



The

Peace Lutheran Messenger

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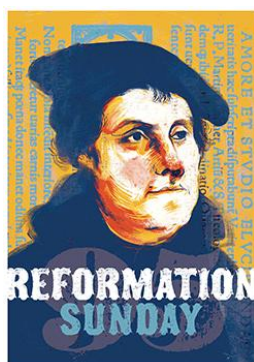
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October is special for Lutherans, especially, October 31. Yes, it is Halloween, but it is special for Lutherans because we celebrate what took place on October 31, 1517 – We remember, Reformation Day.

It is on that day that Martin Luther posted his 95 Thesis in Wittenberg, Germany, beginning the Reformation. But the Reformation is not really about the 95 Thesis, or Martin Luther, or the Indulgences being sold. The Reformation is all about – Jesus!

At the heart of the Reformation, is Jesus and the Gospel. That we are sinners and we cannot make ourselves, right with God. Our good works or good intentions, our religious activities, none of them can remove our sin. Our hope is found in Jesus, who lived a perfect life for us, and then, suffered and died on the cross to pay for our sins. This is the message of the Reformation – it is the Message of the Gospel!

The Apostle Paul put it best in Ephesians 2:8-9 – “It is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Happy Reformation Day!

Pastor Klemm

A Message from Our Deacon...



Happy October! I love this month. We get to see the beauty that God reveals in color in His nature! We are in the middle of our church-wide Bible study. I looked at the church and school calendar. We have a lot going on! I see many sports activities; God has blessed our kids with the ability to run, jump, and play; for that, we thank Him! Children are going on class field trips – allowing them to learn outside of the classroom. We have a special Children's Worship Service, a great time to invite children who do not even go to Peace, to learn more about their Savior. At the end of the month, we see Halloween, we claim this time for our God. On that same day, is Reformation Day. We, as Lutheran's, are happy to remember Dr. Martin Luther. He was very instrumental in bringing the church back to the Bible. He translated the whole Bible into the language of the people. That way, the common people could read their Bible and learn how much God loves them. On October 31, 1517, Dr. Luther nailed a list of topics that he wanted to discuss. He posted this list on the door of the church – kinda like a bulletin board. That got lots of people talking! We thank God for the gift of the Bible. I encourage you to pick up your copy of the Bible and discover the amazing love of our God! Shalom, Shalom!

Serving Jesus and His People!

Deacon Jim Schurig

Shalom:

Well-Being
Completeness Prosperity

Wholeness

Health Safety
Harmony with God and others

NOW THIS IS
Eternal Life:
THAT THEY KNOW YOU,
THE ONLY
True God,
AND JESUS CHRIST,
WHOM YOU HAVE SENT.
John 17:3

PEACE
Lutheran
Church & School

A Message from Our Principal...



I cannot believe we are more than halfway through the first quarter. It has been a wild ride, complete with a high wind emergency situation with a power failure. Our students and teachers handled the interruption extremely well and I am very appreciative of our parents who understood our slow way of getting information out to them. It truly is a blessing to be here at Peace.

October is a busy month for our students. Orchard field trips, the conclusion of fall sports, and of course our Trunk or Treat fill our calendar to the brim. This year, our staff is attending the MANS Unity Conference in Grand Rapids, MI. This conference brings together teachers from all non-public schools to discuss the importance of Christ centered education and what we can do to serve God at our schools. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel October 14-16.

This month, we are highlighting our 4th Grade teacher, Mrs. Zuccherino. With 19 years of teaching experience under her belt, Mrs. Zuccherino brings both deep expertise and a heartfelt passion to her 4th Grade classroom. Her favorite aspect of teaching is building meaningful relationships with her students and creating a supportive space where every child feels valued. Over the last 14 years, her connection to the Peace community has grown across many roles — as a parent, PTL member, substitute teacher, and now in her fourth year as a full-time 4th-grade teacher.

For Mrs. Zuccherino, the best part about Peace is its uniquely peaceful, family-like environment that makes the school feel like a second home. I am personally so grateful for her endless enthusiasm and her constant willingness to step in and make learning and working together fun for both her students and fellow teachers. When she is not in the classroom guiding her students, you can find her enjoying her favorite hobbies outside of school, which include shopping, cooking, reading, and swimming.



Michael Nelson
Principal

What distinguishes the Christians is not the ills they suffer, but the way they suffer their ills. —St. Augustine (Taken with permission from www.newsletternewsletter.com)

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

Fall Fun Is in the Air at Peace Lutheran Preschool!



October is here, and with it comes cooler weather, colorful leaves, football, **cider, and donuts!** Our preschool students are ready to enjoy some of the very best things about fall while learning, exploring, and making memories together.

Our preschoolers will be heading to the orchard for a special fall adventure! Students will have the opportunity to pick apples, enjoy a wagon ride, and, of course, savor a delicious cider and donut treat. We love taking learning outside the classroom and giving our students hands-on experiences that they can talk about and enjoy together.

October will also bring an exciting opportunity to learn about community helpers! We are thrilled to welcome the Shelby Township Fire Department to our campus. Our students will get an up-close look at a fire engine and learn about the important equipment firefighters use to help keep our community safe. We are grateful to the firefighters who take the time to visit and help our children learn about fire safety!

Mark your calendars and join us for our Children's Worship Service on October 10, at 5:00 PM! This interactive family service is designed especially for families and children. Our preschool students will have the opportunity to dazzle you with worship songs they have been learning in the classroom! We cannot wait to see them share their joy and love for Jesus.

Following the service, we will gather in the gym for a time of fellowship featuring pizza, cider, and—you guessed it—more donuts! We hope you and your family will join us for this special evening together.

Our preschool lead teaching staff will also be traveling to Grand Rapids for the Unity Conference, where they will continue their professional development and learn alongside fellow Lutheran educators from across Michigan. We are thankful for opportunities like this that allow our teachers to grow professionally, share ideas, and bring new inspiration back to our classrooms.

We are so grateful for the continued support of our Peace Lutheran congregation. Your prayers, encouragement, generosity, and partnership make it possible for our preschool ministry to continue growing and serving children and families in our community.

Thank you for helping us create a place where children can learn, grow, and experience God's love each and every day. We are blessed to do this ministry together!

Blessings,

Suzette Quail
Early Childhood Director



A Message from the Editor...



From the Editor

Dear Readers,

Did you know that October is Church Worker Appreciation Month? I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Klemm, Holly Nelson, our office staff, and our church and board leaders for all they do in helping us grow in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. You are all a true blessing from God! Here are some suggestions to express your appreciation to our church workers: <https://resources.lcms.org/general/ways-to-show-your-gratitude-and-support-for-church-workers/>.

Jackie Pilan

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

Board and Ministry News...



Join us on Saturday, October 10, for a special worship service for all our Peace families. This special service is geared toward preschool and kindergarten children. Invite your friends, family and your neighbors. The service will begin at 5:00pm in the sanctuary with refreshments to follow.

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.

60+ GROUP THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

**DAY TRIP TO FRANKENMUTH
BRONNERS, MUSEUM, ZEHNDER'S LUNCH &
ST. LORENEZ TOUR**

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

TEXT KAREN MAKOWSKI TO RSVP @ 586.350.8442

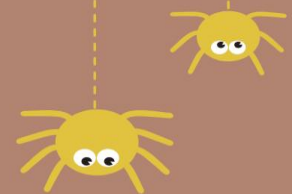
60+ Group Trip

October 15, 2026

Join us on **THURSDAY, October 15**, for a day trip to Frankenmuth! We will visit Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, History Museum and tour St. Lorenz Church. We will also enjoy lunch at Zehnder's Restaurant. Transportation from Peace will be provided; departure time is to be determined. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Karen at [586-350-8442](tel:586-350-8442) to reserve your spot.



**PEACE LUTHERAN
PRESENTS**



**COMMUNITY EVENT
HOSTED BY PTL &
FAMILY LIFE**

Sunday, October 25 - 2:30pm - 4:00pm

CIDER DONUTS CANDY PUMPKINS & MORE

Peace Lutheran Women's Ministry

ADVENT TEA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

4:00PM - 6:00PM

PEACE GYM



Interested in hosting a table or attending
Call or Text Diana Griswold at 586.747.2627

YOUTH SUNDAYS

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY

**Junior Youth Ministry
(JYM) Grades 5-8**

**High School
Youth Ministry (HSYM)
Grades 9-12**



GriefShare Grief Support Group

Please continue to pray for GriefShare and its participants as they navigate through the 13 weeks of Christ-centered support for the emotions and grief they are dealing with after the passing of a loved one! If anyone is still interested in learning more or possibly joining, please contact through Peace's website at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/griefshare-group>.

CELEBRATE

By Beverly Porter



I have been giving much thought to the word Celebrate. To celebrate is a more refined way to say, "Let's party".

Our country does a lot of celebrating; almost every month has a holiday or reason to celebrate. January, however, hardly qualifies. Most of the celebrating for New Year's Day, January 1st, is done on December 31, New Year's Eve. Since the long month of January has no other official celebration days, may I suggest that my birthday could fill in the gap? When I turned 70, I became an expert at birthday celebration. I stretched out the one-day event to eight celebrations. So you see, I do make the most of my significant day. February celebrates Valentine's Day, March St. Patrick's Day, April Easter, May Mother's Day and Memorial Day, June Father's Day, and July July 4th (birth of our country). August has no official celebration, but moms probably celebrate their children returning to school. Our family fills up the month with

multiple birthdays and anniversaries. September celebrates Labor Day and Grandparent's Day. October has a secular and religious celebration...Halloween and Reformation. November's Thanksgiving boasts of the biggest travel day in the year to celebrate this favorite holiday. December has Christmas and all of its accompanying days to celebrate as well as the Jewish festival, Hanukkah, rounding out the calendar for celebrations. I must stand corrected for the month of January. I forgot Martin Luther King Day.

The theme of celebration often appears in scripture, especially in the Old Testament. There were seven feast days and three pilgrim festivals. Each festival connected an important moment in history or a seasonal harvest. The most widely recognized is Passover. After the Israelites crossed over the Jordan River, they set up twelve large stones (each one representing the twelve tribes) to commemorate their safe crossing. A reason to celebrate (Joshua 4). The angels celebrated the birth of Jesus as the heavenly choir burst forth in glory at his arrival (Luke 2: 13-14). The angels celebrate in heaven when one sinner repents and becomes a member of the family of God (Luke 15:10). So many reasons to celebrate life, our spiritual heritage, and personal events.

I have participated in many celebrations, but to be completely honest, a celebration spirit gets harder with each passing year. Death or debilitating illness has claimed some of my family and friends in their 70's. Now that I have entered the next decade of life, not only have I lost dear people, but my own life has changed as a result of an accident. I can be quickly overwhelmed with sorrow if I dwell on what I can no longer do or be envious of those who still can. I am reminded that each phase of life has reasons to celebrate, but we might have to look for them or remember the former ones that caused us to once celebrate. For example, a friend recently showed me a very elegant evening bag. I admired the fine workmanship and creativity and was very surprised when she told me to look inside. I discovered that I had made the bag years ago, for there was my name claiming ownership. I had given it to her years ago as a gift and now I can thank the Lord for giving me that talent. It causes me to re-celebrate the past as I incorporate it into the present.

We always have reasons to celebrate, even though our circumstances may change. But the highest moment of celebration will be when we hear these words from the Lord:

"Well done good and faithful servant" Matthew 25: 23

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 Studies

9:05am, 6:30pm

Wednesday Bible Studies

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

Thursday Bible Study

6:30pm

Prayer Group

2:30pm, Mondays, at the
Klein Residence

Church Calendar

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

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