

## 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>

Check out the [March 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

**Fri., Mar 13** – Antioch

**Sat., Mar 14** – Antioch, All Day/All Night  
Worship Service, Youth led, 5pm

**Sun., Mar 15** – Antioch

Worship Service, 8:30am & 11am, *with Pastor Mack Patrick, Assistant to the Bishop*  
Sunday School & Adult Class, 9:45am

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

Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

**Tues., Mar 17** – Election Day Voting, 6am

Miniature Group, 12:30pm

Bell Choir, 7pm

**Wed., Mar 18** – Bible Study, 10:00am

Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am

MidWeek Lenten Services, 6pm

& Soup Supper, 6:30pm

Confirmation Class, 7pm

Peace Choir, 7pm

**Thurs., Mar 19** – Mahjong, 1pm

**Sat., Mar 21** – Worship Service, 5pm

Out-to-Eat Group, 6:15pm

**Sun., Mar 22** - Worship Services, 8:30am & 11am

Adult Class & Sunday School, 9:45am

Meal In The Upper Room Planning Meeting, 9:45am

Jr. Youth Group, The Ultimate Pizza & Slime Lab, 12:15pm

**Mon., Mar 23**- Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

**Tues., Mar 24** – Celebration of Life Service for Chris Fehrenkamp, 11am & Funeral Luncheon 11:45

All Committees Meet, 6pm

Council Meeting, 7pm

Bell Choir, 7pm

Church Council Meeting, 7pm

**Wed., Mar 25** – Bible Study, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am

MidWeek Lenten Services, 6pm

& Soup Supper, 6:30pm

Confirmation Class, 7pm  
Peace Church Choir 7pm

**Thurs., Mar 26** – Mahjong 1pm

**Sat., Mar 28** - **Men's** Breakfast, 9am (*Note time change*)  
Worship Service, 5pm *Palm Sunday*

**Sun, Mar 29** – Worship Service 8:30am & 11am, *Palm Sunday*  
Sunday School & Adult Class, 9:45am  
Peace Page Turners, 9:45am

**Mon., Mar 30**-- Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am  
Senior Exercise Group 12pm

**Tues., Mar 31** – Bell Choir 7pm

**Wed., April 1** – Bible Study, 10:00am  
Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am  
MIUR Set up, 5pm  
Peace Choir – 7pm

**Thurs., April 2** – MIUR set up, 9am  
Mahjong, 1pm  
Meal In The Upper Room, 6:30pm  
Maundy Thursday Service, 8:30pm

**Fri., April 3**-Good Friday, Peace Office Closed  
Good Friday Service, 7:30pm

**Sat., April 4** – Easter Breakfast Set-Up, 9am  
Easter Eve Worship Service, Dark to Light, 5pm

**Sun., April 5** – Easter Worship, 8:30am & 11am  
Easter Breakfast, 9:45am

**Mon., April 6**- Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am  
Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am  
Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

**Tues., April 7** – Bell Choir, 7pm

**Wed., April 8** – Bible Study, 10am  
Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am  
VBS Planning Meeting, 6pm  
Confirmation Class, 7pm  
Peace Church Choir 7pm

**Thurs., April 9** – Mahjong 1pm  
Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group, 7pm

**Sat., April 11** – *Support Appeal Kickoff Weekend*  
Ladie's Ensemble Practice, 3pm  
Worship Service, 5pm  
Service for Prayers & Healing, 6pm

**Sun, April 12** – *Support Appeal Kickoff Weekend*  
Worship Service 8:30am & 11am  
*Service for Prayers & Healing, After both services*  
Sunday School & Adult Class, 9:45am  
Out to Eat Group, 12:15pm

**Mon., April 13**-- Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am  
Senior Exercise Group 12pm

**Tues., April 14** – Bell Choir 7pm

**Wed., April 15** – Bible Study, 10:00am  
Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am  
Service of Lament and Hope, 6:15pm  
Confirmation Class, 7pm  
Peace Choir – 7pm

**Thurs., April 16** – Mahjong, 1pm

**Sat., April 18** –. Worship Service 5pm, *Earth Day*

**Sun., April 19** – Worship, 8:30am & 11am, *Earth Day*  
Sunday School and Adult Chass, 9:45am

## 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 \$5,405 and offerings of \$5,411 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

## Prayer List

Carly, The Family of Charles Fial, Donna Grant, The O'Neal Family, The Family of Chris Fehrenkamp, Jan Stoller, Sharon O'Brien, Brittany Burns, Stacey Ghizoni, Jeff Cohn, The Family of Dolores MacLoed, Julie Friedrich, The Family of Larry Boisvert, Lynn Peterson, Ellen Burnett, Steve, The Family of Mary Nelson, The Family of Bill Weber, The Family of Linda Bleck

**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

**Tues., Mar 24th - All Committee Night, 6pm**

**Sun., April 26<sup>th</sup> - New Member Orientation & Luncheon, 12:15pm**

## Thank you to our Volunteers!

<b>Volunteer Role</b>	<b>March 14 – 5:00</b>	<b>March 15 – 8:30</b>	<b>March 15 – 11:00</b>
USHERS	Youth	Michelle Lenz Terry Lenz	Sharon Couch Henry Ambrose
GREETERS	Youth	Need Need	Barb Hnetkovsky
COMM. SERVERS	Youth	Priscilla Huffman Need	Lisa Star Need
ACOLYTE	Youth	Kenzie Hardy	Kinslee Oudsteyn
LAY LITURGIST	Youth	Karin Knutson	Mark Muehlnickel
LESSON READER	Youth	Karen Town	Julie Ruth
REFRESHMENTS	N/A	Cindy Hostert Lori Becker	Bethany Smothers Corinne Hutton
OFFERING COUNTERS	N/A	N/A	Karl Becker Mark Muehlnickel

## 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.

### **Volunteer Sign-Up Station in the Narthex**

We will have a volunteer sign-up station in the narthex for any needs we have for special events, rather than sending around the clipboards during worship services. Please stop by to sign up!

### **Meal in the Upper Room Volunteers Needed!**

Join us if you are interested in helping!

### **MIUR Volunteer Opportunities**

Meeting #2 – Sunday, March 22, 9:45am  
Haroseth – Tuesday, March 31, 5:00pm  
MIUR Setup – Wednesday, April 1, 5:00pm  
MIUR Setup – Thursday, April 2, 9am  
MIUR Setup – Thursday, April 2, 5pm  
MIUR Cleanup – Thursday, April 2, 7pm  
\*MIUR: Read A Verse during the service

\*Readings will be emailed out early during the week of Holy Week.

### **Easter Lily Order Deadline – Sun., March 15**

Each year at Easter we invite people to remember and honor people or events that are important to them by donating an Easter Lily or Hydrangea to decorate our sanctuary. Order forms are available in the narthex. **The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 15th. The cost of each lily is \$22 and hydrangea is \$29.**

### **Midweek Lenten Worship – March 18– March 25**

Please join us on the Wednesdays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week at 6pm for worship and at 6:30pm for soup, & conversation.

### **Midweek Lenten Soup Provider**

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 (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.

### **Service/ Outreach Committee “Paper Drive”**

The Service/Outreach Committee is holding a “paper drive” during the month of March. We are seeking donations of toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissue to be shared with local food pantries.

Please deposit these paper products in the large bin in the narthex.

The “paper drive” has replaced our annual collection of business clothing. Clothing items can be dropped off at Morning Star Mission on US 30 New Lenox, or Washington Street in Joliet.

### **Easter Breakfast & Baskets– Sun., Apr. 5 – Reservations needed by Mar. 22**

Our Easter breakfast will be at 9:45am in fellowship hall. The breakfast will be catered so we are asking for everyone coming to please sign up by Mar. 22, so we have an accurate count. The menu will be scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, French toast, Ashford potatoes, danish, fruit, bacon, coffee & orange juice. There is no cost for breakfast, if you would like to make a donation you are welcome to do so. There also will be Easter baskets for the kids 12 & under who have signed up. Please use the sign up insert in the order of worship.

### **Easter Breakfast Volunteers Needed**

If you would like to volunteer to help set up for the Easter Breakfast at 9am on Sat., Apr.4, help during the breakfast or clean up afterwards, please use the sign up at our new volunteer sign up station in the narthex.

### **VBS Planning Meeting- Wed., Apr. 8 at 6:00pm**

On April 8th 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 April 9th**

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.

### **Service of Lament and Hope – April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm**

Join us for scripture readings, prayer stations, and song. It is a time to bring before God our grief, pain, or anger that we experience in our own individual lives and in the world. This will be an opportunity to experience the quiet, resilient hope in which our souls find rest.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **Tax-Wise giving through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)**

For those age 70½ or older, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA remains one of the most tax-efficient ways to support Peace. A QCD allows you to give directly from your IRA, satisfies your required minimum distribution, and does not increase your taxable income. Many members find this provides a greater benefit than claiming traditional charitable deduction.

Beginning in 2026, taxpayers who do not itemize will also be able to claim a \$2,000 charitable deduction, creating an additional opportunity to give in a tax-advantaged way.

We are deeply grateful for your faithful generosity. Every gift, whether through QCDs or other means strengthens the ministries we share.

### **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](#) 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 (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> 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:**

##### **The Ultimate Pizza & Slime Lab (3rd-5th grade):**

In March we will be learning how to make homemade pizza from Lucas's mom Christina Spreadbury. After lunch we will make some fun homemade slime. Come and have some creative and delicious fun! Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:15pm – 2pm. [Clicking Here!](#)

## **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:**

### **Antioch 2026 I.D.E.N.T.I.T.Y. March 13th -15th**

On March 13th -15th we will have our annual youth retreat, Antioch! This year's theme will be I.D.E.N.T.I.T.Y. We will explore who God made us to be and how wonderful that is. This event is open to youth in 7th grade- 12th grade. We will spend the night at the church Friday and Saturday night lead worship Saturday evening and serve at Feed My Starving Children on Saturday morning. The weekend will end with a family luncheon on Sunday where the youth can share all they have learned and the fun things they have done together. We hope you can attend.

### **Greased Lightning! – Youth Group Dinner and a Show**

Join your friends on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We 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. Tickets are \$12. Sign up by [Clicking Here!](#)

## **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.

### **Tuesdays at Peace-Tues., April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

We will be discussing *The Stolen Life* by Kristin Hannah.

### **Out To Eat Group – Sat., March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:15pm**

Join us at Beggar's in New Lenox. Please sign up with the insert in the order of worship or with this link [Register Online](#) by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., March 23 at 9am**

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

### **All Committee Night – Tues., March 24 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.

### **Men's Breakfast – Sat., March 28 at 9am *Note the time change***

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.

### **Peace Page Turners-Sun., Mar 29at 9:45am**

The next meeting of the Peace Page Turners is March 29. We will discuss "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell" by Robert Dugoni.

## **Trailblazers – Tues., April 21 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.

## **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**

March reading: Galatians 6:2.

### **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 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!

## **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](http://www.peacelenox.org) regularly for updates.**