

# THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE

*\*Our Vision Statement: Sharing Peace Faithfully*

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

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## ***This End Up!***

Sometimes we get boxes delivered that have arrows pointing a certain direction, with the words “this end up” clearly visible. Have you had some of them delivered with the arrows pointing in a variety of directions other than up? (I have yet to have one like that where it really mattered, but I can envision a time when it might.)

Many of us right now would give almost anything for the world to return to “this side up.” The old ways may not have been perfect, but at least we knew things were basically the way they were supposed to be. But now our lives are pointing in every direction except the one that would be normal. Staying home, wearing masks when out, worries about jobs and the economy and people’s health/lives is exhausting! It doesn’t help that some government leaders and scientist-experts can’t seem to get on the same page about what should be done or when. As Charlie Brown would say, “Uggh!”

So, what are we supposed to do? We sure can’t right-the-arrows by ourselves. We can’t even join together in worship, which in the past has helped some of us regain our bearings. The phrase “deal with it” may be true, but it only helps a little because we’re still left with “How?”

The method that the Bible recommends is to stop expecting that somehow we’re going to reorient the arrows. Instead, it recommends looking through and beyond the current disconnect and looking to where God is operating right now, and where God has been operating all along. In our Wednesday Bible Study class, for example, we’re looking at the Psalms; time after time the writers lament the situation they’re in, and then recall how God has acted in the past, and even is acting among them right then and there. Jesus kept inviting people to come to God with their burdens and find rest and assurance. To be oriented that way doesn’t mean we won’t worry – that is human nature – but it does invite us to get our arrows pointed in the right direction: toward God.

*Pastor Dave Hedlin*

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

## ***Prayers Requested***

The family of Mark Krysiak, Doris, the Mitchell family, Chris, Darlene Latimer, the family of Jim Wrath, Barb Lewis, Scott Campbell, kids taking AP tests, Kerrie Flynn, Michele Lenz, Bonnie Fikeys, Evan Hobgood, Rick Davis, Barb Decker, all graduates, Erv Murray, Georgia Cash, Lyn Raskey, the family of David Post, Sr., Ken Gatewood, Emilie Dotzenrod, Elinor Trotter, the family of Patti George, Ken & Sybille, the family of Patricia Rohling, Don Lazarz, Brian Haugen, Evan, the family of Joey Theilen, Elvie Gramlich, Patrick, Dave Schilke, Ronald Clark

## ***Sympathy***

The congregation of Peace wishes to extend its sympathy to:

the family of Terrance Baker, husband of Diane Baker, father of Shane & Connor Baker

the family of Paul Desaulniers, father of Paul-Leon Desaulniers

the family of LaVerne Piecuch, mother of Janice Beckstrom

## ***Congratulations***

Dave & Virginia Rubner, grandparents, on the birth of Katie and Ryan on April 9;

Claire Edgoose, great-great grandmother, on the birth of Adelynn on May 5;

Wendee Wiles & David W. Johnson on their marriage on May 15;

Rebecca Post & Dan Frankowski on their marriage on May 16.

## ***Worship Plans for June***

The CDC's recommendations and the state's stage 3 mean that our hopes for being able to worship together in person will need to take a necessary "plan B" curve. We certainly were not caught off guard by this advice. At the Council meeting on May 26, here are the proposed actions we decided on:

- As soon as we can get a low power FM transmitter hooked up and tested out, we will hold drive-in worship services. We are hoping to have that in place by June 13 - stay tuned (so to speak.) This will allow us to have worship leaders be visible from under the front canopy and heard in each person's car via their car radio or an old-fashioned radio.

- **We are asking you to let us know if this would be something you would attend so we can plan how many services to have.** Our tentative plans would be for one on Saturday night and one on Sunday morning.

Please let us know if you would plan to come and whether that would be on Sat. or Sun. via our email: [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org).

- People would have to promise to stay in their cars! (No going to the bathrooms inside or spreading out on the lawn, for example.) In order to stay under the "ten people or fewer gathering in person," we will need to insist on this no matter how much some may think it unnecessary.

- We will have cars parked facing the front entrance, occupying every-other parking space. We'd ask people with large trucks to park in the third row, SUV's and mini-vans in the second row, and regular sedans in the front row so that more can see the worship leaders.

- **Services will also be live-streamed on Facebook** (and then recorded) for people who would rather worship together from home or have no radios in their cars or couldn't join us at the time. We expect a learning curve for how best to do this, but we will do it regardless.

- The worship format will be very much like what is happening online now: prelude, confession, Kyrie, lessons, sermon, hymn (maybe 2!), special music, prayers, benediction, postlude. Our plan is for about a 30-40 minute service time. If we have a huge response, then we can schedule multiple services on Sunday.

- In order to keep people's safety in mind, we will not be having communion at this time, nor will we have an offering. We will depend on people continuing to contribute online or by mail. When we will get to have in-person worship again is unknown. We will faithfully continue to proclaim the Gospel within safe and legal practices until then and beyond.

## ***Special Congregational Meeting – Sun., June 21 - Via Zoom***

A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, June 21, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom for the purpose of approving a working budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. (We have one of these special meetings every June.) The second item of business will be approval to go ahead with a project for bathroom renewal/remodeling of the almost 20 year old bathrooms in the original building. This meeting will be different in that it will happen via Zoom. You'll need to contact us to get the Zoom ID and password. Use the church's email at [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org). Use that same email to request a copy of the proposed guess for what our budget should be and for the proposal, which is briefly described below. For the budget, we will just duplicate the current year's, and authorize the Council to make adjustments as needed.

### ***Bathroom Renewal Project Proposal***

For a full description of what is involved in the scope of this, contact us via email so we can send you the full proposal. We don't want anyone to be left out of what this entails. Why do this and why now? We have consistently taken steps to make and keep our church attractive to visitors (and regular attendees!) A few years ago we remodeled the entrance area – what an improvement! Last year we spent over \$25,000 to redo our landscaping – what an improvement! Now it is time to do the same thing with our bathrooms. If you've ever been in a church where the bathrooms haven't been upgraded other than another layer of paint since 50 years ago, you know why this matters. This project would be paid for out of our reserve funds and not the current budget. That means that our priorities of giving moneys to people in need and the greater work of the church around the world will not suffer. The reserve funds we have are more than adequate to cover this, and were set aside for causes just like this. The estimated cost will be less than \$17,000 and includes new sinks and countertops and faucets, re-treatment and painting of all the partitions, heavy-duty floor cleaning, new paint and decorating of the walls, new lighting, new mirrors and treatments around them and a few other small miscellaneous items.

## ***Thank You Very Much!***

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

**From:** Santa Cruz Church

P.A.W.S – for the donation of cat food from the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> gr. Sunday School class

Stepping Stone – for the masks

Lutheran Social Service of Illinois for our Easter offering contribution

Taylor Arthur – for the scholarship

Trinity Services – for the contribution from our Easter of offerings

## ***Offering Envelopes***

We had hoped to be back in worship in early June so that all could pick up their new offering envelope boxes.

That's not looking quite as promising right now, even though it still might happen. But we are grateful that a box of envelopes does not determine our desire to give and to support the church's ministries! 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! Either way, thanks for your offerings!

## ***2020 Member Directories***

Our new phone/address directories are now available. They include a business and service directory. Look for them on the counter in the narthex. If you would like a copy but are unable to get one at church, please let us know in the church office at 815- 485-5327.

## ***Lawn Mowing***

If you'd like a turn to mow this year, please email the office and we will put you on the schedule. Most of the time you can pick whether to mow on Friday or Saturday. Most mowers took between 1 to 1.5 hours.

## ***Golden Opportunities Books***

We are once again offering Golden Opportunity books. They're filled with savings coupons for many different types of places, from food to entertainment to carwashes. **These books are now \$15.** (A portion of that goes to youth-related ministries.)

***For just about everything that is listed in the rest of the newsletter that has a date, the words "maybe", "possible" and "tentative" apply! Check for updates on the website [www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org)***

## ***Teacher Appreciation Weekend – June 6/7 (Online Version this Year)***

We like to say thanks to teachers – both in our Sunday School and in the world of education. We normally set aside one weekend in worship to recognize them. We will do it this year via our online worship. As a bonus way of recognizing all of our teachers (including retired, piano, Sunday School, the world of education), we want to post pictures of you on our Facebook page. Send a picture of yourself to Vicar Mike at [mike.j.markwell@gmail.com](mailto:mike.j.markwell@gmail.com). Just because we can't be together in person, doesn't mean we can't appreciate teachers!

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

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is doing important work on God's behalf and on behalf of all of us in this time of COVID-19. LSSI staff have risen to the occasion of providing services to their clients despite all the changes that have been asked and required of them. Some continue to provide in-person services where essential; others are doing teleconferencing and video sessions. LSSI opened a new opioid treatment center because they knew more people would be in need in these times.

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

She just wants to be happy. Eat her ice cream, go to Walgreens for her supply of candy, drive up to get a Big Mac and go back home happy just as when she left. And, so, isn't that what we should be happy about too? Does it matter who took out her garbage? Who cleaned her floor? Who washed her wig? Who raked the yard? Who cleaned out her fridge? We keep her safe. We tell her we care and we love her and then we pray that God guides us in our decisions so SHE can continue to be happy. Can't we just leave it at that? At least just for today? *(For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics – see our display in the narthex)*

## ***Quick Reminders***

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS **June 28**. If you get your newsletter late, please pick one up here, or if you want it mailed first class or via e-mail, let us know.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ***Check Out Our Social Media Pages***

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

## ***Our Sponsored Missionary***

Our Young Adult in Global Mission is Benjamin David from Chicago (member of Lebanon Lutheran) in Argentina. Below is his email address.

Email: [btdavid94@gmail.com](mailto:btdavid94@gmail.com)

Also, please feel free to follow the “YAGM Argentina-Uruguay” page on Facebook.

The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/YAGM-Argentina-Uruguay-538939472824198/>

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

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Annapolis, MD 21412

MA2 Baker, Connor  
5600 Shorewood Lane  
Norfolk, VA 23502

2 Lieutenant Jakob Swenson  
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## ***Looking Ahead... Tentative Dates***

***June 6/7 – Teacher Appreciation Weekend***  
***June 7 – Sunday Morning Adult Class***  
***via Zoom 9:45 a.m.***  
***What’s the Scoop via Zoom 12 noon***  
***June 13 – Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.***  
***June 13/14 – Recognition of Graduates***  
***June 14 – Peace Page Turners via Zoom 9:45 a.m.***  
***June 17 – VBS Planning Meeting via Zoom 9:00 a.m.***  
***June 21 – Father’s Day***  
***Special Congregational Meeting***  
***via Zoom 9:30 a.m.***  
***Strawberries, Cake & Ice Cream Event***  
***via Zoom 10:30 a.m.***  
***July 11 – Special Prayers for Healing 5:00 p.m.***  
***July 27 – Vacation Bible School Set-up???***  
***July 28 - 31 – Vacation Bible School ???***  
***Aug. 8 – Baptism Orientation 3:30 p.m.***  
***Sept. 13 – Sunday School Rally Day 9:45 a.m.***

## **Groups - Tentative Dates**

### ***Prayer Shawl – Stay Tuned***

Stay tuned for when we can get back together! Send an email if you have questions or would like more information. In the meantime, note the group has created 322 shawls with 297 given away as of May 5!

### ***Summertime Quilting – Stay Tuned***

Join us when we can get back together at 9:00 a.m. on some Mondays. We’ll share the schedule when we know it with those who are interested. Questions? Call Karen (815) 462-9527 or Syndy (708) 479-7338

### ***Trailblazers – Maybe July!***

We keep trying to have those fish filets. Maybe July will mean we actually can get together! 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.

### ***Ping Pong Club – Summer Hiatus***

The ping pong club will be taking a summer hiatus. They will resume meeting on the third Sunday of September. If you think you may want to join them, let the church office know your name and email address, and you will be added to the email reminders.

## ***Peace Buddies – Sun., June 28***

Our next event will be a picnic on Sun., June 28 (tentative). Please watch the bulletin & website for updates. Peace Buddies is a special needs youth group for high school age and older that usually meets on the third Sunday of the month from **noon – 2:00 p.m.** You do not have to be a part of our church to join us.

## ***Strong Seniors Exercise – Mon., Aug. 3***

We will not meet in June & July and tentatively set our next class for Mon., Aug. 3. Join us for a low impact, do what you can exercise program for seniors. We meet Mon. 12 -1:00 p.m. and Wed. 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

## ***Men’s Dartball – Next Fall***

We have tried our best, but it looks like Dartball will have to wait until the fall!

## ***Golf Group – It’s Looking Better!***

With the new instructions from the state, it looks like the golf group will be able to begin playing! We are waiting for the courses to define their instructions. But for now, sign-up if you haven’t done so! The format will still be “best ball. Each week once we get the go-ahead, 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 Mike 815-277-2636 or mbohl1@gmail.com

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

Do you care for someone diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia? Are you looking for information and support? The Alzheimer’s Association Support Group meets at Peace the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information on when the group will resume meeting, contact Karin Knutson at karinknutson@hotmail.com.

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

The Addiction & Family Support Group is now meeting via Zoom Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. This support group meeting is for those struggling, those who love someone struggling, or those who just want to learn about the epidemic of heroin and prescription pain medications in our community. For more information, contact Tom Moore at 815-354-3195.

## ***From Vicar Mike Markwell***

### **What is normal anymore?**

As we enter the third month of social distancing and the stay at home order, we have spent months adjusting to a new normal. Many are spending their days working and studying from home, gyms and health clubs are closed, childcare centers are closed or limited causing us to adjust our daily routine. Not to mention the many people who have lost employment. Perhaps you have been forced to learn new skills that you never would have imagined needing, from learning how to use zoom to trying to give yourself a haircut. Many of us have adapted to face the challenges that have presented in front of us.

The way that we have experienced church and our own spirituality has been changed during this time as well. When I was growing up I was taught a song in Sunday school:

The church is not a building;  
the church is not a steeple;  
the church is not a resting place;  
the church is a people.

These words have been put to the test during these last few months. Although the building has been empty the church has not stopped being the church. We have moved worship to online videos, Bible Study to zoom and we have all adapted to try our best to still get a form of worship into our lives, so that we can continue to feel that connection to God. But it's also okay to acknowledge that it's not the same, and maybe for you it is not the connection with God and others you long for.

### **How do you feel connected to God besides worship?**

For some people, church is not the only way they feel a connection to God. Other activities and places have a spiritual significance to them. What activities help you feel connected to God? For me, I have always felt connected to God through nature. Whether I am out in a canoe, camping, or going for a hike I feel close to God through my emersion in nature. The commute to and from work is a time for reflection and prayer as well for me, I turn off the radio and have 45 minutes of silence to think and pray. In what ways in your daily life do you feel connected to God?

### **Have the ways you connect to God been disrupted during this time?**

Have the ways you feel connected to God outside of worship been affected too? For me the loss of my commute, and the difficulty of being able to find a place to be in nature that is still open has affected me. Maybe you need peace and quiet in your home to reflect and are finding that with people working from home and kids doing school at home that you are not getting that.

Perhaps the people and activities that helped you feel connected to God have had to be put on hold.

### **How can we make sure we are getting what we need spiritually?**

For many of us our spirituality does not come from church alone. As our lives have been disrupted, it's often the things that we don't actively think about the fall between the cracks. My hope is that you all are able to take some time to reflect on what is important to your own spirituality and to see what you might need to do to ensure that you are still getting that important part of your life.

My prayers are with all of you,

*Vicar Mike Markwell*

## **Faith Development/Education**

### ***Everybody Read***

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we'll pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage. June's passage is: Romans 8:31-39.

### ***Peace Page Turners – Sun., June 14***

The next meeting will be at 9:45 a.m. on Sun., June 14 via Zoom. We will be discussing *The Shepherd of the Hills* by Harold Bell Wright. We are unable to obtain hard copies from the library, so if you are interested, please consider audio books or eBooks through the library or [gutenberg.org](http://gutenberg.org) or purchasing on-line. If you want to be included in the meeting e-mails and are not on the mailing list contact Kathy Davenport at 815-545-2806.

### ***Join Us for Bible Study!***

Each Wednesday more people have been joining our Bible Study through the wonders of Zoom! Joining the effort should be easy. If haven't let us know before, please email the church, [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) so we can send you the meeting ID and password. We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and any version of the Bible you have will work. You don't need to know anything about the Bible to join this class!

## ***Sunday Morning Adult Class – Let’s try Sun., June 7 via Zoom***

We put out a feeler for who might be interested in having a once-a-month online adult class at 9:45 on a Sunday morning. We’ll give it a try and see what happens via Zoom on Sunday, June 7 at 9:45 a.m. You will need the codes to access the meeting, so email us at [peacechurch@pecenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@pecenewlenox.org).

## ***Vacation Bible School – Waiting for Direction from the CDC & IDPH***

Our amazing Vacation Bible School planning crew has been planning another outstanding opportunity for kids (and volunteers) to grow closer to God. The planned for dates would be July 28 - 31. Our hoped for theme would be “All Aboard God’s Love!” The next VBS online planning meeting will be (live or via Zoom) on Wed., June 17, at 9:00 a.m. If you’d like to help in any way (including planning), please let us know via email! We will await advice from the state (IDPH) and CDC before we can make final decisions.

## ***Fellowship Opportunities***

### ***Interested in Playing Pickleball?***

Come join us for fun exercise and learn the social/competitive game of Pickleball! Pickleball is a cross between tennis and table tennis, played with paddles and a hard wiffleball. Please sign up and indicate what times are best for you - weeknights, or weekends or both. We are hoping to be able to start in August. We will teach you and even provide paddles and balls. So, get off that couch or lawn chair and let's play some Pickleball! Questions? Contact Al Davenport 708-977-7339 or [al.davenport@comcast.net](mailto:al.davenport@comcast.net)

## ***General Announcements***

### ***On-Going Worship - Planning***

Because no one can guess when we’ll be back to worship exactly, we remind ourselves that we have a God who leads us through the uncertain places. Our job is to do our best and trust God for the results. So, we’ll keep pressing on, make our own tentative plans, adjust, stay focused, (go crazy???), etc. We are grateful for all of you who remain faithful in being in worship online!

## ***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@pecenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@pecenewlenox.org) or call Pastor Dave directly at 815-485-5324.

## ***What’s the Scoop – Sun., June 7, Now via Zoom***

Rather than meeting in May when we normally would have, we set this for June. Oh well! Now we’ll have to do this very creatively. Each committee chair will decide about meeting ahead of time with interested people. Then on June 7 at noon, we’ll have a Zoom meeting for anyone who is interested in joining us! Be sure to let us know if you’d like to join that meeting!

## ***Outdoor Worship – Postponed***

Our plans for an outdoor worship on June 7 will need to be postponed. Once again, we remind ourselves of the need to serve our neighbor as well as ourselves by being faithful followers of Jesus at home or when we are together.

## ***Blood Drive – Sat., June 13 – Sign-Up (It Will Be Happening!)***

Our next Versiti (Heartland) blood drive will be Sat., June 13, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. You can sign up on line at Versiti’s site or email and we’ll sign you up. The need is great! We are working with Versiti to make sure the event can happen in a safe and responsible manner. Everyone will be required to wear a mask, so be sure to bring yours with you! Here is more information from their headquarters: <https://www.versiti.org/home/coronavirus-information>.

## ***Blood Pressure Screenings – Sun., July 12***

Our next monthly screening date is Sun., July 12, between the two services. Your pressure is measured by health care professionals and kept strictly confidential. If you have questions or have clinical experience in taking blood pressures and would like to help, contact Marylynn Tyler at 815- 423-6407.

## ***Recognition of Graduates***

We would like to recognize all those who have let us know they've graduated. Here's the information we have to date; please let us know about your graduate. Congratulations on all your achievements!

### Jr. High School

Helen Ambrose  
Peyton Arthur  
Morgan Barlow  
Georgia Brolley  
Lila Hadley  
Max Heidenreich  
Gabriel Kokenes  
Ava Murphy  
Natalie Pfeffer  
Mason Querio  
Tyler Wolf

### High School

Taylor Arthur  
Alec Boyens  
Zach Brown  
Gabe Cole  
Abigail Dudeck  
Jaclyn Duske  
Joseph Halper  
Hannah Huelhorst  
Cameron Johnson  
Martina Lohmar  
Grace Otto  
Emma Rimkunas  
Annika Woerner

### College

Brett Bergman - Grand Valley State University,  
Bachelor of Science in Multi-media Journalism and Public  
Relations & Advertising  
Lauren Curry - Western Michigan University,  
Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology  
Rachel Gamen - Illinois State University,  
Bachelor of Science in Interior Design  
Rachel Grace Geekie - Iowa State University,  
Bachelor of Science in Forestry  
Brianna Otto - Global Makeup Artistry Program at Blanche  
Macdonald Centre, Vancouver, Canada  
Amber Salutric - Eastern Illinois University  
Jake Sons - University of Illinois, Bachelor of Science in  
Recreation, Sport & Tourism  
Allie Wesel - Carthage University, Bachelor of Science in  
Neuroscience and Minor in Chemistry and Biology

### Masters

Jacqueline Farbak - Lindenwood University, Masters in  
Criminal Justice  
Scott Howell – American College of Education , Masters in  
Educational Technology with an Emphasis in Digital  
Learning

## ***Congratulations***

Congratulations to the 2020 recipients of the Peace  
Lutheran Church Scholarships:

Taylor Arthur  
Max Labus  
Martina Lohmar  
Annika Woerner

## ***Recognition of Graduates – June 13/14 & More***

All you graduates of (we're adding 8th grade, too!), high school, college and beyond, you might have gotten cheated out of a ceremony and a lot of senior/last year fun. But we want to do something to celebrate you and your accomplishment! On the weekend of June 13 & 14 as a part of worship, we will be including special prayers for all of our graduates, and various options for including pictures of those graduates who have let us know. Please let us know through our email of your name, from where you are graduating, and if an advanced degree, what that degree is. Not only that, but we are creating a special piece within our Facebook page. Please send us a graduation picture, whether one of those you had done at a studio or one you take yourself. For that, email the picture to Vicar Mike at [mike.j.markwell@gmail.com](mailto:mike.j.markwell@gmail.com). Then, in addition to this when we are back to in-person worship, we're going to recognize our graduates again by having them stand and be acknowledged.

## ***Peace Circle of Prayer Ministry***

If you would like special prayers said for someone, we have a Circle of Prayer ministry that is ready to help. Just let the office know of a particular need for prayer.

## ***Sunday School Teachers/Helpers Wanted***

Parents/guardians, have you ever been interested in teaching, being a substitute, or a helper for our Sunday School? A few of our teachers have had some life changes and they can no longer teach Sunday School. We are looking for energetic parents/guardians to help with our Sunday School program for next year. If you or anyone you know would like to help, please let Pastor Dave or the Sunday School office know.

## ***Strawberries, Cake, & Ice Cream Event – Sun., June 21 – Plan B***

Celebrate Father's Day or "June" or something/anything on Sunday, June 21, at (new time) 10:30 a.m. Since we can't be together in Fellowship Hall, we're going to try this via Zoom! Whether you have ice cream and toppings, like the Hedlins will, or some other food of your choosing, we'll have a party! Let us know if you're planning to join us remotely so we can get the Zoom code and ID to you so you can join in seeing other friends from Peace! Please email us at, [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)

## ***Special Prayers for Healing – Sat., July 11***

As a part of the 5:00 Saturday night service on July 11, we will have an opportunity for people to come forward for special prayers for healing. They can be for you or for somebody you know.

## ***Baptism Orientation – Sat., Aug. 8***

Saturday, Aug. 8, at 3:30 p.m., marks the next baptism orientation class for those who wish to have children baptized at Peace in the next few months.

## ***Help Us Stay Connected***

Vicar Mike will be putting together a way that people can say hello to the rest of the congregation at Peace. Please send a photo of yourself and a short written greeting to Vicar Mike at [mike.j.markwell@gmail.com](mailto:mike.j.markwell@gmail.com). He will be posting them to Peace's social media pages over the next few weeks. (Make sure to like and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!)

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

Even though we haven't been able to take the steps we would have wanted to take right now to let the world know of our QKA book and its Spanish edition, we are still considering how it might be known. This month our QKA Facebook page has begun to be updated, for example. If you know someone who would like to have either addition (kids do have questions and do have time), please email the church: [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org).

## ***Artwork for Christmas Bulletin Covers***

We know there are a lot of talented artists in our congregation! We have seen some of your work over the years, and now we'd like to see if we can use some of that talent for our Christmas bulletin covers. Here are the general requirements: 1) one half of a page landscape layout (no more than 8" tall x 5" wide); 2) line drawings only in black and white with the lines heavy enough to show up when copied; 3) some part of the Christmas (religious) theme. We probably would add scripture and/or our Peace logo or other information to the cover. (If you have suggestions for what or where to locate that on the page, include separately from your drawing.) We would like to have your drawings by August 1 so we can see what choices we may have moving forward.

## ***Send in Those Photos***

If you would like to contribute appropriate pictures of yourself/family during this time, pictures from a church event, or something else meaningful you can do so by uploading them to this online album and over the next several weeks Ken George will insert them into the worship videos. Thank you in advance for your contributions. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/NjkaWqAhX99Zhvcs9>.

## ***Wish List***

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

## ***Lutheran Social Services of Illinois Asks for Your Help***

Congress is back in session and voting has begun. Our representatives will continue to work on critical legislation in the coming weeks. It is crucial that we make our priorities known now. You can use LSSI's advocacy tool to contact your representatives and urge them to include their priorities in upcoming legislation using the provided template language. It only takes about two minutes to complete.

## *Why I Sew Masks*

We have many people making face masks. We asked a few of them that we knew of by name to write in response to this question, "Why sew masks?" Here are some of their replies.....

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I saw this quote, which sums it up for me: "I became a mask maker because your life is worth my time".

My masks are going to friends, Silver Cross Hospital and Sunny Hill. I've made 250 so far.

*Claudia Green*

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Simple answer is my friend asked. And then more people asked and more and more! I was mad that they didn't have the necessary supplies to do their jobs safely so I have a tendency to get active finding solutions when fired up. So fortunate to have been linked to Syndy and the other gals to form our mask making troop, to pool our resources and get it done.

I remember a saying Mother Teresa would say, "We can do small things with great love." I try to remember that when I sew; just one more mask will help someone, just one more...and then it makes me feel little more at peace.

*Julie Massey*

(part of a group from church - as of 5/3/2020 we are now at a grand total of 1,282 masks)

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As a 7-year volunteer at Silver Cross Hospital, I received an email requesting help in producing handmade face masks for the hospital staff. I live in Carillon, an over 55 adult community, which enabled me to reach out and find 20 wonderful ladies who used to sew in community groups and also independently. Together they've made over 800 face masks for the hospital, 315 masks for Carillon residents, and hundreds more for friends and relatives in just 5 weeks. My role has been to collect and distribute elastic supplies and materials, provide mask pick-ups and deliveries, a lot of record keeping, and communications with the entire team.

I have witnessed and felt more love and caring working with this group than I could ever have imagined.

Countless conversations through storm doors as bags with masks have been hung on outside door knobs waiting my arrival. I have found lonely people, friendly people, all caring souls, eager to help. I felt often that God has guided me in this endeavor and led me when at times I felt overwhelmed with so much to do. It's all been worth every ounce of effort.

*John Overend*

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I make masks because I can. During this pandemic, we ask what we can do to help, and they tell us to stay home. I am grateful that I have the resources and know-how to make masks. It gives me something concrete I can do that may help stop the spread of this horrible virus. I have made masks for friends, family, co-workers as well as other healthcare and essential workers.

*Kathy Davenport*

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"Why making masks makes me feel good" - in the Bible there are verses that remind me "When God closes one Door, He opens another." When the Stay-In-Place order came from our Governor I was reminded of this thought. Doors to all that was normal for us closed. The need to make masks for all was the door that opened. The very first request came on March 15. Our group is blessed to have plenty of good people and the supplies needed.

*Pam Swyndro*

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I couldn't just sit around and do nothing. As a retired pharmacist, I was frustrated that I would not be able to do anything within the realm of either my profession or medically and since one of my passions is sewing, it was a no brainer for me to make masks. As it is many times in situations like this, joy comes from unexpected places.

I am part of a group of amazing women who just kind of fell together--you know how God works!!! There are seven of us and only two of us really know each other well. Through the magic technology of texts and emails we have bonded into a sisterhood in which we have shared elastic, many laughs, frustration, concerns for each other, and brainstormed dilemmas. One of the things we are looking forward to when this is all over is to be able to *see and be with* each other in person!! Our masks have mostly gone to the UC nursing team. They were great in giving us feedback so we were able to give them exactly what they needed. Thus we developed a relationship with them as well and perhaps we will get to meet them one day too. So, how do I feel about this experience? Abundantly blessed by God for talent, friendship, love and health.

*Syndy Lindbloom*

## *Need A Mask?*

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

## **June Asset: Family Support**

Family life provides high levels of love and support.

### **June quote of the month**

*“The most important thing in the world is family and love”*

Some Suggestions for How to Help Make This Asset Happen:

- Give more hugs and verbal reinforcement
- Body language, tone of voice, words, and the way you look at your children can show love
- Give family members a hug every day
- Eat one meal together every day
- Spend one-on-one time
- Spend one evening per week on family activities
- Be loving toward yourself and your spouse or partner
- Be your child’s biggest fan
- Be loving in your interactions; look in their eyes when you talk with them
- Give your child space to think, rest, and rejuvenate

### ***Looking for a Job? Have a Job to Hire?***

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, we are creating a list of sites online you can use to help you. And if you have a job offer needing to be filled, let us know that, too, so we can share any names we get of people looking for work.