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The

# Peace Lutheran Messenger

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## **GOD'S ABUNDANCE**



Abundance is a characteristic of God. He gave His only Son who declared to us, "I have come that [you] may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). Through Him and because of the abundance of His love for us, we "are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for [we] are receiving the goal of [our] faith, the salvation of [our] souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9). While He is slow to anger, the Lord is "abounding in love and forgiving sin." (Numbers 14:18).

He gives the gifts of His creation to us in abundance as well, for who can count the stars in the sky, the birds in the air, or the fish in the sea? He also pours out on His people – gifts in abundance.

God has equipped and enabled us with His abundant gifts to seek out the lost, to lead and serve on committees and boards that do the work of ministry, to provide financial support for our church workers at home and in missions, and to teach and preach His Word for the salvation of souls and to strengthen the relationship of believers with the Lord.

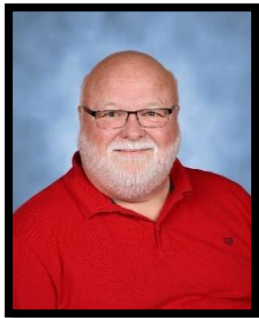
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Perhaps you do not know where you fit into this picture. Perhaps you even think you are not part of the picture. Not so! The Apostle Peter wrote, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10). By this we know that each of us has at least one gift and that God holds each of us responsible for using that gift. Ask God to show you where He wants to use you. Ask pastor, Holly, Michael and other church leaders and let them know you are available to discover and use the gifts God has given you for His service.

Pastor David Klemm



## A Message from Our Deacon...



We move into February. When we think about this month, many of us think about love. On the February 14, we celebrate Valentine's Day. Candy, flowers, a nice card, perhaps a great dinner, all are displays of love. The greatest display of love is our Savior, Christ Jesus. Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, left His throne in heaven to come to earth to take our sins away. Jesus gave His life; He did not have to, for your sins and mine too. In the Gospel of John we read, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" 1John 15:13. Now that is REAL love!

It really amazes me that our Holy God loves us so much! God cannot be around sin. So, Jesus said, 'let Me take care of this problem.' Now, when God the Father looks at us, He does not see a sinful creature. He sees a perfect child. This is truly a miracle! ALL of our sins are forgiven and taken away! Because of the work of Jesus, we get to live eternally with Him in heaven!

We learn how to love from God. 1 John 4:19, says, "We love because He first loved us." 2 You see, love isn't in our nature. We learned this from our God. Isn't He great?

It is good for us to show others that we love them too. However, maybe we can show them love on any other day besides Valentine's Day. Blessings!

Serving Jesus and His People!

Deacon Jim Schurig



<sup>1</sup> [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Jn 15:13). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

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# A Message from Our Principal...

## The Journey Continues



As the first semester of the school year wraps up, students and parents alike must prepare for the second semester and beyond. This period is crucial for academic growth, personal development, and future planning. The second semester is often seen as a time to build on the foundations laid during the first half of the year.

Enrollment is open! Please continue to pray for the families that are considering choosing Peace Lutheran for their children. May God continue to bless us with many students we can share the Gospel with.

As we cruise through February, I want to remind us that God is love. As we celebrate Valentine's Day, may we always remember the ultimate gift of love our Heavenly Father gave to us in His Son Jesus. I know that is what we preach every day in our church and school as we continue to help people experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Michael Nelson,  
Principal

# A Message from the Editor...



**From the Editor**

Dear Readers,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who make our worship experience possible, especially through our livestreams on Facebook, YouTube and on our app. I am a moderator and greeter for Peace's Facebook page on Sunday mornings, and I cannot tell you how much I look forward to seeing everyone join us, and how much this medium keeps us stay connected to each other and God's message. Social media keeps everyone from feeling isolated and it encourages communication with each other within the threads, if and when they cannot be at Peace in person, especially during Michigan's unpredictable weather episodes. Our livestream options are also an enjoyable and inspirational accompaniment on road trips! So, remember, if you are unable to join us in person, we would love to "see" you online!

If you are interested in serving as an online moderator or greeter, or as a camera or sound tech, please contact Holly Nelson at [hnelson@peaceshelby.org](mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org).

Happy Valentine's Day!

Jackie Pilan

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

# A Message from Our EC Director...

## *Celebrating 50 Years of Nurturing Young Minds: A Milestone in Preschool Education*



This year marks a remarkable milestone for our church community as we celebrate 50 years of providing quality preschool education to the children of our congregation and community. Since our preschool program's first class in the 1974-1975 school year, we have been dedicated to fostering a nurturing, creative, and spiritually enriching environment where young learners can grow, explore, and build the foundations for lifelong learning.

Over the past five decades, our preschool has become more than just an educational program; it has become a place where children develop their sense of wonder, curiosity, confidence, and faith. Each child who steps through our doors is greeted with warmth and encouragement, supported by our loving and dedicated staff, who are committed to guiding them on their journey of learning and discovery.

From humble beginnings with just a handful of children, our preschool has grown and evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of families in our community. Yet, our core mission has remained steadfast: to provide a Christ-centered environment that nurtures each child's intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual growth. Through play, exploration, and hands-on learning experiences, our preschoolers not only gain foundational skills in reading, math, and science, but also learn the values of kindness, empathy, and respect.

As we reflect on the past 50 years, we are grateful for the many dedicated teachers, staff, and volunteers who have poured their hearts into making this program a success. Their passion and commitment have shaped the lives of countless children, creating a legacy that will continue for generations to come. We also thank our parents and the entire congregation for their unwavering support, which has allowed us to expand and improve our preschool year after year.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to adapting and growing, always with the goal of providing the best possible start in life for the children entrusted to our care. We look forward to the next 50 years of inspiring, educating, and nurturing the hearts and minds of our youngest learners.

Join us in celebrating this significant milestone during our special anniversary events, where we will reflect on our shared history and look forward to the exciting journey ahead. We are excited to continue this mission of service to our community, and we thank God for His guidance and blessing over the past 50 years.

Our celebration begins with a **Glow Dance & Birthday Party on Friday, February 28, from 6:30-8:00pm**. The event is free, however, if you choose, we are collecting items to support Abigayle Ministries. Items needed: Disinfecting Wipes, Lysol Disinfectant Spray, Ziploc Gallon Bags, and Destin Diaper Rash Paste.

Here's to many more years of faith, learning, and growth in the lives of our preschool children!

Peace Lutheran Preschool Team

# Board and Ministry News...

PRE-ORDER YOUR

# SUPER SUBS

by Thursday, February 6

# \$10/SUB



**PICKUP at Peace:  
Sunday, February 9  
by 12:00pm**

**A PEACE YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER**

Order your Super Subs for the big game.

## Menu Options:

- Italian Sub
- Turkey and Provolone Sub
- Ham and Provolone Sub

**Price:** \$10 per sub

## How to Order:

1. Find one of our youth in the Gathering Room after services the next two weekends to order and pay in-person...
2. Or Visit <https://www.peaceshelby.org/super-subs-fundraiser>
3. Choose your favorite sub(s)
4. Pay securely and pick up at Peace on Sunday, February 9



All proceeds go directly to supporting our Peace Church Youth Group Trips.

**Order deadline:** Thursday, February 6

**Pick-up Date:** Sunday, February 9

**Location:** Peace Lutheran between 8am-Noon

Thank you for your support!



## **Volunteer for Vacation Bible School!**

***VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION OPENS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2025!***

We need you! Volunteer positions for before and during VBS. VBS volunteers must be going into 7th grade\* (Fall 2024) 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 OPENS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2025.**
- ✓ **PARTICIPATION SIGN-UP STARTS APRIL 1, 2025.**

For more information and to sign up, access our True North VBS page at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/vbs>.

# PEACE“FULL” BLESSINGS

SILENT & LIVE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025  
6:00PM - 10:00PM

TICKETS ON  
SALE NOW



SHELBY GARDENS BANQUETS  
50265 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Township, MI 48317

## Peace“Full” Blessings Auction

March 6, 2024

**Register Now!**

It is with great excitement that we invite you to participate in our PEACE“FULL” Blessings Auction. **This event will be held Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 6:00pm.** Join us for dinner and an open bar.

For over 65 years Peace Lutheran Church and School has played an active role in our community, providing an affordable, quality, Christian education serving families in preschool age 2 through Grade 8.

We want you to be part of the great things that are happening at Peace! Your donation will be featured at our event, and your involvement will provide additional exposure for your business, association, or organization for over 250 expected attendees.

**Tickets available until Sunday, February 16, 2025):**

Ticket - \$70/each

Table - \$680/Table (10 Guests)

Please sign up to sponsor and to purchase tickets at

<https://www.peaceshelby.org/peace-full-auction-2025>.

# PEACE“FULL” BLESSINGS

SILENT & LIVE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

## Sponsorship Opportunities

SHELBY GARDENS BANQUETS

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

50265 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Township, MI 48317  
[www.peaceshelby.org](http://www.peaceshelby.org)



## 60+ Group Game Day!

February 12, 2025

Join us on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, beginning at 12:30pm for an afternoon full of fun. We will be playing euchre along with other games. Lunch will be provided. For questions, please contact Holly at [hnelson@peaceshelby.org](mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org).

**60+ GROUP**  
**WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 12 | 12:30PM**  
**BOARD GAMES, EUCHRE, CARDS & MORE!**

\*LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED\*

Peace Lutheran Student Council Presents...



# FAMILY SKATE NIGHT



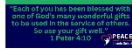
MONDAY, FEB. 24  
6:00-8:00PM

ADMISSION: \$8.00  
BRING YOUR OWN SKATES OR  
BLADES. SKATE OR INLINE RENTAL \$200  
\*ALL CHILDREN BETWEEN 3 - 17  
MUST PAY ADMISSION TO ENTER\*

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(586)731-5006 ~ WWW.THENEWRINK.COM



WEAR YOUR  
THEME SHIRTS!!  
YOUR  
GIFT



DON'T COOK!  
PARTY SPECIAL  
1 WHOLE PIZZA & 4  
16OZ.DRINKS ONLY \$20

## Family Skate Night

February 24, 2025

Our Student Council is hosting a Family Skate Night and would like to invite all of our church and school families. **Please join us on Monday, February 24, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, at The New Rink** for a night of fun. Skates will be available for rental for \$2.00 or you can bring your own. Admission is \$8. Food and Drinks will also be available for purchase. Please contact the school office at 586-731-4120.



## MOM TO MOM SALE\*

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8:00AM - 12:00PM

50+ Tables

\*Proceeds benefit 8th Grade Trip 2026

EARLY BIRD (8AM): \$3

GENERAL ADMISSION (9AM): \$2

CHILD ENTRY: FREE | STROLLERS AFTER 10AM

WWW.PEACESHELBY.ORG

6580 24 Mile Rd., Shelby Township, MI

Interested in selling? Email Brenda  
for information [bnaeyaert5@gmail.com](mailto:bnaeyaert5@gmail.com)

## Mom to Mom Sale

March 15, 2025

❁ Spring Mom to Mom Sale! ❁

Get ready for unbeatable deals at our Spring Mom to Mom Sale! Whether you are looking for gently used clothing, toys, or baby gear, you will find everything you need at fantastic prices.

- Clothing for all ages
- Toys & Games
- Baby Gear & Furniture

Bring your friends, shop, and save big this spring!

**Date:** Saturday, March 15, 8:00am-12:00pm

**Location:** Peace Lutheran Church and School

Do not miss out on these fabulous finds — mark your calendar and we will see you there!

**Early Bird Admission at 8:00am**

**General Admission at 9:00am**

**Strollers after 10:00am**

**Admission is \$3 for early bird and \$2 general.** Kids are free! Concessions available.

Interested in renting table space?

Email Brenda Naeyaert

at [bnaeyaert5@gmail.com](mailto:bnaeyaert5@gmail.com)

All proceeds benefit Peace 8th Grade Trip 2026.



# Youth Ice Skating

(5th - 12th Grades)



At Dodge Park Ice Rink

Sunday, February 16

1:00-3:00pm

\$4 Skate Rental

Contact Holly with questions. ([hnelson@peaceshelby.org](mailto:hnelson@peaceshelby.org))

GLOW  
CRAZY

PRESCHOOL FAMILY DANCE

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 28

6:30PM-8:00PM



## Remove the Clutter

Written by Beverly Porter

Our home or dwelling place reveals much about who we really are. Our personalities are splashed all over the rooms, walls and the decor that fills up the spaces. Or, it can be just the opposite...very few visible clues that reveal more about you. When a guest enters my home for the first time, he learns more about me than he formerly knew. I watch his eyes as they take a virtual tour around the rooms, trying to decipher what the new information is saying about me. I am an open book, for my home describes me as one who likes to adorn as much of the living space with things that appeal to my senses and bring me pleasure. Walls are meant to be visual boards with family photos, pictures, shelves and other interesting items that caught my eye at resale shops.

I like country decorating, for that is where I live. Used and refinished furniture mostly fill my rooms, and there always seems to be a place for another country addition. Dolls and baskets greet my guests, and it is obvious that they rule this home. Dolls of all sizes and attire are tucked in open as well as surprising places. Plants, inside and out, add green, complimenting my favorite color, purple. I have tried to make my house a comfortable place to come and "sit a spell. This is my home, a combination of style and using all of the space to display what is important to me. Some might call this CLUTTER, and sometimes I wonder if they are right in their thinking.

In my time alone with the Lord today, I asked Him why I have difficulty being quiet and hearing from Him. What blocks the door to my heart, so that He cannot always enter? CLUTTER is the word I heard. I have taken the concept of filling up the spaces in my home with things I like and am doing the same with my heart. The door to it is blocked with the Urgent getting in the way of the Important. The urgent consists of distractions, time-consuming projects, and good intentions that replace what is important at that moment. For example, noticing a crooked picture on the wall now becomes the urgent and takes precedence over the important...completing my bible study without interruption.



To evaluate one's personal clutter is probably something we should do on a regular basis. Is it the kind that reflects our personality, such as the accumulation of things, and should be tweaked from time to time? Or is your clutter of the more subtle variety that prevents the Lord from entering the door to your heart and comfortably "sitting a spell"?

"My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me. And my heart responds, "Lord I am coming." - Psalm 27:8 The New Living Translation

YES, WE ARE

**HIRING**

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

PRESCHOOL

**PART-TIME PRESCHOOL AIDE  
LEAD PRESCHOOL TEACHER**

IF INTERESTED  
SEND LETTER OF INTEREST  
AND RESUME TO

[SQUAIL@PEACESHELBY.ORG](mailto:SQUAIL@PEACESHELBY.ORG)

## 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 Studies

6:30pm, Women's Study,  
Gathering Room

## Saturday Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 7:30am

### **Prayer Group**

3:00pm, Mondays, at the  
Klein Residence

## **Church Calendar**

<https://www.peaceshelby.org/church-events-calendar>

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