

March 20, 2026

# Panther Tales

## *Peace Lutheran School's Weekly Newsletter*

Dear Peace Families,

Today is the first day of Spring, finally! Tomorrow, we wish J.S. Bach a happy birthday, and we are one week away from the start of spring break. All of these things pale in comparison to the upcoming Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. We are blessed to be able to celebrate these blessings with our students and their families. We would love to have you worship with us at one of our special services.



Spring break brings us to the start of our 4th quarter. Hasn't the year gone fast! The weather will hopefully finally get us to those days when we can play and be outside. School is still in session, so even if our hearts are focused on spring, we need to keep our minds focused on school. Let our goal be to finish the year strongly. We can do this using our God-given talents to the best of our ability.

Speaking of talents, were you at our Talent Show? What a great job our kids did last night. It showcased so many talents God has provided our students with, right down to our younger students. If you missed it, be sure to mark your calendars for next year.

Watch for upcoming news about our Spring musical and track seasons as they get underway.

Blessings,

Principal Nelson

## Important Upcoming Dates

**March 22:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sings at 10:30 am church service

**March 25:** Preschool Story Time

**March 27:** End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**March 30 - April 6:** Spring/Easter Break

**April 1:** Preschool Summer Camp Registration Opens

**April 1:** VBS Registration Opens

**April 9:** Cranbrook Institute of Science

**April 12:** Mother-Son Event from 1:00-3:00 pm

**April 12:** Daddy-Daughter Dance from 5:00-7:00 pm  
**April 24:** FunD Run!

[School Calendar](#)

[Church Calendar](#)

## Important Bus Dates

**3/27/2026 - No PM Buses**

**5/22/2026 - No AM & PM Buses**

**6/5/2026 - No PM Buses**



**AUCTION  
COMMITTEE**

**HELP US PLAN AND PREPARE  
FOR THE 2027 AUCTION**



**SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP**

As we prepare for our next auction, we thought we should provide an update on what is being done with the funds from last year. The three projects we are working on are Worship sound and technology, a walking path around the field, and building landscaping. Costs came in initially higher than we expected, which delayed the beginning of the projects. New solutions have been mapped out and will begin this summer.

# March Is Reading Month

Click the link below to review the dress-up days for March Is Reading Month! We also have other month-long activities planned. We hope you will join us in celebrating the fun and importance of reading!  
-Ms. Curley



## 2026 Reading Month Activities & Calendar



Open to children ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver



6580 24 Mile Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48316



**MARCH 4, 11, 18 & 25**  
**10:00AM-11:00AM**

Celebrate favorite whimsical children's books during March is Reading Month with Mrs. Vitale, Peace Preschool Cubs Teacher. Join us for store time featuring a story, music and movement and a craft!

For more information, call the school office at 586.731.4120



# MAKING PALM CROSSES

Drop-in class for all ages

Saturday, March 28

12:30-1:30pm

Gathering Room



## A STATIONS OF HOLY WEEK EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

10:30am-12:00pm

(Easter Egg hunt)

VISIT [WWW.PEACESHELBY.ORG](http://WWW.PEACESHELBY.ORG) TO REGISTER

### Amazing Grace

Celebrate Easter together at a meaningful intergenerational Holy Week experience designed for all ages! Walk the story of Jesus' love and sacrifice through five interactive stations, each inviting families, children, youth, and adults to learn, reflect, and engage side by side. Begin with Palm Sunday, rejoicing as Jesus enters Jerusalem, then move to The Last Supper, remembering His gift of love and service. Pause in the Garden of Gethsemane to reflect on prayer and trust, then journey to Good Friday, where we remember the cross and Christ's sacrifice.

The experience concludes in joy and hope on Easter Sunday, celebrating the resurrection and the promise of new life. After completing the stations, gather together for a celebration Easter egg hunt, filled with laughter, treats, and community fun. Come grow in faith, connection, and joy as we experience the Easter story—Better Together. 🌿✚🌈🐣

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God" (Ephesians 2:8).

These words, written by Paul, helped early Christians understand how the events of Holy Week changed everything for followers of Jesus. They now had access to God through faith in Jesus. What a gracious gift!

**Date:** Saturday, March 28

**Time:** 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Location:** 6580 24 Mile Rd,  
Shelby Township (Door #9)

[Register Here](#)

Register today for this  
intergenerational Holy Week  
Event!

**THIS EVENT IS FREE!**

**PALM  
SUNDAY**

**MARCH 29**

8:30AM & 10:30AM - IN PERSON  
LIVESTREAMED @ 10:30AM

**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

**APRIL 2**

6:30PM - IN PERSON & LIVESTREAMED

**GOOD  
FRIDAY**

**APRIL 3**

12:00PM & 6:30PM - IN PERSON  
LIVESTREAMED @ 12:00PM

**EASTER  
SUNDAY**

**APRIL 5**

8:30AM & 10:30AM  
IN PERSON & LIVESTREAMED

NO BIBLE STUDIES, KIDZONE OR NURSERY

# EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 5 9:15 - 10:30am

Peace Youth Group Fundraiser



Free Will Donation to Support Future Youth Trips

## SPRING BREAK

MARCH 30 - APRIL 6

## OFFICE HOURS

MARCH 30 - APRIL 3

8:00AM-12:00PM

APRIL 6 - CLOSED



**Cost:** \$20/person

**Menu:** Pizza & Drinks

**Who:** All ages. Moms (or Mom-like figures) and sons of any age

**Location:** Meet at Zap Zone Sterling Heights

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of fun at Zap Zone! Moms and sons of all ages are invited to team up, laugh big, and make lasting memories together.

Experience the thrill of laser tag, test your skills on the pixel floor, take a spin in bumper cars, hang on tight with bull riding, snap smiles at selfie golf, and enjoy even more exciting activities. Whether you're competing, cheering each other on, or just having fun side by side, this high-energy night is all about connection, play, and time together. Meal, dessert, and games! Pre-registration is required. **Register by**

[Register Here](#)

Step into a world of sweetness at Gumdrops & Giggles, a Daddy–Daughter Dance filled with joy, laughter, and unforgettable memories! Dads (and dad-like figures) are invited to escort their daughters for a magical evening of dancing, delicious treats, and fun-filled activities designed just for them. Enjoy dinner, sweet snacks and refreshments, capture the moment at a photo station. From twirling on the dance floor to sharing smiles over dessert, this special event is all about celebrating the priceless bond between dads and daughters in a delightfully sweet way. 🍭💕

[Register Here](#)

**Monday, April 6.** We look forward to seeing you there!



Meal, dessert, dancing and activities! Pre-registration is required. **Register by Monday, April 6.** We look forward to seeing you there!

**Cost:** \$20/person

**Menu:** Penne Marinara, Fettuccine Alfredo, Chicken Tenders, Red-skin Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad

**Who:** All ages. Dads (or dad-like figures) and their daughters

**Location:** Peace Lutheran Gym



## Walk by Faith Peace Lutheran School FunD Run

Monday is the official launch of the Peace FunD Run! We're already off to a great start as we work together to raise \$20,000 for our school!



Haven't created your student's fundraising page yet? Scan the QR code below to get started!



Can't scan the QR Code?  
Visit <https://www.getmovinfundhub.com>  
School Identifier: 5d7fb72df2d70

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](http://www.peaceshelby.org)**

Questions? Contact Early Childhood Director Suzette Quail  
[squail@peaceshelby.org](mailto:squail@peaceshelby.org) or 586.731.4120

## ☀️ Preschool Summer Camp: Fun, Exploration & Adventure Awaits! ☀️

This summer, we are excited to offer 3 weeks of action-packed Preschool Summer Camp for children ages 3-6 that's filled with creativity, outdoor fun, and hands-on exploration! Our camp is the perfect way for your child to engage in exciting activities, make new friends, and learn while having a blast.

**Registration opens April 1.**

[More Information](#)

[Register Here](#)



## SAVE THE DATE VBS 2026 RAINFOREST FALLS

### 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'll explore what it means to be rooted in a 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.

[More Information Here](#)

[Volunteer Here](#)

## Register Now for Summer 2026!



## What is Camp Invention?

- **Who:** Curious kids entering grades K-6. Campers are grouped by grade.
- **What:** A summer day camp filled with fun, hands-on STEM adventures led by qualified local educators, designed to spark creativity, build confidence and ignite a lifelong love for learning.
- **Where:** At Peace Lutheran Church and School, 6580 24 Mile Rd, Shelby Township, MI 48316.
- **When:** Camp is Monday, June 15 to Friday, June 19, from 9:00am - 3:30pm.
- **How Much:** Pricing starts at \$285 (before discounts) or ~\$9/hour. Payment plans are available at checkout up until 4/16/2026. Discount codes may be available. Please check to see what the latest ones are below!
- **Why Choose Us:** Kids thrive at camp as they jump into hands-on fun and grow through enriching STEM experiences carefully crafted to spark joy and ensure the development of persistence, adaptability and creative problem-solving skills.

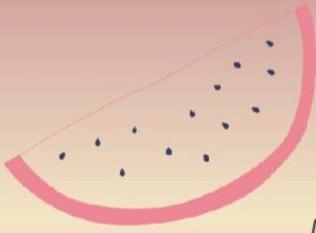
### Save with Discounts!

Discount Codes and Expiration Dates  
(Discounts cannot be combined)

- Save \$25 with "FUN25" exp. 3/31/26
- Save \$20 with "FUN20" exp. 4/28/26
- Save \$30 for 2 siblings with "SIBLOVE30" (no exp)
- Save \$40 for 3 or more siblings with "SIBLOVE40" (no exp)

Questions? Please contact Camp Director, Jessica Curley ([jcurley@peaceshelby.org](mailto:jcurley@peaceshelby.org)) or Camp Ambassador, Holly Nelson ([hnelson@peaceshelby.org](mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org))

# ***Need a tutor?***



Text: 586-802-0854

or

Email: [ashlaine0505@gmail.com](mailto:ashlaine0505@gmail.com)



Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays ~ 6:00 - 8:00pm

Saturdays ~ 9:00am - 2:00pm

My name is Ashley Abele and I'm a freshman at Oakland University, studying English Education. I help with Latchkey here at Peace in the mornings and afternoons, and I have a lot of experiences working with kids across all age groups. Between helping my younger brothers with homework, helping with Kid-Zone, and other leadership opportunities in high school and college, I can tutor all subjects for all grades with a focus on reading and writing skills.

I am willing and able to drive to students' houses for tutoring sessions; sessions would be an hour to two hours depending on student needs. I am looking for \$20-\$25 an hour; I accept cash, but I also have Venmo!



# LEAD PRESCHOOL TEACHER

2026- 2027 SCHOOL YEAR

HOURS - MON/WED/FRI  
8:30AM - 3:30PM

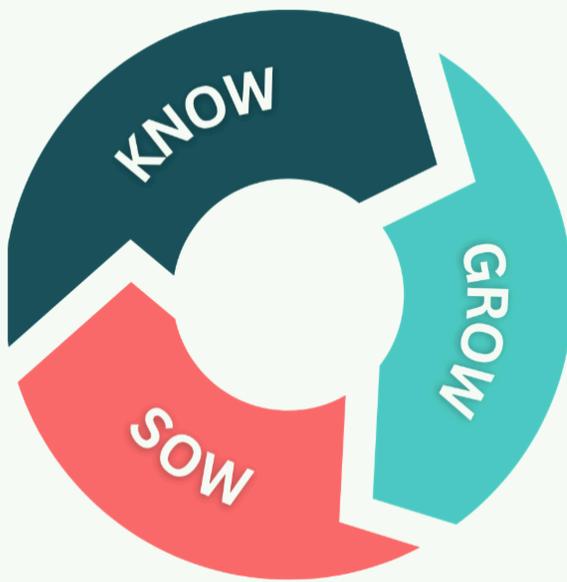
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LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

**EMAIL RESUME & LETTER OF INTEREST BY FEBRUARY 13  
TO SQUAIL@PEACESHELBY.ORG**

**Please click the link below to check out our new  
website for spirit wear. Show you Panther Spirit!**



[Peace Spirit Wear Website](#)



Interested in the yearly theme shirt?

Purchase your shirt at Peace's Spirit Wear shop today!

# SERVE PEACE

## School Volunteer Opportunities



Scan the QR code to visit the volunteer signup page or call the office to volunteer.

Peace requires every Kindergarten - 8th grade family to contribute fifteen (15) volunteer hours for the school year. Please give serious thought and consideration to your volunteer hours and choose a place that you feel will be most beneficial to you and our school.

**Volunteer hours must be completed.** If you have done volunteer hours, please fill out the volunteer form and return it to the office. Please click the link listed below for the volunteer form. The volunteer form can also be retrieved from the office.

Volunteer opportunities are listed weekly and updated as opportunities arise. You can view the volunteer forms and opportunities at the links below.

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[Volunteer Background Check Consent Form](#)

[Volunteer Hours Record Form](#)

RaiseRight:

How it works:

- Buy gift cards at face value
- Earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy
- Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases
- 75% of the rebate goes back to your FACTS account (school quarterly) the other 25% supports Peace!

A few details about RaiseRight funds posting to your FastDirect account.

- **Deposits to FACTS:** RaiseRight rebate deposits will be added to your FACTS account 5 times a year, following each school quarter and end of summer.
- **75/25:** Peace has a 75/25 program. This means that 75% of the rebate goes back to the family FACTS account and 25% of the rebate goes back to Peace. So when it posts to your FACTS account, you'll see 75% of what is posted in your RaiseRight account.
- **How to use RaiseRight funds:** Once funds have been deposited to your FACTS account, the funds are available to use within FACTS (fees, general, tuition, lunch, etc). An email must be sent to Diane Evanson ([ddawson@peaceshelby.org](mailto:ddawson@peaceshelby.org)), Peace's Finance Manager, expressing the use of RaiseRight funds needed.

**Get started:**

**Create an account on the [RaiseRight app](#) or at [RaiseRight.com](#) using our organization's enrollment code: 287EE72E15134**

Seamlessly check out and receive eGift cards faster by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card.

[Email Holly Nelson \(hnelson@peaceshelby.org\)](mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org) with any questions that you may have.

[Shop Here!](#)



## Prayer Requests

- We pray for safety for our athletes throughout the season.
- Pray for all those dealing with sickness or injury.
- Pray for strength and healing from kidney cancer (This is for a 6-year-old child)
- Prayers for Will (5 years old), who just underwent brain surgery and will start chemo and radiation.

**If you have any prayer requests for us to post, please email [tredford@peaceshelby.org](mailto:tredford@peaceshelby.org).**

## Lutheran High



**Lutheran High Northwest**  
**Upcoming Events**  
 Please visit their website.



**Lutheran High North**  
**Upcoming Events**  
 Please visit their website.

**4/18:** 20th Annual Euchre & Auction Fundraiser from 6 - 10 pm

**5/9:** Fine Arts Festival from 6 - 9 pm

LHNW is now accepting **online applications for the 2026-2027 school year!** If you have an

8<sup>th</sup> grader and have already decided that Lutheran Northwest is the right fit for your family, please visit [www.lutherannorthwest.com/apply](http://www.lutherannorthwest.com/apply) to begin your child's journey to becoming a Crusader!



[Lutheran NW Website](http://www.lutherannorthwest.com)

**4/17:** Descendants Musical from 7 - 10 pm

**4/18:** Descendants Musical from 4 - 7 pm

**4/21:** Elementary Art Night - Kindergarten from 5:30 - 6:30 pm

[Find More Events Here!](#)

[Lutheran North Website](#)

## School and Church Office

### Office Hours:

Monday - Friday  
8:00 - 4:00 pm

### Office Assistants:

Kim Domerese - [kdomerese@peaceshelby.org](mailto:kdomerese@peaceshelby.org)  
Talayna Redford - [tredford@peaceshelby.org](mailto:tredford@peaceshelby.org)  
Sarah Johnson - [sjohnson@peaceshelby.org](mailto:sjohnson@peaceshelby.org)

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