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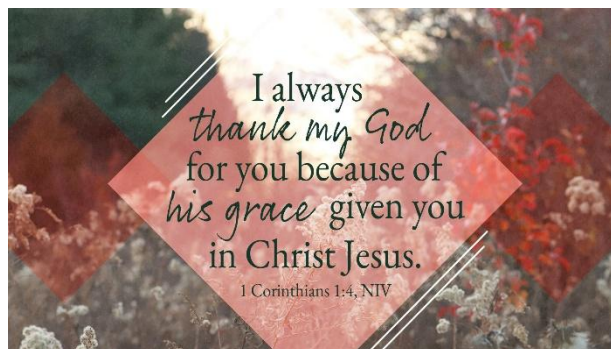
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## **Giving Thanks for God's Grace**



The Apostle Paul wrote his letter of 1 Corinthians, to the new Corinthian Church, telling them, *"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."* – 1 Corinthians 1:4

The grace of God and thanksgiving go together. God has given us everything we possess and everything that we are. He is the Giver. Once we realize this, then thankfulness wells up inside of us. How could it not? And as Paul shows us here, it is not only the grace given to us individually that causes us to give thanks. It is even the grace given to others. We certainly have much to be thankful for when we look at the gifts of grace all around us. And how do we say thank you to the Lord? In any number of ways — in prayer, in giving to His church and in imitating His love and kindness to those around us.

God's Peace,

Pastor David Klemm

## **A Message from Our Deacon...**



Here we are in February. God has blessed us with another month. This month we anticipate several new things. The Olympics will be starting soon. It is awesome to see how God has blessed these athletes with incredible talents. To Him be the glory! The Super Bowl will be played, sadly without the Lions playing. Again, we see incredible talents.

Most of us think about Valentine's Day when we think of February. We may think about flowers, or a box of candy, or perhaps a nice dinner at a restaurant. Some people are very sad at this time, as they have lost a loved one. Keep an eye out for one who is very lonely. Perhaps you can share some love with them. Our world would be so much better if we share love and concern for others.

This time of year, reminds me of Jesus. We see His display of love for the whole world. More specifically, we see His love for YOU! Jesus came to earth to take away your sins. He came to provide you with a path to heaven! He did this for your loved ones too! This is a great time to tell someone that Jesus loves them! Invite them to church. When they come, more of us can love on them. They can hear the wonderful news that Jesus died for their sins too! How awesome will it be to see these folks in heaven with us! So, tell somebody about Jesus!

Serving Jesus and His People,  
Deacon Jim Schurig

**WINTER BREAK**  
**FEBRUARY 16 & FEBRUARY 17**

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**FEBRUARY 16 & 17**  
**8:00AM-12:00PM**



# A Message from Our E.C. Director...



February is a busy and fun month in our Early Childhood program! Our students will continue learning about all of the amazing things God has created and generously given to us. Through hands-on activities and age-appropriate lessons, children will explore how God made their bodies and how they can care for them by eating healthy foods, exercising, and making good choices.

Later in the month, our classrooms will turn into spaces for creativity and problem solving as students spend a few weeks constructing, building, and designing in our construction thematic unit. These activities encourage teamwork and imagination. We are excited to see what the children will build and create!

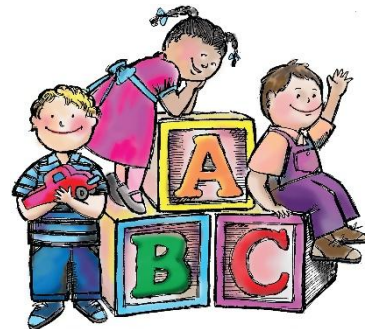
Our teachers look forward to meeting with parents to review each child's progress, growth, and development so far this school year. Parent-Teacher Conferences are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate what children have learned, discuss their strengths, and partner together to support them as they continue to grow.

To wrap up the month, we are excited to celebrate preschool with our annual **Glow Dance**! Come get your glow on and dance the night away! This fun-filled event is free and open to all families in our church, school, and community. Invite your neighbors and friends, dress in bright colors, purchase one of our glow T-shirts, and join us for a great night of music and fun. The Glow Dance is open to children ages 2 and up (primarily geared toward preschool-age children) and it will include a DJ, glow lights, snacks, and a photo booth.

Enrollment for our preschool program is currently open, and we encourage you to share information about our program with family, friends, and neighbors. We are excited to share the love of Jesus with everyone and we would love to fill our classrooms with new students! Please refer interested families to our website for more information or invite them to call the school office. They are also welcome to contact me directly at [squail@peaceshelby.org](mailto:squail@peaceshelby.org).

Finally, be sure to watch for our **FREE drop-in Story Time** each Wednesday in March (March 4, 11, 18, & 25) from 10:00–11:00am/ Families are invited to bring children ages 2-5 to enjoy crafts, sensory play, story time, and music and movement featuring favorite children's authors, led by our Panther Cubs teacher, Mrs. Sandi Vitale. (This is a parent/caregiver and child program. It is open to the community, so invite a friend!)

We are thankful for the opportunity to serve our children and families and look forward to a wonderful month together! Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our preschool program.



Blessings,

Suzette Quail  
Early Childhood Director

# A Message from the Editor...

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Dear Readers,



I want to take this opportunity to thank all who make our worship experience possible, especially through our livestreams on Facebook, YouTube and on our app. As some of you may know, I share moderator and greeter duties for Peace's Facebook page on Sunday mornings, and I cannot tell you how much I look forward to seeing everyone join us, and how much this medium keeps us stay connected to each other and God's message.

Social media keeps everyone from feeling isolated and it encourages communication with each other within the threads, if and when our Peace family and friends cannot be at Peace in person, especially during Michigan's unpredictable weather episodes. Our livestream options are also an enjoyable and inspirational accompaniment on road trips! So, remember, if you are unable to join us in person, we would love to "see" you online!

If you do not do Facebook, you can watch our services, live or recorded, anytime by downloading our app at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/livestream-worship-service>.

If you are interested in serving as an online moderator or greeter, or as a camera or sound tech, please contact Holly Nelson at [hnelson@peaceshelby.org](mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org).

Happy Valentine's Day!

God's Blessings!

Jackie Pilan

PS: The deadline for March's "Peace Lutheran Messenger" is **Friday, February 20, 2026.**



# Board and Ministry News...

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## Red Cross Blood Drive



**American  
Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

Peace's Red Cross Blood Drive held on January 19, 2026 was successful due to all of our generous donors and helpers! We had a total of 54 donations; nine donors were deferred.



**Hope & Healing**  
*after the death of a loved one*

## GriefShare Grief Support Group

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful, confusing process. A GriefShare group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week support group program, you will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you will learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability – and gain solid support each step of the way.

At each weekly meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, pastors, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics; plus you will hear relatable personal stories of grief. After that, is a small-group discussion to allow people time to talk, share support, and personally apply what they learned on the video. Everyone will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating their personal grieving process.

Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger and regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationships, and how to recognize what's normal in grief and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless.

GriefShare group participants have repeatedly shared that they feel comforted and encouraged by being in a place where people truly understand what they are going through. And they feel a sense of relief when they are given guidance and tips on how to deal with the daily challenges.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. No matter how long it has been, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling.

**A new 13-week session starts on Monday, February 2, at 6:00pm, and it ends on Monday, April 27.**

If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited to attend.

**For more details and to register** visit [www.peaceshelby.org](http://www.peaceshelby.org) or contact Pam Aulgur at [griefshare@peaceshelby.org](mailto:griefshare@peaceshelby.org) or at 586-781-3100. You may also contact Karin Sparks at 586-731-4120.



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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

ELDER'S SPIRITUAL CARE  
TRUSTEES  
GIVING  
FAMILY LIFE  
CHRISTIAN CARE  
EDUCATION

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS SERIES**

## Ministry Highlights Series

**Beginning in February!**

Have you considered joining a board or ministry at Peace, but you were not sure where you would be a good fit? Check out our Ministry Highlights Series, and get the information you seek. Pick up a handout and/or speak with one of our friendly leaders, who will be available every Sunday in February after each 8:30 and 10:30am worship service to answer your questions and to welcome you! We hope to see you there!

Join us each Sunday service in February when select board or ministry leaders represent their board in front of the congregation with a brief presentation!

**60+ GROUP**  
WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 11 | 12:30PM

**Game Day**  
Board Games, Euchre,  
Lunch & More

## 60+ Group Game Day

**February 11, 2026**

Join us at 12:30pm for a few hours of fun, fellowship and food. If board games are not your game, we are offering Euchre and more!

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
FEBRUARY 18 | 6:30pm

service in person & livestreamed

## Ash Wednesday

**February 18, 2026**

Join us as we begin the Lenten Season at our Ash Wednesday service on February 18.

**The service will begin at 6:30pm.** Join us in person or via livestream on our app, YouTube, and Facebook page. Ashes will be offered.



**Youth Ice Skating**  
(5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)


**Dodge Park Ice Rink**  
**Sunday, February 15**  
**1:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**\$5 Skate Rental**

**Contact Holly (hnelson@peaceshelby.org) with questions**

**Youth Ice Skating**  
**February 15, 2026**

Fifth through twelfth grades, join us for ice skating at Dodge Park Ice Rink, on Sunday, February 15, from 1:00-3:00pm. There is a skate rental fee of \$5.00.

Please contact Holly at [hnelson@peaceshelby.org](mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org) with any questions.



**GLOW CRAZY**  
**PRESCHOOL FAMILY DANCE**  
**FRIDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 27**  
**6:30PM-8:00PM**

**Glow Crazy**  
**February 27, 2026**

Join us for some family fun on Friday, February 27, 2026, from 6:30-8:00pm for our Glow Crazy Preschool Family Dance!

If you have any questions, please contact Suzette at [squail@peaceshelby.org](mailto:squail@peaceshelby.org).




**PUZZLE DAYS**  
**TUESDAYS | 10AM**  
**January, February & March**  
**ALL AGES WELCOME**

PLEASE CONTACT HOLLY (HNELSON@PEACESHELBY.ORG) WITH QUESTIONS

**Puzzle Days**  
**January, February, and March 2026**

All ages are invited to assemble jigsaw puzzles and to enjoy some fellowship every Tuesday at 10:00am!

Please contact Holly at [hnelson@peaceshelby.org](mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org) with any questions.



"Love is perhaps the only glimpse we are permitted of eternity."  
—Helen Hayes

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# MOM TO MOM SALE\*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

**8:00AM - 12:00PM**

**50+ Tables**

**\*Proceeds benefit 8th Grade Trip 2026**

**EARLY BIRD (8AM): \$3**

**GENERAL ADMISSION (9AM): \$2**

**CHILD ENTRY: FREE | STROLLERS AFTER 10AM**

**WWW.PEACESHELBY.ORG**

Interested in selling? Email Brenda  
for information [bnaeyaert5@gmail.com](mailto:bnaeyaert5@gmail.com)

## Mom to Mom

**March 7, 2026**

Get ready for unbeatable deals at our Spring Mom to Mom Sale! Whether you are looking for gently used clothing, toys, or baby gear, you will find everything you need at fantastic prices. Bring your friends, shop, and save big this spring!

- 👕 Clothing for all age's
- 🎮 Toys & Games
- 🍼 Baby Gear & Furniture

- 📅 Date: Saturday, March 7, 8:00am-12:00pm
- 📍 Location: Peace Lutheran Church and School

Don't miss out on these fabulous finds — mark your calendar and we will see you there!

Early Bird Admission at 8:00am

General Admission at 9:00am

Strollers after 10:00am

Admission is \$3 for early bird and \$2 general. Kids are free!  
Concessions available.

Interested in renting table space? Email Brenda Naeyaert at [bnaeyaert5@gmail.com](mailto:bnaeyaert5@gmail.com)

**All proceeds benefit Peace 8th Grade Trip 2026.**



# STORY TIME!

**Wednesdays In March**  
**10-11:00am**  
**March 4, 11, 18 & 25**

Celebrate children's favorite authors during March with Mrs. Vitale, Peace Preschool Panther Cubs Teacher.

Join us for a story, craft, sensory play, and music & movement activities each Wednesday in March!



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For more information, call the school office at  
586-731-4120  
or email [squail@peaceshelby.org](mailto:squail@peaceshelby.org)

**Open to children ages 2-5 with  
parent/caregiver**





## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **VBS 2026 RAINFOREST FALLS**

#### **Volunteers Needed!**

#### **Root Kids in a Relationship With God**

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They will explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

#### **PARTICIPATION REGISTRATION**

Participation registration starts on April 1, 2026!

#### **VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

We need you! Volunteer positions for before and during VBS. VBS volunteers must be going into 7th grade\* (Fall 2026) or older. \*Contact Holly for details on our younger volunteers.

#### **HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**CREW LEADERS:** Lead a small group of children by asking questions, encouraging kids, and helping kids and station leaders. NO PREPARATION REQUIRED.

**GREETER:** Welcome participants and parents each day from 8:30am-9:15am.

**REGISTRATION:** Help children sign each day from 8:30am-9:15am.

**SIGN OUT TABLE:** Help participants sign out from 11:30am-12:15pm.

Hours are eligible for credit toward National Honor Society, Noah, Joy and Peace and other group volunteer hours. Volunteer sign-up is open! Sign up at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/vbs>.



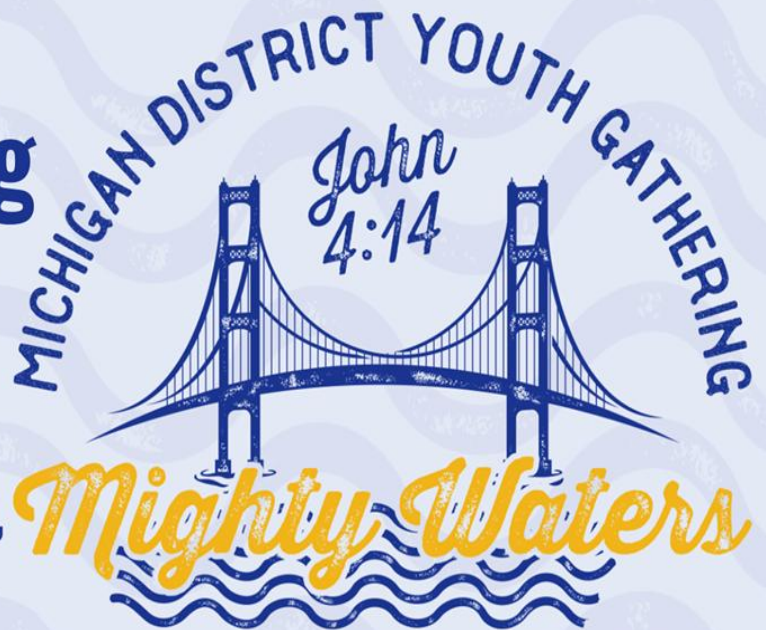
Current  
5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
Grade

SAVE THE DATE

**ALIEN  
FELLOWSHIP  
JUNIOR YOUTH GATHERING  
FRANKENMUTH, JULY 28-30, 2026**

**Senior High  
Youth Gathering  
Mackinac Island  
Grades 8-12**

Featuring: Flame, Tanner Olson,  
Swen & Dean and more!



**June 28 - July 1, 2026**

Registration is Open

Visit [www.peaceshelby.org](http://www.peaceshelby.org) for Details

# Word Search

## The Twelve Apostles

### Word Search



ANDREW

JUDAS

THADDEUS

BARTHOLOMEW

MATTHEW

THOMAS

JAMES

PETER

JAMES

PHILIP

JOHN

SIMON

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



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## **Worship Services**

### **On-Site Sunday Worship**

8:30am Traditional  
10:30am Contemporary

### **Online Worship**

Streaming Sunday at 10:30am  
on Peace's App, YouTube Channel and  
Facebook Page

### **Sunday Bible Studies**

#### **Adult Bible Studies**

9:45-10:30am

#### **HSYM/JYM**

9:45am

#### **KidZone and Nursery**

During the 10:30am Service

### **Wednesday Bible Studies**

#### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

10:00am, Gathering Room

#### **Wednesday Night Bible Studies**

6:30pm, Bible Study  
7:00pm, Zoom Study

### **Thursday Bible Study**

6:30pm, Women's Study,  
Gathering Room

### **Prayer Group**

2:30pm, Mondays, at the  
Klein Residence

### **Church Calendar**

[https://www.peaceshelby.org/church-events-  
calendar](https://www.peaceshelby.org/church-events-calendar)

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