

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 5/29/20. 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., May 30 - Live-stream introduction for worship 5:00pm followed by [Facebook video](#)

Wed., June 3 - Bible Study - 10:00am via Zoom

Sat., June 6 - Live-stream introduction for worship 5:00pm followed by [Facebook video](#)

Sun., June 7 - What's the Scoop - noon via Zoom

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

Online Worship for May 30 & 31

Please join us for this weekend's [Facebook live stream](#) introduction for worship on Saturday, May 30, 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 Kathy Drews, 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!

Words to This Week's Hymn

I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY - text by John Ylvisaker

1. "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

3. "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.”

4. “I was there to hear your bawling cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

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! While our financial giving is not up to the level of when we are in worship together, we are grateful that so many of you have given regularly online or via the mail. We are holding our own. What that means is that we are doing the work of Christ together including with our synod, the ELCA, and Christians around the world. Hungry people are being fed, stressed out people are given perspective and help, abused children are given refuge, and so much more. Thank you!

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. 45 on June 3) 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

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.
- In order to stay under the “ten people or fewer gathering in person,” people would have to promise to stay in their cars! (No going to the bathrooms inside or spreading out on the lawn, for example.) We will need to insist on this no matter how much some may think it unnecessary; remember it is for the good of society.
- 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 because they 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 seek to serve as many as possible.
- 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.

THEREFORE, 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.

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. You will need the codes to access the meeting, so email us at peacechurch@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. Just because we can't be together in person, doesn't mean we can't appreciate teachers!

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!

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 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 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 (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 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 - 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 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. 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>.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SUN., JUNE 21 - via ZOOM

A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, June 21, at 9:30am. It will be on Zoom. 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.) 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. Use that same email to request a copy of what the proposed budget is 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/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. (In addition to other good reasons to do this now, it will support some small businesses.)

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) 10:30am. 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 password to you so you can join in seeing other friends from Peace! Please email us at peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - EVALUATING NEW CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

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 evaluating what to do), please let us know via email! We will await advice from the state and CDC before we can make final decisions about whether we'll get to have VBS this year.

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 LaVerne Piecuch, the family of Joey Theilen, the family of Patricia Rohling, Patrick, Dave Schilke, the family of Karen Quimbey, the wedding of Sara Losacco and Jeremy Kman, Ronald Clark, Ken Gatewood (recovery), Emilie Dotzenrod (recovery), Jackie Parvin, Kerrie Flynn,

Michele Lenz (recovery), Bonnie Fikeys, the Flynn family, Barb Decker, Georgia Cash, Edith Saurer, Denise Jones (and all those with MS and unable to receive therapies), 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...

Elinor Trotter (health), Ken & Sybille, Brian Haugen (recovery), Evan, all graduates, Erv Murray, Evan Hobgood (cancer), Rick Davis (cancer), 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, 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. 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, 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.peacnewlenox.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).



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 July)

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 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....weeknights, or weekends or both. We **currently think it will be August before this might happen**. 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

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!)

WANT SPECIAL PRAYERS?

Because we aren't together in worship, you maybe would like opportunities to have prayers for specific people.

Please feel free to share those via our email (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or call Pastor Dave directly at 815-485-5324.

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.

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.

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.

MEN'S DARTBALL - NEXT FALL

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

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.

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.)

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!

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., JULY 12

Our next monthly screening date is tentatively scheduled for 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.

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.**

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.)

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

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. **June's passage is: Romans 8:31-39**

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