

The Good News of Peace

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.*



PRAYERS REQUESTED:

- Jennifer Alexander
- The Family of Frank Rossi
- Kim Halper
- Mike Bohl
- Kaitlin, Riley & Mason McCormick
- Andrew Gruska & Family
- Michelle Wurtz
- Ken Vrshek
- Ed Kolberg
- Jill Percy
- Stacey Ghizoni
- Carol Armour

EVERYBODY READ

Our desire to have people read a common Bible passage is part of our Book of Faith effort.

October passage is:
Romans 1:17 (In honor of the Reformation, Martin Luther's "breakthrough" verse)

A Letter From Your Pastor

Pastor Amy Michelson

One of the greatest gifts of a church community is that we accompany one another through the ups and downs of life, and we remind one another that God is present through it all. When we need a little extra support, we as a church show up for one another. Many of us probably need a little extra support these days. Maybe we are grieving the loss of a loved one or the loss of a dream or relationship. Maybe we are struggling with discord in our family. Maybe we feel lonely. Maybe parenting is kicking our butts. Whatever you might be experiencing, we want to show up for one another.

With this in mind, we are going to try something new. Once a month on Sundays from 9:45-10:45am we are going to meet as the Show Up and Support group. Our time together will be facilitated by Carol Vollrath, a retired Marriage and Family Therapist with many years of experience and expertise in counseling and leading groups. This is not meant to take the place of individual therapy. It is meant to be a time for us to come together, share what's on our hearts and minds, and support each other as a faith community. Our first meeting will be on Nov. 1st.

If you have any questions, please let me know. And most importantly, please know that you are not alone. We are here to support you.

Peace,
Pastor Amy



Financial Update as of August 30, 2026

July Income	YTD Income	Annual Budget
\$46,204	\$139,444	\$612,831

July Expense	YTD Expense	Annual Budget
\$47,125	\$146,193	\$612,831

Blood Pressure Screening

**November 15, 2026
9:45am - 10:45am**

Once a quarter a free blood pressure check is available to all. No need to register, just drop in. A trained nurse will be there to administer the test.

Vaccine Clinic

**October 18, 2026
9:30am-10:45am**

Vaccines will include flu, COVID, Pneumonia, Shingles, RSV, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) and Hepatitis B. Those who want vaccines will be asked to fill out a consent form (*available at church*) and bring their insurance card.



Thank You

We are thankful for all the people who give of themselves to make ministry happen!

- Lucas Benjamin Photography for taking some great pictures for our new website
- All our garenders who watered and harvested over the summer
- All our worship volunteers and treat providers
- Frank, owner of Gatto's, for donating all the food for our lunch at the women's retreat

A LETTER FROM YOUR DEACON



Dear Members and Friends of Peace,

October is a spooktacular month! October happens to be my favorite month for several reasons. First, it is my birth month. Second, I love the fall colors and cool weather. Third, I LOVE Halloween and especially Trunk or Treat. Peace will hold our annual Trunk or Treat on October 25th from 1pm-2pm. There are a couple ways to participate. We need Trunkers.

What is a trunker? A trunker is someone who brings their car or a table from church (a car is not mandatory), decorates their car/table with their own theme and hands out either candy or some other kind of treat. Last year my car was decorated with dinosaurs, and I handed out candy and dino slap bracelets. You may decorate it as elaborate or as simple as you would like. This year we will have prizes for the top 3 cars/tables, voted on by the treaters.

What are treaters? The best way to participate is to be a treater. All young people are invited to come in costume and go from trunk to truck, trick or treating at each stop. This event is a community event so all our neighbors from the surrounding community are invited to come and be treaters. We will have hot dogs, grilled on site by our heroic grillers (Batman and Robin), again this year. Come and get some treats and some lunch.

Last year this event was well attended and was a great outreach to our community. We are hoping that this year is even bigger! With that being said, the third way that you can participate is by being a safety volunteer. We need a couple of people to help direct parking and the trunk or treating route. I promise there will be some treats and a hotdog for you as well. We want to make sure we keep all our little monsters, ghosts and goblins safe so that all might have a lot of fun!

If you have any questions about Trunk or Treat, please feel free to reach out to me or Miss Jess in the office. If you have candy or treat you would like to donate to the cause, we will make sure that those are used as well, we will be collecting candy in the narthex this whole month. May you have a safe and fun October!

God's Peace,
Deacon Shari

Worship

Contemporary Worship

Join us November 14th at 5pm for a more contemporary worship style. Looking forward to worshipping with you!

Kids Sing Special Music – Sun., Oct. 4 at 11am

Our Sunday School kids will be sharing their voices and singing at the 11:00am worship service! Come support our kids and enjoy their special music as part of our worship together.

Service For Prayers & Healing – Worship Services Oct 10 & 11

Join us for a healing service the weekend of Oct 10th & 11th 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

All Saints Worship – Sat., Oct. 31 & Sun., Nov. 1

As a part of all worship services Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, we will be celebrating All Saints' Day. The Christian celebration of All Saints' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the faithful departed), and the living. We remember those blessed fellow-believers who died in the Lord and are now at rest by lighting candles, which symbolize the Light of Christ. If you would like to light a candle to remember deceased loved ones, sign up online or use the sign-up sheet to let us know which worship service you will be attending. You are welcome to take the candle home after the worship service.

Offerings & Opportunities

All Committee Meeting – Wed., Oct. 28

Want to be involved in the ministries happening at Peace? You are invited to join us in the sanctuary at 6:00pm.

2026 Flower Sign-Up

The flower chart for 2026 is filling up. If you would like to sign up for flowers, take a look. We have a new way to track flower information, so please grab a slip and envelope off of the bulletin board if you sign up or if you have not yet paid for your flowers or given the office the dedication information.

Special Music

Have you ever been moved by the special music here at Peace? Whether you've felt encouraged, seen, or comforted, music has a way of reaching us and speaking to our spirits. A lot of people work hard to make our music meaningful, so we are happy to announce that Jonathan DeMik will be helping to bring this special music to our worship services. He has volunteered to coordinate musicians, schedule, and even arrange music for instrumental solos or ensembles. If you are interested in offering or learning more about special music, please reach out to Jonathan at peacelutheran.nl.specialmusic@gmail.com. Thank you to all our musicians for all their work!

Do you love to sing? Would you like to make a joyful noise with others? Peace Choir wants you!!
No auditions. No experience. Just love to sing. Just check us out!!! Contact church office for choir contact information."

The Ladies Ensemble welcomes all women to join us for singing and fellowship!

No auditions or experience required. Practice only once per month. Come make a joyful noise!!! We started up again on Saturday, September 12 at 3pm. Call the office for contact information.

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.

Fellowship

Viewing of The Chosen- Season 6 (episode 1)

The creators of The Chosen are allowing churches to hold an early private screening of Season 6, episode 1. Deacon Shari will be hosting this viewing on Thursday, October 8th at 6:00pm. Please feel free to invite members from the community. This will be a free event and will only be available through a link Deacon Shari has been given. There will be time for prayer and discussion following the hour-long episode. Please note that this series contains some violence and is not appropriate for young children.

Out To Eat Sat., Oct 10 at 6:30pm

Join us for dinner at George's Restaurant, 990 North State Street, Lockport. Please be sure to list the names of each person who will attend when you sign up. This restaurant comes highly recommended! It is a 20-25 minute drive from Peace! **RSVP required by Oct. 6th.**

Trunk or Treat Sun., Oct 25 at 1:00pm

We will be having Trunk or Treat in the parking lot at Peace. We encourage members to decorate their car and hand out candy. As a way to give back, we will be collecting PB&J for our local food pantry.

Sign-Up Deadline Date Oct. 20th.

Joshua Arms Trunk or Treat

Mon., Oct 26 at 6:00pm

On Monday the 26th we will be at Joshua Arms senior living apartments in Joliet for a similar event to our Trunk or Treat. Instead of a car, a table and games. We are asking for donations of candy.

Sign-Up Deadline Date Oct. 20th.

Faith Development & Education

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.

Register for 2026/2027 Sunday School

We look forward to a great year with our theme "Caught in God's Love"! 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 online](#), or call the church office.

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 10am. We just started back in Genesis so this is a great time to join us! You do not need to know anything about the Bible. Just come with an open heart and mind and with a curiosity to listen and learn from one another and the Spirit.

Emergency Preparedness Training

Sat., Oct 3 at 1pm

Safety is important to us here at Peace. We are fortunate to have Grace Miller, who works in Emergency Management with UChicago Medicine, with us for a couple hours on Saturday October 3rd to help us learn where emergency equipment is located within the church and work through what to do in case of an emergency. Please sign up to join us. (There will be treats!)

Looking Ahead

Property Work Day – Oct. 17

All Saints Weekend-Oct 31st & Nov 1st

LOMC Youth Retreat-Nov 21 & 22

Thanksgiving Dinner- November 26th



Groups

Coffee & Conversation – Mondays

Every Monday morning from 10-11am, Deacon Shari will be holding office hours at Gost Coffee on Schoolhouse Road in New Lenox. Please come grab a cup of joe and share in conversation.

Peace Page Turners-Sun., Oct 25 at 9:45am

The next book the Peace Page Turners will discuss is "Swamplandia!" by Karen Russell.

Tuesdays at Peace-Tues., Oct 20 at 10:00am

We will be meeting next from 10 to 11 at the church on Oct 20 to discuss "The Mystery of Mrs. Christie" by Marie Benedict.

Strong Seniors Exercise – Mon. & Wed.

Join us for a low impact program for seniors. Mondays 12 noon -1:00pm and Wednesdays 11:15am-12:15pm.

Golf Group – Thursdays at 8:00am

The golf group will play when the temperature hits 50 degrees in the morning. We play for fellowship, fresh air and maybe hit a good shot occasionally. 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.

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., Oct 5 & 19 at 9am

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

Trailblazers – Tues., Oct 20 at 12pm

Group 65+ meets the third Tuesday of the month. Cost \$5, lunch will be provided.

Mahjong Masters – Thursdays at 12pm

Don't worry, being a master is ABSOLUTELY not required! A group of Mahjong Minded Members have started gathering at Peace on Thursdays at 12pm. We would love to have you join us!

Men's Breakfast – Sat., Oct 24 at 9am

Men ages 16 and older are invited to this fellowship opportunity that meets at Peace on the fourth Saturday of the month. Cost is a free will offering – breakfast cost is approximately \$15 each.



Youth

Peace Youth Groups

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 Groups are for you! Peace Youth is for 7th - 12th graders and Jr. Youth Group is for 3rd - 6th graders. Both groups will continue meeting regularly again in the fall so stay tuned!

National Youth Gathering June 28- July 2027

Imagine worshipping with 20,000 other people who believe in the same God you do. Now imagine that 15,000 of them are youth the same age as you. The National Youth gathering is an event where this becomes real. We will travel to Minneapolis this year with other Lutheran youth from all over the United States and hear from amazing and honest speakers about how to imagine more love, welcome, grace, Joy, and courage. We will begin meeting as a group every month begin imagining more, planning and preparing. If you are interested in attending please let Deacon Shari know.

Apple Orchard and Fall Fun- Sat., Oct 10 at 12:00pm

Jr Youth group and Peace 360 (middle and High school youth) will be doing a combined event. We will be going to Keller's Farmstand in Oswego to go apple picking and enjoy their 2 corn mazes, one grass maze, a petting zoo and lots of fun fall games and treats. We will meet at Peace at 12pm and carpool to Keller's Farmstand. Please eat lunch before we go. Wristbands for all the activities and a ¼ a peck or 3lbs of apples will be \$25 per person. Deacon Shari will purchase tickets ahead of time, so please sign up by October 3rd. If you have any questions or are willing to drive, please reach out to Deacon Shari.



Upcoming Youth Events

- Sun Oct 25-NYG Meeting-9:45am
- Sat Oct 10-Apple Orchard & Fall Fun 12pm
- Fri Nov 21 & Sat Nov 22-LOMC Youth Retreat

Youth Retreat LOMC

Deacon Shari will be taking youth Saturday morning November 21st to Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center in Oregon IL to their fall youth retreat. We will worship, play games, hike and do Bible study all while getting to know other youth from Illinois. We will be staying in cabins that have bathrooms, and central heat. We will meet at Peace at 7:45am on Nov. 21st and return to Peace by 11am on Nov. 22. Cost is \$80 per youth and includes housing Saturday night and 3 meals. Please fill free to invite friends, 7th through 12th grade. **Anyone participating must register by November 7th!**



Helping Others



**Thank you for your generosity
for cleaning supplies to IN**

One Warm Coat Collection Nov. 1-Dec. 31

One Warm Coat is a collection of clean, reusable coats and other winter wear that are then distributed to MorningStar Mission for local individuals in need. We are grateful for our ability in all circumstances to continue in our mission to meet basic human needs. Items can be dropped off at church in the bin in the narthex. Scarves, hats, gloves, mittens and boots are also accepted. Thank you for your continued support!

Help Others Fund

Alongside our regular giving that helps all kinds of people in need, we also have a special "help others" fund within our general fund. It is targeted to help people who need food or gas. We continue to be diligent in making sure the money actually goes to people in need.

New Lenox Food Pantry

We are now accepting donations for the New Lenox Township food pantry. They need shelf stable products, instant potatoes, rice products, crunchy peanut butter, cereal and personal hygiene items. Donations can be placed in the basket in the hallway by Fellowship Hall.

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.**

Community Resources



Will-Grundy Medical Clinic
free healthcare for the uninsured and
those who qualify 815-726-3377, ext. 228.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
call/text 988 or online chat at
www.988lifeline.org

Joliet Area Hospice Support Groups
www.joliethospice.org or 815-740-4104

Crutches, walkers & wheelchairs available
please contact the church office

Guardian Angel Community Services
Sexual assault & rape crisis services
24-hour sexual assault hotline: 815-730-8984

LSSI's Joshua Arms
independent & supportive living units for seniors
www.LSSI.org/JoshuaArms or 815-727-6401

NAMI - National Alliance for Mental Illness
info@namiwillgrundy.org or
www.namiwillgrundy.org

Recycling and Green Initiatives-
willcountygreen.com



General Information

Worship Details

Saturday worship 5pm, Sunday at 8:30 & 11am.
8:30am service is live streamed.

Email Contacts

Pastor Amy – amichelson@peacenewlenox.org
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Hearing Assistance Available

We are happy to offer wireless receivers to assist anyone with a hearing impairment. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one.

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