

## 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> or the QR code below.

Check out the [July 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., 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

**Sat., Aug 16** – Worship Service 5pm (*Backpack Blessing*)  
**Sun., Aug 17** Worship Services 8:30am & 11am (*Backpack Blessing*)  
     Out to Eat Group 6pm  
**Mon., Aug 18** - Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am  
     Senior Exercise Group 12pm  
**Tues., Aug 19** – The Chosen, 10:00am in person  
     Miniature Group 12pm  
     Trailblazers 12pm  
**Wed., Aug 20** – Bible Study 10am  
     Senior Exercise Group 11:15am  
**Thurs., Aug 21**– Mahjong Masters 1pm  
     The Chosen, 7:00pm Zoom  
**Sat., Aug 23** – Mens Breakfast 10:00am  
     1st Communion Class 2:30pm  
     Worship Service 5pm  
**Sun., Aug 24** Worship Services 8:30am & 11am  
**Mon., Aug 25** – Ruth Circle Quilters 9am  
     Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am  
     Senior Exercise Group 12pm  
**Tues., Aug 26** – The Chosen, (*not meeting*)  
     Church Council 7:00pm  
**Wed., Aug 27** – Bible Study 10am  
     Senior Exercise Group 11:15am  
     All Committees Meet 6:00pm  
**Thurs., Aug 28**– Mahjong Masters 1pm  
     The Chosen, 7:00pm (*not meeting*)

The flowers on the altar are given by Doug & Lora Dittman in celebration of our 37th 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 \$3,905 and offerings of \$5,247 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

### **Prayer List**

Susan Lowe (Healing), Diane Rezvin, Luke, Laurie, Victims of Texas Flood, Adam Kroz, Dawn Murphy, Kimberly Gonzales, Frank Rossi, Mary Wilson, Nancy Nelson, Richie Molitor, 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.**

<b>Volunteer Role</b>	<b>July 26 – 5:00</b>	<b>July 27 – 8:30</b>	<b>July 27 – 11:00</b>
USHERS	Matt LaMore	Don and Sue Lafferty	Alex Chenoweth Elle Heidenreich
GREETERS	N/A	Need	Sharon Couch Need
COMM. SERVERS	Need Need	Penny Havlicek Priscilla Huffman	Deb Howell Need
ACOLYTE	N/A	Need	Penelope Cullinane
LAY LITURGIST	N/A	Dave Narish	Deb Howell
LESSON READER	Pamela Putrich	Priscilla Huffman	Need
REFRESHMENTS	N/A	Need Emily Wesel-Dotzenrod	Need Gavin Kessling
OFFERING COUNTERS	N/A	N/A	Paul & Kathy Sons

### **Announcements**

#### **VBS Kids Singing at Worship-Sun., July 27 at 11am**

We are inviting all the kids who attend VBS-and helpers and volunteers to take part in singing our VBS theme song.

#### **Blessing of the Animals – Sat., Sept. 27 at 6pm**

Bring your animal of any kind to receive a special blessing.

#### **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.

#### **Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group**

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 <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/news-resources/events/sign-up/> or with the insert in the bulletin, email or by calling the church office.

#### **Save the Date**

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

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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**

The mid-year giving statements are in the process of being sent out by email. 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 29 or if you have questions or concerns, 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### **Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., July 28 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. If you have any questions, please see Deacon Shari.

#### **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 10am. 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.

#### **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.

**Out to Eat Group – Sat., Aug 16 at 6pm**

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun evening out! Details on the restaurant and time are coming soon.

**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 on Rally Day, Sept. 7.

**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](#)

**Youth****1st Communion Class-Sat., Aug.23 at 2:30pm**

Join us to learn about the amazing gifts God gives to us in communion! Traditionally at Peace, 5<sup>th</sup> grade has been the age for First Communion, but all are welcome at Christ's table, so if you have a kid who desires to take communion and you as a family want to learn more, feel free to reach out to Pastor Amy. This particular class is open to all school-aged kids. Please sign up online with this link <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/news-resources/events/sign-up/> or use the sign up slip or email the church office. If your student would like to take their first communion with the class, please save the date for August 31 at the 11am worship service.

### **Sunday School Teacher & Helper Orientation – Sun., Aug. 3**

Our Sunday School staff gathers before the start of Sunday School to help get to know each other, help new teachers and staff get acquainted with our Sunday School ministry, get our supplies and curriculum, and generally have a good time! This year's orientations will be Sun., Aug. 3 at 9:45am in Fellowship Hall.

We would love if our substitute teachers can join us, too!

### **Register for 2024/2025 Sunday School**

We look forward to a great year starting on Rally Day, Sept. 7 at 9:45; "*God's Gigantic Kingdom*"! We rely on the registration forms to give us updates and to help us know who will be available to help with Sunday School. Please fill out a registration form in the narthex, [register online](#), or call the church 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](http://www.peacenewlenox.org) regularly for updates.