

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Current as of June 4, 2021 (new/important items since 5/28 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 6/4. 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., June 5 & 6 - Teacher Appreciation weekend**

**Sat., June 5 - Children's service & craft event - 3:00pm**

**Sat., June 5 - Vicar Mike's Ordination service (from St. John's in Joliet) live-stream 2:30pm**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeJhuBehn5E>

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

**Sat., June 5 - Adult Fellowship - Bunco event (weather permitting) - 5:45pm**

**Sun., June 6 - Live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary [register ahead of time] at 8:30am & Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) - 9:30am (no live-stream)**

**Sun., June 6 - Peace Page Turners book discussion - 10:30 in person or Zoom**

**Wed., June 9 - Bible Study - 10:00am in person or via Zoom**

**Wed., June 9 - Peace Buddies - 6:00pm at Laraway Lanes & ice cream to follow**

**Thurs., June 10 - Prayer Shawls - 6:00pm in person**

**Sat. & Sun., June 12 & 13 - Recognition of Graduates**

**Sat., June 12 - Blood Drive - 9:00am - 1:00pm**

**Sat., June 12 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))**

**Sun., June 13 - Live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary [register ahead of time] at 8:30am & Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) - 9:30am (no live-stream)**

**Mon., June 14 - Summertime Quilting - 9:00am**

**Wed., June 16 - VBS planning meeting - 8:45am**

**Wed., June 16 - Bible Study - 10:00am in person or via Zoom**

**Wed., June 16 - PJ Zoom Game Night - 6:00pm - Pre-3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Sat., June 19 - Special Congregational Meeting & ice cream (following 5:00 worship)**

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

**Drive-in/Online/In person Worship for June 5 & 6 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Our worship schedule continues: Sat. at 5:00 and Sun. at 9:30 are drive-in/outdoors and Sun. at 8:30 will be in person (**5:00 and 8:30 services are live-streamed.**) Weather will dictate where the drive-in worships will be located. If it is cooperative, we will be set up on the lawn area by the long sidewalk, facing the parking lot; if not, facing the front entrance. Regardless of grass area or at the main entrance canopy, you can bring your lawn chairs or stay in your cars (including the FM 88.3 option.) This week we will

thank teachers of all kinds as part of our worship.

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 3:8-15, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, & Mark 3:20-35) prayers, communion (bring your own bread or cracker), special music and a sermon. Please join in being together in God's name on the grass/parking lot, 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 – 6/5 & 6/6 - *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* #860**

1. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

2. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

## **Altar Flowers**

**The altar flowers this week are given by Jeff and Jess Lindeman in celebration of all our graduates! (Congrats and good luck!) Also given by Michele & Terry Lenz in thanks to our Lord for blessing our three graduates Bella & Caleb (8th Gr.) and Ian (Preschool).**

## **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 \$2,649 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$7,612 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 407 Facebook views of last weekend's worship (plus You Tube and watching live), and for the drive-in about 39 at 5:00, 49 at 8:30, & 17 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.

## **New/ Important for This Week's Bulletin**

### **NEW OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES AVAILABLE**

**The offering envelopes boxes that begin with the June 6 weekend are now available. They will be spread out in Fellowship Hall. Come before or after worship or some other time when the office is open and pick up your box. (For those whose old numbers were above 336, you'll have a new number.)**

### **MORE SEATING CAPACITY IN THE SANCTUARY**

**We have expanded the number of available seats in the sanctuary for the 8:30 in person worship to 75.**

The spaces between marked seating is now 6' instead of 10' because of information from the CDC in light of more people getting vaccinated. The sooner even more get vaccinated in our region, the sooner we can open up even more! Masks are still required and congregational singing is still not advised indoors.

#### **VBS PLANNING MEETING - WED., JUNE 16 - 8:30am**

With a little clearer picture for what might be possible for a Vacation Bible School, we are going to have our next planning meeting in person or via Zoom on Wed., June 16, at 8:30am. Let us know if you would like the Zoom codes. See the main VBS announcement below!

#### **SUNDAY ADULT CLASS - JUNE 27 - 10:30AM**

Because of more relaxed COVID options from the state, you can have your choice of Zoom or in person for the next Adult Class. If you are planning to come, please let us know whether in person or via Zoom. The topic will be "The Christian Bill of Rights & Responsibilities."

#### **PEACE PAGE TURNERS NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION - SUN., JUNE 6 - 10:30am**

The next book discussion will feature *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone. It is the true story of a young Quaker schoolteacher who was hired by a Chicago eccentric who believed Shakespeare's plays had a secret code. Read about this extraordinary woman's integral role in decoding secret messages in WWII. You can pick up a copy of the book at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. The date will be June 6 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, or you can show up in person.

#### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEKEND - JUNE 5 & 6**

We like to say thanks to teachers – both in our Sunday School and in the world of education. We normally set aside one weekend in worship to recognize them. This year that will be June 5 & 6. As a bonus way of recognizing all of our teachers (including retired, piano, Sunday School, the world of education), we want to post pictures of you on our Facebook page. Send a picture of yourself to the church office at [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org).

#### **CHILDREN'S SERVICE - JUNE 5 & 26**

We invite the youth of Peace Church and their families to join Deacon Shari for a Children's service and a craft on Sat., June 5 from 3-4pm. We provide all the supplies for this, just let us know how many are coming. We will sing some songs, have a bible lesson, and do a rock painting craft! On June 26, from 2-3pm we will have another children's service then we will be tie dying! We will provide the tie dying supplies, you bring a shirt or something to dye. We have tons of vintage Sunday School t-shirts that we can supply! [Children's Service Sign Up](#)

#### **ADULT FELLOWSHIP INVITES ALL ADULTS - BUNCO (6/5), BAGS & PIZZA (6/26) & Pictionary & PACK-A-PICNIC (7/24)**

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we've got ideas for three events to hold outdoors. We can safely gather, be together in person and have fun. Event #1 = Bunco! June 5 is the date, with a starting time of 5:45pm. We'll spread tables around and space the chairs; plus being outside has been given the go-ahead even to be mask-free for all of us who are vaccinated. (Any who want to wear a mask, of course, will be welcome to do so!) Rain date = 6/6 at 6:15pm. For this event there won't be any food; bring your own water AND A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT. Event #2 = Bags & Pizza! June 26 is the date & rain date of June 27, with the same starting times. For this, we'll be getting pre-packaged pizza, provide a water bottle and dessert for a suggested donation of \$5 each. Event #3 = July 24, with a rain date of July 25 & the same starting times of 5:45 or 6:15pm. This one will be Pictionary & Pack-a-Picnic. Please sign up using email, call, or online. [Adult Fellowship Sign Up](#)

#### **PEACE BUDDIES - WED., JUNE 9 6:00pm**

We will meet at the Laraway Lanes on Wed., June 9 from 6-8pm. We'll bowl a few games & then get ice cream. Peace Buddies is our special needs group and is open to anyone 15 and older. Email church to let us know you are coming.

### **PRAYER SHAWLS RESUMING - EVERY OTHER THURSDAY - STARTING JUNE 10**

Do you crochet or knit? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting again! A prayer shawl is a shawl prepared for and prayed over for someone that is hurting so they can wrap themselves in God's love. We could provide you with simple patterns or you could create your own. We are going to meet every other week on Thursdays at 6:00pm beginning June 10. You may also create shawls at home and drop them at church if you are not able to attend in person. Any questions, please contact the church office.

### **RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES - JUNE 12 & 13**

All you graduates of high school, college and beyond, we want to do something to celebrate you and your accomplishments! On the weekend of June 12 & 13, we're going to have special recognition and prayers for all of our graduates. Please let us know through our email ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)) of your name, from where you are graduating, and if an advanced degree, what that degree is. Not only that, but we would like to create a special piece within our Facebook page. Please send us a graduation picture of some kind.

### **BLOOD DRIVE - JUNE 12 - 9:00 TO 1:00**

Thank you to everyone who donated in April. We had 19 donors registered, 4 deferrals, 3 double reds, 17 pints collected for a total of 51 lives saved! Our next blood drive will be Sat., June 12 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Please use the Versiti website [www.versiti.org/home/coronavirus-information](http://www.versiti.org/home/coronavirus-information) to make an appointment or call the office and we'll schedule it for you.

### **PAJAMA ZOOM GAME NIGHT - WED., JUNE 16 - 6:00pm**

Our P3-2nd graders are invited to join us for a pajama Zoom game night, on Wed., June 16 at 6:00pm. We found that the best thing about Zoom is that you can do it in your PJ'S! Siblings are always welcome, even if they are older! We will play some games and get a little crazy! If that sounds like something your youth is interested in please let us know and email us at [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org). Links will be sent out on Tues., June 15.

### **TIME FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF PHONE CALLS**

It has been a while since we had a round of phone calls to people in the congregation to see how they are doing. For that to work well, we need volunteers to make about 10 phone calls each. We will provide the names to call and a sample of how the calls might go. Would you be willing to make some calls? Please let us know via 815-485-5327 or [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or [Sign up on line](#).

### **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JUNE 19 - FOLLOWING 5:00pm WORSHIP**

A special congregational meeting has been called for June 19 following the 5:00pm worship service to approve the budget. The meeting usually lasts about 5-10 minutes but is a necessary legal event & a time to celebrate another year of ministry no matter what has gone on in the outside world! We're still calling it a working budget since there is so much uncertainty! As added incentive, read the next announcement!

### **ICE CREAM (AND A FEW OTHER NON-DAIRY TREATS) EVENT - JUNE 19 - AFTER 5:00pm WORSHIP**

Right after the special congregational meeting, which will be right after worship, we're going to have a time of fellowship. We love being creative in these days of COVID restrictions, and this is another of those ideas. We'll have ice cream bars and ice cream sandwiches and frozen fruit-pops and something else that's healthy/non-dairy. It will all be outside, and you'll be able safely to enjoy some time with others. (If it's raining, bring an umbrella and or rain coat or have fun getting wet in the rain.) Please let us know you're planning to attend so we have enough treats! [Ice cream sign up](#).

### **ANTIOCH EVENT - July 31 - AUG. 1**

Youth going into 8th grade though our new high school graduates, please join us for Antioch! We will meet at church on Saturday, July 31, at 11:00 am. We will eat lunch and get ready to host our 5pm worship service! Lots of activities leading up to our CAMP OUT! We will be outside as much as possible during these days. Please register before July 16! Registration ([Antioch Registration](#)) this year is

mandatory so that we make sure we can follow protocol and we need t-shirt sizes as soon as possible.

Cost is \$20 (remember the Hope Fund if you need help with that.) If you don't want to camp out, totally ok! If you can't make one day but want to come the next, that is ok, too. Just let us know. More info to come! Questions? Let us know.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! - JULY 20-22

“Discover Team Jesus” is our theme for this year’s VBS. We are going to have it all outside to help keep everyone safe. It will be from 9:00 to 10:35am all three days, with one rain date of July 23 as a back-up.

Registrations for people from Peace and their guests will be June 1 - 15 [VBS 2021 Registration](#). From June 15 to July 1, registrations will be open to the community until we reach our capacity.

The format will be based on pods of kids and adults who will be together each day (families and their friends will be grouped in the same pods.) Each day we will accent a theme of the day through 1) an opening song and lesson 2) some play time 3) a snack and then 4) one more craft-type component that will vary daily. For COVID reasons, we will have the staff/helpers all be vaccinated, keep distancing in mind all the time, treat areas that will be used by another group, and ask all to bring their own water bottles. The usual daily give-aways will happen along with lots of fun and making connections to God and each other! Mark your calendars!!!

### COVID COOKBOOK RECIPES

At our last What’s the Scoop idea exchange, someone suggested a cookbook of favorite recipes you made during the COVID time. Let’s turn a trying year into an opportunity to share some recipes with each other that you enjoyed making while you were confined! Send them in a Word file or a pdf or scan and attach. You can email them to [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or mail them to PO Box 205, New Lenox, IL 60451.

### CHECK OUT THESE LOCAL EVENTS

We want to encourage people to safely get out and enjoy some local entertainment options. The Village of New Lenox hosts some things at the Village Commons, including the New Lenox Community Band (and paired up on July 11 with Cloggin’ Craze featuring several people from church.) Check out <https://www.newlenox.net/pview.aspx?id=54045&catid=529>. (We are waiting for more information from Frankfort’s Concert on the Green events and will add that as soon as we find out more.)

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Because we are hopeful that we will be able to keep worshipping 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.

### DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS FOR APRIL - JUNE 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 Deb Slimko, Judy Beauvier, Mimi, Cheryl Dralle (recovery), Ed Hovi (procedure), Dorothy Vrshek (ICU), Larry Wurzbarger (recovery), the family of Russ Chobot, Michele Lenz (procedure), Ed Fikeys (recovery), Lisa Parker (hospitalized/tests), Helen Sarsfield, Ryan Jones (move to Omaha), Rich Meister (recovery), Norma Allison (recovery), Alexis Flynn (transplant concerns), Marty Rodey (procedure), Chris Fehrenkamp, David Hennessey (recovery), Marilyn Krauch (pancreatitis & shingles), Carly Salutric**

(concussion), Larry Parvin (health), Hailey (strength and guidance), Rich Dohrn (COVID - recovery), Sue Horn (recovery & treatment), Terry Jesk, Zach Huelhorst (lymphoma), Kay Johnson, Denise Jones, Bonnie Fikeys, Barb Decker, 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...

Tim Ferguson (surgery recovery), Jeff Waligorski (ICU), Laura (recovery), Catherine Olson, Richard Esposito (cancer), Tom Eizenga (COVID - hospitalized), Christopher Plagosa, Scott Campbell (heart), Joan Akaley (cancer), Carol Randall, Patricia Hutchinson, Marty Anderson (cancer), Bob Britton (surgery), Jean Britton (test results), Kristy Chenoweth, Bud Park (cancer), Jeff (hospitalized), Delores Sperstad (liver cancer), Pam Davis (hospitalized), Janelle P. (illness), Katie Krenner (recovery), Laura & Melissa (COVID/recovery), Bruce Gibson (bleeding), Donald Albright (recovery), Gint Venclovas (cancer), the Spindler family, Stephanie Chamberlain and family, John Miheve and family, JoEllen (health), Gary Sprandel (heart issues), Parker (seizures), Jim Calvert (cancer), Larry Hedlin (recovery), Sandy Booten, 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. 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

## **Opportunities for Giving to Others**

### ITEMS FOR SOLDIERS THROUGH MAY

Operation Care Package is an all-volunteer 501 C-3 public charity that mails care packages to deployed troops weekly. We are now collecting bar soap and packs of new wash cloths to include in the packages. If you would like to donate items, please look for the patriotic quilt & basket in the entrance area or you can leave your items by the gray bin outside the church doors and we will take them from there. **So far, we have collected 103 wash cloths & 104 bars of soap, plus combs, towels, batteries, coffee, cookies, canned food, socks and miscellaneous toiletries. Thank you for caring.**

### BUSINESS ATTIRE COLLECTION THROUGH JUNE

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. So far we've collected: Women's skirts - 34, pants - 49, capris - 3, dresses - 40, shirts - 107, sweaters - 45, pant suits - 1, blazers - 31, belts - 24 nylons - 5, shoes - 22, jeans - 6, coats - 5, purses - 3, scarves - 5 and Men's suits - 10, pants - 60, shirts - 104, sport coats - 4, belts - 16, jeans - 6, vests - 2, ties - 50, socks - 2, shoes - 5. Thank you!

## **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).



## Groups

### SUMMERTIME QUILTING - JUNE 14

**Ruth Circle quilting will not meet on Memorial Day, May 31. Summertime Quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:30 a.m. starting June 14. We are socially distancing in Fellowship Hall, and are resuming treats because everybody's been vaccinated!!! Questions? Contact the church office.**

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

### GOLF GROUP IS READY FOR YOU TO JOIN THEM

The golf group has resumed! We play 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](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org).)

## General Announcements

### HAND-IN-HAND PARENTING OPPORTUNITY

There is a great parenting resource that is just a click away: [www.handinhandparenting.org](http://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](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327.) For professionals, there is CEU credit available for the intensive one.

### 2021 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES 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.

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](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)) or call the office.

#### BECAUSE OF YOU

With the help of dedicated, well-trained volunteers and donated new children's books, LSSI's Storybook Project connects incarcerated parents with their children. At 14 Illinois prisons and jails, incarcerated moms and dads are recorded while reading a book. LSSI mails the book and the recording to their child. 3703 children received books and recordings from their incarcerated parents before the pandemic temporarily suspended programming.

#### 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 cereals, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, 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),** 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 were from our Sunday School last year: 1) When people say God is always watching you, do they mean God is a ghost that walks around? *No. What is meant is that God is looking out for us on our behalf. There are times as God watches us go against God that God is sad/mad/disappointed. God is able to see all the universe at the same time, but cares for each part of it. How God pulls that off is beyond us. But the promise of God in Jesus is exactly that. God can "watch" from afar.*

2) How did God save us from our sins? He just died on a cross. *The death on the cross is more than just about sin. The death shows exactly how much God loves us! Even though we humans rejected the very one from God, God keeps on loving. The resurrection from death demonstrates that the self-giving love of God can't be defeated by anything – not sin, not even death. So, we are saved from sin, (and death & the power of all the forces against God!)*

3) The gods of sun and moon created time, and God doesn't care about time. So what makes those gods special? *I'm not sure what this is a reference to, but we would not say that there are any other gods. So, the true God created time and cares about it. God even chose to enter into our time and space in the birth, life and death of Jesus.*

### 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. **June's passage is Micah 4:1-5.**

## **Details for how we worship this weekend, June 5 & 6**

### FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

\* Whether you drive-in, are on the lawn or worship at home, we have a modified communion option. You can take a piece of bread or cracker with you to the service. We will give the Words of Institution on behalf of all of us and invite us to take our bread/cracker at the same time and partake of this modified version of the Lord's Supper.

\* In order to keep people's safety in mind 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 SATURDAY AT 5:00PM & SUNDAY AT 9:30

\* **Our worship location will be either from the long sidewalk (lawn area) or from under the canopy at the front entrance, depending on the weather.**

\* 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 usually lasts about 35 minutes. Worshiping outdoors allows us to sing!

### ONLINE OPTIONS CONTINUE

\* We will continue to live-stream our 5:00 & 8:30 worship services. Assuming everything works, all will be available through our Facebook site anytime.

### INDOOR WORSHIP CONTINUES at 8:30am with increased limits

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. 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.

\* 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!

**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).**