

## 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.

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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., Sept 27** – Men's Breakfast 10am

Outdoor Worship Service 5pm (Blessing of the Animals 6pm)

**Sun., Sept 28** - Worship Services 8:30am & 11am

Adult Class & Sunday School 9:45am

Youth Group HHH Ranch 12:30pm

New Member Luncheon 12:15pm

**Mon., Sept 29** – Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee 10am

Senior Exercise Group 12pm

**Tues., Sept 30** – Peace Book Club 10am

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

**Sat., Oct 4** – Junior High Synod Event 8:30

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

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given by The Panders in gratitude of Peace Lutheran Church.

### **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 \$3,500 and offerings of \$5,379 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!

### **Prayer List**

Barbra Hnetkovsky (Surgery), 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), The Community of Annunciation Church

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>- All Saints Worship**

**Thank you to our volunteers!**

| <b>Volunteer Role</b> | <b>September 27 –<br/>5:00</b>  | <b>September 28 –<br/>8:30</b> | <b>September 28 –<br/>11:00</b>    |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| USHERS                | Russell Aaberg<br>Carol Hennesy | Don and Sue Lafferty           | Alex Chenoweth<br>Elle Heidenreich |
| GREETERS              | <b>Need</b><br>Jacob Woodburn   | <b>Need</b><br>Pat Fruhwirth   | Shannon and<br>Matthew Muehlnickel |
| COMM. SERVERS         | Jamie McClellan<br><b>Need</b>  | Terry Lenz<br>Beth Lohmar      | Chris Campos<br>Jennifer Campos    |
| ACOLYTE               | Luke Galminas                   | Kenzie Hardy                   | <b>Need</b>                        |
| LAY LITURGIST         | <b>Need</b>                     | Michele Lenz                   | Lisa Star                          |
| LESSON READER         | <b>Need</b>                     | <b>Need</b>                    | Georgia Piech-<br>Pander           |
| REFRESHMENTS          | N/A                             | Beth Lohmar<br>Lori Becker     | Angie Klock<br>Syndy Lindbloom     |
| OFFERING<br>COUNTERS  | N/A                             | N/A                            | Lisa Star<br><b>Need</b>           |

### **Announcements**

#### **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 – 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.

#### **Fellowship 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.

#### **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 make an appointment if possible.

### **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.

### **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](#), use the QR code 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**

#### **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.

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

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

#### **Peace Book Club - Tues., Sept 30 at 10:00am**

Our next read is "The Servant" by James C Hunter, and because it is a relatively short read, we will be meeting on Sept 30 at 10am instead of in October.

#### **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.

### **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**

#### **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**

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 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.

#### **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 8:30am 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.

### **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.

#### **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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