



The

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Michigan District, LCMS

The Michigan District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod held its Triannual District Convention, June 26-28, 2022, on the Campus of Concordia University, Ann Arbor. The major topic of business was to elect a new District President who will serve for at least the next 3 years. Pastor Klemm and Deacon Jim Schurig served as Peace's official voting delegates.

Rev. David A. Davis, age 64, of Ann Arbor, Mich. was elected to his first term as Michigan District, LCMS president on the third ballot.

Pastor Davis' education includes Concordia University Ann Arbor (B.A.); Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. (M.Div.); Classical Studies at Washington University, St. Louis; and Governance and Executive Training, Pastoral Leadership Institute. He has served four congregations, all in Michigan. He currently serves St. Luke Lutheran Church in Haslett/Lansing as its executive pastor.

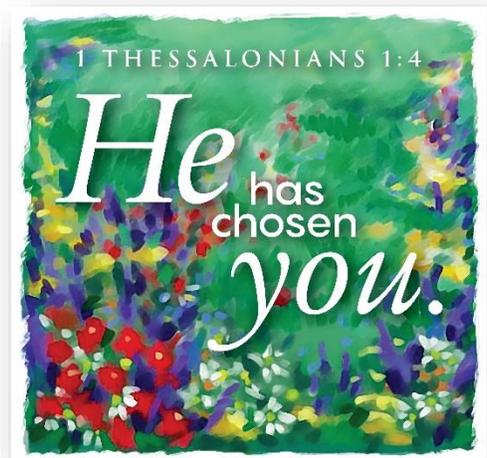
The convention also elected three new vice presidents and re-elected one. They are: Rev. Dean Davenport, first Vice President; Rev. Darryl Andrzejewski, second Vice President; Rev. Craig Bickel, third Vice President; and Rev. Erik Cloeter, fourth Vice President.

Davis and the Vice Presidents will officially take office on October 1, 2022.

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Other District positions are listed below:

- District Secretary – Rev. Douglas Adams
- Board of Directors
  - Metro West Region
    - Ordained – Rev. Joel Sarrault
    - Commissioned – Daniel Burk
    - Lay – Robert Brooks, Jr | Scott Beam
  - North & East Region
    - Ordained – Rev. Dennis Matyas
    - Commissioned – Jennifer Krause
    - Lay – Kathryn Engelhardt | John Nutzmann
- Church Extension Fund Board of Trustees
  - Ordained – Rev. David Maier | Rev. Ryan Peterson
  - Lay – Kurt Kuck | Laura Davis | Rebecca Holnagel
- Nominating Committee
  - Metro East Region
    - Ordained – Rev. Eric Majeski
    - Commissioned – David Kusch
    - Lay – Joseph Paladino
  - Metro West Region
    - Ordained – Rev. Andrew Gruenhagen
    - Commissioned – Abigail Rynearson
    - Lay – Philip Krauss II
  - North and East Region
    - Ordained – Rev. Michael Boyer
    - Commissioned – Patrick Winningham
    - Lay – John Nutzmann
  - West Region
    - Ordained – Rev. Ryan Winningham
    - Commissioned – Sarah Roth
    - Lay – Jennifer Haberling



We are grateful for all who agreed to serve and were elected. We pray for them, their health, safety and leadership as they guild our Michigan District, with all the Churches and Schools forward.



"Aging is not 'lost youth' but a new stage of opportunity and strength." - Betty Friedan

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## A Message from Our Principal...

Happy August! As we begin this month, I cannot help to think about the beginning of school being right around the corner. The summer weeks always go so quickly.

I hope you were able to have some “down” time or family time during the summer. My husband Peter and I celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in April and decided we would take a special trip for the occasion. So in July we were blessed to take a road trip! Our oldest daughter has recently moved to Colorado, so we made that our destination with some sights along the way, and the way back. Seeing God’s beautiful creation and spending time with family is always so wonderful.



This month will begin with our annual MI Lutheran Principal’s Conference up north at Higgins Lake. That is always a great time to get refocused and to spend some time with fellow principals. This year our speaker is the co-author of a book we read and discussed in our monthly principal meetings, *Marching Off the Map*.

I pray you also had time to get out of the typical routine, and that now that the summer is coming to a close, you are able to squeeze in the last few things you had hoped to do!

In Christ,

Susan Klauer

August 28<sup>th</sup>: Installation & rededication of the Peace School Staff  
August 29<sup>th</sup>: K-8 Back to School! ½ day  
September 12 & 13: Preschool Back to School!

## A Message from the Editor...

Dear Readers,



From the Editor

I hope that everyone enjoyed volunteering for and participating in Monumental VBS 2022. As of the writing of this column, we have 265 registered students and over 100 helpers. Thank you to everyone who shared God’s love with both kids and adults!

Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation!

Jackie Pilan

PS: The deadline for September’s “Peace Lutheran Messenger” is **Saturday, August 20.**

## Board and Ministry News...



**WE'RE HIRING**

### CURRENT POSITIONS

- OFFICE ASSISTANT
- K-4 MUSIC TEACHER
- CHOIR DIRECTOR

SEND RESUME TO  
[sklauer@peaceshelby.org](mailto:sklauer@peaceshelby.org)



**YES, WE ARE**

**HIRING**

**2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

**PRESCHOOL  
LEAD TEACHER**

**&**

**MORNING LATCHKEY**

IF INTERESTED  
SEND LETTER OF INTEREST  
AND RESUME TO

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

# PEACE SUMMER NIGHT

FEATURING

## “Encanto”

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

7:30PM

MOVIE, ICE CREAM, CORNHOLE, AND ALL AROUND FUN!

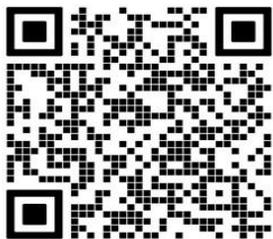
*\*Movie begins at 9:00pm (dark)*

Join your Peace family on Thursday, August 11, at 7:30pm for “Encanto” and some yummy treats! Fun and lawn games will take place on the playground prior to the movie. The movie will begin at dusk. Bring a friend or family member, lawn chairs or a blanket, and a nut free snack.

“Encanto” Age Rating is **PG** for Mild Peril, Some Thematic Elements.

# SERVE PEACE

## Volunteer Opportunities



Scan the QR code to visit  
Peace's website

([www.peaceshelby.org](http://www.peaceshelby.org))

or call the office to volunteer.

✓ Our 10:30am worship service will not be livestreamed on Sunday, August 14.



Join  
our  
Family

# Peace Lutheran Preschool

## OPEN ENROLLMENT



### WHY CHOOSE PEACE?

- ✓ LEARNING THROUGH PLAY
- ✓ LANGUAGE AND LITERACY DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ MATHEMATICAL THINKING AND EXPRESSION
- ✓ SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY
- ✓ MUSIC AND MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES
- ✓ TECHNOLOGY AND ART
- ✓ CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### NOW ENROLLING



2-year olds  
Parent & Child



3-year olds



4-year olds



Young 5s



Contact us

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# Heroes of the Bible

P T K G C S S E N L U F K N A H T Y T V K K X J  
 R N Z V F P U W E P M T H A N K S G I V I N G F  
 E S U G N G C Y I N L H B U Y H S T F V G O X Q  
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COURAGE	JOYFULNESS	WISDOM	SELF CONTROL
LOYALTY	CONFIDENCE	HONOR	COMMITMENT
HUMILITY	THANKFULNESS	FORGIVENESS	FAITHFULNESS
OBEDIENCE	PAUL	PETER	SOLOMON
DAVID	RUTH	DEBORAH	GIDEON
CHRISTMAS	JESUS	LOVE	THANKSGIVING
JOSEPH	ABRAHAM	NOAH	

## COUNTRY ROADS

It was an unknown road that led us to our present home. We were looking for a home in the country and blindly allowed our realtor to take us to worlds unknown as we



bumped along one dirt road after another. Finally, she stopped at a vacant piece of property, a meadow on a hill overlooking the road we had just traveled. I fell in love with it at first sight. "They are going to pave the county line, just a half mile north of here," she chirped. That clinched the deal, and we signed on the dotted line. That was 40 years ago and they still have not paved this road that separates two counties. We happen to be in the one that has the higher taxes, a minor detail we overlooked with the promise of making a road more manageable, still ringing in our ears. A hilly, winding, pothole ridden road determined our future and I have not regretted our decision.

What is the charm of driving down a country road? City dwellers will pile into their cars, family in tow, and drive without a plan in search of country beauty. They are mesmerized by the color green that dominates the fields and the large trees that make a canopy above the dirt roads. They gaze at silos, cows and horses grazing behind split rail fences. Homes of varying sizes, age and architecture, so unlike the confines of city suburbs, dot the wide stretches of land that separate them. Acres, I believe, is the term that is so commonly used in these parts, only a few miles from the suburban plots of ground. A ride to the country rejuvenates the spirit and makes one forget that they have maybe picked up a hard stone in one of their tires and left a film of dust or mud on their car. The bumpy ride only added to the charm of this Sunday afternoon excursion and they could not wait to do it again.

Being a resident here, I have experienced my own personal charms of country roads. I have seen a swan sitting on her huge nest of branches on the shore of the lake just down the road. I silently prayed that she would not have to weather a spring snowfall before she hatched her eggs. Several weeks later, while walking down "her road," I saw the mother and father swans on the lake with their new brood of three downy cygnets. Another sight I won't forget

was stopping for a baby skunk waddling across the road as I neared my home. My daughter wanted to keep him. I said NO! Other sightings have included many newly hatched frogs leaping across the road, as well a very large turtle with mud on her shell, having recently crawled out of a nearby swamp. Deer have foolishly jumped in front of our car, causing near heart attacks (our hearts, not theirs). A country road is a garbage pickers' playground and I have rescued wonderful treasures from the fate of a garbage truck.

Do not get the impression that country roads are only what inspires poetry and artistic paintings. I am angered when I see old mattresses and other much-used furniture discarded here as if they were convenient disposal grounds. New electrical lines erected on my road, prompted the electrical company to cut down tree after tree in order to put in additional telephone poles. My "tree tunnel," that always welcomed my arrival home, was part of the devastation that stripped my road of its natural beauty. I still grieve when I pass by the changes to the scenery.

Roads always lead to somewhere. "All roads lead to Rome" is an old expression. That may be true, but I would sum up my experience with country roads this way: My country road leads to HOME.

But as we consider our earthly home and the attachment we have to it, let us not forget the Home that awaits us in glory. As much as we can relate to our earthly home, our Heavenly Home is beyond our comprehension. The things that make our present home a place a security and a "place of our own," will pale in comparison to the security and ownership we will experience when we see Jesus waiting our arrival. We truly will be Home.

*"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."*  
Philippians 3:20

*"But as it is written, No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him."*  
I Corinthians 2:9

Written by Beverly Porter

**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

**JYM**

9:45am

(JYM is on Summer Break)

**KidZone and Nursery**

During the 10:30am Service  
(KidZone is on Summer Break)

**Wednesday Bible Studies**

**Women's Bible Study, 10:00am**  
(See you in the fall!)

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

6:30pm Zoom Bible Study  
(See you in the fall!)

**Thursday Bible Study**

Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm

**Saturday Bible Studies**

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

**Prayer Group**

7:00pm, Mondays

**Church Calendar**

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

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9:00am-1:00pm

Starting August 29: 8:00am-4:30pm

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