

## Peace Lutheran Church

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**Our Vision Statement:** *Sharing Peace Faithfully*

**Our Mission:** *To bring people into contact with the Gospel and help them grow in their relationship to God in Christ.*

Please check our Peace website [www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org) regularly for updates.

Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/peacenewlenox> and Follow us on Instagram using this link. <https://www.instagram.com/peacenewlenox?igsh=dmFwZ3lmYmx3ZWE3> or the QR code below.

Check out the [August Newsletter](#),

Sunday School 2025-26 <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/youth-ministry/sunday-school/> .

**We live stream our service on Sundays at 8:30am.**

### This Week and Beyond

**Sat., Aug 9** – Contemporary Worship Service 5pm

**Sun., Aug 10-** Worship Services 8:30am & 11am

Peace Page Turners 9:45am

**Mon., Aug 11** – Ruth Circle Quilters 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

**Tues., Aug 12-** The Chosen 10am

**Wed., Aug 13-** Bible Study 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

**Thurs., Aug 14** – Mahjong Masters 1pm

The Chosen, 7pm Zoom

**Sat., Aug 16** – Worship Service 5pm (*Backpack Blessing*)

Out to Eat Group 6:15pm

**Sun., Aug 17** Worship Services 8:30am & 11am (*Backpack Blessing*)

Make-up Sunday School Teacher Orientation 9:45am

Parent Youth Interest 12:15pm

**Mon., Aug 18** - Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

**Tues., Aug 19** – The Chosen, 10:00am in person

Miniature Group 12pm

Trailblazers 12pm

**Wed., Aug 20** – Bible Study 10am

Senior Exercise Group 11:15am

**Thurs., Aug 21**– Mahjong Masters 1pm

The Chosen, 7:00pm Zoom

**Sat., Aug 23** – Men's Breakfast 10:00am

1st Communion Class 2:30pm

Worship Service 5pm

**Sun., Aug 24** Worship Services 8:30am & 11am

**Mon., Aug 25** – Ruth Circle Quilters 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

**Tues., Aug 26** – The Chosen, (*not meeting*)

Church Council 7:00pm

**Wed., Aug 27** – Bible Study 10am  
                   Senior Exercise Group 11:15am  
                   All Committees Meet 6:00pm  
**Thurs., Aug 28**– Mahjong Masters 1pm  
                   The Chosen, 7:00pm (*not meeting*)  
**Sat., Aug 30** – Outdoor Worship Service 5pm  
**Sun., Aug 31** Worship Services 8:30am & 11am (*1<sup>st</sup> Communion*)  
**Mon., Sept 1** – Labor Day – Church Office closed  
**Tues., Sept 2** – The Chosen, 11:00am in person  
**Wed., Sept 3** – Bible Study 10am  
                   Senior Exercise Group 11:15am  
**Thurs., Sept 4**– Mahjong Masters 1pm  
                   The Chosen, 7:00pm  
**Sat., Sept 6** –Worship Service 5pm (*Blessing of Teachers*) (*Bibles for Third Graders*)  
**Sun., Sept 7** Worship Services 8:30am & 11am (*Blessing of Teachers*) (*Bibles for Third Graders*)  
                   Adult Class 9:45am  
                   Peace Page Turners 9:45am  
                   Rally Day 9:45am  
                   Messtival 12:00pm  
**Mon., Sept 8** – Ruth Circle Quilters 9am  
                   Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am  
                   Senior Exercise Group 12pm  
**Tues., Sept 9** – Bell Choir 7pm  
                   Trailblazers 12pm  
**Wed., Sept 10** – Bible Study 10am  
                   Senior Exercise Group 11:15am  
                   Peace Church Choir 7pm  
                   Confirmation Meeting Orientation 7pm  
**Thurs., Sept 11**– Mahjong Masters 1pm  
                   Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group 7pm

The flowers on the altar are given by the Nickersons in celebration of Dad, Tom Knawa's birthday and sister, Elisa Jung's, birthday.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to all the people who are watching our weekly worship and, for all your support financially, in prayer, with words of encouragement, acts of service and more! Your online gifts last week of \$5,506 and offerings of \$7,687 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

### **Prayer List**

College Students, especially freshman as they transition into college life, Mel & Margo Strombrerg, Darl, Krista, Stevie Rae, Cheryl Krieger, Karen Brown, Susan Lowe (Healing), Diane Rezvin, Luke, Laurie, Victims of Texas Flood, Adam Kroz, Dawn Murphy, Diana & Larry Brewer, Cathy Tague (cancer)

**If you would like more information about any of the events, announcements or groups in the bulletin, please contact the church office and we will answer any questions or put you in touch with the coordinator of the group.**

Thank you to this weekend's volunteers!! If you would like to fill a need, please let us know.

Volunteer Role	August 9 – 5:00	August 10 – 8:30	August 10 – 11:00
USHERS	Jacob Woodburn Jeff Ruhe	Dave Narish <b>Need</b>	<b>Need</b> / Barbra Hnetkovsky
GREETERS	Lynn Viehweg Peter Viehweg	<b>Need</b>	<b>Need</b> / Barbra Hnetkovsky
COMM. SERVERS	<b>Need</b> <b>Need</b>	Terry Lenz <b>Need</b>	<b>Need</b> Amy Bala
ACOLYTE	Jon McClellan	Jared Ennis	Holly Dragisic
LAY LITURGIST	N/A	Eric Wesel	<b>Need</b>
LESSON READER	Dan Heraty	Priscilla Huffman	Janet Scanlan
REFRESHMENTS	N/A	<b>Need</b> <b>Need</b>	<b>Need</b> <b>Need</b>
OFFERING COUNTERS	N/A	N/A	Mark Anderson Jodie Brugler, Lisa Star

### Announcements

#### **Sunday School Teachers Needed for Fall**

Adults of Peace Church, have you ever been interested in teaching, being a substitute, or a helper for our Sunday School? We are looking for energetic parents/adults to help with our Sunday School program for the next school year. If you would like to help, please let Deacon Shari or Jess Lindeman know.

#### **All Committee Night – Wed., Aug. 27**

Want to be involved in the ministries happening at Peace? You are invited to come on the last Wednesday of the month at 6pm and participate in the committee of your choice. Committees to choose from are Fellowship, Support, Property, Faith Development, Worship, and Service/Outreach.

#### **Blessing of the Animals – Sat., Sept. 27 at 6pm**

We invite you to bring your furry, scaley, fluffy friends of any kind at 6pm to receive a special blessing.

#### **Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group**

Women of all ages - join us on the second Thursday of the month (Sept-May) at 7pm at church for fellowship and conversation. Each time we'll discuss a different topic based on a book, podcast, video, Bible study, etc. Sign up online with this link [Register Online](#) or with the insert in the bulletin, email or by calling the church office.

#### **Healing Service – Oct. 11 & 12**

Join us for a healing service the weekend of Oct. 11th & 12th at all three worship services. It will take place toward the end of worship and should only last 5-10 minutes. You are welcome to come forward with a specific prayer request, for a general prayer and blessing, or you can just sit in the pews and take in words of healing and hope in scripture and prayer.

#### **Save the Date**

**Aug. 17- Make-up Sunday School Teacher Orientation 9:45am**

**Aug. 17- Parent Youth Interest Meeting 12:15pm**

**Sept. 3 - Peace Choir practice will begin at 7:00pm**

**Sept. 6 - Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal 3:00pm**

**Sept. 7 – Sunday School Rally Day 9:45am**

**Sept. 7 – Messtival 12:15pm**

**Sept. 10- Confirmation Meeting Orientation 7:00pm**

**Sept. 20- Women's Retreat at Peace Church**

### **Suggestions for Fellowship Events**

The Fellowship Committee would like your help. Please let us know what type of Fellowship activities you would like to see planned. Ideas can be emailed to the church office.

### **Giving Statements**

The mid-year giving statements have been sent out by email. Please note, we do not send sensitive information in these emails, just an account of your giving so far this year. If you have not received a statement or if you have questions or concerns, please let us know.

### **Electronic Giving**

If you would like to sign up for automatic withdrawals, please contact the office. You can also give online at any time through our website [www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org), click on the [donate tab](#), use the QR code or visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YSJZ/home>.

### **Rehearsals**

#### **Do You Love to Sing?**

Come join in the fun of making a joyful noise! Peace Choir and the Ladies Ensemble are looking for new singers. No experience or auditions are required. Have questions? Contact the office, and they will have us reach out to you.

Peace Choir practice will begin on September 3rd at 7:00 p.m., and Ladies' Ensemble rehearsal will begin on September 6th at 3:00 p.m.

### **Groups**

#### **Volunteers Needed for Trailblazers in Sept.**

Our Trailblazers are a group of 65+ individuals who meet once a month for lunch & games. We are looking for volunteers to host the luncheon here at church by setting up and providing food. Feel free to pair up with someone and host the luncheon together. The group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and there are an average of 6 people attending. If this is something you would like to do, please contact the church office.

#### **Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., Aug 11 at 9am**

Please join us, all are welcome! Meets every other Monday.

#### **Viewing Group for The Chosen- Tues. at 10:00am (In Person) & Thurs. at 7:00pm (Zoom)**

Please join us to watch and discuss season 5 of The Chosen. The Chosen is a TV series that follows the life of Jesus and his disciples. It provides engaging conversation about the scriptures as they come to life on the screen. If you would like to watch the first four seasons of the series, you can find it on prime video. We will offer two options for discussion of season 5. The in-person option is Tuesday mornings at 10am. The second option is an online Zoom meeting held on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. If you have any questions, please see Deacon Shari.

#### **Men's Breakfast – Sat., Aug 26 at 10am**

Men ages 16 and older are invited to this fellowship opportunity that meets at Peace on the fourth Saturday of the month at 10am. Cost is a free will offering – breakfast cost is approximately \$15 each. Please use the sign-up link [Register Online](#) or sign up in the bulletin if you will be joining us.

#### **Peace Page Turners - Sun., August 10 at 9:45am**

We will discuss "Tell me Everything" by Elizabeth Strout.

#### **Out to Eat Group – Sat., Aug 16 at 6:15pm**

We are meeting at North & Maple in New Lenox. Attendees need to notify the church office by August 12!

**Peace Book Club – Tues., Sept 9 at 10am**

Peace Book Club will be meeting next at 10am September 9. We have selected "Nettle and Bone" by T. Kingfisher to be our next read!

**Coffee & Conversation at Gost Coffee – Mondays from 10-11am**

Join us for fun fellowship & coffee!

**Senior Exercise Group – Mondays & Wednesdays**

Mondays 12 noon -1:00pm and Wednesdays 11:15am-12:15pm.

**Addiction & Family Support Group – Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm**

Everyone is welcome.

**Golf Group – Wednesdays at 8:30am**

We play for fellowship, fresh air and maybe hit a good shot occasionally. We play on Wednesdays at 8:30am with lunch afterwards. 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, contact the church office.

**Mahjong Masters – Thursdays at 1pm**

Don't worry, being a master is ABSOLUTELY not required! A group of Mahjong Minded Members have started gathering at Peace on Thursdays at 1:00pm. We would love to have you join us. We welcome those who know how to play and those who would like to learn! If you have any questions, you can reach out to Deacon Shari.

**Faith Development & Education****Sunday Adult Education**

We will resume Adult Education on Rally Day, Sept. 7.

**Wednesday Bible Study at 10am**

Everyone is welcome! You do not need to know anything about the Bible to join us!

**Everybody Read**

August's passage is: Psalm 46:1-3

**Synod Growing Disciples Newsletter**

The experience of God's love in one's life is a gift the growing disciple feels compelled to share with others. One way our faith becomes active is when we put into words what God has done for us. Words of witness and acts of genuine hospitality directed toward our neighbors create the opportunity through which the Holy Spirit brings others into a relationship with Christ and with the church. Each month the Northern Illinois Synod has a Growing Disciples newsletter available online. Please use the link below.

[Growing Disciples Start with Inviting | Growing Disciples | Northern Illinois Synod](#)

**Youth****Blessing of the Backpacks – Sat & Sun., Aug. 16 & 17**

All youth and teachers, bring your school bags with you to worship on Sat., Aug. 16 or Sun., Aug. 17 to receive a special back to school blessing and backpack tag.

**Parent Youth Interest Meeting- Sun., Aug.17 at 12:15**

It's time to plan for our next year of youth ministry! Youth in 7th through 12th grade and a parent are invited on August 17th at 12:15 p.m., following worship, to come and share ideas for the upcoming year. It's important that the youth's voices are heard in planning their events. We have some ideas, but they are just that—ideas—and you all can say yes or no! Please bring your calendar with you, as we will be planning through at least December and hopefully through May.

**1st Communion Class-Sat., Aug.23 at 2:30pm**

Join us to learn about the amazing gifts God gives to us in communion! Traditionally at Peace, 5<sup>th</sup> grade has been the age for First Communion, but all are welcome at Christ's table, so if you have a kid who desires to take communion and you as a family want to learn more, feel free to reach out to Pastor Amy. This particular class is open to all school-aged kids. Please sign up online with this link <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/news-resources/events/sign-up/> or use the sign up slip or email the church office. If your student would like to take their first communion with the class, please save the date for August 31 at the 11am worship service.

**Bibles to Be Given to 3rd Grade & Up – Sept. 6 & 7**

Our church has great joy in giving each child a Bible of their own. We invite children from third grade on up, who have not received theirs yet, to come forward during worship on Sept. 6th or 7th.

**7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Gr. – Messtival! Sun., Sept. 7 at 12:15pm**

Youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to join us for the messiest of messy events...MESSTIVAL! On Rally Day, we will meet for a pizza lunch and then we will get super messy! Please let us know if you can attend! We suggest that you wear play clothes or something you do not mind getting dirty. Bring a towel and a pair of goggles if you have them. Please use the <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/youth-ministry/> or slip in the bulletin. Pick up will be at 2:30pm.

**Register for 2025/2026 Sunday School**

We look forward to a great year starting on Rally Day, Sept. 7 at 9:45; *"God's Gigantic Love"*! We rely on the registration forms to give us updates and to help us know who will be available to help with Sunday School. Please fill out a registration form in the narthex, sign up online using this link, <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/youth-ministry/sunday-school/> or call the church office.

**Confirmation Orientation –Wed., Sept. 10 at 7pm**

This is a meeting for all students in 7th & 8th grades and at least one parent/adult. This important night incorporates information about schedules, expectations, youth events, volunteering, and more! Sign-up online at <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/youth-ministry/>. If you know someone who is not a part of any church but has a student in this age bracket, please invite them to come too.

**Junior High Retreat Synod Retreat–Sat., Oct. 4th at 10am**

7th and 8th grade youth are invited to join other youth from the Northern Illinois area for a day of service, Bible study, worship, food, and of course fun! This year the event will be at Salem Lutheran Church in Sycamore IL, on October 4th from 10am-4pm. We will meet at Peace and travel together. As always please invite friends to come! The cost of this event is \$20 per person. Register online at <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/youth-ministry/>. As always please talk to Deacon Shari or Pastor Amy if this is cost prohibitive, we have ways to help make sure all youth can attend. If you have any questions about this event please talk to Deacon Shari.

**Halloween Trunk or Treat Event – Sun., Oct. 26 at 1pm**

Please join us for a Halloween Trunk or Treat on Sun., Oct. 26 from 1- 2pm. We invite all kids to come out and show off their costume and get some candy. As a way to give back, we will be collecting canned goods for our local food pantry. If you would like to decorate your trunk or a table and pass out candy to our Trick or Treaters from 1-2pm, please sign up online using this link, <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/youth-ministry/>, or in the bulletin. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Please watch the bulletin as we get closer for more details about the whole event. Come and have some Halloween fun!

### **Senior High National Retreat– Fri., Oct. 31-Nov 2**

9th through 12th grade youth are invited to go on a weekend long retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn Wisconsin. This retreat is called Faith in Motion and is led by the planning team for the National Youth Gathering. The NYG is trying something new to engage youth on non-Gathering years. The event closest to us will be the weekend of October 31st- November 2nd. We will meet at Peace and travel together! Please invite friends, you do not have to have attended the National Youth Gathering to attend this. The cost of this event is \$175 per person. Sign up online using this link, <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/youth-ministry/>. As always please talk to Deacon Shari or Pastor Amy if this is cost prohibitive, we have ways to help make sure all youth can attend. If you have any questions about the event, please talk to Deacon Shari.

### **Helping Others**

#### **Santa Cruz's Food Pantry Special Appeal – Cereal & Canned Goods**

In lieu of the usual items on the needs list for Santa Cruz food pantry, they are making a special appeal for cereal and any kind of canned goods. Please look for the baskets by Fellowship Hall if you would like to donate items.

#### **Prayer Shawls Needed**

A prayer shawl is a shawl prepared for and prayed over for someone that is hurting so they can wrap themselves in God's love. You may create shawls at home and drop them at church, and we will get them to the people who need them.

#### **Prayer Shawls Available**

A prayer shawl is a knitted or crocheted shawl that is made with prayerful meditation for yourself or someone in need. Please put in your requests in the Prayer Shawl box in the narthex or email the church office.

#### **Santa Cruz's Food Pantry Needs List**

We are always collecting bottled water, juice, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, hand soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, canned soup, applesauce, cereal, Jell-O, pudding, beans, rice, coffee, powdered cream, sugar, pretzels, chips, popcorn, etc. for Santa Cruz's Food Pantry. Please look for the baskets by Fellowship Hall

**Please check our website [www.peacenewlenox.org](http://www.peacenewlenox.org) regularly for updates.**