

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 [February 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., Feb 14 – Worship Service 5pm “*Scout Sunday*”

Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales after worship

Sun., Feb 15 - Worship Services 8:30am & 11am “*Scout Sunday*”

Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales after worship

Sunday School & Adult Class 9:45am

12:30pm – Piano Concert with Matt, refreshments to follow

Mon., Feb 16 -- Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., Feb 17 – Tuesdays at Peace Book Club in the Narthex, 10am

Trailblazers 12pm

Miniature Group 12:30pm

Shrove Dinner 5:30pm

Bell Choir 7pm

Wed., Feb 18 – Bible Study 10:00am

Ash Wednesday Service 11am

No Senior Exercise Group

Ash Wednesday Service 7pm

No Peace Church Choir

Thurs., Feb 19 – Mahjong 1pm

Sat., Feb 21 – Men’s Breakfast 10am

Worship Service 5pm

Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales after worship

Sun., Feb 22 - Worship Services 8:30am & 11am *Installation of New Council Members 2026*

Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sales after worship

Adult Class & Sunday School 9:45am

Peace Page Turners, 9:45am

Out to Eat Group 12:15

Jr. Youth Group Bowling, 1pm

Youth Group Fancy Dinner 5pm

Mon., Feb 23 – Ruth Circle Quilting 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., Feb 24 – Bell Choir 7pm

Church Council 7pm

Wed., Feb 25 – Bible Study 10:00am

Senior Exercise Group 11:15am

MidWeek Lenten Services 6pm

& Soup Supper 6:30pm
 Peace Church Choir 7pm
Thurs., Feb 26 – Mahjong 1pm
Sat., Feb 28 – Feed My Starving Children, 12:30pm
 Worship Service 5pm
 That's Amore for More A's Spaghetti Dinner 6:15pm
Sun., Mar 1 - Worship Services 8:30am & 11am
 Adult Class & Sunday School 9:45am
Mon., Mar 2 – Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 12pm
Tues., Mar 3 – Bell Choir 7pm
Wed., Mar 4 – Bible Study 10:00am
 Senior Exercise Group 11:15am
 MidWeek Lenten Services 6pm
 & Soup Supper 6:30pm
 Peace Church Choir 7pm
 Confirmation Class 7pm
Thurs., Mar 5 – Mahjong 1pm
Sat., Mar 7 – Ladie's Ensemble Practice 3pm
 Worship Service, *International Women's Day* 5pm
 Girl Scout Weekend
Sun., Mar 8 - Worship Services 8:30am & 11am *International Worship Day*
 Sunday School sings at *11am Worship*
 Girl Scout Weekend
 Adult Class & Sunday School 9:45am
Mon., Mar 9- Ruth Circle Quilting 9am
 Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 12pm
Tues., Mar 10 – Trailblazers, 12pm
 Bell Choir 7pm
Wed., Mar 11 – Bible Study 10:00am
 Senior Exercise Group 11:15am
 MidWeek Lenten Services 6pm
 & Soup Supper 6:30pm
 Peace Church Choir 7pm
Thurs., Mar 12 – Mahjong 1pm
 Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group, 7pm
Fri., Mar 13 - Antioch
Sat., Mar 14 - Antioch
 Worship Service, *Youth led* 5pm
Sun., Mar 15 – Antioch
 Worship Services 8:30am & 11am
 Adult Class & Sunday School 9:45am

The flowers on the altar are given by Lauren Nickerson in memory of Betty Knawa.

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 on \$3,867 and offerings of \$9,171 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

Prayer List

Scott Campbell, Howard Campbell, Ellen Burnett, Steve, Kelly, Lexie, Roxanne VanderVelde, Tammie Last, The Family of Mary Nelson, Brittany Burns, Karen Salutric, The Family of Bill Weber, Juan J. Gloria, Gail Hanks, Joan, Ray Anglin, Frank Rossi, Debra Fahey, The Family of Linda Bleck,

2025 Year-end Giving Statements

The 2025 Year-end Giving Statements have been e-mailed out. Let the church office know if you would like a paper copy or if you do not receive your statement.

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.

Dates to Remember

February 28th - That's Amore for More A's Scholarship Dinner Fundraiser

Wed., March 25 - All Committee Night

Thank you to our Volunteers!

Volunteer Role	February 14 – 5:00	February 15– 8:30	February 15 – 11:00
USHERS	Need Need	Need Eric Wesel	Sharon Couch Jack Johnson
GREETERS	Claudia Green	Michelle Wurtz	Need Need
COMM. SERVERS	Steven Brill Need	Diane Cochran Karl Becker	Jan Stoller Amy Bala
ACOLYTE	Jon McClellan	Kenzie Hardy	Michael Pisciola
LAY LITURGIST	Debbie Standard	Janelle or Keith Tague	Greyer Cullinane
LESSON READER	Jamie McClellan	Paul Sons	Janet Scanlan
REFRESHMENTS	N/A	Morgan Barlow Pat Fruhwirth	Pam Vanick Bonnie Brazzale
OFFERING COUNTERS	N/A	N/A	Ellen DeMik Lisa Star

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., April 8th at 6:00pm

On April 8th from 6pm-7pm we will be meeting to begin planning VBS for the summer of 2026. If you are interested in helping to plan VBS, please come and share your ideas! At this first meeting we will be choosing our dates and the theme, so it is an important and exciting meeting. Please let us know if you plan to attend with this link. [RSVP](#)

Piano Concert with Matt Piet – February 15th at 12:30pm

Do you enjoy listening to Matt play at our services? Now you can enjoy a musical afternoon with Matt. Please come and enjoy a piano concert on Sunday, February 15th at 12:30.

Matt will be playing a variety of musical numbers for your enjoyment. Please stay for some treats and fellowship after the concert.

Community Outreach Event Fat/Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – Tue., Feb. 17

For our next community outreach event, please join us for Fat/Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Tues., Feb. 17, from 6-8 pm. The tradition goes back almost 1000 years and involves eating a hearty meal before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. A meal with fat and sugar is what is called for. We are inviting both members of Peace as well as the community. We will have a fun activity for the young folks as well. There is no cost for the event, but reservations are required. We are asking for volunteers to help set up, serve and help with the kids' activity. Please contact the church office or use the sign up [HERE](#) by **Feb. 9** if you will be attending or would like to volunteer.

Ash Wednesday Worship – Wed., Feb. 18

The worldwide observance of Lent begins this year on Feb. 18 with Ash Wednesday. This solemn occasion reminds us of our mortality, as well as our need for forgiveness. We will have worship at 11am and 7pm with the option for the imposition of ashes available at both services.

That's Amore for more A's— Sat., Feb. 28 at 6:15pm

On February 28th we will have our 2nd annual scholarship spaghetti dinner, "That's Amore for More A's". This event is a fundraiser for our scholarship program. Tickets must be purchased for this event, and they will be on sale before and after services the weekends of February 7th and 8th, February 14th and 15th, and February 21st and 22nd. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Adult tickets are \$10 each, and child tickets (ages 12 and under) are \$8 each. This year we will also be having a silent auction during the dinner which will run from 6pm till 7:30pm. Scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors to support them in their future endeavors. Thank you for all of your support.

Midweek Lenten Worship February 25 – March 25

Please join us on the Wednesdays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week at 6pm for worship and at 6:30pm for soup, sandwich & conversation. Bring your own sandwich, soup will be provided. This year's theme is "Conversations with Jesus." Each week we will dive deeper into the gospel reading from the previous weekend, all of which feature conversations that Jesus has with his friends, followers, and adversaries. We will pray together, sing together, hear reflections from our congregation members, and consider how these ancient conversations continue to inform our own lives of discipleship.

Midweek Lenten Soup Providers Needed!

After our midweek Lenten worship service, we will be having soup & fellowship at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We are looking for 4 people each week (2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25) to provide soup for the group. If you would like to volunteer, please use the [sign up](#) here and the office will contact you with more information.

Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group – Next meeting is March 12th

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.

Peace Church Scholarship

Peace Church will make available the annual scholarship for high school seniors who are planning to attend 4- or 2-year college programs or technical/trade schools. Recipients will be chosen based on several factors, which are detailed in the application form. The deadline for submission was Feb. 8, 2025. Interviews will be conducted on Sun., March 2 starting at 12:30pm.

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 do one event each month.

Upcoming Jr. Youth Group Events:

Bowling at Laraway Lanes on February 22 at 1pm. We will meet at Laraway Lanes and bowl together. It is \$18 a person for 2 games and shoe rental. We hope all of our 3 - 6 grade youth can come! We will have a snack provided and Deacon Shari will be bowling too!

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:

Youth Group Fancy Dinner-Sun. Feb 22 at 5pm
Antioch- March 13-March 15

Youth Group Fancy Dinner-Sun., Feb 22 at 5pm

On February 22nd the youth group will be going to a Fancy Dinner out at North and Maple here in New Lenox. We will meet at North and Maple at 5:00pm and youth will be done at 6:30pm. Please sign up by February 8th so we can make reservations. Let's enjoy a wonderful meal and fun conversation.

Groups

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

Join us for fun fellowship & coffee!

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., Feb. 23 at 9am

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

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-Tues., Feb. 17 at 10:00am

We will be meeting next on Feb. 17 to discuss "The Women" by Kristin Hannah.

Trailblazers – Tues., Feb 17 at 12pm

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

Men's Breakfast – Sat., Feb. 21 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., Feb. 22 at 9:45am

The next meeting of the Peace Page Turners is February 22. We will discuss "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Out To Eat Group - Sun., Feb 22 at 12:15pm

Join us at North & Maple Restaurant in New Lenox. Please RSVP by Feb. 17th.

All Committee Night – Wed., March 25

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

February passage: John 9:37

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

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.