PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Current as of October 6, 2020 (new/important items since 10/2 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.*

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 10/2/20. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Tues., Oct. 6 - Committee Chairs - 7:30 pm- in person & via Zoom

Wed., Oct. 7 & 14- Bible Study - 10:00am - in person & via Zoom

Wed., Oct. 7 & 14 - Confirmation - 7:00pm - in person & via Zoom

Wed., Oct. 7 & 14 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:30am

Sat., Oct. 10 - Blood Drive - 9:00am - 1:00pm (make a reservation, please)

Sat., Oct. 10 - Outdoor Worship & Drive-in (89.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (followed by <u>Facebook</u> video)

Sun., Oct. 11 - Outdoor Worship & Drive-in (89.3 FM) & Live-stream - 9:45am

Sun., Oct. 11 - Adult Class - 10:45am in person & Zoom

Sun., Oct. 11 - Peace 360 - Pumpkin Carving at church 4-6pm

Mon., Oct. 12 & 19 - Senior Exercise Group - noon at church

Wed., Oct. 14 - Prayer Shawls - 6:30pm at church

Fri., Oct. 16 - 7th & 8th Grade - Movie Night - 6:30pm at church

Fri. - Sun., Oct. 16 - 18 - Bring non-perishable foods to church

Sat., Oct 17 - First Communion Instruction - 10:00am at church

Sat., Oct. 17 - Outdoor Worship & Drive-in (89.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (followed by <u>Facebook video</u>)

Sun., Oct. 18 - Indoor Worship 8:30 & 11:00....& Live-stream of both [& maybe Drive-in (89.3 FM) - we're working on whether the transmitter will work in the parking lot from the indoor worship.]

Sun., Oct. 18 - New Member class - 9:45am at church of via Zoom (call for the code)

Mon., Oct. 19 - Quilting - 9:00am

Daily: Reflections from Pastor Dave. Facebook video.

Drive-in and Online Worship for Oct. 10 & 11 (with communion option)

A reminder that Oct. 18 will be different! But for this week, please join us as usual for this weekend's Outdoor and Drive-in Worship (89.3 FM) at 5:00pm on Saturday, Oct. 10, (with <u>Facebook live stream</u> of the worship if the weather cooperates) and another Outdoor and Drive-in Worship option (89.3 FM) on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 9:45am with the same weather qualifier. Our <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>YouTube Channel</u> sites will have the worship recorded and available anytime after Sunday's worship for sure. (You do not need to have a Facebook account to access this public page.) There will be some great music from Todd, special music, a hymn to which you can sing along (words included below this announcement, so be sure

to print out the words) some liturgy, scripture readings (Isaiah 25:1-9, Philippians 4:1-9, & Matthew 22:1-14), prayers, communion (be sure you bring a piece of bread or a cracker), and a sermon. Join in being together in God's name out on the lawn, in your cars or electronically and share the worship post with others! (In case of inclement weather, worship will be the drive-in option.) If you want more details, search/look for "How will worship work" at the end of the document.

Words to This Week's Hymn - 10/10 & 11 - Lead Me, Guide Me - words by Doris Akers

Refrain - Lead me, guide me, along the way for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

- 1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour. Help me through the darkness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)
- 2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

 I am putting all my trust in thee.

 Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)
- 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see.

 Lord, just always let me thy servant be.

 Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

Thank you

Thank you to all the people who are watching our weekly worship and daily videos on line. (Bring some good news to people you know online and share them with others.) Thanks, too, for all your support financially, in prayer, with words of encouragement, acts of service and more! In troubled times, it is as important as ever to let the Word of God speak in our hearts and to the world. Thank you!

New/ Important for This Week

BLOOD DRIVE - SAT., OCT 10 - 9:00am - 1:00pm

It is time once again to give the gift of life! Appointments are available/needed to keep this a safe experience for all. Contact the church office (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or go directly to Versiti's site. 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 PRAYERS FOR HEALING - SAT., OCT. 10 - 5:00pm

As a part of the 5:00pm worship, we will include special prayers for healing as a part of the Prayers of Intercession. It will different than our usual coming forward plan, but we hope it can be meaningful to all involved.

BIBLES TO 3RD GRADERS ON UP - SAT. & SUN., OCT. 10/11

We want to hand out Bibles to our 3rd Graders (and above) who haven't yet gotten a Bible from the church. Come to either worship service, and we'll have you come forward in a safe way and get your Bible.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS - SUN., OCT. 11- 10:45am

We invite anyone who wants to participate in an adult class on join us on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 10:45am, 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 "Why Do Bad Things Happen?" We'll look at the age old question, pay homage to Job and Jesus!, and try to look beyond the question. The next class will be Oct. 25 at 9:45am (note the change of time.)

PRAYER SHAWLS - WED., OCT. 14

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.

PEACE 360 - SUN., OCT. 11 PUMPKIN CARVING

Please bring your own pumpkin and carving tools. Remember to bring your masks. We will be outside weather permitting.

7/8TH GRADE MOVIE NIGHT - FRI., OCT. 16 - 7PM

We invite the 7th and 8th graders to join Deacon Shari for movie night at church! We will meet at church from 7pm to 9pm. We will be outside or in Fellowship Hall, wearing our masks, and social distancing. Please dress warm, bring your own chair/blanket, and your own snack. Use the sign up below to let us know you are coming.

http://www.peacenewlenox.org/event/1887008-2020-09-25-78th-grade-youth-group-movie-night/

PEACE 360 - BONFIRE AT THE KLOCK'S - SUN., OCT. 25 - 6:30

Join us at Mr. & Mrs. Klock's house for a bonfire! We will meet from 6:30p.m to 9:30p.m. Please bring your own blanket or chair, mask, and snacks to eat. Please let us know 815-485-5327 or (peacenewlenox.org) if you/your high school youth would like to attend so we can send you the Klock's address.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION - SAT., OCT. 17 OR OCT. 24

Each year we seek to prepare children in the fifth grade (and above) for receiving their first communion. We do it in a one-hour concentrated class. A parent/other adult (or two) should attend along with the child. This year in order to maintain social distancing, we are going to limit the numbers and require a sign-up in advance; first come basis. If the two sessions planned are not sufficient, we will add another option. The class will be offered on Sat., Oct. 17, at 10:00 a.m. or if you prefer, on Sat., Oct. 24, at 3:30 p.m. You need only attend one class or the other. Contact the church office for questions or to register.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS - OCT. 18 & 25

We are privileged once again to invite more people to become formal partners with us in our mission of spreading the Gospel and growing in faith. Because of the strange times we are going through, it will be a different version of our new member orientation and reception! Part 1: Sun., Oct. 18, at 9:45am – either on Zoom or in person; (2) on Oct. 25, during worship at 11:00am. If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, email (peacenewlenox.org) or call the church office at 815-485-5327 or see Pastor Dave. (We will need to omit the sponsors and new member luncheon for now but hope to make it up to the new members later.)

BRING FOOD TO CHURCH - OCT. 16-18

In honor of world food day (Oct. 16), we are asking people to bring some non-perishable food items to church between Oct. 16 and 18. You can drop it/them off by the front entrance any time that works for you. The food will be taken to our mission partner in Joliet, Santa Cruz, for distribution to people in need through their Blessing Bench ministry, a weekly program to feed the hungry. Any items will do, but they have special needs for cold cereal, soup, peanut butter, canned fruit.

HYMN PICKING - BY OCT. 28

Picking hymns, as with so many other activities, is not the usual plan. If you are interested in helping to pick the hymn of the day from December forward, let us know in the office. We'll send you a packet of materials, from which you can give input. Then Deb Howell will coordinate all the responses. All that needs to be done by Oct. 28.

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.

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.

Barb Hnetkovsky (procedure), Krista Peterson (recovery), the family of Lucille Hostert, the family of Dorothy Tyler, Ruth, celebration for the engagement of Ryan Jones & Abbey Curran, the Eagle Scout Award for Jacob Weber, Roger Bentley (recovery), Judy Malec, Kay Johnson, families who are estranged, Kathy Davenport (recovery), Jason Villalobos (recovery), Dennis Flynn (job loss), Kaitlin & Grant Gibbs (California fire displacement), all students returning to school (and traveling), 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...

Gary Taeger (COVID-19), Derek Harris, Karen Michielsen, Gloria Schwienberg, Laurie, Margaret G (cancer), Ann Fitzgerald, Rick Davis, Judy Brann, Patricia (cancer), Scott Campbell (transplant), Jerry Kolanowski, Karen Evans, Annie Knoll (surgery), Carly Flynn, Tom, Sandy Booten, Madisyn Ann Brill, Janet (procedures), Carol Bentley, Tyler, Vern Sandborn (recovery), Alan Booton, Bill Reidy (cancer), Erv Pander, Ron N., Deryl & Jim Hunt, Mary Hand, Tyler, the Austin family, Brena V. and family, Dan T. & family, Carol Bafundo, Georgianna Bafundo, Jeffrey, the Potter family, Brandon McSheffery, Jarrett Vann.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY - If you know someone who is serving and would like them on our list, let us know. Please pray for those who have returned from war who struggle to readjust to life and work through their grief. Donald Lazarz, Mike Scott, Daniel Kitley, T.J. Burns, Ned Fowler, Brian Kettell, Jake Treasure, Grover Keltz, Devin Pafford, Connor Baker, Dan Treasure, Neil Vickers, Allison DeVitto, Rob Boland, Daniel Lauer.

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

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Giving & Giving More Thanks

DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY (OR WANT TO)?

If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, contact the office. If you want to give on-line, you can go to our website www.peacenewlenox.org 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 - 10:30am

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. OCT. 19

Ruth Circle quilting will meet every other Monday at 9:00 a.m., with the next one on Oct. 19. 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. Ouestions? 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.

GOLF GROUP - WE ARE BACK IN BUSINESS!

The golf group is ready to go....weather permitting now! The format will still be "best ball. Each week Mike Bohl will send out an email to interested golfers with when and where to meet. You do not have to play every week. Questions or to sign up, contact the church office.

BECAUSE OF YOU

Through Lutheran World Relief, your love reaches across mountains, seas, impassable roads and even pandemics to save lives and change futures. LWR & its partners deliver emergency food packs, so families won't have to put their children to bed hungry during the COVID-19 crisis. They help men and women prepare for and respond to disasters like landslides, earthquakes or tsunamis, including providing lifesaving equipment like first aid kits, shovels, life jackets, lamps and more. Long-term, LWR & partners teach farmers new environmentally friendly techniques that can save family crops, even during droughts or floods. Your gifts to our church help make all this happen! Thank you!

QUESTIONS KIDS ASK ABOUT GOD BOOK

Thanks to Pastor Forni and a group to which he belongs, our Spanish edition of our amazing book is now in the hands of multiple churches! Do you know someone who has a child? Why not gift them a book (either English or Spanish in full color or as a coloring book)? Please email the church: peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org. Our QKA Facebook page has been updated, so check it out and like it!

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. **October's passage is Isaiah 2:2-5.**

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 & looking ahead to indoor worship

CURRENTLY FOR EVERYONE COMING TO PEACE

- * We're asking all people to enter the parking lot through the south (bank-end) of the Atrium Point complex via Schoolhouse Rd. All will be asked to leave via Rt. 30. If you are doing the outdoor option, we would ask you to park anywhere to the northern half of the parking lot, out of the line of sight of the worship platform, and walk to the grass area. For those doing the drive-in option, park facing the long sidewalk anywhere so you can see, and do the every-other-space routine, parking on the line. (Sedans in the row closest to the grass, and other sized vehicles starting in row 2.)
- *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

- * 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

- * We have a low power FM transmitter, which allows us to have worship leaders be visible and heard in each person's car via their car radio or an old-fashioned radio. It will be on channel 89.3. You might be able to hear the outdoor loudspeakers, but we're not counting on that.
- * Park so you can see the worship leaders at the end of the long sidewalk, 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 TO RESUME OCT. 18

We are going to resume limited indoor worship on Sunday mornings, starting Oct. 18, 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 www.peacenewlenox.org within the newsletter for October. (Page 3)

After many, many conversations with a variety of people, and the leadership of the Council, here is the plan (to be tweaked as necessary.) 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 (815-485-5327 or peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org.)

- * We will continue to have an outdoor/drive-in Saturday night (& Facebook streaming) at 5:00 for as long as we can.
- * Starting Oct. 18, we will go back to having two services on Sunday, with one at 8:30am and one at 11:00am.
- * All indoor services will be limited in attendance to 50 people total in the sanctuary and no more than 25 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>), first come basis starting after noon on Sunday. We will notify you that we received your email/call and whether you are one of the first 50/25.)
- * 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.
- * All services will be live-streamed via Facebook.
- * Temperatures will be taken 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.
- * 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.
- * 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.