

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Current as of March 27, 2021 (new/important items since 3/19 are in bold type)

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

Please check in with our Peace website www.peacenewlenox.org regularly for updates. There will be occasional email updates as well, the last of which was 3/19. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sat., Mar. 27 - Easter Egg Hunt

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

Sun., Mar. 28 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 9:45am (including [Facebook video](#)) (plus another live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary [register ahead of time] at 8:30am)

Sun., Mar. 28 - Adult class - 10:30am via Zoom or in person

Tues., Mar. 30 - Council - 7:30 via Zoom

Wed., Mar. 31 - Bible Study - 10:00am via Zoom

Wed., Mar. 31 - no confirmation

Thurs., April 1 - Maundy Thursday worship released on our Facebook site at 11:00am

Thurs., April 1 - Meal in Your Room - 6:30 via Zoom

Fri., April 2 - office closed

Fri., April 2 - New Lenox virtual cross walk released on our Facebook site at 10:00am

Fri., April 2 - Good Friday worship released on our Facebook site at 11:00am

Sat., April 3 - Easter Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))

Sun., April 4 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 8:30 & 9:45am (including [Facebook video](#))

Sun., April 4 - Modified Easter Breakfast - following worship (please sign up [Easter Breakfast Sign up](#))

Mon., April 5 - Ruth Circle (Quilters) - 9:00am

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

Drive-in/Online Worship for this weekend, Mar. 27 & 28 - Palm Sunday

Please join us for this weekend's Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) with [Facebook live stream](#) at 5:00pm on Saturday, Mar. 27, and on Sunday, Mar. 28, at 9:30am, with an additional in person worship (also with live streaming) in the sanctuary at 8:30am. (It helps if you register in advance.) The drive-in worship leaders are in the entrance area, and those who are driving all facing in that direction. Please park on the yellow lines which allows us to be spaced apart. For the in person 8:30am worship, we will have people enter and exit using the Fellowship Hall door.

Our [Facebook page](#) site continues to have the worship services recorded and available anytime. (You do not need to have a Facebook account to access this public page.) There will be palms to pick up (safely), some great music from Todd, a hymn to which you can sing along, (words below this announcement, so be sure to print out the words) some liturgy, scripture readings (Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, & Mark 11:1-11), prayers, special music, communion and a sermon. Please join in being together in God's

name in your cars, or electronically and share the worship post with others! If you want more details, search/look for “How will worship work” at the end of the document.

EASTER WORSHIP NOTES FOR APRIL 3 & 4

- **Worship times are 5:00pm on Saturday & 8:30 & 9:45am on Sunday**
- **All services will be outdoors** - either on the lawn & parking lot facing toward the education wing (long sidewalk) or if the weather doesn't cooperate facing the main entrance canopy.
- **Nice enough weather, but you want to stay in your car? Then park on the south portion of the parking lot, facing west.**
- **All services will also be live-streamed**, and via the FM 88.3 channel for those in the parking lot.
- **Enter the parking lot via the Schoolhouse Rd. entry – driving around the Atrium Point complex to the south.**
- **Bring your own bread or cracker for communion.**

Words to This Week's Hymn – 3/27 & 3/28 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor -words by Theodulph of Orleans

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.

Refrain

3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

Refrain

4. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week are given by Deb and Jeff Howell in celebration of Deb, Bryan, and Scott Howell's birthdays, and from Claudia Green giving thanks to Pastor Dave and the entire Peace Lutheran staff.

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 \$5,671 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$7,934 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 606 Facebook views of last weekend's worship (plus You Tube and watching live), and for the drive-in about 30 at 5:00, 38 in person at 8:30, and 11 for the drive-in at 9:30.** In troubled times, it is as important as ever to let the Word of God speak in our hearts and to the world.

Opportunities for Giving to Others

ITEMS FOR SOLDIERS

Operation Care Package is an all-volunteer 501 C-3 public charity that mails care packages to deployed

troops weekly. Starting April 5, we will be 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 in the gray bin outside the church doors and we will take them from there. Thank you for caring.

BUSINESS ATTIRE COLLECTION

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.

New/ Important for This Week's Bulletin

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY - If you are a 12th grader active here at Peace Church, and are planning to attend college or technical school we have an opportunity for you to apply for a scholarship! Print and fill out the application and turn it in to the church no later than by March 28! We will have interviews on April 11, via Zoom. Go directly to the link [2021 Scholarship Application](#) or call or email the office to get a copy sent to you.

SUNDAY ADULT CLASS - MAR. 28 - 10:30AM

Because of more relaxed COVID options from the state, you can have your choice of Zoom or in person for this week's Adult Class. If you are planning to come, please let us know whether in person or via Zoom. The topic for March 28 will be "If a Job Is Worth Doing..." - as reflected in Holy Week. Our next classes are April 11 - "Immigrants in the Bible" (a look at immigration then and reflections on the challenges of now) & April 25 - "Facets of Forgiveness."

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP PLANS

Recorded worship services will be released for these worship services....

Maundy Thursday, April 1, released at 11:00am on our Facebook, You Tube & then to our website

Good Friday, April 2, New Lenox community virtual Cross Walk, released at 10:00am on our Facebook & then to our website

Good Friday, April 2, worship at Peace released at 11:00am on our Facebook, You Tube & then to our website

April 3 & 4, live & live-streamed ([Facebook live stream](#)) worship services for Easter will all be outside from the lawn or parking lot depending on the weather. (We decided that we would rather all be able to gather together outside rather than deny some people from being able to come inside the building because of limits, plus we can sing "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" in full voice with all of us singing!)

Easter worship times will be Saturday night at 5:00pm, Sunday morning at 8:30 & 9:45am.

MEAL IN YOUR ROOM - BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER - MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 1 - 6:30PM

"Let us break bread together," says the song. Instead of our usual Maundy Thursday Meal in the Upper Room, we would like to have a COVID-safe and still meaningful "Meal in Your Room - Together." The location will be your own home, but the opportunity to join together on this Holy Thursday will unite our hearts. Together on Zoom we will remember our Lord gathering with his disciples to transform the Passover Meal into the Lord's Supper. We would like to ask you to have some kind of bread as a part of your meal as a sign of our unity as we break bread together. The rest of the menu will be up to you. (If you would like a list of foods that we have traditionally had at the Meal in the Upper Room, let us know and we will supply that to you.) The date is April 1, the time is 6:30pm. There will be a short prayer and the reading of a Bible passage as a part of the evening. There will also be opportunity to share our voices

and view our faces. Please RSVP ([MIYR Sign Up Form](#) , peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org, or 815-485-5327) so we can get the Zoom codes to you.

MODIFIED EASTER BREAKFAST, SUN., APRIL 4

Following worship on Sunday, April 4, our Fellowship Committee has come up with a fun & safe alternative to the Easter Breakfast we've enjoyed. This year we are going to have boxes of donut holes (and fun, allergy-free options, too, like Gogurt, applesauce, Made Good granola bars, clementines) for each household to pick up and enjoy. You can eat some with others while socially-distanced at church or you can eat some in your car or you can take them home and eat them there! It would help us know how many are coming so we buy the right amounts. If you would, please let us know if you'd enjoy taking advantage of this joyful gift by clicking [Easter Breakfast Sign up](#), calling 815-485-5327 or emailing peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING - SAT., APRIL 10 - 5:00pm

As a part of the 5:00pm worship, we will include special prayers for healing as a part of the Prayers of Intercession. It will different than our usual coming forward plan, but we hope it can be meaningful to all involved.

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., APRIL 17 - 9:00 TO 1:00

It is time once again to give the gift of life! Appointments are available/needed to keep this a safe experience for all. Contact the church office or go directly to Versiti's site to make an appointment. Everyone will be required to wear a mask, so be sure to bring yours with you. Here is more information from their headquarters: <https://www.versiti.org/home/coronavirus-information>. If you have questions, contact the church office. The drive will be Sat., April 17, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION- SUN., APRIL 18 - 10:30am

Get your reading glasses on (if you need them.) Our next book discussion will feature *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. It is based on the true story of a Memphis adoption center that kidnapped poor children and sold them to wealthy families. You can pick up a copy of the book at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. The date will be April 18 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.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND RECEPTION - APRIL 18 & 25

We are privileged once again to invite more people to become formal partners with us in our mission of spreading the Gospel and growing in faith. Because of the strange times we are going through, it will be a different version of our new member orientation and reception! Part 1: Sun., April 18, at 11:30am, either in person in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom. The Reception of New Members will be on Sun., April 25, during worship at 9:30 am. If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, email peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or call the church office at 815-485-5327 or see Pastor Dave. (We will need to omit the sponsors and new member luncheon for now but hope to make it up to the new members later.)

7/8TH GR. & PEACE 360 BONFIRE - SUN., APR. 18

7-12 graders we hope you can join on April 18 from 6-8PM. We are going to have a bonfire, make some s'mores, and have fun outside! (Rain date will be Sun., Apr. 25) Please use the online sign up or email us to let us know your youth is interested in attending. [Bonfire Sign Up](#)

EARTH DAY OBSERVED - APRIL 17 & 18

In worship on April 17 & 18 we will note the gift of this wonderful planet and all of God creation and remind ourselves of our privilege to be partners with God in its stewardship. One positive result of the pandemic has been saving a lot of trees, even at our church. Here is a sample assembled by our office regarding just the newsletter.

What has it meant for us and planet Earth that we have been sending the newsletters by email instead of by mail for the last 12 months? How about the fact that we saved 33,120 pieces of paper = 66.5 reams = 3

½ trees! (Plus, the cutting, transportation, processing, etc.) Then, let's add the fact that we didn't consume 184 sheets of labels with more kinds of environmental savings. After the pandemic is over, we'll keep sending the newsletter electronically unless you ask for a paper copy (and we'll happily accommodate that request.)

LAWN MOWING – SIGNS OF SPRING

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

GOLF GROUP IS READY FOR YOU TO SIGN UP

The golf group is getting ready to resume soon! We will start playing around April 1st and/or when the temperature hits 50 degrees in the morning. The format will still be "best ball". We play for fellowship, fresh air and maybe hit a good shot occasionally. We have been playing on Wednesdays at 10am. Each week Mike Bohl will send out an email to interested golfers with when and where to meet. You do not have to play every week. Questions or to sign up, contact the church office (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

ED HOVI RETIRING! - PART TIME CUSTODIAN NEEDED

The only paid custodian the church has ever had has decided it's time to step back. Ed will be retiring at the end of April, so we are looking to hire a replacement. We have a full job description that outlines the duties and vision for the job that we would happily share with anyone who is interested. The job likely will require about 15-20 hours per week. The expected pay is \$15 per hour. For more information, contact Pastor Dave at 815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.

BAPTISM ORIENTATION - SAT., MAY 1 - 3:30pm

For those planning to have a baptism in the near future, the next baptism orientation class will be Sat., May 1, at 3:30pm at church or via Zoom. Let us know if you plan to attend (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

HYMN PICKING - BY MAY 2

Picking hymns, as with so many other activities, is not the usual plan. If you are interested in helping to pick the hymn of the day from June through November, let us know in the office. We'll send you a packet of materials, from which you can give input. Then Deb Howell will coordinate all the responses. All that needs to be done by May 2.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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.

David Hennessey (hospitalized), the family of Theresa Skowronski, JoEllen (health), Gary Sprandel (heart issues), Hailey (strength and guidance), Elinor Trotter (infection), Marilyn Krauch (pancreatitis & shingles), Carly Salutric (concussion), Larry Parvin (health), Travis Perschau (health), Chuck Wolske (surgery), Judy Mitchell (broken arm), Cheryl Krieger (recovery), Pam, Jim, Claire Edgoose, Rachel Geekie (COVID), Zach Sperstad, Rich Dohrn (COVID - recovery), John Overend (recovery), Julie Friedrich (cancer), Sue Horn (recovery & treatment), Terry Jesk, Zach Huelhorst (lymphoma), Sharon Obuchina (cancer), 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...

Betty Drews, Rick Davis (cancer), Beverly Decker, the Olino family, Dave Kallstrom (heart issues), David Dyer (broken shoulder), Brandon Cramer (COVID blood clots), Joan (concerns for son), Lori (cancer), Tiffany (breast cancer), Carla Gruca, Jackson Clough, Lynn (surgery), Paulette (cancer & surgery), Karen (COVID), Cara Clausing, Max (tests), Kay (surgery), John & LeAnn Miheve, Virg, Shirley, Brooke, Sharon, Jim, Brad Whiteside (cancer), Rachel Ward (surgery), Parker (seizures), Johnny Wellman (renal failure), 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. Donald Lazarz, T.J. Burns, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Jake Treasure, Allison DeVitto.

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

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

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

Giving & Giving More Thanks

DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY (OR WANT TO)?

If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, contact the office. If you want to give on-line, you can go to our website www.peacenewlenox.org 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).



THANKS AND REMINDER FOR AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Peace Church every time you shop, at no cost to you. To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com. (If it is your first visit to the site, you will need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases. Peace Lutheran Church of New Lenox is available to be chosen, as are other worthy causes.) They will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. We want to thank you who have done that. We got a deposit for \$139.26 for the latest quarter!

Groups

RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTING) – MEETINGS CAREFULLY RESUMING - **APRIL 5 & 19**

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

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

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

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

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP - on hold

ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY

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

Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

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

General Announcements

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 NOW AVAILABLE

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

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

As the largest provider of Foster Care Services in Illinois, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) cares for children who have been removed from their birth families due to abuse and/or neglect and places them with foster families who receive training and support from LSSI. The specialized Therapeutic Foster Care program places children with histories of severe trauma and emotional/behavioral needs into single family homes rather than institutional settings. Since May 2017, the Therapeutic Foster Care program has enrolled 59 children, with 33 successfully completing the program.

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) Was the story of Cain & Abel a real event or was it a lesson to learn from? *The story is from a time before there were people writing history, so we don't know if there were two such brothers with those names. But the story is 100% true in how it reflects that siblings are sometimes mean to each other and jealous of each other. God's desire is that we love one another even though we may not always get along.* 2) Was Jesus bullied? *We read many stories of how people treated Jesus very mean! There are more stories when people tried to force Jesus to do things he didn't believe in. So, yes, Jesus was bullied.* 3) How old were Adam and Eve when they died? *The Bible in its original language doesn't use the name "Adam" or "Eve." It refers to the "man" and the "woman" because it wants to tell the story of all of us, not just two people in a story! We are also the ones whom God creates, just like the earliest people on Earth! So, no, we don't have a real age at death for the people in the story the way we would today .*

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>.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

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

EVERYBODY READ

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we pick

a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write down a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage. **March's passage is Romans 14:7-12. April's passage is Jeremiah 31:31-34.**

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

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

FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

*Whether you drive-in, are in person or worship at home, we have a modified communion option. You can take a piece of bread or cracker with you to the service. We will give the Words of Institution on behalf of all of us and invite us to take our bread/cracker at the same time and partake of this modified version of the Lord's Supper. At the 8:30 worship, a pre-packaged grape juice & wafer will be available.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ONLINE OPTIONS CONTINUE INCLUDING AN 8:30 VERSION

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

INDOOR WORSHIP RESUMES only at 8:30am Sundays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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