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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.

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Check out the [September Newsletter](#).

Sunday School 2026 - 27 <http://www.peacenewlenox.org/ministries/youth-ministry/sunday-school/> .

We live stream our service on Sundays at 8:30am.

Ahead of Worship for
September 19 & 20, 2026



Women's Retreat

September 19th
9am-2pm

Come learn about the faithful
women that have impacted
your life as well as the life of the
Church and world.

Highlights:

Do you love to sing? Would you like to make a joyful noice 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!!! Call the office for contact information.

Register for 2026/2027 Sunday School - Please fill out a registration [form online](#), or call the church office.

Our next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, September 26th at 9am.

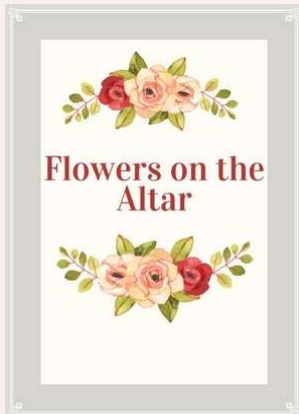
Wednesday Bible Study - Wednesday mornings at 10am. We recently started back in Genesis so this is a great time to join us! You do not need to know anything about the Bible. Just come with an open heart and mind and with a curiosity to listen and learn from one another and the Spirit.

Calendar

Sat., Sept. 19 -	Women's Retreat, 9am Worship Service, 5pm
Sun., Sept. 20	Worship Service Peace Page Turners, 9:45am Sunday School and Adult Class, 9:45am Worship Service, 11am Junior Youth Group Legos and Eggos Lunch, 12:15pm
Mon., Sept. 21	Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am Senior Exercise Group, 12pm
Tues., Sept. 22	Viewing of The Chosen, 10am All Committee Meeting, 6pm Church Council, 7pm
Wed., Sept. 23	Bible Study, 10am Senior Exercise

	Group, 11:15am Confirmation Class, 7pm Adult Choir, 7pm
Thurs., Sept. 24	Mahjong, 12pm
Sat., Sept. 26	Men's Breakfast, 9am Worship, 5pm, <i>Last Outdoor Worship</i> Blessing of the Animals, 6pm Chili Cook-Off, 6pm
Sun., Sept. 27	Worship, 8:30am National Youth Gathering Meeting, 9:45am Sunday School, 9:45am Worship, 11am
Mon., Sept. 28	Coffee and Conversation, Gost Coffee, 10am Strong Seniors Exercise, 12pm
Tues., Sept. 29	Bell Choir, 7pm
Wed., Sept. 30	Bible Study, 10am Strong Senior Exercise, 11:15am Adult Choir, 7pm
Thurs., Oct 1	Mahjong, 12pm
Sat., Oct. 3	Emergency Preparedness Training, 1pm Ladies Ensemble, 3pm Worship Service, 5pm
Sun., Oct. 4	Worship Service, 8:30am Sunday, School and Adult Class, 9:45am Worship, 11am <i>Sunday School Kids Sing</i>
Mon., Oct. 5	Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am Coffee and Conversation

	at Gost Coffee, 10am Senior Exercise Group, 12pm
Tues., Oct. 6	Bell Choir, 7pm
Wed., Oct 7	Bible Study, 10am Senior Exercise Group, 11:15am Thanksgiving Planning Meeting, 6pm Adult Choir, 7pm Confirmation, 7pm
Thurs., Oct 8	Mahjong, 12pm Viewing of the Chosen, 6pm
Sat. Oct. 10	Jr. Youth and Senior Youth Apple Orchard and Fall Fun, 12pm Worship Service, 5pm <i>Service for Prayers and Healing</i> Out-to-Eat Group, 6:30pm
Sun., Oct. 11	Worship Service, 8:30am <i>Service for Prayers and Healing</i> Blood Pressure Checks, 9:30am Worship Service, 11am <i>Service for Prayers and Healing</i>
Mon. Oct. 12	Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am Strong Seniors Exercise, 12pm
Tues., Oct 13	Bell Choir, 7pm
Wed., Oct 14	Bible Study, 10am Strong Seniors Exercise, 11:15pm Adult Choir, 7pm
Thurs., Oct. 15	Mahjong Masters, 12pm



The flowers on the altar were given by
Karl & Lori Becker in celebration of their 45th
wedding anniversary, and Bob & Syndy Lindbloom
to celebrate the fall harvest season.

Thank you!

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 \$2,189 and offerings of \$3,970 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!



Prayer List:

Kaitlin McCormick, Riley McCormick, Mason McCormick, Mike Bohl, Kim Halper, The Family of Frank Rossi, Jennifer Alexander, Jill Percy, Stacey Ghizoni, Carol Armour, Ed Kolberg, Ken Vrshek, Our siblings in Christ at First and Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, Jeff Cohn,

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.



Sept. 22

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All Committee Meeting
Church Council

Sept. 26	Last Outdoor Worship Blessing of the Animals Chili Cook-off
Oct. 3	Emergency Preparedness Training
Oct. 18	Vaccine Clinic
Oct. 25	Trunk-or-Treat, <i>Peace Parking Lot</i>
Oct. 26	Trunk-or-Treat at Joshua Arms in Joliet

Thank You to our Worship Volunteers!

Volunteer **Role**

Sept. 19-5pm	Sept. 20 -8:30am	Sept 20- 11am	
Ushers	Will and Jon McClellan	Dave Narish Paul Sons	Andrew and Eleanor Smothers
Greeters	Al and Kathy Davenport	Karl and Lori Becker	Beth and Johnny Russler

Communion Servers	Jamie McClellan		
	Priscilla Huffman	Melissa and Quinn Rumbaugh	Need Need
Acolyte	Need	Need	Jack Johnson
Lay Liturgist	N/A	Michele Lenz	Chris Campos
Lesson Reader	Jan Bentley	Janet Park	Greyer Cullinane
Refreshments	N/A	Beth Lohmar	Lisa Star
		Sandy Taylor	Gavin Kessling
Offering Counters	N/A	N/A	Mark Anderson
			Becky Gofron

Announcements

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 at Peace on Tuesday, September 22nd at 10am, and 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.

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 special music to our worship services. He has volunteered to coordinate musicians, schedule, and even arrange music for instrumental solos or ensembles. He's a great resource! 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!

Altar 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.

Offering Envelopes

If you need Offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

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.

Emergency Preparedness-October 3rd , 1-3pm

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!)

Worship

Outdoor Worship

Weather permitting, our last outdoor worship for the year will be Saturday, September 26th at 5pm. Bring your own chair and dress for the weather!

Worship Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering during our worship services, please sign up on the signup sheet or contact the office. Thank you!

Youth

Jr. Youth Group (3rd-6th grade)

Calling all 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders! We want you to be a part of our 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 from September to May.

Upcoming Jr. Youth Group Events

Jr Youth Legos and Eggos- Sun., Sept 20 at 12:15pm

Junior Youth Group is starting back on September 20th. We will meet in the fellowship hall from 12:15pm till 2:00pm. We will make breakfast for lunch together with the star of the show being Eggo Waffles and then we will build Legos together. Jr Youth Group is specifically **for 3rd grade through 6th grade**. Invite your friends and let's have some fun. If you have any questions please reach out to 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 regularly from September – May, with a few special summer events to enjoy fellowship, faith and fun. Join us!

Upcoming Youth Events:

Apple Orchard & Fall Fun-Saturday, October 10

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.

National Youth Gathering June 28- July 2nd, 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, and welcome grace, joy, and courage. **We will be meeting monthly with our next meeting on September 27 at 9:45am** to begin imagining more, planning and preparing. If you are interested in attending please let Deacon Shari know.

LOMC Called to Serve, Fall Youth Retreat- Nov. 21 -Nov. 22

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 be at the camp from 9:30am Saturday morning till 9am Sunday morning. We will arrive back to Peace by 11am on Sunday November 22nd. Cost is \$80 per youth and includes housing Saturday night and 3 meals.

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.

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

We will be discussing “The Mystery of Mrs. Christie” by Marie Benedict.

Trailblazers – Tues., October 20 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 3rd 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.

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., September 21 at 9am

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

Out-to-Eat Group - Saturday, Oct., 10th 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. RSVP required by Oct. 6th.. This restaurant comes highly recommended! It is a 20-25 minute drive from Peace!

Peace Page Turners - Sun., Sept. 20 at 9:45

The next book the Peace Page Turners will discuss will be “The Bookclub for Troublesome Women” by Marie Bostwick.

Men’s Breakfast – Sat., Sept. 26 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 sheet or [Register Online](#).

Faith Development & Education

Registration for 2026/2027 Sunday School is ongoing

Sunday School Classes began on, Sept. 13. Our theme this year is “Caught in God’s Love”! If you would like to participate in Sunday School please fill out a registration [form online](#), or call the church office.

Wednesday Bible Study at 10am

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

Everybody Read

Read your favorite verse or look up your Confirmation verse.

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

The Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon Illinois is hosting a Fall Work Day on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9am - 4pm.

Every year, volunteers come together for a day of service, fellowship and fun to help LOMC shine for another season of outdoor ministry. Check-in is from 9am-9:30am. There will be free coffee and donuts in the morning and free lunch at noon for volunteers. To sign up visit LOMC.org. [Click here](#)

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.