

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Current as of September 9, 2022

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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.peacelenox.org regularly for updates. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sat., Sept. 10 - Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal - 3:00pm
Sat., Sept. 10 - Worship & Sunday School Teacher/Helper installation- 5:00pm - **live-streamed and on Facebook**
Sun., Sept. 11 - 8:30am worship & Sunday School Teacher/Helper installation - **live-streamed and on Facebook** & 11:00am worship & Sunday School Teacher/Helper installation
Sun., Sept. 11 - Rally Day! Sunday School begins! - 9:45am
Sun., Sept. 11 - Opportunity to get to know Pastor Gary (who will be our Interim Pastor starting Oct.1)
Sun., Sept. 11 - Messtival (7th-12th Grades) - 12:30pm
Mon., Sept. 12 -Ruth Circle Quilters - 9:00am
Mon., Sept. 12 - Senior Exercise Group - 12:00pm
Tues., Sept. 13 - Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 7:00pm
Wed., Sept. 14 - Bible Study - 10:00am
Wed., Sept. 14 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:15am
Wed., Sept. 14 - 7th & 8th Gr. Confirmation Orientation - 7:00pm - Meet in the Sanctuary
Wed., Sept. 14 - Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:00pm - Meet in Fellowship Hall
Sat., Sept. 17 - Worship - 5:00pm - **live-streamed and on Facebook**
Sept. 17/Sept. 18 - Bibles will be given to 3rd Graders and older during worship services
Sun., Sept. 18 - 8:30am worship - **live-streamed and on Facebook** & 11:00am worship
Sun., Sept. 18 - Children's Choir Rehearsal - 9:00am
Sun., Sept. 18 - Peace Page Turners - 9:45am
Tues., Sept. 20 - Trailblazers - 11:30am
Tues., Sept. 20 - Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 7:00pm
Wed., Sept. 21 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:15am
Wed., Sept. 21 - Prayer Shawl Group - 6:00pm
Wed., Sept. 21 - Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:00pm
Fri., Sept. 23 - Church Office Closed
Sat., Sept. 24 - Worship - 5:00pm - **live-streamed and on Facebook**
Sun., Sept. 25 - 8:30am worship - **live-streamed and on Facebook** & 11:00am worship
Sun., Sept. 25 - Children's Choir Rehearsal - 9:00am
Mon., Sept. 26 - Ruth Circle Quilters - 9:00am
Tues., Sept. 27 - Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 7:00pm
Tues., Sept. 27 - Council Meeting - 7:30pm

Worship for September 10 & 11 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

This week our worship schedule includes our regular schedule, with 5:00pm worship on Saturday plus 8:30 & 11:00am on Sunday. **5:00 and 8:30 services are live-streamed.**

Our [Facebook page](#) site continues to have the worship services recorded and available anytime. (You do not need to have a Facebook account to access this public page.) There will be hymns to which you can sing along, (words below this announcement) some scripture readings (Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10) prayers, communion, a sermon, teaching moment, children's sermon, special music. Please join in being together in God's name inside the sanctuary or electronically and share the worship post with others! If you want more details, search/look for "How will worship work" at the end of the document.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week are by Jess & Jeff Lindeman in celebration of the beginning of our Sunday School year and thanks to our amazing Sunday School teachers and helpers!

Words to This Week's Hymns – 9/10 & 9/11

Opening Hymn - *Jesus Loves Me!* #595

1. Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. *Refrain*

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Refrain*

3. Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

Hymn of the Day - *I Will Make You Fishers of Men* (insert)

I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men.
I will make you fishers of men if you follow me.
If you follow me, if you follow me,
I will make you fishers of men if you follow me.

Closing Hymn - *Oh, Sing to the Lord* #822 (stanza 1,3, & 5)

1. Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

3. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

5. For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

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! **Your online gifts last week of \$3,755 and mailed in & weekend offerings of \$7,631 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance, we had 379 Facebook views of the weekend's worship (plus You Tube and watching live), and for the in-person about 42 for the 5:00, about 46 at 8:30 and 42 at 11:00.** Let the Word of God speak in our hearts and to the world.

New/ Important for This Week's Bulletin

OUR CHURCH DURING SEPTEMBER

Yes, Pastor Dave has retired, but Peace Church will keep on worshipping, learning, serving, being in fellowship, communicating, and so much more! You can see from the list of "this week and beyond" above about all the ministries that are ready to meet and keep us going full-speed-ahead. For most people, worship is where we connect. So for September, Deacon Shari will be here except for the weekend when she and Brett are getting married! Pastor Gary Erickson (who will be our Interim Pastor – see announcement near the end of this bulletin for more information) will be our supply pastor for worship again on Sept. 10/11. Pastor Durfur will be here Sept. 17/18 & 24/25.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE TO RETURN - YOUR INPUT REQUESTED

It is time to go back to the full-steam ahead version of volunteering. ☺ The staff has re-worked our usual volunteer schedule in an abbreviated form. The **master list of volunteers will go out in late September**, and will be active starting Oct. 1. (Then a few months down the road, more items can be added to the schedule.)

Here's what we are asking you to do now:

- 1) **If you were on the old list of people who volunteered** for some aspect of worship ministry, we **would like to automatically include you** on the next list. (In other words, we'd like you to stay on it, but if you don't want that, just let us know at peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)
- 2) **If you were not on the old list, we'd love to have you volunteer** for one of these aspects of ministry! The Interest Indicators form (see below) is one of the vehicles we use, but you can call the office (815-485-5327) or send an email to peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.

This is **also the season for our Interest Indicators for everyone**. You can fill one out

* online through our website either

* an abbreviated version that is for worship-related items only [Abbreviated interest indicator](#)

* or via a fillable pdf version that you can then print and bring/mail [fillable Interest Indicator](#)

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* or fill out a paper version at church.

PRAYER SHAWLS RESUMES - EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY STARTING SEPT. 21

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 Wednesday at 6:00pm starting Sept. 21. 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.

ADULT CHOIR INVITATION - WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00PM

Come one, come all!!! Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. We welcome all men and women who love to sing. What could be better than making a joyful noise to the Lord with like-minded people?! No audition or musical past required. We can use every voice, so please think, pray and act on it. Please contact the church office for more information.

LADIES ENSEMBLE INVITATION - BEGINS SAT., SEPT. 10

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies...step right up!! Make a joyful noise to the Lord and fellowship with wonderful ladies who enjoy a good time by joining the Peace Ladies Ensemble!! Rehearsals are only one Saturday a month and there are no auditions. Just a joy for singing. The first rehearsal will be Sat., Sept. 10 at 3:00pm. Please contact the church office for more information.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES - TUES., SEPT. 13

Handbell Choir rehearsals will resume on Tues., Sept. 13 at 7:00pm. Please contact the church office for more information.

SEPTEMBER HELP OTHERS EMPHASIS IS MAC & CHEESE

Your generosity is amazing, and we continue to want to connect that to people in need! This month we are collecting Mac & Cheese for the New Lenox Food Pantry. If you would like to donate, please bring your items to church and put them in the bin in the narthex or leave them in the gray bin outside the front doors and we will take care of them. Thank you!

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES - 9:45am

Please join us for Sunday adult classes. Here is the line up for the next few weeks. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and the class is offered in person and on Zoom (let us know if you'd like the codes.)
Sept. 11 - Get to know Pastor Gary (we will have an informal opportunity to be with the pastor who will be our Interim Pastor starting Oct. 1)
Sept. 18 - Peace Page Turner Book Discussion
Sept. 25 - God Calls Us Together

RALLY DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY!! - SEPT.11, at 9:45am

Sunday School will start on Sun., Sept. 11, at 9:45am. Our theme this year is G.L.O.W and it stands for God Loves Our World!

7TH -12TH GR. AND BEYOND - MESSTIVAL! - SUN., SEPT. 11

Youth 7th grade and older are invited to join us for the messiest of messy events...MESSTIVAL! On Rally Day, Sept. 11 at 12:30 we will meet for a pizza lunch and then we will get super messy! Please let us know if you can attend! We suggest that you wear play clothes or something you do not mind getting dirty. Bring a towel and a pair of goggles if you have them. [Online sign up](#) or use the sign up slip in the bulletin. Pick up time will be 3pm.

BIBLES TO 3RD GRADE ON UP - SEPT. 17 & 18

Our church has great joy in giving each child a Bible of his/her own. We invite children from third grade on up, who haven't received theirs yet, to come forward during a worship service on Sept. 17 or 18.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL INVITATION - BEGINS SUN., SEPT. 18

Children's Choir rehearsal will resume Sun., Sept. 18 for anyone 2nd- 8th grade who loves to sing! We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:00am and will be finished in time for Sunday School.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION - SUN., SEPT. 18

Our next meeting will be Sept. 18 at 9:45am and we will discuss *The Flight of the Sparrow - an Early American Novel* by Amy Belding Brown. This story takes place during the 1670's and is fiction based

upon the real story of Mary Rowlandson. Mary is a minister's wife who gets captured along with her three children by Native Americans. Her life demonstrates a transformation in the midst of hardship. 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.) Copies of the book are available to sign out at church.

TRAILBLAZERS - TUES., SEPT. 20 - 11:30am

We invite anyone who'd like to get together with some others who are anything but "over the hill" to come together on Tues., Sept. 20, at 11:30am at church. Bring \$5; the food will be provided. Email or call the church office for more information.

FLU SHOTS - SUN., OCT. 2 - 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 9:30am 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 Sept. 28. 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!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - SUN., OCT. 2 - NOON

In celebration of our non-human companions, we invite you to bring your animals to church for a special blessing on Sun., Oct. 2 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).

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.

Bill Park (Parkinson's), the family of Joyce Sprandel, Amanda (surgery recovery), Tom Sprandel (health concerns), the Becker family, Dennis Flynn (COVID pneumonia), Scott, Sally & Seth Trzcinski (COVID), Rick Mitchell (knee issues), Zach & Hannah Huelhorst (multiple health issues), Marty Rodey (recovery), Annie Eckroth (healing), Jane (Alzheimer's) and Rich (caregiver) Meister, Denise Jones, Ted Chubb (healing), Dorothy Vrshek (hospice), Chris Fehrenkamp, Hailey (strength and guidance), Barb Decker, Nolan (God's guidance), Cathy Richardson, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Scott Campbell (heart transplant), Paul Peterson, Amy Walker, Dani Hakala & Darla Velasquez (loss of their mother), Rita Seehofer (healing), Mike Endsley, Steve and Grace (health), Jason Costello (hit by a car), Zori, John (friend) & Pablo (serious medical issues), Deanna (liver issues), Richard Whyte (heart attack), Pam Prible, Paul Bentley (healing), Sue Panico (heart surgery), Erv Pander, Marie (health), Parker (seizures), Sandy Booton, Alan Booton, Tyler, Bill Reidy (cancer), Georgianna Bafundo.

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.

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Youth News

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

Our amazing Sunday School staff, teachers, kids and parents are faithfully connecting one another to a closer relationship with God.

7th-12th GR. EVENTS COMING UP [Sign up here](#)

Sun., Oct. 2 – County Line Orchard – Meet at church at 1:30pm. We will stop for a fast-food lunch on our way there. Bring money for food and apples.

Sun., Oct. 9 – Lunch and Gaga Ball/games 1-3pm

Sat., Oct. 15 – Movie Night, *Hocus Pocus 2* & pizza dinner 6-9pm.

Sun., Oct. 23 – Youth Committee Meeting with lunch 1-3pm

Help Others

MORNINGSTAR MISSION SERVING

We are resuming our once a month serving at MorningStar Mission in Joliet. With a team of four people (we'll put teams together or you can assemble four people of your own and let us know so we can schedule you together), we take one Sunday early evening to serve people who come to the mission for a meal. Those who have done this in the past have found it very meaningful. Our serving dates will be the fourth Sunday of each month, and our time starts at 3:45pm and we're usually finished by 5:30pm. We already have six months covered and would like to fill out the year so each team would serve once a year. If you would like more information, call the office (815-485-5327) or send us an email or if you're ready, [sign up](#).

HELP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

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

HELPING SANTA CRUZ'S FOOD PANTRY

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

SMALL & MEDIUM-SMALL TOYS FOR A SCHOOL

For years we have invited people to collect small toys. 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.

SHAREFEST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sharefest is a community organization we have supported for many years. They have all kinds of projects throughout Will County that they conduct for the betterment of people who just need a helping hand or have a need for food, not to mention their recycling efforts. (This is in addition to our support of the New Lenox Township Food Pantry.) Sharefest has now opened a food warehouse at 22014 Howell Dr., Unit #1, New Lenox. With the launching of the ShareFest Store's online ordering platform for free food, they have many opportunities for volunteers to help feed the hungry on a daily basis. Please check out what they are doing and sign up through the ShareFest website if you are interested.

Giving & Giving More Thanks

BECAUSE OF YOU

Your gifts in action: Last year ELCA World Hunger awarded 469 grants to partners in 67 countries and 63 ELCA synods. Lutheran Disaster Response was at work in 47 countries around the world and 51 states and territories in the U.S. and the Caribbean, through a combination of COVID-19 response and other disaster relief. The Fund for Leaders provided over \$3.2 million in scholarship assistance to 317 ELCA seminary students during the 2020-21 academic year. New ELCA congregations are taking shape throughout the U.S. and the Caribbean, nearly 75% of which are in ethnically diverse communities, in lower-income neighborhoods and urban settings, and/or among LGBTQIA+ and young-adult communities. More than 120 ELCA missionary households walk alongside communities around the world.

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 (download to manage online giving).

Faith Development/Education

CROSS GENERATIONAL WOMEN'S RETREAT - FRI., OCT. 7, - SUN., OCT. 9 - SIGN UP TODAY!

We are in the beginning stages of planning a cross generational retreat! We invite women ages 21 and older to join Deacon Shari as she hosts this retreat, at the Tower Hill Camp and Retreat Center in Sawyer, MI. The cost will be \$100, this includes lodging for 3 days and 2 nights and meals. If you would like to participate but the cost involved is keeping you from joining us, we have fund available to help you. Please talk with Deacon Shari and no one else will know. Please contact the church (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327) or sign up online by Sun., Sept. 11.

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD

What Part of the Body of Christ am I?

The Bible uses words that make pictures in our minds to help us understand how we as God's people relate to each other. The Body of Christ is one of these words. Just like all our body parts are important so are each of you to our Church and to God. Just like each of our body parts does something different, a nose smells and eyes see, each one of us have special gifts that we can use to share God's love. You are important to God with all of your gifts, and you are important to our church family here at Peace.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

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 about what you got out of the passage. **September's is Philippians 4:4-9.**

Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

MOTOWN COMES TO JOLIET - FRI., DEC. 9

The golden days of the Motown Sound may be over, but you can relive some of the wonderful sounds Motown produced on Fri., Dec. 9 at 8:00pm at the Rialto in Joliet, featuring the sounds of The Temptations, The Miracles and The Contours. They will perform in A Motown Christmas. (Aisle dancing is optional!) We anticipate a ticket price of \$44 and a pre-show get-together is in the works. Let us know through the [sign up](#) or call the office.

Groups

RUTH CIRCLE QUILTING - MON., SEPT. 12 - 9:00am

Quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:00am. You are welcome to join this great group! Questions? Contact the church office.

GOLF GROUP

We play on Wednesdays at 8:30am. Each week Mike Bohl will send out an email to interested golfers with when and where to meet. You do not have to play every week. The format will still be "best ball". Questions or to [sign up](#), contact the church office (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

STRONG SENIORS EXERCISE GROUP - MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

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

ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY

Is someone you love abusing prescription or street drugs? If you are feeling all alone and would like some support from other parents, siblings, friends and spouses who are traveling the same road you are on, then this group may be for you. We support all roads to recovery, so we share what has or hasn't worked for us. We also understand that we must recover, because our lives have also become unmanageable. We meet Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office.

General Announcements

FLOWER CHART FOR 2022

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

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.)

CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

Ways you can help to promote our pages and our church are to follow our pages and engaging our content by commenting, liking, and sharing our posts. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the handle @PeaceNewLenox.

PEACE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

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

GOOD SHEPHERD group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, brushes, lotion, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs, personal items, bathing items, and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons. Please place these items in the basket labeled Good Shepherd Beauty Items in the narthex.

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.)

Details for how we worship this week, Sept. 10 & 11

FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

Saturday worship at 5:00pm will be indoors, with no more outdoor services until special occasions. Sunday remains indoors at 8:30 & 11:00. **5:00 and 8:30 services are live-streamed.**

*** Masks are now optional, but are once again encouraged for all who are at all concerned.**

*Whether you drive-in, are on the blacktop or worship at home, we have modified communion options. You can take a piece of bread or cracker with you to the service. We will give the Words of Institution on behalf of all of us and invite us to take our bread/cracker at the same time and partake of this modified version of the Lord's Supper. **At all worship services, a come-forward option is available.**

* In order to keep people's safety in mind, there will be a drop box if you wish to bring an offering with you. Otherwise, we will depend on people continuing to contribute online or by mail.

ONLINE OPTIONS CONTINUE

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

INDOOR WORSHIP - at 5:00pm and Sundays at 8:30 & 11:00am

Here are the notes if you are planning to come:

- * **Per IDPH guidelines, masks are optional.**
- * Congregational singing of hymns is allowed. We'll be using the hymnals, or you can use the online version in this bulletin.
- * We are asking for some more volunteers for worship, including acolytes and lay liturgists.
- * We will be sending an email each week also asking for volunteers to assist at worship. If you would like to volunteer for a specific week, please let us know.
- * The service length will be increasing as we add elements of the liturgy and other items back in.
- * If you feel sick or have come in contact with someone who has COVID-19, please stay home and watch via the live-stream.

Please pray for our world's healing, and for our congregation's ongoing attempts to stay faithful to God and God's leading!

To sign up for anything, to ask a question, or to share a thought, we suggest using the church's email: peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.