

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**Current as of October 16, 2020 (new/important items since 10/9 are in bold type)** Dave Hedlin, Pastor  
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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.*

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Please check in with our Peace website [www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org) regularly for updates. There will be occasional email updates as well, the last of which was 10/9/20. If you are not getting those emails, please let us know!

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & OUR ON-LINE BULLETIN

### THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Fri., Oct. 16 - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 [Facebook video](#))  
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 space]  
Sun., Oct. 18 - New Member class - 9:45am at church or via Zoom (call for the code)  
Sun., Oct. 18 - Ping Pong - noon at church  
Mon., Oct. 19 - Quilting - 9:00am  
Mon., Oct. 19 & 26 - Senior Exercise Group - noon at church  
Wed., Oct. 21 & 28- Bible Study - 10:00am - in person & via Zoom  
Wed., Oct. 21 & 28- Confirmation - 7:00pm - in person & via Zoom  
Wed., Oct. 21 & 28- Senior Exercise Group - 11:30am  
Sat., Oct. 24 - Peace Buddies Pumpkin Decorating 10:00am  
Sat., Oct. 24 - First Communion Instruction - 3:30pm at church  
Sat., Oct. 24 - Outdoor Reformation Weekend Worship & Drive-in (89.3 FM) & Live-stream - 5:00pm (followed by [Facebook video](#))  
Sun., Oct. 25 - Indoor Reformation Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00....& Live-stream of both [& maybe Drive-in (89.3 FM) - we're working on whether the transmitter will still work in the parking lot]  
Sun., Oct. 25 - Peace 360 - Bonfire at the Klock's 6:30pm

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

### Drive-in and Online Worship for Oct. 17 & 18 (with communion option)

**A reminder that Oct. 18 will be different!** Please join us for this weekend's Outdoor and Drive-in Worship (89.3 FM) at 5:00pm on Saturday, Oct. 17, (with [Facebook live stream](#) of the worship if the weather cooperates) and two indoor worship options on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 8:30 & 11:00am. If you 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. (We still don't know if the FM option will work.) 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 (Isaiah 45:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, & Matthew 22:15 -22), prayers, communion (not on Saturday this week only) (**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 – 10/17 & 18 - *What a Fellowship* - words by Elisa A. Hoffman**

**Refrain** - Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. (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!

The altar flowers are given by Jack & Vivian Farbak in memory of Vivian's parent's 83<sup>rd</sup> anniversary; also given by Jeff & Deb Howell in memory of their fathers, Norb Skowronski and Bob Howell.

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

### **7/8TH GRADE MOVIE NIGHT - FRI., OCT. 16 - 6:30PM**

We invite the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to join Deacon Shari for movie night at church! We will meet at church with the movie starting at 6:30pm. 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/>

### **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.

### **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 ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@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.)

#### **REFORMATION WORSHIP - OCT. 24 & 25**

Martin Luther's words in "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" certainly ring true today, too. In gratitude for how God's strength is at work in the world in every corner against every foe, we gather for worship on Oct. 24 & 25, inviting you to wear something red, which is the liturgical color for all festivals.

#### **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS - SUN., OCT. 25- 9:45am**

We invite anyone who wants to participate in an adult class on join us on Sunday, Oct. 25, 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 "What Do You Absorb & from Where Matters in What You Believe & Think" There are so many slanted news feeds that we don't know whom to trust. Maybe we can start from a different place in our search! The next class will be Nov. 8 at 9:45am.

#### **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 8:30p.m. Please bring your own blanket or chair, mask, and snacks to eat. Please let us know 815-485-5327 or ([peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)) if you/your high school youth would like to attend so we can send you the Klock's address.

#### **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.

#### **PRAYER SHAWLS - WED., OCT. 28**

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.

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327). Be sure to give us your name and contact information and whom you wish to remember.

### **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](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org) or 815-485-5327.)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org).)

### **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.*

**The family of Christian Arkin, David Leahy, Karen McLaughlin, Vern Sanborn, Lou Pinto, Dave Hennessey, Terry Lenz (recovery), Ellen DeMik (surgery),** Barb Hnetkovsky (procedure), Roger Bentley (recovery), Krista Peterson (recovery), Ruth, Judy Malec, Kay Johnson, families who are estranged, 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 Tatros, Bev Kuzdas, Ray & Edna Anglin, Wayne Bell, Barb Chobot...

Karen Legris (surgery), Mark Williams (cancer), Colleen Molgioglio (cancer), 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 - 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.

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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](http://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. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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 worshipping 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. Worshipping 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 FOR SURE 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 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.
- \* We will update whether the Sunday worship services will work via the transmitter as soon as we can test it out.

#### 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](http://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) for resuming indoor worship on Oct. 18. 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](mailto: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.
- \* Starting Oct. 18, we will go back to having 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 [peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org](mailto:peacechurch@peacenewlenox.org)) 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!