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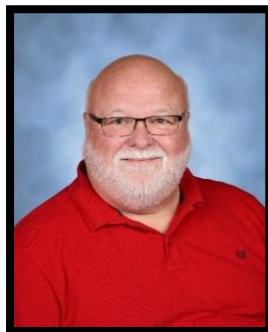
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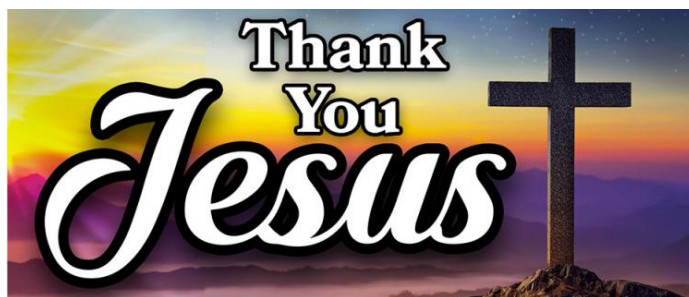


Well, we have had enough in the April showers department. So, we should have some beautiful May flowers! Maybe even some nice warm weather?

This month brings us a VERY important holiday – Mother’s Day! We are blessed by the love that mothers show us. I find it really interesting to see a girl changed so dramatically into a mom. We see women that sacrifice so much to care for their children. Now, dads are pretty cool too, but they (we) are not moms. Thank you God, for the gift of MOMS!

May also brings the end of the school year. Our eighth-grade students will be transitioning into other schools... many new opportunities, many new challenges, and many new blessings from God. How exciting!

Last month we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. We are Easter Christians. Let us take time this month to thank our loving



Lord for Easter! When we see the beautiful blue skies, the pretty flowers, the rich green grass, just lift your face towards heaven and say THANK YOU! He created all this stuff just for you! Enjoy!

Serving Jesus and His people,  
Deacon Jim Schurig

## A Message from Our Principal...



As the vibrant colors of spring continue to bloom around us, so too does the learning and growth within the walls of Peace Lutheran School. May is an exciting month, filled with special activities and opportunities to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, and staff. We have seen incredible progress throughout the year, from academic achievements to acts of kindness and faith-filled moments. This month we look forward to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip, Teacher Appreciation Week, Field Day, and the Fine Arts Showcase. These events provide wonderful opportunities for our school community to come together, showcase talents, and create lasting memories.

Beyond the special events, May also marks a time of reflection and preparation. Our teachers are diligently guiding students through the final stretches of the academic year, reinforcing key concepts and fostering a love of learning that will continue to blossom over the summer. Please keep our students and educators in your prayers as they finish this year strong and prepare for new adventures. We are so grateful for the support of our entire church family in making Peace Lutheran School a nurturing and thriving environment for our young learners.

Michael Nelson, Principal

## A Message from the Editor...



Dear Readers,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, teachers, mothers, and veterans and your families for your tireless service and sacrifice for our country and communities. May God bless and keep you safe! Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11, and Memorial Day is Monday, May 26.

Congratulations confirmants! May God continue to bless you as you continue on your spiritual journey and grow closer to Him!

Jackie Pilan

PS: The deadline for June's "Peace Lutheran Messenger" is **Tuesday, May 20.**

## LUTHERAN NORTHWEST NEWS

**Please join us at LHNW on Saturday, May 10, for our annual FINE ARTS FESTIVAL!** This awesome event is the capstone of the year for our fine and performing arts programs. From 6:00-7:00pm, you can browse through a gallery of the year's best artwork from our Crusader artists. At 7:00pm, you'll be treated to performances from our Concert Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Mixed Chorus AND soloists! More details available at [www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events](http://www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events).

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



Happy Easter!

The month of May is a busy time for preschool! Our 3s will visit Wolcott Mill and our 4s will visit Upland Hill Farm. We have celebrations planned for Donuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom in each of our classrooms. We also will celebrate the graduation and moving on up to kindergarten for our 4s and Young 5s students.

## 🎓 **Preschool 4s Graduation & Best Wishes to Our Young 5s!** 🎉

We are overflowing with joy as we celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-year-old preschoolers and our Young 5s class! What a wonderful year it has been—full of growth, laughter, learning, and the love of Jesus.

To our Young 5s students who are now ready to take the exciting step into kindergarten: we send you off with our warmest congratulations and best wishes. You have grown so much this year, and we are so proud of you!

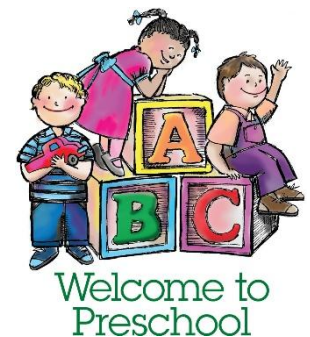
As you begin this next chapter, we pray that you always carry Jesus in your heart. May His love guide your steps, fill your days with peace, and give you courage to learn and explore the world with joy. We offer our heartfelt congratulations and prayers. May God continue to guide each of them with wisdom, wonder, and joy in the years ahead.

We pray that each child will carry with them the love of Jesus and the foundation of faith they have begun here at Peace. May they always know they have a church and school family encouraging them and praying for them.

We have availability in our Panther Cubs (2 year old with caregiver) and Young 5s classes for the next school year. Also, we have limited openings available in our Preschool Summer Camps (visit the website to enroll).

*"Let the little children come to Me... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* – Matthew 19:14

Suzette Quail  
Early Childhood Director



## National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1

*"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* Romans 15:13

# Board and Ministry News...



## Mother's Day Service

May 11, 2025

Join us for our Mother's Day services on **Sunday, May 11, at 8:30am and 10:30am** to honor moms and all women!

All women receive a special gift after our worship services!

## 60+ GROUP

TUESDAY, MAY 13 \*DATE CHANGE\*

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHWEST PRESENTS "ONCE UPON A MATTRESS"

MATINEE SHOWTIME AT 1:00PM



PLEASE RSVP TO HOLLY (HNELSON@PEACESHELBY.ORG)

## 60+ Group Matinee

May 13, 2025

Join us on **Tuesday, May 13,** at Lutheran High Northwest to attend a matinee performance of the Spring Musical, "Once Upon a Mattress." **Showtime is 1:00pm. We will meet at Northwest (1000 Bagley Ave, Rochester Hills, 48309) at 12:30pm.** There is no cost to attend the performance.

For more information and to RSVP please contact Holly at [hnelson@peaceshelby.org](mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org).

SERVING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AGES.

Saturday, May 17

Every Third Saturday

8:30am-3pm @ CRD

Contact Holly if interested. ([hnelson@peaceshelby.org](mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org))



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



detroit@camprestore.org  
313-636-4422 ext. 1

## Camp Restore Detroit

May 17, 2025

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

**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.

## Preschool

### Summer Camp

June 2, 9 and 16, 2025

This summer, we are excited to offer 3 weeks of action-packed Preschool Summer Camp for children aged 3-6 that's filled with creativity, outdoor fun, and hands-on exploration! Our camp is the perfect way for your little ones to engage in exciting activities, make new friends, and learn while having a blast. **Camps run Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-12:00pm.**

(Children must be potty-trained). Children will bring their own water bottle and healthy snack (NO NUTS) for each day of camp. Campers may be photographed and photos shared for media purposes. If you do not wish for your child's photo to be used please email [squail@peaceshelby.org](mailto:squail@peaceshelby.org).

# PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

COMING TO PEACE!

OPEN TO AGES 3, 4, 5 & 6

MONDAY - THURSDAY

- ✓ week of June 2 - Fun in the Sun
  - ✓ week of June 9 - Smore's Fun
  - ✓ week of June 16 - Lego Fun
- \$100 REGISTRATION FEE  
OPENS APRIL 1  
MUST BE POTTY TRAINED!**

Register at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/preschool-summer-camps>

## PRESCHOOL

YES, WE ARE

HIRING

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

PART-TIME PRESCHOOL AIDE  
LEAD PRESCHOOL TEACHER

IF INTERESTED  
SEND LETTER OF INTEREST  
AND RESUME TO

[SQUAIL@PEACESHELBY.ORG](mailto:SQUAIL@PEACESHELBY.ORG)

## Part-time Preschool Teaching Assistant/ Lead Preschool Teacher

Our Preschool department is hiring a Part-Time Preschool Aide and Lead Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Candidates for the Lead Teacher position must meet State of Michigan Licensing requirements. We are looking for individuals who have a love for Jesus and children. If interested, please send a letter of interest and resume to our Preschool Director Suzette at [squail@peaceshelby.org](mailto:squail@peaceshelby.org).

# WAYS TO GIVE



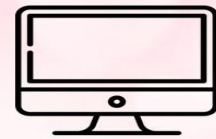
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or text GIVE2PEACE  
to 206-859-9405



ONLINE

[Peaceshelby.org](http://Peaceshelby.org)

# JOIN US FOR A KICK-OFF TO SUMMER!

JUNE 8, 2025 | FIRST PITCH 1:05PM | GATES OPEN 12:00PM

## PEACE LUTHERAN AFTERNOON AT THE BALLPARK!



SIGNUP AT [WWW.PEACESHELBY.ORG](http://WWW.PEACESHELBY.ORG)

# Jimmy John's Sunday Outing

June 8, 2025

Peace is headed to the ballpark! Join your Peace Family on this kick-off to summer outing.

Join your Peace Family for an afternoon of fun, entertainment and baseball at Jimmy John's Field on **Sunday, June 8, at 1:05pm. Gates open at 12:00pm. Wear your favorite Peace shirt!**

Sign up for a fun day with your Peace Family at [Peaceshelby.org](http://Peaceshelby.org) or in our app!

RSVP By May 19.



American Red Cross



## Blood Drive

TUESDAY

June 10th

12:00pm – 6:00pm

Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
enter sponsor code: peaceshelby

## Blood Drive

June 10, 2025

Peace is hosting a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on **Tuesday, June 10, from 12:00pm to 6:00pm.**

Please consider donating blood. A single blood donation may help up to three different people. Walk-ins are welcome.

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for availability or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search sponsor code: peaceshelby. You may also call Peggy Bobel at 248-840-0553.

## Camp Invention

Register Now for  
June 16-20, 2025!

Give your young innovator an inspiring, action-packed summer adventure! Exciting, hands-on challenges will spark curiosity and build their confidence as they jump into limitless STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fun, with opportunities to imagine, experiment, and create. Read more about what your camper will experience at camp and register at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/camp-invention>.



SAVE THE DATE and Register Today!

MONDAY - FRIDAY

June 16 - 20

9:00am - 3:30pm

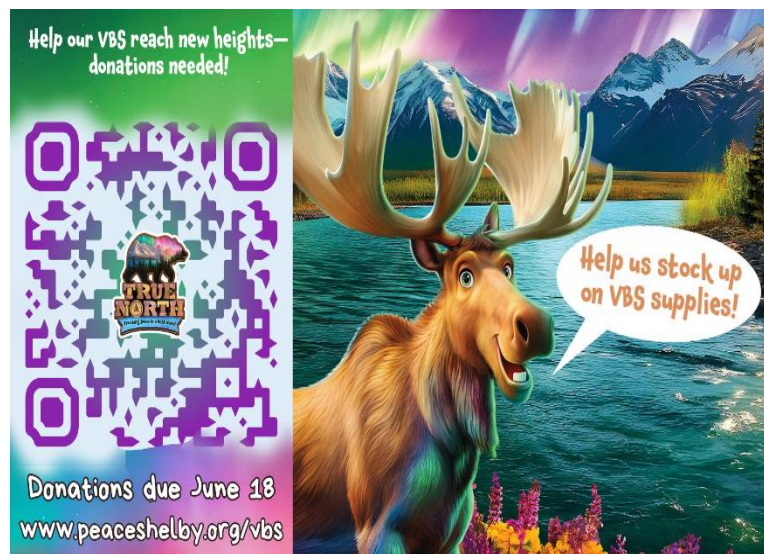
[www.peaceshelby.org/camp-invention](http://www.peaceshelby.org/camp-invention)

Questions: [jcurley@peaceshelby.org](mailto:jcurley@peaceshelby.org)

Camp Invention®

Register today

# True North VBS



## Point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust.

Take kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and sparkling glaciers. As they trek the tundra, they will discover how easy it is to lose sight of what is true in our wild world today. Guiding them towards Jesus, True North VBS reveals that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He is our True North!

**PARTICIPATION REGISTRATION OPENS ON APRIL 1, 2025!**

**VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION OPENED ON FEBRUARY 1, 2025!**

We need you! Volunteer positions for before and during VBS. VBS volunteers must be going into 7th grade\* (Fall 2024) 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!

## DONATIONS

**Monetary:** Please consider supporting Peace VBS this year through a financial donation. You are welcome to add a separate donation with your offering on Sundays and/or use the link below to send funds electronically. Please clearly mark your physical donation or select "VBS Donations" from the fund dropdown menu when donating electronically.

## DONATION WISH LISTS

Please sign up for as many items as you would like to. Please let Holly know if you have any questions!

Please access our webpage at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/vbs> to register and to donate!

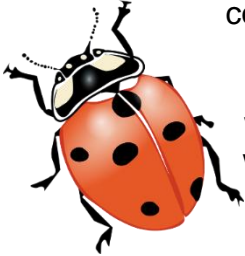
Your prayers are also greatly appreciated!

# POWER

By Beverly Porter

If I ever witnessed an example of the weak being made strong, the insignificant teaching the significant, it was this week.

I detest Asian Beetles, those look alike “impostor” ladybugs. Every year, they invade your space by covering your walls or looking for places to breed. It is a planned takeover, and I react with planned vengeance. I squash them without a moment's regret and I do it gleefully. However, as small as they are, they do have the upper hand when they can cause the Startle Effect. To become anxious, even for a moment when they appear suddenly or in unexpected places, is to admit that they are to reckon with.



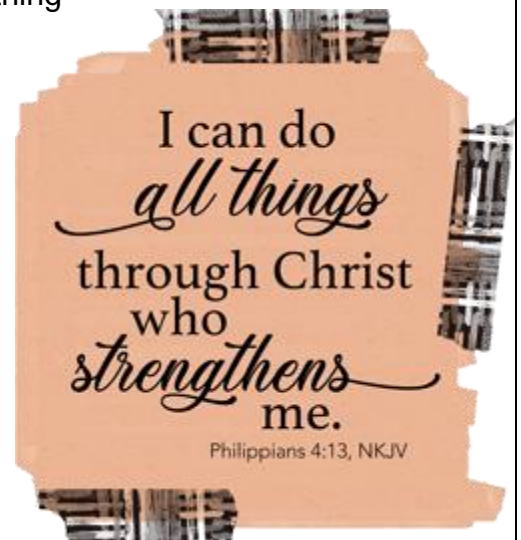
Such was this recent incident. As I was brushing my teeth, one of these little critters fell into the sink out of nowhere. After my adult recovery, I turned on the faucet to flush it down the drain, But, as it was being sent to its watery grave, it clung to the sink stopper. Even I had a humanitarian reaction to this unusual situation. Human emotion was added to a bug dilemma. This was starting to get out of the significant versus non-significant boundaries. “OK, let's see what you will do.” (I am now talking to a bug.) I would leave this pathetic creature and see if it could crawl out on its own. I doubted that he could navigate the slippery slope of the sink. But to be fair in my smug analysis, I asked my husband to leave it alone and we would check on this challenge in the morning.

But, much to my surprise, by early morning, Mr. Beetle was three quarters of the way to the finish line (I now have given my adversary a name ... not a good sign). I found myself cheering him on, “You can do it buddy!” I had decided that he had earned his freedom, and I gently scooped him out of the sink and released him to the outdoors where he belonged.

So, what is the point of this unusual encounter? I learned something about power.

Power does not depend on appearance, status, size, heritage or any other characteristic we usually associate with power.

True power comes from the Creator. It is bestowed by God on whom and whenever to accomplish His purposes. Even this seemingly low life insect got his power to rally against great odds. Granted, mankind can corrupt power or grab power that is not theirs, but that is not true power. Genuine power is bestowed. On those days when we feel powerless and mistakenly believe that we have no contribution of significance to God's creative world, He gives us these promises, just to name a few:



*“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* Philippians 4:13

*“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.”* Acts 1:8



## 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 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-events-calendar>

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