

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=dmFwZ3lmYmx3ZWZWE3>

Check out the [June 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., June 13 – Worship Service, 5pm *Contemporary*

Sun., June 14 – Worship, 8:30am & 11am

Mon., June 15 - Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

VBS Planning Meeting, 6pm

Tues., June 16 – Tuesdays at Peace Book Club, 10am

Trailblazers, 12pm

Wed., June 17 – Bible Study, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am

VBS Planning Meeting, 6pm

Thurs., June 18 – Mahjong 1pm

Sat., June 20– Worship Service, 5pm

Sun., June 21 – Worship Service, 8:30am & 11am, *Father's Day*

Mon., June 22 – Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am

Strong Senior Exercise, 12pm

Wed., June 24 – Bible Study, 10:00am

Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am

Thurs., June 25 – Mahjong, 1pm

Sat., June 27 – Men's Breakfast, 9am

Worship Service 5pm *Outdoor Worship*

Peace Community Picnic, 6:00pm

Sun., June 28 – Worship, 8:30am

Peace Page Turners 9:45am

Worship, 11am

Youth Group Car Wash and Water Fun, 12:15pm

Mon., June 29 - Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

Tues., June 30 – Church Council, 7pm

Wed., July 1 - Bible Study, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am

Thurs., July 2 – Mahjong 1pm

Fri., July 3– Office closed *in observance of Independence Day*

Sat., July 4 - Worship Service, 5pm

Sun., July 5– Worship Service, 8:30am & 11am

Mon., July 6 – Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am
 Senior Exercise Group, 12pm
Wed., July 8 – Bible Study, 10:00am
 Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am
Thurs., July 9– Mahjong, 1pm

Altar Flowers

The flowers for the altar were given by the Smothers family in honor of their wedding anniversary and Jan and Roger Bentley in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary. Flowers are also given by Laurie Lee in memory of Spencer Lee.

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 \$2,864 and offerings of \$2,032 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

Thank you to Mulch It for providing all the mulch and soil and to Debbie Standard and Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse for providing all the vegetable plants for our Peace Garden. These generous donations have allowed us to buy more raised beds, so we can grow more veggies and feed more people through local food pantries.

Prayer List

Lois Spizzirri, The Family of Vernon O. Crawley, The Family of Janet Campbell, The Family of CarLynn Negele, Kim Gonzales, Bill Musak, Linda Swart, Marge Wilcox, The O'Neil family, Mike and Terri Brennan, The May family, Sophia Campos, Jackie Nakos, David Star, Marybeth

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

June 27th - Third Annual Peace Community Picnic

July 18th - Peace Trivia Contest

July 21st – 24th – VBS

September 13th – Rally Day and Messtival

Thank you to our Worship Volunteers!

Volunteer Role	June 13 – 5:00 Contemporary	June 14 – 8:30	June 14 – 11:00
USHERS	Bree Klipstein Will Klipstein	Claudia Gamache Paul Sons	Paul and Shannon Muehlnickel
GREETERS	Al & Kathy Davenport	Chris Darley Scott Darley	Need Need
COMM. SERVERS	Pam Klipstein Holly Dragisic	Janelle Tague Keith Tague	Need Need
ACOLYTE	Jack Lang	Need	Penelope Cullinane
LAY LITURGIST	N/A	Need	Russell Scanlan
LESSON READER	Jan Bentley	Need	Syndy Lindbloom
REFRESHMENTS	N/A	Anita Drake Morgan Barlow	Angie Klock
OFFERING COUNTERS	N/A	N/A	Karl Becker Jodie Brugler

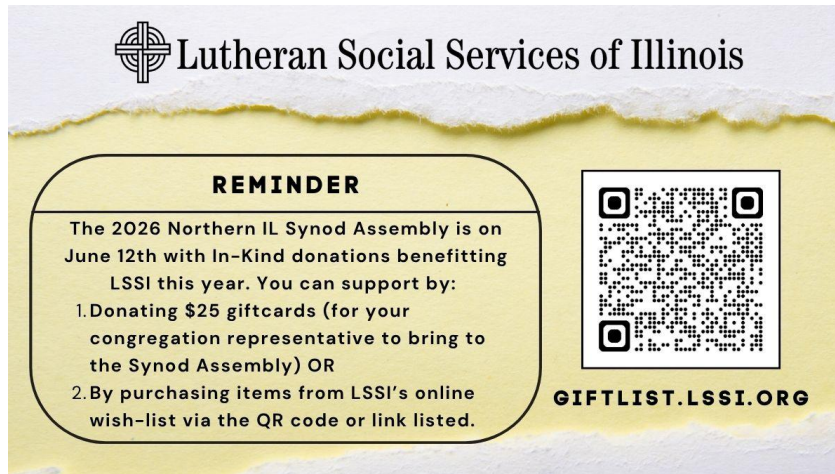
Announcements

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.

Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes that began on June 1st are available to be picked up on the counter in the narthex. If you give by electronic deposit, you will not have envelopes.



The graphic features the Lutheran Social Services of Illinois logo at the top, which consists of a cross with a circle in the center. Below the logo, the text "Lutheran Social Services of Illinois" is displayed. The main body of the graphic is a yellow rectangular area with a torn paper edge effect at the top. Inside this area, there is a rounded rectangle containing the word "REMINDER" in bold. Below "REMINDER", the text reads: "The 2026 Northern IL Synod Assembly is on June 12th with In-Kind donations benefitting LSSI this year. You can support by:" followed by a numbered list: "1. Donating \$25 giftcards (for your congregation representative to bring to the Synod Assembly) OR 2. By purchasing items from LSSI's online wish-list via the QR code or link listed." To the right of the list is a square QR code. Below the QR code, the text "GIFTLIST.LSSI.ORG" is written in bold.

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VBS Planning Meeting- Wed, June 17th 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! If you would like to serve as a volunteer during the week of VBS please let Deacon Shari know.

The Third Annual Peace Community Picnic – Sat., June 27 at 6pm to 8pm

Peace will be hosting the Third Annual Peace Community Picnic immediately following the 5 p.m. outdoor worship service on Saturday, June 27th. We will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings and have activities for kids. There will also be Oberweis ice-cream! This event, held in conjunction with the Out to Eat Group, is a great opportunity to get together and open our doors to welcome the community. It is open to everyone. We encourage you to invite your families, friends and anyone in the community who might enjoy a summer evening barbecue. Please use the sign up in the bulletin for attendance, assistance and food donations. Sign up using the sign-up sheet in the bulletin or at the table in the narthex.

Going to the Carwash! Sun., June 28th

On June 28th from 12:15pm 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.

Peace Trivia Contest, Sat., July 18 at 6:15pm

Come and join the fun on Saturday, July 18th at 6:15pm for the Peace trivia contest. We intend to have multiple teams of no more than six players each. Each of you is an expert at something, right?! We encourage you to assemble a team of your own (or signing up individually? No problem! We will place everyone who wants to play on a team.) If you are already on a team, please have a team captain sign you up, listing the number of members and a team name. Al Davenport will correspond with all of the team captains and individuals as the event gets closer. Although walk-ins are welcome, please help us by signing up in advance. Watch future bulletins to sign up! Get those thinking caps on and join a night of fun and laughter.

Golf Group – Thursdays at 8:00am

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 Thursdays at 8:00am. 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>.

Please note: We are transitioning our online giving from Vanco to our new church management system, Tithely. This change will help streamline our processes and strengthen our overall financial tracking and reporting. If you have not yet made the switch, please contact the church office at your earliest convenience. so we can assist you in updating your giving platform. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Worship

Outdoor Worship

Weather permitting, join us outside the last Saturday of the month at 5pm, May-September. Bring your own chair and dress for the weather!

Contemporary Worship

Join us the 2nd Saturday of the month (June 13th, July 11th, & August 8th) at 5pm for a more contemporary worship style. Looking forward to worshipping with you!

Worship Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering during our worship services, please sign up on the sign up sheet or contact the office. Thank you!

Youth

Jr. Youth Group (3rd-6th grade)

Calling all 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders! We want you to be a part of our 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. Starting again in September.

Upcoming Jr. Youth Group Events:

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 regularly to enjoy fellowship, faith and fun. Join us! Starting up again in September.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Car Wash and Youth Group Water Games- June 28th

On June 28th we will be offering a car wash in our parking lot starting at 12:15pm and then we will 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. Sign up by [Clicking Here!](#)

National Youth Gathering Interest and Commitment Meeting

The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering (June 28th - July 2nd, 2027, in Minneapolis, MN) is more than an event — it's a movement where young people and leaders come alive in faith, grow in hope and move with purpose. This is where the church comes to life. Peace will be taking a group of youth (graduating 8th graders-graduating seniors in 2027) and adults and we want you to be a part of this amazing opportunity. **We will meet on June 28th, during the Car Wash at 12:30pm.** This car wash will be our first fundraiser for the event. While the youth are washing cars and having fun, Deacon Shari will meet with the parents to discuss the event and answer any questions! Please come at 12 to enjoy pizza, have your car washed/and help wash, and find out more about this event.

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 – June 15 at 9am

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

Tuesdays at Peace-Tues., June 16th at 10:00am

We will be discussing "Flight of the Sparrow" by Amy Belding Brown.

Trailblazers – Tues., June 16 at 12pm

Group 65+ meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Cost \$5, lunch will be provided. [Register Online](#)

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 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., June 27 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 sheet or [Register Online](#).

Peace Page Turners- Sun., June 28 at 9:45am

The next book the Peace Page Turners will discuss will be "A Marriage at Sea" by Sophie Elmhurst.

Faith Development & Education

Wednesday Bible Study at 10am

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

Everybody Read

June reading: Jude 1:1-2.

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 weed and water ... and eventually harvest. Can you dig it? If so, please [Register Online](#) or on the sheet at the volunteer sign-up station 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.