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A Heart of Thanksgiving

The mornings are cool and crisp, the leaves are changing color and it reminds us that Thanksgiving is right around the corner. It brings thoughts of family gatherings, big meals, and football. We look forward to spending time with family and friends, remembering the blessings we have been given throughout the year. As Believers, it gives us the opportunity to pause, reflect and remember the goodness of our loving God.

We know that the greatest reason for our thankfulness is not in our possessions or even, our relationships. It is found in Jesus. It through His life, death and resurrection, Jesus rescuing us, from sin and death, and giving us, the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. It is the greatest gift ever given, one we cannot earn, one we do not deserve, and yet, our Lord gives it to us, through His grace and love.

Psalm 107:1 states, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"

Perhaps this Thanksgiving, we can look for ways to express our thanks. Thank the Lord in prayer for His many blessings. Share a word of encouragement with someone who needs it. Offer to help a neighbor. Look for someone who needs a friend or just an ear to listen. We can express our gratitude in many different ways.

Let this Thanksgiving remind us that we have a lot to be thankful for – and that – in Jesus, we have the greatest gift of all!

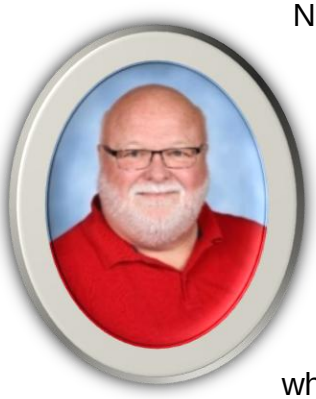
Wishing you and your family a blessed and joy-filled Thanksgiving!

God's Peace,

Pastor Klemm



A Message from Our Deacon…



November, a time to give thanks. I find it kinda funny that we feel compelled to say 'thank you' during this month! Yes, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day that was started way back 1621. President Lincoln made it an official day in 1863, on our calendar.

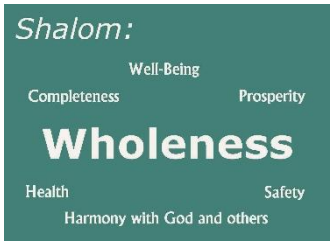
Please remember to vote on November 3. It is another gift that others have paid for on our behalf.

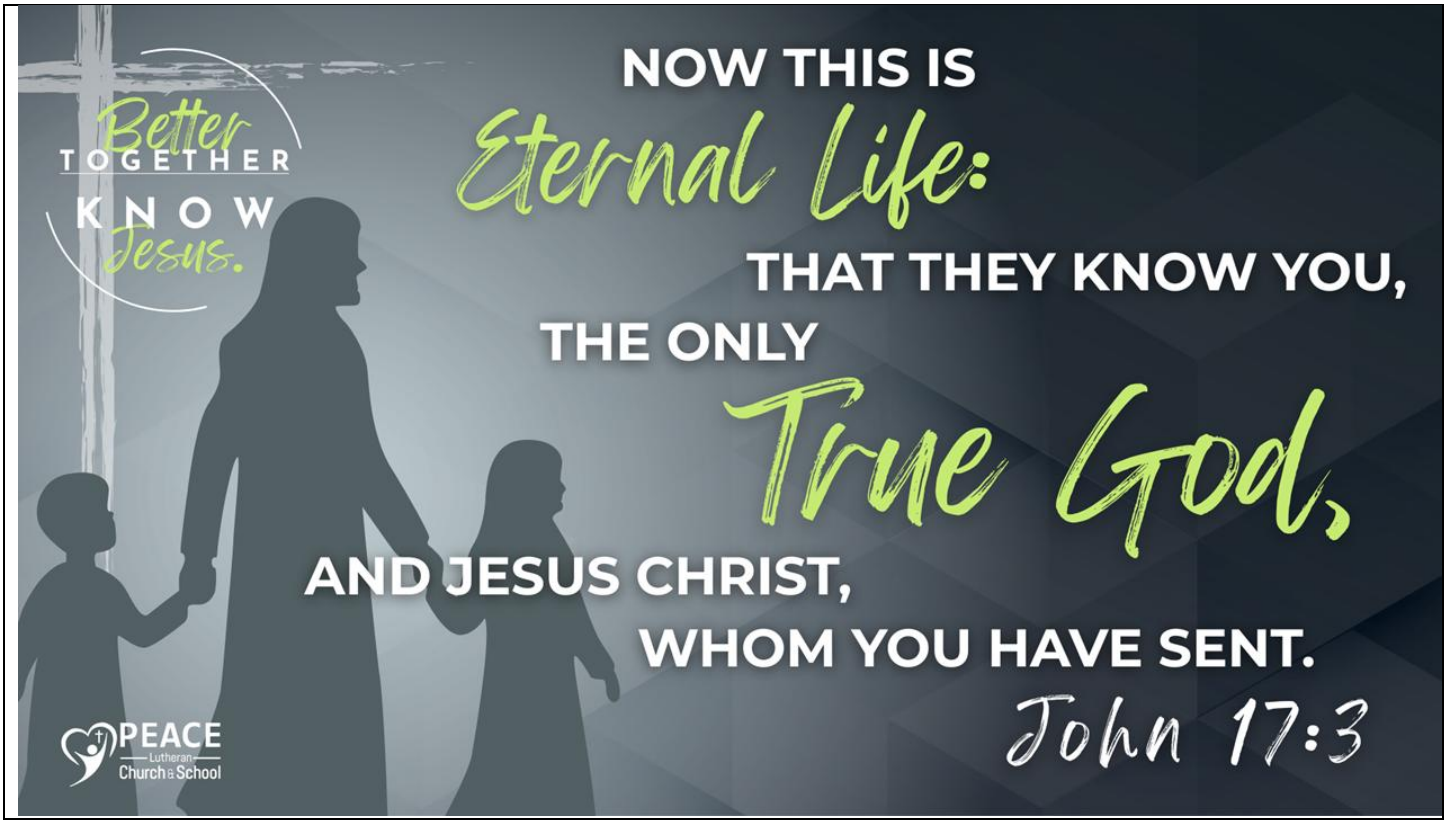
Shouldn't we give thanks every day? Just look at what our God does for us each day. Countless blessings! We teach our children to say thank you when they are given a gift. That is just being polite. Each day is a gift, each breath is a gift, each heartbeat is a gift from God. Then, we look at all of the material things that we get. Of course, our greatest gift is our salvation through Christ Jesus!

It seems that saying thank you is not enough. However, we still offer our thanks to our God!

Our God is so good! So, we say THANK YOU! We are blessed! I wish you another blessing: May our God hold you in His arms always! Shalom, Shalom!

Serving Jesus and His People!
Deacon Jim Schurig





A Message from Our Principal…



As we enter the month of November, we like to take an extra look at what we are thankful for. I am extremely thankful for the dedicated faculty and staff of Peace Lutheran School. I am thankful for the support of our church. Not all Lutheran Schools have a church that is as supportive of their school. I am humbled to be serving in a situation that has that. I am also thankful for our parents. They sacrifice time, money, and energy to send their children to our school, and I want to thank them for choosing Peace. We are looking forward to seeing what the future hold and how we can continue to make Peace a great place to learn.

I am also thankful for the support our families had for our chapel offering this quarter. We sponsored Heifer International this quarter. Each class picked an animal or two and set that as their goal for the quarter. In the end, we raised $1612.30 for this organization. If you want to learn more about the ministries they support, visit their website heifer.org.

This month we are highlighting our 6th grade teacher Mrs. Abele. She has been a dedicated educator for over two decades, including six years as a core classroom teacher and fifteen years as a substitute teacher—seven of which were spent serving as a building substitute in Utica. For the past six years, she has considered it a true blessing to be part of the Peace Lutheran School family. Her heart for teaching shines through in her commitment to building deep connections with her students, guiding them to discover their God-given gifts, and encouraging their academic, personal, and spiritual growth as children of God. I am deeply grateful for her constant willingness to go above and beyond for the sake of her students every single day.

What Mrs. Abele values most about Peace is its close-knit, Christ-centered community, where faith is nurtured and meaningful relationships help both students and teachers thrive. Outside the classroom, she can often be found cheering on her children at their sporting events or enjoying the outdoors with her family. Whether camping, hiking, or relaxing on the beach with a good book, she loves taking time to slow down, soak in the beauty of God's creation, and make lasting memories with those she loves.



Michael Nelson
Principal

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

A Season of Gratitude in Preschool



November is a wonderful time to celebrate the beauty of fall, explore pumpkins, and reflect on all the blessings God has given us! Our preschool students are learning that God provides protection, sustenance, and guidance for His children. Through our daily lessons and conversations, we are discovering the many ways God cares for us—from food and drink to our homes, families, and toys–and most importantly, His forgiveness and great love for us through Jesus.

During Thanksgiving week, our preschoolers will celebrate with our Sharing Bowl and Thankful Plateful projects, sharing the many things they are thankful for at preschool. These special activities remind us that even our littlest learners have so much to be grateful for and that giving thanks is a wonderful way to share God's love with others.

We are busy preparing for our Christmas program, "The Shepherds' Christmas." The Christmas story of the shepherds in Luke 2:8–20 teaches preschoolers some beautiful and important truths about God's love and the birth of Jesus. It is a wonderful story for young children because it reminds them that Jesus came for everyone, God keeps His promises, and we can share the good news with others! Please join us on **Wednesday, December 9, at 6:30pm** as our preschool students tell this wonderful story.

As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, we are truly grateful for your continued support, encouragement, and prayers for our preschool ministry. Thank you for being part of our journey as we prepare children for today, tomorrow, and eternity. May God fill your hearts and homes with love and abundant blessings this Thanksgiving!
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 our office faculty and staff, who review, print, and assemble the monthly editions of "The Peace Lutheran Messenger."
You are all members of the body that makes up our "Peace Lutheran Messenger," and I thank you for your devotion and support!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Board and Ministry News...







Fall Mom to Mom Sale

November 7, 2026

Calling all moms, moms-to-be, grandparents and savvy shoppers! Do not miss our Fall Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, November y, from 8:00am-12:00pm at Peace. It is the perfect place to buy and sell gently used kids' clothes, toys, baby gear, maternity wear, and more!

Join us for great deals and big savings. Come shop, mingle, and stock up on essentials for your growing family.

Do not miss out on these fabulous finds — mark your calendar and we will see you there!

- Early Bird Admission: 8:00am
- General Admission: 9:00am
- Strollers after 10:00am
- Admission is $3 for early bird and $2 general. Kids are free!
- Concessions available.

For vendor info or questions, contact Brenda Naeyaert at bnaeyaert5@gmail.com.

All proceeds benefit Peace Youth Group.

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.



Family Skate Night

November 9, 2026

Our Student Council is hosting a Family Skate Night and would like to invite all of our church and school families. Please join us on **Monday, November 9, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, at The New Rink** for a night of fun. Skates will be available for rental for $2.00 or you can bring your own. Admission is $10. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase. Please contact the school office at 586-731-4120.

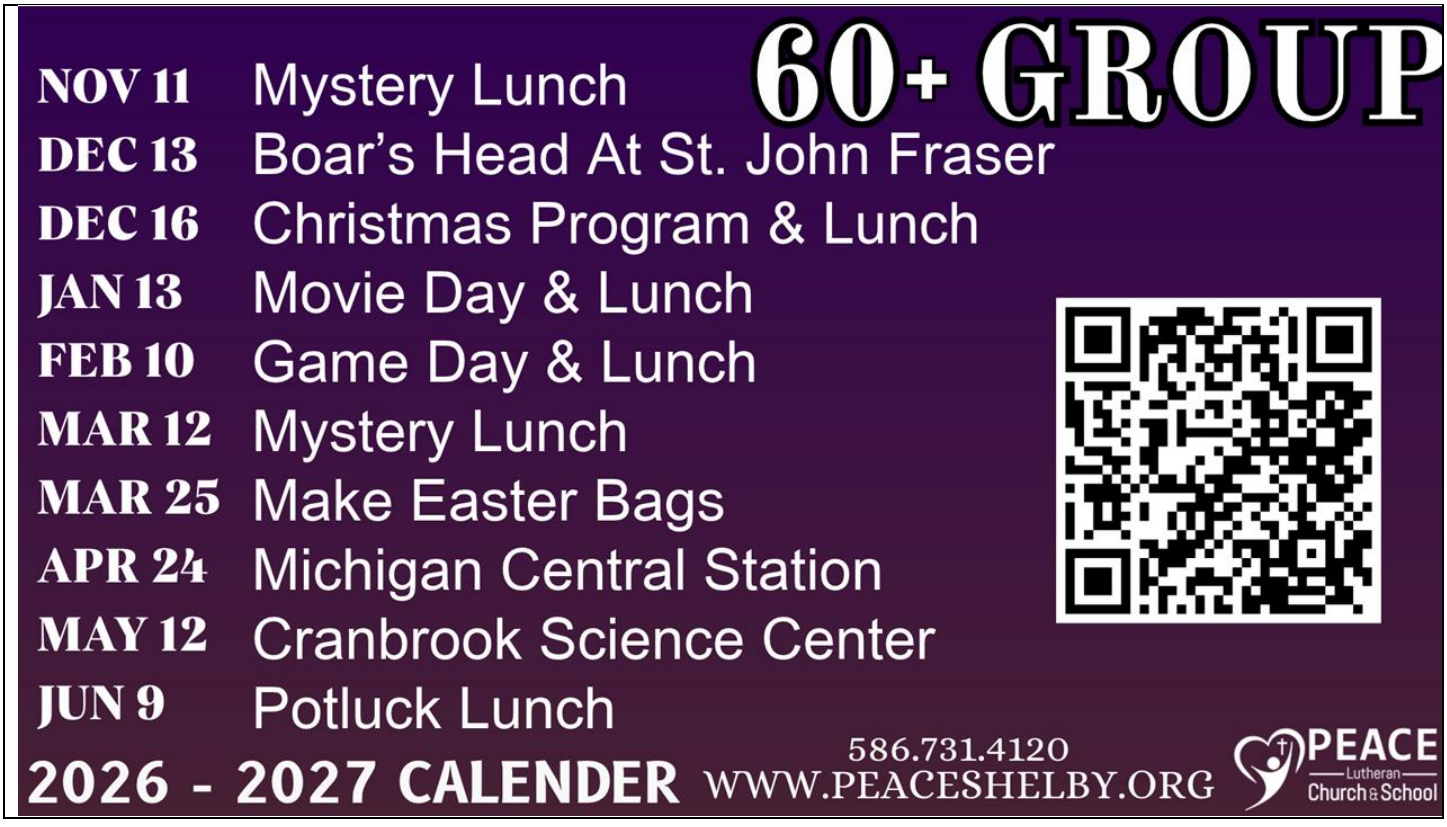


60+ Group Mystery Lunch

November 11, 12026

Do you love a mystery? Join us for our 60+ Group for a mystery lunch at a mystery location! Please arrive on time on **Wednesday, November 11, for the 11:00am** departure. Transportation is provided. We will return by 2:30pm. Lunch cost is average.

Text Karen at 586-350-8442 for more information.





Youth Friendsgiving Potluck

November 15, 2026

NOVEMBER – Know Your Identity
Theme: Who I Am in Christ
Key Verse: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." – Ephesians 2:10

Because of Jesus, we are God's beloved children, created and redeemed for His purposes. Let us all come together for a Friendsgiving Potluck, where each youth brings a dish that represents them—sharing a taste of who they are with the community. Plus, we will bless others with a Thanksgiving Service Project to serve homebound who receive Meals on Wheels.

Celebrate faith, friendship, and service as we discover our identity in Christ this November!

Sign up at https://www.peaceshelby.org/youth-ministries.



Decorate the Sanctuary

November 22, 2026

Help us decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season on **Sunday, November 22, at 11:45am**. With many helping hands, we can finish the decorating within a few hours!

THANKSGIVING BREAK

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

NO SCHOOL
OFFICE CLOSED

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

Attention Peace Members!

Do you know of a Peace college student or an active military service member? The Board of Christian Care would love to pray for and acknowledge them. Please send their name and address to christiancare@peaceshelby.org.

Special Thank You from the Board of Christian Care!

Thank you for all of your donations of hats, mittens, coats and scarves for Friends of Foster Kids in Shelby Township, Michigan. Your generous donations will help bring warmth to the hearts and bodies of our community's kids this winter!



Thanks to your generosity, we received the following items:

- 5 pairs of socks
- 15 coats
- 19 hat, glove, mitten sets
- 21 scarves
- 37 gloves or mittens
- 73 hats



FALL CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00AM – 12:00PM



Join us on **Saturday, November 14, from 9:00am-12:00pm**, as long as the weather cooperates, to help clean up our campus. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



I have a great need for Christ; I have a great Christ for my need.
—Attributed to Count Zinzendorf

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Poinsettia Youth Fundraiser

Add beauty and cheer to your home this Christmas season while supporting our Peace youth! Purchase a festive poinsettia or a fresh Christmas wreath for your home, to give as a gift, or to brighten someone's day.

All proceeds go directly to support our youth ministry — helping fund retreats and trips that help our students be Better Together in Jesus.

Order by: Friday, November 27 (Youth are available after church services each weekend in November to help with orders.)
Pick-up: Sunday, December 6 after services.

Product Descriptions:

- Each potted poinsettia comes with a sleeve and pot cover, which are included in the pricing.
- Poinsettias are available in Red, White, Pink and Marble colors.
- All specialty items (Tri and Quad Colors) are available on a first come, first serve basis, as quantities are limited.
- Wreaths: Each wreath is hand crafted, made from the finest Fraser Fir, in an assortment of sizes.
- Red Velvet Bows can be purchased for your wreaths.
- Cedar roping is available for indoor/outdoor decorating needs.

Access our webpage on peaceshelby.org to place your orders: https://www.peaceshelby.org/poinsettia-and-wreath-youth-fundraiser.



WhiteOut Jr. - Youth Winter Camp

Big Fun. Real Faith. One Unforgettable Winter Weekend.

Race down the tubing hill after dark, battle your friends on the broomball rink, and jump into games, challenges, and all kinds of winter fun! WhiteOut Jr. is packed with adventure, laughter, and plenty of chances to make memories with friends. But when the games wind down, we will make room for something even more important…

We all make mistakes, and sometimes we worry about what is coming next. At WhiteOut Jr., we will discover what it means to let Christ forgive our mistakes, trust God with the future, and follow His plans for our lives. Through worship, Bible messages, and small-group time, kids will learn that they do not have to carry their mistakes or figure everything out on their own. They can leave the past behind, trust God with what is ahead, and keep Christ at the center of it all. Register at https://www.peaceshelby.org/youth-ministries.

Dates: January 8-10, 2027 **Register by:** December 7, 2026
Where: Pine Ridge Bible Camp, 8415 17 Mile Rd NE, Cedar Springs, MI 49319
Cost: $145 (Initial registration is open now.) **Grades:** 3rd - 6th

*We will register as a group. Holly will get further details two weeks before camp.
** We will leave from Peace on Friday, January 8, at approximately 2:45pm. We will return Sunday, January 10, with an ETA of 2:30pm.
***Parents, if you are interested in chaperoning, please reach out to Holly for details.

REGISTER BY DECEMBER 14, 2026

for

WHITE OUT - YOUTH WINTER CAMP

January 22 - 24, 2027

OUTDOOR WINTER FUN & GOD'S WORD

GRADES 7 - 12

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

WhiteOut - Youth Winter Camp

(Grades 7-12)

New year. Fresh start. New intentions.

Race down the tubing hill after dark, battle your friends on the broomball rink, and jump into nonstop games and challenges. WhiteOut is packed with adventure, laughter, and plenty of opportunities to make memories with friends. But when the noise settles, we make room for something deeper…

We all have things in our past we would like to erase—and things ahead we are not sure how to navigate. Through powerful worship, honest messages, and real conversations, WhiteOut will challenge you to let Christ wash away your mistakes, surrender your future to God, and trust the plans He has for you.

Come ready to leave the past behind, look toward what is ahead, and discover what it means to live with Christ at the center of it all.

Dates: January 22 - 24, 2027
Register by: December 14, 2026
Where: Pine Ridge Bible Camp, 8415 17 Mile Rd NE, Cedar Springs, MI 49319
Cost: $145 (Initial registration is open now.)
Grades: 7th-12th

*We will register as a group. Holly will get further details two weeks before camp.
** We will leave from Peace on Friday, January 22 @ approximately 2:45pm. We will return Sunday, January 24, with an ETA of 2:30pm.
***Parents, if you are interested in chaperoning, please reach out to Holly for details.

THE POWER OF WORDS

by
Beverly Porter

I know that I did not look like I belonged on the cover of a fashion magazine that afternoon, but I did not have to hear someone imply it.

I had just come from the dentist after having endured a rather brutal cleaning from the hygienist. When I was finally given my release with strict orders to return for a crown and three fillings, I bolted from the room. I did not take the time to check the status of my hair. I went to a local craft store to return an item. The wait began as I went to the back of the line, which snaked around several aisles. Think of Disneyland and you will get the picture. My hair was not on my mind: a sandwich from Arby's was. Finally, I hear my summons to the next available register. I get my money back and did not notice that there were two cashiers behind the counter. All of a sudden, one of them says to me: “Your hair is sticking out in the back.” She looks at the other woman who nods her head and silently agrees...”Her hair is definitely sticking out in the back.”



Now I am completely taken off guard. Really, I am thinking, what else would you expect from someone who had her head riveted to the headrest of a dental chair for an hour? I did not say that but meekly responded, “I am not put together very well today.” The two fact reporting clerks now became very apologetic, but translated that meant: “But ma' am your hair really is sticking out in the back”. I smile, take my refund and rather offensive hairdo and head for the door. I can feel the eyes of the other shoppers I must first pass. They are probably also thinking, “Did she use an eggbeater on her hair because she couldn't find her hairbrush? My anticipated tasty lunch lost its appeal. I must get home and find my hairbrush.

I fumed all the way home, thinking of some really good “zingers” I could have used. Do our words really matter? Of course they do, for I had just experienced the negative effect they had on me, even though they probably were meant to be helpful. Scripture tells us that our words can either build up or tear down. Once spoken they can never be retrieved and must be chosen carefully.

Ephesians 4:29 gives clear and sound advice:
“Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word that is good for edification according to the need for the moment, that it might give grace to those who hear it.”

James 1:26 follows up with recognizing the impact of our words:
“If anyone thinks himself to be spiritual but does not bridal his tongue, he deceives his own heart and this man's religion is worthless.”

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

9:40-10:30am

HSYM/JYM

9:45am

KidZone and Nursery

During the 10:30am Service

Tuesday Bible Study

9:05am

Wednesday Bible Studies

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10:00am, Gathering Room

Wednesday Night Bible Studies

6:30pm, Bible Studies
7:00pm, Zoom Study

Thursday Bible Study

6:30pm, Adult Bible Study

Prayer Group

2:30pm, Mondays, at the Klein Residence

Church Calendar

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

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