

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 5/08/20. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know! We are having a problem with the mass emails going out and being blocked, and this week's was too. We'll keep trying to get this fixed!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Sat., May 16 - Live-stream introduction for worship - 5:00pm followed by [Facebook video](#)
Sun., May 17 - Sunday School Zoom get together - 9:45 (email peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)
Wed., May 20 - Bible Study - 10:00am via Zoom
Sat., May 23 - Live-stream introduction for worship 5:00pm followed by [Facebook video](#)

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

Online Worship for May 16 & 17

Please join us for this weekend's [Facebook live stream](#) introduction for worship on Saturday, May 16, at 5:00pm CDT. (You do not need to have a Facebook account to access this public page.) Right after the live introduction, you will be invited to participate in the worship service itself through our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#). If you can't join us Saturday at 5:00, a recording of the introduction and the service will be available through our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#). There will be some great music from Todd, some special music from Kelly Muehlnickel, a hymn to which you can sing along (words included there and below this announcement - after the "new this week" and before the prayer list), some liturgy, scripture readings, prayers, and a sermon. Join in being together in God's name and share the worship post with others!

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!

Online Bible Study

Each Wednesday more people have been joining our Bible Study through the wonders of Zoom! Joining the effort should be easy. If you haven't let us know before, please email the church, peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org so we can send you the meeting ID and password . We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. **We will be looking at the Psalms (starting with Ps. 30 on May 20)** and any version of the Bible you have will work. You don't need to know anything about the Bible to join this class!

New This Week

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, 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!)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS?

We would like to know who would be interested in having a once-a-month online adult class at 9:45 on a Sunday morning? If there is sufficient interest, we'll set it up! Email the church at peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.

BECAUSE OF YOU

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.

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@peacenewlenox.org.

INFORMAL SUNDAY SCHOOL GET TOGETHER - SUN., MAY 17

Sunday, May 17, we will meet at 9:45am on Zoom for Sunday School. We will have a Bible story, activity, song and time to see each other! Watch your email for Zoom information!!!! If you don't get an email about it, let us know before that Sunday.

PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., JUNE 14

The next meeting will be at 9:45 on Sunday, June 14 - on Zoom if necessary. 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 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 rphkathy@att.net or at 815-545-2806.

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., JUNE 13

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 peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org 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. Here is information from their headquarters:

<https://www.versiti.org/home/coronavirus-information>.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUN., JUNE 21

A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, June 21, at 9:30am. It is for the purpose of approving a working budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. (We have one of these special meetings every June.) This one will be different in that it only can guess what our real budget should be. For now, we will just duplicate the current year's, and authorize the Council to make adjustments as needed. After the meeting, join us for the Strawberries, Cake & Ice Cream Event! (If we have to, we'll Zoom the meeting.)

STRAWBERRIES, CAKE, & ICE CREAM EVENT - SUN., JUNE 21

Celebrate Father's Day or "June" or "you got out of the house" or something/anything on Sunday, June 21, at about 9:40am. Assuming we can be together in Fellowship Hall, we'll have a great variety of ice cream and toppings, some cakes donated by willing participants, and a general good time. If we can't be together, we're going to have a strange version of this on Zoom! Stay tuned for that idea! Let us know if you'll be coming, how many, and if you'd bring a cake (email peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

Words to the Hymn for Worship This Week

GATHER US IN (stanzas 1, 3, 4) - text 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 here to you 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.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not is 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.

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.

kids taking AP tests, Kerrie Flynn, the family of Jim Wrath, Michele Lenz (surgery), Bonnie Fikeys, Evan Hobgood (cancer), Rick Davis (cancer), Barb Decker, all graduates, Erv Murray, Georgia Cash, the wedding of Wendee Wiles and David W. Johnson, Jackie Parvin, the Flynn family, Edith Saurer, Denise Jones (and all those with MS and unable to receive therapies), Terry Jesk, Kevin Tague (job), 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...

Scott Campbell, Barb Lewis, Doris, the Mitchell family, Chris (cancer), Darlene Latimer (recovery,) the Green Tree Assisted Living staff and residents and other facilities like it, nurses & hospital and all other health-care workers & first responders, elderly in nursing homes, Beverly Decker, Therese Lundgren, John and Sharon Galminas, Bob and Barb Werniak, Alan Booton, Gene Trezzo, Hilda Brockman, Wally Post, Robyn Rossi, Ronald Clark, Vern Sandborn, 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. Mike Scott, Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Ned Fowler, Brian Kettell, Jake Treasure, Grover Keltz, Dylan Sperstad, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Dan Treasure, Neil Vickers, Lane Trainor, Allison DeVitto, Rob Boland, Daniel Lauer

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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 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).



Worship

OUTDOOR WORSHIP – June 7 (stay tuned)

On Sunday, June 7, at 6:00pm, we still hope to have our annual outdoor worship service. But if that's not possible, stay tuned....maybe we can have a drive-in version??? (If we get to have it and it's raining or cold, we'll be in Fellowship Hall, complete with social distancing.) It will be a shortened service, but otherwise have

all the regular pieces. We usually follow the worship with a potluck, but in light of current conditions, it seems smart to skip that this year.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES – June 13/14 (tentatively)

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 (assuming we're back to in person worship), we're going to have special recognition and prayers for all of our graduates. Please let us know through our peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org email of your name, from where you are graduating, and if an advanced degree, what that degree is. Not only that, but we would like to create 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 (mike.j.markwell@gmail.com.) **(If we are not back to in-person worship by then, we're going to postpone this one until we can be!)**

Youth Ministry

PEACE 360 HS YOUTH GROUP

All in-person activities have been suspended, but the on-line options that Deacon Shari and Miss Jess have created are awesome! Go to the Peace webpage for links or other information, or email Deacon Shari at peacechurch@peacnewlenos.org and she will get back to you!

Groups

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP - SECOND TUESDAYS (Let's hope for June)

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 is held at Peace the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Karin Knutson at karinknutson@hotmail.com.

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

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 Tom Moore at (815) 354-3195.

RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTERS) - Call 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, call Karen Dircks (815) 462-9527 or Syndy Lindbloom (708) 479-7338. 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.

MEN'S DARTBALL - TUES., JUNE 9 (maybe)

Dartball normally meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. We have been cheated out of meeting, so we'll see if we can get together one more time before the Fall. **Our plans for June 9 are now in question. Stay tuned.** No prior experience needed or helpful. Please join us! We finish at 9:00 p.m. so you've got time for your bedtime ice cream, too. (Who's idea is that???)

TRAILBLAZERS - MAYBE JUNE 16?

We keep trying to have those fish filets. Maybe June 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.

PRAYER SHAWLS - stay tune for when we can get back together!

Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

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

GOLF GROUP

The golf group will be playing each week this year when we get the chance to start! Each Wednesday at 10 am the group will play 9 holes, best ball format (usually at Woodruff or Green Garden courses). We typically eat lunch at the course and finish around 1:15 pm. You do not need to be a “good” golfer to play, our goal is to have fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. We will start around April 8, weather permitting. Each week Mike will send out an email to the interested golfers to find out who is playing, schedule a tee time, and email players when and where to meet. We play in temperatures between 50° and 90°. You do not have to play every week. Questions or to sign up, contact Mike 815-277-2636 or mboh1@gmail.com You may also use the sign-up in the bulletin or contact the church office.

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....weeknights, or weekends or both. We are looking to start this activity as soon as mid May or June...depending on weather, outside court availability and your interest. 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

CHESS TOURNAMENT - WILL BE RESCHEDULED

Calling all chess players! Peace's first chess tournament will be rescheduled. Contact Al Davenport directly at al.davenport@comcast.net, or call or text Al at 708-977-7339.

General Announcements

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.)

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEKEND – JUNE 6/7 (one way or the other!)

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 are hoping we'll be back in worship in June and can do it then! 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. Even if we can't be together in person, we have plans for both our worship and another way for how to honor teachers!

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 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!

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!

WHAT'S THE SCOOP - SUN., JUNE 7 (either in person or via Zoom)

Rather than meeting in May when we normally would have, we set this for June. Now we'll have to wait and see whether our meeting will be in person or via Zoom. We've been at these for a year now, and they have been wonderful. This gathering involves brainstorming ideas and getting them going. We will meet Sunday, June 7, at noon on way or the other. It seems smart if we're in person, to forego the eating together part this time as well as to say we won't have childcare this time.

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: July 12, Aug. 2 & 9, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, plus many others.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - SUN., JUNE 14 (maybe)

Our next monthly screening date is tentatively scheduled for Sun., June 14, 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.

KIDSWORK MUSEUM NEEDS

The Kidswork Museum in Frankfort will discontinue collecting wrapping paper tubes, toilet paper rolls, egg cartons, and paper towel tubes. Donations of craft supplies are still welcome, and can be placed in the black bins under the countertop in the entrance area. Thanks for your support all these years!

Help Others

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.

ELASTIC FOR MASKS

Some volunteers are working on making masks to give to health care workers. **If you'd like to join the effort, email the church. peacechurch@peacnewlenos.org.**

LOMC MEMORIAL DAY WORK WEEKEND - **cancelled**

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.)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - (stay tuned about when they will resume)

Come and prepare shawls for people who need to be wrapped in God's love. We meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bring yarn, hooks/needles and patterns or we can provide these for you. Please watch the bulletin for the date of our next meeting. Questions, contact Cheryl, 815-462-3089. If you know someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please put your request in the box on the narthex counter.

KATIE'S CLOSET FEEDING MINISTRY

We have been given the opportunity to help support future pastors and deacons in a new way. The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Chicago has a food closet for its seminarians and the closet is low on supplies. We have organized an ongoing food drive to help fill the shelves and lift the burden that seminary can sometimes be for students and their families. A list of needed items can be found in the narthex.

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

SUMMER SUNDAY & OTHER CLASS IDEAS

The regular Sunday School year is over until Fall. As to when summer adult class sessions will be up and running, stay tuned. Each year Pastor Dave solicits ideas for classes you would like to have. He usually does these between services on Sunday, but is open to other times as well. Please let us know of your suggestions via email: peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.

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. May's passage is: Psalm 49:5-13.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Our amazing Vacation Bible School planning crew is creating another outstanding opportunity for kids (and volunteers) to grow closer to God. The dates will be July 28 - 31. Our theme will 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!

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