

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 11/20/20. 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., Nov. 21 - Drive-in Worship (89.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))
Sun., Nov. 22 - Drive-in Worship - 8:30 & 11:00....& Live-stream of both (including [Facebook video](#))
Sun., Nov. 22 - Book Discussion - 9:30am - via Zoom
Sun., Nov. 22 - Ping pong - noon (with masks)
Mon., Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Dinner final planning meeting - 7:00pm in person or via Zoom
Wed., Nov. 25 - Bible Study - via Zoom 10:00am
Wed., Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Dinner set up and assembly
Thurs., Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Dinner ministry - carry out & deliveries
Thurs., Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving worship - (Released on [Facebook video](#) - 11:00am)
Fri., Nov. 27 - Office closed
Sat., Nov. 28 - Drive-in Worship (89.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (including [Facebook video](#))
Sun., Nov. 29 - Drive-in Worship - 8:30 & 11:00....& Live-stream of both (including [Facebook video](#))
Sun., Nov. 29 - Adult Class - 9:45am - via Zoom
Mon., Nov. 30 - Ruth Circle (Quilting) - (tentative) 9:00am - at church

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

Drive-in/Online Worship for Nov. 21 & 22

Please join us for this weekend's Drive-in Worship (89.3 FM) at 5:00pm on Saturday, Nov. 21 and on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 8:30 & 11:00am, with [Facebook live stream](#) of all three worship services.) The worship leaders are under the canopy, and those who are driving all facing in that direction. Please park on the yellow lines which allows us to be spaced apart.

Our [Facebook page](#) site continues to have the worship services recorded and available anytime. (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, (words included below this announcement, so be sure to **print out the words**) some liturgy, scripture readings (Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23, & Matthew 25:31-46), prayers, communion and a sermon. Please join in being together in God's name in your cars, or electronically and share the worship post with others! If you want more details, search/look for "How will worship work" at the end of the document.

Words to This Week's Hymn – 11/21 & 11/22 - *Crown Him with Many Crowns* - words by Matthew

Bridges

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

4. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

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 \$1,696 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$5,929 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world! For attendance we had 688 Facebook views (plus You Tube and watching live), and in person about 30 in chairs or in cars at 5:00, 25 at 8:30 and 10 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.

Opportunities for Giving to Others

GIVE/SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD! - NEW HOLIDAY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY with Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services (LIRS)

Peace Lutheran is helping to facilitate a new Holiday outreach opportunity this year through Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services (LIRS). Currently, immigrants who are primarily from Latin America are being held in detention centers across the U.S. To demonstrate God's love and care for those in detention, 2020 marks the sixth year of the LIRS program called *Hope for the Holidays*. We're encouraging people in our church to participate this year by **giving/sending a Christmas card (or two). You can either make a homemade version (simple only - no glitter, jewels, removable pieces that little ones might swallow!) or personalize a ready-made greeting card. Also important, sign with only your first name(s) and city & state. Please do not include or place the cards in envelopes. Please drop your cards off at Peace by Saturday, December 5.** If you come by when the office is closed, just leave them in the grey container outside the front door.

If you haven't heard of Lutheran Immigrant & Refugee Services (LIRS), for over 80 years the organization has helped more than half a million refugees who faced conflict and persecution in their homeland. We encourage you to visit their website at <https://www.lirs.org/> to learn more. Written Christmas greeting cards and gifts purchased through donations, are delivered to detainee families in three facilities – two in Texas and one in Pennsylvania. Last year, with the help of 266 groups and individuals, LIRS delivered 14,137 cards and 1,512 gifts. Kelly Renaud from our church is coordinating this effort and encourages you to check out LIRS for more options for how to be involved, including Spanish versions and monetary donations. If you have questions, contact the office and we'll put you in touch with Kelly. Thank you for your interest and participation in this meaningful thinking-of-others program.

WARM COAT MINISTRY RESUMES

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!

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Each year the money we receive in our Thanksgiving/Christmas special envelopes is given away to others. This year it will be divided between the ELCA's Hunger Appeal (which includes direct help for the victims of the hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and other disasters), Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (the agency of our church that serves so many people in need), mission churches (Santa Cruz in Joliet and Resurrection in Channahon - Pastor Ben's church), and local ministries that help others (Groundwork, Daybreak, Trinity Services, and Morningstar Mission).

GIFTS FOR SANTA CRUZ, AUGUSTANA CENTER FOR OPEN ARMS, AND ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The donation Christmas tree that we set up in the entrance area would go largely unnoticed and unused this year. Yet, we know how generous the people of this congregation are and how you have a heart for others. So, we are going to set up a Christmas gift-giving fund to which you can contribute. We know it doesn't feel as good as actually buying a present, but let's concentrate on the people who are in need and plan for a normal 2021 Christmas season!

Our causes will be the same, so you can designate which one(s) you wish to support and the amount(s). So that we don't blend these gifts with regular offerings, would you please send a check that gives which cause(s) and amount(s)? If you don't have checks anymore, you can drop off an envelope at church with cash, or you can use the online giving and send/email us a note for the special contribution so we look for it.

We will buy gift cards/send in the donations for the organizations/causes from the moneys we receive.

The causes

Santa Cruz in Joliet (our mission partner) - children and teens (\$10 to \$50)

Santa Cruz in Joliet - homeless adults (\$10 to \$50)

Augustana Open Arms - orphaned teens (\$25 to \$50)

ELCA Good Gifts ministry - assisting people all over the world with animals & more (chicks - \$10; honey bees - \$20; piglet - \$30; school uniform for girls - \$40; goats - \$50; feed 50 people at a soup kitchen - \$100; cow - \$500)

New/ Important for This Week

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

Our next meeting will now be via Zoom on Nov. 22, at 9:30am. We will discuss *Crashing Through* by Robert Kurson. This is the true story of risk, adventure and the man who dared to see. If can attend, be sure to let us know so we can get the Zoom 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.)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS - SUN., NOV. 29 - 9:45am

We invite anyone who wants to participate in an adult class on join us on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 9:45am, currently with it being only via Zoom. (Stay tuned if that changes to also being in person.) Be sure to let us know if you're coming so we can you the right codes. The topic for this class will be "Humility Can Work Miracles."

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.

PING PONG - SUN., NOV. 22 - NOON

The next round of ping pong will be Nov. 22 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Let us know if you're planning to attend (peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org or 815-485-5327.)

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 get one to you!

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.

Jeff & Kristin Bell family (COVID death of his mother, Maxine Bell and hospitalization of his father, Tom), Char Bonomo (COVID), Sabina Stohlquist (recovery), Mike Svancarek (job search), Harriette Vanco (COVID), Kelly Muehlnickel (& family) (COVID), Sue Horn (surgery), Terry Jesk, Zach Huelhorst (biopsy), Dave Urewicz (COVID & knee-replacement recovery), Mary Brouette (COVID), Roxanne Kozar (recovery), Ryan Jones, Claudia Green, Lori Kooi, Emmett Carroll (tests), the Lohmar family (COVID-19), Rich Massey (recovery), Charlie Rodey (recovery), 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, Pete Viehweg, Marilyn Krauch (recovery), Denise Jones, 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...
the Miheve family, Rick Davis, Hannah, Kelley, Danny, Teresa & Meredith Rosales (COVID), Kelly, Sue, the Clausing family, 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), 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.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY - 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, Allison DeVitto.

SPECIAL VIDEO FROM SOMEONE ON OUR PRAYER LIST IN THE MILITARY!

Regarding those serving in the military, Margie Haugen's son, Major Donald Lazarz, remains serving in Ukraine through May '21, part of a NATO joint training program. (Thanks for your prayers for Donald.) Below is a link for a Veteran's Day video he created in Ukraine. (Major Lazarz is a principal at a school in central Illinois when not on active military duty.)

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=HggHXOIizw4#dialog>

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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).



Groups

RUTH CIRCLE (QUILTING) – MON. NOV. 30

Ruth Circle quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:00 a.m., with the next one on Nov. 16. 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 - WAITING TO SEE WHEN WE CAN MEET IN PERSON AGAIN

We will pause our meetings on Mondays 12:00-1:00 and Wednesdays 11:30-12:30 in Fellowship Hall. When it is safe, join us for a low impact, do what you can exercise program for seniors. Bring your own chair.

PRAYER SHAWLS - WEDNESDAYS - WAITING TO SEE WHEN WE CAN MEET IN PERSON AGAIN

Our 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.

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

PING PONG - If you are interested, 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 when allowed again.) 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

FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

*Whether you drive-in or at home, we have a **modified communion option**. **You can take a piece of bread or cracker with you to the service**. We 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. When the back-order is filled, we will also be adding a pre-packaged wafer & grape juice option.

* 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.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP ON SATURDAYS AT 5:00PM & SUNDAY AT 8:30 & 11:00

* Households are required to socially distance from each other, which can be accomplished by **parking on the yellow lines**. **Our worship location is centered under the main canopy**.

* Masks would be required if you get out of your car. (We have spare masks.)

* We will have sound projection/speakers for all to hear, plus the FM channel (89.3.)

* The worship will last about 30 to 40 minutes. Worshiping outdoors allows us to sing!

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 ON HOLD

We no longer resumed limited indoor worship on Sunday mornings and the additional restrictions hit. So, for now we are back to outdoor/drive-in on Sundays too: 8:30 and 11:00. Stay tuned!

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