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### Thanksgiving

I am already 4 days past due for turning in my November Newsletter article to Jackie, our Newsletter Editor. She usually sends out 2 reminders each month to all the article writers, which is much appreciated. I am on my third reminder now, again, 4 days past the scheduled turn in date.

November???? Mmmm? November Newsletter article . . . ? Oh yeah! Thanksgiving! History of Thanksgiving? No . . . done that already. Why Thanksgiving? Nope . . . did that already. What I am thankful for! Sorry . . . did that also. [Long pause . . . staring into the sky . . . seeking inspiration . . . Anything? . . . . Beuller? . . . Beuller? Longer Pause . . .]

I'VE GOT IT! Top Thanksgiving Lists and Rankings! So here we go . . .

#### **Top 10 Thanksgiving Dishes**

- Roast Turkey naturally.
- Stuffing Inside turkey or out? Up for debate.
- Mashed Potatoes NEVER run out of gravy!
- Green Bean Casserole Love it or hate it it's got to be there!
- Corn casserole Never heard of this one but on many lists, this is a new thing.
- Sweet Potato Casserole When made properly it's Awesome!
- Honey-Glazed Brussels Sprouts Never heard of this one either.
- Cranberry Sauce Only question . . . jellied, out of the can or freshly made? Wait, there's more...Continued on Page 2



#### **Top Pies for Thanksgiving**

- Apple Pie
- Pumpkin Pie
- Sweet Potato Pie
- Pecan Pie
- Lemon Meringue Pie

#### **Top Thanksgiving Traditions in the US**

- Watch a Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Eat a Traditional Thanksgiving Meal
- Break the wishbone for good luck
- Take a Nap
- Share what you're most thankful for
- Watch a Football Game (Detroit Lions of course!)
- Be Grateful for what we have
- Run a Turkey Trot
- Shop 'til you drop on Black Friday
- Giving Back

#### **Things NOT to Do During Thanksgiving Dinner**

- Don't forget to RSVP for a dinner invite
- Don't Ignore the Schedule be on time!
- Don't bring a Dish that needs to be cooked just kept warm
- Don't start Edgy Conversations no politics!
- Don't be nosey and pry Into People's Personal Business
- Don't help in the kitchen without asking first but Ask! (And offer to help with the dishes)
- Don't forget to tell the Host or Hostess if you have any food allergies
- Don't forget a small gift for the Host or Hostess

Whew! Thank you, Lord, for the idea and inspiration! I should probably start to think about next year's November article . . . or maybe next months.

Wishing all a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor Klemm



# A Message from Our EC Director...

Our staff has been busy preparing for the Validation Team to visit. A team will evaluate the documents and evidence that we prepared that examine our policies, procedures, and practices in Early Childhood. Our preschool has never completed this process. It was a yearlong task, and we waited with anticipation. Look for our results in the summer of 2024.

In other preschool news, we have started to practice our **Christmas program**. We are excited to share the story of the birth of Jesus with families on **Wednesday**, **December 6**, **at 6:30pm**, in the Sanctuary, with the musical "The Shepherds' Christmas" by Kristin West and Karyn Henley. Please join us to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Our 3s will sing in church on Sunday, December 3, at 10:30 am.

Blessings,

Suzette Quail Early Childhood Director



# A Message from the Editor...

Dear Readers.



I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of our newsletter subscribers and to all of the boards, ministries and members of Peace who submit articles and stories with a smile! I also cannot forget to mention my appreciation and gratitude toward our volunteers, and office faculty and staff, who review, print and assemble the monthly editions of "The Peace Lutheran Messenger." And thank you, readers, for picking up a printed copy and/or for clicking the email

link to access and read the newsletter!

You are all members of the body that makes up our "Peace Lutheran Messenger," and I thank you for your devotion.

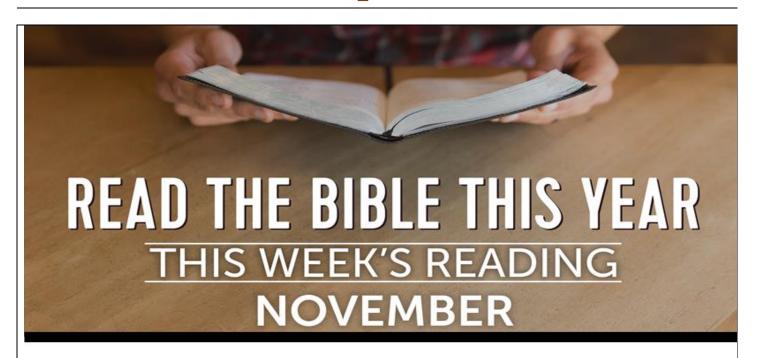
Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely Jackie Pilan

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

"For what I have received may the Lord make me truly thankful. And more truly for what I have not received." —Storm Jameson (Taken with permission from www.newsletternewsletter.com)

# **Board and Ministry News...**



11/1 – John 13	11/6 – John 16	11/13 – John 21
11/2 – John 14	11/7 – John 17	11/14 - Acts 1
11/3 – John 15	11/8 – John 18	11/15 - Acts 2
	11/9 – John 19	11/16 - Acts 3
	11/10 - John 20	11/17 - Acts 4

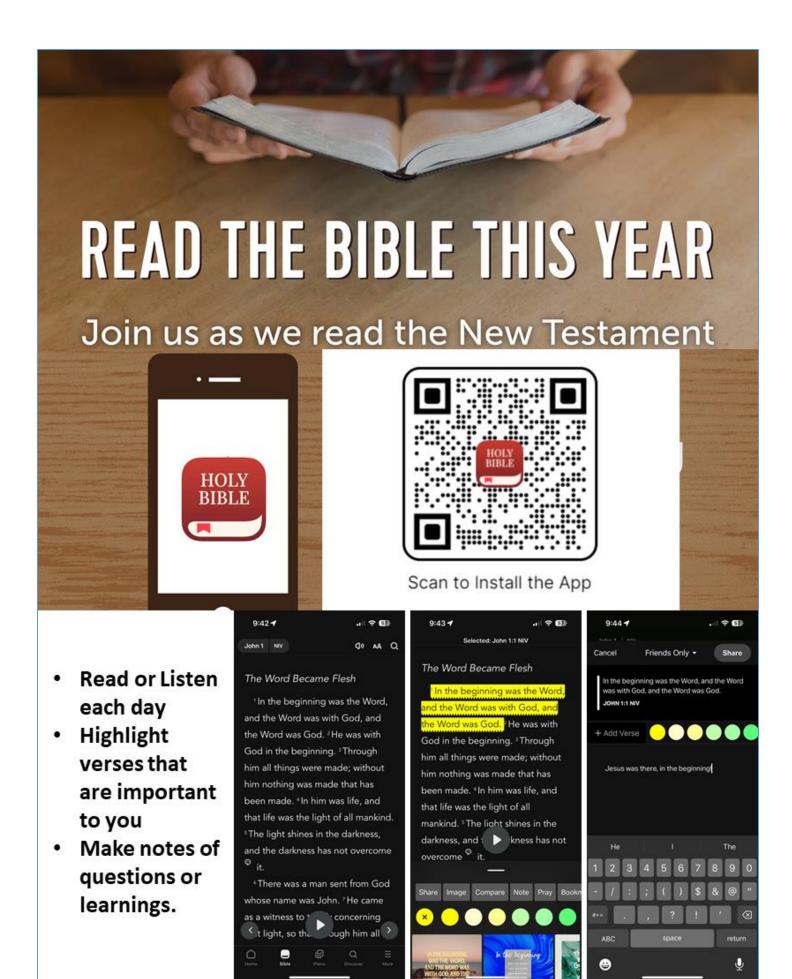
11/20 – Acts 5	11/27 - Acts 10
11/21 – Acts 6	11/28 - Acts 11
11/22 – Acts 7	11/29 - Acts 12
11/23 - Acts 8	11/30 - Acts 13
11/24 - Acts 9	12/1 - Acts 14

# **Monthly Bible Reading**

Join us in reading the Bible this year! For the month of November, we want you to join us in reading the Books of John and Acts. Each day challenges you to read One Chapter.

You can ever read on the go!

Be sure to download the Bible App on your Phone or Tablet.





# THE BIBLE APP FOR KIDS

Download the most popular kids' Bible app for free, and help your kids fall in love with God's Word. Learn more at bible.com/kids





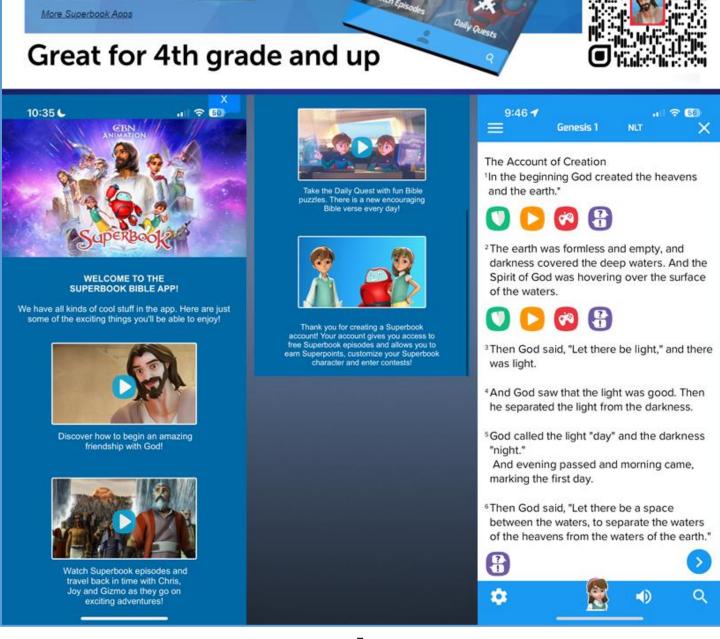




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### FUNDRAISING GOAL - \$50,000

- 1. Painting of our school hallways and lobby.
- 2. Renovation of the Locker Room and Bathrooms
- 3. New Flooring and paint in the kitchen and gym storage areas.
- 4. New chairs for use in the gym
- 5. Picnic tables and benches for the playground.

#### **Raise Craze Fundraiser**

October 22-November 17, 2023

We want you to be part of the great things that are happening at Peace! Please join us by **PAYING IT FORWARD** through Acts of Kindness to our community. Let us bring God's love, in a meaningful way, to the areas around Peace by showing compassion, empathy and gratitude to others.

If you wish to donate, you may use the link below or a cash/check donation can be made to Peace and turned in the office or offering box labeled "Raise Craze."

Envelopes available in the Gathering Room or Office. Thank you in advance for your generous giving that will be able to fund more upgrades here at Peace!

#### **Donate Here:**

https://www.peaceshelby.org/raise-craze-fundraiser

Interested in Sponsorship? We will spotlight your business on our social media pages, church and school newsletters and on our thank you email to all the donors. Learn more about Sponsorship by contacting Kelly Wilks (kwilks@peaceshelby.org).

# FUNERAL LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- MAKE A DISH TO PASS
- SERVE MEALS
- SET UP AND TAKE DOWN

PLEASE CONTACT TAMARA AMEY AT 586.246.1629 IF INTERESTED







Serving opportunity for all ages. Saturday, November 11, 2023

9:00am Meet at Peace

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



### Raise Craze Fundraiser Events



#### Fall Campus Cleanup November 4, 2023, 9:00am

Join your Peace family in this Fall Campus Cleanup for church and school. If you are able to let us know specific skills you have, let us know. Bring your rakes, hedge

let us know. Bring your rakes, hedge trimmers, loppers, etc. and any tools you might find useful.

Location: 6580 24 Mile Rd, Shelby

Township, MI 48316

#### Camp Restore Detroit November 11, 2023, 9:00am

This will be a day event. We will meet at Peace and caravan down to Camp Restore, where will we will begin with a tour of the campus, and then we will be instructed on how we will be serving.

#### Depart Peace @ 9:00am Return to Peace @ 2:45pm

**Bring:** Weather appropriate clothing (in case you are serving outside), a sack lunch. **About:** Camp Restore has a three-fold outreach: Human Care, Environmental, and Construction.

What makes Camp Restore Detroit special is their partnership with their community. They never want to go into their community thinking they have the answer, but instead partner with the community and build long-lasting relationships.

# **Ways to Give**



In-Person Envelope

#### Mobile

Peace Shelby App Or text GIVE2PEACE to 206-859-9405

#### **Online**

Peaceshelby.org





# **Veterans Day Chapel Service**

November 8, 2023, 9:15am

Join us in honoring our service members during our special service.

If you have a special veteran that you want to honor during our service, please email Heather at <a href="https://hvanhouten@peaceshelby.org">hvanhouten@peaceshelby.org</a>, and include the following information:

- ♣ Photo
- ♣ Name
- ⊕ Branch Served
- ⊕ Rank
- ♣ Special Honors
- Student/Church Member that they are related to



# **Seniors' Group Movie and Lunch**

November 8, 2023, 12:30pm

Seniors! Join us on Wednesday,
November 8, at 12:30pm for a movie and
lunch. We will be watching "One Night with
the King" (A movie based on the Book of
Esther). Born of slaves, a young Jewish
woman named Hadassah becomes part of
the harem of powerful King Xerxes.
Simultaneously, a close adviser to the king
hatches a plan to exterminate the Jews.
Hadassah, now called Queen Esther, must
find the courage to step forward and save
her people from annihilation. Please
contact Holly

at <a href="mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org">hnelson@peaceshelby.org</a> with questions.

#### **Bible Studies**

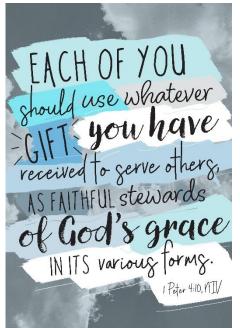
Peace offers Bible studies for all age groups! Check out our current schedule at <a href="https://www.peaceshelby.org/bible-studies">https://www.peaceshelby.org/bible-studies</a>.

# THE COMMON BECOMES UNCOMMON

There is a word in the English language whose meaning has changed over the years. That word is the word, COMMON. According to Webster's Dictionary, its primary definition is "equally belonging or equally shared." But today, common usually refers to the ordinary, inferior, of no special quality or second rate. To be described as common is to be considered as something of no great value.

Can the common become uncommon? I believe it happens frequently and with unmistakable clarity.

Take the inexpensive liquid, vinegar, a household staple. We normally associate vinegar with culinary uses. Vinegar is the main ingredient in salad dressings. Vinegar also has medicinal uses. My husband drinks Apple Cider Vinegar in the mother form (the first stage of the vinegar making process) as a remedy for spring allergies. In the last year, I have learned that the same acetic quality in vinegar can bring quick relief to agonizing leg cramps. When added to water, it acts as a multipurpose cleaning agent cleaning agent. The acetic acid can dissolve grease and grime on expensive wood and laminate floors. Utilizing its ability as a cleaning agent, I immerse my dull and tarnished jewelry in a solution of vinegar and water for a few minutes. In goes the dull and out



comes the sparkling! Even if the jewelry is inexpensive costume jewelry, it gets noticed as an important accent piece. The common has become uncommon. Vinegar is used in changing white eggs to colorful Easter eggs, a tradition that delights children as well as adults. Even this old procedure can be elevated to the ranks of greater refinement. I have learned how to dye eggs with silk ties, still using the standard processing of vinegar and water, but now with no messy dyes. The common, utilitarian use of vinegar has transformed the common egg into something of beauty.

Is there a lesson for us in the apparent, unremarkable, common substance called vinegar? We have seen how it can also be used for more noble purposes. It has brought relief, recognition and amazement to those who have discovered its abilities beyond the ordinary, time tested uses. Discovery is always exciting and usually unexpected. There has been placed in every person a God-given desire to be above the ordinary, to be

recognized as unique, one of a kind. Yet, our speech betrays us when someone observes the very thing we really want to define us. With false modesty, we respond. "Oh, I am just an ordinary person." What awaits us if we break out of our "common" mentality? What if we diligently seek to find the hidden treasures of creativity and gifts that the Lord has placed in each of us? For under the wraps of the Common that we have wrapped ourselves, we will most likely find the Uncommon, uniquely fashioned person we really are. Let us ask the Lord to reveal what He has longed to do since the moment He created us, then believe and act accordingly.

"As each one has received a special gift, use it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." I Peter 4:10

Written by: Beverly Porter



# Thanksgiving



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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 Nurserv**

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 Studies

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

#### **Saturday Bible Studies**

Men's Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 7:30am

#### Prayer Group

3:00pm, Mondays, at the Klein Residence

#### **Church Calendar**

https://www.peaceshelby.org/church-eventscalendar

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