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The **Red Letter** Challenge – Fall Campaign



The Red Letter Challenge is a 40-day Discipleship challenge. In the Red Letter Challenge, we will be introduced, through the words of Jesus, to the five main points of being a disciple.

Why does the world around us and the life we live not look anything like the reality Jesus talked about? Why is there no significant difference between the lives of those who call themselves Christians and the rest of the world? What kind of witness can we be in this world if we simply look the same as everyone else? If we are a poor representation of who God is, then what needs to change? What can we do? Rather than shrugging it off, isn't it time to change people's perceptions about the followers of Christ?

How does the Challenge work?

The first five days will serve as an introduction. You will learn a bit more about each of the five major principles from Jesus. From there, on each of the following 35 days, we will see a quote directly from the mouth of Jesus. The quotation will be followed by a devotion, one or more specific words on that day. Some will be very specific and others will be very broad. Each day we will be encouraged to complete the Challenge.

The Peace Family will do this challenge together. **The Red Letter Challenge will be formally introduced Sunday, September 11, at our Outdoor Service.** A six-week sermon series on the Red Letter Challenge will accompany a six week Bible Study that EVERY Peace member is encouraged to participate in. Bible Study opportunities will be published in the near future.



Let us not just be a group of believers who are satisfied with just checking the religious boxes. We are made for, so much more, so let us join together as a family of faith and let the Holy Spirit change us, encourage us and grow us so that we can make a greater difference in our families, community, and the world! Join us for The Red Letter Challenge.

God's Peace,
Pastor Klemm

A Message from the Editor...

Dear Readers,

Welcome back Parents, Students, Peace Faculty and Staff!



From the Editor

I pray that you all had an enjoyable summer, and that you have many exciting and inspirational stories to share with each another – and with the rest of your Peace family! I also pray that this year brings you many blessings, many new friendships, and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ! May God guide all of you through the changes and uncertainties that the new school year.

Happy Labor Day weekend!

Jackie Pilan

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

A Message from Our Principal...

Peace Lutheran School News!

"Lead me in your truth – teach it to me – because you are the God who saves me." Psalm 25:5

This year's theme focuses us on the TRUTH! In our world, what truth is or from who truth comes has become very blurry for our society. God calls us to speak, live, and share the truth, because he IS the truth (John 14:6). This year we will be asking: Where is your truth coming from?

August 29th is our first day of school this year for our 163 Kindergarten – 8th grade students. Early childhood will soon follow with 116 more students entering our doors. Pastor will lead opening Chapel on Wednesday, August 31.



Our staff is complete, with several new teachers and aides joining us this year. Please check out the website or app to see their names and faces! PLEASE keep these people in your prayers, along with the students and their families, throughout the year.



Raise Craze has been amazing! The gym is not only air-conditioned, it looks fabulous! New paint, new wall pads, new stage curtain! How exciting! The church is so bright and crisp looking! How awesome to be able to take such good care of God's house.

Other funds also were a blessing as the preschool classrooms were updated over the summer. Various other classrooms received new white boards and some furniture as well. Our athletic teams will be receiving new jerseys. We are blessed by the generosity of the people who love Peace - whether it is a financial blessing or the blessing of donated time, all are appreciated.

Blessings to you as we all transition into fall and all the wonderful opportunities that come with it!

Important dates:

Aug 29: first day, ½ day

Aug 31: Opening Chapel; Back-to-School BBQ Open House (4-9 pm)

Sept 2-5: Labor Day weekend, No School

Sept 12: Early Childhood begins

Sept 19: Picture Day

Sept 28: See You at the Pole

Substitutes needed! If you have 60+ credit hours, fingerprinting, and love kids, please consider becoming a substitute for Peace Lutheran. If interested, please contact the office to be put on our list. You will be asked which weekly days you are available and which grades you would like to sub! It is that easy!

Susan Klauer, Principal

Board and Ministry News...

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & PICNIC

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

SERVICE AT 10:30AM
FOOD AND FUN TO FOLLOW

PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET

Outdoor Worship and Picnic

Wrap-up the summer with our Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic, Sunday, September 11. Join us at 10:30am for the worship service followed by food, games and lots of fun! Please be sure to bring your blankets and lawn chairs.

There will NOT be an 8:30am worship service or a livestreamed 10:30am service on this day.

We need volunteers to make this event happen. If you can help, please email Holly at hnelson@peaceshelby.org.

Seniors' Group Day Trip to Frankenmuth



Seniors, Join us on **Wednesday, September 14**, for a day trip to Frankenmuth. We will be having lunch at the Bavarian Inn and touring St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. Transportation will be provided for those who would like. Spots for transportation are limited and the cost is \$15/person. We will be departing from the church campus at 10:00am and returning around 4:30pm.

Please contact Holly at hnelson@peaceshelby.org with questions and to reserve a spot.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND

NO SCHOOL
OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day Weekend Office Hours

September 2-5, 2022

Peace's office will be closed in observation of Labor Day, from Friday, September 2 through Monday, September 5.

Happy Labor Day! Have a wonderful weekend and celebrate safely!

STARTS SEPTEMBER 18



KidZone is Back!

Starting September 18, 2022

KidZone is open to children age 4 through 4th Grade.

Join us In-Person each Sunday morning during our 10:30am service following the Children's Message.

RED LETTER CHALLENGE

JUNIOR YOUTH

MINISTRY

BIBLE

STUDY

SUNDAYS @ 9:45AM

STARTS SEPTEMBER 18

Junior Youth Ministry is Back!

Starting September 18, 2022

JYM (Junior Youth Ministries) is for students in grades 5-8, and meets Sundays, 9:45-10:15am. Bring a friend and your Bible to enjoy learning about God's word!

Each week we dig deep into Jesus-centered lessons to build strong relationships with each other, but more importantly to grow closer to Jesus and prepare for high school, and to grow closer to Jesus and prepare for high school!

IT'S JUST ANOTHER ROUTE

Written by Beverly Porter



In this high tech decade in which we live, we pretty much plan the route we wish to take, whether it be for a long trip, or a short shopping spree. We know where we are going and how to get there. My sister-in-law sent us directions on how to drive sanely and safely through Tampa on our way to Sarasota. She informed us to what lanes to use that would effectively avoid seen and unforeseen problems in the rush hour traffic we were sure to encounter. She knew where we were going and how to get there in

the most unencumbered way. Now that is planning your route. But even with the most careful strategy, there are times when it will not work.

Several years ago, my family had a well-planned agenda to an unwelcome problem. Our daughter-in-law was diagnosed with colon cancer, a medical foe that we were not at all expecting. We immediately notified not only family members, but especially those we knew would pray in faith for her healing. Prayer chains were activated in several churches, and prayer warriors we personally knew lifted our family up in powerful prayer. Faith was visibly apparent, and our requests were confidently offered to the Lord. We specifically prayed for Stage One following the surgery and accompanying biopsy. Stage One would eliminate the need for chemo or radiation. Several days after the successful removal of the cancerous section of the colon, we received the news that the biopsy revealed Stage Three cancer, and chemo would be the next step in treatment.

This unexpected diagnosis caught us completely off guard. The desired outcome of the surgery and the physician's optimistic prediction that it would probably be Stage One, led us to expect the preferred diagnosis. More importantly, we prayed in faith, according to scripture, that our request would be granted. This Faith Route was what we planned, and Healing was the destination. An alternate route was not at the forefront of our thinking, although we were aware that such an outcome was possible, as we do not know the mind of God. Nevertheless, we focused on the more positive results. What now? After discouragement, disappointment and much confusion, the family has accepted the alternate route planned by God even in advance of the cancer.

Yes, we liked our route better. It is faster, quicker, is highly recommended by those who have traveled there before us, and of course, it is more pleasant. It is even less costly. However, the Lord is saying, "This the one I have chosen for you. I will be there just as I would on your chosen path. Trust Me. You will arrive at the same destination, but the scenery will be different; there will be more frequent stops at rest areas, as well as inquiries for directions. However, when you arrive at your destination, you will have gained more wisdom and compassion. Maturity as a believer in me will be evident to those who are facing their own routes through life. So begin this different route with a degree of expectancy and confidence. You will not be alone. I am the driver as well as navigator. We will arrive at MY destination together."

Isaiah 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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 In-Person

JYM

9:45am

KidZone and Nursery

During the 10:30am Service

Wednesday Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study

10:00am

Wednesday Night Bible Study

6:30pm Zoom Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study

Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm

Saturday Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study
2nd and 4th Saturdays,
In-Person, 7:30am

Prayer Group

7:00pm, Mondays

Church Calendar

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

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