

## 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 [May 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., May 2** – Property Workday, 9am

Ladies' Ensemble Practice, 3pm

Worship Service 5pm, *Stewardship Appeal Commitment Weekend*

Out To Eat Group, 6:15pm

**Sun., May 3** – Worship, 8:30am & 11am, *Stewardship Appeal Commitment Weekend*

Sunday School and Adult Class & Thrivent Representative Available, 9:45am

Reception of New Members, *During 11am Worship*

**Mon., May 4** - Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

**Tues., May 5** – Bell Choir, 7pm

**Wed., May 6** – Bible Study, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am

Confirmation Class, 7pm

**Thurs., May 7** – Mahjong 1pm

**Sat., May 9** - Worship Service, 5pm, *Recognition of Sunday School Teachers*

**Sun, May 10** – Worship Service 8:30am, *Mother's Day, Recognition of Sunday School Teachers*

Sunday School & Adult Class, 9:45am

Worship Service, 11am, *Mother's Day – Sunday School Kids Sing, Recognition of Sunday School Teachers*

**Mon., May 11** - Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am

Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

**Tues., May 12** – Tuesdays at Peace Book Club, 10am

Bell Choir, 7pm

**Wed., May 13** – Bible Study, 10:00am

Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am

VBS Meeting, 6pm

Confirmation Class, 7pm *Confirmation Rehearsal*

**Thurs., May 14** – Mahjong, 1pm

Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group, 7pm

**Sat., May 16** – Worship Service 5pm

Bunco, 6:15pm

**Sun., May 17** – Worship, 8:30am

Sunday School and Adult Class, 9:45am, *Last Class until fall*

Peace Page Turners, 9:45am

Worship, 11am *Confirmation Sunday*

**Mon., May 18** - Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am  
Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am  
Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

**Tues., May 19** – Trailblazers, 12pm  
Miniature Group, 12:30pm  
Bell Choir, 7pm

**Wed., May 20** – Bible Study, 10am  
Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am

**Thurs., May 21** – Mahjong 1pm

**Sat., May 23-** Men’s Breakfast, 9am  
Worship Service, 5pm

**Sun, May 24** – Worship Service, 8:30am  
Sunday School & Adult Class, 9:45am  
Worship Service, 11am *Confirmation Sunday*

**Mon., May 25** - Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am  
Senior Exercise Group, 12pm

**Tues., May 26** – Bell Choir, 7pm  
Church Council, 7pm

**Wed., May 27** – Bible Study, 10:00am  
Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am

**Thurs., May 28th** – Mahjong, 1pm

#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers for the altar were given by Debbie Standard in honor of grandson Dylan’s birthday and Sue Schneider in memory of LeRoy Eicken.

#### **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 \$1,879 and offerings of \$3,842 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

#### **Prayer List**

Bill Sandt, Michele Lenz, Richard Dohrn, Frank Rossi, Cliff Lindhorn, Martell Halloran, The Family of Ted Musak, The Family of George Rumbaugh, The Family of Laurie Breslan,

**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**

**Sun., May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cancelled!! Car Wash and Fun - Rescheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>!!**

**May 31<sup>st</sup> – Congregational Meeting for Budget**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>- Service Camp**

**July 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> - VBS**

## Thank you to our Worship Volunteers!

Volunteer Role	May 2 – 5:00	May 3 – 8:30	May 3 – 11:00
USHERS	Joyce and Mark Nelson	Paul Sons Lauren Rogers	Allen Muehlnickel Matthew Muehlnickel
GREETERS	Barb Leisinger	Chris and Scott Darley	Jacob and Jennifer Campos
COMM. SERVERS	Need Need	Chuck Wolske Need	Need Claire DeMik
ACOLYTE	Need	Need	Emersynn Smith
LAY LITURGIST	Priscilla Huffman	Dave Narish	Lisa Star
LESSON READER	Amy Bala	Need	Janet Scanlan
REFRESHMENTS	N/A	Kathy Sons Emily Wesel-Dotzenrod	Need Pam Vanick
OFFERING COUNTERS	N/A	N/A	Lisa Star Karl Becker

## Announcements

### Welcome to our Newest Members to Peace!

Lauren Verner  
The Brucker Family  
The Fornaris Family

### 2026 Stewardship Appeal Commitment Weekend- Sat., May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sun., May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our 2026 Stewardship Appeal Commitment Weekend will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>! This year's theme is "Wrapped in God's Love." Know that each of you is a child of God, precious in God's eyes and loved beyond compare. God's love wraps around us all and gives us strength, peace, hope, and protection. Your commitment helps us be good stewards of God's gifts so we can continue to share God's love here at Peace and out in the community. Packets can be found in the church narthex. Giving Intention Cards can be placed in the offering plate or filled out online [here](#). These are a huge help to us as we plan our budget for the next fiscal year. Thank you!

### Thrivent Representative Will Be at Peace on May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Peace Lutheran Church has a long history of working with Thrivent to make a positive impact on our community and using the membership benefits to help the church with needed ministry and care funds.

On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thrivent representatives will be available between services to help further educate us about Thrivent's special benefits. They will also help existing Thrivent members utilize their membership benefits to help Peace Lutheran Church directly through funds which Thrivent provides. Look for them in the narthex area.

### Going to the Carwash! Has been Rescheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>

Our "youth car wash and fun" has been cancelled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> and rescheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Teachers Rock!

We will be Recognizing and thanking all teachers during all three services the weekend of May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are a teacher of any kind or a retired teacher, please come to worship and receive a special treat. Thank you for the ways you share Christ with all children.

### **VBS Planning Meeting- Wed., May 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group – Next meeting is May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for our final meeting until September and bring snacks to share, a game to play, a craft project to work on, or just yourself, ready to enjoy some quality time together! We're looking forward to gathering and enjoying fun activities, delicious food, and good company. Sign up online with this link [Register Online](#) or with the insert in the bulletin, email or by calling the church office. See you there!

### **Adult Fellowship Bunco – Sat., May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Join the Adult Fellowship Group on Sat., May 16th from 6:15p - 8pm for a fun night of Bunco! Bring a heavy appetizer to share and a white elephant gift to exchange. Please use the sign up in the bulletin if you will be joining us.

### **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](http://www.peacenewlenox.org), click on the [donate tab](#) or visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YSJZ/home>.

### **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.

### **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!

### **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 have one event each month.

## **Upcoming Jr. Youth Group Events:**

### **Wild and Crazy Water Fun w/Jr youth group**

On Sunday May 31st, we will meet at 12:15pm and have pizza together and then go outside and have fun with water balloons, squirt toys, and slip and slides. This will be our last monthly gathering until September because of summer vacations. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Shari.

### **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:**

### **Car Wash and Youth Group Water Games-*Our May 3<sup>rd</sup> date has been cancelled and RESCHEDULED for June 28<sup>th</sup>!***

Our car wash has been cancelled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> and rescheduled to June 28<sup>th</sup>. Youth will resume meeting regularly in September. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Shari.

### **Summer Service Camp**

We are trying something new this year! The week of June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing a different service project each day. We will meet at Peace at 9am each day and carpool to the location where we will serve. We will return to church and have lunch together and talk about our experience. This camp is designed for youth, but all are invited to sign up and come. As of right now, we have confirmed Tuesday's service project with HHH Ranch and Wednesday's with Sunny Hill Nursing Home. Stay tuned for more info!

### **May 13-Mandatory Confirmation rehearsal with adult for 8th grade**

**May 17 or May 24- Confirmation ceremony**

## **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.

### **Out To Eat Group – Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15pm**

Join us at A Bite of Mexico at 11220 West Lincoln Highway, Mokena. Great Reviews!

### **Ruth Circle Quilting – May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am**

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

### **Tuesdays at Peace-Tues., May 12<sup>th</sup>**

We will be discussing *How to Test Negative for Stupid* by John Kennedy.

### **Peace Page Turners- Sun., May 17 at 9:45am**

The next book the Peace Page Turners will discuss will be "Plain Truth" by Jodi Piccoult.

### **Trailblazers – Tues., May 19 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.

### **Men's Breakfast – Sat., May 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 link here [Register Online](#) or sign up in the bulletin if you will be joining us.

### **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**

May reading: Hebrews 10:24-25.

#### **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! 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.

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