

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Current as of Oct. 26, 2021 (new/important items since 10/22 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 10/29. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Tues., Oct. 26 - Church Council - 7:30pm

Wed., Oct. 27 - 8th Grade confirmation 7:00pm

Sat., Oct. 30 - Halloween Treats & Games - 10:00am

Sat. and Sun., Oct. 30 & 31 - Offering of Letters emphasis & Reformation worship

Sat., Oct. 30 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))

Sun., Oct. 31 - Live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary - 8:30am & 11:00 am in person worship (no live-stream), including New Member reception at 11:00

Sun., Oct. 31 - Sunday School 9:45am in person & Adult Class - 9:55am in person or via Zoom

Mon, Nov. 1 - Ruth Circle (Quilting) - 9:00am

Mon., Nov. 1 - Senior Exercise Group - noon

Tues., Nov. 2 - Thanksgiving Dinner Planning - 7:00pm

Wed., Nov. 3 - Bible Study - 10:00am in person or via Zoom

Wed., Nov. 3 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:30am

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

Sat., Nov. 6 - First Communion Instruction - 10:00am

Sat., Nov. 6 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))

Sat., Nov 6 - Adult Fellowship Pictionary & Your Food Event - 6:00pm

Sun., Nov. 7 - Live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary - 8:30am & 11:00 am in person worship (no live-stream) (8:30 worship will include lighting of candles for All Saints observance)

Sun., Nov. 7 - Sunday School 9:45am in person & Adult Class - 9:55am in person or via Zoom

Sun., Nov. 7 - What's the Scoop (idea exchange) - noon in person or via Zoom

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

Drive-in/Online/In person Worship for Oct. 30 & 31 - Reformation Sunday

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.** Weather will dictate where the drive-in worship will be located. If it is cooperative, we will be set up on the lawn area by the long sidewalk, facing the parking lot; if not, facing the front entrance. Regardless of grass area or at the main entrance canopy, you can bring your lawn chairs or stay in your cars (including a new and improved FM 88.3 option.)

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 (Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36) 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.

Words to This Week's Hymns – 10/30 & 10/31

Opening Hymn - *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #504

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Hymn of the Day - *The Church's One Foundation* #654

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Claudia Green in celebration of Roger Bentley's birthday and also given by Peace Church in celebration of our new members.

Welcome New Members

We are delighted to welcome these new members into our church!

Dennis Lindeman

Bill & Jamie McClellan and Will, Jon & Graham

Nick & Samantha Schroeder and Violet

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 \$2,766 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$5,810 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 366 Facebook views of last weekend's worship plus You Tube and watching live), and for the drive-in and in-person about 35 at 5:00, 30 at 8:30 & 40 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.

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.

New/ Important for This Week's Bulletin

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 - BEGINS IN NOVEMBER

We will be having a 4 session version of Grief Share, a ministry we have conducted in the past for people who have lost loved ones. It 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. 1, 8, 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.

CHRISTMAS IN A BOX - NOV. 21-NOV. 28 - SIGN UP BY NOV. 7

"Christmas in a Box" is a fun way for your family to celebrate our Advent Season. This box is filled with lots of goodies, a craft, and a devotional for your family to use during our Advent Adventure. This is sure to be fun for all ages! Please let us know by Nov. 7 if your family would like to participate. Call or email the office, or use the sign up sheet in the narthex. Boxes will be ready the week of Nov. 21, this way you will have your box in time to start the Advent season on Nov. 28. [Christmas in a Box sign up](#)

ADULT CHOIR & LADIES ENSEMBLE BEGIN REHEARSALS!!! NOV. 3 & 6

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.

WANT TO HELP PICK HYMNS FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS?

If you'd like to be in on the "here are the hymns we'll sing" for the next six months - December through May, let us know [email (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or call the church office at 815-485-5327.] We have a process that works quite well, including sending you all the instructions and lists you'll need. These need to be returned to Deb Howell by Nov. 7.

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.)

Oct. 31 - Does the Reformation Still Matter?

Nov. 7 - For All the Saints (a reflection on some of the "Saints" and more on the "saints")

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

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

OFFERING OF LETTERS OPPORTUNITY ONE MORE WEEKEND

October 16 is World Food Day – an international celebration commemorating the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945, raising awareness of the issues behind poverty and hunger. 2021's theme is "Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow." This day has been selected as the kickoff for our church's Offering of Letters in support of Bread for the World's hunger and poverty elimination effort. Saturday, October 16, through Sunday, October 31, our in-person and virtual Letters to Congress campaign will run. More details will be provided in a Congregation-wide e-mail. There will be opportunities to e-mail, sign and mail, and handwrite and mail letters on hunger legislation to our Representatives. Please join in providing a strong witness of our community's concern about hunger. Over the years, these letters and emails from congregations, campuses and community groups have helped inspire our leaders in Washington, D.C., to pass legislative victories that reduce hunger in the U.S. and around the world. You have helped save lives!!!

3rd-6th GR. BIBLE BUDDIES - WED., NOV. 3 & 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 - EVERY OTHER THURSDAY - NEXT = OCT. 28

Do you crochet or knit? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting again! A prayer shawl is a shawl prepared for and prayed over for someone that is hurting so they can wrap themselves in God's love. We could provide you with simple patterns or you could create your own. We are going to meet every other week on Thursdays at 6:00pm, with the next time being Oct. 14. 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.

HALLOWEEN CANDY & GAMES EVENT - SAT., OCT. 30 - 10:00am

We had a lot of fun doing it this way last year, so we're going to do it again! We want to help kids have a great Halloween. You can be involved, either as a donator or as "we'll come to get candy." To sign-up, [use our online sign up](#), call or email the office (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327.) The plan is that those donating candy each would spread the treats 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 on Sat., Oct. 30, before 10:00 a.m. and the pick-up people here at

10:00, ready to go. (Want to donate candy, but cannot be at church? We'll accommodate that, too.) The kids will collect their candy and have a chance to play some games too. Costumes are encouraged but not required. In case of rain, we'll be spaced out in Fellowship Hall.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION - OCT. 31

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! The reception will be Sun., Oct. 31, during 11:00am worship. We are grateful for the opportunity to welcome new members!

THANKSGIVING DINNER HELP & PLANNING - TUES., NOV. 2 - 7:00pm

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. The planning for this year's meal will be on Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 7:00pm. 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 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@peacelenox.org or 815-485-5327.) God's work continues!

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION - SAT., NOV. 6 - 10:00am

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. The class will be offered on Sat., Nov. 6 at 10:00am. Contact the church office for questions or to register. [Online sign up](#)

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP INVITATION - Pictionary & BRING YOUR OWN FOOD - NOV. 6 - 6:00pm

We had fun playing Bunco. Now it is on to some more fun: drawing on the white boards and trying to figure out what it is! No one draws alone, so you can be at a Kindergarten level as an artist and still not have to worry. The date is Sat., Nov. 6, and the time will be 6:00pm. Bring your own stomach-pleasing food with you. Please let us know if you are coming (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacelenox.org.) [Online sign up.](#)

ALL SAINTS CANDLE LIGHTING WORSHIP - NOV. 7 - 8:30am

During the 8:30 worship service on Sunday, Nov. 7, people who have lost loved ones will have an opportunity to remember them. This year's version will give people a choice of lighting their own candles or having Deacon Shari & Pastor Dave do it for them. All those who give us the names to be remembered ahead of time will be listed in the online bulletin that weekend. If you would like a candle lit in memory of someone, let us know through the website ([Sign Up](#)) or through the office (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacelenox.org.) Be sure to give us your name and contact information and whom you wish to remember.

WHAT'S THE SCOOP (IDEA EXCHANGE) - SUN., NOV. 7 - NOON

So, what goes on? Why should I come? The bottom line is ideas for ministry are exchanged and new ones brought to mind – even in these crazy times. We hope you'll come either in person or online through

Zoom! Our next meeting is Sun., Nov. 7, at noon. Let us know if you plan to attend and how so we can send you information ahead of time ([Online sign up](#), peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org, or 815-485-5327.)

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.

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

All you lovers of pizza and crafts, set aside Sat., Nov. 20, starting at 6:00pm. More details will be coming, but if you're in 5th Grade and beyond, we would love to see you then! 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.)

UPDATE REGARDING A REPLACEMENT FOR TODD YETMAN - SETTLED!

We have come to a decision on how to move forward with our worship musician and accompanist. Because our original choice could not find an apartment, we switched to a new prime candidate. We are pleased to say that Audre Kurowski, who has substituted twice for us on a Saturday, will begin her ministry with us on Nov. 1. Audre comes to us 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!

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 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

DRURY LANE - OAKBROOK

Holiday Inn - Saturday, Dec. 11 - 3:00 p.m. - Ticket Prices: \$82.70

Based on the classic film, Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn* follows retired song-and-dance man Jim's efforts to bring entertainment to his small Connecticut town. This joyous, family-friendly musical includes Irving Berlin's hit songs, including the Academy Award-winning "White Christmas." (Dinner at Maggiano's after the play would be delightful as well!) Please let the church office know by November 7 if you are interested in this performance and dinner after the show.

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 Dec. 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.

Baby Reid (ICU COVID complications), Roberta Albi (tumor & recovery), Kristie Paprocki (breast 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), Lindsay George (recovery), 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...

Ray, Michelle Dreiling (tumor), Jim Ott, Edith Hammock, Louisa Schultz (brain tumor), Glenna McIntosh, Jennifer & John (COVID), Sandy Losiniecki (dementia), Emily Giovengo (liver issues), Michael Hoffman (tumor), family of Bob Decker, David Becker (pneumonia), Travis Air Force Base (deployment), Larry Hedlin (recovery), Barb & Michael (COVID), Clair (COVID recovery), Geri Henning, ICU nurses, Linda (hospice), 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.

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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.peacenewlenox.org and click on the donate tab. You can also scan the QR code here with your smart phone to donate one time or set up recurring payments (or download in order to manage online giving).

Groups

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTING - Nov. 1 & 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.

GOLF GROUP

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

General Announcements

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

For many years, Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson have served as ELCA missionaries in Tanzania. When they first arrived, Mark's role was to develop a team of community health care workers and share ideas of primary care, basic hygiene, sanitation, water control and nutrition in surrounding communities. This then progressed into expanding the Selian Lutheran Care Center into a hospital, which now can perform surgeries, and developed a hospice and palliative care program. Linda worked alongside local women to start the Widow's Might craft project, which lifts up women who have lost their husbands and have had their property and livelihood taken away. The project allows them to use their skills of creating weavings, jewelry and art so they can become economically independent and thrive in the community. Truly the Jacobsons adapted a Tanzanian way of life in treating a person with respect and dignity.

CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

We have a team that has been working over the past few months to bring our social media pages up to date and to post regular content to them. Ways you can help to promote our pages and our church are to follow our pages and engaging our content by commenting, liking, and sharing our posts. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the handle @PeaceNewLenox.

PEACE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like special prayers said for someone, just let the office know of a particular need. Our Circle of Prayer ministry is ready to help. We will send out an email to the praying volunteers with that need. (If you would like to be a part of this Peace Circle of Prayer, let us know, including what email address we should use.)

Help Others

GOOD SHEPHERD group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eyeshadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs and brushes), personal items, bathing items (sponges, bubble bath, shower gel), and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons. Please place these items in the basket labeled *Good Shepherd Beauty Items* located under the left part of the narthex counter. Thank you for your support!

DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSTAR TREASURE CHEST

We are still accepting donations of clothing and household goods for MorningStar Treasure Chest. Place your donations in the basket marked MorningStar located in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall.

CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

Whether you are a caregiver for a spouse, parent, teen, sibling or a child, you need help with the emotional, spiritual, mental and physical side of reality. These days you might fold your hands in prayer and ask God to always be there. It isn't doubt, it isn't fear, it's just that NEED to want Him near. In the sleepless nights, and the worrying days, you tremble with sadness and laugh with tears. Keep my loved one safe you pray, keep me strong and healthy with each new day. Remind me dear God to always trust, no matter what the day may bring. Remind me too dear God, that my loved one also folds their hands in prayer and asks that I be there. Find more comfort in: Psalm 23, Psalm 119:73-77 and Isaiah 12. *(For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics – see our display in the entrance area of church when we get back together. Help yourself to the variety of resources that we have pulled together for you and know you're not alone.)*

HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Joliet. They have a food and resource pantry for people of their neighborhood who are hungry or in need. You can bring donations anytime and put them in the baskets on the floor heading into Fellowship Hall. The pantry is in need of the following specific items: **especially cereals, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, paper towels, household cleaning products, personal care items such as tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, easy-open snack-type items (protein bars, cookies, chips, nuts)**, coffee (ground), creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

Faith Development/Education

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD

More kids and more questions! Here are two more. 1) How old is God? *This question is actually in our Questions Kids Ask About God book! It says, "God doesn't keep track of time like we do. God has no age, no height, and no weight. God just is. God has always been there and will always be there." God actually created time and ordered the universe so we humans can keep track of things.*

2) Can God give me a sister? *God works with humans (most often a mom and dad) to bring babies into the world. God wants babies to be loved and cared for. That's more important to God than whether a baby is a boy or a girl. While an actual brother or sister may or may not happen in your family, you can care about and help your parent(s) and friends and classmates like they were your sister (brother.) That would make God very happy!*

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY -

We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in person or via Zoom. If you have any questions, call the office.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE

The coronavirus calls for new ways of helping people of faith. The ELCA's publishing house, Augsburg-Fortress, has made *Christ in Our Home* available free online:

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286137/Christ-in-Our-Home>.

EVERYBODY READ

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write down a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage. **October's is Romans 5:1-5.**

Details for how we worship this weekend, Oct. 30 & 31

FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

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

*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 either from the long sidewalk (lawn area) or from under the canopy at the front entrance, depending on the weather.**

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

* The worship usually lasts about 35 minutes. Worshiping outdoors allows us to sing with gusto!

ONLINE OPTIONS CONTINUE

* We will continue to live-stream our 5:00 & 8:30 worship services. Assuming everything works, all will be available through our Facebook site anytime.

INDOOR WORSHIP 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.