Tidings of Peace

come grow with us

Easter 2026: A Season of Hope & New Beginnings April 2026

Dear Church Family,

As we navigate the Lenten season, we are preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter Sunday on April 5.

In a world that often feels fractured, Easter offers us a profound reset. It is more than just a date on the calendar; it is the ultimate reminder that death does not have the final word, and that despair is never the end of the story. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a turning point that promises restoration for every wound, hope for every fear, and new lift for all of creation.

Embracing the Joy of Easter
This year, let us not rush from the sorrow of Good Friday to the celebration of Easter without taking time to reflect on the depth of the Atonement. Easter invites us to look past our earthly, temporary burdens and embrace the spiritual, eternal joy that only the risen savior can bring.

Join us for Easter
We encourage you to invite friends, family and neighbors to join us as we journey through this holy week together. Let us unite in worship to celebrate the victory of the empty tomb.

Maundy Thursday: Worship at The Congregational Church @ 7:00 pm
Good Friday: Worship at St. Mary's Catholic Church @ 7:30 pm
Sunrise Easter Service: Maple Hill Cemetery @ 7:00 am
Easter Sunday: Worship at Peace Lutheran @ 9:30 am

Beverly Leffler

DATES TO REMEMBER

Maundy Thursday: April 2nd @ 7pm at The Congregational Church

Good Friday: April 3rd @7:30 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church

Easter Breakfast: April 5th @ 8am

Easter Worship: April 5th @ 9:30 am

Articles Due for March Tidings: April 20th

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Men's Breakfast

We will meet at the Eaton Place for breakfast and fellowship on… **Thursday, April 9th at 8:30am.**
Hope to see you there!

Men's Night Out

We will meet for dinner and fellowship on **Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00 pm**

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday, April 15th
11:30 am at Evelyn Bay

CHURCH CLEANING SERVICE - UPDATE

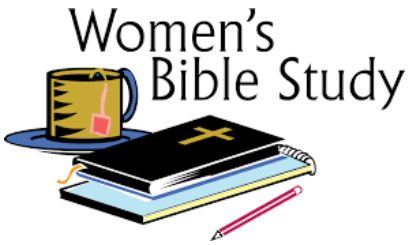
We are in need of someone to clean our church on a weekly basis. The gentleman that has been doing the work has another job and is unable to continue here. The job is to do basis cleaning at the end of the week so the church is ready for Sunday service. If you or someone you know would be interested or would like more information, **please contact Joe Crigier of the Property Team at 517-652-1731.**

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the March Peace Council Meeting, the Call Committee was formed with the following six members:

Cindy Edgerton
Harry Moore
Holly Heuter
Kristin Shannon
Scott Lumbert
Scott Myckowiak

The committee will soon begin working on the church's Ministry Site profile.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's Bible Study meeting is **April 11th at 10:30 am.**

For more details contact Sandy Hassen.

The Pregnancy Center

The center has a specific need for size 4 and 5 diapers. Please place your donation in the basket in the Gathering Area.

CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW

Peace Lutheran Church is holding its first Craft and Vendor Show on **Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2.** The majority of the funds raised at this show will come from the Vendors' rental of the booth spaces. This fundraiser is to support the PLC mortgage reduction drive. The vendors will be located in the gathering area, youth room, nursery, class room and the narthex. PLC will hold a bake sale and succulent plant sale during this event.

Advertising for this event has been on the Michigan Craft Shows and Events web page as well as on PLC web site and on Facebook. A grant has been received from Thrivent to cover advertising in the County Journal and we plan to put a free article in the County Journal as we get closer to show time! A sign to place out by the road is in the process of being made and we have our new pencil SALE flag that will be by the road as well. But as we all know, WORD OF MOUTH advertising is a very important tool to get the word out! So please everyone, tell your family, friends and neighbors about this very important fund raiser. It is important that we get good traffic at this show so the vendors will be excited to participate in future shows.

Starting **Sunday, March 18th volunteer sign-up sheets** will be in the gathering area for:

Worker sign-up sheet. We will be requesting volunteers for Door Greeters, Floaters to make sure Vendors have what they need, and individuals to man the PLC booths

Bake Sale donations (pies, cookies, cakes, cinnamon rolls, candy, rolls, bread, etc.).

If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members: Bev Cahill, Bev DeFord, Sharron Pridgeon, Susie Moore

This has been a challenging time and I am starting to feel better. I thank you all for the care and concern over the past three months. The calls, cards, text, flowers, and words of encouragement have meant so much.

I believe in the power of prayer and your continued prayers during this time were appreciated more than you will ever know.

Thank you so very much!

God bless all of you.
Rosalie

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Find and follow using this QR code or search @peacecharlottemi.

Compassion Sunday is April 26, 2026

On this day you will be given the opportunity to hear about the wonderful work that is being done through Compassion International. You will also have the opportunity to sponsor a child in poverty.

Fight Child Poverty: Give Right-Now Care & Eternal Hope

Nutritious food. Medical care. Protection from harm. Hope. These are just some of the critical, right-now needs of children living in poverty. Help us fight child poverty by meeting these needs and sharing the lasting hope of the gospel. You can do all of this plus show the love of Jesus for $43/month.

In Return, You'll Receive

A meaningful connection with your sponsored child through

Letters & Photos

Letters to and from your sponsored child will allow you to learn about each other's lives as you offer support and encouragement. Also, you'll be able to watch the child you sponsor grow through photos shared from their Compassion center.

Updates & Prayer Requests

You'll receive regular prayer requests for the child you sponsor and information on local crises that affect them.

What does it mean to sponsor a child?

To sponsor a child in need means donating to a child monthly. Through child sponsorship, a local church in a child's community will provide them with the love and care they need to leave poverty behind. They'll receive an introduction to Jesus, medical care, nutrition support, protection, encouragement and so much more.

I know that many members of Peace already sponsor one or more children. I would welcome any of you to bring in pictures or stories to share about your experiences with Compassion!

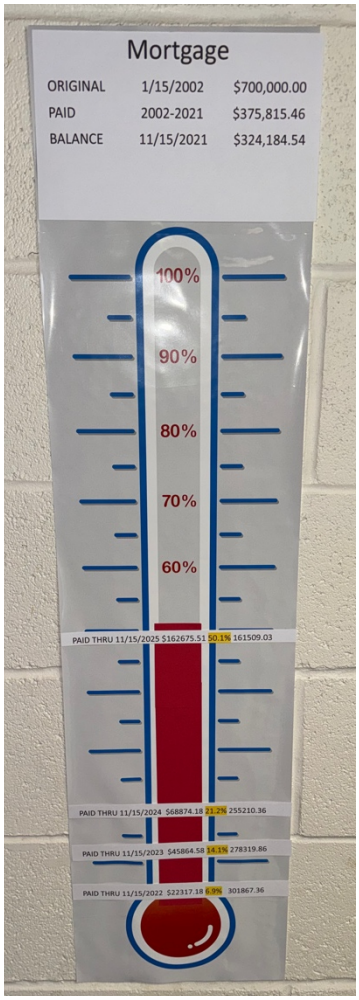
Thanks for all of your years of sponsorships!

Peace,
Barb Myckowiak

Serve God and Others in Worship

Each week it takes many of God's people working together to make worship happen-and there is a place for you! Join the ministry of worship by serving as an usher, reader, worship assistant or serve on the altar guild. You may want to be a Gathering Host. **Sign up sheets are located in the Gathering Area.** You are welcome to join any of the teams at Peace. The teams are the Caring Team, Community in Action Team, Finance Team, Growing in Faith Team, Personnel/IT Team, Property Team and the Worship Team. Please contact the office if you are interested in this ministry.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS??



This thermometer is a visual look at the church mortgage. The original mortgage was in January of 2002 for the construction of the new sanctuary, pastor's office, narthex and bathrooms as an addition to the existing building. The mortgage was for $700,000. It took almost 20 years to pay the first half of the mortgage. In November of 2021 the remaining balance of $324,000 was refinanced for 15 years with a 5 year balloon payment due in November of 2026.

The balance as of December 2025 is $155,000. This huge reduction in the balance was accomplished by several large one-time payments on the principal along with some members of the congregation also making monthly or annual donations toward the principal. With the current vacancy of a pastor, it was decided to use some of the funds which would be used to pay a pastor to help reduce the balance even further. The mortgage will be reviewed with the bank in the second half of 2026 for any changes needed for the remaining 10 years on the mortgage. The more we can reduce the balance before this review the better position we will be in.

VISITATION MINISTRY

The Caring Team is asking for help with a Visitation Ministry in reaching out to our members. We need volunteers to visit people in the congregation that have difficulty in getting to church on a regular basis. Visitors would go out in teams of two and would be making one visit per month. Each month you would be visiting a different member, and your visiting partner might change. You will receive a schedule of who and what week to visit and who is your visiting partner. Your responsibility is to get with your visiting partner and contacting the member to set up a visitation time. Then to go and enjoy learning more about one of our members.

After making a visit you will realize that you are the one that have been blessed. This is a ministry where you receive more than you give.
Please contact Char Ehlers if you are interested in this ministry.

Staples

When buying ink from Staples for you or your family please consider using Peace's phone number when checking out. Your purchase of ink can apply to Peace's Rewards program. The office uses the rewards dollars for supplies for our church.

Helping Hands Ministry

For the month of April, we are collecting **Spaghetti Sauce**. A basket has been placed in the gathering area in front of the Helping Hands Ministry bulletin board to place donations. Thank you for your support!

Did you know that we recycle pull tabs here at Peace?

Pull tabs are taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing

They turn these tabs in to cash to help support the House. The House provides care, comfort, and a free place to stay for families to heal together while their child receives medical treatment.

This is a simple way to help support the House, just pull those tabs off the cans and **place them in the container at church** and Dar will see that they get over to Ronald McDonald House.

Worship Ministry
April 2026

Date	Sunday 4/5	Sunday 4/12	Sunday 4/19	Sunday 4/26
Altar Guild	Brenda Morris	Brenda Morris	Brenda Morris	Brenda Morris
Audio/ Visual	Scott and Connie Lumbert	Scott and Connie Lumbert	Scott and Connie Lumbert	Scott and Connie Lumbert
Choir Director/ Musician	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio	Bryan Guarnuccio
Fellowship	Easter Breakfast	**Volunteer Needed**	**Volunteer Needed**	Scott and Connie Lumbert
Flowers	Bev DeFord	Michelle Sherrill	**Volunteer Needed**	Scott and Connie Lumbert
Lector	Susie Moore	Susie Moore	Susie Moore	Susie Moore
Pastor	Pastor Dave Augenstein	Service of the Word	Pastor Frank Rothfuss	Pastor Dave Augenstein
Ushers	**Volunteer Needed**	**Volunteer Needed**	**Volunteer Needed**	**Volunteer Needed**
Worship Assistant	Scott Myckowiak	Scott Myckowiak	Scott Myckowiak	Scott Myckowiak

Church Calendar – April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:30 am Caring Team Meeting 6:00 pm AA Meeting	2 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service at the Congregational Church	3 7:30 pm Good Friday Worship Service at St. Mary's Catholic Church	4
5 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 am Sunrise Service at Maple Hill Cemetery 8:00 am Easter Breakfast at Peace 9:30 am Easter Worship 10:30 am Gathering	6	7 7:00 pm CAT Team Meeting	8 1:00 pm Personnel/IT Team Meeting 6:00 pm AA Meeting	9 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 10:30 am Women's Bible Study
12 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Gathering 10:45 am Sunday School	13	14 10:00 am Worship and Music Team Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting	15 11:30 am Ladies Luncheon at Evelyn Bay 6:00 pm AA Meeting	16 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 Gathering	20	21 7:00 pm GFS Team Meeting 6:00 pm Men's Night Out	22 6:00 pm AA Meeting	23 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 NOISY BUCKET OFFERING 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Gathering 10:45 am Sunday School	27	28	29 6:00 pm AA Meeting	30 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal		

Please feel free to submit articles or pictures for the Tidings to the editor, Kristin Shannon gore.kristin88@gmail.com

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