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“God Speaks”

Church-Wide – Bible Study and Sermon Series



We will begin our Church-Wide Bible Study and Sermon Series the week of Sunday, September 20, 2026. The Bible Study and Sermon Series is based on the book titled – “God Speaks.”

“God Speaks” is a 30-day devotional journey that invites you to hear God’s voice through His Word and be transformed by it. Rooted in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 — “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” – We will explore how God’s Word can direct our lives.

We are inviting and encouraging ALL Members of the Peace Family to participate in this 4-week Church-Wide Study. So, if this is your first time doing a Bible Study or a seasoned participant of bible studies, this study is for you! God still speaks to His people and the Bible is the means, that He does so. Martin Luther said listening to Scripture today is still as if we are hearing directly from the mouth of Jesus. That is why it is so important for us to read and study God’s Word.

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For thirty days, we will study the Bible, read daily devotionals, and immerse ourselves in God's Word. So, let us join together to study and grow, as the people of God. Below are the Bible Study opportunities that will be offered:

Sunday

9:45 am

6:30 pm

Monday

6:30pm

Tuesday

9:05 am

Wednesday

10:00 am

6:30 pm

7:00pm

Thursday

6:30pm

Sign up at www.peaceshelby.org.

A Message from Our Deacon...



I hope that you had a relaxing summer. I wish you a great September! There is much to look forward in this month. We get to celebrate work. Many people think of work as a four-letter word; well, it is technically. We are blessed to be able to work; many cannot. We get satisfaction in completing a task. We thank God for the gift of work.

School is in full swing, many opportunities to see how God is blessing our children.

We see the beginning of God's artwork of many beautiful fall colors! Thank you, Lord!

We begin our church-wide Bible Study. I strongly encourage you to sign up and join your Peace brothers and sisters in studying God's word.

We see the harvest of food that God has provided. Pumpkin flavored everything. Apples! I love apples!

In my opinion, the best season of the year—FOOTBALL! Go Lions, Go BLUE!

May God bless you and your family! I look forward to seeing you in church. Invite someone! Shalom, Shalom!! (A double portion of God's blessing!)

Serving Jesus and His People,
Deacon Jim Shurig

Shalom:

Well-Being
Completeness Prosperity
Wholeness
Health Safety
Harmony with God and others

A Message from Our Principal...

A Joyful Welcome to a New School Year!



We are two weeks into the new school year, and we are excited to serve 193 young people. I am in awe of what God has done here at Peace. We have amazing students, families, and teachers. This year, I am going to highlight one teacher a month so you can get to know them more this year!

Our first teacher is Mrs. Kathy Schurig. She is our 7th grade teacher, and beginning this year, she is our Assistant Principal. She has spent her entire life in education, including many years in Lutheran Education at St. John Fraser and here at Peace.

She also takes time out of her schedule to work at the Michigan District level by helping with the Committee for Deacon Qualifications.

Mrs. Schurig is married to Deacon Jim. They have 3 adult children, 6 grandchildren, and 2 dogs – Moses and Fritz. In her spare time, Mrs. Schurig likes to read and crochet, and to spend time up north at the lake, often referred to as her “happy place.”

Throughout her career she has spent time in various roles from Athletic Director, DCE, and department chair. Her experience is invaluable as we continue to strive for excellence at Peace. Her favorite part of teaching is watching the light bulbs come on when a student truly gets it. I am thankful for her passion and work with our students!

Michael Nelson, Principal



Adult Bible Studies

**Sundays
@9:40am**

**Mondays
@6:30pm**

Tuesdays @ 9:05am

**Wednesdays
@ 10:00am, 6:30pm
@7:00pm**



**Thursdays
@6:30pm**

For Bible Study updates visit www.peaceshelby.org

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

A Joyful Welcome to a New Preschool Year!



We are filled with excitement as we prepare to welcome our preschool students and families to a brand-new school year! There is something so special about the beginning of a new year—the fresh classrooms, new friendships, new opportunities to learn, and the joy of watching our little ones grow.

We look forward to meeting our students and families at Meet the Teacher, and then welcoming our children into their classrooms during the week of September 14. We are praying for a wonderful year filled with laughter, learning, discovery, friendship, and opportunities to grow in faith.

We are also excited to welcome Heather Maes and Emily Cisneros as our new lead Preschool 4s teachers! Their experience, passion for early childhood education, and love for Jesus will bring wonderful energy and excitement to our early childhood program. We are blessed to have them joining our Peace family!

Our greatest joy is sharing Jesus' love with our children and families each day. Through play, learning, relationships, worship, and everyday moments, we have the privilege of helping children discover that they are deeply loved by God.

We invite our preschool families and our entire Peace family to join us for the Back-to-School Tailgate on September 18! It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the beginning of another school year, enjoy fellowship, and kick off the year together.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of our preschool ministry. Most importantly, please keep our preschool, students, families, teachers, and staff in your prayers as we begin this new year. We pray that God will bless our classrooms, guide our teachers, strengthen our families, and use our preschool ministry to share His love with every child who walks through our doors.

We cannot wait to see what God has in store for this year! ♥♥

Blessings,

Suzette Quail
Early Childhood Director



Joshua 1:9: Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

A Message from the Editor...

Dear Readers,



Happy Return to School, parents, teachers and students! I pray that the transition from summer fun to a new school year, new teachers and a new beginning is exciting and fun, and not too hectic. I also pray that this year brings you inspiration, new friendships, and a closer walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To our new school families, I believe that I speak for all of Peace Lutheran Church and School, Welcome! We are so glad that you are worshiping and learning with us!

Jackie Pilan

PS: The deadline for October's "Peace Lutheran Messenger" is **Sunday, September 20.**

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4–
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**



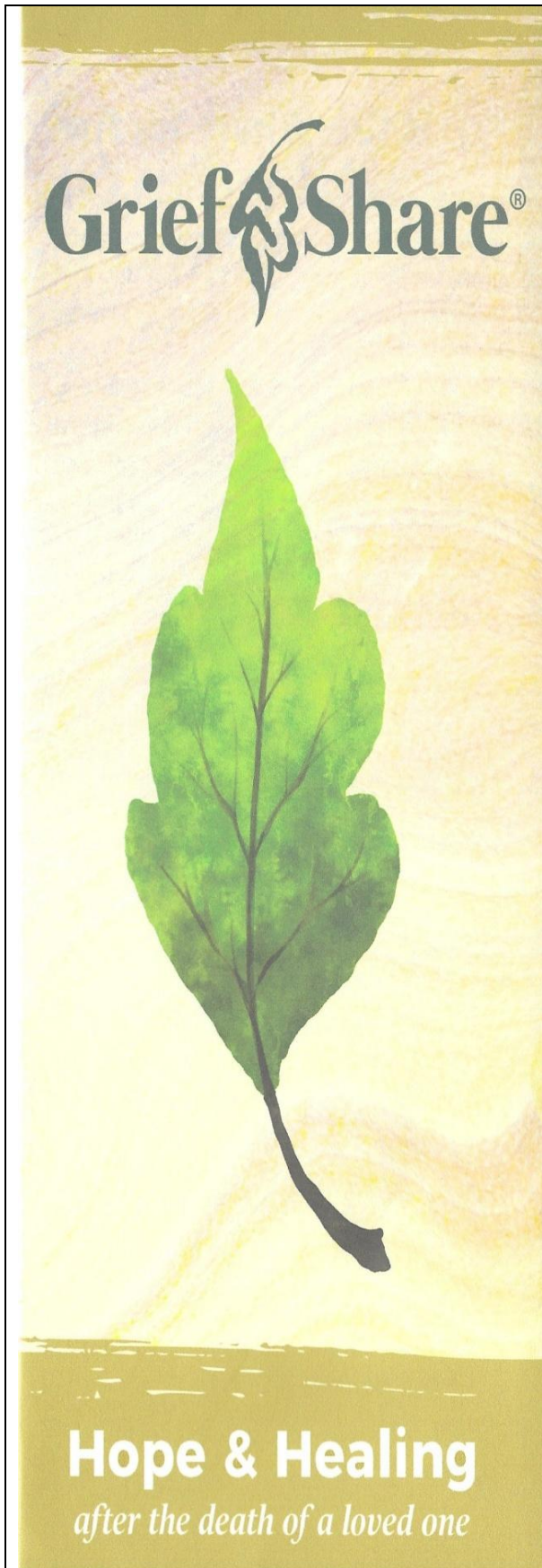
**NO SCHOOL
OFFICE CLOSED**

Special Dates for September 2026

- Labor Day, *September 7, 2026*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2026*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 13, 2026*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *September 15-October 15, 2026*
- First Day of Autumn, *September 22, 2026*



Board and Ministry News...



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, September 14, and ends on Monday, December 7, from 6:00-8:00pm. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Pam Aulgur at griefshare@peaceshelby.org or at 586-781-3100. You may also contact Karin Sparks at 586-731-4120.

If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited to attend. Please register at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/griefshare-group>.

SAVE THE DATE

PEACE AUCTION

SILENT & LIVE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2027
6:00PM - 10:00PM

SHELBY BANQUET CENTER
50265 Van Dyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48317



**PEACE LUTHERAN
TAILGATE 2026**

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 18**



**SOCCER GAME
BEGINS AT 4:15PM**

**FOOD WILL BE
SERVED AT 5:30PM**

DINNER

**HAMBURGERS &
HOT DOGS
PROVIDED**



**PLEASE BRING YOUR
OWN SIDE DISHES
& DRINKS**

NO ALCOHOL

**MUSIC | FOOD
GAMES
FELLOWSHIP | FUN**

**PEACE LUTHERAN
PARKING LOT**



I have learned that plotting revenge only allows the people who hurt you to hurt you longer.
—Anonymous

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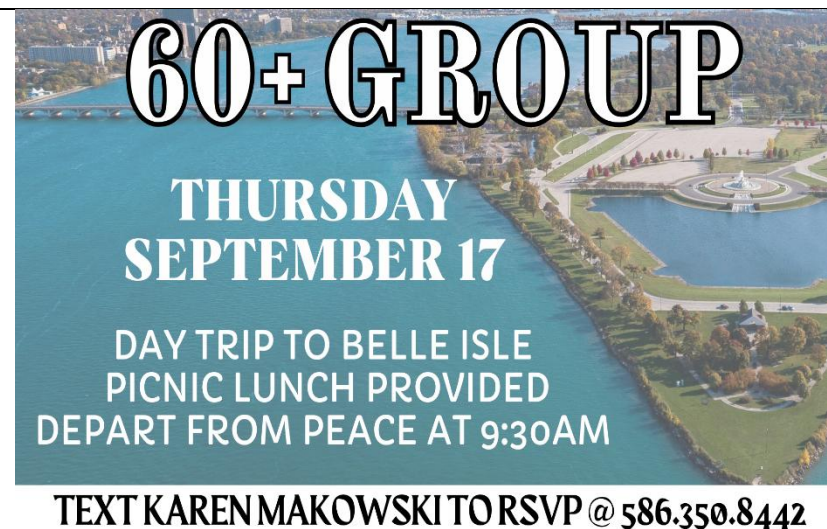
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 13 | 10:30AM
FOOD & FUN TO FOLLOW
BRING A BLANKET OR LAWN CHAIR
NO 8:30AM SERVICE

Outdoor Worship

September 13, 2026

Wrap-up the summer with our **Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic, SUNDAY, September 13**. Join us at 10:30am for the worship service and the picnic will immediately follow. We will have tons of fun activities for children and adults! Please be sure to bring your blankets and lawn chairs.

There will NOT be an 8:30am worship service this day. The service will NOT be livestreamed. Sign up to help at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/outdoorworshipandpicnic>.



60+ GROUP
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 17
DAY TRIP TO BELLE ISLE
PICNIC LUNCH PROVIDED
DEPART FROM PEACE AT 9:30AM
TEXT KAREN MAKOWSKI TO RSVP @ 586.350.8442

60+ Group Day Trip

September 17, 2026

Join us on Thursday, September 17, for a day trip to beautiful Belle Isle! We will spend the day exploring the Conservatory, Aquarium, and more before enjoying a picnic lunch, which will be provided. We will depart from Peace by the bus at 9:30 a.m. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Karen at 586-350-8442 to reserve your spot.



BOARD OF CHRISTIAN CARE
COAT, HAT, MITTEN AND SCARF DRIVE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
NEW ITEMS IN ALL SIZES (NEWBORN TO ADULT)
DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT
FRIENDS OF FOSTER KIDS SHELBY TWP
DROP OFF IN BINS BY GATHERING ROOM OR SCHOOL LOBBY

Coat, Hat Mitten and Scarf Drive

October 11-25, 2026

Peace is holding a Coat, Hat, Mitten and Scarf drive to provide for those in need this winter. We are collecting NEW coats, hats, mittens and scarves in all sizes (newborn to adult) to benefit Friends of Foster Kids in Shelby Township. Donations will be collected **Sunday, October 11 through Sunday, October 25**, and can be dropped off in the designated bins in the school lobby or gathering room. Thank you for helping those in need.

If you have questions please contact the Board of Christian Care at christiancare@peaceshelby.org.

Funeral Luncheon Ministry

Peace Lutheran Family and Friends,

Thank you so very much for your prayers and meal donations for the recent funeral luncheon at Peace. Your generosity allowed many people to enjoy a delicious meal while catching up with family and friends and celebrating the lives of their loved ones. Any leftovers were sent home with family members and donated to the SSS Meal Ministry at Trinity-Utica.



If you would like to join our Funeral Luncheon Ministry, we would appreciate your involvement! Your name will be added to a list designated to the specific dish that you would like to donate, such as "hot dish," "side dish," "salad" or "dessert." When a luncheon is planned, you will be called ahead of time by one of our volunteers. By serving in this capacity, please know how much you will be helping the family and friends to feel the love of Peace Lutheran Church during a difficult time. We are also in need of volunteers to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up opportunities.

Please contact Tamara Amey at 586-246-1629 for more information and to join the ministry.

The Board of Christian Care

A religious poster with a dark background. In the upper left, there is a logo that says "Better Together Know Jesus." with a heart symbol. In the center, there are silhouettes of a man, a woman, and a child holding hands, with a large cross in the background. The text on the poster reads: "NOW THIS IS Eternal Life: THAT THEY KNOW YOU, THE ONLY True God, AND JESUS CHRIST, WHOM YOU HAVE SENT. John 17:3". In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for "PEACE Lutheran Church & School".

PEACE PRESCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES

2026-2027



Wednesday, August 26
@6:30pm

Preschool Parent Orientation
Supply and Forms Drop Off

Wednesday, September 9 @10am

3s MWF Meet the Teacher

Wednesday, September 9 @10:30am

All 4s Meet the Teacher

Thursday, September 10 @9:30am

Y5s Meet the Teacher

Thursday, September 10 @10am

3s TTH Meet the Teacher

Monday, September 14 @9:00am

3s MWF First Day of school

4s MWF First Day of school

Young 5s First Day of school

Tuesday, September 15 @9:00am

3s TTH First Day of School

Tuesday, September 15 @9:30am

Panther Cubs 'A' First Day of School

Thursday, September 17 @9:30am

Panther Cubs 'B' First Day of School

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 16 | 6:00PM**

FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

**CLASSES BEGIN
THE FOLLOWING
WEDNESDAY
AT 4:00PM**



WAYS TO GIVE



IN-PERSON

Envelope



MOBILE

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



ONLINE

Peaceshelby.org

Psalm 118:24: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

L E I S T C A M J K K R A M H
 U P R D I M U C F K E A W D T
 K J O N A H J U D G E S B E U
 E D P S S V A E I D X K I Z U
 R W J O S H U A S M C V H E P
 O M J L A I S A I A H K F K M
 Q Z G J O H N E S D O W G I A
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 H P U Z T K M T R U T H W J W
 V R O M A N S F V E Z R A U P

WORD LIST

ACTS
 DANIEL
 ESTHER
 EXODUS
 EZEKIEL

EZRA
 GENESIS
 HEBREWS
 HOSEA
 ISAIAH

JOB
 JOHN
 JONAH
 JOSHUA
 JUDGES

LUKE
 MARK
 PSALMS
 ROMANS
 RUTH

Homemade
 GIFTS MADE EASY

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
6:30pm

HSYM/JYM

9:45am

KidZone and Nursery

During the 10:30am Service

Monday Bible Study

6:30pm

Tuesday Bible Study

9:05am

Wednesday Bible Studies

10:00am, Gathering Room
6:30pm, Bible Study
7:00pm, Zoom Study

Thursday Bible Study

6:30pm, Bible Study

Prayer Group

2:30pm, Mondays, at the
Klein Residence

Church Calendar

<https://www.peaceshelby.org/church-events-calendar>

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