

May 1, 2026

Panther Tales

Peace Lutheran School's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Peace Families,

What an amazing week we had here at Peace! What an amazing outpouring of love and support we received from our families. All of us felt love and appreciation this week. Thank you so much to everyone who had a hand in planning lunches, ice cream, hand massages, and so many other things. We are so blessed to be able to serve your children!

Tomorrow is Confirmation Day for eight of our 8th graders at Peace Lutheran. They have spent the last two years learning more about what it means to be a follower of Christ. God's blessings to each of them as they make their baptismal confession their own on Saturday. May God bless and keep them as they grow every day in their faith in Jesus.



We also wish our 8th graders bon voyage as they head on their class trip next week. Please keep them in your prayers as they make some final memories as students at Peace before they head to High School. We also wish safe travels to our 5th graders as they head to the Ark Encounter in Cincinnati. May this time draw them closer to each other and to their Lord as they learn more about the Genesis account of the flood.

Finally, we ask that you be with our track athletes as they continue their meets. Keep them safe and healthy as they compete and use the talents and abilities you have blessed them with. God bless your weekend!

Blessings,

Principal Nelson

Important Upcoming Dates

May 4 - May 9: 8th Grade DC Trip

May 5: T/TH Preschool 3s Field Trip - Burgess-Shadbrush Nature Center

May 6: MWF Preschool 3s Field Trip - Burgess-Shadbrush Nature Center

May 6: 4th Grade Special Persons' Day

May 6 - 8: 5th Grade Ark Field Trip

May 8: Preschool 4s Field Trip - Upland Hills Farm

May 8: Young 5s Field Trip - Repatarium

May 15: Spring Musical - The Little Mermaid

May 20: Mrs. Quail's Preschool 4s Graduation at 11 am

May 20: Mrs. Schwark's Preschool 4s Graduation at 12:30 pm

May 22: K - 8 Field Day - Early Dismissal at 12 pm

May 22: Office hours are from 8 - 12:30 pm

School Calendar

Church Calendar

Important Bus Dates

5/22/2026 - No AM & PM Buses

6/5/2026 - No PM Buses

Latchkey Hours

No PM Latchkey on the following dates:

May 26th and June 4th

Last Day of AM Latchkey: June 4th

No Latchkey: June 5th

Reminder:

Volunteer Hours are due June 1st. Peace requires every Kindergarten - 8th grade family to contribute fifteen (15) volunteer hours for the school year.

Families will be charged \$15 per hour for any time not served. Unserved hours will be billed to FACTS in the middle of May, but you can still turn in your hours, and we will take the bill off.

AUCTION COMMITTEE

HELP US PLAN AND PREPARE
FOR THE 2027 AUCTION



SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP

We have a chair person for the auction. Please sign up if you are interested in helping assist the planning process. Be on the look out for our first meeting date.

Bus Transportation for the 2026-27 School Year

If you need bus transportation for the upcoming school year, please complete the form provided in the link below.

To be eligible for bus transportation, you must reside within the Utica school district. Please note that only students in kindergarten through 8th grade will receive bus transportation.

Bus Forms must be turned in at the office on May 15th.



Bus Transportation Form



Disney PEACE SPRING MUSICAL
THE LITTLE MERMAID Friday | May 15
6:30pm
JR
SPAGHETTI DINNER AT 5:30PM IN GYM
FREE WILL DONATION TO SUPPORT PEACE YOUTH

GREEN OR CLEAN!

WE CAN TAKE YOUR E-WASTE!

The Peace PantherBots are collecting E-waste to raise funds for extra parts, competition fees, and other technical mumbo jumbo! We would love to help make that junk drawer a bit neater! You can drop items off in the bin by the front door anytime before June 5th!
Thank you!

- Computer towers
- Laptops
- Power supplies
- Insulated wire
- Hard Drives
- Cell Phone/ cell batteries
- Laptops
- Video Card boards
- Large printers

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP 2026

\$100/camp

Ages 3-6
Must be potty trained



**Week 1
Summer Fun!**
June 1-4
9 a.m. - noon

**Week 2
Curious Kids
Science Lab**
June 8-11
9 a.m. - noon

**Week 3
S'more Camping
Fun**
June 15-18
9 a.m. - noon

Online Registration - Now Open www.peaceshelby.org

Questions? Contact Early Childhood Director, Suzette Quail - squail@peaceshelby.org

☀️ 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

**VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION IS
OPEN!**

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!**

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 \$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) or Camp Ambassador, Holly Nelson (hnelson@peaceshelby.org)



High School and Young Adults:
Become a STEM Leader
At Peace Lutheran Shelby this summer.



Gain volunteer
credits



Develop
mentorship skills



Build your resume



June 15-19, 2026

Contact Holly Nelson (hnelson@peaceshelby.org) or Jessica Curley (jcurley@peaceshelby.org)



Lutheran North High Summer Camps 2026



Beginning in June and running through the summer, we provide a number of outstanding summer day camps for Macomb-area children of various ages!

These camps are led by Lutheran North coaches, teachers, and students, and starting at only \$80 per camp, these are affordable opportunities for children to develop skills and enjoy these fun activities.

Academic Enrichment Camps

**Academic Enrichment
Camps - Register Here**

Build Your Own Business: June 10 - 12

- 10:00 - 12:00 pm: 7th - 12th Grade

Intro to Microsoft Office: August 4 -6

- 10:00 - 12:00 pm: 7th - 12th Grade

Athletic Camps

Football Speed & Strength:

June 8-11, 15-18, & 22-25

July 6-9, 13-16, 20-23, & 27-30

- Monday - Wednesday from 7:30 - 10:15 am
- Thursday from 8:30 - 10:15 am
- 9th - 12th Grade
- Boys
- Aux Gym & Weight Room

Speed & Strength:

Football: June 16-18

- 10:30 - 12:00 pm
- 5th - 9th Grade
- Boys
- Practice Field

Boy Basketball: June 23-26

- 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 5th - 9th Grade

Girls Basketball: Date TBD

- Time TBD

June 8-11, 15 - 18, & 22-25
July 6-9, 13-16, 20-23, 27-30

- 10:30 - 12:00 pm
- 7th - 12th Grade
- Co-Ed
- Aux Gym & Weight Room

Track & Field: June 8-11

- 4:30 - 6:30 pm
- 4th - 9th Grade
- Co-Ed
- Mustang Stadium

Soccer: June 15-17

- 9:30 - 11:30 am
- 5th - 9th Grade
- Co-Ed
- Mustang Stadium

Volleyball: June 15-17

- 9:00 - 11:00 am
- 5th - 7th Grade
- Girls

- 5th - 9th Grade

Golf: July 13-15

- 8:00 - 10:00 am
- 5th - 9th Grade
- Co-Ed

Cheer:

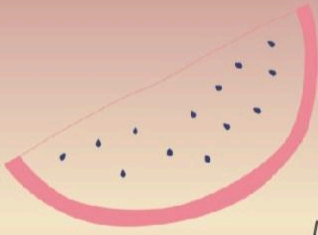
- October 13 & 14: 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- October 16: 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- Kindergarten - 5th Grade
- Girls

Dance:

- September 14 & 16: 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- September 18: 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- Kindergarten - 5th Grade
- Girls

**Athletic Camps
Register Here**

Need a tutor?



Text: 586-802-0854

or



Email: 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

MUST MEET MILEAP STATE
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), 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](mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org) (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 safe travels for our 5th and 8th graders.
- 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.

Lutheran High



**LUTHERAN
NORTHWEST**

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



**LUTHERAN
NORTH**

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

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



[Lutheran NW Website](#)

5/5: Blood Drive from 8 - 1 pm

5/17: Spring Showcase from 2 - 4 pm

- Art Exhibit from 2 - 3 pm
- Spring Concert from 3 - 4 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
Talayna Redford - tredford@peaceshelby.org
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