

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Current as of June 11, 2021 (new/important items since 6/4 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 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

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)

Sun., June 13 - Youth event (indoors - board games) - 4:00pm

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 2nd 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 12 & 13 - 3rd 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 recognize graduates 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 (Ezekiel 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17, & Mark 4:26-34) 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.

IMPORTANT MASK WEARING UPDATE & MORE SEATING CAPACITY IN THE SANCTUARY Because of the new guidelines from the state and Will County, we are able to have new mask-wearing guidelines!

* For everyone who is vaccinated, masks are optional inside and outside.

* For people who are not vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to keep wearing your masks indoors for your own sake and for the sake of others.

* Inside the sanctuary, when it is time to sing we'd ask all to wear their masks if they wish to sing, and to keep the volume level to a moderate level.

* The number of available seats in the sanctuary for the 8:30 in person worship is no longer restricted, so registration is no longer required.

* We will stop taking temperatures.

* For the outside worship services (5:00 & 9:30,) masks are optional and not required for anyone.

Some of the modifications we have had within worship will continue on the advice of the IDPH guidelines for churches. Those include continuing our practices for communion (bring your own), length of worship, no refreshments, and the like. (By fall, we hope those will fall into line, too!)

We celebrate how many people have been vaccinated and the opportunities we have to get closer to "normal." The more youth and adults who can get vaccinated, the faster we'll get there. Also, starting July 3 & 4 we will invite people to take turns reading the first and second lessons. About two weeks before a given weekend, we will be asking for volunteers to let us know of your availability.

Please note that live-streaming of 5:00pm worship on Saturdays and 8:30am on Sundays will continue.

Words to This Week's Hymn – 6/12 & 6/13 - *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

(Sing through a second time)

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 \$4,370 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$10,950 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 372 Facebook views of last weekend's worship (plus YouTube and watching live), and for the drive-in about 45 at 5:00, 20 at 8:30, & 27 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

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) 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 to make an appointment or call the office and we'll schedule it for you.

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!

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@peacelenox.org. Links will be sent out on Tues., June 15.

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! If you would like to see a copy of it, please let us know (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacelenox.org.) 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](#).

PRAYER SHAWLS RESUMING - EVERY OTHER THURSDAY - NEXT = JUNE 24

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, with the next time being June 24. 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.

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."

CHILDREN'S SERVICE - JUNE 26

We invite the youth of Peace Church and their families to join Deacon Shari and Miss Jess for a Children's service and a craft on June 26, from 2-3pm. We will sing some songs, have a bible lesson, and there 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 if you need one!) [Children's Service Sign Up](#)

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

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we've got ideas for two more events to hold outdoors. We can safely gather, be together in person and have fun. Our next event will be Bags & Pizza! June 26 is the date & rain date of June 27, with the starting time of 5:45. For this, we'll be getting pre-packaged pizza and dessert for a suggested donation of \$5 each (bring your own drink.) Let us know if you want cheese, pepperoni or sausage. (Looking ahead to July 24, with a rain date of July 25: This one will be Pictionary & Pack-a-Picnic.) Please sign up using email, call, or online. [Adult Fellowship Sign Up](#)

SANTA CRUZ & FIRST LUTHERAN IN JOLIET - PASTOR FORNI'S FAREWELL WORSHIP - SUN., JUNE 27

Our mission partner congregation will be saying good-bye to Pastor Forni who is retiring. They are hosting that service outdoors on Sunday, June 27, at 2:00pm at 55 W. Benton, Joliet. You are invited to join in wishing him well. There will also be a reception afterwards. Pastor Forni has been a great partner in the Gospel with us at Peace as we have formed a relationship with Santa Cruz & First Lutheran. If you wish to write some words of blessing to him and his wife, you may send them to our email and we will be sure he gets them.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION - SUN., AUG. 1 - 10:30am

The next book discussion will feature *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle. It is the true story of a Jesuit priest who ran a gang-intervention program in Los Angeles. Through a series of stories arranged by theme and filled with humor, the book helps us look at how being loved unconditionally can profoundly change lives. A copy of the book is available at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. The date will be August 1 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.

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!!! Our VBS is for kids 4 years old through going into 5th grade.

MORE BIG NEWS - TODD YETMAN IS RETIRING IN AUGUST

It is with deepest gratitude that we acknowledge how much we have been blessed by Todd Yetman as our organist, pianist, accompanist, vocalist, encourager, recruiter, and inspiring God-led friend for over 10 years! So, as Todd now prepares to “retire from the bench” (organist lingo), we get to express our own regret, but also celebrate what a difference he has made. In the next two months, please find your own ways to let Todd know what a difference he has made.

As a congregation, we will be having a thank-you event on his last weekend with us, August 14 & 15. After the 5:00pm Sat. worship and after the 9:45am worship that Sunday (we’re moving the service back 15 minutes because of special music that will be part of the worship at all services), we are going to have a thank you reception. The plan is to have it on the lawn, but in case of rain, it will be in Fellowship Hall. (In case of rain, the worship service would also move indoors to accommodate the music.) In the meantime, if you know someone we should contact about becoming our next organist/pianist, please pass that information along to us! We also welcome people to be part of the interview team. Again, let us know.

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 or mail them to PO Box 205, New Lenox, IL 60451.

DIAPER COLLECTION BEGINS IN JULY THROUGH AUGUST

One of the needs of people who are challenged economically has to do with diapers. We are starting a collection of diapers of all sizes, including adult sizes. You can put them outside the front door, or put them in the wire-rack bin we have in the entrance area.

AMAZING SMILE CONTRIBUTIONS

Because some of you designate Peace with your Amazon Smile dollars, we received another \$107.04! Thank you to all who find multiple ways to support the ministry of Peace!

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>. The Fellowship Committee also invites you to consider some other locales for your consideration. While we aren’t planning group outings to these, we want you to know about them for yourself: <https://paramountaurora.com/riveredge/>, <https://iandmcanal.org/>, <https://cantigny.org/events/>, <https://navypier.org/>

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.)

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 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.

Bruce Thielen, Cheryl Dralle (recovery), Ed Hovi (recovery), Dorothy Vrshek (hospice), Larry Wurzbarger (recovery), Michele Lenz (procedure), Ed Fikeys (recovery), Lisa Parker (recovery), Helen Sarsfield, Ryan Jones (move to Omaha), Rich Meister (recovery), Norma Allison (recovery), Alexis Flynn (transplant concerns), Chris Fehrenkamp, David Hennessey (recovery), 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...

Judy Beauvier, Mimi, 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), JoEllen (health), Parker (seizures), Jim Calvert (cancer), 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
PO Box # 12989
Annapolis, MD 21412

Sargent Devin Pafford
1208 Battery Creek Rd.
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

Opportunities for Giving to Others

OPERATION CARE PACKAGE THANK YOU

Operation Care Package is an all-volunteer 501 C-3 public charity that mails care packages to deployed troops weekly. Thank you to everyone who donated items! We collected 103 wash cloths & 104 bars of soap, plus combs, towels, batteries, coffee, cookies, canned food, socks and miscellaneous toiletries that will be sent to our troops. 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 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

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

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.)

General Announcements

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.

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@peacelenox.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.

TRAILBLAZERS - STILL WAITING!

We keep ourselves on the radar, but will hold off meeting once again. Stay tuned for another update. 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 12 & 13

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.**

* 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 are optional, but encouraged for those not vaccinated.**

* Congregational singing of a hymn is now allowed, but wear your masks for singing, and hold down the volume.

* We will have pews marked off so that socially distanced spaces can be maintained.

* We won't be having nursery attendants, acolytes, refreshments, lay liturgists, lesson readers (but they will resume in July), etc.

* Bathrooms will be discouraged from being used but are available.

* 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.

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.