick up a copy of the book at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. The date will be Mar. 21 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.

EASTER LILY DEADLINE - MARCH 21

Each year at Easter we invite people to remember and honor people (events) that are important to them by donating an Easter lily to decorate our sanctuary. Order forms are available in the narthex or online ([Easter Lily Order Form](#)) and the deadline to order is Mar. 21. The cost of the plants is \$12.

EASTER EGG HUNT (SOCIAL DISTANCE STYLE) - SAT., MARCH 27

Please join us for a social distance Easter egg hunt! We will have appointment times for families to sign up between 10am-1pm. (We will add time slots if needed!) Please call or email the church, by March 19, to secure your appointment time.

2021 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE

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

HOW CAN YOU TALK ABOUT LAWN MOWING WITH ALL THAT SNOW ON THE GROUND?

Christians are anything but pessimistic about the future, that's how! Because we hire a company to mow the north half of the lawn (eliminating the part with the slope along Hwy. 30, which is quite steep) and the part along the east side of the parking lot, it usually takes between 1 & 1½ hours to mow what's left (basically it's south of the building.) Most of the time you can pick whether to mow on Friday or Saturday and you will still get to ride the John Deere! So, if you'd like a turn to mow this year, let us know. Please call/email the office to volunteer (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

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.

GOLF GROUP IS READY FOR YOU TO SIGN UP

The golf group is getting ready to resume soon! We will start playing around April 1st and/or when the temperature hits 50 degrees in the morning. The format will still be "best ball". We play for fellowship, fresh air and maybe hit a good shot occasionally. We have been playing on Wednesdays at 10am. Each week Mike Bohl will send out an email to interested golfers with when and where to meet. You do not

have to play every week. Questions or to sign up, contact the church office (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

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.

Kay (surgery), Cheryl Krieger (surgery), Karen (COVID), Cara Clausing, Max (tests), Pam, Jim, Lynn (surgery), Paulette (cancer & surgery), Kevin Fullriede (COVID), Michelle Krieger (surgery), Claire Edgoose (rehab), Kiebles, Karen Zylstra (COVID), Rachel Geekie (COVID), Zach Sperstad, Diane Baker (recovery), Wally Paprocki (recovery), Jennifer Barker (recovery), Rich Dohrn (COVID - rehab), David Hennessey (recovery), John Overend (recovery), Jeff Howell (recovery), Diane Weber (pain), Julie Friedrich (cancer), Sue Horn (recovery & treatment), Terry Jesk, Zach Huelhorst (lymphoma), Sharon Obuchina (cancer), Kay Johnson, 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 Tatro, Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...
John & LeAnn Miheve, Virg, Shirley, Brooke, Sharon, Jim, Brad Whiteside (cancer), Rachel Ward (surgery), Max, Renee (knee), Joseph (COVID), Jerry (COVID), Parker (seizures), Johnny Wellman (renal failure), Jim Stott (COVID - hospitalized), Lindsay, Stephanie, Jim Calvert (cancer), Joan Akaley, Hildegard Hansen (recovery), Alwyn Dohrn (heart attack), Kelly & Dan Norton (COVID), Larry Hedlin (recovery), Danny, Sandy Booten, Madisyn Ann Brill, Janet, Carol Bentley, Tyler, Vern Sandborn, Alan Booton, 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.

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Annapolis, MD 21412

Sargent Devin Pafford
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Beaufort, SC 29902

MA2 Baker, Connor
5600 Shorewood Lane
Norfolk, VA 23502

2nd Lieutenant Jakob Swenson
16113 Ryan Place, Apt. C
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 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).



REMINDER FOR AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Peace Church every time you shop, at no cost to you. To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com. (If it is your first visit to the site, you will need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases.) They will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. Peace Lutheran Church of New Lenox is available to be chosen, as are other worthy causes.

Groups

RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTING) – MEETINGS CAREFULLY RESUMING - March 8 & 22

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.) 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.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY BOOKS - PRICE REDUCTION TO \$15

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

COLLEGE INFORMATION PACKETS

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

ANOTHER WAY TO STAY CONNECTED

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

WANT SPECIAL PRAYERS?

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

BECAUSE OF YOU

The ELCA designed its International Women Leaders program to accompany young women from ELCA companion churches overseas in the hope that they would return to their communities and churches to pursue their vocations with confidence. The women selected by their home country's churches receive full scholarships to attend an ELCA college. The track record is outstanding and the results long lasting. Recent graduates are thriving. "I continue to do the work of the [church] and the IWL program [by using] my gifts and talents," one of them said. "And I pass it on by helping [my] neighbors wherever I can. No matter where we are and where we are from. We are one." Our gifts to Peace passed along to the ELCA through our Northern Illinois Synod make such a program possible.

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 came in this month: **1) Did God make the solar system? Yes, and the whole universe. Part of God's creation that we are learning more and more about is how amazing and large and complicated it is. So, it is not as though God picked out one aspect by itself and created that, God designed the whole thing...and is still creating new stars and planets and systems!**
2) Why did God create more water than land? I don't know, except to say that the system has been balanced. We need all that water to make enough rain water for life to continue. So, while don't know the answer to "why" in one sense, we do see how God has provided for life! That should make us grateful.

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. **March's passage is Romans 14:7-12.**

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

Details for how we worship this weekend, Feb. 27& 28

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 requested)

* **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!