

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 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

Peace Choir, 7pm *Last Practice*

Thurs., April 30 – Mahjong, 1pm

Sat., May 2 – Property Workday, 9am

Ladies' Ensemble Practice, 3pm

Worship Service 5pm, *Support Appeal Commitment Weekend*

Out To Eat Group, 6:15pm

Sun., May 3 – Worship, 8:30am & 11am, *Support Appeal Commitment Weekend*

Sunday School and Adult Class & Thrivent Representative Available, 9:45am

Reception of New Members, *During 11am Worship*

Car Wash and Fun!, 12:15pm

Mon., May 4 - Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

Tues., May 5 – Bell Choir, 7pm

Wed., May 6 – Bible Study, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am

Confirmation Class, 7pm

Thurs., May 7 – Mahjong 1pm

Sat., May 9 - Worship Service, 5pm

Sun., May 10th – Worship Service 8:30am & 11am, *Mother's Day*

Sunday School & Adult Class, 9:45am

Mon., May 11th - Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

Tues., May 12th – Bell Choir, 7pm

Church Council, 7pm

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Altar Flowers

The flowers for the altar were given by Keith and Janelle Tague in celebration of Allison's birthday and Roger and Jan Bentley in celebration of Joey'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 \$2,380 and offerings of \$8,654 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

Prayer List

Bill Sandt, Michele Lenz, Richard Dohrn, Frank Rossi, Cliff Lindhorn, Martell Halloran, The Family of Ted Musak, The Family of George Rumbaugh, The Family of Laurie Breslan, Sharon, Deb Howell, Kathy, Charles, David Star

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

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 25 – 5:00 | April 26 – 8:30 | April 26 – 11:00 |
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| USHERS | Scott & Julie Mathews | Mike & Karen Padgen | Deb & Jeff Howell |
| GREETERS | Cheryl Krieger | Claudia Gamache | Alex Chenoweth Elle Heidenreich |
| COMM. SERVERS | Need Need | Morgan Barlow Need | Henry Ambrose Dar Clark |
| ACOLYTE | Ryan Galminas | Need | Spencer Hoak |
| LAY LITURGIST | Barb Aaberg | Need | Bethany Smothers |
| LESSON READER | Need | Don Lafferty | Need |
| REFRESHMENTS | N/A | Need Jennifer Rimkumas | Angie Klock Gavin Kessling |
| OFFERING COUNTERS | N/A | N/A | Kathy and Paul Sons |

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.

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.

2026 Stewardship Appeal Commitment Weekend- Sat., May 2nd and Sun., May 3rd

Our 2026 Stewardship Appeal Commitment Weekend will be May 2nd and 3rd! 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. Your commitment helps us be good stewards of God's gifts so we can continue to share God's love here at Peace and out in the community. Packets can be found in the church narthex. Giving Intention Cards can be placed in the offering plate or filled out online [here](#). These are a huge help to us as we plan our budget for the next fiscal year. Thank you!

Thrivent Representative Will Be at Peace on May 3rd

Peace Lutheran Church has a long history of working with Thrivent to make a positive impact on our community and using the membership benefits to help the church with needed ministry and care funds.

On Sunday, May 3rd, Thrivent representatives will be available between services to help further educate us about Thrivent's special benefits. They will also help existing Thrivent members utilize their membership benefits to help Peace Lutheran Church directly through funds which Thrivent provides. Look for them in the narthex area.

Going to the Carwash! Sun., May 3rd

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 13th 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

Please join us for our final meeting until September and bring snacks to share, a game to play, a craft project to work on, or just yourself, ready to enjoy some quality time together! We're looking forward to gathering and enjoying fun activities, delicious food, and good company. Sign up online with this link [Register Online](#) or with the insert in the bulletin, email or by calling the church office. See you there!

Adult Fellowship Bunco – Sat., May 16th

Join the Adult Fellowship Group on Sat., May 16th from 6:15p - 8pm for a fun night of Bunco! Bring a heavy appetizer to share and a white elephant gift to exchange. Please use the sign up in the bulletin if you will be joining us.

Golf Group – Wednesdays at 8:30am

The golf group has started play. If it is above 50 and below 90 we will play. We play for fellowship, fresh air and maybe hit a good shot occasionally. We will be playing 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.

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:

Wild and Crazy Water Fun w/Jr youth group

On Sunday May 31st, we will meet at 12:15pm and have pizza together and then go outside and have fun with water balloons, squirt toys, and slip and slides. This will be our last monthly gathering until September because of summer vacations. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Shari.

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:

Greased Lightning! – Youth Group Dinner and a Show

On April 25th, the Youth Group 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. Registration is closed for this event.

Car Wash and Youth Group Water Games

On May 3rd we will be offering a car wash in our parking lot starting at 12:15pm and then have water games for our last monthly youth group of the summer. We will start meeting again in September. Water games will last till 2:30pm and pizza lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Shari.

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 meet at Peace at 9am each day and carpool to the location where we will serve. 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. As of right now, we have confirmed Tuesday's service project with HHH Ranch and Wednesday's with Sunny Hill Nursing Home. Stay tuned for more info!

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 – May 4th at 9am

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

Trailblazers – Tues., May 19 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.

Out To Eat Group – Saturday, May 2nd at 6:15pm

Join us at A Bite of Mexico at 11220 West Lincoln Highway, Mokena. Great Reviews! Please Reserve by April 27th.

Tuesdays at Peace-Tues., May 12th

We will be discussing *How to Test Negative for Stupid* by John Kennedy.

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.peacelenox.org regularly for updates.