

## 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>

Check out the [April Newsletter](#).

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

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

## Calendar

**Wed., April 1** – Bible Study, 10:00am

Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am

MIUR Set up, 5pm

Peace Choir – *Not meeting*

**Thurs., April 2** – MIUR set up, 9am

Meal In The Upper Room, 6:30pm

Maundy Thursday Service, 8:30pm

**Fri., April 3** - Good Friday, Peace Office Closed

Crosswalk, 10am (*Starts at St. Jude*)

Good Friday Service, 7:30pm

**Sat., April 4** – Easter Breakfast Set-Up, 9am

Easter Worship Service, Dark to Light, 5pm

**Sun., April 5** – Easter Worship, 8:30am & 11am

Easter Breakfast, 9:45am

**Mon., April 6-** Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

Viewing for George Rumbaugh, 4pm-8pm *Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL*

**Tues., April 7** – Viewing for George Rumbaugh, 10am at *Peace Lutheran Church*

Service for George Rumbaugh, 11am *Peace Lutheran Church*

Bell Choir, 7pm

**Wed., April 8** – Bible Study, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am

VBS Planning Meeting, 6pm

Confirmation Class, 7pm

Peace Church Choir 7pm

**Thurs., April 9** – Mahjong 1pm

Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group, 7pm

**Sat., April 11** – *Support Appeal Kickoff Weekend*

Ladies' Ensemble Practice, 3pm

Worship Service, 5pm

Service for Prayers & Healing, 6pm

**Sun, April 12** – *Support Appeal Kickoff Weekend*  
 Worship Service 8:30am & 11am  
*Service for Prayers & Healing, After both services*  
 Sunday School & Adult Class, 9:45am  
 Out to Eat Group, 12:15pm  
 Post Antioch Game Day & Pizza, 12:15pm  
 Junior Youth Event, 12:30pm (*Meet at Space Golf*)

**Mon., April 13** - Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am  
 Senior Exercise Group 12pm

**Tues., April 14** – Bell Choir 7pm

**Wed., April 15** – Bible Study, 10:00am  
 Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am  
 Service of Lament and Hope, 6:15pm  
 Confirmation Class, 7pm  
 Peace Choir, 7pm

**Thurs., April 16** – Mahjong, 1pm

**Sat., April 18** – Worship Service 5pm, *Earth Day*

**Sun., April 19** – Worship, 8:30am & 11am, *Earth Day*  
 Sunday School and Adult Class, 9:45am  
 Synod Youth Worship at LOMC, 12:15pm

**Mon., April 20** - Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am  
 Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am  
 Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

**Tues., April 21** – Trailblazers, 12pm  
 Miniature Group, 12:30pm  
 Bell Choir, 7pm

**Wed., April 22** – Bible Study, 10am  
 Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am  
 Confirmation Class, 7pm  
 Peace Church Choir 7pm

**Thurs., April 23** – Mahjong 1pm

**Sat., April 25** - Men's Breakfast, 8am (*Note time change*)  
 Worship Service, 5pm  
 Youth Group, Pizza and *Grease* musical outing, 6pm

**Sun, April 26** – Worship Service 8:30am & 11am  
 Sunday School & Adult Class, 9:45am  
 New Member Orientation and Luncheon, 12:15pm

**Mon., April 27** - Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am  
 Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

**Tues., April 28** – Bell Choir, 7pm  
 Church Council, 7pm

**Wed., April 29** – Bible Study, 10:00am  
 Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am  
 All Committees Meet, 6pm  
 Confirmation Class, 7pm  
 Peace Choir, 7pm

**Thurs., April 30** – Mahjong, 1pm

**Sat., May 2** – Property Workday, 9am  
 Worship Service 5pm, *Support Appeal Commitment Weekend*  
 Ladies' Ensemble Practice, 3pm  
 Out To Eat Group, 6:15pm

**Sun., May 3** – Worship, 8:30am & 11am, *Support Appeal Commitment Weekend*  
 Sunday School and Adult Class, 9:45am  
 Reception of New Members, 11am  
 Car Wash and Fun!, 12pm

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers for the altar were given by Cathy Arenz in memory of Ted Sykes, and Dave and Barb Narish in celebration of the Easter holiday.

### **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 \$1,840 and offerings of \$7,043 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

### **Prayer List**

The Family of George Rumbaugh, The Family of Laurie Breslan, Sharon, Deb Howell, Kathy, Charles, David Star, Sarah Lofgren, Pam Vanick, The Family of Harry Klein, Carly, The Family of Charles Fial, Donna Grant, The O'Neal Family, The Family of Chris Fehrenkamp, The Family of Dolores MacLoed

**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.**

### **Save the Date**

**Sun., April 26<sup>th</sup> – New Member Orientation & Luncheon, 12:15pm**

**Wed., April 29<sup>th</sup> – All Committees Meet, 6pm**

**Sun., May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Car Wash and Fun, 12:15pm**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>- Service Camp**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> - VBS**

**Thank you to our Worship Volunteers!**

## **Holy Week & 5:00pm Easter Volunteers 2026**

### **Maundy Thursday, Apr. 2 – 7:30pm**

#### **Stripping of the Altar**

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| 1. Claudia Green-something light | 6. Pamela Putrich    |
| 2. MaryLynn Tyler                | 7. Kelly Muehlnickel |
| 3. David Johnson #1              | 8. Jan Bentley       |
| 4. Janet Scanlan                 | 9. Karen Crohan      |
| 5. Lisa Star                     | 10.                  |

### **Good Friday, Apr. 3 – 7pm**

#### **Light Operators**

1. Pamela Putrich
- 2.

## Transition from Dark to Light Worship Sat., Apr. 4 – 5pm

### Light Operators

- 1.
- 2.

### Restoring of the Altar

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| 1. | MaryLynn Tyler          | 6.  |
| 2. | Claudia Green           | 7.  |
| 3. | Cathy Fuhr              | 8.  |
| 4. | Jan Bentley (if Needed) | 9.  |
| 5. |                         | 10. |

Volunteer Role	April 4 – 5:00	April 5 – 8:30	April 5 – 11:00
USHERS (2)	Adam and Zander Paape	Robert Putrich Chris, Scott, Ethan Darley	Robert Putrich Claudia Gamache
GREETERS	The Stewarts	Barb Narish	Need Need
COMM. SERVERS	Karissa Fleming Need Need	Pamela Putrich David Johnson #1 Karl Becker Priscilla Huffman	Pamela Putrich Mark Muehlnickel Chance Smothers
ACOLYTE	Sydnee Paape	Morgan Barlow	Eleanor Smothers
LAY LITURGIST	Need	Dave Narish	Need
Lesson Reader	Sydnee Paape	Eric Wesel	Lisa Star
Cross Carrier	Need	Claudia Green David Johnson #1	Need
Help with Easter Breakfast set up, serving, cleanup	Kelly Muehlnickel Winnie Nyhus Karl Becker Renee Gatewood	Priscilla Huffman	Sue Lafferty Julie Ruth Melissa Rumbaugh

### Announcements

#### **Please help fill our 2026 Flower Chart!**

We have many openings for the 2026 Flower Chart. If you would like to sign up for flowers, take a look at the chart for open dates. Please note the new system for signing up to bring flowers. We ask that you grab a slip and envelope from the bulletin board. If you have already signed up but have not yet paid for your flowers or given the office the dedication information, you can also use the slips and envelopes provided. Thank you for contributing to the beauty of our worship services.

#### **VBS Planning Meeting- Wed., Apr. 8 at 6:00pm**

On April 8th from 6pm-7pm we will be meeting to continue planning VBS for the summer of 2026. Our theme this year is “Caught in God’s Love.” If you are interested in helping to plan, please come and share your ideas!

### **Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group – Next meeting is April 9th**

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.

### **Service of Lament and Hope – April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm**

Join us for scripture readings, prayer stations, and song. It is a time to bring before God our grief, pain, or anger that we experience in our own individual lives and in the world. This will be an opportunity to experience the quiet, resilient hope in which our souls find rest.

### **New Member Orientation – Sun., April 26 at 12:15pm**

If you've ever been interested in joining Peace, we'd love you to join us for the New Member orientation & luncheon on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The reception of new members will be Sun., May 3, during the 11am service. Please contact the church office to let us know if you are interested.

### **Going to the Carwash!**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12pm till 2pm our youth will be washing cars in the church parking lot. Vehicles of all shapes and sizes are welcome. The car wash is free, but donations are appreciated. All donations will be used to take the youth to the National Youth Gathering in the summer of 2027.

### **Tax-Wise giving through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)**

For those age 70½ or older, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA remains one of the most tax-efficient ways to support Peace. A QCD allows you to give directly from your IRA, satisfies your required minimum distribution, and does not increase your taxable income. Many members find this provides a greater benefit than claiming traditional charitable deduction.

Beginning in 2026, taxpayers who do not itemize will also be able to claim a \$2,000 charitable deduction, creating an additional opportunity to give in a tax-advantaged way.

We are deeply grateful for your faithful generosity. Every gift, whether through QCDs or other means strengthens the ministries we share.

### **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](#) 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.

#### **Handbells**

Join us Tuesday's at 7:30pm.

### **Youth**

#### **Jr. Youth Group (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders! We want you to be a part of our new Jr. Youth Group! Come hang out with other youth from our congregation as we have fun and grow in our relationship with God together. You also get to help plan our activities. We will have one event each month.

## **Upcoming Jr. Youth Group Events:**

### **Jr Youth Space Golf-Sun, April 12 at 12:30**

On April 12th we will be meeting at 12:30pm at Space Golf in Orland Park. Explore 18 holes of exciting adventure mini golf featuring alien planets, giant robots, flying saucers and space creatures that all glow in fluorescent bursts of color! Parents are welcome to golf with us or pick up their youth at 2pm. The cost is \$9 per youth and \$12 per adult.

### **Peace Youth Group**

Do you want to hang out with other awesome Peace youth? Do you like to eat good food, play games, and talk about Jesus? Awesome!!!! Peace Youth Group is for you! Our 7th - 12th grade youth group meets most Sundays to enjoy fellowship, faith and fun. Please get connected to our Youth Group Google calendar or request a paper copy by reaching out to Deacon Shari. Join the fun! Sign up for youth events by [Clicking Here!](#)

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

**Post Antioch Game Day & Pizza - April 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:15pm - 2pm**

**Synod Youth Worship at LOMC – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:15pm-7pm**

### **Greased Lightning! – Youth Group Dinner and a Show**

Join your friends on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at church at 6pm for pizza and then walk over to the high school to see Grease! Some of our youths are in the show, so we will have fun supporting them. Tickets are \$12. Sign up by [Clicking Here!](#)

### **Summer Service Camp**

We are trying something new this year! The week of June 8th through June 12th, we will be doing a different service project each day. We will carpool to the location where we will engage in ministry of service. We will return to church and have lunch together and talk about our experience. This camp is designed for youth, but all are invited to sign up and come. The service projects will include places like HHH Ranch, Sunny Hill Nursing Home, Will County forest reserve, NAWS, etc.

**May 13-Mandatory Confirmation rehearsal with adult for 8th grade**

**May 17 or May 24- Confirmation ceremony**

## **Groups**

### **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.

### **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.

### **Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

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

### **Tuesdays at Peace-will be rescheduled, new date TBD**

We will be discussing *The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau* by Kristin Harmel.

### **Out To Eat Group – Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm**

Join us at Dancing Marlin in Frankfort at 20590 South LaGrange Road. There are excellent choices for brunch and lunch on the menu! Please sign up with the insert in the order of worship or with this link [Register Online](#) by April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Trailblazers – Tues., April 21 at 12pm**

Group 65+ meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Cost \$5, lunch will be provided.

### **Volunteers Needed for Trailblazers-**

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 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.

### **Men's Breakfast – Sat., April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8am *Note the time change***

Men ages 16 and older are invited to this fellowship opportunity that meets at Peace on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9am. 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- Date and book selection -TBD**

### **All Committee Night – Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

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.

## **Faith Development & Education**

### **Adult Sunday Education**

The Sunday Adult Education Class meets most Sundays at 9:45am. All are welcome!

### **Wednesday Bible Study at 10am**

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

### **Everybody Read**

April reading: John 13:1.

### **Free books!**

Yes, you read that right! We are now giving away our “Questions Kids Ask About God” books. They are available in English and Spanish, hardcover, softcover and coloring books. If you know of anyone who would enjoy learning about God in a fun, creative way, help yourself to these books. They will be available on the counter in the narthex. They make great gifts.

## **Helping Others**

**Peace Garden Club -DID YOU KNOW...**that gardening will make you happier and healthier? Playing in the soil actually boosts your mood and immune system and reduces stress and anxiety! If you don't believe that, then come join the Peace Garden Club! Our initial goal is to raise vegetables for local food pantries, soak up some sun and Vitamin K, and find some fun along the way. We need lots of volunteers on an ongoing basis to mulch, plant, weed and water ... and eventually harvest. We hope to get started this spring. Can you dig it? If so, please [Register Online](#) to indicate your interest. You know you will feel better if you do! This project is opened to any students who would like to earn community service hours.

### **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.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Are you looking for individual volunteer opportunities, to earn community service hours, find ways to give back or lend a hand? The Service/Outreach Committee is creating a list of ideas for individual service projects. Watch the bulletin board in the narthex and the newsletter for details. For starters, here are a few suggestions. If you know of other opportunities, please share.

\*\*ShareFest, 21715 Moni Drive, New Lenox, needs volunteers to help out in its food pantry and warehouse during the day, Tuesday-Saturday. Sign up at <https://www.sharefestwillcounty.org/>

\*\*Sunny Hill Nursing Home, 421 Doris Avenue, Joliet, you can scoop ice cream in the Sweet Shop, help with Bingo, and more. All volunteers must complete a form for a background check. Contact Kristen at 815-727-8710.

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