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It is 2026. Already? There is an old saying, 'The calendar waits for no one.' So here we go. As we move forward, I think it is helpful to look back a little. As you read this, we obviously have so much to be thankful for. If nothing else, God has blessed you with another day! In a couple days, we get to celebrate 'our' Christmas. You know, Epiphany, January 6. This is the Gentile Christmas. The day that we celebrate the Wise Men coming to worship Jesus!

A new calendar year. We get to plan for many events. In my family, we have a whole bunch of birthdays in this month. Another thing to be thankful for!

Some folks get a little 'down' because the beautiful decorations come down. Perhaps if the decorations were up all year, we would not love them so much?

January is a good month to show love to your family and friends. With the cold and the snow, a warm smile and a hug goes a long way! Peace is a good, welcoming church. Keep up the good work!

I wish you a great, safe, and healthy New Year! May God be with you and your family! Many blessings!

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

## New Year, New Beginnings



A new year brings new beginnings, and January is an exciting time to start thinking about preschool enrollment for the upcoming school year! We are so grateful for the continued support of our church and school families as we joyfully plan for what lies ahead.

**Re-enrollment for current families and church members opens on January 19, at 9:00am, through February 1,** We look forward to welcoming returning families as they secure a spot for their child for the next school year. **Enrollment for new families begins February 4.**

We are also excited to invite families and members of our community to our **School Open House on January 26, from 6:00–7:00pm.** This is a wonderful opportunity to tour our campus, meet our staff, and learn more about our preschool classes for 2s, 3s, 4s, and Young 5s. Please help us spread the word by sharing this information with your family, friends, and neighbors. We truly appreciate your support in sharing the many blessings of our excellent academic preschool program.

At Peace Lutheran Preschool, children grow socially, spiritually, physically, and academically. We are blessed to partner with families as we help children discover the joy of learning and the love of Jesus each and every day.

During the week of January 25, we will celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week, giving thanks for the blessings of Christian education. We invite you to join us on January 31 at 5:00 p.m. for our Children's Worship Service, marking the conclusion of Lutheran Schools Week. Following the service, please stay for fellowship in the gym with food and special treats.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries. We wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and blessed New Year!

Suzette Quail  
Early Childhood Director

## Special Dates for January 2026

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2026*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2026*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 11, 2026*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 19, 2026*



# A Message from the Editor...

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Dear Readers,



Thank you, Holly Nelson, Micah Nelson, Caroline Komer, Tellinghuisen sisters, our Praise Team, our KidZone, Preschool, and K through 8 choirs for singing joyful songs and for playing touching tunes unto the Lord with us during our December 14 Christmas Concert. Thank you, Pastor Klemm, for your inspirational message of the Christmas Story! All of you helped prepare our hearts for Christmas!

May we take the Christmas message wherever we go throughout the new year!

Happy 2026!

Jackie Pilan

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

## Board and Ministry News...

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### The Board of Christian Care



Peace's Board of Christian Care created and delivered Christmas care packages to our homebound members. The bright red and beautifully wrapped baskets were filled with fresh fruit, soup, candy, devotionals and a lovely crosses, cookies, Kleenex®, and lip balm. Thank you to Peace students for your handmade Christmas cards!

**The Board of Christian Care meets every first Tuesday of the month, at 6:00pm, in the Gathering Room.** Please join us!

Judy Franckiewicz, Board of Christian Care





PLEASE CONTACT HOLLY (HNELSON@PEACESHELBY.ORG) WITH QUESTIONS

## Puzzle Days

January, February  
and March 2026

All ages are invited to assemble jigsaw puzzles and to enjoy some fellowship starting on January 6, at 10:00am!

Please contact Holly at [hnelson@peaceshelby.org](mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org) with any questions.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH  
9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LATE NIGHTER**  
**INVITE A FRIEND!!!**  
**FRIDAY | JANUARY 16 | 6:00PM-12:00AM**  
SPECIAL SUPRISE LOCATION, FUN & GAMES, SNACKS & MORE!  
**G R O W IN FELLOWSHIP**  
HEBREWS 10:24-25  
CONTACT HOLLY WITH QUESTIONS

## High School Late Nighter

January 16, 2026  
6:00pm-12:00am

High School kids, from 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited for a night of fun, games, and more at a special surprise location on **Friday, January 16, 2026, from 6:00pm-12:00am!** Contact Holly with any questions.

**JUNIOR YOUTH  
LATE NIGHTER**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**SUNDAY | JANUARY 18 | 6:00PM-12:00AM**  
SPECIAL SUPRISE LOCATION, FUN & GAMES, SNACKS & MORE!  
**INVITE A FRIEND!!!**  
**G R O W IN FELLOWSHIP**  
HEBREWS 10:24-25  
CONTACT HOLLY WITH QUESTIONS

## Junior Youth Late Nighter

January 18, 2026  
6:00pm-12:00am

Junior High kids, from 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited for a night of fun, games, and more, at a special surprise location, on **Sunday January 18, 2026, from 6:00pm-12:00am!** Contact Holly with any questions.



American  
Red Cross



## Blood Drive

MONDAY  
January 19 (MLK Day)  
12:00pm – 6:00pm

Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
enter sponsor code: peaceshelby

## Red Cross Blood Drive

January 19, 2026

Peace is hosting a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on **Monday, January 19, from 12:00pm to 6:00pm**. Please consider donating blood. A single blood donation may help up to three different people.

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for availability, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search sponsor code: peaceshelby or call Peggy Bobel at 248-840-0553.

## Children's Worship Service



SATURDAY | JANUARY 31 | 5:00PM

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

## Children's Worship Service

January 31, 2026

Join us for our special Children's Worship Service on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at 5:00pm. Refreshments to follow!

GLOW  
CRAZY  
PRESCHOOL FAMILY DANCE



FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 27  
6:30PM-8:00PM

## Glow Crazy

February 27, 2026

Join us for some family fun on Friday, February 27, 2026, from 6:30-8:30pm for our Glow Crazy Preschool Family Dance! If you have any questions, please contact Suzette at [squail@peaceshelby.org](mailto:squail@peaceshelby.org).

## New Year's Office Hours

Thursday, January 1, and Friday January 2, 2026

Office Closed







**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.

If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited to attend. **For more details and to register go to**

<https://www.peaceshelby.org/griefshare-group>.

**A new 13-week session starts on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 6:00pm. You may also contact the Church Office at 586-731-4120.**



## RE-ENROLLMENT OPENS

# JANUARY 19

**FOR THE 2026 - 2027  
SCHOOL YEAR**

**PRESCHOOL AGE 2 – YOUNG 5S  
KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE**



## Student Re-Enrollment

**January 19, 2026**

It is that time again! We are excited to continue our partnership in your child's education at Peace Lutheran School. Keep an eye out for an email from Peace Lutheran regarding important information about the reenrollment process. If you do not know your family portal login information, please call the office at 586-731-4120



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## 2026 OPEN HOUSE

### MONDAY

### JANUARY 26

### 6:00PM - 7:00PM

**PRESCHOOL AGE 2 – YOUNG 5S**

**KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE**



## New Student Open House

**January 26, 2026, 6:00pm**

Join us for a New Student Open House at Peace Lutheran on **Monday, January 26, 2026, from 6:00-7:00pm!** This is a chance to meet teachers and students, and to get all of your questions answered! We hope to see you there.



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## ENROLL TODAY!

### 2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR

**PRESCHOOL AGE 2 – YOUNG 5S**

**KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE**

**OPEN ENROLLMENT  
SPOTS LIMITED**



## Open Enrollment

**Starts on February 2, 2026**

Save the Date! Open enrollment begins on **Monday, February 2**. We would love to meet you and answer your questions before then. Join us at our Open House or fill out the inquiry form on our website.



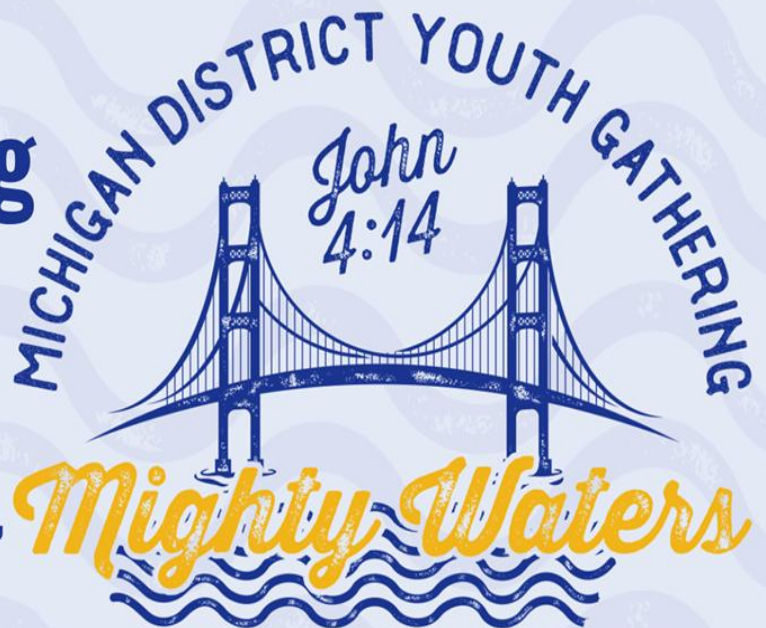
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5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
Grade

SAVE THE DATE

**ALIEN  
FELLOWSHIP  
JUNIOR YOUTH GATHERING  
FRANKENMUTH, JULY 28-30, 2026**

**Senior High  
Youth Gathering  
Mackinac Island  
Grades 8-12**

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



**June 28 - July 1, 2026**

Registration is Open

Visit [www.peaceshelby.org](http://www.peaceshelby.org) for Details



## Peace Lutheran Church and School Statement of Income and Expense

Income	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining
Church Income	\$ 266,666.58	\$ 259,055.42	\$ 7,611.16
School Income	\$ 526,523.77	\$ 522,879.01	\$ 3,644.76
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 793,190.35</b>	<b>\$ 781,934.43</b>	<b>\$ 11,255.92</b>

Expenses			
Board of Elders	\$ 78,604.07	\$ 77,412.99	\$ 1,191.08
Board of Education	\$ 407,653.84	\$ 418,004.57	\$ (10,350.73)
Board of Trustees	\$ 68,416.65	\$ 59,324.19	\$ 9,092.46
Family Life	\$ 30,044.60	\$ 29,275.83	\$ 768.77
Connection/Fellowship	\$ 11,666.70	\$ 8,845.77	\$ 2,820.93
Missions	\$ 4,725.00	\$ 4,725.25	\$ (0.25)
Board of Christian Care	\$ 1,133.35	\$ 228.30	\$ 905.05
Board of Finance	\$ 223,111.30	\$ 221,935.74	\$ 1,175.56
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 825,355.51</b>	<b>\$ 819,752.64</b>	<b>\$ 5,602.87</b>

Income	\$ 793,190.35	\$ 781,934.43	\$ 11,255.92
Expense	\$ 825,355.51	\$ 819,752.64	\$ 5,602.87
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (32,165.16)</b>	<b>\$ (37,818.21)</b>	<b>\$ 5,653.05</b>






**Camp Invention®**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Register Today!**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY**

**June 15 – 19**

**9:00am – 3:30pm**

Use Code: WINTER30  
to save \$30 (exp 12/31)

**GIVE THE ULTIMATE GIFT OF**

**FUN & LEARNING!**

[www.peaceshelby.org/camp-invention](http://www.peaceshelby.org/camp-invention)

# Puzzle

## Puzzle!

In the New Testament, followers of Christ are called by many names. Use the hints to fill in the blanks. Need help? Check an NIV Bible for the missing letters.

D \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(Acts 6:7)



C \_\_\_\_\_ n P \_\_\_\_\_ e  
(1 Peter 2:9)



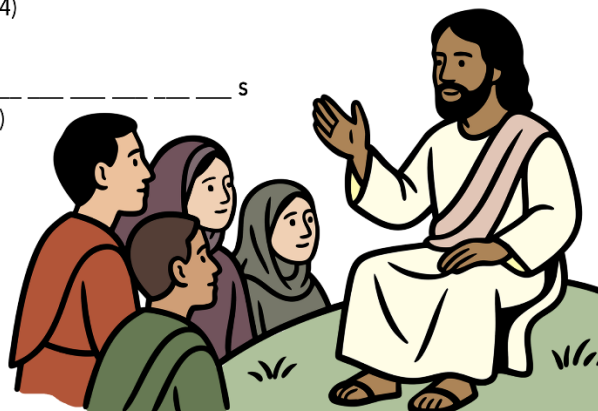
S \_\_\_\_\_ s of C \_\_\_\_\_ t  
(1 Corinthians 4:1)

C \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(Acts 11: 26)

B \_\_\_\_\_ s and S \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)

B \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(Acts 5:14)

W \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(Acts 1:8)



Answers: Disciples; Chosen People; Servants of Christ; Christians; Brothers and Sisters; Believers; Witnesses



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## **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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[enews@peaceshelby.org](mailto:enews@peaceshelby.org).*

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## **Office Hours**

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