



The

Peace Lutheran Messenger

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Confirmation Sunday



On Saturday, May 2, 2026, at an 11:00am Service, our family of faith will celebrate the Confirmation of 8 young people. They will publicly confess their faith before family, friends and fellow believers. They will also taste God's forgiveness and love through Holy Communion. We pray that the Holy Spirit keep all of our Confirmands growing in their faith until the day when they receive their crown of righteousness.

Congratulations to all our students and their families

Aaron Bendick	Tenley Dolan	Izabella Gedeon
Christian Ioco	Sarah Liebzeit	Collin McClelland
Clara Nelson	Britain Pierce	

A special thank you – to Deacon Jim Schurig for his help as a confirmation instructor this year. He was a blessing to our students, our congregation and myself. His love and dedication to our young people continues to build and nurture the future leaders of our church. Thank you again.

God's Peace,

Pastor David Klemm

A Message from Our Deacon...



We are blessed to be able to put another month behind us. During this month of May we have many exciting events coming our way! Of course, we always remember our mother! Moms are an amazing group of people. Growing another human inside of themselves is more than any man can imagine! Then, after giving birth, they put their children ahead of themselves. They give and give. Thank you, Moms, for all you do! Please, Lord, please bless our Mothers!

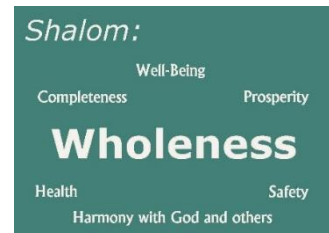
We also look forward to Confirmation. This year we have eight ladies and gentlemen who will be taking their first communion and confirming their faith in Jesus! Lord, please bless our Confirmands!

We look forward to warmer weather, birds singing, and flowers blooming. This gives a chance to get outside and enjoy our Lord's creation. Take a look around-each day God provides everything that we need and so much of what we want! He truly is AMAZING!

I encourage you to invite someone to church. I look forward to meeting them!

May God bless you and your family! Shalom, Shalom!

Serving Jesus and His People,
Deacon Jim Schurig



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

FRIDAY, MAY 23

**NOON DISMISSAL
OFFICE CLOSE AT 12:30PM**

MONDAY, MAY 26

**NO SCHOOL
OFFICE CLOSED**

A Message from Our Principal...



Thank you for all the prayers you have sent forth regarding our enrollment process. The Lord has blessed Peace with 200 students currently enrolled in K-8 next year. Yes, we know things can change, but it is exciting to see all the returning and new students coming to Peace next year!

A select group of 5th graders went to Immanuel to compete in the 5th grade Battle of the Books competition. They competed with almost 30 other teams and represented Peace well. I am proud of all the hard work they put in and glad they had a great time reading and working together.

I want to mention how much I appreciate our faculty and staff. They work so hard to create a learning environment that is Christ centered and rigorous. I also want to thank our parent groups for all of the amazing things they have done to show their appreciation. We all felt the love and are extremely thankful for the time you gave for us.

Please pray for our 8th graders as they travel to Washington D.C. for their class trip. We wish God's richest blessings on this educational experience as their time here at Peace rapidly comes to a close.

Congratulations to those who had perfect church attendance in the 3rd quarter, as well as those 5th-8th graders who made the Honor Roll this quarter. You can see the list below.

As we close up our school year and head toward summer, it is my prayer that during this lively time of year, we are all able to pause and be present with our Lord. Whether it is through daily Bible readings, weekly Bible study and church, or other ways where you take time out from your hectic day to focus on the Lord, may He continue to carry you through this busy season.

Michael Nelson, Principal

AUCTION COMMITTEE

HELP US PLAN AND PREPARE FOR THE 2027 AUCTION

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP

A dark blue banner with gold starburst graphics. The text 'AUCTION COMMITTEE' is in large, gold, serif font. Below it, 'HELP US PLAN AND PREPARE FOR THE 2027 AUCTION' is in white, bold, sans-serif font. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner, and 'SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP' is in white, bold, sans-serif font on a brown background at the bottom.

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



Spring is evident all around us, in God's beautiful world, as we welcome the month of May! Our preschool classrooms are filled with excitement as students explore what plants need to grow, learn about the life cycle of plants, discover farm life, and wrap up the year with important lessons on summer safety.

We are also looking forward to some wonderful field trip experiences. Our 3-year-old classes will visit the Shelby Township Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center, our 4-year-olds will head to Upland Hills Farm, and our Young 5s will enjoy a hands-on experience at the Reptarium.

On **May 20**, we will joyfully celebrate our 4-year-olds as they graduate to Young 5s or kindergarten. We are honored to recognize 39 four-year-olds and 13 Young 5s students as they prepare to move on to kindergarten this fall. Congratulations and best wishes to each of them! We pray that they continue to grow in their love for Jesus and in their faith. May God's blessings be with them as they continue their educational journey, whether here at Peace or elsewhere.

We still have openings in our Preschool Summer Camp—join us for three weeks of fun and adventure! In addition, we are currently enrolling for the upcoming school year and are looking to fill our Panther Cubs (2-year-old caregiver classes on Tuesdays or Thursdays), as well as our 3-year-old Tuesday and Thursday morning and afternoon classes. We would love to welcome more families into our growing program, where children learn about the love of God and the world around them.

We are deeply thankful for our congregation and their continued support and prayers for our preschool ministry.

Blessings,

Suzette Quail
Early Childhood Director

A Message from the Editor...

Dear Readers,



Thank you from the bottom of my heart, teachers, mothers, and veterans and your families for your tireless service and sacrifice for our country and communities. May God bless and keep you safe! Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10, and Memorial Day is Monday, May 26.

Congratulations confirmants! May God continue to bless you as you continue on your spiritual journey, and may you grow closer to Him!

Jackie Pilan

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

Board and Ministry News...

Mother's Day

May 10, 2026

Join us for our worship service on **Sunday, May 10**, when we honor mothers and mother figures! All women will receive a special gift after our 8:30 and 10:30am services! Happy Mother's Day!



60+ Group Outing

May 14, 2026

Join us on **THURSDAY, May 14**, at **Lutheran High Northwest** to attend a matinee performance of the Spring Musical, "Annie" **Showtime is 1:00pm**. We will meet at Northwest (1000 Bagley Ave, Rochester Hills, 48309) at 12:30pm. There is no cost to attend the performance.

For more information and to RSVP please contact Holly at hnelson@peaceshelby.org or Karen.

60+ GROUP

THURSDAY, MAY 14 *DATE CHANGE*

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHWEST PRESENTS "ANNIE"

MATINEE SHOWTIME AT 12:30PM



PLEASE RSVP HOLLY (HNELSON@PEACESHELBY.ORG)

Spring Musical

May 15, 2026

Join us on **FRIDAY, May 15**, as Peace students present "The Little Mermaid Jr." Spring Musical. **Showtime is at 6:30pm**. There will be a spaghetti dinner at 5:00pm in the Gym prior to the musical. Proceeds from the dinner will go towards future youth events and trips. Doors open at 6:00pm.



Romans 12:2 - Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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>.



Romans 8:38-39 - "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



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.



MONDAY – FRIDAY

June 15 – 19

9:00am – 3:30pm

Camp Invention®

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to save \$20

(exp 4/28)

www.peaceshelby.org/camp-invention

Romans 12:2 - Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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 due 3/31

Visit www.peaceshelby.org for Details

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.

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>.



GriefShare®



Hope & Healing
after the death of a loved one

GriefShare Grief Support Group

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. At this 13-week support group program, you will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you will learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability – and gain solid support each step of the way.

At each weekly meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, pastors, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics; plus you will hear relatable personal stories of grief. After that, is a small-group discussion to allow people time to talk, share support, and personally apply what they learned on the video. Everyone will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating their personal grieving process.

Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger and regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationships, and how to recognize what's normal in grief and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless.

GriefShare group participants have repeatedly shared that they feel comforted and encouraged by being in a place where people truly understand what they are going through. And they feel a sense of relief when they are given guidance and tips on how to deal with the daily challenges.

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.

A new 13-week session has begun and it ends on Monday, May 4. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Pam Aulgur at griefshare@peaceshelby.org or at 586-781-3100. You may also contact Karin Sparks at 586-731-4120.

If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited to attend.

Funeral Luncheon Ministry

Peace Lutheran Family and Friends,

Thank you so very much for your prayers and meal donations for the recent funeral luncheon 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

Board of Christian Care Food Drive For Samaritan House



The Board of Christian Care would like to thank you for your generous donations of nonperishable food items. The bags of groceries were delivered to a very grateful Samaritan House in Washington Township. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. *We ARE better together!*



Psalm 96: 1-3 - "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."

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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