

# ***THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE***

**\*Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully***

**\*Our Mission: *To bring people into contact with the gospel, and help them grow in their relationship in God in Christ***  
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## ***A Yield Sign***

Of the traffic signs you need to know for a driver's license exam, in my opinion two of the easiest to recognize are the stop and yield signs. Their shapes are unique and their colors, too. The former indicates we're supposed to come to a complete stop – which has become a rolling stop for many – and the latter, which means someone else has the right away and you're supposed to let them go ahead of you.

In everyday life, we don't like those experiences. When illness or something else means we have to stop, many of us can't wait to get going again. When it comes to yielding, all of us who like to be in control and maybe even in charge don't want to yield to a different path or opinion. In a divided nation, the thought of compromising (or worse, yielding), makes some people's skin crawl.

Is it any wonder that when the Bible talks about yielding our spirits to God, these days that word seems like a foreign language at best, and out of touch at worst.

When and how might the truth of yielding have value and importance for us? When and how is it not a sign of weakness, but such a life-enhancing option that it brings one benefit after another? Certainly, one place it has shown up over and over again is with addictions. "Let go and let God!" is a reality that has saved countless lives. Another example is when our own stubbornness has brought conflict. Can we see how even a degree of yielding might bring down the temperature? To yield your time for a friend who needs a listening ear is a gift. To live with an attitude of grace (God's love freely given shaping our lives) imparts peace to our own self and to others. When life brings unwanted changes, what can you change and fix and what can't you? Yielding to what brings peace. In God's eyes yielding does not mean to just give up or give in. It is a thoughtful gift that looks to how God can bless the situation.

***Pastor Dave Hedlin***

***Please check our website, Facebook and YouTube for the latest information, videos, and more!***

## ***Prayers Requested***

Kay Johnson, Annie Knoll, all schools and other educational endeavors and the people relating to them, Kaitlin & Grant Gibbs, the family of Ken Heitert, families who are estranged, Kathy Davenport, the Robinson family, the city of Kenosha, Karen Evans, Jerry Kolanowski, the family of Kyle Casey, Margaret G Ann Fitzgerald, the family of John Frink, Rick Davis, Judy Brann, the family of Dennis Griffith, Patricia, Scott Campbell, Derek Harris, Karen Michielsen, Gloria Schwienberg, Laurie, Judy Malec, Ray & Edna Anglin, Gary Taeger, Roger Bentley

## ***Sympathy***

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:  
the family of Robert Brainard, father of Gail Lang and grandfather of Lori Woodburn & Scott Lang

## ***Congratulations***

Scott & Ashley Howell, parents and Jeff & Deb Howell, grandparents on the birth of, Millie Rose Howell on Aug. 20:

Phil Galounis & Melissa Hofer on their marriage.

## ***Welcome to the Lord's Family***

Clark John Sotiros was baptized on Aug. 16;

Zachary Alexander Hofer was baptized on Aug. 29.

***Time to...*** set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on October 31.

## ***Drive-in and Online Worship Continue – plus indoor to resume (see next page)***

Please join us for Drive-in Worship (FM 89.3) at 5:00pm on Saturdays (with [Facebook live stream](#) of the worship on) and another Drive-in Worship option on Sundays, at 9:45am for Oct. 4 & 11. For Our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#) sites will have the worship recorded and available any time after Saturday's worship. (You do not need to have a Facebook account to access this public page.) There will be some great music from Todd and a hymn to which you can sing along (words included in the bulletin so be sure to **print out the words**) some liturgy, scripture readings, prayers and a sermon. Join in being together in God's name in your cars or electronically and share the worship post with others!

### ***Communion Option Added***

#### **FOR EVERYONE**

\* We're asking all people to enter the parking lot through the south (bank-end) of the Atrium Point complex via Schoolhouse Rd. All will be asked to leave via Rt. 30. If you are doing the outdoor option, we would ask you to park anywhere to the northern half of the parking lot, out of the line of sight of the worship platform and walk to the grass area. For those doing the drive-in option, park facing the long sidewalk anywhere so you can see, and do the every-other-space routine, parking on the line. (Sedans in the row closest to the grass, and other sized vehicles starting in row 2.)

\* Whether you drive-in or are outdoors, or even at home, we are adding a **modified communion option**.

**Take a piece of bread or cracker with you to the service.** Pastor Dave 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 and the building itself would 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.

#### **ONE OPTION: OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

- \* Households would be required to socially distance from each other. We have markings in the grass for individuals/households about 10' apart.
- \* Those worshipping outdoors can choose whether to bring a blanket or their own chairs.
- \* Masks would be required when moving to or from the parking lot to the marked spots. (We will have spare masks if you don't have one or forget.)
- \* Children would have to be with an adult at all times.
- \* Worship leaders would be set up at the far west end of the long sidewalk (where all the grass is available between the main building and the garage) in front of the door to the education wing, facing the parking lot, which again allows those who choose the drive-in option to see.
- \* We will have sound projection/speakers for all to hear.
- \* The worship would continue to be modified so as to last about 30 to 40 minutes. There would be no ushers or greeters or other worship assistants. Worshipping outdoors will allow us to sing!
- \* In case of bad weather, the service would switch to a drive-in only format centered at the front entrance.

#### **DRIVE-IN OPTION CONTINUES**

\* We have a low power FM transmitter, which allows us to have worship leaders be visible and heard in each person's car via their car radio or an old-fashioned radio. It will be on channel 89.3. You might be able to hear the outdoor loudspeakers, but we're not counting on that.

\* Park so you can see the worship leaders at the end of the long sidewalk, or in case of bad weather, back to the area by the main entrance.

#### **ONLINE OPTION CONTINUES**

\* We will continue to live-stream our worship. We plan each week to record both Saturday and Sunday. Assuming everything works, both will be available through our Facebook site.

\* Why not move indoors? For one thing, we wouldn't be able to sing. For another, we would have to take reservations to limit the number, which means some might be excluded. Also, there would be many more restrictions and a lot more cleaning to do between/after services. Furthermore, the CDC's guidelines still recommend outdoor worship whenever possible. The history of re-openings in other states makes this issue even more current.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Dave!

## *Coming Back Inside Starting Oct. 18*

After many, many conversations with a variety of people and the leadership of the Council, here is the plan (to be tweaked as necessary) for resuming indoor worship on Oct. 18. Some of you would like there to be fewer (or no) restrictions, but churches are considered places of super-spreading, and we owe it to each other and to our community and nation to do everything we can to be as safe as possible. That is what Jesus would have us do! If you are at a higher risk, please use your own good judgment. **Live-streaming will continue!** If you have questions, please contact us ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327.)

\* We will continue to have an outdoor/drive-in Saturday nights (& Facebook streaming) at 5:00 for as long as we can.

\* Starting Oct. 18 (not this weekend), we will go back to having two services on Sunday, with one at 8:30am and one at 11:00am, both live-streamed as well.

\* All indoor services will be limited in attendance to 50 people total in the sanctuary and no more than 20 in Fellowship Hall, which will have the video stream in it. There **will be a registration process** each week (via email and the phone 815-485-5327 or [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)) on a first come basis starting after noon on Sunday. We will notify you that we received your email/call and whether you are one of the first 50/20.

\* **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.)

\* Temperatures will be taken outside the main entrance on the way in, 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 continue to be "bring your own bread or cracker."

\* 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.

## *Thank You Very Much!*

*The list that follows is for those who have done something for the first time. (If we miss someone, please let us know!) We are thankful for all the people who give of themselves to make ministry happen, even though their names don't keep getting mentioned here.*

### *To:*

Deacon Shari Trotter, Pamela Putrich, Donna Conway, Jonah DeMik – for special music

### *From:*

ELCA World Hunger – for the donation

Martina Lohmar, Sarah Walton – for the scholarship

Kay Johnson – for the cards, calls & emails

## ***Quick Reminders***

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **Oct. 25**. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it mailed first class or via e-mail, let us know.

\* **The Will-Grundy Medical Clinic** is now accepting patients for free healthcare for the uninsured and those who qualify. Appointments are available onsite or over the phone, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To schedule a free screening appointment, please call 815-726-3377, ext. 228.

\***Crutches and walkers available** – The church has received crutches and walkers from members. Please feel free to contact the church office if you need to borrow one of these items.

\* **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** – Suicide is not about wanting to die, but about a powerful need for pain to end. You can help someone today by reaching out, listening, and letting them know you care. Be sure that the person can reach you and several responsible others if the desire to commit suicide becomes strong or if he/she just feels the need to talk to someone. Give the individual the names and telephone numbers of people who could be contacted and if possible, have the person meet these people. Give them the suicide prevention hotline. **Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Cards** are always located in the entrance area. Let's remember to keep in mind to spread the word that no one is alone in a time of need. Suicide destroys everyone who cares! Help someone today who is reaching out for help by picking up the cards and being attentive to what people are saying about their lives. Crisis Line – 815-469-6166, text line – 741741, and online – [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

### \* **Bereavement Support Groups**

- *GriefShare* – Not currently meeting – please watch the newsletter.

- *Evening Adult Support Group* – Meets the third Thursday of the month, (with the exception of the month of March), December - June 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Joliet Area Community Hospice, *donation appreciated*.

- *Afternoon Adult Support Group* – Meets the second Friday of the month, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Joliet Area Community Hospice, *donation appreciated*.

For other services offered, including individual counseling, parent support and general grief support, please visit the Joliet Area Community Hospice website: [www.joliethospice.org](http://www.joliethospice.org) or call 815-740-4104.

\***Thrivent members** – For those of you who have Thrivent dollars to donate, don't forget Peace is one of those choices.

\* **LSSI's Joshua Arms Website** - Joshua Arms has a website that makes it easy for visitors to see all that the affordable senior housing development in Joliet has to offer. Visit the site at [www.LSSI.org/JoshuaArms](http://www.LSSI.org/JoshuaArms). Located at 1315 Rowell in a tree-lined residential area, Joshua Arms offers 186 independent, apartment-style units and 56 supportive living units, where residents can receive three meals a day, housekeeping and other daily living services. The new website is an easy to use tool for potential residents *and* family members to learn about Joshua Arms, including eligibility and floor plans.

\***Cleaning for a Reason** – Provides free housecleaning once a month for 4 months for women currently undergoing chemotherapy. For more information or to sign up please go to: [www.cleaningforareason.org/cancer\\_patients\\_acct.html](http://www.cleaningforareason.org/cancer_patients_acct.html). You will need a doctor's note confirming treatment to sign up and have a participating maid service in your zip code area arrange for service. This organization serves the entire US and currently has 547 partners.

\***Guardian Angel Community Services** – Sexual assault & rape crisis services, prevention education & outreach. Programs include medical advocacy, legal advocacy, individual counseling, group counseling, prevention education & professional training. 24-hour sexual assault hotline: 815-730-8984.

## ***Check Out Our 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.

## ***Addresses for Service Personnel***

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## ***Looking Ahead***

***Oct. 4 – Blessing of the Animals 12:00 p.m.***  
***Oct. 10 – Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.***  
***Oct. 10/11 – Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. & Up***  
***Oct. 11 – P360 Bonfire at Klock’s 6:30 p.m.***  
***Oct. 16 – 7/8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Movie Night 7p.m.***  
***Oct. 17 – First Communion Class 10:00 a.m.***  
***Oct. 18 – New Member Orientation 9:45 a.m.***  
***Oct. 24 – First Communion Class 3:30 p.m.***  
***Oct. 25 – New Member Reception 11:00 a.m.***  
***Oct. 31 – Halloween Treats with Costumes 10:00 a.m.***  
***Nov. 1 – All Saints Worship 8:30 a.m.***  
***What’s the Scoop 12:15 p.m.***  
***Nov. 7 – Baptism Orientation 3:30 p.m.***

## **Groups**

### ***Prayer Shawl – Oct. 14 & 28***

We will meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in room 5/7. Come when you can and leave when it’s good for you. Not sure you are ready to be in person? Then feel free to keep making shawls at home and bring them by when it is convenient! Please email the church office if you have questions or would like more information.

### ***Ruth Circle Quilting – Oct. 5 & 19***

Ruth Circle quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:00 a.m. It’s very casual and if you can’t make it each time, just come when you can. At this time, we will not be having snacks. Questions? Contact the church office.

### ***Trailblazers – Next Year***

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 next year. 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.

### ***Strong Seniors Exercise – Mon. & Wed.***

We will now meet Mondays 12:00 - 1:00 and Wednesdays 11:30 -12:30 in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own chair. Join us for a low impact, do what you can exercise program for seniors.

## ***Men’s Dartball – Stay Tuned***

As soon as there is a way to play safely, we will resume meeting. Please watch the bulletin & newsletter.

## ***Ping Pong Club – We have resumed***

If you think you may want to play, let the church office know your name and email address, and you will be added to the email reminders (815-485-5327 or [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)).

## ***Golf Group – Wednesdays***

Weather permitting now we will meet on Wednesdays. The format will still be “best ball. 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? Call the office.

## ***Alzheimer’s Association Support Group***

Do you care for someone diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia? Are you looking for information and support? The Alzheimer’s Association Support Group is hoping to resume at some time, but not yet. For more information on when the group will resume meeting, contact the church office (815-485-5327 or [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)).

## ***Addiction and Family Support Group***

The Addiction & Family Support Group meets at Peace on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. This support group meeting is for those struggling, those who love someone struggling, or those who just want to learn about the epidemic of heroin and prescription pain medications in our community. For more information, contact the church office.

## ***GriefShare Ministry***

Please watch the newsletter & bulletin for when we will be able to resume meeting. (Maybe January?) GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you heal after losing a loved one. The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days. If you would like more information please contact Janet at [griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com](mailto:griefshare.plc.60451@gmail.com).

## ***From Deacon Shari Trotter***

Dear Peace Members and Friends,

I miss you! These are words that I have said many times before, but they have taken on new meaning since this time of quarantine began. I miss all of you so very much. I miss seeing your faces. I miss laughing in the Narthex with a cup of coffee or a cookie in our hands. I miss worshipping together. I am sure that you miss these things and many more as well.

The staff here at Peace have been working tirelessly to get everyone back together in the safest way possible and I have so enjoyed our time together on the lawn. One of the groups in our church that has not been able to get back together has been our youth. However, that all changed last week.

Last week the High School Youth Group, Peace 360 planned an outdoor movie night. Everyone agreed to bring their own chair and their own snack and to sit 6 feet away from each other. We were so excited. Finally, we would get to see each other. Unfortunately, the morning of the event I looked at the weather radar and it promised rain. I knew the youth would be devastated if I had to cancel this event. I knew I would be devastated. I miss our youth so much! The staff and I put on our thinking caps and realized we could pull this off inside. So quickly our outdoor movie night became an indoor movie night.

I let the youth know that doors would be opening at 7:00 pm and the movie would start promptly at 7:30. I did not expect a lot of people to show, cause who wants to sit in a lawn chair inside and watch a movie but boy was I wrong. By 7:15pm we had 17 youth and 4 adults in their spots ready for the movie to begin. We had 5 freshman, and 2 brand new youth. It was an amazing turnout. Everyone agreed that even though we had to sit 6 feet apart and we were just watching a movie it felt normal and it felt good.

As I watched the joy on each of their faces as someone else walked through the door, I realized that this is what community is all about, the joy and support of seeing one another. This is why Jesus talks so much about community! This is why Jesus says wherever 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, I am there. When we are in community, we are stronger, happier, and more at peace. We decided as a youth group that no matter what we will be meeting twice a month. We are committed to doing it in a safe way, but we are committed to doing it. I need it! They need it! The church needs it! I look forward to seeing you all together soon! May you be safe until I see you again!  
God's Peace,

***Deacon Shari Trotter***

## ***Faith Development/Education***

### ***Everybody Read***

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we'll pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage. October's passage is Isaiah 2:2-5.

### ***Wednesday Bible Study - Now both in person and on-line***

Each Wednesday for many weeks now, people have been joining our Bible Study through the wonders of Zoom! We offer both an in-person version and the continuation of the online method. For those using the online version for the first time, let us know via the church's email so we can send you the meeting ID and password. We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Any version of the Bible you have will work. You don't need to know anything about the Bible to join this class! For those who will be coming to the in-person version, we will have some requirements for distancing, etc. Be sure to let us know if you plan to come to the in-person version.

### ***Peace Page Turners – Sun., Oct. 4***

Our next combination Zoom and in-person meeting is scheduled for Oct. 4, at 10:30 a.m. The in-person will be separated safely (plus wear a mask while moving to and from.) We will discuss *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro. This Nobel Prize winning author tells the story of a faithful English butler and his reflections on his service, the meaning of various parts of his life, and various relationships. If you are using Zoom, be sure to let us know so we can get the codes to you. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

### ***Sun. Morning Adult Class - Sun., Oct. 11***

We invite anyone who wants to participate in an adult class on join us on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 10:45a.m., either online via Zoom or in person. Be sure to let us know if you're coming and by which means so we can give out the codes or have the right socially distanced space. The topic will be "Why Do Bad Things Happen?" We'll look at the age-old question, pay homage to Job and Jesus! and try to look beyond the question. The next class will be Oct. 25 at 9:45 a.m. (note the change of time.)

## ***Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders & Up - Oct. 10 & 11***

We want to hand out Bibles to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders (and above) who haven't yet gotten a Bible from the church. Come to either worship service, and we'll have you come forward in a safe way and get your Bible.

## ***Daily Devotionals 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>.

## ***General Announcements***

### ***Blessing of the Animals - Sun., Oct. 4***

In celebration of our non-human companions, we invite you to bring your animals to church for a special blessing on Sun., Oct. 4, at noon. We welcome all feathery, furry, scaly, warm-blooded and cold-blooded friends of all shapes and sizes (animals should be in carriers or on leashes to assure nothing is going to startle them and cause them to run away in a strange neighborhood). With the precautions we are following, there will be a group blessing (outdoors south of the building) followed for those who wish to have Pastor Dave or Deacon Shari to come within 6-8' of you for a more personalized blessing from that distance. In case of rain, we'll try Oct. 11.

### ***New Member Orientation & Reception - Sun., Oct. 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., Oct. 18, tentatively at 9:45 at church – either on Zoom or in person; (2) on Oct. 25, during worship (tentatively 11:00am). If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, email ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto: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.)

### ***First Communion Class – Sat., Oct. 17 or Sat., Oct. 24***

Each year we seek to prepare children in the fifth grade (and above) for receiving their first communion. We do it in a one-hour concentrated class. A parent/other adult (or two) should attend along with the child. This year in order to maintain social distancing, we are going to limit the numbers and require a sign-up in advance; first come basis. If the two sessions planned are not sufficient, we will add another option. The class will be offered on Sat., Oct. 17, at 10:00 a.m. or if you prefer, on Sat., Oct. 24, at 3:30 p.m. You need only attend one class or the other. Contact the church office for questions or to register.

### ***Blood Drive – Sat., Oct. 10***

Our next Versiti blood drive will be Sat., Oct. 10 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please sign up on the Versiti website.

### ***Blood Pressure Screenings – Maybe Oct.***

Our next monthly screening date keeps getting postponed. Maybe October will work?

### ***Special Prayers for Healing – Sat., Oct. 10***

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

### ***Reformation Weekend – Oct. 24 & 25***

Join us in celebrating our Lutheran heritage on Oct. 24 & 25 by wearing something red to worship.

### ***Hymn Picking – by Wed., Oct. 28***

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 December forward, 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 Oct. 28.

## ***Halloween Treats with Costumes – Sat., Oct. 31***

In keeping with CDC guidelines, here is our plan to help kids have a special Halloween. To sign-up, call or email the office ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327) with your willingness to be involved, either as a donator or as “we’ll come to get candy.”

The plan would be that those donating candy each would spread them out on a table and those picking up would come by and pick up the candy. Everybody is distanced and nobody is touching anyone else’s candy. The donators would need to be ready to go before 10:00 a.m. and the pick-up people here at 10:00, ready to go. We would then do a live-stream of the event on Facebook. (Want to donate candy, but not be here? We’ll accommodate that, too.) Costumes are encouraged but not required.

## ***Special All Saints Worship – Sun., Nov. 1***

Our annual remembrance of people who have died through the lighting of candles at the 8:30 service will take place but be different. If you would like candles lit in memory of someone, use the online sign-up, email or call the office with your name and contact information, and the person(s) you are remembering (815-485-5327 or [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)). At the worship service, Deacon Shari & Pastor Dave will light the candles as special music takes place in the background.

## ***What’s the Scoop – Sun., Nov. 1***

We press on in the name of God! What’s the Scoop will be Sun., Nov. 1 at 12:15. Whether it will be all Zoom or a mixture.... stay tuned. Let us know if you will join us (815-485-5327 or [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org).)

## ***Thanksgiving Planning – Tues., Nov. 3***

For our wonderful dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, all kinds of people help in a variety of ways, but this year it will be different. We’ll need some people to be on a food assembly line, some to carry the food out from Fellowship Hall to the parking lot, and many others to take deliveries to people at their homes. The planning meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 7:00 p.m. (socially distanced or on Zoom) to help set the whole effort in motion. If you’d like to help, please use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or call the church office (815-485-5327 or [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org).) For safety’s sake, all the food will be catered this year.

## ***Baptism Orientation – Sat., Nov. 7***

November 7, at 3:30 p.m., marks the next baptism orientation class for those who wish to have children baptized at Peace in the next few months. It will be in Fellowship Hall at church.

## ***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.)

## ***CPR & AED Class – Sat., Nov. 14***

The New Lenox Fire Department is going to be conducting a CPR class 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 14, for ages Jr. High to adult. Masks are required and there will be a 10-person max, to allow for social distancing. Each person will have their own mannequin. The cost for the session will be \$35 each (check to Peace Church or cash please.) Please call or email the church office at [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) if you would like to sign up.

## ***Share Your “Blessing List”***

Following a sermon about having a daily “blessing list” (where you write down some blessings you have on a given day – to help counteract the heaviness of these times as well as our own crabbiness), one of our members asked if people would be willing to share some of theirs with others. You can send some on your list to our email ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)) or call the church office at 815-485-5327. If you don’t want your name included, let us know that, too. We’ll share these in this online bulletin or via Facebook over time.

## ***Questions Kids Ask About God Update***

Thanks to Pastor Forni and a group to which he belongs, our Spanish edition of our amazing book is now in the hands of multiple churches! Do you know someone who has a child? Why not gift them a book (either English or Spanish in full color or as a coloring book)? Please email the church: [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org). Our QKA Facebook page has been updated, so check it out and like it!



## ***Because of You and Your Gifts***

Through Lutheran World Relief, your love reaches across mountains, seas, impassable roads and even pandemics to save lives and change futures. LWR & its partners deliver emergency food packs, so families won't have to put their children to bed hungry during the COVID-19 crisis. They help men and women prepare for and respond to disasters like landslides, earthquakes or tsunamis, including providing lifesaving equipment like first aid kits, shovels, life jackets, lamps and more.

Long-term, LWR & partners teach farmers new environmentally friendly techniques that can save family crops, even during droughts or floods. Your gifts to our church help make all this happen! Thank you!

## ***Wish List***

From time to time, people want to make "above and beyond" financial gifts to the church. These gifts are not in place of regular, faithful stewardship – giving from the heart, off the top. Instead they are signs of extra gratitude/joy for the blessings of God. If you would like to make one of those gifts, see Pastor Dave for a list of items that are on his wish list (beyond the budget.)

## ***Caregiver Tip of the Month***

Do you recognize any of these? Burnout? Feeling guilty about taking breaks? Stressed? Not finding Support? Forgetting about yourself? Do some research. Some helpful organizations that can provide information or assistance on care giving include: Administration on Aging - National Association of Area Agencies on Aging - Eldercare Locator - AARP - Children of Aging Parents - Family Caregiver Alliance - National Alliance for Caregiving - Caregiver Action Network. Recognize that you can't do it alone and help is out there. (*For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics - see our display in the narthex.*)

## ***Golden Opportunities Books are back***

We are once again offering Golden Opportunity books. They're filled with savings coupons for many different types of places, from food to entertainment to carwashes. This year's edition has arrived and are \$25 each. (A portion of that goes to youth-related ministries.) We hope this helps you get some good bargains!

## ***Need A Mask?***

Thanks to our wonderful group of masks makers, we have a supply of masks available. If you are need of a face mask, please take what you need from the Ziploc bag in the grey tote by the front door of church.

## ***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 cereal (all kinds), canned fruit, peanut butter, soups**, coffee (ground), creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

## ***Youth Events*** ***Confirmation***

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Oct. 7 & 21 Nov. 4 & 18 (7:00p.m.)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Oct. 14 & 28 Nov. 11 & 18 (8:00p.m.)

## ***7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Movie Night - Fri., Oct. 16***

We invite the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to join Deacon Shari for movie night at church! We will meet at church from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. We will be outside, wearing our masks, and social distancing. Please dress warm, bring your own chair/blanket, and your own snack. Use the sign up below to let us know you are coming.

<http://www.peacenewlenox.org/event/1887008-2020-09-25-78th-grade-youth-group-movie-night/>

## ***Peace 360 –***

### ***Pumpkin Carving – Sun., Oct. 11***

Please bring your own pumpkin and carving supplies. We will meet from 4 p.m.- 6p.m.

### ***Bonfire at the Klock's Sun., Oct. 25***

Join us at Mr. & Mrs. Klock's house for a bonfire! We will meet from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Please bring your own blanket or chair, mask, and snacks to eat. Please let us know at [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) if you/your high school youth would like to attend so we can send you the Klock's address.

## ***Offering Envelope Boxes & New Devotional Booklet Available***

The next quarter's devotional booklets are now available. We put a second bin outside the front door labeled "devotional booklets" and you can come by the church and pick one up at your convenience. We are also putting them by the sidewalk at outdoor worship times.

If you want your devotional book or offering envelope box to be delivered to you ahead of when we can worship together, we have a volunteer ready to make deliveries. Let us know via [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org).

## ***Your Offerings Matter & Are Appreciated!***

You can either donate online or mail in your offering (PO Box 205, New Lenox, IL 60451). If you know your envelope #, write that on the check. If you don't, we'll gratefully look it up so that you get credit!

No matter how: thanks for your offerings – they are making a difference at Peace, in our community, in our country and around the world!

## ***NAMI You Are Not Alone Webinar***

One in four of us will struggle with the challenges of mental illness in any given year. NAMI Will Grundy offers, at no charge, education programs and support groups in our mission to "support individuals with mental illness and their families through advocacy, education and outreach." This program will provide you with a description of the NAMI Will Grundy educational programs and support groups. **There is no cost to attend these webinars.** Visit [JJC.edu/LLC](http://JJC.edu/LLC) to register for one of the free *You are Not Alone* webinars. Dates are Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7 from 6-7 pm.