

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 [July Newsletter](#),

Sign up for VBS 2025 <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/vbs/> and

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., July 12 – Property Committee Workday 8am-12pm

Contemporary Service 5pm with Service for Prayers and Healing

Trivia Night 6pm

Sun., July 13 – Worship Services 8:30am & 11am with Service for Prayers and Healing

VBS Creation Station 12p-2p

Mon., July 14 – Ruth Circle Quilters 9am

Coffee & Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., July 15 – The Chosen, 10am in person

Trailblazers 12pm

Miniature Group 12pm

Addiction & Family Support Group 6:45pm

Wed., July 16 – Bible Study 10am

Senior Exercise Group 11:15am

Thurs., July 17 – Mahjong Masters 1pm

The Chosen, 7:00pm Zoom

Sat., July 19 – Worship Service 5pm

Sun., July 20 – Worship Services 8:30am & 11am

Out To Eat Group 12:15pm

Mon., July 21 – VBS set-up 9am

Tues., July 22 - Fri July 25 VBS 9:30am – 12pm

Tues., July 22- The Chosen (*not meeting*)

Wed., July 23 – Bible Study 10am (*not meeting*)

Senior Exercise Group (*not meeting*)

Thurs., July 24– Mahjong Masters 1pm

The Chosen, 7:00pm Zoom

Sat., July 26 – Men's Breakfast 9am

Outdoor Worship Service 5pm

Sun., July 27 Worship Services 8:30am & 11am

Mon., July 28 – Ruth Circle Quilters 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., July 29- The Chosen (*not meeting*)

Wed., July 30- Bible Study 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 12pm
Thurs., July 31 – Mahjong Masters 1pm
 The Chosen, 7pm Zoom (*not meeting*)
Sat., Aug 2 – Worship Service 5pm
Sun., Aug 3 Worship Services 8:30am & 11am
 Sunday School Teacher Orientation 9:45am
Mon., Aug 4 - Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 12pm
Tues., Aug 5 – Peace Book Club 10:00am
 The Chosen, 11:00am in person
Wed., Aug 6 – Bible Study 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 11:15am
Thurs., Aug 7– Mahjong Masters 1pm
 The Chosen, 7:00pm Zoom
Sat., Aug 9 – Contemporary Worship Service 5pm
Sun., Aug 10- Worship Services 8:30am & 11am
 Peace Page Turners 9:45am
Mon., Aug 11 – Ruth Circle Quilters 9am
 Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 12pm
Tues., Aug 12- The Chosen 10am
Wed., Aug 13- Bible Study 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 12pm
Thurs., Aug 14 – Mahjong Masters 1pm
 The Chosen, 7pm Zoom

The flowers on the altar are given by Michelle & Terry Lenz in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary and by Matthew & Hannah LaMore in celebration of their wedding 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 \$5,556 and offerings of \$9,649 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

Prayer List

Dawn Murphy, Kimberly Gonzales, Frank Rossi, the family of Sandy Siddons, the family of Dennis Pratt, Mary Wilson, Nancy Nelson, Richie Molitor, Ken Gatewood, Frank, Kimberly, 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.

Contemporary Service-Sat

Volunteer Role	July 12	July 13 – 8:30	July 13 – 11:00
USHERS	Need	Need	Paul Muehlnickel Shannon Muehlnickel
GREETERS	Need	Karen and Mike Padgen	Todd Klock Angie Klock
COMM. SERVERS	N/A	Beth Lohmar Barb Narish	Heidi Ruhe Ben Ruhe
ACOLYTE	Need	Jared Ennis	Penelope Cullinane
LAY LITURGIST	N/A	Janet Park	Greyer Cullinane
LESSON READER	Need	Eric Wesel	Carol Wadleigh
REFRESHMENTS	N/A	Need Need	Carol Dorhn Need
OFFERING COUNTERS	N/A	N/A	Ellen DeMik Dave Johnson

Announcements

Trivia Night – Sat. July 12 at 6pm

Put on your thinking caps and join us on Sat., July 12 at 6pm for a fun night of Trivia! Gather your own team or come on your own and we will put teams together. Bring an appetizer to share.

VBS Creation Station – Sun., July 13 from 12-2pm

Join us to create decorations for VBS & have some pizza on Sun., July 13 from 12-2pm.

VBS Taking a Bite Out of Hunger

Each year our VBS adopts a worthy cause to collect for. This year they will be Taking a Bite Out of Hunger by collecting non-perishable food for Santa Cruz and the New Lenox food pantry. We will also be collecting donations to help support ELCA World Hunger. The Northern Illinois Synod has a matching grant that will match any funds we donate.

Sunday School Teachers Needed for Fall

Adults of Peace Church, have you ever been interested in teaching, being a substitute, or a helper for our Sunday School? We are looking for energetic parents/adults to help with our Sunday School program for the next school year. If you would like to help, please let Deacon Shari or Jess Lindeman know.

Sunday School teacher orientation will be Sun., Aug. 3 at 9:45am.

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. **Committees will not meet in July.**

Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group

Women of all ages - join us on the second Thursday of the month (Sept-May) at 7pm for fellowship and conversation. Each time we'll discuss a different topic based on a book, podcast, video, Bible study, etc. Keep an eye out for a sign up soon!

Save the Date

July 1-31 – School Supply Collection for Santa Cruz

Sept. 7 – Sunday School Rally Day 9:45am

Sept. 7 – Messtival 12:15pm

Sept. 10- Confirmation Meeting Orientation 7:00pm

Sept. 20- Women's Retreat at Peace Church

Member Directory Available

Our new member directory is now available. If you would like one, please pick up one in the narthex.

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.

Giving Statements

Please watch for your mid-year giving statement to come in your email in the next two-three weeks. Please note, we do not send sensitive information in these emails, just an account of your giving so far this year. If you have not received a statement by July 28th, please let us know.

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. Choirs begin again in September!

Peace Church Choir, Ladies Ensemble, & Bell Choir will resume rehearsals in the fall.

Groups**Volunteers Needed for Trailblazers in Sept.**

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 3rd 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., July 26- *please note new time (9:00am)*

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 <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/news-resources/events/sign-up/> or the sign up in the bulletin if you will be joining us.

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., July 14 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, beginning July 10th. If you have any questions, please see Deacon Shari.

Property Committee Workday– Sat., July 12 from 8am-12pm

The focus will be on the landscaping around the church and in the parking lot. We will also be wiping down the pews with a wood enhancing product. Your help would be appreciated for the whole time or just an hour!

Out to Eat Group – Sun., July 20 at 12:15 pm

We are meeting at McAlister's Deli in Mokena. Dinner will be followed with ice cream at Andy's or Oberweis! Attendees need to notify the church office by July 16!

Tuesdays at Peace Book Club - Tues., August 5 at 10am

Tuesdays at Peace Book Club will be on hiatus in July. We are scheduled to meet next on August 5, at 10am to discuss "The Rose Code" by Kate Quinn.

Peace Page Turners - Sun., August 10 at 9:45am

We will discuss "Tell me Everything" by Elizabeth Strout.

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 classes in the fall.

Wednesday Bible Study at 10am

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

Everybody Read

July's passage is: James 1:5.

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](#)

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Vacation Bible School – July 22-25

Join us at *God's Gigantic Kingdom* Vacation Bible School from Tues., July 22 through Fri., July 25 from 9:30am-12pm. Please sign up using this link <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/vbs/> or use the registration forms on the counter in the narthex. If you'd like to help in any way this year, please let us know in the office.

Helping Others

Help Students Start the School Year Strong!

We're collecting school supplies to support Santa Cruz, our mission partner in Joliet, and help local students start the school year with the tools they need to succeed. Items needed include backpacks, 2 pencils, boxes of 10 washable markers, 12 colored pencils, 24 crayons, pens, zippered pencil cases, highlighters, erasers, glue sticks, rulers, pocket folders, single-subject spiral notebooks, and composition notebooks. Please place your donations in the collection bin in the narthex by July 31st. Thank you for your support!

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.