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GIVING THANKS

As the leaves change and the days grow shorter, we know that Fall is upon us and it draws our attention to gratitude. Thanksgiving is more than just a holiday — it is an opportunity for us to pause, reflect, and remember the many ways our Lord blesses us.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, the Apostle Paul writes, **"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."** If we are honest, this is not always easy to do. When things are going well, it does seem easy to give thanks, but Paul reminds us to give thanks — *"in all circumstances"* — even in times of sorrow, uncertainty, or need.

As the followers of Jesus, we understand that all good things come from God's blessings. This Thanksgiving, let us be intentional about our gratitude — not only for the material blessings we enjoy, but also for our families and friends, along with the love and care we have from our Lord. In Jesus, we have forgiveness, hope, and eternal life — gifts that cannot be taken away.

Let our hearts, our homes, and our family of faith be marked by gratitude —not just in November, but every day.

James 1:17 — *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father."* May our thankfulness point others to the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

God's Peace,

Pastor Klemm



A Message from Our Deacon...



November—a month loaded with blessings! Every year when November rolls around, most of us think about Thanksgiving. This is a good thing. Our country's leaders decided that we should take some time to give thanks for the many blessings that we received throughout the year. Thanksgiving is the unofficial start of the Christmas season. Many have family get togethers. Do not forget the HUGE meal that is prepared. It is great for us spend time with the people that we love. Some years, like this one, we have elections; many countries do not give their citizens that right. On the November 11, we remember and thank God for our veterans. These men and women served us in the military. They worked hard and served us so that we can be free.

You know, each day should be a day of thanksgiving for us! We have tons of blessings. We have refrigerators that are full, a nice warm house, a comfy bed, and people that love us. The best blessing that we have is Savior that gave His life to pay for our awful sins. Because of that, we are promised to live eternally with Him in heaven. On top of that—it does not cost us a thing! It is FREE! Thank you, Jesus!

Serving Jesus and His people,
Deacon Jim

A Day to Honor Our Veterans

On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."



Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).

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A Message from Our Principal...

I am so thankful for the amazing things that are happening here at Peace Lutheran School. It is by God's grace and the prayers and support of you, that we are able to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all students and families that walk through our halls.

November is always such a busy month. We did a food collection for our chapel offering this month to support Samaritan House. We were able to fill the church bus with about 1000 different items. We also used the offerings that our students brought in to purchase Meijer gift cards to go in the baskets from our students. The generosity of our students is contagious.



This quarter, we will once again be supporting the Michigan District's Gifts for All God's Children. This is a chapel offering that we invite you, the members, to join with us in providing gifts for children in our community who cannot afford things for Christmas. Please keep an eye on the e-news for more details regarding how to participate.



We had a successful fall sports season. We had almost 60 4th-8th graders play volleyball and soccer this year. It was the first time we were able to have an A and B team in JV volleyball. Our A team won the Trinity Utica tournament! What a great time to be a Panther!

Finally, we look forward to hosting our annual Veterans Day Service on Wednesday, November 12, at 9:15 AM. We want to invite any of you who are veterans to come join us as we celebrate the sacrifice you made for the freedoms of our country. Please keep an eye on our e-news for more information on how to submit pictures of your veteran.

Thanks be to God for everything He is doing in this place! On behalf of the faculty and staff of the school, I humbly ask you to continue to pray for God's protection over our school so that many more students can continue to hear the life-saving message of the Gospel.

May God bless your next month!

Michael Nelson



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



As we move into November, our preschoolers are learning all about *thankfulness*! In our classrooms, we are exploring pumpkins, colorful fall leaves, and the many shapes and colors that fill God's beautiful world. Most importantly, we are focusing on giving thanks for the many blessings God gives us each and every day — our families, our friends, and the joy of learning and growing together.

We are so grateful for your continued prayers and support for our preschool ministry. In October, we were blessed to welcome more than **475 people** to our Children's Family Worship Service! What a joy it was to see so many families praising God together! Following the service, we enjoyed fellowship with pizza, cider and donuts.

Our enrollment continues to grow, and we see God's Hand at work in so many ways throughout our classrooms and hallways. Thank you for being a part of this ministry through your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. You truly make a difference in the lives of our little learners!

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we are grateful for the many blessings of our church and preschool. Wishing you a Thanksgiving filled with family, football, and good food!

With thankful hearts,

Suzette Quail
Preschool Director



A Message from the Editor...

Dear Readers,



From the Editor 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, office, faculty and staff, who review, print, assemble and e-mail, as well as snail mail, 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 support and devotion.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Jackie Pilan

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

Board and Ministry News...



**ADVENTURE
AWAITS**

I:55
BOOK FAIRS

We're looking for volunteers! Please check out the QR Code!



The Book Fair is coming to Peace!

Friday, October 31st
8:30 - 12:30

Sunday, November 2nd
9:15am - 10:15am & 11:30am - 12:30pm
Open to Church members!

Monday, November 3rd
8:30 - 4:30

Tuesday, November 4th
8:30am - 12:30pm
2:00pm - 7:30pm during conferences

Wednesday, November 5th
8:30 - 4:30

November 7th
8:30am - 4:30pm
5:00pm - 7:30pm during conferences

Peace Book Fair

The Adventure Awaits Book Fair is here, and we are excited to offer shopping on Sunday again this year! **Church Members are invited to shop the fair after each service on Sunday, November 2.** Check out all the dates to come and shop for your family and friends.

Fall Clean Up

November 8, 2025

Join us **SATURDAY, November 8, from 9:00am to 12:00pm**, as we cleanup up the church and school campus and prepare for the winter months! Please contact Jason Abele at trustees@peaceshelby.org with any questions you may have.

FALL CLEANUP DAY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
9:00AM – 12:00PM

Family Skate Night

November 10, 2025

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 10, 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.

PEACE LUTHERAN STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 10 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM



ADMISSIONS - **\$10** *required ages 3-17*
BLADE SKATES OR INLINE RENTALS - **\$2**
WHOLE PIZZA & 4 DRINKS - **\$20**



**WEAR YOUR PEACE
SPIRIT WEAR!!**



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Thanksgiving, to be truly Thanksgiving, is first "Thanks" and then "Giving."
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VETERAN'S DAY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 12 | 9:15 AM

JOIN US FOR A VIDEO TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO
HAVE SERVED AND ARE CURRENTLY SERVING

MEET AND GREET WITH SNACKS TO FOLLOW

Veterans Day Chapel Service

November 12, 2025

Join us in honoring our veterans who are serving or who have served in the military. Our special service starts at 9:15am, on Wednesday, November 12, in the Sanctuary. Stay after the service for a meet and greet with our service members and to partake of some tasty snacks!

**SERVING
OPPORTUNITY
FOR ALL AGES.**

**Every Third
Saturday**

8:30am-3pm @ CRD

Contact Holly if interested. (hnelson@peaceshelby.org)



Camp Restore Detroit
Restoring Hope

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



detroit@camprestore.org
313-636-4422 ext. 1

Camp Restore Detroit

November 15, 2025

This will be a day event. We will meet at Peace and caravan down to Camp Restore where we will begin with a tour of the campus, and then we will be instructed on how we will be serving.

For more information and to check out our newest photos, visit our site at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/camp-restore-detroit>.

YOUTH EVENT (5th - 12th Grade)

FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK
BRING A FOOD THAT REPRESENTS YOU

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

HSYM - 2:00PM - 4:00PM | JYM - 4:00PM - 6:00PM



games, service projects, God's word and more!!

KNOW YOUR IDENTITY
EPHESIANS 2:10

CONTACT HOLLY WITH QUESTIONS



Youth Potluck

November 16, 2025

Calling all youth, from 5th-12th grade. It is time for our Friendsgiving Potluck, games, service projects and learning more about God's Word! Please bring food that represents you.

HSYM: 2:00-4:00pm
JYM: 4:00-6:00pm

Contact Holly at hnelson@peaceshelby.org with any questions.



Set your clocks back one hour on November 2! This is also a great time to check and change the batteries on all your important devices.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 30
11:45AM

Decorate Peace for Christmas

November 30, 2025

Volunteers are needed to decorate the Sanctuary and surrounding area, on **Sunday, November 30, at 11:45am**, for Christmas. Please stay for as long as you can, and do what you can, to prepare our church to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ!



**VETERANS DAY
OBSERVED**
FRIDAY / NOVEMBER 7

**NO SCHOOL
OFFICE CLOSED**

Veterans Day Hours

November 7, 2025

Peace's office and school will be closed in observation of Veterans Day on Friday, November 7. We will resume normal office and school hours of operation on Monday, November 10.

Honor and celebrate safely!



THANKSGIVING BREAK

**NO SCHOOL
OFFICE CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 -
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

Thanksgiving Office Hours

November 26, 2025

Peace's office and school will be closed from Wednesday, November 26 – Friday, November 28. We will resume our normal schedule on Monday, December 1.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Advent Is Almost Here: Prepare Your Heart

The season of Advent begins Sunday, November 30! Join us each week in worship as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ with hope, peace, joy and love. Watch for details about our Advent devotional and special services.



Funeral Luncheon Ministry

Peace Lutheran friends and family,

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

A Special Thank You



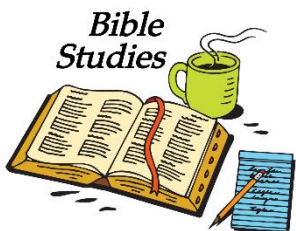
Peace Lutheran Church and School and the Board of Christian Care would like to thank Lisa Towne for her faithful and fearless devotion as leader of the Board of Christian Care for the past several years. Lisa has kept the board going with her warm heart, strong leadership skills, and encouragement of innovative ideas presented by our members.

Lisa's love of God, her family, friends, and fellow members, in addition to her servant heart, will be a tough act to follow.

Lisa, we love you and we will miss you! God's blessings on your new endeavors!

The Board of Christian Care

Weekly Bible Studies



Please join us for one – or more – of our many Bible studies! We offer a variety of topics and times for a variety of ages! Check out our website at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/bible-studies> for more information!

WHITEOUT JR - YOUTH WINTER CAMP
JANUARY 9 - 11, 2026

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



REGISTER BY DECEMBER 30, 2025

for

WHITE OUT - YOUTH WINTER CAMP

January 30-February 1, 2026



OUTDOOR WINTER FUN & GOD'S WORD

GRADES 7 - 12

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White Out (Grades 7-12) - January 30 - February 1, 2026

WhiteOut Winter Retreat 2026 — A Weekend That Changes Everything

Get ready to break away from the ordinary and dive into something extraordinary. WhiteOut is your chance to press pause on the chaos of everyday life and turn up the volume on your faith.

Designed for students in 7th–12th grade, this unforgettable winter weekend is packed with high-energy games, insane tubing runs, broomball battles, and the ultimate “Dark Wall” challenge. But the best part? It is not just about the fun—it is about finding something real.

You will gather with friends (and soon-to-be friends) for powerful worship, dynamic messages, and meaningful conversations that will challenge and inspire you. Whether you are new to faith or ready to go deeper, WhiteOut is a space to ask big questions, hear God’s truth, and walk away changed.

Dates: January 30 - February 1, 2026

Register by: December 30, 2025

Where: Pine Ridge Bible Camp, 8415 17 Mile Rd NE, Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Cost: \$135 (Initial registration is open now.)

* Holly will get further details two weeks before camp.

** We will leave from Peace on Friday, January 30 at approximately 2:45pm. We will return Sunday, February 1, with an ETA of 2:30pm.

Visit <https://www.peaceshelby.org/youth-ministries> to register!



Hope & Healing
after the death of a loved one

GriefShare Support Group

Help and Encouragement After the Death of a Loved One

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful, confusing process. A GriefShare group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. No matter how long it has been, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling.

The class currently is full for this 13-week period, but another 13-week program will begin in January 2026 with exact dates to come in the future. For questions, contact Pam Augur at Griefshare@peaceshelby.org. You may also contact Karin Sparks at 586-201-8086 or Pam Augur at 586-781-3100 with any additional questions or for more information.

Please pray for this ministry and the participants enrolled.

3rd Grade in sponsorship with Student Council will be collecting:

TREATS FOR TROOPS

Mon., November 3rd – Wed., November 5th

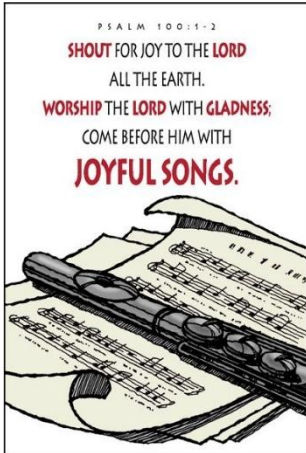
Candy can be dropped off
in our candy monster
outside of the front office!

Treats for Troops collects to send thanks,
encouragement, and sweets to our troops overseas.



IS HE WORTHY? HE IS!

by Beverly Porter



Several years ago, our pastor asked us to be aware of the times God would intervene in our lives the coming week. This is how I experienced one of those times.

The song, IS HE WORTHY? By Chris Tomlin, resonated in my spirit the first time I heard it. Music has always been my gateway to worship, and this beautiful contemporary song had that effect. I bought the CD and began to play it repeatedly as I became familiar with the words. I heard it in my mind throughout the day. It never got old and captured my thoughts and spirit. The level of worship was on a level I have never experienced before. Praising God continually was as natural as breathing and being in His presence was peace and security, I then began my daily devotional

time with this song. Since that time, I have added other worship songs that so easily have found their way into my soul and bring me into the presence of God.

The Book of Revelation tells us that we will be in worship day and night. I always wondered about that. How can we constantly worship Jesus? As much as I love Him, continual praising sounded repetitious and boring. But now I know the answer to that question. I had been doing that all week long. It is easy and comes unbidden. I find myself singing a song either aloud or in my spirit and I find that worship is not in a place but with a person - Jesus. So when we see each other in heaven some day, I will be singing or humming IS HE WORTHY or some other song I learned from the heavenly choir. It will be easy to magnify Him all day long. And it will be easy for you too.

*Praise God in his sanctuary, praise him in his mighty heaven.
Praise him for his mighty works; praise him for his unequalled greatness.
Psalm 150:1-2*

WAYS TO GIVE



IN-PERSON

Envelope



MOBILE

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



ONLINE

Peaceshelby.org

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](https://www.peaceshelby.org/church-events-calendar)

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