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Celebrating Our Pastor on a Very Special Occasion

Happy 25th
AnniversAry!



June 3rd marks a special day in our pastor’s life. 25 years ago, Rev. David Klemm, was ordained into The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod as a called pastor.

Pastor Klemm attended Concordia College in Ann Arbor and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1985. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Warren and, under the leadership and urging of Pastor John Duerr, served God’s church in many ways including elder and Bible Study leader. During this time, in his life, he was busy working at Klemm’s Party Store and raising his family. After many years of God’s nudging for him to pursue the pastoral ministry, he packed up his family and home in Metro-Detroit and headed to Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis, MO. He lived in Saint Louis from 1997-1999 and then again from 2000-2001. His vicarage year was served at Trinity Lutheran Church in Baton Rouge, LA.

He received his placement to serve as an Associate Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill, WI on Call Day in April of 2001 and was ordained into the ministry on June 3, 2001.

Pastor Klemm served Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill, WI as their Associate Pastor from June 30, 2001 – June 4, 2004, before being called to serve as their Senior Pastor on June 4, 2004. He served them through September of 2009 before coming to Peace, Shelby Township in November of the same year.

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June must be his favorite month. He celebrates 25 years of being a pastor on June 3 and a birthday on June 21. If you notice the dates above...he also received the Call to serve as a Senior Pastor at his previous congregation in June.

Former classmate and fellow pastor, Rev. John Greig, shares: *"Dave knew, in undergrad, he was going to be a pastor someday. He just did not know when. God used the time in between to prepare him for pastoral ministry. He has always had a huge heart for God and people, and he wanted to do whatever he could to further God's kingdom. Dave's been a good friend through the years, and I was happy to reconnect with him while I was serving in Michigan."*

His former Senior Pastor and mentor, Rev. John Duerr, shares this: *"I remember Pastor David Klemm as a man who had an unfulfilled dream. I got to know Dave in the mid-nineties when I became pastor of Hope in Warren, as his whole family was very active in the church. He, his dad and his brother-in-law all served as elders in the church, and his mom served the church in more ways than I can count. Although I did not know it at first, I learned pretty quickly that Dave Klemm had a long-time desire to become a pastor, and while that desire had been interrupted, it never went away. In fact, his work in the church only increased his desire to serve the Lord full time as a Pastor. Through some encouraging words from his family and friends, Dave quit his job and took the very bold step of moving his family to Missouri and enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Concordia Seminary in St Louis. After completing 2 years of course work in St Louis, he moved his family to Louisiana for a year of vicarage and then back to St Louis for his final year of course work. I remember fondly our ministry conversations over a cup of coffee when he came back into town. His enthusiasm and love for the Gospel was always on display!"*



On June 1, 2001, David Klemm became Pastor David Klemm through the Rite of Ordination at Hope Lutheran Church in Warren. Now, 25 years later we thank God for the dedicated and loving ministry of Pastor Klemm both at Trinity in Merrill, Wisconsin and at Peace in Shelby Township, Michigan. In the words of St Paul in Philippians 1:3-6, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

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Will you please join me in a prayer of thanksgiving for our pastor, our shepherd, our friend, and fellow Child of God, Rev. David Klemm?

*Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for your infinite love in sending your Son, Jesus, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness. Thank you for sending us a pastor that serves you with his whole heart. Pastor Klemm not only teaches us in Your Word, but he deeply cares for each member (and guest) at Peace. His laughter, his kindness, his humility, and his patience (with your people) are a testament to the way that you created him and how your Holy Spirit works within him. Please watch over our beloved pastor and help us to support and encourage him in the next years of service. We thank you for sending us a shepherd that truly cares for his flock. Lord, we lift Pastor Klemm and his extended family to you and ask that you put a hedge of protection around him. Wrap your loving arms around him and grant him your unexplainable peace.*



In your Son's precious and Holy name, Amen.

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With much love, respect, and gratitude for Pastor Klemm,

Laurie Brown

A Message from Our Deacon...

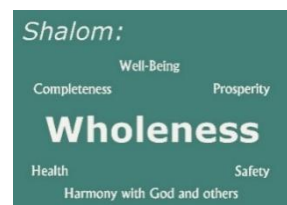


We are blessed to be able to celebrate another month! June is a month of transition. We all transition from spring into summer. Our students transition to another grade. Some are transitioning to another school. We see so many changes. You know who does not change or transition? Our God. We read in Hebrews 13:8, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. So, we can know that when things seem topsy-turvy, our God is there for us.

We get to celebrate Father's Day on June 21st. We get to celebrate Vacation Bible School June 22 thru 26. Our campus comes alive with kids excited to learn more about Jesus!

As you make plans for vacation, I encourage you to make plans to worship our unchanging God too. I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer! Shalom, Shalom!

Serving Jesus and His People,
Deacon Jim Schurig



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



As the school year comes to a close, we are excited to welcome our Preschool Summer Camp crew and students for three weeks of summer fun! From hands-on science exploration to s'more camping adventures, our campers are sure to enjoy an exciting start to the summer season. Our staff has planned engaging activities that will keep children learning, growing, creating, and making wonderful memories—all while having a ton of fun!

As we look ahead to fall, we still have openings available in our Panther Cubs program for two-year-olds and their caregiver on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. We also have spots available in our Tuesday/Thursday 3s classes. We would love to welcome new families into our preschool community!

For additional information or to schedule a tour, please contact the school office.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe, and blessed summer!

Blessings,

Suzette Quail
Early Childhood Director

A Message from the Editor...

Dear Readers,



From the Editor

Celebrate safely!

Congratulations to all graduates. I pray that your future is filled with God's direction and blessings as He travels with you on your new adventures. Happy Father's Day to all of the dads and father figures. I pray that God continues to guide you as you mentor not only your families, but your neighbors and communities as well.

Jackie Pilan

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



Every man who desires to become a true father has to look continually to the Lord, that he might learn of him how to relate to his own children. — Sunday Adelaja

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Board and Ministry News...

Peace Lutheran Student Council Presents...



FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

MONDAY, JUNE 1ST
6:00-8:00PM

ADMISSION: \$10.00
BRING YOUR OWN SKATES OR
BLADES. SKATE OR INLINE RENTAL \$2.00
*ALL CHILDREN BETWEEN 3 - 17
MUST PAY ADMISSION TO ENTER*

5062 VANDYKE ~SHELBY TWP
(586)731-5006 ~ WWW.THENEWRINK.COM

WEAR YOUR PEACE SPIRIT WEAR!!

Family Skate Night

June 1, 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, June 1, 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.

**DON'T COOK!
PARTY SPECIAL
1 WHOLE PIZZA & 4
16OZ.DRINKS ONLY \$20**

AFTERNOON AT THE BALLPARK

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 | FIRST PITCH 1:05PM | GATES OPEN 12:00PM



Join your Peace Family for a Kick-Off To Summer!
Signup by Monday, May 18
at www.peaceshelby.org

Baseball Outing

Peace is headed to the ballpark! Join your Peace Family on this kick-off to summer outing. It will be an afternoon of fun, entertainment and baseball at UWM Field (formerly Jimmy John's) on **Sunday, June 7, at 1:05pm. Gates open at 12:00pm.** Wear your favorite Peace shirt!

When: Sunday, June 7 at 1:05pm (Gates open 12:00pm)

Where: UWM Field, 7171 Auburn Rd, Utica, MI 48317

Cost: \$5/person



American Red Cross



Blood Drive

TUESDAY

June 9

12:00pm – 6:00pm

Register at www.redcrossblood.org
enter sponsor code: peaceshelby

Red Cross Blood Drive

June 9, 2026

Peace is hosting a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on **TUESDAY, JUNE 9**, 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-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) for availability or go to www.redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code: peaceshelby. You may also call Peggy Bobel at 248-840-0553.



MONDAY – FRIDAY

June 15 – 19

9:00am – 3:30pm

Camp Invention®

USE CODE FUN20

to save \$20

(exp 4/28)

www.peaceshelby.org/camp-invention

“I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren’t trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom.” — Umberto Eco

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HAPPY
father's Day
SUNDAY, JUNE 21
 JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
 8:30AM & 10:30AM
ALL MEN RECIEVE A SPECIAL GIFT



**GROW IN GRACE
 AND KNOWLEDGE
 OF OUR LORD
 AND SAVIOR
 JESUS CHRIST.
 TO HIM BE GLORY
 BOTH NOW
 AND FOREVER! AMEN.
 2 PETER 3:18**

KNOW
GROW
SOW



"When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry."
 —William Shakespeare
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Senior High Youth Gathering Mackinac Island Grades 8-12

MICHIGAN DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING

John
4:14



Mighty Waters

Featuring: Flame, Tanner Olson,
Swen & Dean and more!



June 28 - July 1, 2026

Registration Closed

Please pray for our youth as they prepare!

CURRENT
GRADES 5-8

JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING



**ALIEN
FELLOWSHIP**



2026 1 PETER 3:15b

Featuring:
Swen (Speaker)
Swen & Dean (Music)
and more!



FRANKENMUTH, JULY 28-30

Final Registration due 5/31

Visit www.peaceshelby.org for Details



SAVE THE DATE
VBS 2026 RAINFOREST FALLS
Volunteers Needed!

Root Kids in a Relationship With God

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They will explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

Check out our VBS webpage for our donation and wish lists.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We need you! Volunteer positions for before and during VBS. VBS volunteers must be going into 7th grade* (Fall 2026) 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.
- **VBS PREP:** Help the week before VBS. Timing is flexible to your schedule.



Hours are eligible for credit toward National Honor Society, Noah, Joy and Peace and other group volunteer hours.



**All Member
Voter's Meeting**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 28**

FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM SERVICE



**SUMMER
OFFICE HOURS**

MONDAY, JUNE 22 – FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00AM - 12:00PM

CLOSED

MONDAY, JUNE 29 – FRIDAY, JULY 3

Peace Lutheran and School: "Reaching out to help people experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ!"

WHEN LOSING IS NOT LOST

by Beverly Porter

I have a friend who makes a great traveling companion, even if our travels are only a few miles. She and I are on the same level of distraction and poor navigational skills and both of us have a wacky sense of humor. All of these “qualities” make the above possible. Missed exits are rectifiable; our arrival time, not so much.

But our most recent travel experience tops them all for we never even made it out of the parking of the event we were attending. My friend was to take me home and after getting me comfortably seated in the passenger seat, she got behind the wheel. It was then that she realized that she did not have her purse and keys. “Oh dear,” she exclaimed, “I must have left them inside the building.” She returned without the purse with a puzzled look on her face. “Go look again,” I encouraged her. After several more futile attempts, her usual calm demeanor was showing signs of anxiety. “Do I really want to ride with this woman?” I began to wonder...



By now. My friend had drawn the attention of several of the event workers who came out with their cell phones. Each time they called her cell, I could hear her phone ringing in the car. They would check it out but could not find either purse or phone. Finally, my friend had a brilliant idea and wondered if I might be sitting on her purse? Much to everyone's surprise and my embarrassment, I was! The vibrations of the ringing phone could not be felt through the leather seat and my coat. That is my story and I am sticking to it.

Are there some spiritual applications that can be drawn from this unusual, almost travel experience? I think there is a concept of LOST vs, CLOSE BY. The purse seemed to be lost, but in reality, it was close by. The seekers just needed to ask the right questions to the right person and the purse would have been found close by. The Book of James exemplifies this principle when it says, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of the Lord who gives to all liberally and without reproach.” Wisdom is available, CLOSE BY. It is only LOST when we wander of on our making and cannot find it. James extends the advice to cover material needs in JAMES 4:2...” You have not because you ask not and when you do you ask with wrong motives.” Again, what you need is only a humble prayer away, CLOSE BY. The opportunity is LOST when greed leads to manipulation, cheating and other selfish practices. “The opportunity is LOST when attaining your wants or needs leads to manipulation, cheating and other selfish practices.”

In summary: LOST and CLOSE BY are two opposing results from the same situation. How you decide will determine the outcome.

"[Christ] wants a child's heart, but a grown-up's head. He wants us to be simple, single-minded, affectionate and teachable, as good children are; but he also wants every bit of intelligence we have to be alert at its job, and in first-class fighting trim." — C.S.

Lewis, Mere Christianity

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Let your light shine

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

Candlestick	Darkness	Bushel	Heaven	Gospel
Candle	Share	Bible	World	Devil
Jesus	Shine	Light	Hear	Ears
Hill	City	Lamb	Lost	Lion
God				

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 Study

6:30pm, Women's Study,
Gathering Room

Prayer Group

2:30pm, Mondays, at the
Klein Residence

Church Calendar

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

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