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What is Confirmation?



Martin Luther answered this question in his Small Catechism this way; "Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community." Luther added; "The rite of Confirmation provides the opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Holy Baptism, to make a **personal public confession of the faith** and **lifelong pledge** of fidelity (loyalty – faithfulness) to Christ."

Matthew 10:32-33, Jesus said, "*Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.*"

Revelation 2:10, "*Be faithful, even to the point of death, I will give you the crown of life.*"

Confirmation is the Church's contribution to helping parents lead their children towards this public confession of faith. Confirmation classes at Peace are designed to teach the students what they need to know about the Lutheran-Christian faith to make this confirmation. We talk about who God is, how God relates to us, how we relate to Him, what church is all about and how we know about God.

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Our goal at Peace is that the following three levels of learning take place for our students:

1. That each student is instructed in Christian doctrine and the facts of the Bible — Knowledge.
2. That each student apply their instruction into being a significant and meaningful part of their lives — **Faith**.
3. That Confirmation instruction help each student lead a life that reflects the marks of a Christian lifestyle. Scripture is clear that regular worship, regular Bible study and holiness of life are essential marks of the Christian lifestyle — **Living**.

The Confirmation Service at Peace is a big deal. On that day, we come together to celebrate and affirm what was begun at each child's baptism. After the Confirmands profess their Christian faith before parents, godparents, family, friends, and the congregation, they will be officially welcomed into the church as confirmed communicant adults. The Confirmands will then come to the Lord's Table and partake in the Lord's Supper.



Kudos
to Our
Confirmands

This year's class was another exceptional group of young people, that continually amazed us, by their understanding of their Lord, their faith and by their hard work. We congratulate them and their families and welcome them into adult membership in the church.

GREAT JOB CLASS – YOU ARE AWESOME!

Pastor Klemm

Proverbs 22:6 – *“Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.”*

A Message from the Editor...

Dear Readers,



I offer my heartfelt thank you and appreciation to our teachers, mothers, veterans and your families for your tireless service and sacrifice for our country and communities. May God bless and keep you safe! Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and Memorial Day is Monday, May 31.

From the Editor Happy Confirmation Day, Confirmands! I join you in your profession of faith and pray that your faith and your personal relationship with Jesus Christ will grow beyond measure!

Jackie Pilan

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

A Message from Our Principal...

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

April showers bring May flowers. I am sure that we have all repeated that little rhyme to ourselves on those dreary rainy April days. At Peace Lutheran School May brings a lot more than flowers. May brings a lot of different milestones and celebrations. Each of these celebrations or milestones fills us with joy and peace and are gifts from God.



Confirmation

We celebrate with several 8th-grade students as they publicly profess the faith that they were baptized into. This is such a milestone in the lives of these young adults, and we celebrate with them and hold them in our prayers.

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” 2 Corinthians 13:14

Mother’s Day

Mothers are an important part of our earthly lives and a very special gift from God. Even though our preschool students cannot invite their moms in like usual, they are looking for some creative ways to show them that they care. We all are thankful for our moms and the gift they are. Especially how they have shared with us the Good News of Jesus.

“I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.” 2 Timothy 1:5

Last Days of Preschool and Graduation

May brings the ending to the school year for our preschool students. These little ones have had an exciting year of meeting new friends, learning new things, and most importantly learning about Jesus. Our 4-year old students are also graduating from Preschool as they look to new things in the fall. We are excited to celebrate with these students on **May 25 and 26**. We pray for God’s blessing on our preschool students throughout the summer.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Memorial Day Service

The end of May always brings that important holiday of Memorial Day. To most, this is the kick-off of summer and a long weekend. However, at Peace, we believe it is much more than that. We believe that it is an opportunity for us to stop, reflect, and thank God for the men and women who have served to protect our country. Especially the men and women who did not make it back to their families. This year, we are not able to hold our Memorial Day Service in person, but we plan to publish a virtual service to help us reflect and give thanks to God for the members of the armed services. Please look for information on how you can watch this service. If you have served in a branch of the military or someone in your family has, we would like your help. Please contact Mrs. Priehs (kpriehs@peaceshelby.org) to find out how you can help.

“The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace.” Psalm 29:11

Board and Ministry News...

On-Campus Walking Group is Back!

Tuesdays/Thursdays @ 9:00am

Join us! Contact Holly for details:

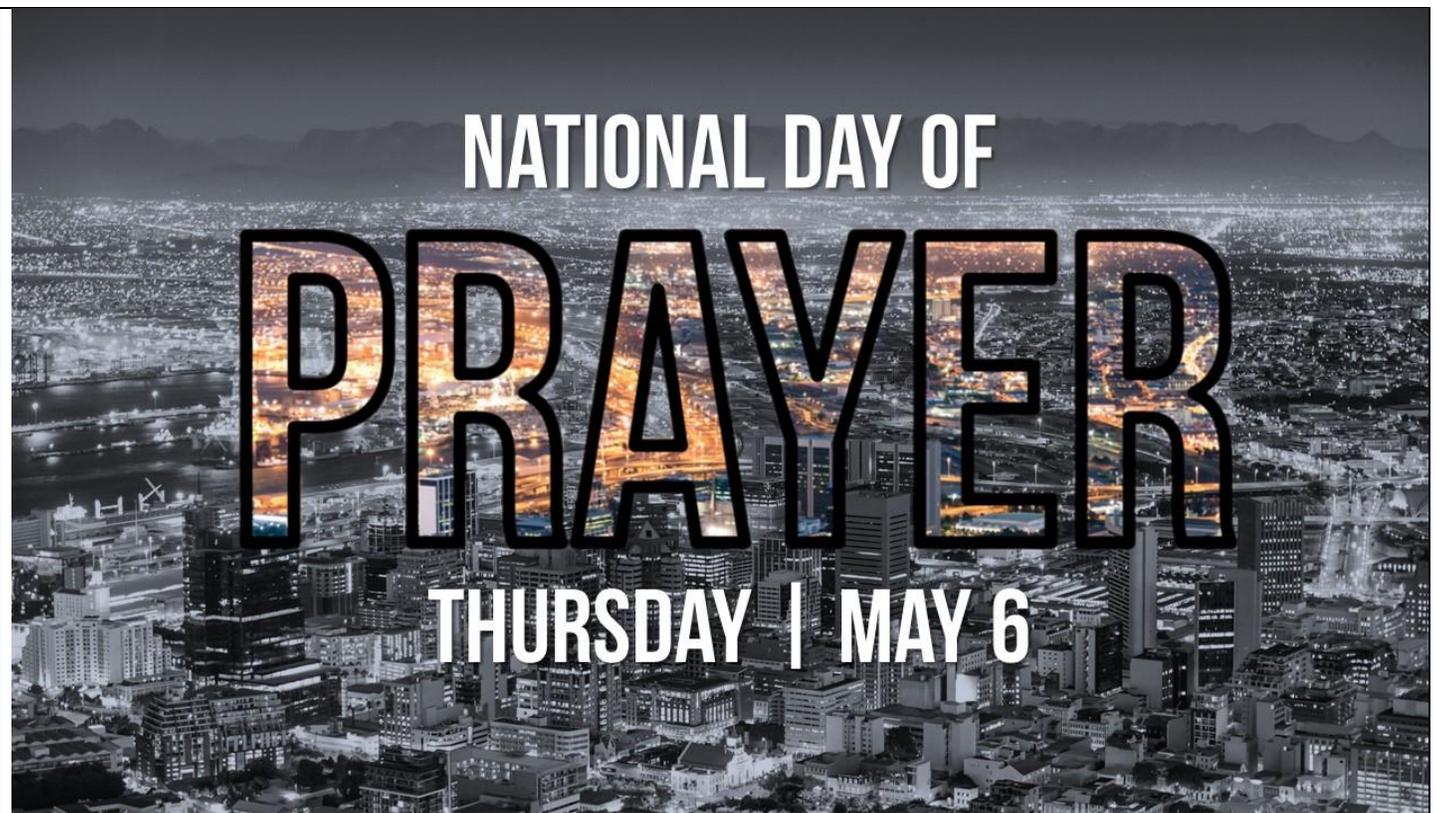
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Walking Group

Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:00am

Get a fresh start to your Tuesdays and Thursdays by joining our group in getting some fresh air and exercise!



Look ahead

"The spirit of complaint is born out of an unwillingness to trust God with today," says Priscilla Shirer. "Like the Israelites, it means you are spending your time looking back toward Egypt or wishing for the future, all the while missing what God is doing right now."

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You're invited.

ALL MEMBER MEETING
SUNDAY
May 2
11:45am

All Member Meeting

May 2, 11:45am

Members, you are encouraged to attend our All Member Meeting. We will discuss extending a call for a teacher. Your vote counts!

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



Tuesday
June 1
6:30pm

**STREAMING ON YOUTUBE, OUR PEACE APP
AND PEACESHELBY.ORG**

Memorial Day Service

June 1, 6:30pm

Join us virtually as we pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country and preserved our freedoms.

If you have served in a branch of the military or someone in your family has, we would like your help. Please contact Mrs. Priehs at kpriehs@peaceshelby.org to find out how you can help.

PEACE VBS
MONDAY - FRIDAY

July 26-30

Sign up at peaceshelby.org



Peace VBS: Treasured

July 26-30

Embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles. At Treasured VBS, kids dig into action-packed, faith-filled adventures. They will discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold – it is them!

We need kids and volunteers! Register your children or sign up to help with VBS at <https://www.peaceshelby.org/>. Volunteer registration is currently open. Participation registration opens May 15.

"The mere whisper of the Holy Spirit can drown out the thundering noise of an entire world."
—David Jeremiah (Taken with permission from www.newsletternewsletter.com)

“Out of Order” Written by Beverly Porter

“**OUT OF ORDER**”. These are the words I heard or saw many times today as we drove to Pennsylvania to visit family. I heard them from the aloof employee as I attempted to order a fast food Italian lunch at a food court in Ohio. After the usual prolonged decision, I ordered the small ziti and then added a Caesar salad to pad out my meager, but pricey lunch. “We cannot make salads today,” the not-so-friendly face behind the counter informed me. No salads?, I thought. Has there been a strike among produce workers that I did not know about? Oh well, eating healthy is highly over-rated and I decided on one garlic bread stick. “We are not making those today,” she chimed the familiar answer. She then stated with a glimmer of passion that she had been gone for three days and not a thing was done in her absence.

Perhaps that explained why she had her arm in a sling and a clue to her negativity. I paid for my ziti and joined my husband at a table. He had wisely ordered from another fast food counter in the food court and was waiting with his greasy, but yummy meal.



I immediately started complaining after our blessing for the food, and described the concept of OUT OF ORDER and how it possibly had gone viral in Ohio. My evaluation was confirmed when I went to the ice cream counter, located next to the disappointing Italian food service. A familiar person appeared to take my order. Didn't I see her behind the Italian counter a few minutes ago? Of course I did, for the two services are connected. I did not think too much of this until I asked for the small ice cream in a cup. "Our ice cream machine isn't working today," she innocently stated. Translated that means OUT OF ORDER. Fuming, I had more evidence to report to my husband who was still enjoying his easily obtained meal. I vented some more and when I was through with my embellished litany, I had a revelation. I was also OUT OF ORDER. An attitude of patience and trying to understand the situation was nowhere to be found. I replaced those virtues with complaint and criticism. How do you fix something that is out of order? Repair the item according to the owner's manual. In the case of my ungrateful spirit, I too needed to go back to the owner's manual - the Bible. The verses on "rejoicing always" and the value of "trials which produce patience" came to mind.

We are now at our hotel in Pennsylvania and I am reluctant to report that the practice of OUT OF ORDER is still alive and well. As we entered the pool area, I noticed that the bathroom had a TEMPORARILY OUT OF ORDER sign on the on the door. We anticipated a steamy relaxing time in the hot tub, but the water was only lukewarm. Turning on the timer, in hopes that it would heat up the water, was not the solution. OUT OF ORDER means just what it implies. It is not working.

My husband has just returned from the exercise room and announced that one of the treadmills was OUT OF ORDER and the water cooler was empty. As we were driving home, we stopped at a Subway and a handwritten sign was on the glass of the sandwich counter. You guessed it: "The toaster is OUT OF ORDER". No toasted subs today. I will say this about our trip. It was consistent. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I can learn to live IN ORDER in this OUT OF ORDER WORLD.

Whatever is TRUE. Whatever is HONORABLE.

Whatever is PURE, Whatever is LOVELY,

Whatever is of GOOD REPUTE,

If there is any EXCELLENCE,

If there is anything WORTHY OF PRAISE

I will think on these things. Philippians 4:8



Worship Services

On-Site Sunday Worship

8:30am Traditional
10:30am Contemporary

Online Worship

Streaming Sunday at 10:30am
on Peace's Website, App and
Facebook Page

Sunday Bible Studies

Adult Bible Studies

9:45-10:30am

JYM and KidZone

9:45am

Wednesday Night

Bible Studies

6:30pm In-Person and
Zoom Bible Studies

Saturday Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study
2nd and 4th Saturdays, In-Person
7:30am

Prayer Group

7:00pm, Mondays

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FEAR NOT

Do not be afraid. I am with you.
Do not be terrified. I am your God.
I will make you strong and help you.
I will hold you safe in my hands."
Isaiah 41:10

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