



The

Peace Lutheran Messenger

Helping people experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ!

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Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

“He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.” Matthew 28:6

Easter is an awesome time of year – a time when we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection and the gift of eternal life He earned for us! So, let us rejoice over the new life that Jesus has given us – let us rejoice and celebrate it – each and every day!

**Join us as we worship and witness
our Lord’s great love for all people!
Please consider INVITING SOMEONE
who needs to hear
how much God loves them!**



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – March 29	8:30am & 10:30am
Maundy Thursday – April 2	6:30pm
Good Friday – April 3	12:00pm & 6:30pm
Easter Sunday – April 5	8:30am & 10:30am

EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter morning in the gymnasium, 9:15am-10:30am

“PEACE YOUTH GROUP” Fundraiser

(free will donation)

A Message from Our Deacon...



April is here! We get to celebrate the biggest day on the Christian calendar: EASTER! This day is so special. Of course, it is Resurrection Day! Jesus Christ of Nazareth was dead and now He is ALIVE! What does this mean to you and me? It means that we do not have to even think about hell. Jesus has defeated eternal death for us! Because He lives, not only can we face tomorrow, we are promised by God, that we will live eternally with our Savior in heaven! That is the best news ever! What incredible news!

It seems to me, that this has been a tough, long winter. Friends, we are now in SPRING! Warm weather is coming. Beautiful flowers and the chance to spend some time in the warm sunshine. Every year we look forward to seeing nature "come back to life." Flowers re-appear, buds on the trees sprout leaves, and the grass turns green. We get to hear the children playing outside. I love it.

I encourage you to invite others to church. We all can peer into the empty tomb and say HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! Happy Easter! Shalom, Shalom!

Serving God and His People!
Deacon Jim Schurig

Shalom:

Well-Being
Completeness Prosperity
Wholeness
Health Safety
Harmony with God and others

SPRING BREAK

MARCH 30 - APRIL 6

OFFICE HOURS

MARCH 30, APRIL 1-3 8:00AM-12:00PM

MARCH 31 & APRIL 6 - CLOSED

A Message from Our Principal...



Happy Easter!

Many great things are happening here at Peace Lutheran. March was our big March is Reading Month celebration. We set some lofty goals for this month, but at the writing of this message, both the staff and students are close to meeting their goals! They are looking forward to some great experiences because of their awesome amount of reading. It is great to see how many students d themselves to read.

We have a group of four 5th graders who are currently reading 12 books to prepare for the upcoming Battle of the Books. This is our second year that we have been able to participate, and they are excited to show off all the knowledge they learned while reading those books. They will compete against 30 other teams from the Lutheran Schools in our area. I know our "Plot Twisters" will represent Peace well.



We are also preparing our FunD Run fundraiser. A special thanks to Mrs. Johnson in our preschool for taking the reins and helping to set up this fundraiser. Keep an eye on the e-news for more information on how you can get involved. Thanks for your support!



Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to buy almost \$1000 of new recess equipment. Thank you for continuing to support all areas of our student's development.

I also want to thank each one of our teachers. They do so many things that go unseen and unheralded. I know I do not thank them enough, but if you happen to run into any of our teachers,

please thank them for serving their Lord through their students. I know it would mean a lot to them.

Finally, I ask for prayers for our school. We already have 196 students registered for next year in our K-8 grades and over 100 on the preschool side. God is truly blessing this place as we continue to share the love of Jesus with as many children as we can. Please pray that we can serve as many families as possible and partner with them as they parent students through these new times.



Michael Nelson,
Principal

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



April brings excitement to our classrooms as we welcome the beauty of spring, new life, and warmer weather! Our preschoolers are enjoying learning about all things spring—exploring insects, bugs, butterflies, and worms as we discover the wonders of God’s creation together. The children love observing how the world around us begins to grow and change during this season.

We are also looking forward to a special opportunity to sing in church on April 12. Our preschoolers are excited to share their voices as we celebrate the wonderful news that **Jesus is alive—Hosanna!** It is always such a joy for the children to participate in worship with our church family.

Another exciting event this month is the opening of **Preschool Summer Camp registration on April 1**. We will offer three fun-filled weeks of preschool activities designed to engage and inspire your little learner. This year’s themes include Summer Fun, Little Science Explorers, and S’More Camping Fun. Our camps are open to families of Peace as well as friends in our community, so be sure to invite a friend to join the fun!

Spring is a wonderful time of growth, discovery, and celebration in preschool. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn, laugh, and share God’s love with your children each day. Thank you for supporting our preschool ministry with your prayers.

Blessings,

Suzette Quail
Early Childhood Director



A Message from the Editor...

Dear Readers,



Happy Easter! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! May the miracles of the Easter Resurrection bring you hope, joy, and personal renewal all year long!

Please check out this newsletter for the many events and activities that Peace Lutheran Church and School has waiting for you! We have events, activities, and studies for all ages!

God’s Blessings!

Jackie Pilan

PS: The deadline for May’s “Peace Lutheran Messenger” is **Monday, April 20**.

Board and Ministry News...



60+ GROUP

THURSDAY - APRIL 2 - 10:00AM

****DAY & TIME CHANGE****

ASSEMBLE EASTER GOODIE BAGS



60+ Group Easter Goodie Bag Assembly

April 2, 2026

Join us on **Thursday, April 2, at 10:00am**, to assemble Easter Goodie Bags, which will be given to children after the Easter Sunday services. We have plenty of fun assembling the bags, and the kids enjoy the "fruits of our labor"!

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2

6:30PM - IN PERSON & LIVESTREAMED

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday signifies Jesus' last supper with His disciples. Join us in-person and streaming on **Thursday, April 2, at 6:30pm**.

This is a Traditional Music service.

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3

12:00PM & 6:30PM - IN PERSON
LIVESTREAMED @ 12:00PM

Good Friday

April 3, 2026

On Good Friday, we observe the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. Join us **Friday, April 3**, for this solemn and moving tribute **in-person and streaming at 12:00pm and in-person at 6:30pm**. This is a Traditional Music service.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5

8:30AM & 10:30AM

IN PERSON & LIVESTREAMED

NO BIBLE STUDIES, KIDZONE OR NURSERY

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Come celebrate the resurrection of our LORD with Easter Sunday service on **Sunday, April 5**, at **8:30am** and **10:30am**.

The 8:30am is a Traditional Worship Service, while the 10:30am will be a Contemporary Music service.

We will be live streaming both services on Facebook, YouTube, and the Peace App. **There will be NO Adult Bible Study, JYM Bible Study, Nursery or KidZone.**

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 5 9:15 - 10:30am

Peace Youth Group Fundraiser

Free Will Donation to Support Future Youth Trips

Easter Breakfast Youth Fundraiser

April 5, 2026

Join us for **Easter Breakfast** on **Sunday, April 5**, from **9:15am** until **10:30am**. We will have a delicious breakfast buffet in the gym between Easter Sunday services. The breakfast is a youth fundraiser to help support our youth for future trips.

SPRING CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

9:00AM – 12:00PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SIGN UP AT WWW.PEACESHELBY.ORG

Funeral Luncheon Ministry

Peace Lutheran Family and Friends,

Thank you so very much for your prayers and meal donations for the recent funeral luncheons at Peace. Your generosity allowed many people to enjoy a delicious meal while catching up with family and friends and celebrating the lives of their loved ones. Any leftovers were sent home with family members and donated to the SSS Meal Ministry at Trinity-Utica.



If you would like to join our Funeral Luncheon Ministry, we would appreciate your involvement! Your name will be added to a list designated to the specific dish that you would like to donate, such as "hot dish", "side dish," "salad" or "dessert". When a luncheon is planned, you will be called ahead of time by one of our volunteers. By serving in this capacity, please know how much you will be helping the family and friends to feel the love of Peace Lutheran Church during a difficult time. We are also in need of volunteers to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up opportunities.

Please contact Tamara Amey at 586-246-1629 for more information and to join the ministry.

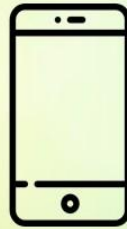
The Board of Christian Care

WAYS TO GIVE



IN-PERSON

Envelope



MOBILE

Peace Shelby App
or text GIVE2PEACE
to 206-859-9405



ONLINE

Peaceshelby.org

SAMARITAN HOUSE FOOD DRIVE

GRAB A BAG & LIST

PICK UP ON

Sunday, April 12 &

Sunday, April 19

in nartex after church services

DROP OFF BY

Sunday, April 26

school office or at church



Board of Christian Care Food Drive for Samaritan House

Peace is holding a food drive to help stock the shelves of our local Samaritan House. Your donations will be greatly appreciated!

- **Sunday, April 12 and 19:** Pick up a tagged bag listing needed items, which will be available in the narthex/lobby.
- **Sunday, April 26:** Drop-off donated items by Sunday, April 26, in tagged bags at our school or church.

Donated items will be delivered to Samaritan House by April 28.

You can contact the Board of Christian Care at christiancare@peaceshelby.org.

Yes, I can!



WAYS TO SERVE

I cannot end poverty, but I can feed one hungry person. I cannot stop war, but I can offer peace to my neighbor. I cannot prevent death, but I can hold the hand of someone who is dying.



These may seem like small acts, yet they are far harder—and far more meaningful—than any grand plan for social change. Christ reminds us of their worth: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40, NIV). *(Taken with permission from www.newsletternewsletter.com)*

Game On!

A Mother-Son Event at ZAP ZONE

Sunday, April 12 1:00-3:00pm

Register: www.peaceshelby.org

Mother and Son Fun

April 12, 2026

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of fun at Zap Zone! Moms and sons of all ages are invited to team up, laugh big, and make lasting memories together. Experience the thrill of laser tag, test your skills on the pixel floor, take a spin in bumper cars, hang on tight with bull riding, snap smiles at selfie golf, and enjoy even more exciting activities. Whether you are competing, cheering each other on, or just having fun side by side, this high-energy night is all about connection, play, and time together. Meal, dessert, and games! Pre-registration is required.

Register by Monday, April 6, at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/mother-and-son-fun>. We look forward to seeing you there!

Date and Time: Sunday, April 12, 2026; 1:00-12:00pm

Cost: \$20/person

Menu: Pizza & Drinks

Who: All ages. Moms (or Mom-like figures) and sons of any age

Location: Meet at Zap Zone Sterling Heights

I have learned that people are more influenced by how much I care than by how much I know.
—Anonymous

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Gumdrops & Giggles

Daddy-Daughter Dance at Peace Lutheran

Sunday, April 12
5:00–7:00pm

Register: www.peaceshelby.org

Daddy Daughter Dance

April 12, 2026

Step into a world of sweetness at Gumdrops & Giggles, a Daddy–Daughter Dance filled with joy, laughter, and unforgettable memories! Dads (and dad-like figures) are invited to escort their daughters for a magical evening of dancing, delicious treats, and fun-filled activities designed just for them. Enjoy dinner, sweet snacks and refreshments, capture the moment at a photo station. From twirling on the dance floor to sharing smiles over dessert, this special event is all about celebrating the priceless bond between dads and daughters in a delightfully sweet way. 🍬💕

Meal, dessert, dancing and activities! Pre-registration is required. **Register by Monday, April 6.** We look forward to seeing you there!

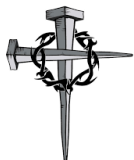
Date and Time: Sunday, April 12, 2026; 5:00-7:00pm

Cost: \$20/person

Menu: Penne Marinara, Fettuccine Alfredo, Chicken Tenders, Red-skin Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad

Who: All ages. Dads (or dad-like figures) and their daughters

Location: Peace Lutheran Gym



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Walk by Faith

Peace Lutheran School FunD Run

April 24

Want to support the FunD Run, but aren't connected to a student enrolled at Peace?



Scan the QR code to make a general donation toward our \$20,000 goal!



Donations accepted until May 3

Our FunD Run is a high-energy event where students run, cheer, and celebrate while working together to support our school. Leading up to the event, students gather pledges from family and friends to help us reach our fundraising goal. The funds raised through the FunD Run allow us to invest in the spaces where our children learn, grow, worship, compete, create, and build lifelong friendships.

As we lace up and look ahead to our upcoming FunD Run, we want to take a moment to celebrate what *you* have already helped us accomplish. Because of your generosity and joyful participation in past fundraisers, our school and church spaces have been transformed in meaningful ways!

Through fundraising efforts like our Raise Craze and other events, we have:

- Painted school hallways and refreshed the lobby
- Completed a beautiful feature brick backdrop wall in the church
- Renovated the boys' and girls' locker rooms with new paint, flooring, sinks, countertops, toilets, and fixtures (even the plungers!)
- Installed new flooring, paint, and countertops in the kitchen and gym storage area
- Added a new sound and screen system in the church
- Updated hallway bathrooms with new flooring, paint, and fixtures
- Gym LED lighting
- Gym curtain and gym wall pads with school logo

These improvements have created a safer, brighter, and more welcoming space for our students, families, staff, and church community. Every coat of paint, every tile, every upgrade reflects the love and support of our school family.

Your support truly makes a difference. Together, we can continue providing a safe, beautiful, and inspiring environment for our students and families. Thank you for helping us runs toward something great with energy, joy, and school spirit!

Register at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/school-fund-run>.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL PRESENTS

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP 2026



Week 1
Summer Fun!
June 1-4
9 a.m. – noon

Outdoor adventures, bubble making, boat races, cold treats, and more! The perfect kick-off to a summer of fun!

Week 2
Curious Kids Science Lab
June 8-11
9 a.m. – noon

Hands-on experiments and exciting discoveries that will spark curiosity as we explore the wonders of science.

Week 3
S'more Camping Fun
June 15-18
9 a.m. – noon

Our classrooms transform into cozy campsites for a s'mores-inspired week of imaginative play and learning!



\$100/camp

Ages 3-6

Must be potty trained

Online Registration opens April 1

www.peaceshelby.org

Questions? Contact Early Childhood Director Suzette Quail
squail@peaceshelby.org or 586.731.4120

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

June 7, 2026

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

Signup by Monday, May 18, at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/baseball-outing>.

Special Dates for April 2026

- Holy Week Continues, *March 29-April 5, 2026*
- Maundy Thursday, *April 2, 2026*
- Good Friday, *April 3, 2026*
- Easter Sunday, *April 5, 2026*
- Earth Day, *April 22, 2026*
- Administrative Professionals Day, *April 22, 2026*



Easter is the great proclamation and promise of God that nothing can overcome God's love, not even the murder of the Son of God. —Charles Ferrell (Taken with permission from www.newsletternewsletter.com)



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.

PARTICIPATION REGISTRATION

Participation registration starts on April 1, 2026!

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.
- **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! Sign up at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/vbs>.

**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

Registration due 4/30

Visit www.peaceshelby.org for Details

Senior High Youth Gathering Mackinac Island Grades 8-12

MICHIGAN DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING

*John
4:14*

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

Mighty Waters



June 28 - July 1, 2026

Registration due 3/31

Visit www.peaceshelby.org for Details

MOVING

by Beverly Porter

Here is a question for you. What event in your life is bound to leave you totally overwhelmed, cause sleepless nights, test your faith, and make you wish that you were any place but here? If you guessed moving, you are right. For those of you who have not had this experience, take note, It is coming someday. I am still looking for my brain but I think I packed it in box marked Salvation Army. I think I already donated it. I hope that they accepted it and I can buy it back.



Forty-five years ago, we moved from a small bungalow in the city to a larger home in the country. We did not have a lot of STUFF so the move was not too painful. But it is possible that I erased it from my memory. It is amazing what 45 years can do for your mind. But I do remember when our next-door neighbors moved many years before us. My friend, with a glazed look in her eyes, threw a shoe into the van before the door closed. I do not know if the other shoe ever made it. I hope it did. I also will not forget her troubled expression. We are now in the reverse mode and downsizing. As I took a side glance in the lovely mirror on the wall, I noticed that I had the same glazed look as my friend. Mmmm, I wondered, should I take the mirror?

Moving is often mentioned in scripture under many different circumstances. Abram (later called Abraham) moved many times, the first time from Haran to Canaan. I wonder how many camels he loaded up, for he had accumulated much wealth and people who followed him. Years later, he sent his servant out to find a wife for his son Isaac. Genesis Chapter 24 records the amazing story how Rebekah was the one found to be the right choice, She left in a few days with a stranger to marry someone she had never met. A hasty move, depriving her mother of planning a wedding. Because of news that the famine was over, Ruth and Naomi moved from their home in Moab. They traveled with their meager possessions on foot back to Naomi's former home in Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph left in the middle of the night for Egypt as God warned them of Herod's plan to kill Jesus, who was a supposed threat to his throne. But the strangest move of all was Jonah's. God told him to go to wicked and cruel Nineveh and preach to them. He did not like that idea and instead boarded a ship going in the opposite direction. During a terrible storm, he was thrown overboard and swallowed by a great fish. Several days later, the fish spit him out near Nineveh. He arrived a "bit smelly," and decided to obey God. A moving van now does not sound so bad.

So now as I attempt to filter out the wants from the necessities (I use that term loosely), all of us Movers can learn from the Apostle Paul as he gives wise advice that can be applied to moving. However, do not forget to take your Bible. You will need it.

"I have learned to be content in whatever state I am in." - Philippians 4:11

"Be generous and ready to share." - I Timothy 6:18

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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