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Sharing God's Light

Throughout the Bible, God has used light to show His glory. For example, in announcing the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, God used light. "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified" (Luke 2:8-9). As the shepherds were tending their flocks in the field, they experienced what few people have actually seen. They saw the glory of God. Later, the Magi followed the brightness of the star, which brought them to the stable in Bethlehem. *"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him"* (Matthew 2:2). God's light is in each of us. As His people, we are called to share His light with others. Without Jesus, there is only darkness. *"I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness"* (John 12:46). We are God's light in a dark world. Jesus said, *"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16).



Let us use this Advent and Christmas season to share the Light and Love of our Lord. Consider volunteering for a special project or helping at a seasonal event. Invite someone to our Christmas Concert and Bruch or to Christmas Eve Services.

Share the Light of God's Love!

God's Peace and Merry Christmas,

Pastor Klemm

A Message from Our Deacon...



It's December! We get to celebrate the birthday of our Savior! We get to spend time with family and friends. It is a month filled with parties and get-togethers.

Last month we remembered to give thanks for many blessings. This month we give thanks for the GREATEST GIFT ever given, Jesus! God gave us the gift of His Son, so, we can and should give thanks constantly. Jesus has blessed us with the gift of forgiveness. Because we have received this precious gift, we get another gift, that of heaven! So, when we get all busy with buying gifts for family and friends, we need to remember the BEST GIFT – Christ Jesus.

Many of us celebrate; sadly, many have an empty seat at their table because they have lost a dear loved one. For some, December is a very lonely month. If you see someone who is struggling, you can help this dear brother or sister in Christ.

December is a great month to invite someone to church. It is a natural time, the church is decorated and we have very special messages about the newborn Savior of the world.

I wish you a CHRIST filled Christmas! Many blessings!

Serving Jesus and His people,

Deacon Jim Schurig

Merry Christmas



LUTHERAN NORTHWEST NEWS

Please join us for the **Lutheran Northwest Christmas Concert** on Monday evening, **December 8, at 7:00pm**. This annual lessons and carols concert will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 1011 W. University Drive in Rochester. Do not miss this opportunity to hear our Choirs and Bands give glory to God through their musical gifts!

Looking to support Lutheran Northwest AND pick up dinner for the family before our Christmas Concert? **We've partnered with Panera Bread at 177 S. Livernois, in Rochester Hills, in a fundraiser from 4:00PM-8:00PM the evening of our Concert (Monday, December 8) to benefit LHNW.** Pull up the event page at www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events for details of how to activate the 30% donation.

A Message from Our Principal...

November has been a fun-filled month here at Peace Lutheran School with lots of different activities and highlights!



This month, our brand new Robotics Teams got to compete in their first competitions! We had two teams in our 4th and 5th grade LEGO Robotics division: the Mini Spiky Pantherbots and the Mini Coding Pantherbots. Each team built a robot out of LEGO and then programmed it to run tasks on its own. Both teams competed in four matches and improved each and every time. They also had to do a research project revolving around an innovation that could be used in the field of archeology. They made a poster and presented their findings to a panel of experts. In the end, our Mini Coding Pantherbots finished 3rd of 36 teams! Way to go!



At the end of the month, our Middle School Pantherbots had their competition. This group had to build a robot that needed to move around a field and shoot plastic balls into a goal. They also had to do a research project and presentation that revolved around what they learned through this collaboration. The Middle School Pantherbots had five initial competitions where they were paired with another team to compete against a different pair. Each round, they improved and finished ranked 24th out of 35 teams. Overall, they did not advance to state, but made great progress for our first year. We are looking forward to seeing how far this program will go in the future.

We also have four complete JV basketball teams again. Our JV A boys and girls competed at Trinity Utica in a basketball tournament. The girls finished in 4th place and the boys were able to win 3rd place. Great job! The two boys' teams also competed in the Lutheran Northwest basketball tournament. Our B boys worked very hard and they were able to reach the Consolation Championship game and the A boys were able to finish in 4th place.



Additionally, we are also looking forward to our choir singing at the Historic Trinity Advent Service. Please pray for our students as they share the Gospel message through song with the people of Detroit.

We want to invite you to our **Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 17. Our performances are at 10:00am, for our grandparents and anyone who does not wish to drive at night, and 6:30pm.** This year's program is entitled "Arrest these Merry Gentlemen." Please come to see all of the amazing things our students are learning, and listen to them sing praises about the baby born in Bethlehem.

Finally, on behalf of the faculty and staff of the school, we want to wish everyone a Happy Advent and a Merry Christmas. As we proceed through this month of preparation, may we not let the lights, trees, sights, and sounds of the season distract us from the greatest gift of all: Jesus Christ. For it is through His life, death, and resurrection that we have the hope and promise of eternal life. He is the most important part of our school and what we get to preach each and every day to almost 190 students. May God bless your Christmas season!

Michael Nelson, Principal

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

Preschool Christmas Program Invitation

Dear Church Family,



Our classrooms have been bustling with excitement as children decorate and prepare for Christmas with crafts, songs, and special activities. In December, our preschoolers will enjoy Gingerbread-themed fun and a special snack time with our fourth-grade buddies, as well as celebrate the season with parents during our classroom Christmas parties.

Our hearts are full of joy as we invite you to join us for a special celebration of Jesus' birth! Our Preschool 4s and Young 5s will present their Christmas program, **"To Bethlehem," on Wednesday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m.**

During the program, our preschoolers will take you on a journey alongside Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. Their sweet voices and joyful hearts are sure to remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas. We would love to fill the church with the love and support of our congregation—your presence means so much to our preschool families and staff.

As we look ahead, please also watch for enrollment information coming in January as we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our Early Childhood Ministry. We are grateful for all the ways you bless our children and staff.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

Blessings,

Suzette Quail
Early Childhood Director

A Message from the Editor...

Dear Readers,



From the Editor

Merry Christmas! May the season of Christ's birth bring about a rebirth in relationships, and hopes and goals attained. Do not let the sometimes hectic shopping and entertaining get in the way of experiencing the miracles of Jesus' birth and never-ending blessings!

Jackie Pilan

PS: The deadline for January's "Peace Lutheran Messenger" is **Saturday, December 20.**

Board and Ministry News...



GIFT GIVING PROGRAM INFORMATION

*Hebrews 13:16 " And do not forget to do good and to share with others,
for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

Peace Lutheran Church & School is partnering with Gifts For All God's Children to bless families in need. The goal is to ensure that needy children receive gifts at Christmas, allowing them to experience the love of Christ, and the joy of giving.

To participate in this program, please use the QR code, which will take you to the Peace link, showing the children and gift(s) needed. Select a gift and complete the information. Please return the wrapped gift(s) by Thursday, December 4th to your child's classroom or the school office. Detailed instructions are provided when you sign up.

Thank you so much for your interest in this very worthwhile program, bringing joy, hope, and Jesus to children.

**Church members may drop off their
wrapped gifts at the church office.**





Pancakes & Peppermint Breakfast

Join us for a joyful morning of delicious pancakes with Santa, creative holiday crafts, and heartfelt fellowship, hosted by our Youth Group. As we celebrate the Christmas season, we gather not just to enjoy good food and fun, but also to remember the true reason for our hope - God's gift of love through Jesus Christ.

Bring your family and friends and experience the warmth of community and the joy of sharing God's love with one another. Let us come together in faith and celebration as we spread the light and joy of Christmas!

Special Guest: Santa Claus

Tickets are \$5 per person.

Seatings:

- 9:00am
- 9:30am
- 10:00am

Sign up at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/pancakes-and-peppermint-breakfast>.

All proceeds go directly to Peace's Youth Group.

**4S & YOUNG 5S
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**



"TO BETHLEHEM"

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 10
6:30PM**

Preschool Christmas Program

December 10, 2025

Join us **Wednesday, December 10, at 6:30pm**, as our preschool students present "To Bethlehem." During the program, our preschoolers will take you on a journey alongside Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. Won't you travel with us?!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 14 | 10:30AM

BRUNCH TO FOLLOW

****NO 8:30AM SERVICE**
*NO KIDZONE OR NURSERY***

Christmas Concert

December 14, 2025

Join us on **Sunday, December 14, at 10:30am**, for our Christmas Concert. Please note that there will not be an 8:30am service this day. Kidzone and Nursery will also not be available.

There will be a brunch to follow the service.

60+ GROUP

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 17 | 10AM

SPECIAL SHOWING OF THE
K-8 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

LUNCH AT STEAKHOUSE 22
(NICK'S) TO FOLLOW AT 12:00PM



CONTACT HOLLY (HNELSON@PEACESHELBY.ORG) TO RSVP

60+ Group Christmas Play and Lunch

December 17, 2025

60+ Group, you are invited to watch a special showing of our **K-8 Christmas program at 10:00am, on Wednesday, December 17**, before gathering for lunch at Steakhouse 22. Please RSVP to Holly for lunch at hnelson@peaceshelby.org.



Merry Christmas

Christmas Break Office Hours

**Monday, December 22 and Tuesday December 23
Monday, December 29 – Wednesday, December 31
8:00am-12:00pm**

**Wednesday, December 24 – Friday, December 26
Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2
OFFICE CLOSED**



Gift of Grace

YOUTH EVENT (5TH-12TH GRADE)

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 21

HYSM - 2:00PM-4:00PM JYM - 4:00PM-6:00PM

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE, GRACE GAME & MORE

\$5 FOR PIZZA



GROW IN GRACE
EPHESIANS 2:8-9



CONTACT HOLLY WITH QUESTIONS

GIFT OF GRACE

HSYM 2:00–4:00pm

JYM 4:00–6:00pm

Theme: *Gift of Grace*

Key Verse: “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... it is the gift of God.” — Ephesians 2:8–9

Join us for our December **Gift of Grace** night as we explore what God’s grace really means—and how we live it out in everyday life. We will unpack the incredible truth that God’s love and salvation are **completely free gifts**, not something we earn but something we receive through Jesus.

We will be doing a White Elephant, No Spend, Gift Exchange (bring a wrapped item—fun, silly, or sweet! Something you may have around the house or make something!)

Bring **\$5 for pizza**. Come celebrate the greatest gift of all—God’s grace—through fun, food, and faith. **Sign up at** <https://www.peaceshelby.org/youth-ministries>!

ARREST THESE MERRY GENTLEMEN



K-8 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 17

MATINEE @ 10:00AM
EVENING @ 6:30PM

K-8 Christmas Program

Sergeant Josephine (Joe) Sabbath is charged with keeping the peace in the sleepy little town of Bethlehem, and she likes things QUIET! When word reaches her that a band of rowdy shepherds is inbound from the fields outside of town, boisterously celebrating with wild tales of angels and such, she is determined to get to the bottom of this case! Of course, what she discovers is no simple “disturbing the peace” beef. It seems she has stumbled upon the caper that changed the world!

Join Peace's K-8 classes for a hootin' good time on Wednesday, December 17, at 6:30pm.

****There is a special showing at 10:00am for grandparents and those who are unable to drive at night.**

“Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.”

—Janice Maeditere

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Join us for our **Christmas Eve services, on Wednesday, December 24**, as we gather together to celebrate and reflect upon our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's birth.

Onsite worship: 4:00pm and 6:00pm

Livestream: 4:00pm

Lutheran North Christmas Concert

The Symphonic Band and Concert Choir of Lutheran High North will be presenting their Christmas Concert at **St. Peter Lutheran Church in Macomb (17051 24 Mile Road)** on **Sunday, December 7 at 2:00pm**, under the direction of Mr. Todd Bethune (band) and Mr. Charles Russell (choir). Please come and join us in celebration of Christ, our Lord Immanuel who came to dwell with us, that we might live with Him forever!



In His Service,

Charles Russell
Choir Director, Lutheran High School North
crussell@lhsa.com

WHITEOUT JR - YOUTH WINTER CAMP

JANUARY 9 - 11, 2026

SIGN UP FOR YOUTH GROUP UPDATES
Visit www.peaceshelby.org for details.



Visit <https://www.peaceshelby.org/youth-ministries> to register!

REGISTER BY DECEMBER 30, 2025

for

WHITE OUT - YOUTH WINTER CAMP

January 30-February 1, 2026



OUTDOOR WINTER FUN & GOD'S WORD

GRADES 7 - 12

SIGN UP FOR YOUTH GROUP UPDATES
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White Out (Grades 7-12) - January 30 - February 1, 2026

WhiteOut Winter Retreat 2026 — A Weekend That Changes Everything

Get ready to break away from the ordinary and dive into something extraordinary. WhiteOut is your chance to press pause on the chaos of everyday life and turn up the volume on your faith.

Designed for students in 7th–12th grade, this unforgettable winter weekend is packed with high-energy games, insane tubing runs, broomball battles, and the ultimate “Dark Wall” challenge. But the best part? It is not just about the fun—it is about finding something real.

You will gather with friends (and soon-to-be friends) for powerful worship, dynamic messages, and meaningful conversations that will challenge and inspire you. Whether you are new to faith or ready to go deeper, WhiteOut is a space to ask big questions, hear God’s truth, and walk away changed.

Dates: January 30 - February 1, 2026

Register by: December 30, 2025

Where: Pine Ridge Bible Camp, 8415 17 Mile Rd NE, Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Cost: \$135 (Initial registration is open now.)

* Holly will get further details two weeks before camp.

** We will leave from Peace on Friday, January 30 at approximately 2:45pm. We will return Sunday, February 1, with an ETA of 2:30pm.

Visit <https://www.peaceshelby.org/youth-ministries> to register!



Save the Date and Donate! **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Monday, January 19, 2026

12:00-6:00pm

Peace is hosting a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on **MONDAY, January 19, from 12:00pm to 6:00pm**. Please consider donating blood. A single blood donation may help up to three different people.



GriefShare Support Group

Help and Encouragement After the Death of a Loved One

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. 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.

The class currently is full for this 13-week period, but another 13-week program will begin in January 2026 with exact dates to come in the future. For questions, contact Pam Augur at Griefshare@peaceshelby.org. You may also contact Karin Sparks at 586-201-8086 or Pam Augur at 586-781-3100 with any additional questions or for more information.

Please pray for this ministry and the participants enrolled.

When All Else Fails—God Reigns



When we deliberate, God reigns;

When we decide wisely, God reigns;

When we decide foolishly, God reigns;

When we serve God in humble loyalty, God reigns;

When we serve God self-assertively, God reigns;

When we rebel and seek to withhold our service, God reigns —

The Alpha and the Omega, which is, and which was and which is to come, the Almighty.

— William Temple at the Lamberth Conference, 1930

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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>

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