

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=dmFwZ3lmYmx3ZWWE3>

Check out the [October 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., Oct 4 – Sharefest Service Project 9am

Ladies Ensemble Practice 3pm

Worship Service 5pm

Sun., Oct 5 - Worship Services 8:30am & 11am

Adult Class & Sunday School 9:45am

Youth Group (*Not Meeting*)

Progressive Lunch 12:30pm

Mon., Oct 6 – Ruth Circle Quilting 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., Oct 7 – Bell Choir 7:30pm

Wed., Oct 8 – Bible Study 10am

Senior Exercise Group 11:15am

Peace Church Choir 7pm

Confirmation Class 7pm

Thurs., Oct 9– Mahjong Masters 1pm

Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group 7pm

Sat., Oct 11 – Worship Service 5pm (*Service for Prayers & Healing*)

Sun., Oct 12 - Worship Services 8:30am & 11am (*Service for Prayers & Healing*)

Adult Class & Sunday School 9:45am

Peace Page Turners 9:4am

Vaccine Clinic 9:45am

Youth Group (*Not Meeting*)

Mon., Oct 13 – Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., Oct 14 – Bell Choir 7:30pm

Wed., Oct 15 – Bible Study 10am

Senior Exercise Group 11:15am

Peace Church Choir 7pm

Confirmation Class 7pm

Thurs., Oct 16– Mahjong Masters 1pm

Sat., Oct 18 – Worship Service 5pm

Out To Eat Group 6:30pm

Sun., Oct 19 - Worship Services 8:30am & 11am

Adult Class & Sunday School 9:45am

Reception of New Members 11am

Youth Group- Bible Study 12pm
Mon., Oct 20 – Ruth Circle Quilting 9am
 Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 12pm
Tues., Oct 21 – Trailblazers 12pm
 Miniature Group 12:30pm
 Bell Choir 7:30pm
Wed., Oct 22 – Bible Study 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 11:15am
 Peace Church Choir 7pm
 Confirmation Class 7pm
Thurs., Oct 23 – Mahjong Masters 1pm
Sat., Oct 25 –Men’s Breakfast 10am
 Worship Service 5pm (*Peanut Butter Weekend & Reformation*)
Sun., Oct 26 - Worship Services 8:30am & 11am (*Peanut Butter Weekend & Reformation*)
 Adult Class & Sunday School 9:45am
 Trunk Or Treat 1pm
Mon., Oct 27 – Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 12pm
Tues., Oct 28 – Church Council 7pm
 Bell Choir 7:30pm
Wed., Oct 29 – Bible Study 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 11:15am
 All Committees Meet 6pm
 Peace Church Choir 7pm
Thurs., Oct 30 – Mahjong Masters 1pm

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Doug & Lora Dittman in celebration of Jake & Jamie's 7th anniversary and by Debbie Standard to say Happy Birthday to their Granddaughter Audrey Gofron.

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 \$2,333 and offerings of \$5,109 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

Prayer List

The Family of Charlie Kirk, Allison D, Randy J, Barbara Hnetkovsky, Lexi, Alexis Flynn (infection after surgery), Dennis Flynn (heart & kidney), David Star, Jason & His Family, Drew Barbeau, Frank Rossi (Surgery), Janice Musak (Surgery), Howard Campbell (heart), College students adjusting to being away, Paul & Andy & Family (peace & safety)

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

Oct. 26- Trunk or Treat

Oct. 25/26 Peanut Butter & Jelly Weekend

Nov. 1st & 2nd- All Saints Worship

Thank you to our volunteers!

Volunteer Role	October 4 – 5:00	October 5 – 8:30	October 5 – 11:00
USHERS	Jeff & Bree Klipstein	Need Eric Wesel	Andrew Smothers Wyatt Zoch
GREETERS	Mike & Jennifer Arthur	Morgan Barlow	Alan and Sonia Muehlnickel
COMM. SERVERS	Priscilla Huffman Need	Margo Stromberg Mel Stromberg	Janet Scanlan Russ Scanlan
ACOLYTE	Need	Abigail George	Claire DeMik
LAY LITURGIST	Debbie Standard	Janet Park	Kelly Muehlnickel
LESSON READER	Need	Karen Town	Jodie Brugler
REFRESHMENTS	N/A	Diane Cochran Need	Ava Peters Jim Germany
OFFERING COUNTERS	N/A	N/A	Jodie Brugler Ellen DeMik

Announcements

Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group – Next meeting is Oct. 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.

Healing Service – Oct. 11 & 12

Join us for a healing service the weekend of Oct. 11th & 12th at all three worship services. It will take place toward the end of worship and should only last 10-15 minutes. You are welcome to come forward with a specific prayer request, for a general prayer and blessing, or you can just sit in the pews and take in words of healing and hope in scripture and prayer.

Vaccine Clinic – Sun., Oct. 12

Staff from Osco will be here on Sun., Oct. 12 from 9:45am to 12:30pm to be administering flu/covid/RSV/pneumonia/tdap/shingles. Consent forms are available on the counter in the narthex and will also be emailed the week before the clinic so you can fill one out and bring it with you. Please also bring your insurance cards and they will work with you on insurance and Medicare issues. Walk-ins are welcome, but please call or email the church office to add your name to the list.

Halloween Trunk or Treat Event – Sun., Oct. 26 at 1pm

Please join us for a Halloween Trunk or Treat on Sun., Oct. 26 from 1- 2pm. We invite all kids to come out and show off their costume and get some candy. As a way to give back, we will be collecting peanut butter & Jelly for our local food pantry. If you would like to decorate your trunk or a table and pass out candy to our Trick or Treaters from 1-2pm, please sign up online or in the bulletin. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Please watch the bulletin as we get closer for more details about the whole event. Come and have some Halloween fun!

All Committee Night – Wed., Oct. 29

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. No expertise needed!

Reformation Weekend Oct. 25 & 26

Join us in celebrating our Lutheran heritage on Oct. 25 & 26 by wearing red to worship.

All Saints Worship – Sat., Nov. 1 & Sun., Nov. 2

As a part of all worship services Nov. 1 & 2, people who have lost loved ones will have an opportunity to remember them by lighting a candle. If you would like to light a candle, [sign up online](#) or email the church office to let us know which worship you will be attending.

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>.

Need Help with Medicare Part D?

Hi, I'm Dave Johnson, a fellow member of Peace Church. Open Enrollment can feel overwhelming—but you don't have to go through it alone! For over 10 years, I volunteered at Riverside Medical, helping people review and update their Medicare Part D plans. Have questions? Need a second look at your or a loved one's plan? I'd love to help!

Call me at (773) 965-0677. Open Enrollment: October 15 – December 7

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.

Groups

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., Oct. 9 at 9am

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

Peace Page Turners - Sun., Oct 12 at 9:45am

Peace Page Turners will discuss "Mudbound" by Hillary Jordan.

Out To Eat Group - Sat., Oct 18 at 6:30pm

The Out-To-Eat group will be going to The Dock in Mokena. Please sign up no later than Oct 11 to be included in the reservation.

Men's Breakfast – Sat., Oct 25 at 10am

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 [Register Online](#) or sign up in the bulletin if you will be joining us.

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.

Property Committee Workday– Sat., Nov. 1 from 9am-12pm

Come lend a hand with cleaning and maintenance! Whether you can stay the whole time or just an hour, your help makes a difference.

Faith Development & Education

Adult Sunday Education

The Sunday Adult Education Class meets every Sunday 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

October's passage is: 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Synod Growing Disciples Newsletter

Giving begins with compassion.

A compassionate heart moves us toward generous giving.

When have you given out of compassion? What situations or people stir your compassion most deeply? How have you experienced someone else's compassion in a way that changed you?

Throughout Scripture, we see people whose compassion leads them to act generously by caring for their neighbors and strengthening their community. The Good Samaritan tends the wounds of a stranger and pays for his care (Luke 10:29–37). Jesus, moved by compassion for a hungry crowd, multiplies loaves and fishes so that all are fed and satisfied (Mark 6:34–44). Each month the Northern Illinois Synod has a Growing Disciples newsletter available online.

Please use the link below.

[Growing Disciples Start with Giving](#)

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.

Youth

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 check out the Newsletter for upcoming events and get connected to our Youth Group Google calendar.

Senior High National Retreat– Fri., Oct. 31-Nov 2

9th through 12th grade youth are invited to go on a weekend long retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn Wisconsin. This retreat is called Faith in Motion and is led by the planning team for the National Youth Gathering. The NYG is trying something new to engage youth on non-Gathering years. The event closest to us will be the weekend of October 31st- November 2nd. We will meet at Peace and travel together! Please invite friends, you do not have to have attended the National Youth Gathering to attend this. The cost of this event is \$175 per person. As always please talk to Deacon Shari or Pastor Amy if this is cost prohibitive, we have funds available to help make sure all youth can attend. If you have any questions about the event, please talk to Deacon Shari.

Helping Others

Peanut Butter Weekend – Oct. 25 & 26

Let's see if we can top last year's record amount of peanut butter & jelly! The New Lenox Township food bank especially needs these staples this time of year. If you would like to donate, please bring your peanut butter & jelly to church on the weekend of Oct. 25/26 and look for the bin in the narthex.

Trunk or Treat for Joshua Arms- Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. We are expanding our Trunk or Treat fun to Joshua Arms, a senior residence, operated by Lutheran Social Services, at 1315 Rowell Avenue, Joliet. Since we will be indoors, we are looking for people of all ages to bring some decorations or a craft, wear costumes and hand out treats to the seniors. They would especially like to see kids in costumes! If you can join us, please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet in the bulletin, or call the church office.

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.