



# The Peace Lutheran Messenger

Peace Lutheran Church and School  
6580 Twenty-four Mile Road  
Shelby Township, Michigan 48316



## Lenten Season Begins Ash Wednesday, February 22

The theme for this year's Lenten Series is



# PLACES OF THE PASSION



In our midweek Lenten devotions, God's people journey to the Places of Christ's Passion, as we meditate on what Jesus' Passion means to us.

Date	Time	Theme
February 22 – Ash Wednesday	6:30pm	The Upper Room: A Place of Service
February 29	6:30pm	Gethsemane: A Place of Temptation
March 7	6:30pm	The High Priest's Palace: A Place for a Trial and a Verdict
March 14	6:30pm	Pilates Court: A Place for a Substitute
March 21	6:30pm	The Way of Sorrows: A Place of Tears
March 28	6:30pm	Golgotha: A Place of Suffering
April 5 – Maundy Thursday	6:30pm	The Last Supper: A Place for a Feast
April 6 – Good Friday	12:00 & 6:30pm	The Cross: A Place of Death
April 8 – Easter Sunday	8:30 & 11:00am	The Empty Tomb: A Place of Life

## JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR FAMILY NIGHT

Our **FAMILY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPERS** will be served from **5:30-6:15pm** in the gym.

**LENTEN SERVICES** will begin at **6:30pm** and last until **7:00pm**

Then join us as we explore our Christian faith from **7:00-8:00pm** through **“Family Study,” Bible Studies, and Confirmation.**

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## **A Message from Our Principal..**

### **February School News**

**February = LOVE** and is our school's Hearts for Jesus month. This February is no different. We have many activities planned for the month. Our PTL has scheduled a Dinner and a Talent Show for **Friday, February 3**. All monies raised will benefit the Children's Christian Society, whose goal is to bring Christian education to places in the world without school. The evening will include a talent show performed by the students and families of Peace Lutheran School, a dinner, and a bake sale. **Dinner is from 5:45-6:45pm**, and the **talent show starts at 7:00pm**. All are invited. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students PK-8.

Our schoolchildren will also participate in a Heart-shaped Chocolate Sucker Sale from February 1-10. Congregation members can participate too! Just stop by the office to order a Valentine's sucker for your child, grandchild, or someone special in your life for \$1.00 each.

Congregational suckers will be delivered to the office and available for pick up on Valentine's Day. It is a great way to support our mission of the month and treat someone special to a delicious treat!



Our **Varsity Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams** have started their season. They play at home on the following dates: **Thursday, February 2, Tuesday, February 7 (BOYS ONLY), Monday, February 13, Thursday, February 16, and Thursday, February 23**. All games start at 4:15pm. (Girls) and the second game starts at 5:15 p.m. (Boys).

It is almost Enrollment time for the 2012-2013 School Year! We are offering two **Parent Informational Nights**. The first of which is **Tuesday, February 7 from 6:30-7:30pm** and the second on **Tuesday, March 6, from 6:30-7:30pm**. **Current preschool families** are invited to attend a special informational meeting on **Wednesday, February 7, from 11:30am to 12:30pm**. We invite you to pick up a flyer and hand it out to one of your friends. Our best advertising is word of mouth, so please share our school with your friends and family! Congregational families and returning students enjoy enrollment priority through February 6.

#### **Parent Information Meetings**

Tuesday, February 7 6:30 – 7:30pm

Tuesday, March 6 6:30—7:30pm

Tours of our campus are available and our Principal, Preschool Director and teaching staff will be on site to answer your questions.

We will enjoy two days off for a winter break on **Monday, February 20 and Tuesday, February 21**. The office staff will enjoy a little break in the normal schedule. We will be open from 9:00am – 3:00 pm. If you need any help, please make sure to call during those times.

Have a wonderful February and remember that Jesus loves you!

**Peace Lutheran School: "Where the Love of Christ and Education Come Together"**

## A Message from the Editor...

Dear Readers,



I pray that everyone is doing well and staying warm this winter!

Jan Carpenter, a fellow member of our Peace family, came up with a wonderful idea that helps her to get to know our newest members of Peace: She prints out the new member pages that are published in our printed and .pdf "Peace Lutheran Messenger" e-newsletters and places them in her copy of our pictorial directory.

I think that is a clever idea, and I hope that we will all implement it! If you would like to print out the new member pages from our August 2011 and January 2012 .pdf newsletters, but do not have those e-newsletters on your computer, please send your request to me and I will be happy to send you a copy.

Jackie Pilan

PS - Please submit all of your articles and stories for March's "Peace Lutheran Messenger" to me by Monday, February 20, 2012.

## Board and Ministry News...

### Stephen Ministry

We are called to live together in community...to be a family in Christ. So what does a family do when someone is struggling or hurting? We help each other! If one needs food, we give food. If one needs shelter, we take them in. If one needs someone to talk to, we listen. Sometimes, though, we are very private and do not want to share our troubles or concerns with just anyone; we understand that, too.

That is why we have Stephen Ministry. It is a one-to-one, man-to-man, woman-to-woman, confidential caring ministry. We listen, we never counsel or try to fix; we just listen! We are that constant that someone needs. Stephen Ministers are non-judgmental, ever loving, always there and listening until Father God brings the healing to the pain that someone is going through. It is that simple and yet that powerful and IT WORKS! Oh, yes...it is also free!

If you or someone you know would like more information about how to get a Stephen Minister for themselves, please contact Pastor Klemm, Kris Klein or Pam Aulgur for more information.

In addition, Peace has begun a new training class on January 18. Please pray for these new trainees as they go through this awesome training. May God bless them and equip them to do His work. But pray for their hearts and minds to be open to receive and digest all that they are learning!



"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." —Anne Bradstreet

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## Seniors' Valentine Day Party

The Seniors' meeting for the month of February will be held on **Wednesday, February 8, at 12:30pm in the Gathering Room.**



Come prepared to have fun and play games for Valentine's Day. Bring along a favorite game if you have one.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Judy and Bob Herbart

# GREETERS SCHEDULE

## February 2012

### February

Time >	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>	
Location >	Narthex	Front Door	Narthex
Date v			
5	Kibner	Wirth	Ogne
12	Fritsch	Swiebel	Blanchard
19	Ruddell	Brown/Mabee	Fleming
26	Peshek	Winston/Stigelman	Matz

Thank you for being a greeter during this period. If you cannot keep your scheduled Sunday, please make your own arrangements for a substitute from the master list.

Note which entrance your post is and arrive 15-20 minutes prior to the service. Do not forget to wear your nametag.

Remember to "de-greet!"

The Lord's blessings on our ministry!

Beverly Porter  
Susan Bleet



Thank you  
for greeting

"Faith is a knowledge within the heart, beyond the reach of proof." —Kahlil Gibran

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# Youth and Family Report



It seemed like nearly everybody was telling Sarah and me that once we started having children time would be going faster than we could imagine! Well, 1½ hectic years later and I absolutely have to agree with everyone! It is so hard to believe how quickly time has gone. For some reason, the pace of life has been hard for me to think about. I get sentimental and sad thinking about all the days that are behind me. Yet, after periods of grief, I come to a place of peace, knowing that God knows exactly how many days I have, and that all of my days are REALLY in His hands. Lately, my prayer has been that God gives me strength to appreciate EACH of those days. Instead of mourning how much time has passed, I am learning to praise God for allowing me to spend one more day here on earth. What are **you** praising God for? What are **you** thankful to God for? May our eyes be opened to EVERY good gift that we have been given day after day after day!

Once again, I have included some notes about upcoming events in the area of Youth & Family Ministry: **Family Night:** We encourage everyone to join us for Family Night every Wednesday night. Dinner is served at 6:00pm, and studies start at 6:45pm. Currently, we offer a LifeLights Bible Study, as well as an engaging, interactive and intergenerational family study for families of ALL ages! Just a reminder that **we will not have regular Family Night on Ash Wednesday, February 22**. Additionally, we will resume our Lenten schedule on February 29. Dinner will start at 5:30pm, our service will start at 6:30pm, and Bible studies begin at 7:00pm.

**Financial Peace University:** We pushed back the starting date for Financial Peace University to **Thursday, February 2, from 6:30-8:30pm**, so there is still time to sign-up! *Financial Peace University* classes meet for two hours each week for 13 weeks. During these 13 weeks, the average family that attends Financial Peace pays off \$5300 in debt and saves \$2700! Tell your friends and family about this great opportunity to grow in your understanding of how to manage money. Contact Josh at the church office for more information.

**Parenting Class:** We are a little more than half-way through our study on “*Parenting is Heart Work*.” This video-based series has helped us make special application of the Scriptures to parenting. Practical stories, step-by-step strategies, humor, and a lot of illustrations make each video segment powerful, and the conversation that happens afterwards is the icing on the cake! We have been meeting in Room 203, from 9:45-10:45am. You are welcome to join us for the last half of the class, or be on the lookout for when we offer this again.

## Youth:

**Rock & Worship Road Show:** We are getting a group of **all ages** together to take a road trip to Ypsilanti, Michigan, on **Friday, February 3**, for a concert that includes Mercy Me, LaCrae, Hawk Nelson, Disciple, and Sidewalk Prophets! We will leave Peace’s parking lot at 4:00pm **sharp** and return late Friday Evening. Tickets are \$10 (at the door).



**High School/College Super Bowl Party:** Join us on **February 5, at 6:00pm**, in the gym for food, football, and fun. We will have a great time, including our 3rd Annual Half-Time Dodgeball Tournament! Please bring a snack and \$5 to cover food, and we will see you then!

**Sunday Night High School Bible Study:** **Every Sunday, from 6:00-8:00pm**, we dig deep into God’s Word and make connections to every day life. We are in a series called “*Ten Tough Things*,” where we challenge ourselves to go beyond the world’s expectations of teenagers. Snacks are always provided!

**Dave Ramsey’s Generation Change:** All students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us for “Generation Change,” a study to help students better understand money. **We will begin on March 3** after our “Ten Tough Things” series. The study will go from **6:00-8:00pm**. There is a cost involved for the kit, which includes a T-shirt and helpful tools.  
*(More “Youth and Family Report” on Page 6)*

**College Night:** Area Lutheran churches have continued our partnership with “College Night” **every Tuesday at 9:00pm** for college-aged students. We will be continuing our study in the book of Genesis and we will tackle the tough issues that come with that part of God’s Word. Snacks are provided, and we meet at “HIS Rock” on the corner of 24 Mile and Romeo Plank.

**Hugs and Kisses:** Be sure to join us on **Friday, February 10**, for our 4<sup>th</sup> “Hugs & Kisses” event. You will find more information about this on Page 7 of this newsletter!

**Middle School:** Put **February 17** on your calendar, as it is the date for our **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Lock-in!** We will meet from **8:00pm to 8:00am**. There will be great food, games, devotions, service project opportunities, a dodgeball tournament, and so much more. Friends are welcome! A donation is requested to help cover the costs of the evening. We need adult leaders in order to have this event – please sign up to take a shift!



**Middle School Retreat:** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us for a great time at Concordia, Ann Arbor on March 16-17. The theme is “Unshaken” and it will be an awesome time for you to grow in your faith. There is great music, games, speakers, and FUN on a college campus! Sign up in the Gathering Room!

**Voice of Truth:** We will be participating in a local mission trip this year to Pontiac, “Voice of Truth,” specifically from July 6 through the 13. This is an awesome opportunity to help people who live close by. We will stay at a church in Pontiac, and there will be plenty of “play time” after the work is done. See the Youth Table for more information.

## Women’s Ministry News

### Moms’ Group

We invite moms of all ages to join us on Tuesday, February 14, and February 28, from 9:15-10:45am in the Gathering Room for Moms’ Group.

#### Topics:

**February 14: Biblical Parenting: Loving Discipline**

**Description:** This is the 5th in a series on Biblical Parenting taught by Sharon Nowak. This session will concentrate on how we can discipline our children with unconditional love.

**February 28: Boredom Busters**

**Description:** Creative crafts and activities for children and families



Limited babysitting is provided with reservations only! Contact the office at 586-739-2431 for more information.

Hope to see you there!

### Women’s Bible Study

**“James: Mercy Triumphs” by Beth Moore**

**\*The starting date hasn’t been determined, but will be in mid March\***

**Watch bulletin and website for starting date.**

**Description:** Your story is powerful; your heartbreak, sickness, and failures are not empty. Those holes in your heart leave space for mercy to fill, making you complete. Your life story is proof of that, just like James. Jesus’ own brother started out as a skeptic, but one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. Be inspired to put your faith into action in practical ways, and get to know both the man and the Book of James through this interactive study featuring 7 weeks of personal, daily assignments and 8 weekly group video sessions.



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**“James: Mercy Triumphs” Bible study, continued from Page 6**

**Times:**

Tuesdays, 6:45-9:15pm in Room 113

**Or**

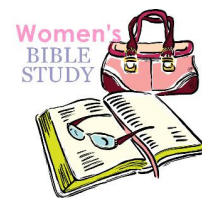
Thursdays, 9:00-11:15am in the Gathering Room

**Contact:**

The office at 586-739-2431 to reserve a spot.

**Materials:**

The deadline to order materials through Peace is February 26, and the cost is \$15.00, but workbooks are available at Amazon.com ([http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=james%3A+mercy+triumphs&x=0&y=0](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=james%3A+mercy+triumphs&x=0&y=0)) or at Lifeway.com (<http://www.lifeway.com/Keyword/james+mercy+triumphs>).



## Events!

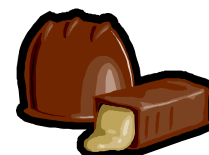
### “Hugs and Kisses”

**What:** An event geared for ladies 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older, their moms, aunts, grandmas, etc.

It will include a chocolate buffet and our version of a coffee bar, plus a message from Karen Palka founder of “A Beautiful Me”

**When:** Friday, February 10, from 7:00-9:00pm

**Where:** Peace’s Sanctuary and Gym



Tickets are \$5 in the office or on Sundays in the Gathering Room or \$10 at the door.

**Help is needed** to keep this event so affordable! There are many areas, from small to big, that we can use a hand in. Call Lisa Suszko for more info, or if you would like to help in any area.

Baked Goods:

Chocolate baked goods are needed for the grand chocolate buffet. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Room.

General Set up and clean up help needed.

### Women’s Conference and Luncheon

**“Joy Comes in the Morning”** Psalm 30:5

**What:** A Women’s Conference and Luncheon will be hosted by Peace, Trinity (Utica), Trinity (Clinton Township), and Shepherd’s Gate. The steering committee, comprised of Women’s Ministry leaders from each of these congregations, is excited to bring this conference, which is sure to be inspiring.

**When:** Saturday, March 24, 2012, from 9:00am-1:00pm

**Where:** The Sterling Inn (32911 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights)

**Speaker:** Robin Sullivan radio host of WMUZ 103.5

**Registration:** \$25 until March 4

\$30 after March 4

Registration begins on Thursday, February 12, in the Gathering Room

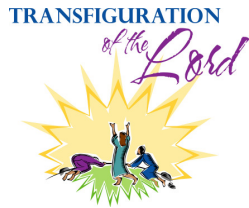
Reserved seating if registering in groups of 10, otherwise seating is open.

No refunds after March 11



“One of the sanest, surest and most generous joys of life comes from being happy over the good fortune of others.” —Archibald Rutledge *(Taken with permission from www.newsletternewsletter.com)*

## Transfiguration



All over this magnificent world, God calls us to extend his kingdom of shalom-peace and wholeness — of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring, of sharing, of laughter, of joy, of reconciliation. God is transfiguring the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us and because God loves us.

What can separate us from the love of God? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. And as we share God's love with our brothers and sisters, God's other children, there is no tyrant who can resist us, no opposition that cannot be ended, no hunger that cannot be fed, no wound that cannot be healed, no hatred that cannot be turned into love, no dream that cannot be fulfilled.

—Desmond Tutu, *God Has a Dream*

## "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

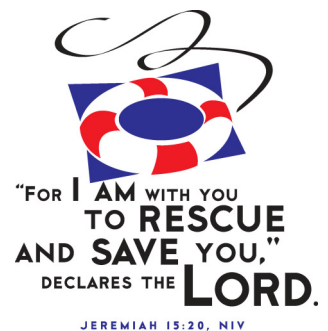
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

George Matheson (1842-1906) wrote the words to this much-loved hymn while feeling intensely lonely and afraid.

Years back, his fiancé had broken their engagement upon learning he was going blind. Despite that challenge, Matheson had followed God's call to a fruitful pastoral ministry — with his sister's assistance. Now his sister was getting married, and Matheson worried about who would take care of him and if anyone would ever want to marry him.

Amid such despair, Matheson later shared, God gave him all four verses of this hymn in five minutes. It is a poignant reminder that God's love sustains us even when human love falls short.

*("Transfiguration" and "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" were taken with permission from [www.newsletternewsletter.com](http://www.newsletternewsletter.com))*



## Hang on!



When a couple received a rose bush as a gift, they planted and cared for it, eagerly waiting for it to bloom. A few months later, a bud finally appeared. Day by day, it began to fill out. The couple's anticipation grew when they could see that the rose would be bright red.

One day, they were surprised to notice that the green around the bud had been pulled away and the flower petals were torn apart. They asked their young daughter if she knew what had happened. "I just couldn't wait any longer," she said, "so I blossomed it myself."

The psalmist tells us to "Wait for the LORD ..." (Psalm 27:14, NRSV). Instead of trying to help God along, let him bring things to fulfillment in his perfect time. *(Taken with permission from [www.newsletternewsletter.com](http://www.newsletternewsletter.com))*

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### **Sunday Worship Services**

8:30am: Traditional  
11:00am: Contemporary

### **Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School**

9:45-10:45am

### **Prayer Group**

7:00pm, Mondays

### **Wednesday Family Night**

6:00-8:00pm  
(Dinner, Adult Bible Studies,  
Youth Studies, Peace Xpress)

### **Contact Information**

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### **Office Hours**

Monday through Friday  
8:00am to 4:30pm

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