

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Our Vision Statement: *Sharing Peace Faithfully*
Our Mission: *To bring people into contact with the Gospel,
and help them grow in their relationship to God in Christ.*

Please check in with our Peace website www.peacenewlenox.org regularly for updates. There will be occasional email updates as well, the last of which was 8/14/20. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Wed., Aug 19 - Bible Study - 10:00am in person at church and via Zoom
Sat., Aug. 22 - Outdoor Worship & Drive-in & Live-stream - 5:00pm (followed by [Facebook video](#))
Sun., Aug. 23 - Outdoor Worship & Drive-in & Live-stream - 9:45am
Sun., Aug. 23 - Special Confirmation Outdoor Worship & Drive-in & Live-stream - 11:00am
Sun., Aug. 23 - Peace Page Turners - 10:45am, in person at church and via Zoom
Mon., Aug. 24 - Summertime Quilting - 9:00am at church
Wed., Aug. 26 - Bible Study - 10:00am in person at church and via Zoom
Sat., Aug. 29 - Outdoor Worship & Drive-in & Live-stream - 5:00pm (followed by [Facebook video](#))
Sun., Aug. 30 - Outdoor Worship & Drive-in & Live-stream - 9:45am

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

Drive-in and Online Worship for Aug. 22 & 23 (with communion option)

Please join us for this weekend's Outdoor and Drive-in Worship at 5:00pm on Saturday, Aug. 15, (with [Facebook live stream](#) of the worship if the weather cooperates) and another Outdoor and Drive-in Worship option on Sunday, Aug. 16, at 9:45am with the same weather qualifier. Our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#) sites will have the worship recorded and available anytime after Sunday's worship for sure. (You do not need to have a Facebook account to access this public page.) There will be some great music from Todd, special music, a hymn to which you can sing along (words included below this announcement, so be sure to **print out the words**) some liturgy, scripture readings (Isaiah 56:a, 6-8, Romans 11:1-2, 29-32, & Matthew 15:10-28), prayers, communion (**be sure you bring a piece of bread or a cracker**), and a sermon. Join in being together in God's name out on the lawn, in your cars or electronically and share the worship post with others! (In case of inclement weather, worship will be the drive-in option.) If you want more details, search/look for "How will worship work" later in the document.

Words to This Week's Hymn – Print them if you're coming to the Outdoor or Drive-In Worship

8/22 & 23 - *Gather Us In* - words by Marty Haugen

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought to you here in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away –
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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! In troubled times, it is as important as ever to let the Word of God speak in our hearts and to the world. Thank you!

New/ Important for This Week

BLESSING FOR SCHOOLS - AUG. 22 & 23

As a part of worship on Aug. 22 and 23, we will have a special prayer of blessing for all those connected to schools of all kinds. We will pray for teachers, students, staff, parents, administrators, bus drivers, support personnel, etc.

CONFIRMATION WORSHIP - AUG. 23 - 11:00am

In order to assure enough socially distanced spaces, we are having an extra outdoor worship service for Aug. 23 at 11:00 for the second set of our confirmands and their families and guests. Please be in prayer for these young people as they affirm their faith.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We know it is a different kind of year as far as which schools will be open and when. No matter for that, however, are kids who will need supplies to use at home or in school. So when you're out shopping, feel free to pick up some supplies and bring them to church. Either drop them off outside the front door, or if the building is open you can use the container just inside the front door.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., AUG. 23 - 10:45am

Our next combination Zoom and in-person meeting is scheduled for Aug. 23, at 10:45am. The in-person will be separated safely (plus wear a mask while moving to and from.) We will discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover. It is a fascinating book about how she overcame an abusive family and all she has learned along the way. If you are using Zoom, be sure to let us know so we can get the codes to you. If you have any questions, please contact

the church office. (There might be some copies of the book still available at church.)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS - SUN., AUG. 30 - 10:45am

We invite anyone who wants to participate in an adult class on join us on Sunday, Aug. 30, at 10:45am, either online via Zoom or in person. Be sure to let us know if you're coming and by which means so we can give out the codes or have the right socially distanced space. The topic will be "The Art of Listening." We will cover a variety of circumstances and situations.

ORLAND GRASSLANDS EVENT - SUN., SEPT. 13

Orland Grasslands is a 5 mile paved circle that you can walk, bike, skateboard or jog. We will meet at the entrance at 167th & LaGrange Rd. at 1:00 p.m. and all can go at their own pace. The plan is to end by 3:00. This is a beautiful area where you can typically see deer, hawks, rabbits, & gorgeous butterflies. (If you are hungry after the event, there is a Lou Malnati's pizza restaurant with outdoor seating, a Subway sandwich place, a Tribes Beer Company and Frankie's Ristorante close by, which you'd arrange on your own.) Please call or email the church office if you will be attending.

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.

Pat Fruhwirth (recovery), Diane Cochran (recovery), Don Anderson, Keara Powers, all students returning to school (and traveling), Kay Johnson, Pete Viehweg, Mary Brouette (recovery), Liz & Zach & Oliver McDivitt (COVID-19), Kathy Drews (recovery), Sue Wagner (recovery & COVID-19), Claire DeMik (health), Marilyn Krauch (recovery), Steven Barlow, Denise Jones, Wally & Kristi Paprocki (healing), Ingrid Howard (recovery), Kerrie Flynn, Michele Lenz (recovery), Bonnie Fikeys, Barb Decker, Georgia Cash, Edith Saurer, Terry Jesk, Nolan (God's guidance), Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Judy Williams, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot... Howard Hickey, Carly Flynn, Tom, Denise Severson (healing), John Pauzs (hospice), Darlene, Sandy Booten, Mike & Ali (safe pregnancy), Madisyn Ann Brill, Janet (procedures), Vern Sandborn (recovery), Bobbie, Heidi, Cherilyn Madsen (depression), Gary Madsen (job loss), Alan Booton, Bill Reidy (cancer), Erv Pander, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt, Mary Hand, Tyler, the Austin family, Brena V. and family, Dan T. & family, Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo, Jeffrey, the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY - 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. Donald Lazarz, Mike Scott, Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Ned Fowler, Brian Kettell, Jake Treasure, Grover Keltz, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Dan Treasure, Neil Vickers, Allison DeVitto, Rob Boland, Daniel Lauer.

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

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PO Box # 12989	1208 Battery Creek Rd.
Annapolis, MD 21412	Beaufort, SC 29902

MA2 Baker, Connor	2 nd Lieutenant Jakob Swenson
5600 Shorewood Lane	947 Burr St. Apt. E
Norfolk, VA 23502	Fort Benning, GA 31905

Giving & Giving More Thanks

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).

OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES & DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS OPTIONS

Option A: We put a second bin outside the front door labeled “devotional booklets” and you can come by the church and pick one up at your convenience. If we know you wanted your offering box that way, we’ll also put any such requests in there with your name on the offering box. (Just give us at least two days notice.)

Option B: Just wait until we are together. You can either donate online or mail in your offering (PO Box 205, New Lenox, IL 60451). If you know your envelope #, write that on the check. If you don’t, we’ll gratefully look it up so that you get credit! We will have the boxes available outside (weather permitting) for the outdoor worship services.

No matter how: thanks for your offerings!

Groups

SENIORS EXERCISE GROUP

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

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP - on hold until December

Do you care for someone diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia? Are you looking for information and support? You are not alone. An Alzheimer’s Association Support Group meeting was being held at Peace, but is suspending their in person meetings until December. For more information, please contact the church office.

ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY (on Zoom or outside)

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.

SUMMERTIME QUILTING – MON. AUG. 10 & 24

Summertime quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:30 a.m. It’s very casual and if you can’t make it each time, just come when you can. Questions? Contact the church office.

PRAYER SHAWLS - stay tuned for when we can get back together! Send an email if you have questions or would like more information.

Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

THEATERS - because of all the uncertainty about when the theaters will reopen, we are suspending ordering tickets.

CHESS TOURNAMENT WILL BE RESCHEDULED

Calling all chess players! Peace’s first chess tournament will be rescheduled. Questions? Contact the church office.

General Announcements

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office has opened up a little more. We have a person in the office M-F from 9:00 to noon. We continue to seek ways to serve and be safe at the same time. If you stop by church, please be sure you wear a mask. The front door may be locked, so ring the doorbell to the left of the door.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE CENSUS YET?

We are reminded that everyone needs to be counted in order for our communities and schools to receive their fair share of funding. If you haven't already filled it out, you can do it online at www.2020census.gov.

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.

GOLF GROUP - WE ARE BACK IN BUSINESS!

The golf group is ready to go....weather permitting now! The format will still be "best ball. Each week Mike Bohl will send out an email to interested golfers with when and where to meet. You do not have to play every week. Questions or to sign up, contact the church office.

BECAUSE OF YOU

Kapinga Eudoxi was saddened by all the sickness in her village — typhoid, malaria, diarrhea. These diseases are mostly preventable, but in Kapinga's village in the Democratic Republic of Congo, they were often deadly. She recalls how frequently her children, friends and neighbors had to be hooked up to IVs, and she remembers the names of so many who died too young; the cause really was just because they were poor and lacked clean water. When your love reached her village with the gift of clean water through Lutheran World Relief, so many things changed. Kapinga and her neighbors no longer had to walk long distances to carry clean water home to their families. They began washing their hands with soap and water before they ate and after using the latrine. They stopped getting sick as frequently. Clean water was literally a gift of life for Kapinga's village.

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD BOOK

Taking time to read together is a wonderful things for both children and parents. What could be better than reading our QKA book and/or its Spanish edition? If you know someone who would like to have either edition (kids do have questions and do have time), please email the church: peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org. Our QKA Facebook page has been updated, so check it out and like it!

NEED A MASK?

Thanks to our wonderful group of masks makers, we have a supply of masks available. If you are need a face mask, please take what you need from the Ziploc bag in the grey tote by the front door of church. If you need children's mask or something else, please leave a note with your info in the tote and we will get back to you to see if we are able to help you out.

TRAILBLAZERS - SEPT. 15

We are going to skip August, and resume Sept. 15, assuming all is okay in Illinois. Stay tuned for the details. Our group is for senior citizens and welcomes you to join us. Email the church office (or call Pastor Dave at home for now) for more information.

LAWN MOWING

You can pick whether to ride the John Deere on Friday or Saturday. Mowers took between 1 to 1.5 hours to tend the south of the building. If you'd like a turn to mow this year, please use the sign-up or call/email the office.

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.)

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - MAYBE SEPTEMBER???

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

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.)*

BUSINESS ATTIRE COLLECTION

The Will County Center for Community Concerns helps people who are unemployed find jobs, including training them for interviews and for how to dress for success. Many of the people do not have adequate clothing. We can help! We're looking for business attire and business casual clothing, including gently used shoes. Look through your closets for suits, sports coats, ties, shirts, blouses, dresses, skirts, pants, sweaters, whatever you think would help someone get and keep a job! We'll use the same bin to collect these items (with or without hangers.)

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: cereal (all kinds), canned fruit, coffee (ground), creamers (powdered), hand soap (bar & liquid), disposable diapers, dish soap, toothpaste, juices.

Faith Development/Education

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am via Zoom and in-person. For those who come to the in-person version, we have some requirements for distancing, and you need to wear a mask on the way in and out. 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. **August's passage is Philippians 2:1-11.**

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

Details for how we worship....below

How will worship work this weekend? (Remember to bring bread or a cracker for communion)

FOR EVERYONE

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

* Whether you drive-in or are outdoors, or even at home, we are adding a **modified communion option**. **Take a piece of bread or cracker with you to the service**. Pastor Dave will give the Words of Institution on behalf of all of us and invite us to take our bread/cracker at the same time and partake of this modified version of the Lord's Supper.

* In order to keep people's safety in mind following the advice of the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health, there will be a drop box if you wish to bring an offering with you. Otherwise, we will depend on people continuing to contribute online or by mail.

* Bathrooms will be available, but people would be encouraged to use them only if necessary, and social distancing would be required. The doors to the bathrooms will be left open to eliminate having to touch them, and for the sake of knowing what kind of distancing/waiting is needed. Masks are required.

ONE OPTION: OUTDOOR WORSHIP

* Households would be required to socially distance from each other. We have markings in the grass for individuals/households about 10' apart.

* Those worshipping outdoors can choose whether to bring a blanket or their own chairs.

* Masks would be required when moving to or from the parking lot to the marked spots. (We will have spare masks if you don't have one or forget.)

* Children would have to be with an adult at all times.

* Worship leaders would be set up at the far west end of the long sidewalk (where all the grass is available between the main building and the garage) in front of the door to the education wing, facing the parking lot, which again allows those who choose the drive-in option to see.

* We will have sound projection/speakers for all to hear.

* The worship would continue to be modified so as to last about 30 to 40 minutes. There would be no ushers or greeters or other worship assistants. Worshipping outdoors will allow us to sing!

* In case of bad weather, the service would switch to a drive-in only format centered at the front entrance.

DRIVE-IN OPTION CONTINUES

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

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

ONLINE OPTION CONTINUES

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

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