

Northern Illinois Conference 2025 One Matters Award

United Methodist Church of New Lenox

New Lenox, IL – Lake South

The United Methodist Church of New Lenox serves the Lincoln-Way area, specifically serving Frankfort, Mokena, New Lenox, and the surrounding area. We strive to live into the commandments to love God and Neighbor in all we do, while attempting to model the early church as described in Acts 2:42-47.



We have intentionally practiced hospitality, offering our warmest welcome to everyone. We have also been exceedingly clear about our approach to ministry. We believe we are called to be a people of the Table – a church that emphasizes that all are welcome to the feast. Rather than being driven by political or ideological differences, we recognize the necessity of a diverse church that is first and foremost grounded by our faith in Jesus the Christ, who welcomes each of us to the Table.

While this is often difficult work, we believe it is vital to creating an authentic community of believers to which people from various backgrounds are attracted. On any given Sunday, we see atheists, agnostics, seekers, and deeply grounded disciples in attendance. We are aware of those who actively participate in their faith traditions - Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and various Protestant traditions – while also attending one of our services.





We listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit and follow the call of God to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” We strongly encourage the congregation to be involved in service, small groups, studies, and myriad volunteer opportunities to foster deeper relationships with one another. We seek to be responsive to requests, attentive to constructive criticism, lead with a ‘firmly flexible’ attitude, and create an atmosphere of ‘sanctity without starch.’

We continually offer appreciation to our staff, encourage the exercise of humor, advocate for deeper Biblical literacy, and seek to respond to every question without judgment. We believe that we are simply following God’s call to be the church, and the blessings received are solely due to the grace of God.