

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Current as of Sept. 17, 2021 (new/important items since 9/10 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 9/17. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

Reminder: Worship times this Sunday and following are back to 8:30 & 11:00 - both indoors (with masks). Saturday remains 5:00pm outdoors. All 3 services will have 2 hymns to sing! Sunday School & adult education also continue this Sunday, Sept. 19.

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sept. 18 & 19 - Presentation of Bibles to kids in 3rd Grade and above during worship

Sat., Sept. 18 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))

Sat., Sept. 18 - Youth Event (Outdoor Movie Night!) - 7:30pm (5th grade & above)

Sun., Sept. 19 - Live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary - 8:30am & 11:00 am in person worship (no live-stream)

Sun., Sept. 19 - Sunday School 9:45am in person & Adult Class (Estate Planning) - 9:55am in person or via Zoom

Sun., Sept. 19 - NYG Meeting - 3-4pm

Mon., Sept. 20 - Ruth Circle Quilters - 9:00am

Mon., Sept. 20 - Senior Exercise Group - noon

Tues., Sept. 21 - Trailblazers (seniors group) - noon

Wed., Sept. 22 - Bible Study - 10:00am in person or via Zoom

Wed., Sept. 22 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:30am

Wed., Sept. 22 - 8th Grade Confirmation class - 7:00pm in person or via Zoom

Sat., Sept. 24 - Drive-in Worship (88.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))

Sun., Sept. 25 - Live-stream & in person worship from inside the sanctuary - 8:30am & 11:00 am in person worship (no live-stream)

Sun., Sept. 25 - Sunday School 9:45am in person & Adult Class - 9:55am in person or via Zoom

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

Drive-in/Online/In person Worship for Sept. 18 & 19 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

This week our worship schedule remains as is for Saturday evening (5:00 outdoors) and switched back on Sundays to 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 11:18-20, James 3:13-4:3 & 7-8a, & Mark 9:30-37) 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 – 9/18 & 9/19

Opening Hymn - *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* #659

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Hymn of the Day - *Lift High the Cross* #660

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. **Refrain**

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Don & Marie Phelps in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

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 \$2,221 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$10,944 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 311 Facebook views of last weekend's worship plus YouTube and watching live), and for the drive-in about 56 at 5:00, 40 at 8:30 & 99 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS RESUMED! - 9:45am

Our Sunday School theme is Conductors of Faith!! Each week we gather at 9:45 outdoors, and then move in after our opening exercises. We look forward to another great year! We have a great team and would love to have you be a part of it!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANS TO HELP KEEP KIDS SAFE

We are trying to follow as many good practices as we can to keep kids safe in Sunday School. We have bought special air purifying equipment for each classroom. We are requiring masks be worn by all involved. We will space people out as best we can. All children will have their own box of supplies that will be only theirs each week. We will use our special virus killing sprayer before Sunday School each week. Until the situation improves, opening exercises will be out on the lawn in decent weather with designated meeting areas for each class.

ADULT CLASSES SUNDAYS - 9:55am

Please join us for another year of adult classes. The line up for the next month has its usual variety. 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.)

Sept. 19 – Presentation on Estate Planning (guest presenter)

Sept. 26 – Anger & Hate Take Too Much Energy (*Letting God assist us with those emotions*)

Oct. 3 – Infant Baptism or Not?

Oct. 10 - The Difference between Shame and Being Ashamed

UPDATES REGARDING A REPLACEMENT FOR TODD YETMAN

No one needs to pretend we can replace Todd, but we are going to have a quality musician helping us worship together! That person will bring gifts of their own and we will all get used to the changes. We have a finalist selected and she wants to come, but we are having a terrible time finding an apartment. If you have any leads, please let the office know.

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.

3rd-6th GR. BIBLE BUDDIES - SEPT. 22

We are bringing back Bible Buddies! 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 = SEPT. 30

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 Sept. 16. 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.

BIBLES TO KIDS IN 3rd GRADE AND HIGHER - SEPT. 18 & 19

Each year we have the privilege as a church of presenting a Bible to kids in 3rd grade (and above). This Bible is written at a third grade reading level and is a great way to get the scriptures into their hands. We will present these Bibles at worship on Sept. 18 & 19. (If you can't make those dates, let us know.)

5th GR. & BEYOND - OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT - SAT., SEPT. 18, 7:30PM

Please join us for an outdoor movie (*Mulan*.) Please bring a snack, water bottle, and a chair or blanket. If we have inclement weather we will move into Fellowship Hall. Please use the sign up [Outdoor Movie sign up](#).

ESTATE PLANNING CLASS - SEPT. 19 - 9:55am

Plan to come to the adult class on Sept. 19 to get some basic information on estate planning. It will not be a sales job! A representative from Thrivent Financial will lead the effort, and has done this presentation numerous times. Planning for our future is a wise thing to do. Not planning means the state of Illinois will make decisions for you!

NYG MEETING - SEPT. 19 - 3pm

Registration papers will be available during the meeting. The \$200 deposit is due this day, as well. If you need assistance with the deposit or any other payment please be sure to talk to Deacon Shari about our Hope Fund.

NEW MOBILE GIVING APP IS COMING - SIGN UP BY SEPT. 30

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. Please download Vanco Mobile by September 30. 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. Call or email us if you'd like to go that route.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - SUN., OCT. 3 - NOON

In celebration of our non-human companions, we invite you to bring your animals to church for a special blessing on Sun., Oct. 3, 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 stay in your socially distanced space and Pastor Dave or Deacon Shari will come near you for a more personalized blessing from that distance. In case of rain, we'll try Oct. 10.

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., OCT. 9 - 9:00am - 1:00pm

Thank you to everyone who donated in Aug. We had 22 units collected for a total of 66 lives saved! Our next blood drive will be Sat., Oct. 9 from 9:00am -1:00pm. Please use the Versiti website www.versiti.org/home/coronavirus-information to make an appointment or call the office and we'll schedule it for you.

FLU SHOTS - SUN., OCT. 10 - 9:30 - NOON

Through the outreach efforts of a local Walgreens, we once again will be providing flu shots (both regular and the high-dose.) The shots will be given beginning at 9:15am and continuing until noon. We are asking you to make an appointment so we can have people not have to wait (long.) Call the church office M-F 9:00 to noon (or email us and we'll contact you) before Oct. 5. Shots can be given to those 10 years old and above. Even if you can't get your shots that day, be sure to get one this year!

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION - SAT., OCT. 16 OR NOV. 6

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., Oct. 16, 3:30pm or if you prefer, on Sat., Nov. 6 at 10:00am. You need only attend one class or the other. Contact the church office for questions or to register.

OFFICIAL THANK YOU RECEPTION FOR ED HOVI - OCT. 16 & 17

Ed Hovi retired in March as our custodian after a lot of years (let's guess 25!) We postponed his official retirement thank-you reception because Ed suddenly had some health issues to take care of. But those are now under control and we have gotten the green light to have an event. It will have two options: Sat., Oct. 16, after the 5:00pm worship and Sun., Oct 17, at 9:45am. Both will have some treats and an opportunity to say thank you for all Ed's great service among us.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION - SUN., OCT. 17 - 9:45am

A topic that is sure to get people instantly anxious is racism. The issue is filled with so much misinformation and misunderstandings. The book for our next discussion is trying to bridge the gaps and help people have *good* conversations. *So You Want to Talk about Race?* written by Ijeoma Olou is a thoughtful and helpful step along the way. A copy of the book is available at church (sign-out which copy) if you wish. The date will be Oct. 17 and the time will be 9:45am. 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.)

SOME NEW THEATER OPTIONS

DRAMA GROUP - 330 202ND ST. - CHICAGO HEIGHTS

How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying - Sunday, Oct. 3 - 2:00pm or 5:00pm

This tried and true musical is a satire on big business. Young window washer Finch, with the aid of a handbook, moves up the corporate ladder with a mixture of innocence and smarts. Tickets are \$23, \$21, or \$17 depending on your age. If you are interested, let us know by September 19.

CURTAIN CALL THEATRE - FRONT STREET - MOKENA

Over the River and Through the Woods - Sunday, Nov. 7 - 3:00pm

This humorous and touching comedy features a young bachelor living in New Jersey who spends every Sunday having dinner with his Italian grandparents. They try their best to foil his plans to be transferred to Seattle, including a blind date. The tickets are \$20. If you are interested in this performance, let the church office know by Sunday, Oct. 24, so we can order tickets. (And if you're interested, after the performance, some will head to Fox's for dinner. Let us know that, too.

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.

AMAZING (AMAZON) SMILE CONTRIBUTIONS

Because some of you designate Peace with your Amazon Smile dollars, we received another \$89.71. Thank you to all who find multiple ways to support the ministry of Peace!

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 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.

The family of Karen Michielsen, Michael Hoffman (tumor), the family of Barb George, Jack Goesel (recovery), the family of Bob Decker, David Becker (pneumonia), Vivian Farbak (recovery), Jan Stoller, Kay Johnson (blood clots, cancer), Grant & Kaitlin Gibbs (deployment), Joshua Spreadbury & family (COVID), Gerry Wurzburger (recovery), Diane Cochran (throat cancer), Lindsay George (recovery), Janice Musak (recovery), Cheryl Krieger (recovery), Claudia Green (surgery), Larry Parvin (health), Denise Jones (rehab), Ron Fullriede (healing), Ted Chubb (healing), Roger Bentley (healing), Max (cancer), 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... Travis Air Force Base (deployment), Larry Hedlin (recovery), Barb & Michael (COVID), Clair (COVID recovery), Geri Henning, ICU nurses, Linda (hospice), Marie (health), Doug Ruth (injury), Michael (healing), Rick Davis (healing), 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

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

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

Giving & Giving More Thanks

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 - SEPT. 20 - 9:30am

Quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:30 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 - WE WELCOME YOU AS WE COME BACK! - SEPT. 21

We invite anyone who'd like to get together with some others who are anything but "over the hill" to come together on Sept. 21 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

Your generosity to ELCA makes new congregations possible by supporting mission developers such as Rev. Maria Rojas at Unidad Latinx Mission in Berwyn, Illinois. Mission developers are unique church leaders with the skills and vocation required to walk alongside communities as they build new spiritual homes. “Mission developers need to go to those communities and just observe, learn and listen,” Rev. Maria says. “When you bring somebody new, a new group or a new idea or new church, we need to acknowledge that these are people that have their own ideas, that have their own way of seeing things, that they have their own power, their own love, and if they put what they have in with what we have, we will be creating something very new. Because at the end of the day, this is going to be their congregation, this is going to be their church, this is going to be their home.” This is Unidad at its core – celebrating the diversity of its community.

CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

We have a team that has been working over the past few months to bring our social media pages up to date and to post regular content to them. Ways you can help to promote our pages and our church are to follow our pages

and engaging our content by commenting, liking, and sharing our posts. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the handle @PeaceNewLenox.

PEACE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

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

Help Others

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

DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSTAR TREASURE CHEST

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

CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

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

HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

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

Faith Development/Education

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD

While we wait for more opportunities to share our *Questions Kids Ask About God* book with others, we recognize the questions don't stop. Here are two more. 1) Does God look like us? *More important than looks is how we are inside. In that most important area, we have been created in God's image: to love God and others. Sometimes we don't do it. Then we don't look (act) like God. As to how we look physically, no, God doesn't look like us because God doesn't live in time or space. One day we will look like God in all aspects of life.* 2) Does God have to go to the dentist? *(My guess is the writer of the question was going to the dentist!) No, God doesn't have to go to the dentist because God doesn't need teeth where God lives.*

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. **September's is Hosea 11:1-4**

Details for how we worship this weekend, Sept. 18 & 19

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.