

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Current as of July 2, 2021 (new/important items since 6/25 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 7/2. 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., July 3 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))

Sun., July 4 - Live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary [no registration needed] - 8:30am & Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) - 9:30am (no live-stream)

Mon., July 5 - Office closed

Tues., July 6 - VBS sign-up deadline

Wed., July 7 - Bible Study - 10:00am in person or via Zoom

Thurs., July 8 - Prayer Shawls - 6:00pm

Sat., July 10 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))

Sun., July 11 - Live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary [no registration needed] - 8:30am & Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) - 9:30am (no live-stream)

Sun., July 11 - National Youth Gathering interest & information meeting - noon

Sun., July 11 - Peace 360 band practice - 2:30 & event - 4:00pm

Mon., July 12 - Summertime Quilting - 9:30am

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

Drive-in/Online/In person Worship for July 3 & 4 - 6th 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 worship 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 a new and improved 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 2:1-5, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, & Mark 6:1-13) prayers, communion (bring your own bread or cracker), special music and a sermon. Please join in being together in God's name inside, 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 – 7/3 & 7/4 - *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* #890

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on. ***Refrain***

Refrain: Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

2. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. ***Refrain***

3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on. ***Refrain***

Thank you

Thank you to all the people who are watching our weekly worship and daily videos on line. (Bring some good news to people you know online and share them with others.) Thanks, too, for all your support financially, in prayer, with words of encouragement, acts of service and more! Thank you! **Your online gifts last week of \$3,131 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$2,809 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 You Tube and watching live), and for the drive-in about 45 at 5:00, 29 at 8:30, & 22 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

PRAYER SHAWLS RESUMING - EVERY OTHER THURSDAY - NEXT = JULY 8

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 July 8. 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.

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

We invite you to our next event: July 24, outdoors or in, this one will be Pictionary & Pack-a-Picnic. The starting time will be 5:45. To sign up please use email, call, or online. [Adult Fellowship Sign Up](#)

SUNDAY ADULT CLASS - JULY 18 - 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 on July 18 will be “Bringing God to _____” (store, home, work, bed, school, etc.)

PEACE 360 MEETINGS

July 4 - No meeting

July 11 - Band meets at 2:30 Dinner and Discussions 4-6pm

July 16 - Last day to sign up for ANTIOCH!!! (8th grade and beyond)

July 18 - Movie Night in Fellowship hall 4-6:30pm

July 25 - Band meets at 2:30 Dinner and Discussions 4-6pm

July 31 & Aug 1 - ANTIOCH!!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING MEETING - SUN., JULY 11

If you are interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from July 23-28, 2022, please join Deacon Shari at church on Sun., July 11 at noon in Fellowship Hall. This interest/informational meeting will help us get excited about the amazing event coming in 2022.

Youth who are in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (Fall 2021) are eligible to attend. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is due on September 19. Your total share will be \$500 (plus, any souvenir costs). (The church also significantly subsidizes the event.) Please remember that if you can't afford that, we have a Hope Fund for exactly these situations! We want you to be able to go and no one else will know.

PARENTS OF PEACE OUTING - SAT., JULY 17

It is time to have the Parents of Peace meet again for an evening-out without the kids. The date is Saturday 7/17 after the 5pm service and we will make reservations for 6:15pm at Gatto's in New Lenox (in their beautiful outdoor tent). Please kindly R.S.V.P. on our Facebook page (Parents of Peace Lutheran-if you are not yet a member, please check it out) or call the church office by: Monday July 12.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE - SAT., JULY 17

Please join Deacon Shari for our rescheduled Children's Service! We will meet in Fellowship Hall on Sat., July 17 at 6:00pm. We will sing some songs, have a bible lesson, and tie dye! Please email or call us and let us know you would like to attend. We have some vintage Sunday School t-shirts that the kids can use to tie dye, just let us know what size!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! - JULY 20-22 - DEADLINE TO REGISTER = JULY 6

“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 close July 5. [VBS 2021 Registration](#) 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 and a towel. 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.

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.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE - AUG. 14 - 9:00am - 1:00pm

Thank you to everyone who donated in June. We had 14 donors registered and 11 pints collected for a total of 33 lives saved! Our next blood drive will be Sat., Aug. 14 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.

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.

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.

VIAL OF LIFE AVAILABLE

Through the courtesy of the Faith Community Nursing Program, a not-for-profit organization of nurses that promotes public health and support for people in their lives, we have a supply of "The Vial of Life." These are to be stored in your refrigerator in your home and/or glove box in your car for emergency personnel (or family) in case you need emergency care and can't speak for yourself. They contain information helpful to care givers and remain private unless needed. The group suggests having one in both car and home since those are the two places they'd most likely be needed. They are free. We will put some in the black container outside the front door (the one containing the daily devotionals), as well as in the entrance area. Please help yourself.

AMAZON 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. For example, <https://paramountaurora.com/riveredge/>, or <https://iandmcanal.org/>. And don't forget about Cantigny!

CANTIGNY PARK OPTIONS

Either on your own or as a church outing, are you interested in going to Cantigny (less than an hour from New Lenox?) The park is open from 7:00am to sunset daily. Some reasons to consider a trip: \$10 per car fee gets you all in for the whole time you're there, no other costs.

Concerts: most Sundays through September, outdoor seating on lawn chairs or blankets. Food can be brought in or bought. Would you consider a soulful R & B event on Aug. 8 at 3:00pm (MAC 180) or how about "A Tribute to Old Blue Eyes" on Sept. 5 at 3:00pm? Let us know if you'd consider either one!

Gardens: beautiful!

First Division Museum: Revolutionary War through Desert Storm....walk through a WWI trench with sounds of exploding shells or sit in a landing craft and a whole lot more!

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES AVAILABLE

The offering envelopes boxes that began June 6 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

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@peacelenox.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 JULY - SEPT. 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 Delores Sperstad, the family of Rosalie Schneider, George Rumbaugh (COVID-recovery), Michele Lenz (surgery July 6), Diane Conatser (shoulder surgery), Max (tests), Zach Huelhorst (surgery), Anita Drake (recovery), Edna Anglin (pacemaker), Wayne Hansen (recovery), Jenny Treasure (recovery), Cheryl Dralle (recovery), Ed Hovi (recovery), Dorothy Vrshek (hospice), Larry Wurzbarger (recovery), Ed Fikeys (recovery), Lisa Parker (recovery), Helen Sarsfield, Norma Allison (recovery), Chris Fehrenkamp, David Hennessey (recovery), Larry Parvin (health), Hailey (strength and guidance), Rich Dohrn (COVID - recovery), Sue Horn (recovery & treatment), Terry Jesk, Kay Johnson,

Denise Jones, Bonnie Fikeys, Barb Decker, 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...

Dave (heart attack), Jimmy P (COVID-hospitalized), Jeanne (recovery), Marquin (father died), Scott Campbell (heart transplant), Bob & Jean Britton, Christy Chenoweth, Anita's mom (hospice), Mark (recovery), Celine (healing from surgery), Tammy Rokita (cancer), Karen Michielsen (health), Danette Lafferty (recovery), Karen Cohn (recovery), Bruce Thielen, Cara Clausing, Chaplain Steven DeMik & family, Judy Beauvier, Mimi, Tim Ferguson (surgery recovery), Laura (recovery), Catherine Olson, Richard Esposito (cancer), Tom Eizenga (COVID - hospitalized), Christopher Plagosa, Joan Akaley (cancer), Carol Randall, Patricia Hutchinson, Marty Anderson (cancer), Bud Park (cancer), Jeff (hospitalized), Parker (seizures), Jim Calvert (cancer), Sandy Booten, Carol Bentley, Tyler, Vern Sanborn, Alan Booton, Bill Reidy (cancer), Erv Pander, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt, Mary Hand, 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 nd Lieutenant Jakob Swenson
5600 Shorewood Lane	16113 Ryan Place, Apt. C
Norfolk, VA 23502	Fort Polk, LA 71459

Opportunities for Giving to Others

BUSINESS ATTIRE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has donated business clothes. Here are our amazing totals! Women's skirts - 38, pants - 78, capris - 3, dresses - 44, shirts - 130, sweaters - 50, pant suits - 7, blazers - 47, belts - 24

nylons - 5, shoes - 22, jeans - 6, coats - 8, purses - 3, scarves - 5 and Men's suits - 22, pants - 60, shirts - 106, sweaters - 6, sport coats - 4, belts - 16, jeans - 6, vests - 2, ties - 73, socks - 2, shoes - 5. For a grand total of 772 items donated! 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 - JULY 12

Summertime Quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be July 12

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

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@peacenewlenox.org) or call the office.

BECAUSE OF YOU

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is an amazing arm of the church! Here are two of their ministries:

***For older adults and people over the age of 18 with disabilities, LSSI provides affordable housing at 20 housing sites throughout Illinois. A Social Service Coordinator is available at every site to assist residents. Last year, LSSI provided affordable housing to 1446 residents with an annual income between \$5,000 and \$25,000.**

***LSSI provides a full continuum of targeted Alcohol and Drug Treatment for individuals, beginning with medically assisted detox, all the way through residential care and transitional housing. Last year, LSSI served 3207 clients with alcohol/drug issues.**

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 two that are from the past. 1) Does God live in heaven? *We are so used to everything having a place/location, that it is really hard for us to imagine how something can be different from that. So, in this case, it is the opposite of God living in a place called heaven. Instead, heaven is wherever God is! That means God can be present with us today on Earth, but also at the same time everywhere and anywhere else in the universe and beyond.*

2) My dog died. Will I see him in heaven? *God's presence in Jesus included him caring for all creation. Paul in his writings wrote about the redemption (new life) for all creation. I'm 100% convinced God's love is big enough to include our dogs and every other part of creation being made complete again!*

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY -

We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in person or 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. **July's passage is Genesis 50:15-21.**

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 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 have stopped 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. We now are inviting people to take turns reading the first and second lessons. Let us know if you are available.
- Please note that live-streaming of 5:00pm worship on Saturdays and 8:30am on Sundays will continue.

Details for how we worship this weekend, July 3 & 4

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 our new transmitter for the FM channel (88.3.)
- * The worship usually lasts about 35 minutes. Worshiping outdoors allows us to sing with gusto!

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 no limits

Here are the notes if you are planning to come

- * **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’ll have some printed copies available.
- * 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.