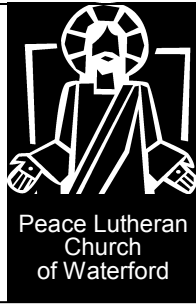


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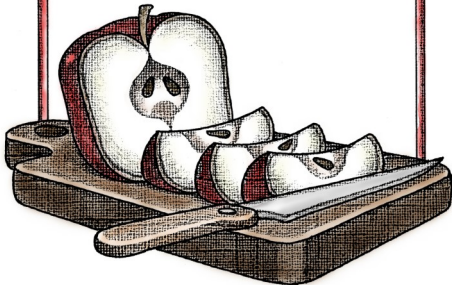


The
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of Peace

"May the God of PEACE, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to who be glory for ever and ever. Amen." John 14:27

You have been
born anew, not of
perishable but of
imperishable seed
through the living
and enduring Word
of God.

1 Peter 1:23, NRSV



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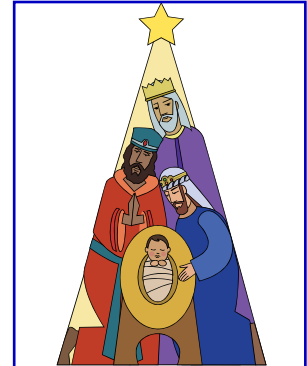
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What is Epiphany?

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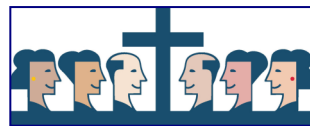
On Epiphany (January 6), we celebrate Jesus, revealed as the Savior for all people. Epiphany means, "to shine through." Christians remember the shining star sought by wise men from the East searching for the foretold King of kings.

As the Epiphany season continues, we remember Jesus' baptism and His early ministry. He commanded us to baptize all nations, reminding us that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, a light that shone through the darkness of this world, bringing salvation for all people.



A Light to the Nations

Installation of officers and board members



Our 2015 church officers and board members, along with the ladies guild officers will be installed during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, **January 4, 2015**. We wish to thank our outgoing officers and board members for their dedicated service to the Lord and His church. We pray God's blessings on all our officers and board members.

Church Officers and Board Members

President ~ Jay Squanda
Vice President ~ Bob Poe
Secretary ~ Carol Smith
Financial Secretary ~ Beth Schreiner
Board of Elders ~ Mark Bunarek, Skip Bushart, Richard Heinz, Bob Poe, Jim Rich, Jay Squanda

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President ~ Terry Rimatzki
Vice President ~ Judy Harroun
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Pastor Tkac: Monday — Thursday

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Regular Worship/Class Schedule:

Saturday Divine Worship.....6:30pm

Sunday Divine Worship.....10:30am

Sunday School Classes

Age 3—grade 4...during 10:30 worship

Grades 5 and up.....9:15am

Adult Bible Class.....9:15am

8th Grade Confirmation Class

Monday Evenings.....6:30-7:30pm

Midweek Bible Class

Wednesday Bible class 3:30—4:30pm

Summer Schedule:

(Memorial Day — Labor Day)

Saturday Worship.....6:30pm

Sunday Worship.....9:30am

Sunday school for ages 3 — grade 4 during worship the fourth Sunday of June, July, and August.

All other Sunday classes and Wednesday Bible class resume after Labor Day



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod



Dear friends in Christ,

Another busy year has passed, and we look forward to what lies ahead. As I did last year, I'll try to summarize the year for you. It is hard to believe that I've completed two year of full-time ministry here at Peace. It has been a joy and blessing to serve you, and I ask the Lord for continued blessings for Peace and for each one of you.

January of 2014 saw the start of my second year in ministry with the Baptism of Madelyn Deckard on

January 5. I also continued visits to Peace members and two ladies that I visited for St. Mark in West Bloomfield while they were without a pastor. There was also hospital visits to Peace members and my friend Donna Kyle, who I knew from my time at Evola Music. Once I was ordained, Donna adopted me as her pastor and desired to be a member here but passed away on January 27. I had the privilege to conduct her funeral on January 31.

February saw more visits, hospital calls, and home calls. Monica even was hospitalized for close to a week. Peggy Madsen's husband, Ron had been suffering from cancer for quite a while, and I was able to visit with Ron and the family before he passed on to heaven. I served at his funeral on February 20.

March brought more visits along with our Lenten Suppers as we began with Ash Wednesday on March 5. Pastor Merrell and I served at fellow member Eleanor Young's memorial service on March 17 at the church, and I conducted my father-in-law, Steve Comins' funeral at Coats Funeral Home in Clarkston on March 21.

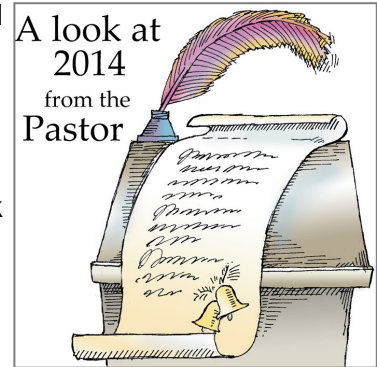
April generated the hope of spring after the longest winter I can remember. As I continued to work through my Seminary classes, long time member Frieda Flener passed on to heaven, and Pastor Merrell and I served at her funeral on April 2. Holy Week concluded with our Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday Breakfast at the Big Apple, with service in the evening, and the joy of the resurrection and Easter Breakfast and service on Sunday the 20th.

On May 4, we confirmed Ben Robar, Lilleanna Poe, Daniel Penner, Marie Zangara, and Victoria VanderVelde. I continued to do services at Lakeland Place the second Sunday of the month and fill in where needed. Bob Poe and I attended the Doxology conference in DeWitt, MI from May 16 -18.

In June, we celebrated our Chicken BBQ on the 8th, and though the weather didn't allow us to celebrate worship outside, we did have a wonderful time, and much thanks to all who helped.

On July 13, I participated in the Ordination and Installation of Rev. Aaron Vergin as Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in West Bloomfield, while Pastor Merrell did the same for the Rev. Gary Koltz at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lake Orion. Both men have been a great blessing to their respective churches and our circuit meetings. I also had the joy of baptizing the Junis twins, Emma and Easton on July 20.

A look at
2014
from the
Pastor



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VBS was the best yet as we had so much fun and learning with the children and many helpers to make things go smooth. The Petting Zoo was a big hit, and I would be remiss if I didn't thank my wife Monica for all the work she does for VBS and helping with my needs as pastor.

In August, Pastor Merrell baptized Melanie Slavik's son, Jedidiah on the 8th, while I was on vacation. It is such a great pleasure to have a Pastor Emeritus in Pastor Merrell, who is available to help and always supportive of the ministry here at Peace. It also was he who suggested we adopt Houghton Elementary School as a church outreach. That has been a joy and blessings for Peace church and Houghton school alike. On August 2, I finished my final class and completed the SMP program at Concordia Theological Seminary. I received two A's and two B+'s for the year. I finished the month with the Baptism of Gibson Brown on August 24.

I served at the wedding of Tracy Baisch and Joseph Pietrzak on September 6 in Fenton. We celebrated Rally Day on September 7 and once again began our regular church schedule. Long-time member and fellow servant Orville Kitzman went to be with the Lord on September 20. Pastor Merrell and I had the joy of serving at his funeral here at Peace. Orville was not only a long-time Elder but also served as President and Vice President of the congregation for many years. Monica, I, Orville, and Joan were brought in as members of Peace on the same day, November 11, 2001. It was a joy to know him, and I look forward to our reunion in heaven!

On October 5, I baptized Jason Matthews and his two boys Jason Jr. and Jaxon. I served at the wedding of Kim Madsen and Derrick Anderson on October 25, and we welcomed new communicate members, Madison Fisher, Carol Hartig, Jason Matthews, and Sandy Young on Reformation Sunday, October 26.

In November, we said goodbye to long-time member Betty Gedeon, who went to be with the Lord on October 31. I served at her funeral on the evening of November 2. I began this same Sunday with the Baptism of Sophia Catanzaro at the 10:30 service, so it was a blessed day. On Tuesday November 4, I received my Certificate of Completion at a service on campus at the seminary. It is nice to have that finished and behind me as we began the Advent Season.

December ended our year with the blessings of Advent and a wonderful Advent by Candlelight sponsored by the ladies. It was well attended and a joy to attend and sing with my daughter Amy. I am thankful for her service here at Peace with me as organist. Finally, we joyed in the coming of the Christ child that brought peace to you and me as he took our place, taking our sin upon himself at the cross, and covering us with his righteousness.

May you have a blessed New Year, and I thank you for your prayers and support as we together enter 2015 with the hope of Christ's return.

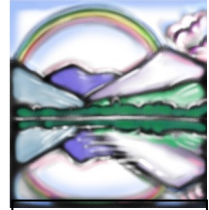
God's Rich Blessings,
Pastor Tkac



*The Hope of Christ's
Return*

Will you be found guilty?

As I find myself in the New Year 2015, I am truly blessed. God said in one of the books of the Bible that he will take care of all my needs. Doesn't he take care of the sparrows of the fields? How much more He will do for me as His child!



Go, tell it on the mountains!

I'm so pleased you're reading my article and that you are interested in your church. God does have a spot inside and out of these walls. God works through his Word and Sacraments, and through love, it is that "UR" in yoUR and in chURch that we are to go and share the love of Christ. Tell others about our Father.

I hope that you are found guilty of telling others about Jesus' love. In addition, UR to go and show others about your love for your Church.

Jesus, Your grace and peace...on us shower! Amen.

With Love,
Jay Squanda,
President of Your Church

Houghton Elementary School sends its thanks

In 2014, Peace adopted Houghton Elementary School as a mission outreach. Over the 2014 year, we helped the students in many ways by providing prayer, monetary, social, and personal support. That support touched not only the children but also the staff. Please see page 4 for the letter from principal Grimes. They are truly thankful for our efforts. We have indeed made an impact by **sharing Jesus' love** with those who need help.

"Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'"



— Matthew 25:40



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December 2014

Dear Peace Lutheran,

Once again, we are overwhelmed by your generosity. The coats, hats, gloves, scarves, pants, socks and underwear are exactly what our school needs. This morning I was able to help an embarrassed little girl find what she needed to restore her dignity! Thank you!

You are living out "whatever you have done for the least of these". You think you are helping children, but you are also filling the hearts of our staff, myself included. Thank you for your generous donation and for encouraging this principal.

Sincerely,

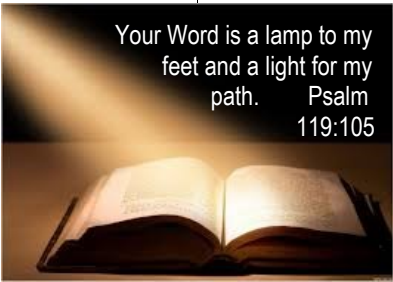
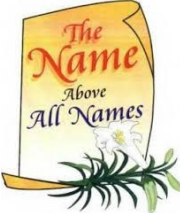





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Inspire, educate, and empower our students for their future!

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- 2 Sarah Anderson
- 3 Coral Larson, Christy Warnick
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- 5 Violet McAllister
- 8 Carlene Constable, Markie Merrell
- 9 Kaitlyn Rathe, Jason Steed
- 10 Erna Gidcumb, Laurie McCallum
- 11 Delia Marx
- 12 Mark Benson, Jennifer James, Gale Roberts
- 14 Glenn Blackerby, Joan Kitzman, Rachelle Sanders
- 16 Susan Perkins
- 17 Robert Butzke, Christie Gralinski, Blake Harmon
- 18 Ryan Squanda
- 20 Carol Wingert
- 21 Kevin Thompson
- 23 Virginia Blasius, Michaela Robertson-Byers
- 24 Brandon Bouchard Barbara Peterson
- 25 Judy Harroun
- 27 Danielle Mausling
- 28 Michael Denney, Hannah Thiem
- 29 Erika Hoffmann
- 30 Marjory Snowden, Chelsi Sublett
- 31 Matthew Tilley, Margaret Voss



Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY

JANUARY

YEARS

- 1 William & Lana Dabb 15
- 16 Reginald & Rebecca Hunt 27



Name change from:
Amy VanderVelde to Amy Bivins

Lucille Schreiner
7570 Dixie Highway
Clarkston, MI 48346

Scott Dobson 810-650-9317



If you have a prayer need, call Judy Harroun at 682-6426 or Nancy Merrell at 623-0717. Either Judy or Nancy will call the first person on the list. Please *write down details to pass on. Contact the next person on the list.* If that person is unavailable, please call the next person, and so on.

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Sue Vogt 698-2072
Florence Adkins 623-0159

NANCY MERRELL 623-0717
Joan Kitzman 363-1470
Hilda Klein 682-2497



Our Gifts At WORK

Donations have been made to the following funds / needs during November / December here at Peace.

*Wish List Fund

- Memorial
- Special Needs
- St. Paul, Pontiac Mission



Start the Year with God

✠ CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS ✠

ANCHOR CROSS

The anchor is a symbol of the Christian's hope in Christ. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19, NIV). The early Christians used this cross during the days of persecution.

They saw hope in the anchor's cross, while non-Christians saw nothing but an anchor.



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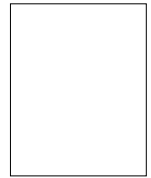
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Who rebuked people for bringing their children to Jesus?

- A. The religious leaders
- B. Jesus himself
- C. The disciples
- D. Roman soldiers



Answer: C (See Mark 10:13.)

CAROLING FOR OUR SHUT-INS ~ CHRISTMAS 2014



Here is Peace shut-in, Lucille Schreiner sitting on the couch with Monica Tkac. Lucille delighted in our visit and caroling.

From left to right: Kim Deckard, Bill Penner (back), Daniel Penner (front), Monica Tkac, Lucille Schreiner, Tami Franckowiak, Courtney Penner & Pastor Tkac