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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 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. 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
(including [Facebook video](#))
Sun., Oct. 25 - Indoor Reformation Sunday Worship (registration required) 8:30 & 11:00....& Live-stream of both (including [Facebook video](#)) [& remote Drive-in (89.3 FM)]
Sun., Oct. 25 - New members received during 11:00 worship
Sun., Oct. 25 - Peace 360 - Bonfire at the Klock's 6:30pm
Mon., Oct. 26 & Nov. 2 - Senior Exercise Group - noon at church
Tues., Oct. 27 - Church Council - 7:30pm - in person and via Zoom
Wed., Oct. 28 & Nov. 4 - Bible Study - in person & via Zoom
Wed., Oct. 28 & Nov. 4 - Confirmation - 7:00pm - in person & via Zoom
Wed., Oct. 28 & Nov. 4 - Senior Exercise Group - 11:30am
Wed., Oct. 28 & Nov. 11 - Prayer Shawls
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](#)) [& remote Drive-in (89.3 FM)], 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
Tues., Nov. 3 - Thanksgiving Dinner planning - 7:00pm - at church
Sat., Nov. 7 - Virtual Potluck - 6:30 - via Zoom

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

Outdoor/Indoor/Drive-in/Online Worship for Oct. 24 & 25 (with communion option)

Please join us for this weekend's Outdoor and Drive-in Worship (89.3 FM) at 5:00pm on Saturday, Oct. 24, (with [Facebook live stream](#) of the worship) and two indoor worship options on Sunday, Oct. 25, 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 or listen to the service via our FM 89.3 broadcast. 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 Reformation Sunday 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 (Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 3:9-18, & John 8:31-36), 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, 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 – 10/24 & 25 - *A Mighty Fortress* - words by Martin Luther

1. A might fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage, in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

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 \$3600 and mailed in & weekend offering of \$5,479 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!** 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 this week are given by the Lindeman and Rimkunas families in remembrance of Karlette's birthday; also given by Joanna Ziolkowski in celebration of this fall weekend!

New/ Important for This Week

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION - SAT., 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 asking you to sign-up in advance. The class will be offered on Sat., Oct. 24, at 3:30 p.m. (If you wish to attend via Zoom, that's a possibility even though in person would be better for this.) Contact the church office for questions or to register.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS - OCT. 25

We are privileged once again to receive new members as partners with us in our mission of spreading the Gospel and growing in faith. This time Ron and Barb Otto will be joining at the 11:00 service on Oct. 25.

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 following 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) 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 & NOV. 11

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 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.

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.)

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.)

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.)

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.

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 Patricia, the Lohmar family (COVID-19), the family of Dr. Larry Jagmin, the family of

Kathy Oberfranc, Rich Massey (recovery), celebration for the wedding of Kathryn Wolske & Gregory Roulo, 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, 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 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 Schwiensberg, 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 (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 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. 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.

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

"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 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, 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 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 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. 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, and transmitted to the parking lot via 89.3FM
- * 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) 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!