



April 2, 2020

Dear Peace Family:

*Unashamed! "I am not ashamed of the Good News about Jesus, because it is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes." Romans 1:16*

When our theme was chosen for the new school year, no one could have known how very real the message would be in a new and current way. In a world reeling with trouble and uncertainty, we continue to trust in the Good News about Jesus. Even as our social contexts change, God has provided ways for us to stay connected, share His love, educate our children, and support one another in emotional and spiritual ways. We have a response to the chaos around us - we are safe with Jesus and the Good News of His saving love, and that is the best message for a confused and hurting world.

As we navigate the new school environment of online learning, we have faced some challenges. It's hard to be apart, and it's hard to learn a whole new way of doing things. But we have dedicated ourselves to remain a family of brothers and sisters in Christ, a family of students and their loved ones connected to the teachers who have cared for them. We will continue to communicate with you, to provide meaningful education for your children through remote learning, and to help you succeed in your new roles. I am very thankful for the diligence and dedication of our teachers, students, and families in this process!

As many of us expected, Governor Whitmer has announced the closure of all K-12 school buildings for the remainder of the school year. However, while we cannot return to our physical building, we will continue to provide Christian education through the online platforms that we have set up for preschool through Grade 8. By confirmation of leadership of MI District Lutheran Schools and MANS (Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools), our remote learning is valid and counts as instructional time.

Being away from school is a disappointment, to be sure. School is a beloved place, and we all miss being there, sharing lessons, activities, events, and life together. But God takes care of us in every need, and He is still in control. Your patience is very much appreciated as we navigate the ever-changing landscape of education. Keep up the great work!

Valuable Christian education at Peace Lutheran School is made possible through your commitment and your tuition dollars. Thank you very much.

Sincerely, in Christ,  
Carol Stathakis

# Preschool Families

Dear Peace Preschool Families:

You and your children are continually in our thoughts and prayers. The children are a wonderful blessing to us and a big part of our teachers' lives, and we all miss them so much! We look forward to the time when we can be back together.

We are blessed with a wonderful group of talented women who have dedicated their lives to teaching young children. They have learned new techniques to bring remote learning to your family and home. Some of the ways that the teachers are connecting are with phone calls, weekly Seesaw lesson plans, Zoom chats, emails, video story time, YouTube videos, worksheets, and fun activity links.

As you can see, even in these times restricted by COVID-19, Peace's teachers take great joy in what they do. They are working many hours to provide continued education and enrichment for your children. We hope that the activities provided by the teachers are a blessing to your family and that your children continue learning.

Though we cannot be in the building together, education and enrichment continue through the loving guidance of our teachers. Your monthly tuition payments continue to provide for the education that you have appreciated about Peace all along! If the COVID-19 situation has created a financial hardship for your family and you need assistance, please contact our financial accounts manager, Deb Kellogg, at [dkellogg@peaceshelby.org](mailto:dkellogg@peaceshelby.org), or email me at [squail@peaceshelby.org](mailto:squail@peaceshelby.org) with any questions.

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Please pray for all our health care workers and first responders, that God would keep them healthy and strong, and for our state and country. We continue to lift up our Peace families in prayers of thanks and well wishes.

Suzette Quail  
Early Childhood Director  
Peace Lutheran Preschool

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## Michigan District

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Leaders, Educators, and Families of our Michigan District Lutheran Schools,

The governor made the decision today to close all public and nonpublic school buildings for the remainder of the school year. Although many of us knew this was most likely going to happen as things have progressed since early March, it does not lessen the significance of this news. Many of us are grieving today; we are struggling with losing these last months of the school year and the impact it will have on so many of our students, teachers, and families. But at the same time, we understand the necessity for the governor's decision and recognize how these steps can support the dedicated workers in our health care system and slow the spread of the virus.

So what does this mean for our Lutheran schools? The school year is not canceled! Even though we cannot be in our school buildings, we still have a ton of work to do. Our teachers are prepared to continue delivering great content as they advance through the curriculum, our students are eager to keep learning (most of the time 😊), and our families have a need for their kids to grow as they progress through the remainder of the school year. Taking off five months and not returning to school until the fall is not an option.

As a father of three daughters who have all been learning at home, I've experienced first-hand the tremendous work their teachers have done in partnering with us to make sure our girls' education is a priority. And this is happening throughout all of our Lutheran schools. Our students are blessed by devoted educators keeping them on a path of success and by parents and other adults stepping up in mighty ways.

You are in my prayers on a daily basis, and I am excited to see how our Lutheran schools thrive during this challenging time. We certainly will have some fun stories to tell when we are back in the classrooms. Until the time when we once again are able to gather together, keep trusting in our Risen Savior knowing His love will continue to flow to us and through us as we rely on Him for everything we need...

Superintendent of Schools  
Michigan District, LCMS

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