

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 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 16 – Worship Service 5pm (*Backpack Blessing*)

Out to Eat Group at North & Maple 6:15pm

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

Make-up Sunday School Teacher Orientation 9:45am

Parent Youth Interest Meeting 12:15pm

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

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., Aug 19 – The Chosen, 9:30am 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 (*1st 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

Sunday School Rally Day 9:45am

Messtival 12:15pm

Mon., Sept 8 – Ruth Circle Quilters 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., Sept 9 – Peace Book Club 10am

The Chosen, 11am in person

Trailblazers 12pm

Bell Choir 7pm

Wed., Sept 10 – Bible Study 10am

Senior Exercise Group 11:15am

Peace Church Choir 7pm

Confirmation Meeting Orientation for 7th & 8th grade youth 7pm

Thurs., Sept 11– Mahjong Masters 1pm

Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group 7pm

Sat., Sept 13 –Worship Service 5pm

Sun., Sept 14 Worship Services 8:30am & 11am

Mon., Sept 15 – Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., Sept 16 – Miniature Group 12pm

Bell Choir 7pm

Wed., Sept 17 – Bible Study 10am (*Not Meeting*)

Senior Exercise Group 11:15am

Peace Church Choir 7pm

Confirmation Class 7pm

Thurs., Sept 18– Mahjong Masters 1pm

The flowers on the altar are given by Adam & Jennifer Paape in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary and Keith & Janelle Tague in celebration of their 47th anniversary.

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 \$3,494.83 and offerings of \$8,468.88 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

Prayer List

Family of Richard Tyler (Marylynn Tyler's Father-in-law), All students, teachers, and school staff, Pam Vanick (whose brother passed away), Dennis & Kerrie Flynn, Kimberly Gonzales (Cancer), Frank Rossi (Cancer), Bud Pare, Peter Viehweg, The Gomez Family, David Star (heart surgery), College Students, especially freshman as they transition into college life, Mel & Margo Stromberg, Darl, Krista, Stevie Rae & Cheryl Krieger, Karen Brown, Susan Lowe (Healing), Diane Rezvin, Luke, Laurie, Victims of Texas Flood, Adam Kroz, 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 16 – 5:00	August 17 – 8:30	August 17 – 11:00
USHERS	Jim & Vicki Hunziker	Mike Padgen Paul Sons	Wayne Diericks Donna Hartmann
GREETERS	Michelle Tilquist Rick Tilquist	Keith Tague	Paul, Haley and Lauren Muehlnickel
COMM. SERVERS	Heidi Ruhe	Scott Darley Chris Darley	Janet Scanlan Russell Scanlan
ACOLYTE	Need	Need	Eleanor Smothers
LAY LITURGIST	Need	Michele Lenz	Syndy Lindbloom
LESSON READER	Al Davenport	Janelle Tague	Bethany Smothers
REFRESHMENTS	N/A	Diane Cochran Need	Lisa Star Need
OFFERING COUNTERS	N/A	N/A	Karl Becker Need

Announcements

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.

New Member Orientation – Sun., Sept. 28

We will be receiving new members again in September. The New Member orientation & luncheon is Sun., Sept. 28, at 12:15pm and the reception of new members will be Sun., Oct. 19 during the 11am service. Please call the church office to let us know if you would like more information or would like to attend.

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. Animals are welcome to come with you to the outdoor worship service at 5pm, then stay for a 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. 11 & 12th at all three worship services. It will take place toward the end of worship and should only last 10-15 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

Sept. 20- Women's Retreat at Peace Church

Sept. 27-Blessing of the Animals 6:00pm

Sept. 28-New Member Luncheon 12:15pm

Oct. 26- Trunk or Treat

Oct. 25/26 Peanut Butter & Jelly Weekend

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.

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, 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

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., Aug 25 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 here [Register Online](#) or sign up in the bulletin if you will be joining us.

Peace Page Turners - Sun., Sept 7 at 9:45am

We will discuss "Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (on a Dead Man)" by Jesse Q Sutanto.

Peace Book Club - Tues., Sept 9 at 10:00 am

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.

Women's Retreat – Sept. 20, 9am-3pm

Join us for this year's women's retreat on September 20th, 9am-3pm at Peace with an optional outing afterwards. We'll discuss Spiritual Practices – from prayer to scripture to art to worship and more! There is no cost for this year's retreat. Lunch will be provided. Feel free to bring snacks to share. All women are welcome, please sign up by September 7th. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Amy or Deacon Shari.

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 – 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.

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, 5th 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.

7th-12th Gr. – Messtival! Sun., Sept. 7 at 12:15pm

Youth 7th 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 [Online sign up](#) 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, [register online](#), 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! 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 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 at 8am and travel together. As always please invite friends to come! The cost of this event is \$20 per person. As always please talk to Deacon Shari or Pastor Amy if this is cost prohibitive, we have funds available 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 peanut butter & Jelly 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 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. As always please talk to Deacon Shari or Pastor Amy if this is cost prohibitive, we have funds available to help make sure all youth can attend. If you have any questions about the event, please talk to Deacon Shari.

Helping Others

Peanut Butter Weekend – Oct. 25 & 26

Let’s see if we can top last year’s record amount of peanut butter & jelly! The New Lenox Township food bank especially needs these staples this time of year. If you would like to donate, please bring your peanut butter & jelly to church on the weekend of Oct. 25/26 and look for the bin in the narthex.

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 regularly for updates.