PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Current as of October 30, 2020 (new/important items since 10/23 are in bold type) Dave Hedlin, Pastor Shari Trotter, Diaconal Minister

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 <u>www.peacenewlenox.org</u> regularly for updates. There will be occasional email updates as well, the last of which was 10/23/20. 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., Oct. 31 - Halloween "Trick or Treat" tables of candy - 10:00am at church

Sat., Oct. 31 - Outdoor All-Saints Weekend Worship & Drive-in (89.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including Facebook video)

Sun., Nov. 1 - Indoor All-Saints Sunday Worship (registration required) - 8:30 & 11:00....& Live-stream of both (including Facebook video), with candle lighting at 8:30 service

Sun., Nov. 1 - time change (set clocks back 1 hour) - 2:00am

Sun., Nov. 1 - What's the Scoop (idea exchange) - 12:15pm - in person or via Zoom

Mon., Nov. 2 & 16 - Ruth Circle (Quilting) - 9:00am - at church

Mon., Nov. 2 & 9 - Senior Exercise Group - noon at church

Tues., Nov. 3 - Thanksgiving Dinner planning - 7:00pm - at church

Wed., Nov. 4 & 11 - Bible Study - in person & via Zoom

Wed., Nov. 4 & 11 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:30am

Wed., Nov. 4 & 11 - Confirmation - 7:00pm - in person & via Zoom

Sat., Nov. 7 - Virtual Potluck - 6:30 - via Zoom

Sat., Nov. 7 - Outdoor Worship & Drive-in (89.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including Facebook video)

Sun., Nov. 8 - Indoor Sunday Worship (registration required) - 8:30 & 11:00....& Live-stream of both (including Facebook video)

Sun., Nov. 8 - Peace 360 & 7/8th Grade Cards for Sunny Hill - 4pm

Daily: Reflections from Pastor Dave. Facebook video.

# Outdoor/Indoor/Drive-in/Online Worship for Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 (with communion option)

Please join us for this weekend's Outdoor and Drive-in Worship (89.3 FM) at 5:00pm on Saturday, Oct. 31, (with Facebook live stream of the worship) and two indoor worship options on Sunday, Nov. 1, at 8:30 & 11:00am. If you want to be physically at church but don't want to come inside, you can come to the parking lot and bring your cell phone with you to see the service on Facebook live. Our Facebook page site will have the worship recorded and available anytime after Sunday's worship for sure. (You do not need to have a Facebook account to access this public page.) There will be some great music from Todd, special music, a hymn to which you can sing along outdoors or hum indoors (words included below this announcement, so be sure to print out the words) some liturgy, scripture readings (Revelation 7:9-17,

1 John 3:1-3, & Matthew 5:1-12), prayers, communion (be sure you bring a piece of bread or a cracker), and a sermon. At 8:30, we will also light candles in honor of All Saints Sunday. Please join in being together in God's name out on the lawn, in your cars, in the sanctuary or electronically and share the worship post with others! (In case of inclement weather, outdoor worship will be the drive-in option.) If you want more details, search/look for "How will worship work" at the end of the document.

## Words to This Week's Hymn – 10/31 & Nov. 1 - Shall We Gather at the River - words by Robert Lowry

**1.** Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

- **3.** Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)
- 4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (Refrain)

BY THE WAY....WOULD YOU LIKE A COPY OF THE WORSHIP BOOK FOR YOURSELF? One of our members asked about doing this, and we can make that happen. If you'd like your own copy, let us know and we will pass one along at our cost, which should be about \$28 after shipping. Contact the office (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327).

## 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! Thank you! Your online gifts last week of \$2,089 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$2,613 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance we had 465 online views, about 12 on the lawn and 12 in cars, 20 at 8:30 and 25 at 11:00. In troubled times, it is as important as ever to let the Word of God speak in our hearts and to the world.

The altar flowers last week were given by Terry & Michele Lenz in thanks for blessings given and for Terry's continued healing; also given by Dennis & Sharon Wesel in celebration of their anniversary.

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

#### HALLOWEEN CANDY EVENT - SAT., OCT. 31 - 10:00am

In keeping with CDC guidelines, here is our plan to help kids have a special Halloween. To sign-up, call or email the office (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327) with your willingness to be involved, either as a donator or as "we'll come to get candy." The plan would be that those donating candy each would spread them out on a table and those picking up would come by and pick up the candy. Everybody is distanced and nobody is touching anyone else's candy. The donators would need to be ready to go on Sat., Oct. 31 before 10:00 a.m. and the pick-up people here at 10:00, ready to go. We would then do a live-stream of the event on Facebook. (Want to donate candy, but cannot be at church? We'll accommodate that, too.) Costumes are encouraged but not required.

#### ALL SAINTS CANDLE LIGHTING WORSHIP - NOV. 1 - 8:30am

During the 8:30 worship service on Sunday, Nov. 1, people who have lost loved ones (especially those since the last All Saints Sunday) will have an opportunity to remember them. This year's version will be different in that Deacon Shari & Pastor Dave will light the candles, but we will list all the names in this bulletin that weekend. If you would like a candle lit in memory of someone, let us know through the website (Sign Up) or through the office (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327). Be sure to give us your name and contact information and whom you wish to remember. The following names for candles were given to us as of today:

We remember...

Dorothy L. Tyler, Joseph Schultz, Georgia Bergmark, Dennis Griffith, June & Ford Seabert, Joe & Margaret Swyndro, Dan Swyndro, Lindsey Chambers, Barry, Thomas Borsellino, Karlette, Bob Park, Elvie Gramlich, Daniel Obuchina,

WHAT'S THE SCOOP? (Bring your ideas to the group!) - SUN., NOV. 1 - 12:15 pm So, what goes on? Why should I come? The bottom line is ideas for ministry are exchanged and new ones brought to mind — even in these crazy times. We hope you'll come either in person or online through Zoom! Our next meeting is Sun., Nov. 1, at 12:15. Let us know if you plan to attend and how so we can send you information ahead of time (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327.)

#### THANKSGIVING DINNER HELP & PLANNING - TUES., NOV. 3 - 7:00pm

For our wonderful dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, the situation this year is going to be very different! One thing that hasn't changed: we still need all kinds of people helping in a variety of ways. All meals will be carry out or delivered – no one will be eating at church this year. Also, because of restrictions, all the food will be catered. Even so, we are going to need lots of help with...

- A) assembling the meals in safely spaced out Fellowship Hall
- B) bringing the food out to the parking lot to the waiting pick-up people
- C) taking meals for delivery
- D) clean up
- E) on Wed. night putting together some extra food bags

The guests picking up food/getting deliveries will have specific pick-up/delivery times from 11:00am until we're done, but no later than 1:30pm. The planning meeting will be Tues., Nov. 3, at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like to help set the whole effort in motion or for one of the slots A) - E), please contact the church office (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327.) God's work continues!

#### VIRTUAL FALL POT LUCK- SAT., NOV. 7 - 6:30pm

What is more "Us" at Peace than a meal together? Since we cannot get together in person here is a way to eat together-virtually! The idea is to prepare a one dish meal of your choosing, set your table, and sit down to dinner with others by Zoom. (Instructions to be sent to those who wish to participate.) So, picture your favorite "Tuna Casserole" all steaming, ready to be served at your house, and "shared" with the others. Be prepared for those folks who will want the recipe! Please RSVP so we know who's joining (815-485-5327 or (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

#### BAPTISM ORIENTATION - SAT., NOV. 7 - 3:00pm

For those planning to have a baptism in the near future, the next baptism orientation class will be Sat., Nov. 7, at 3:00pm at church. Let us know if you plan to attend! (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327.)

#### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS - SUN., NOV. 8 - 9:45am

We invite anyone who wants to participate in an adult class on join us on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 9:45am, either online via Zoom or in person. Be sure to let us know if you're coming and by which means so we can give out the codes or have the right socially distanced space. The topic will be "There Are Many Ways God Can Heal Us." We have more than just physical pain, although that also matters greatly! We will look at the multiple paths God has given for healing. The following class will be Nov. 22, with the topic "Humility Can Work Miracles."

#### PEACE 360 & 7/8TH GRADE - SUN., NOV. 8 - 4pm

Please join us in Fellowship Hall, from 4-6pm. We are going to make some cards to cheer up the residents at Sunny Hill. Please wear your mask.

#### PRAYER SHAWLS - NOV. 11

Or plan is to meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. – come when you can and leave when it's good for you. (We will be in the education wing instead of the parlor.) Not sure you are ready to be in person? Then feel free to keep making shawls at home and bring them by when it is convenient! Send an email if you have questions or would like more information.

#### PEACE 360 MEETINGS FROM 4-6PM

Grades 9-12 please join us on Nov. 8 & 22 and Dec. 6 & 20.

#### POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE BY NOV. 22

This year we still are not sure exactly what Christmas worship will be like. But we want to honor all those who would like to remember or honor loved ones through a poinsettia. The donation amount will be \$10 this year. Call, use email or the online sign up to let us know your information or for any questions by Nov. 22.

#### TREATS FOR TROOPS

Operation Care Package collects individually wrapped candy for distribution to our military throughout the year. Service men and women stationed in foreign countries appreciate getting packages – and bonus treats like chocolates, candy, gum, and mints. Whether you have excess candy left over from the Trick or Treaters or you want to hit the sales after Halloween when the prices are slashed, we will happily take any treats you would like to donate. Please bring the items to church and they will be delivered to OCP by Cass & Pam from our church.

#### WARM COAT MINISTRY BEGINS

One Warm Coat is a ministry of our church to assist in the collection of clean, reusable coats and jackets for donation to local individuals free of charge. We are grateful for our ability in all circumstances to continue in our mission to meet basic human needs. Items can be dropped off at church including left outside the front door in a bag or box. Scarfs, hats, gloves/mittens and boots are also accepted. Thank you for your continued support!

#### GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

Some of you have used these books to get discounts at restaurants, oil change places, dry cleaners and more. The 2021 edition has arrived. They are \$25, with \$5 of that going to support youth ministries in our church. If you'd like a copy, come by the office M-F, 9:00 to noon, or let us know and we'll happily make arrangements to make it happen!

## **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.

Claudia Green, the Clausing family, Lori Kooi, Kelly, Sue, Emmett Carroll (tests), Danny Rosales (COVID), the Lohmar family (COVID-19), Rich Massey (recovery), Charlie Rodey (surgery), Sharon Obuchina (cancer), Dave Hennessey (recovery), Terry Lenz (recovery), Ellen DeMik (recovery), Barb Hnetkovsky (recovery) Roger Bentley (recovery), Krista Peterson (recovery), Judy Malec, Kay Johnson, Jason Villalobos (recovery), Dennis Flynn (job loss), Pete Viehweg, Marilyn Krauch (recovery), Denise Jones, Kerrie Flynn, Bonnie Fikeys, Barb Decker, Georgia Cash, Edith Saurer, Terry Jesk, Nolan (God's guidance), Ann Ciannella, Jonah Huelhorst, Cathy Richardson, Judy Williams, Georgia Piech-Pander, Eric Bartels, Carol Tatro, Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

David Leahy, Karen McLaughlin, Lou Pinto, Karen Legris (surgery), Mark Williams (cancer), Colleen

Molgioglio (cancer), Gary Taeger (COVID-19), Ruth, Derek Harris, Karen Michielsen, Gloria Schwienberg, Laurie, Margaret G (cancer), Ann Fitzgerald, Rick Davis, Judy Brann, Scott Campbell (transplant), Jerry Kolanowski, Karen Evans, Carly Flynn, Tom, Sandy Booten, Madisyn Ann Brill, Janet, Carol Bentley, Tyler, Vern Sandborn, 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, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann.

<u>FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY</u> - We are starting from scratch with our military list. 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, T.J. Burns, Jake Treasure, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Dan Treasure.

#### 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 <a href="www.peacenewlenox.org">www.peacenewlenox.org</a> 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

#### PEACE PAGE TURNERS - SUN., NOV. 22 - 9:30am

Our next combination Zoom and in-person meeting is scheduled for Nov. 22, at 9:30am. The in-person part will be separated safely (plus wear a mask while moving to and from.) We will discuss *Crashing Through* by Robert Kurson. This is the true story of risk, adventure and the man who dared to see. If you are using Zoom, be sure to let us know so we can get the codes to you. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. (There might be some copies of the book still available at church.)

#### RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTING) – MON. NOV. 2 & 16 & 30

Ruth Circle quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:00 a.m., with the next one on Nov. 2 It's very casual and if you can't make it each time, just come when you can. At this time, we will not be having snacks. Questions? Contact the church office.

#### SENIORS EXERCISE GROUP - MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

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

#### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP - on hold

#### ADDICTION & FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP - EVERY TUESDAY

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.

## Fellowship Opportunities/Tickets & Events

PICKLEBALL & PING PONG - If you are interested in either of these, contact the church office (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

#### **General Announcements**

#### DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS FOR OCT. - DEC. ARE AVAILABLE

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 you want us to mail it to you, let us know.

#### **COLLEGE INFORMATION PACKETS**

We have available an excellent packet of materials for all who are in the college search stage of life. Let the church office know via email or call, and we'll get it to you electronically.

#### **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.

#### ANOTHER WAY TO STAY CONNECTED

Check out our Facebook page on a regular basis. (Make sure to like and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!)

#### WANT SPECIAL PRAYERS?

Because we aren't together in worship, you maybe would like opportunities to have prayers for specific people. Please feel free to share those via our email (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or call the office.

#### BECAUSE OF YOU

"Eight years ago, my economic condition was miserable. My family went to sleep many nights without a meal," Mrs. Mafuza said. Mrs. Mafuza joined a community-based savings group, organized by Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh (LHCB) and supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. She received a small loan from the group and started a tea shop near the police station. Within one year, she repaid the loan and took out another loan to expand her business. With her increased income from the larger business, she's happy, healthy, and excited to report that all of her children attend school, with her eldest enrolled in college.

#### QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD BOOK

This month we received an order for 100 of our coloring books from a church in Kansas that wanted to use them for its preschool. The reaction: the director *loved them!* (What's not to love, right?) Pastor Forni from Santa Cruz also blessed us by reading a page from our Spanish edition on a video, which is now posted on our QKA Facebook page. You can help this ministry by liking the Facebook page and by remembering the book (either English or Spanish in full color or as a coloring book) on a gift-giving occasion or as an outreach tool. 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.

#### TRAILBLAZERS - WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR

We keep ourselves on the radar, but will hold off meeting once again. Stay tuned for another update, but currently are thinking to wait until next year.. 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.

#### CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

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

#### PEACE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like special prayers said for someone, just let the office know of a particular need. Our Circle of Prayer ministry is ready to help. We will send out an email to the praying volunteers with that need. (If you would like to be a part of this Peace Circle of Prayer, let us know, including what email address we should use.)

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - MAYBE NOVEMBER???

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

## **Help Others**

GOOD SHEPHERD group is seeking donations of NEW beauty items (make-up, make-up brushes, eyeshadow, lotion, hair bands, cologne, lipstick, hair care products, combs and brushes), personal items, bathing items (sponges, bubble bath, shower gel), and travel size toiletries for homeless and abused persons. Please place these items in the basket labeled *Good Shepherd Beauty Items* located under the left part of the narthex counter. Thank you for your support!

#### DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSTAR TREASURE CHEST

We are still accepting donations of clothing and household goods for MorningStar Treasure Chest. Place your donations in the basket marked MorningStar located in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall.

#### CAREGIVERS INFORMATION

Whether you are a caregiver for a spouse, parent, teen, sibling or a child, you need help with the emotional, spiritual, mental and physical side of reality. These days you might fold your hands in prayer and ask God to always be there. It isn't doubt, it isn't fear, it's just that NEED to want Him near. In the sleepless nights, and the worrying days, you tremble with sadness and laugh with tears. Keep my loved one safe you pray, keep me strong and healthy with each new day. Remind me dear God to always trust, no matter what the day may bring. Remind me too dear God, that my loved one also folds their hands in prayer and asks that I be there. Find more comfort in: Psalm 23, Psalm 119:73-77 and Isaiah 12. (For more information about being a caregiver and other related topics – see our display in the entrance area of church when we get back together. Help yourself to the variety of resources that we have pulled together for you and know you're not alone.)

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

## Faith Development/Education

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am via Zoom and in-person. For those who come to the in-person

version, we have some requirements for distancing, and you need to wear a mask on the way in and out. If you have any questions, call the office.

#### DAILY DEVOTIONAL ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE

The coronavirus calls for new ways of helping people of faith. The ELCA's publishing house, Augsburg-Fortress, has made *Christ in Our Home* available free online:

https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286137/Christ-in-Our-Home.

#### **EVERYBODY READ**

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort. Each month we pick a passage, invite everyone to read it sometime that month, and then those who are willing, write down a sentence or two (or more if you'd like) about what you got out of the passage. **November's passage is Psalm 145:10-14.** 

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

## Details for how we worship this weekend, including Sunday indoor worship

#### **CURRENTLY** FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

- \*Whether you drive-in or are outdoors, or even at home, we are adding a modified communion option. Take a piece of bread or cracker with you to the service. Pastor Dave will give the Words of Institution on behalf of all of us and invite us to take our bread/cracker at the same time and partake of this modified version of the Lord's Supper.
- \* In order to keep people's safety in mind following the advice of the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health, there will be a drop box if you wish to bring an offering with you. Otherwise, we will depend on people continuing to contribute online or by mail.
- \* Bathrooms will be available, but people would be encouraged to use them only if necessary, and social distancing would be required. The doors to the bathrooms will be left open to eliminate having to touch them, and for the sake of knowing what kind of distancing/waiting is needed. Masks are required.

#### ONE OPTION: OUTDOOR WORSHIP ON SATURDAYS AT 5:00PM

- \* Households would be required to socially distance from each other. We have markings in the grass for individuals/households about 10' apart.
- \* Those worshiping outdoors can choose whether to bring a blanket or their own chairs.
- \* Masks would be required when moving to or from the parking lot to the marked spots. (We will have spare masks if you don't have one or forget.)
- \* Children would have to be with an adult at all times.
- \* Worship leaders would be set up at the far west end of the long sidewalk (where all the grass is available between the main building and the garage) in front of the door to the education wing, facing the parking lot, which again allows those who choose the drive-in option to see.
- \* We will have sound projection/speakers for all to hear.
- \* The worship would continue to be modified so as to last about 30 to 40 minutes. There would be no ushers or greeters or other worship assistants. Worshiping outdoors will allow us to sing!
- \* In case of bad weather, the service would switch to a drive-in only format centered at the front entrance.

#### DRIVE-IN OPTION CONTINUES ON SATURDAY NIGHTS

\* 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 also might be able to hear through the outdoor loudspeakers.

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

#### ONLINE OPTION CONTINUES

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

#### **INDOOR WORSHIP RESUMES**

We have resumed limited indoor worship on Sunday mornings with two services: 8:30 and 11:00. There are a lot of details that go with that, including that 5:00 Saturday night will continue as is for the time being (both drive-in and outdoor.) What follows is the whole list of what our restrictions and requirements need to be to make indoor worship as safe as possible, and how we can all work together to make this happen. This is also on our website <a href="www.peacenewlenox.org">www.peacenewlenox.org</a> within the newsletter for November.

After many, many conversations with a variety of people and the leadership of the Council, here is the plan (to be tweaked as necessary) for resuming indoor worship. Some of you would like there to be fewer (or no) restrictions, but churches are considered places of super-spreading, and we owe it to each other and to our community and nation to do everything we can to be as safe as possible. That is what Jesus would have us do! If you are at a higher risk, please use your own good judgment. **Live-streaming will continue**! If you have questions, please contact us (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327.)

- \* We will continue to have an outdoor/drive-in Saturday nights (& Facebook streaming) at 5:00 for as long as we can.
- \* We now have two services on Sunday, with one at 8:30am and one at 11:00am, both live-streamed as well.
- \* All indoor services will be limited in attendance to 50 people total in the sanctuary and no more than 20 in Fellowship Hall, which will have the video stream in it. There **will be a registration process** each week (via email and the phone 815-485-5327 or <u>peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org</u>) on a first come basis starting after noon each preceding Sunday. We will notify you that we received your email/call and whether you are one of the first 50/20.
- \* Masks will be required from the time you leave your car until you get back in the car. If you forget yours, we will have spares. (Those who are less than 2 years old or those with special health issues are exempt.)
- \* Temperatures will be taken outside the main entrance on the way in, and names will be checked off both to match the sign-up list, as well as if we needed to do contact tracing. You may have to wait a little bit, with spacing between households. Come early, please.
- \* There will be no congregational singing of a hymn, except by one worship leader who will be shielded from the congregation. You *can* hum along!
- \* We will have pews marked off so that socially distanced spaces can be maintained. Of course, household units can stay together in their pew. Ushers will be available to help guide people, filling in pews from the front of the sanctuary to the back, and at the end of service leaving from the back.
- \* We won't be having nursery attendants, acolytes, refreshments, lay liturgists, lesson readers, etc.
- \* Between services, the sanctuary and all other spaces will be electrostatically sprayed with a disinfectant that will cover all surfaces.
- \* Bathrooms will be discouraged from being used but will also receive attention.
- \* Drinking fountains will not be in use.
- \* Communion will continue to be "bring your own bread or cracker."
- \* The service length will continue to be between 30 and 40 minutes.

- \* If you feel sick or have come in contact with someone who has COVID-19, please stay home and watch via the live-stream.
- \* We are going to need volunteer ushers, temperature takers, and after worship sprayers. You can sign up on the website (Sign Up) or contact the office. These volunteers will need to provide a N95/KN95 mask for themselves. There will be no physical contact with anyone, but the temperature takers will be within the six foot space for a few seconds.

Please pray for our world's healing, and for our congregation's ongoing attempts to stay faithful to God and God's leading!