

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**Current as of July 10, 2020 (new/important items since 7/3 are in bold type)**

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

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Please check in with our Peace website [www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org) regularly for updates. There will be occasional email updates as well, the last of which was 7/3/20. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

**THIS WEEK AND BEYOND**

**Sat., July 11 - Outdoor Worship & Drive-in & Live-stream attempt - 5:00pm**

**Sun., July 12 - Outdoor Worship & Drive-in & Live-stream - 9:45am (followed by [Facebook video](#))**

**Sun., July 12 - Peace 360 - 4:00pm at the Klock's**

**Mon., July 13 - Peace Buddies - 7:00pm at Ranch Frosties**

**Wed., July 15 - Bible Study - 10:00am in person at church and via Zoom**

**Sat., July 18 - Outdoor Worship & Drive-in & Live-stream - 5:00pm (followed by [Facebook video](#))**

**Sun., July 19 - Outdoor Worship & Drive-in - 9:45am**

**Sun., July 19 - Peace Page Turners book discussion - 10:45 (in-person and Zoom options)**

**Wed., July 22 - Bible Study - 10:00am in person at church and via Zoom**

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

**Drive-in and Online Worship for July 11 & 12 - see instructions below, too**

Please join us for this weekend's Outdoor and Drive-in Worship at 5:00pm on Saturday, July 11 (with [Facebook live stream](#) of the worship if the sun cooperates) and another Outdoor and Drive-in Worship option on Sunday, July 12, at 9:45am with a definite plan for live-streaming. 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 by Sarah and Leslie Walton, 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 55: 10-13, Romans 8:1-11, & Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23), prayers 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.)

**How will worship work this weekend?!!! New Outdoor Option Added**

**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.)

\* 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 and the building itself would 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.

#### **NEW OPTION: OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

\* Households would be required to socially distance from each other. We will have markings in the grass for individuals/households to be 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.

\* In case of bad weather, the service would switch to a drive-in only format.

\* 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 or communion for July 11 or 12. (We are investigating resuming some kind of communion option for July 18 & 19.) Worshipping outdoors will allow us to sing!

#### **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.

#### **ONLINE OPTION CONTINUES**

\* We will continue to live-stream our worship. We are going to experiment on Saturday night and see how the sun angle affects the broadcast. We will definitely also be doing the Facebook live version of the 9:45am on Sunday to test that out as well. Assuming both work, both will be available through our Facebook site.

\* Why not move indoors? For one thing, we wouldn't be able to sing. For another, we would have to take reservations to limit the number, which means some might be excluded. Also, there would be many more restrictions and a lot more cleaning to do between/after services. Furthermore, the CDC's guidelines still recommend outdoor worship whenever possible. The history of re-openings in other states makes this issue even more current.

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

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

## **I'M SO GLAD - words from African American spiritual**

1. I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.

Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

2. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.

Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

## **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!**

## **Wednesday Bible Study - Now both in person and on-line**

It worked quite well to do the two-option approach. We now **offer both an in-person version and the continuation of the online method.** For those using the online version for the first time, let us know via the church's email so we can send you the meeting ID and password. We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. **We will backtrack on July 15 just a bit to finish up our incomplete/interrupted ending to the book of Job.** 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.

## **New/ Important for This Week**

### **PEACE BUDDIES - TWO EVENTS! JULY 13 & JULY 26**

**Our special needs group, Peace Buddies, has two new events on the calendar. Call the office for more information! Wear your masks, everyone!!!**

**Monday, July 13 - 7pm Ranch Frostie (1259 N Cedar Rd , New Lenox, IL 60451)**

**\* Join us for a post dinner treat! There is usually a table outside and an area we can hang outside to enjoy a cold treat.**

**\* This one would be a relatively short visit due to spacing, so parents are welcome to stay and join!**

**Sunday, July 26, 12pm-2pm Picnic@ Firefighters Park in New Lenox (1 Manor Dr, New Lenox) \* They have a shelter, playground and parking lot**

**\* Bring your own packed lunch and drinks so we can stay COVID safe**

**\* Meet under the pavilion shelter first for lunch and then Lisa Utter will bring bean bags or bocce ball, games, music and a water balloon toss.**

**PEACE 360 HS YOUTH GROUP - Swimming event! Be sure to come with your swimsuit on from 4:00 to 5:00pm at the Klocks. The water should be warm, and the chance to be together while maintaining social distancing should be great, too. Deacon Shari has some COVID-safe games planned. Don't forget your mask for when you're not in the pool. Let Deacon Shari know if you are planning to come. You can call, text or email her ([peacechurch@peacnewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacnewlenox.org)) before Sunday.**

## ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE SOME “HOW ARE YOU?” PHONE CALLS?

We attempted to make many phone contacts with people from our church twice before. It is time to make another round of those calls. They are on behalf of the church just to check in with people and see how they are doing. Are you willing to make those kinds of calls? You would be making about 15-18 calls over a two-week period. We will give you the lists of names and some instructions for calling. If you're willing to make those calls, please let us know via email ([peacechurch@peacnewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacnewlenox.org)) or call the church office (815-485-5327; M-F, 9:00 to noon.)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - TWO OPTIONS FOR JULY 28 & 29

Our amazing Vacation Bible School planning crew is now into version 3 for this year's VBS. Here is a summary of the latest version! (There will be a few more parts and we'll share those with those who register.) On July 28 & 29 there will be a two-day version of VBS. On both dates there will be *OPTION 1*: an online version via Zoom at 3:00pm. The format will include a group silly song, a lesson, plus a “how to” for a craft you can do at home. The time online probably will be about 15 minutes, with another 10 minutes available afterward for kids to just hang around with other kids online if they want. This option is rain or shine.

Or, *OPTION 2*: an in-person version that will be very limited in number. You will sign up for a specific time slot, and you will need to have at least one parent/young adult with the child(ren), and who will be the hands on helpers (so don't wear “good clothes!”) You can organize yourself into groups of no more than 5 if you have neighborhood kids/relatives you want to include with you, or you can sign up for just your family. Social distancing and wearing masks (you will provide those) will be built into this format, with kids being outside and moving from station to station. The format will include some things you will provide: a gallon ziploc-style gallon bag with a name on each, a sharpie marker, and (for best results) a white pillowcase or white t-shirt. We will have all the supplies to tie-dye, a lesson-time with a silly song, and more too. Each “group” will move through in about 20 minutes. We will have start times from 4:00pm and lasting until 5:40pm (so we're done by 6:00.) You will need to call the church office M-F, 9:00 to 11:30 am to reserve your spot, first come-first served basis, but no later than July 21. There will be no online registration for this. The cost for the in-person version would be a suggested donation of \$5 per child. If all the time slots are gone, you can still do the online version, of course, plus we'll put you on a waiting list. (There will be some more instructions for those who sign up given out when you do.)

## FAREWELL TO VICAR MIKE AT THE END OF JULY

Because of the pandemic, our together time with Vicar Mike has been cut short these last few months. His year of internship ends July 31. Can you believe it has been a whole year? As a congregation, we are so grateful for Vicar Mike being a part of our congregation's life. You have experienced him in worship and in various newsletter and bulletin articles. Many of us have seen him at work in leading classes and experiencing a wide variety of fellowship events and multiple ministries of Peace. He has led and encouraged and brought a positive energy to us. His work with social media has been life-saving! We hope we have been equally good to and for him in his development as a pastor! Because our worship life continues to be “different” these days, our desire to give him a proper farewell is being altered.

Would you please write a note of appreciation or other words of support to/for him and email it ([peacechurch@peacnewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacnewlenox.org)) or mail it to the church (PO Box 205, New Lenox, 60451)? (After we finally can be together in worship and fellowship time later this fall, we hope to have him come back some Sunday and give him his own reception. But for now, let him know your appreciation!)

## OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES & DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS OPTIONS

**Option A:** We have some volunteers who are willing to bring your offering envelope box to you even ahead of when we can worship together and pick them up ourselves. Those same people are willing to bring you a devotional booklet. Let us know via [peacechurch@peacnewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacnewlenox.org).

**Option B:** 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 C: 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!**

#### **PARKING LOT ISLAND WATERING VOLUNTEERS?**

**All the new landscaping we installed last year is looking great! We have new hoses and timers to water all the plants next to the building, but the ones in the parking lot islands probably could use some regular watering if it turns dry again. If you would be willing to take a turn (say once a month) for an hour, let us know via email or call the church office.**

#### **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.**

#### **PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., JULY 19 - 10:45am**

**So we had another successful Zoom meeting! The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, at 10:45am, available either via Zoom or in person at church (separated safely; wear a mask while moving to and from.) We will discuss *Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George (Priscilla's choice.) 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.**

#### **Prayer List**

*If your prayer request is for yourself or you have the other person's permission, you may be specific [for example, skin cancer]. For anyone, you may be more general [for example, "a decision to be made," or "health"]. We will keep people on the pray-for list for 60 days unless you tell us otherwise.*

**The family of Elvie Gramlich, Kristie Paprocki (healing), Kathy Drews (recovery), Mike & Ali (safe pregnancy), Sue Wagner, in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Michele & Terry Lenz, Marilyn Krauch (recovery), Steven Barlow, Denise Jones, Wally Paprocki (recovery), Ingrid Howard (recovery), Ken Gatewood (recovery), Emily Dotzenrod (recovery), Jackie Parvin, Kerrie Flynn, Michele Lenz (recovery), Bonnie Fikeys, the Flynn family, Barb Decker, Georgia Cash, Edith Saurer, Terry Jesk, Nolan (God's guidance), Benjamin David (missionary), Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Judy Williams, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...**

**Madisyn Ann Brill, Janet (procedures), Vern Sandborn (recovery), Bobbie, Heidi, Karen Michielsen, Cheryl Madsen (depression), Gary Madsen (job loss), Art and Gerry Kryzaniak, Eli Hrnyak (surgery), Marty D., Grandma Pekich, Patrick, Dave Schilke, Ronald Clark, Elinor Trotter (health), Ken & Sybille, Brian Haugen (recovery), Evan, all graduates, Erv Murray, Evan Hobgood (cancer), Rick Davis (cancer), Barb Lewis, nurses & hospital and all other health-care workers & first responders, elderly in nursing homes, Beverly Decker, John and Sharon Galminas, 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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## **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](http://www.peacenewlenox.org) and click on the donate tab. You can also scan the QR code here with your smart phone to donate one time or set up recurring payments (or download in order to manage online giving).



## **Groups**

### 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.

### RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTERS) - Call the church office for next meeting date

No experience necessary. You just have to know how to have fun to join. And if that's not enough, we always have snacks! If you have any questions, contact the church office. 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.

PRAYER SHAWLS - stay tune 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!

## **Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events**

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

### PICKLEBALL INTEREST? LET US KNOW!

Anyone interested in learning the fastest growing sport in the world? Come join us for fun exercise and learn the social/competitive game of Pickleball! Have you ever played tennis, table tennis, racquetball, badminton, or anything which required hand eye coordination? C'mon people, I'm sure you have at least swatted a fly before! 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....week nights, or weekends or both. We **currently think it will be**

**August before this might happen.** Questions? Contact the church office.

#### CHESSTOURNAMENT WILL BE RESCHEDULED

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

### General Announcements

#### ANOTHER WAY TO 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, using the church's email. 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!)

#### 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@peacelenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacelenox.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

The pandemic and all that involves certainly deserves and needs our full attention. The same is true about race relations. We also acknowledge, though, that the church of Jesus Christ does not stop reaching out to people who are in need or hurting in other ways. So, when families fled northern Iraq from fear of ISIS-related violence, the ELCA's World Hunger effort saw their plight. And when we learned those families couldn't return home because they didn't have access to safe water, the gifts of people like you made the difference. Because of the response, 10 new wells are pumping clean, safe water to farms and family homes in Ninawa province. Because you care, families can return home to farm and live where they have for generations. At a time when there are more people forced to flee by violence and disaster at any time since World War II, you helped return people home.

#### QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD BOOK

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@peacelenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacelenox.org).

#### 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 - JULY 21!

We plan to get together in July with a catered meal. 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.

#### 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 the following 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>. (A reminder, legally we have to tell you it is publicly available if someone has the link, so don't put children's names with it anywhere.)

#### 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.)

#### FLOWER CHART

Each week people donate the cost of altar flowers (\$20 per arrangement). The process is very simple. There is a chart in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall. Sign your name and phone number for the week(s) you want to donate flowers. We will contact you to find out the reason (if any) for the donation. Envelopes for the cost are by the chart and also are mailed the week following your selected week. Upcoming dates available are: Aug. 2 & 9, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, plus many others.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - SUN., AUG. 9

Our next monthly screening date is tentatively scheduled for Sun., Aug. 9. 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 the church office.

## 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

diakonia™ Online in 2020

Are you ready to take the next step in your growth as a Christian and in your service to your congregation and community? If so, you are looking for diakonia™! The next series of courses is scheduled to meet on Tuesdays, beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Due to the uncertainties of the current pandemic, courses will be offered online via Zoom.

What is the diakonia™ program? diakonia™ is a two-year process of spiritual formation and theological education for baptized members of the Lutheran Church. This process occurs in three basic ways:

- By thorough grounding in the classic seminary disciplines of practical, Biblical, systematic, and historical theology;
- By identifying particular skills and aptitudes in ministry and encouraging their use in the local parish and community; and
- By providing spiritual growth through worship, retreats, and a supportive community of fellow students, pastor-mentors, and instructors.

For More Information: Go to <<http://www.nisynod.org/diakonia/>> and/or

<<http://www.diakoniausa.org/diakonia-program-overview/>>. Watch for online information sessions that will be scheduled for July and August. Contact the church office if you have any questions, want to learn more, and or wish to enroll in the diakonia program.

### 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. **July's passage is Exodus 3:7-12.**

**To sign up for anything, to ask a question, or to share a thought, we suggest using the church's email: [peacechurch@peacelenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacelenox.org).**