

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 11/12. 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., Nov. 13 - Baptism Orientation - 3:30pm in person or via Zoom

Sat., Nov. 13 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))

Sun., Nov. 14 - Live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary - 8:30am & 11:00 am in person worship (no live-stream)

Sun., Nov. 14 - Sunday School 9:45am in person & Adult Class - 9:55am in person or via Zoom

Sun., Nov. 14 - NYG Meeting 3:00pm

Mon., Nov. 15 - Quilting (Ruth Circle) 9:00am

Mon., Nov. 15 - Senior Exercise Group - noon

Tues., Nov. 16 - Trailblazers - noon

Wed., Nov. 17 - Bible Study - 10:00am in person or via Zoom

Wed., Nov. 17 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:15am

Wed., Nov. 17 - Prayer Shawls - 6:00pm

Wed., Nov. 17 - 7th & 8th Grade confirmation - 7:00pm & Bible Buddies (3rd - 5th Grades)

Wed., Nov. 17 - Adult Choir practice - 7:00pm

Sat., Nov. 20 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))

Sat., Nov. 20 - Youth Event - Pizzapalozza - 6:00pm

Sun., Nov. 21 - Live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary - 8:30am & 11:00 am in person worship (no live-stream)

Sun., Nov. 21 - Sunday School 9:45am in person & Adult Class/Book Discussion - 9:55am in person or via Zoom

Sun., Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Worship - 6:00pm - in person and live streamed

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

Drive-in/Online/In person Worship for Nov. 13 & 14 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

This week our worship schedule remains as Saturday evenings (5:00 outdoors) and Sundays (8:30 & 11:00 in person.) **5:00 and 8:30 services are live-streamed.** Because of the early darkness due to the time change, the 5:00 worship will now be from under the canopy facing the front entrance. You can bring your chairs or stay in your cars with our FM 88.3 option.

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 two hymns to which you can sing along, (words below this announcement, so be sure to print out the words) some liturgy,

scripture readings (Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-25, Mark 13:1-8) prayers, communion (bring your own bread or cracker), 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. A reminder, children's sermons have resumed.

Words to This Week's Hymns – 11/13 & 11/14

Opening Hymn - *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* #693

1. Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

Hymn of the Day - *O Living Bread From Heaven* #542

1. O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'erflows!
2. My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.
3. You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.

8:30am service - the Adult Choir will sing *With A Heart of Thanks*

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 \$3,577 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$10,523 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 315 Facebook views of last weekend's worship plus You**

Tube and watching live), and for the drive-in and in-person about 45 at 5:00, 60 at 8:30 & 65 at 11:00. 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

WELCOME AUDRE KUROWSKI!

We are excited to welcome Audre Kurowski as she began her ministry with us on Nov. 1. Audre (pronounced Au-dra) comes with many years of experience in a variety of churches. She has all the tools we believe we need to lead us to a meaningful worship experience and successful relationship with the choirs, soloists, instrumentalists and more. We welcome her to our staff! Please greet her and wish her well! She invites anyone interested in singing, playing an instrument, or being a part of the musical side of worship to volunteer. In her words, "the more the better!"

INTEREST INDICATORS!

We know that COVID has thrown a monkey-wrench into our wonderful record of having volunteers galore. We haven't felt comfortable with all kinds of ministry connections because we didn't want to take a chance on getting people sick. But this COVID obstacle is not going to last forever!!! We want to get a head-start on it by asking you to fill out a new Interest Indicator. There are three ways to go: 1) use the version on the website ([Interest Indicator](#)); 2) ask us to email you a fillable PDF version that you can then save and send back to us or print and send to us; 3) fill out a traditional printed version that will be available at church or that we can send you!

GRIEF SHARE - SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS CONTINUES - NOV. 22 & 29 - 6:30pm

We will be having 2 more sessions of Grief Share, a ministry we have conducted in the past for people who have lost loved ones. They will focus on "Surviving the Holidays," one aspect of the whole program. We invite anyone who would like to participate regardless of when the loss took place. The dates will be Nov. 22 and 29. The group meets from 6:30 to 8:00pm on those Monday nights. To let us know if you would like to participate, email (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or call the church office at 815-485-5327.

GIFTS FOR SANTA CRUZ, AUGUSTANA CENTER FOR OPEN ARMS, AND ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The donation Christmas tree that we set up in the entrance area might go largely unnoticed and unused this year. Yet, we know how generous the people of this congregation are and how you have a heart for others. So, in addition to tags on a tree in the entrance area, as we did last year, we are going to set up a Christmas gift-giving fund to which you can contribute. We know it doesn't feel as good as actually buying a present, but let's concentrate on the people who are in need and plan for a normal 2022 Christmas season!

Our causes will be the same, so you can designate which one(s) you wish to support and the amount(s). So that we don't blend these gifts with regular offerings, would you please send a check that gives which cause(s) and amount(s)? If you don't have checks anymore, you can drop off an envelope at church with cash, or you can use the online giving and send/email us a note for the special contribution so we look for it.

We will buy gift cards/send in the donations for the organizations/causes from the moneys we receive.

The causes

Santa Cruz in Joliet (our mission partner) - children and teens (\$10 to \$50)

Santa Cruz in Joliet - homeless adults (\$10 to \$50)

Augustana Open Arms - orphaned teens (\$25 to \$50)

ELCA Good Gifts ministry - assisting people all over the world with animals & more (chicks - \$10; honey bees - \$20; piglet - \$30; school uniform for girls - \$40; goats - \$50; feed 50 people at a soup kitchen - \$100; cow - \$500)

ADULT CHOIR & LADIES ENSEMBLE HAVE BEGUN REHEARSALS!!!

HEY SINGERS!!! God has blessed us to be able to start our adult choirs again for the Adult Choir and

the Ladies Ensemble. If you were in the choir and have not heard from Pamela due to possible contact info changes, or for all those NEW singers who have just been waiting for this news, please contact the church office and we will get your information to her. The Adult Choir practices Wednesdays at 7:00pm and the Ladies Ensemble once a month on Saturdays at 3:00pm. We have special singer-masks to help keep everyone safe.

ADULT CLASSES SUNDAYS - 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.)

Nov. 14 - If There's a Good God, Why (the Holocaust, floods, COVID, etc.)?

Nov. 21 - Book Discussion on *The Dutch House*

Nov. 28 - Walking on Eggshells Is No Fun (& not of God) (How to deal with certain relatives/friends/others who are always offended)

GIVE/SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD! (AND IN-PERSON OFFER FOR NOV. 21)

Peace Lutheran is again helping to facilitate this holiday outreach opportunity through Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services (LIRS). The program collects cards and accepts monetary donations to purchase gifts for distribution at migrant detention centers across the country and at shelters along the border. To demonstrate God's love and care for those being held by reminding them they are not forgotten during the holiday season, 2021 marks the seventh year of the LIRS program called *Hope for the Holidays*. We're encouraging people in our church to participate again this year by **giving/sending a Christmas card (or two)**. **You can either make a homemade version (simple only - no glitter, jewels, removable pieces that little ones might swallow!) or personalize a ready-made greeting card. Also important, sign with only your first name(s) and city & state. Please do not include or place the cards in envelopes. Please drop your cards off at Peace by Saturday, November 27. If you come by when the office is closed, just leave them in the grey container outside the front door.**

If you haven't heard of Lutheran Immigrant & Refugee Services (LIRS), for over 80 years the organization has helped more than half a million refugees who faced conflict and persecution in their homeland. We encourage you to visit their website at <https://www.lirs.org/> to learn more. Last year, over 16,000 cards and more than 500 children's gifts were distributed. Kelly Renaud from our church is coordinating this effort and encourages you to check out LIRS for more options for how to participate, including example of Spanish greeting and for making monetary donations. If you have questions, contact the office and we'll put you in touch with Kelly. Thank you for your interest and participation in this meaningful thinking-of-others program. On Nov. 21, Kelly is going to set up a station over by the library area to assist all who want to do this outreach ministry. And one more thing: **You know all those cards you get from various charities? Don't throw them away; use them or bring them to church for us to use!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING EXERCISES ARE INDOORS

We love the enthusiasm of your Sunday School kids, including our opening exercises! They are now indoors in the sanctuary at 9:45am.

CHILDREN'S SERMONS RESUME

We have been waiting for the chance to have children's sermons again, and now we think we are safe to do it. We'll spread out in the front of the church and reconnect with kids in this joyous tradition.

BAPTISM ORIENTATION - SAT., NOV. 13 - 3:30pm

For those planning to have a baptism in the near future, the next baptism orientation class will be Sat., Nov. 13, at 3:30pm at church. It will be in person or via Zoom. Let us know (815-485-5327 or via peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) if you plan to attend and how.

3rd-6th GR. BIBLE BUDDIES - WED., NOV. 17

Come join us for Bible Buddies! On two Wednesdays of the month while our 7th & 8th graders are in Confirmation class, we invite our 3rd-6th graders to come and hang out with Miss Jess. From 7-8:00pm we

will have a lesson, play some games, and have great conversations! We hope to see you soon! Please let us know if you're planning to come. [Bible Buddies sign up](#)

PRAYER SHAWLS - SWITCHING TO WEDNESDAYS ON NOV. 17

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 switch to every other Wednesday at 6:00pm, with the change coming Nov. 17. 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.

YOUTH EVENT - PIZZAPALOOZA - SAT., NOV. 20 - 6:00pm

5th Grade and beyond, we invite you to come have a pizza dinner and build a manger! Mangers will be filled with new baby items and donated to Morning Star Mission. Participants, please bring a new baby item like soap, or a bottle, etc. Let us know through the website [Pizzapalooza sign up](#) or through the office (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

PEACE PAGE TURNERS NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION - SUN., NOV. 21 - 9:55am

Our next book, written by Ann Patchett, is *The Dutch House*, a novel that uses the purchase of a lavish house as a backdrop for delving into questions of inheritance, love, forgiveness, how we want to see ourselves and how we really are. A copy of the book is available at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. The date will be Sun., Nov. 21, and the time will be 9:55am (to match all the other Education Hour times.) 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.)

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP - SUN., NOV. 21 - 6:00pm

Because of the desire to have the Thanksgiving Dinner go well and without running into each other, Peace's Thanksgiving worship will be Sunday, Nov. 21, at 6:00pm. It will also be live-streamed and recorded on our Facebook page.

THANKSGIVING DINNER HELP - WED., THURS., NOV. 24 & 25

For our wonderful dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, the situation again this year is going to be different! One thing that hasn't changed: the difference this effort makes to make Thanksgiving good for so many people. Last year we served a total of about 200 people. Thank you for your support. Some of our protocols to keep people safe and yet fed include that all meals will be carry out or delivered – no one will be eating inside church. Also, because of restrictions, all the food will be catered. Even so, we are need many helpers! Tasks include...

- A) assembling the meals in safely spaced out Fellowship Hall
- B) bringing the food out to the parking lot to the waiting pick-up people
- C) taking meals for delivery
- D) clean up
- E) on Wed. night putting together some extra food bags

The guests picking up food/getting deliveries will have specific pick-up/delivery times from 11:00am until we're done, probably around 12:30.

If you'd like to help set the whole effort in motion or to help with one of the slots A) - E), please contact the church office (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327.) God's work continues!

ADVENT BEGINS NOV. 28

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. There are many ways to observe it on your own, as well as together in worship. One of the ways is with Advent devotionals. We have a variety from which to choose that you can pick up at church (including in the black bin outside the front doors.) There are also various online versions, including this one from Luther Seminary of the ELCA:

<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/advent-devotional/> .

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SINGING - SAT., DEC. 4

We will not have a traditional Christmas Program this year, but on Sat., Dec. 4, at the 5pm service. we are asking our Sunday School youth to sing during service. Please let us know if your youth will be singing with us during service. [Sunday School Sings sign up](#)

FAMILY EVENT - DINNER AND GINGERBREAD HOUSES SAT., DEC. 11

On Sat., Dec. 11, at 6pm we invite families to have some pizza and decorate a gingerbread house! Each family will receive one gingerbread house kit. (The houses will be pre-glued so that they are ready to be decorated when you get here). Please sign up before Dec., 5, so we have enough pizza and supplies to go around. Please bring a new baby item to donate to fill the mangers that the 5th graders & beyond built. We will bring them to Morning Star Mission. [Family Event sign up.](#)

BALLET 5:8 PRESENTS *BEYOND THE NUTCRACKER* - DEC. 17-19

A classic holiday tradition with a Ballet 5:8 twist. Join Emma and Uncle Abrahms as they embark on a miraculous journey through time and discover what Christmas is all about.

Dates are Dec. 17 at 7:00pm, Dec. 18 at 2:00pm & 7pm and Dec. 19 at 3:00pm at Lincoln-Way West Fine Arts Center. For tickets or more information go to: School.Ballet58.org or 708-329-8773.

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

RIALTO - JOLIET

Cirque Musica Holiday Spectacular - Sunday, December 5 - 7:30 p.m. - Ticket Prices: \$54.00

This all-new production features some of the greatest holiday songs of all time performed with the world-renowned cast of Cirque Musica. Experience the chills, thrills, and excitement of the best Cirque performers from around the world performing to your holiday favorites. Please let the church office know by November 14 if you are interested in this performance.

American Legion Band Concert - Sunday, December 19 - 2:00 p.m. – (free)

Each year we have gotten free tickets for this Christmas tradition at the Rialto. If you would like to reserve tickets, let us know by December 5.

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.)

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!

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES AVAILABLE

The offering envelopes boxes that began June 6 are now available for pick up in the Narthex. 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@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 OCTOBER - DECEMBER 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.

Kristie Paprocki (treatments), Esther Coulter (hospitalized), Dave Dralle (recovery), Lee Potter, Dennis Flynn (heart issues), Ron Otto (cancer), Zander Paape (broken wrist), Kathy Davenport, Jack Goesel (recovery), Jan Stoller, Kay Johnson (blood clots, cancer), Grant & Kaitlin Gibbs (deployment), Gerry Wurzburger (recovery), Diane Cochran (throat cancer), Larry Parvin (health), Denise Jones (rehab), Ted Chubb (healing), Roger Bentley (healing), Dorothy Vrshek (hospice), Chris Fehrenkamp, Hailey (strength and guidance), Rich Dohrn (COVID - recovery), 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...

Paula Stripling (lung cancer), Sandra Morris, Evelyn Marcat, Jeanne Dolph, Robert DeLucia (recovery), Hilda Brockmann (stroke), Carlos Owens (health issues), Cie (breast cancer), Joe (brain tumor & seizures), Baby Reid (COVID complications), Roberta Albi (tumor & recovery), Ray, Michelle Dreiling (tumor), Jim Ott, Edith Hammock, Louisa Schultz (brain tumor), Glenna McIntosh, Sandy Losiniecki (dementia), Emily Giovingo (liver issues), Michael Hoffman (tumor), David Becker (pneumonia), Travis Air Force Base (deployment), Barb & Michael (COVID), Clair (COVID recovery), Marie (health), Parker (seizures), Jim Calvert (cancer), Sandy Booten, 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

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Annapolis, MD 21412	Beaufort, SC 29902

MA2 Baker, Connor	2 nd Lieutenant Jakob Swenson
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Norfolk, VA 23502	Fort Polk, LA 71459

Giving & Giving More Thanks

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.

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.peaceneulenox.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

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. (**Note time change for Wednesdays**)

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTING - Nov. 15 - 9:00am

Quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:00 a.m. 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.

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., NOV. 16 - NOON

We invite anyone who'd like to get together with some others who are anything but "over the hill" to come together on Nov. 16 at noon at church. Bring \$5; the food will be provided. Email or call the church office for more information.

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

CINDERELLA - NOV. 10 - JAN. 9 AT THE PARAMOUNT

Experience one of the most beloved and cherished fairy tales live on Paramount's stage, with a re-imagined take on the story families have returned to over and over across generations. Experience magic as you've never seen before. From pumpkins into carriages to tattered rags into a beautiful gown, this show should delight and enchant young and old alike. Tickets are available from \$45 to \$79. (And note that the Paramount will be fully decorated for the Christmas season by then!)

Also looking ahead.....

We definitely will be getting group tickets for downtown shows: Simon & Garfunkel (the musical) in Feb. and Jesus Christ Superstar in July of 2022.

General Announcements

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.

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.

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

In the rural Appalachian community of Myra in eastern Kentucky is a nonprofit called Manna From Heaven, which is supported by your generosity. Work has been scarce in Myra since the neighboring coal mines closed years ago, yet God's abundance can be seen here each week in the prayers, food, seedlings and newly hatched chicks that neighbors receive to grow gardens and support their families. Manna From Heaven learned about ELCA World Hunger's Domestic Hunger Grants, which provide additional funding for this important work. Each week Manna From Heaven provides food and other essentials for 1,500-2,000 people in the region. Once a month, ELCA members drive two trucks from Cincinnati down to Myra to deliver supplies, bringing over 20,000 pounds of food. Every month about 200 fertilized eggs donated by local farmers are hatched in an incubator purchased through an ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant. Families who participate in the chicken program receive 20 chicks, a water dispenser, feed and education on how to raise the chicks. With this support and the families' diligent care, the grown chickens lay eggs almost daily, providing a long-term source of protein. "We don't walk ahead of people, we walk alongside them," said Cindy, a long-time volunteer.

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

WARM COAT MINISTRY RESUMES

One Warm Coat is a ministry of our church to assist in the collection of clean, reusable coats and jackets for donation to local individuals free of charge. We are grateful for our ability in all circumstances to continue in our mission to meet basic human needs. Items can be dropped off at church including left outside the front door in a bag or box. Scarfs, hats, gloves/mittens and boots are also accepted. Thank you for your continued support!

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

More kids and more questions! This month there was one question in the box. If God loves us so much, how come people are mean? Why doesn't God stop them? *God works with and through humans. God doesn't "make us" do things. God is counting on people like us to live in a way that shows others how to be nice to others. God is also counting on us to help people when others are mean to them, and even to let the bully-types know there is a better way to live.*

Parents/grandparents, please keep sending in your kids questions! Go ahead and ask them specifically what questions they have about God!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - **Starting the New Testament!!!**

We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. We are going to be starting the New Testament Nov. 17! 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!

STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION

Sometimes we wonder if our offerings make a difference. Each year the ELCA publishes a booklet that highlights a few stories how much good you do as you give to our church! Thank you!!! Please check out this link and see more! [Stories of Faith in Action](#) God is at work through us.

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.

November's is Philippians 4:4-9.

Details for how we worship this weekend, Nov. 13 & 14

FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

***The IDPH guidelines are back to mandating masks indoors.**

*** Children's sermons are resuming!**

*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.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP ON SATURDAY AT 5:00PM

*** Our worship location will be from under the canopy at the front entrance.**

* 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. Worshipping 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 AT 8:30am AND 11:00am

Here are the notes if you are planning to come:

*** Masks are required indoors, per IDPH guidelines.**

* Congregational singing of a hymn is allowed. 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, etc.
- * We will be sending an email each week asking for lesson readers. If you would like to volunteer for a specific week, please let us know.
- * 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.