

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Current as of May 13, 2022 (new/important items since 5/6 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 5/13. 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., May 14 - Worship - 5:00pm - **indoors**, but also live-streamed and on Facebook
Sun., May 15 - 8:30am in person worship (**also live-streamed and on Facebook**) & 11:00 am in person worship (Confirmation Sunday option 1)
Sun., May 15 - Sunday School - 9:45am in person & adult class - 9:45am - Book Discussion in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom
Sun., May 15 - Children's Choir - 9:00am
Sun., May 15 - National Youth Gathering meeting - noon
Mon., May 16 - Senior Exercise Group - noon
Tues., May 17 - Trailblazers - 11:30am
Tues., May 17 - Bell Choir rehearsal - 7:00pm
Wed., May 18 - VBS planning meeting- 9:00am
Wed., May 18 - Bible Study - 10:00am
Wed., May 18 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:15am
Wed., May 18 - Last Prayer Shawls gathering for the season - 6:00pm
Wed., May 18 - Last Adult Choir rehearsal - 7:00pm
Sat., May 21 - Worship - 5:00pm - **indoors**, but also live-streamed and on Facebook
Sun., May 22 - 8:30am in person worship (**also live-streamed and on Facebook**) & 11:00 am in person worship (no live-stream) (Confirmation Sunday option 2)
Sun., May 22 - Sunday School - 9:45am in person & adult class - 9:55am in person in the sanctuary or via Zoom (last Sunday for Sunday School)
Sun., May 22 - Children's Choir - 9:00am
Mon., May 23 - Quilting (Ruth Circle) - 9:00am
Mon., May 23 - Senior Exercise Group - noon

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

Worship for May 14 & 15 - 5th Sunday of Easter

This week our worship schedule includes our regular schedule, with 5:00 worship **indoors** on Saturday plus 8:30 & 11:00am inside on Sunday. **5:00 and 8:30 services are live-streamed**. Starting last week, we added back the psalm and the Lamb of God. This Sunday at 11:00 we have our Confirmation Sunday (option 1).

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 hymns to which you can sing along, (words below this announcement) some scripture readings (Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35) prayers, communion, a sermon, teaching moment, children's sermon, special music. Please join in being together in God's name outdoors, inside the sanctuary or electronically and share the worship post with others! If you want more details, search/look for "How will worship work" at the end of the document.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by the Peace Church office staff in celebration of our new confirmands and also given by Janelle and Keith Tague in gratitude for their grandchildren: Jack, Leah, Alexa, & Carly.

Words to This Week's Hymns – 5/14 & 5/15

Opening Hymn - *Gather Us In* #532

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away –
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Hymn of the Day - *Soon and Very Soon* #439

1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
2. No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
3. No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

4. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Closing Hymn - *On Eagle's Wings* #787

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" **Refrain**

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

4. For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Prelude: "Make Me a Blessing" by Bob Burroughs

Postlude: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" by David Paxton

5:00pm Saturday & 8:30 Sunday special music: "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" by William J. Kirkpatrick

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 \$3,742 and mailed in & weekend offerings of \$9,805 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 239 Facebook views of the weekend's worship (plus You Tube and watching live), and for the in-person/drive up about 30 (plus 4 geese on the roof!) for the 5:00, about 70 at 8:30 and 78 at 11:00.** Let the Word of God speak in our hearts and to the world.

New/ Important for This Week's Bulletin

2022 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: OPENING DOORS (please respond by May 22)

We have multiple opportunities to experience the joy of giving in this church. We also celebrate our annual opportunity to renew our financial commitments. This year's theme reminds us that even though so much of our world the last two years closed all kinds of doors, God inspires us to open doors. Together we make a difference in our church, our community and the world. We thank you for your faithful support in the past and invite you to give us an indication of your support for the coming fiscal year. Giving Intentions cards are in the pews and online. Please check out our website for the whole description and some options for expressing your support:



<http://www.peacenewlenox.org/stewardship-2022/> Printed copies of all the information are also available in the entrance area. Also check out our video with 7 clips of members sharing how God has opened doors for them: <https://youtu.be/Uq5y9y5CtDA>

BLESSINGS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS

Please join in praying for these young people as they affirm their faith! We celebrate with family and friends this important step along their journey with God.

May 15

Evan Marie Brolley
Jaxson Fisback
Erin Geraldine Hadley
Ryan Krause
Aubrey Smith
Penny Smith
Olivia Stewart
Andrew Jason Villalobos
Andrew Woodburn

May 22

Sophia Grace Campos
Camden Cosich
Joshua DeMik
Luke Scott Gouty
Bailey Jae Mitchell
Olivia Mae Gertrude Otto

OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY TO GO

The new offering envelope boxes are ready to be picked up. They begin June 1. Thanks for your faithful giving!

FREE WHITE SOX TICKETS - MAY 24 GAME - 7:10pm

The White Sox have granted us 10 free tickets to the game on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:10 against Boston. We'll guess the seats are in the upper deck, but they are free. If you'd like to reserve some, it will be on a first-come basis. You can use the [sign up](#) or call/email the church office .

MAY HELP OTHERS EMPHASIS IS ESSENTIAL CARE ITEMS

Your generosity is amazing, and we continue to want to connect that to people in need. This month we are collecting essential care items (new white cotton socks, wash cloths, Band-Aids, tarps, blankets, nonperishable food items like granola bars, trail mix, hard candy and gum). The youth group will be using these items to put together Blessing Bags that will be delivered to MorningStar Mission. Any and all kinds of these items are welcome.

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES - 9:55am

Please join us for another year of adult classes. Here is the line up for the next few weeks. For the sake of all, we will spread out in the sanctuary, and offer the class on Zoom as well. (Let us know if you'd like the codes.)

May 15 - Book Discussion (will be in Fellowship Hall and begins at 9:45am in order to end before the confirmands need the space)

May 22 - Using the Right Tool for the Problem

May 29 - No class (Memorial Day weekend)

June 5 - Getting on the Same Page (as God)

June 12 - Caring Works, Caretaking Doesn't (crossing the line only gets us exhausted)

June 19 - Special Congregational Meeting (about 9:30) followed by Strawberries, Cake & Ice Cream event

June 26 - Depression is Real

July 3 - no class (holiday weekend)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - SUN., MAY 15

We would like to invite youth, 2nd- 8th grade, to join us in Fellowship Hall every Sunday from 9:00 - 9:30am. No sign up required, just come to Fellowship Hall! Any questions please call or text Leslie Walton 708-828-2090.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION - SUN., MAY 15 - 9:45am

Our next book, a novel written by Louise Erdrich, is *The Night Watchman*. The date has been changed to Sun., May 15, and the time will be 9:45am (to accommodate the Confirmants) You may come in person, or attend via Zoom. (Be sure to let us know if you're attending online so we can give you the Zoom codes you'll need.)

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., MAY 17 - 11:30am

We invite anyone who'd like to get together with some others who are anything but "over the hill" to come together on Tues, May 17, at 11:30am at church. Bring \$5; the food will be provided. Email or call the church office for more information.

VBS PLANNING MEETING - WED., May 18 - 9:00am

Our amazing Vacation Bible School planning crew is creating another outstanding opportunity for kids (and volunteers) to grow closer to God. The dates will be Tues., July 12- Fri., July 15. Our theme is "*All Aboard God's Love*". It will be mostly inside.

The next VBS planning meeting will be Wed., May 18 at 9:00 a.m. If you'd like to help in any way (including planning), please let us know. Use the [sign-up](#) or call the office.

PRAYER SHAWLS LAST MEETING BEFORE SUMMER BREAK - WED., MAY 18 - 6:00pm

Do you crochet or knit? 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 meet every other Wednesday at 6:00pm, with the next being May 18. This will be our last meeting before we break for the summer. Any questions, please contact the church office.

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTING - MON., MAY 23 - 9:00am

Quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:00am. We are socially distancing in Fellowship Hall, and are resuming treats because everybody's been vaccinated!!! You are welcome to join this great group! Questions? Contact the church office.

BALLET AS YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IT BEFORE - MAY 28 & 29

The Dreamer by the School of Ballet 5:8 is coming to Lincoln-Way West High School on Sat., May 28 at 2:00 or 7:00pm and Sun, May 29 at 3:00pm. They have offered us a special price of \$5 off any tickets by using the code PEACENEWLENOX, so the tickets are \$20 adults & \$10 children (plus \$2.50 service fee.) The organization is a professional ballet company that serves more than 400 students, including some of our own. *The Dreamer* is a brand-new, full-length, and original ballet that poetically retells and paints the powerful story of Joseph and his fabled coat of many colors on stage through dance. This ballet is truly delightful for the whole family. Our desire is for audiences to experience the miraculous way that God turns evil into agents for ultimate good. For more information, please visit: <https://school.ballet58.org/the-dreamer>.

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., JUNE 11 - 9:00am to 1:00pm

Our next blood drive will be Sat., June, 11, from 9:00am -1:00pm. Please use the Versiti website https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5597808 to make an appointment or call the office and we'll schedule it for you.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUN., JUNE 19 - APPROXIMATELY 9:30am

Each year we have a special congregational meeting to approve the budget for the fiscal year, June 1 to May 31. Unlike Congress, we have no problem with passing our budgets and do it after we've technically started in order get the results from the stewardship appeal. The meeting typically lasts about 10 - 15 minutes.

STRAWBERRIES, CAKE & ICE CREAM - SUN., JUNE 19

You'll want to come (or stay) on June 19, at approximately 9:45 a.m. - for our strawberries-cake-other toppings & ice cream social in Fellowship Hall. Please let us know via the [sign up](#) or call/email the

church office if you'll be coming (and/or if you'd provide a cake) by calling the church office or using the sign-up slip. The previous thirteen times we've done this were delicious successes! (And it is a fun way for us to honor Father's Day too.)

INTERESTED IN A CHICAGO CUBS GAME? - AUG. 10

After multiple communications with the Cubs, we now have a date and time for a Cubs game at a reasonable price (\$28.) We have tickets for a Wednesday afternoon game, Aug. 10, against the Washington Nationals. The game starts at 1:20pm. If you need a ride, we'll find a way to get you there at \$10 each (max \$20 per household.) Please contact the church (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327) to let us know if you are interested, or [Sign up online.](#)

THANK YOU

Our Business Clothing Donation drive was a huge success! Thank you for all of you who donated. Because of you we have collected: 173 women's shirts, 14 skirts, 62 pants, 26 dresses, 36 sweaters, 33 jackets, 2 belts, 9 pairs of shoes, 1 pant suit, 19 scarves and 8 purses. Also, 10 men's suits, 52 pants, 77 shirts, 14 jackets, 5 belts, 44 ties, 13 pairs of shoes, 16 vests and 6 sweaters for a total of 620 items!

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. **We are going to take a few people off the list this week who were on our "permanent" list because we no longer know their status. If we have removed someone you know about, please just let us know and we will add them back in.***

Kerry Carrozza & family, the family of Jo Wayda, Wayne Hansen (hospitalized with flu and pneumonia), Jack Goesel (hospitalized & surgeries), Dana Pitlik (tests), Jane Meister (hospitalized), Ron Fullriede (recovery), Sharon Obuchina (broken bone recovery), Jonathan DeMik (recovery), Carol Dohrn (recovery), Audre Kurowski (better health), Jeff Anderson (hip surgery recovery), Karen Severson, Ron Hnetkovsky (cancer), Joseph (health), Jane (Alzheimer's) and Rich (caregiver) Meister, Nancy Bohl (recovery), Ken Gatewood, Dennis Flynn (kidney transplant list), Rudi Fuhrmann (recovery), Richard Esposito (health), Cathy Rumbaugh (recovery), Kristie Paprocki, (broken hip recovery), Steve Barlow, Larry Parvin (health), Denise Jones (rehab), Ted Chubb (healing), Dorothy Vrshek (hospice), Chris Fehrenkamp, Hailey (strength and guidance), Bonnie Fikeys, Barb Decker, Nolan (God's guidance), Cathy Richardson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Pastor Carlos Vidler (COVID), Michael Stasch (cancer), Kelly Boyens (recovery), Sandy Mayer (brain tumor), the Prible family, Pat Nelson, Becky Quintana (recovery), Brian Stokes (cancer), Karen Salutric, Ross Nichols family (suicide), Ed Bullerman's family (recovery from fire), Jeff Milikans family (loss of grandson), Jerry (stroke), Emilia Rose Taylor Woodford (COVID recovery), Jim Farbak (stroke recovery), Wally Post, Sheri Gosnell (brain surgery May 17), Evan Hobgood (cancer), Len Hoffman, (recovery), Don Marks, Cathy Cameron, Sandy Braun (recovery), Jack Picciolo (triple-bypass), Heather, Betty Golke (broken hip), Joe (brain tumor), Cie (cancer), Helen Bohr (healing), Erv Pander, Louisa Schultz (brain tumor), Marie (health), Parker (seizures), Jim Calvert (cancer), Sandy Booton, Alan Booton, Tyler, Vern Sanborn, Bill Reidy (cancer), Georgianna Bafundo, Jeffrey.

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.

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Youth News

ANTIOCH – SAT./SUN., JUNE 11 & 12

Youth going into 8th Grade & Beyond are invited to join us the weekend of June 11 & 12! We will meet at church at 10:00am and get ready to host a youth led service on Sat., June 11. Please let us know if your youth can come! Please sign up by May 31. [Antioch 2022](#) and [printable registration form](#)

YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY

Our amazing Sunday School staff, teachers, kids and parents are faithfully connecting one another to a closer relationship with God. You can check out our [Sunday School News](#) (Click on the link) for some of the latest. There are highlights to events on the calendar for youth ministry, and don't forget our Children's Choir! Register for the next school year 2022-2023 [on line](#), or use the slip in the narthex.

Help Others

HELP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Lutheran Disaster Response, a ministry we support through our offerings, is accompanying our companion churches in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has joined other religious leaders from Europe and around the globe in issuing an [interfaith call for peace](#) in the region. If you wish to make a special donation to the cause, you can go to the ELCA website, or use this link: <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response?erid=315faca8-b6ed-47e6-bde4-bfe361787659&trid=315faca8-b6ed-47e6-bde4-bfe361787659>

SANTA CRUZ SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP UNLOAD THEIR FOOD TRUCK

Our mission partners are now a regular delivery stop for food every Tuesday about noon. They are looking for people to take a turn (as often as you're willing) to help unload it. The truck arrives each Tuesday about noon and the unloading is complete about 1:00pm. If you're interested, let us know and we'll put you in contact with the right people.

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 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), cereals, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, coffee (ground), creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

SMALL & MEDIUM-SMALL TOYS FOR A SCHOOL

We are always looking for ways to bless others out of our grateful and willing hearts. We have for years invited people to collect small toys (like you get with "Happy Meals" or items you pick up that are inexpensive or items that are like-new that you have in your house collecting dust.) The teacher who uses these as incentives for her special needs students has reported many times her gratitude and the difference it makes in motivating her students – a total win! Now her principal has seen her efforts and wants to expand it beyond her classroom. So, there is now openness to more toys/books/puzzles of an older student variety. Bring them with you to church and put in the special bin under the coat rack heading into Fellowship Hall, or leave them outside the front door anytime.

Giving & Giving More Thanks

BECAUSE OF YOU

Neang Bophal is a wife and mother in Krous village, Cambodia. Where she lives, income sources can be difficult to find, but things turned around for her after she attended a training session on raising chickens that was supported by the Lutheran Church in Cambodia. Immediately she wanted to try it to earn more income for herself, her husband and her young son. She requested 30 chicks from the church – and her venture went better than she could have imagined. “After three months I sold the chickens and received a large amount of money, more than I had ever earned before,” Neang Bophal explained. “I gave an offering to the church, and with the rest I bought new chicks. I still had some funds left over, so I bought 50 kg of rice, which will feed my family for three months. I am so thankful to the church and people who care and thought about me and my family.”

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).

NEW MOBILE GIVING APP IS HERE

For those who use a mobile app for their giving, Vanco, the company that is our church's eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile (to replace GivePlus Mobile.) You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation. Vanco will be retiring GivePlus Mobile after this date. As an alternative, of course, we still will have the automatic withdrawal system that you can set up for on-going donations or giving through the website. Call or email us if you run into any problems!

Faith Development/Education

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD

More kids and more questions!

Does God have any cousins?

Let's start with Jesus who lived on earth, and then talk about God in general. The earthly Jesus did have cousins and brothers and sisters! But when it comes to God in general, the one who created all the universe including us, that part of God doesn't have direct earthly relatives. However, God calls all of us God's children! That's better than having cousins.

How do we know the Bible stories are true because they happened so long ago?

Yes, the stories in the Bible are from a long time ago....some are from events that are at least 4,000 years old. Some of the stories are about things that took place before there was a universe at all....billions of year ago! We are sure that some stories in the Bible are 100% history (like Jesus dying on the cross), some are not historical but speak to a truth that is just as important as if they were history/facts. If we ask "what is the point?" of anything we read in the Bible, we'll be much better off than worrying about whether a story is history or not.

How do you know that God is real. We have never seen him and he might be a myth.

In truth, we would have to say God could be made up. But to say that is to ignore all the evidence that says God is real. Even more directly, Jesus was definitely a real person and as other people saw and dealt with him, they kept saying "God!" There is more: to make a conclusion that this whole amazing universe was not created on purpose and with an orderliness is to make a conclusion that is so far out of the range of "likely" as to be much harder to explain than a belief in God. Finally, so many, many of us have experienced a relationship with God as to say, "while I can't prove God to you, I can share what I have experienced."

Is it okay to chew gum in church?

It's okay as long as your parent(s) say it is okay, and you don't take it out and put it in any place other than a wastebasket!

Parents/grandparents/kids, keep those questions coming!

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. **May's is Zephaniah 3:14-20.**

Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

SOME NEW THEATER OPTIONS - ([Sign Up](#))

WE ARE HEADING BACK TO BROADWAY IN CHICAGO!

We are going to put our proverbial toes in the water and offer two different shows through Broadway in Chicago. We think it is safe to give this a try because both shows will require proof of vaccination with an ID, plus masks will need to be worn. Our bargain rate seats will be in the upper sections, as we've had before. We have reserved 10 seats for each of these, but would hope to be able to add more if needed.

Jesus Christ, Superstar - July 24 - 2:00pm show - Cadillac Theatre

In celebration of its 50th Anniversary, a new mesmerizing production of this iconic musical phenomenon comes to Chicago! Originally staged by London's Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, this production won the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival, garnering absolutely outstanding reviews. (The show is 90 minutes and there is no intermission.) Tickets will be \$23, including all fees. ([Sign Up](#))

ARE YOU INTERESTED? LOOK AT THESE SHOWS

The Fellowship Committee wants to bring some more shows to your attention. If you have an interest, you can get your own tickets. However, if you have an interest to go with some others from church, let us know and we'll see what we can do to get the tickets for you!

The Drama Group in Chicago Heights - *Rock of Ages* -through May 29, *Run for Your Wife* (comedy), June 1-19, *Leading Ladies* (comedy) -Aug. 5-14.

[Sign Up](#) Please scroll until you see "Fellowship Theater Show Interest".

You can also check out what is going on at Cantigny (lots to do there, including outdoor concerts) that are based on a \$10 parking fee, and the rest of the events are at no cost. Pack a picnic if you like. Their website is <https://cantigny.org/events>. Don't like to travel far? Check out the Rialto or Curtain Call or the Drama Group.

PEACE PICKLEBALL PLAYERS - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

We have the opportunity to join a newly, forming Pickleball group, being started by Al Davenport's friend Steve Soderberg at Parkview Church in New Lenox. This group meets every Wednesday at MPX Fitness at 15301 S Bell Rd, Homer Glen, from noon to 3pm. Cost will be \$5 for 3 hours. You sign up, and if you can make it, you come, you pay, and you play. To sign up, follow this link: <https://my.parkviewchurch.com/sgfinder> Any questions or problems signing up, please call the office and Al Davenport will get back to you.

Groups

GOLF GROUP

We play 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. The format will still be "best ball". We play for fellowship, fresh air and maybe hit a good shot occasionally. Questions or to [sign up](#), contact the church office (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

STRONG SENIORS EXERCISE GROUP - MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Join us for a low impact, do what you can exercise program for seniors. We meet twice a week: Mondays 12 noon -1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 11:15a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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.

General Announcements

Wedding Celebration

Pastor Dave and Carol invite
the Peace Church congregation
to join in celebrating
the marriage of their daughter Chris
to Michael Drummond.
The ceremony will be at Peace
on Sunday, May 29, at 2:00 pm.

Immediately following the ceremony,
there will be an informal
ice cream and cookies reception outdoors
(rain plan: in Fellowship Hall).
Please indicate if you plan to attend
on the sign-up in the bulletin, [online](#),
or by calling the church office by May 22.

Please, no cards or gifts.
If you would like to bring something
to the ceremony, we are collecting
school supplies for
Morning Star Mission.
Especially helpful items are folders, glue sticks,
notebooks, Post-It notes, 3-ring binders, erasers,
highlighters, and zippered pencil cases.
Thanks for helping to honor Chris & Michael's
relationship and commitment to education.



FLOWER CHART FOR 2022

2022 dates are now available to donate flowers for the altar. Any week we have people who wish to donate them we will order them. The cost per arrangement is \$20. You may call or email the church (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ON WHY BEING AT WORSHIP STILL MATTERS

We are grateful for our online presence for worship. It has been a gift from God for over two years now. We are also grateful for our ability to be back inside for worship. Encouraging one another is just one of the reasons listed in this article written by Laura Goossens MSW, LCSW, of the Chicago Christian Counseling Center. Check it out! <https://familyfire.com/articles/why-in-person-worship-still-matters>

VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR NEW SCHEDULE

Because of the fluid situation in the outside world, volunteers will be requested on a week by week basis instead of assigned ahead of time. We are happy to have you volunteer as an usher, lesson reader, greeter. Please let us know via or a phone call (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327.)

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.

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.

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.

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.)

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.)*

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. Why not join us online or in person to learn more about this amazing resource? If you have any questions, call the office. Any version of the Bible you have will work. You do not need to know anything about the Bible to join us!

Details for how we worship this week, May 14 & 15

FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

Saturday worship at 5:00pm is indoors (except the first Saturday of the month. Sunday remains indoors at 8:30 & 11:00. **5:00 and 8:30 services are live-streamed.**

*** Masks are now optional, but strongly encouraged in Sunday School.**

*Whether you drive-in, are on the blacktop or worship at home, we have modified communion options. 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 all indoor worship services, a come-forward option is now available. For the outdoor option, we will have available a basket of the combination bread & grape juice containers.**

* In order to keep people's safety in mind, 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.

ONLINE OPTIONS CONTINUE

* Our normal schedule is back of live-streaming the 5:00pm and 8:30am worship services. Assuming everything works, all will be available through our Facebook site anytime.

INDOOR WORSHIP - (Saturdays at 5:00pm except the first Saturday of the month) and Sundays at 8:30 & 11:00am

Here are the notes if you are planning to come:

- * **Per IDPH guidelines, masks are optional.**
- * Congregational singing of hymns is allowed. We'll be using the hymnals, or you can use the online version in this bulletin.
- * We are asking for some more volunteers for worship, including acolytes and lay liturgists.
- * We will be sending an email each week also asking for volunteers to assist at worship. If you would like to volunteer for a specific week, please let us know.

- * The service length will be increasing as we add elements of the liturgy and other items back in.
- * 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.