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Subject: RE: Ahead of Worship for September 26 & 27, 2026



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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.

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www.peacenewlenox.org
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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.

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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.

On behalf of the Service/Outreach Committee we offer a HUGE Thank You to the Congregation for their donations of cleaning supplies for Bethel Church in Gary, IN. In a matter of days we collected 3 carloads of supplies. We are blessed with so many giving hearts! Thank you once again for your generosity!!

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

Our Last Outdoor Worship is Saturday, Sept. 26 at 5pm.

Bring your pet for the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, Sept. 26th at 6pm.

We're Sorry - The Chili Cook-Off on Sept. 26th has been cancelled!!.

Saturday, Sept. 27 is our next meeting regarding the National Youth Gathering at 9:45am.

Join us for Emergency Preparedness Training on Saturday, October 3rd at 1pm - 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!)

On Sunday, October 4th the Sunday School Kids will sing during the 11am Worship Service.

Calendar

Sat., Sept. 26	Men's Breakfast, 9am Worship, 5pm, *Last Outdoor Worship* 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	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 *Sunday School Kids Sing*
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 *Service for Prayers and Healing* Out-to-Eat Group, 6:30pm
Sun., Oct. 11	Worship Service, 8:30am *Service for Prayers and Healing* Blood Pressure Checks, 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Class, 9:45am Worship Service, 11am *Service for Prayers and Healing*
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
Sat., Oct. 17	Property Work Day, 9am Worship Service, 5pm
Sun., Oct. 18	Worship Service, 8:30am Vaccine Clinic- *Remember to bring your consent form and insurance card!!* Worship Service, 11am
Mon., Oct. 19	Ruth Circle Quilting, 9am Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am Strong Seniors Exercise, 12pm
Tues., Oct. 20	Tuesdaays at Peace Book Club, 9:45am Trailblazers, 12pm

	Miniature Group, 12:30pm Bell Choir, 7pm
Wed., Oct 21	Bible Study, 10am Strong Senior Exercixe, 11:15am Adult Choir, 7pm
Thurs., Oct 22	Mahjong Masters, 12pm
Sat., Oct 24	Men's Breakfast, 9am Worship Service, 5pm
Sun., Oct. 25	Worship Service, 8:30am Worship Service, 11am Trunk-or-Treat Peace Parking Lot, 1pm
Mon., Oct. 26	Coffee and Conversation at Gost Coffee, 10am Strong Seniors Exercise, 12pm Joshua Arms Trunk-or-Treat, 6pm
Tues., Oct. 27	Bell Choir, 7pm Church Council, 7pm
Wed., Oct 28	Bible Study, 10am

	Strong Seniors Exercise, 11:15am All Committee Night, 6pm Confirmation Class, 7pm Adult Choir,
Thurs., Oct. 29	Mahjong, 12pm



The flowers on the altar were given by Doug and Winnie Nyhus to honor the memory of those who have died from suicide.

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 $2,057 and offerings of $3,597 help us to keep doing ministry locally, nationally, and around the world!



Prayer List:
Michelle, Wurtz, Andrew Gruska and Family, Mason McCormick, Rileiy McCormick, Kaitlin 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, Family of Debbie Palm

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.



Oct. 3

Emergency Preparedness Training	
Oct. 18	Vaccine Clinic
Oct. 25	Trunk-or-Treat, *Peace Parking Lot*
Oct. 26	Trunk-or-Treat at Joshua Arms in Joliet

Thank You to our Worship Volunteers!

Volunteer **Role**

Sept. 26 -5pm	**Sept. 27 -8:30am**	**Sept 27- 11am**	
Ushers	Ellie Lang	Eric Wesel	Sharon Couch

	Carol Hennessey	Scott Darley	Alex Chenoweth
Greeters	Need Need	Dana and David Van Dyke	Elle Heidenreich
Communion Servers	Pamela Klipstein	Keith and Janelle Tague	Jim Germany Leslie Walton
Acolyte	Need	Abi George	Need
Lay Liturgist	N/A	Need	Need
Lesson Reader	Ryan Bell	Kevin Rumbaugh	Deb Howell
Refreshments	N/A	Need Need	Bethany Smothers Pam Vanick
Offering Counters	N/A	N/A	Paul & Kathy Sons

Announcements

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.

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
Saturday, October 10 - Youth Group and Jr Youth Group (High School and Middle School Youth)- Apple Orchard and Fall Fun at Keller's Farmstand, 12pm.

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!

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Saturday, October 10 - Youth Group and Jr. Youth Group (High School and Middle School Youth) - Apple Orchard and Fall Fun at Keller's Farmstand, 12pm

National Youth Gathering June 28- July 2nd, 2027
Imagine worshiping 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.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center in Oregon, IL - 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 8 people attending. If this is something you would like to do, please contact the church office.

Ruth Circle Quilting – Mon., October 5 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 27 minute drive from Peace! Thank you!

Peace Page Turners - Sun., October 25 at 9:45
The next book the Peace Page Turners will discuss will be "Swamplandia" by Karen Russell.

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.