

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=dmFwZ3lmYmx3ZWE3> or the QR code below.

Check out the [September 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., Sept 6 – Ladies Ensemble Practice 3:00pm

Worship Service 5pm (*Blessing of Teachers/Bibles for Third Graders*)

Sun., Sept 7 Worship Services 8:30am & 11am (*Blessing of Teachers/ Bibles for Third Graders*)

Adult Class 9:45am

Peace Page Turners 9:45am

Sunday School Rally Day 9:45am

Messtival 12:15pm

Mon., Sept 8 – Ruth Circle Quilters 9am

Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., Sept 9 – Peace Book Club 10am

The Chosen, 11am in person

Trailblazers 12pm

Bell Choir 7:30pm

Wed., Sept 10 – Bible Study 10am

Senior Exercise Group 11:15am

Peace Church Choir 7pm

Confirmation Meeting Orientation for 7th & 8th grade youth & parents 7pm

Thurs., Sept 11– Mahjong Masters 1pm

Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group 7pm

The Chosen 7pm

Sat., Sept 13 –Worship Service 5pm

Sun., Sept 14 Worship Services 8:30am & 11am

Adult Class & Sunday School 9:45am

Youth Group Trip to Urban Air 12:30pm

Mon., Sept 15 – Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., Sept 16 – Miniature Group 12pm

Bell Choir 7:30pm

Wed., Sept 17 – Bible Study 10am (*Not Meeting*)

Senior Exercise Group 11:15am

Peace Church Choir 7pm

Confirmation Class 7pm

Thurs., Sept 18– Mahjong Masters 1pm

Sat., Sept 20 – Women's Retreat 9am

Worship Service 5pm

Sun., Sept 21- Worship Services 8:30am & 11am
 Adult Class & Sunday School 9:45am
 Youth Group Bible Study 12pm

Mon., Sept 22 – Ruth Circle Quilters 9am
 Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., Sept 23 – Bell Choir 7:30pm

Wed., Sept 24 – Bible Study 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 11:15am
 All Committees Meet 6:00pm
 Confirmation Class 7pm
 Peace Church Choir 7pm

Thurs., Sept 25– Mahjong Masters 1pm

Sat., Sept 27 – Men’s Breakfast 10am
 Outdoor Worship Service 5pm (Blessing of the Animals)

Sun., Sept 28- Worship Services 8:30am & 11am
 Adult Class & Sunday School 9:45am
 Youth Group HHH Ranch 12pm
 New Member Luncheon 12:15pm

Mon., Sept 29 –Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 12pm

Tues., Sept 30 – Church Council 7:00pm
 Bell Choir 7:30pm

Wed., Oct 1 – Bible Study 10am
 Senior Exercise Group 11:15am
 Peace Church Choir 7pm
 Confirmation Class 7pm

Thurs., Oct 2– Mahjong Masters 1pm

The flowers on the altar are given by Eric & Sandi Wesel in memory of their daughter Jacqueline Christine, in celebration of Allie, Ricky, and Joe's birthdays, and in celebration of Eric and Sandi's anniversary. Flowers are also given by Bill & Diane Weber in loving memory of their son Christian.

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 \$2,717 and offerings of \$5633 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

Prayer List

The Family of Karen Brown, The Community of Annunciation Church, Dennis & Kerrie Flynn, Barb Graaf, Greg Lindbloom, George Rumbaugh, Jeri Sandt, Pete Stoller, The Walker Family, Cathy Arenz, Dan D, Bill Weber, Donna Grant, Adam Krozs, Kimberly Gonzales (Cancer), Frank Rossi (Cancer), Bud Pare, The Gomez Family, David Star (heart surgery), Susan Lowe (Healing),

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.

Thank you to our volunteers!

| Volunteer Role | September 6 – 5:00 | September 7 – 8:30 | September 7 – 11:00 |
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| USHERS | Bruce Vollrath Need | Paul Sons Karin Floyd | Barb Hnetkovsky Janet Stoller |
| GREETERS | Jim & Vicki Hunziker | Kathy Sons Scott Darley | Andrew and Bethany Smothers |
| COMM. SERVERS | Pamela Putrich Need | Chris Darley Penny Havlicek | Amy Bala Leslie Walton |
| ACOLYTE | Need | Jared Ennis | Michael Pisciola |
| LAY LITURGIST | Priscilla Huffman | Need | Bethany Smothers |
| LESSON READER | Pamela Putrich | Jodie Brugler | Julie Ruth |
| REFRESHMENTS | N/A | Jodie Brugler Need | Haley Muehlnickel Lauren Muehlnickel |
| OFFERING COUNTERS | N/A | N/A | David Johnson Ellen DeMik |

Announcements

All Committee Night – Wed., Sept. 24

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.

Blessing of the Animals – Sat., Sept. 27 at 6pm

We invite you to bring your furry, scaley, fluffy friends of any kind at 6pm to receive a special blessing. Animals are welcome to come with you to the outdoor worship service at 5pm, then stay for a blessing.

New Member Orientation – Sun., Sept. 28

We will be receiving new members again in September. The New Member orientation & luncheon is Sun., Sept. 28, at 12:15pm and the reception of new members will be Sun., Oct. 19 during the 11am service. Please contact the church office by September 21 if you would like more information or plan to attend.

Women's Fellowship and Discussion Group

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.

Save the Date

Sept. 27-Blessing of the Animals 6:00pm

Sept. 28-New Member Luncheon 12:15pm

Oct. 26- Trunk or Treat

Oct. 25/26 Peanut Butter & Jelly Weekend

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](#), use the QR code 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.

Groups

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., Sept. 8 at 9am

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

Viewing Group for The Chosen- Tues. at 10:00am (In Person) & Thurs. at 7:00pm (Zoom)

Please join us to watch and discuss season 5 of The Chosen. The Chosen is a TV series that follows the life of Jesus and his disciples. It provides engaging conversation about the scriptures as they come to life on the screen. If you would like to watch the first four seasons of the series, you can find it on prime video. We will offer two options for discussion of season 5. The in-person option is Tuesday mornings at 10am. The second option is an online Zoom meeting held on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. If you have any questions, please see Deacon Shari.

Men's Breakfast – Sat., Sept 27 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.

Peace Page Turners - Sun., Sept 7 at 9:45am

We will discuss "Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (on a Dead Man)" by Jesse Q Sutanto.

Peace Book Club - Tues., Sept 9 at 10:00 am

We have selected "Nettle and Bone" by T. Kingfisher to be our next read!

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.

Faith Development & Education

Women's Retreat – Sept. 20, 9am-3pm

Join us for this year's women's retreat on September 20th, 9am-3pm at Peace with an optional outing afterwards. We'll discuss Spiritual Practices – from prayer to scripture to art to worship and more! There is no cost for this year's retreat. Lunch will be provided. Feel free to bring snacks to share. All women are welcome, please sign up by September 7th. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Amy or Deacon Shari.

Progressive Lunch-Oct. 5, 12:30pm-2:30pm

We will be having our first ever Progressive Lunch. This event will be held in the church so there will be no driving around town, just walking from classroom to classroom. There will be a menu of appetizers, main lunch item and desserts. Dietary options will be available. Please sign up by September 27.

Wednesday Bible Study at 10am

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

Everybody Read

September's passage is: Exodus 3:5

Synod Growing Disciples Newsletter

When you hear the word "serve," what comes to mind? Do you think of someone bringing you food at a restaurant? Or do you think about a person who wiped your brow or brought you soup when you were sick in bed? Christ-centered service is often transformational. It can change both the life of the one who serves as well as the person who is served. Service is a living witness to our faith that provides opportunities for us to invite others to learn more about Jesus. Through service, we encourage those who are struggling to go on and restore hope in their lives. Jesus says, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke 6:38)

Each month the Northern Illinois Synod has a Growing Disciples newsletter available online.

Please use the link below.

[Growing Disciples Start with Serving](#)

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 every week to enjoy fellowship, faith and fun. Please check out the Newsletter for upcoming events and get connected to our Youth Group Google calendar.

Bibles to Be Given to 3rd Grade & Up – Sept. 6 & 7

Our church has great joy in giving each child a Bible of their own. We invite children from third grade on up, who have not received theirs yet, to come forward during worship on Sept. 6th or 7th.

7th-12th Gr. – Messtival! Sun., Sept. 7 at 12:15pm

Youth 7th grade and older are invited to join us for the messiest of messy events...MESSTIVAL! On Rally Day, we will meet for a pizza lunch and then we will get super messy! Please let us know if you can attend! We suggest that you wear play clothes or something you do not mind getting dirty. Bring a towel and a pair of goggles if you have them. Please use the [Online sign up](#) or slip in the bulletin. Pick up will be at 2:30pm.

Register for 2025/2026 Sunday School

We look forward to a great year starting on Rally Day, Sept. 7 at 9:45; "*God's Gigantic 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 in the narthex, [register online](#), or call the church office.

Confirmation Orientation –Wed., Sept. 10 at 7pm

This is a meeting for all students in 7th & 8th grades and at least one parent/adult. This important night incorporates information about schedules, expectations, youth events, volunteering, and more! If you know someone who is not a part of any church but has a student in this age bracket, please invite them to come too.

Junior High Synod Retreat–Sat., Oct. 4th at

7th and 8th grade youth are invited to join other youth from the Northern Illinois area for a day of service, Bible study, worship, food, and of course fun! This year the event will be at Salem Lutheran Church in Sycamore IL, on October 4th from 8:30am-5:30pm. We will meet at Peace at 8am and travel together. As always please invite friends to come! The cost of this event is \$20 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 this event please talk to Deacon Shari.

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!

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**Share Fest Group Service Project- Oct. 4 at 9am**

The Service/Outreach Committee has organized a group service project from 9 a.m. to 12pm at ShareFest of Will County, 21715 Moni Drive, New Lenox. We will be packing boxes with food (to be given away at a later date by ShareFest) This is open to all ages. Participants are not required to stay for all three hours. If interested, please use the sign-up sheet in the bulletin, or call the church office.

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.

Santa Cruz's Food Pantry Needs List

We are always collecting bottled water, juice, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, hand soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, canned soup, applesauce, cereal, Jell-O, pudding, beans, rice, coffee, powdered cream, sugar, pretzels, chips, popcorn, etc. for Santa Cruz's Food Pantry. Please look for the baskets 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.

****Will County Recyclepalooza** Saturday, Sept. 13 at Spencer School Campus, 1711 S. Spencer Road, New Lenox. Volunteers are needed in 2–3-hour shifts from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm to help unload cars with items to be recycled. Sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AADA92BA4F94-57698577-recyclepalooza>.

****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.