

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>

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

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, 9am
 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
 Morning Star Mission, 4:30pm

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!, 12:15pm

Altar Flowers

The flowers for the altar were given by Debbie Standard in celebration of Heather and Rhett Standard's birthdays.

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 \$5,121 and offerings of \$8,297, as well as Maundy Thursday contributions of \$1,058, Good Friday contributions of \$1,110 and Easter contributions of \$5,201 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

Prayer List

The Family of Ted Musak, 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

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 26th – New Member Orientation & Luncheon, 12:15pm
Wed., April 29th – All Committees Meet, 6pm
Sun., May 3rd – Car Wash and Fun, 12:15pm
June 8th-12th- Service Camp
July 21st – 24th - VBS

Thank you to our Worship Volunteers!

Volunteer Role	April 11 – 5:00	April 12 – 8:30	April 12 – 11:00
USHERS	Jim and Vickie Hunziker	Michelle Lenz Terry Lenz	Sharon Couch Henry Ambrose
GREETERS	Need Need	Karl and Lori Becker	Need
COMM. SERVERS	Need Need	Need Need	Lisa Star Leslie Walton
ACOLYTE	Lily Bosich	Kenzie Hardy	Ava Peters
LAY LITURGIST	Barb Aaberg	Janelle Tague	Mark Muehlnickel
LESSON READER	Jan Bentley	Priscilla Huffman	Julie Ruth
REFRESHMENTS	N/A	Cindy Hostert Lori Becker	Bethany Smothers Corinne Hutton
OFFERING COUNTERS	N/A	N/A	Karl Becker Mark Muehlnickel

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.

2026 Stewardship Appeal Kickoff Weekend - April 11th and 12th

Our 2026 Stewardship Appeal kicks off on April 11th! This year's theme is "Wrapped in God's Love." Know that each of you is a child of God, precious in God's eyes and loved beyond compare. God's love wraps around us all and gives us strength, peace, hope, and protection. Please support Peace Church in bringing God's love into our hearts and out to one another. Packets can be found in the church narthex.

Service of Lament and Hope – April 15th 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 26th. 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 3rd 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.

VBS Planning Meeting- Wed., May 14th at 6:00pm

Please join us for our next VBS Planning meeting 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 May 14th

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.

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, 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 (3rd-6th grade)

Calling all 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th 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:

Synod Youth Worship at LOMC – April 19th, 12:15pm-7pm

Greased Lightning! – Youth Group Dinner and a Show

Join your friends on April 25th. 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.

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 12th 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!

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., April 20th at 9am

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

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 25th at 9am

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.

All Committee Night – Wednesday, April 29th 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.

Peace Page Turners- Sun., May 17 at 9:45am

The next book the Peace Page Turners will discuss will be “Plain Truth” by Jodi Piccoult.

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.peacenewlenox.org regularly for updates.