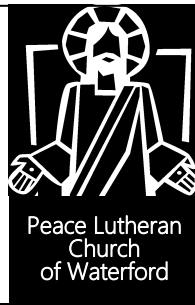


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The Voice of Peace

"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 whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." John 14:27

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JANUARY 2017



Dear friends in Christ,

The Child has come, born in a manger, and now His Epiphany (or being made known) begins this New Year. Making Christ known is God's work by His Holy Spirit. He does this through the ordinary means of Word and Sacrament – the Means of Grace. He also does this through you and me, as the Gospel does its work through public and private proclamation.

What awaits this New Year? Only the Lord knows. The election is over, but our country remains much divided. What is clear is that the problems we face, no matter the solutions we devise, will not change the fact that life is short and eternity long.

This past year, Peace lost some wonderful friends and members. Some were advanced in age and others still quite young. Some were long time members, while others had not attended for many years. Some are still clear in thought and some confused and clouded in memory. Life takes many turns, but what is consistent is that life at some point ends.

What comfort we enjoy! What blessings we've received in this Child, this Christ, this Lord and Savior! In humility He took our flesh upon Himself, and in our place He took our sin and God's wrath away from us, so that His peace is our peace and His righteousness our righteousness in this life and in the life to come.

As we look to this New Year, let us not look to the trials of the past or to the rocky way ahead. Rather, let us look to the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life – the only Way to the Father. May the blessings of the New Year be abundantly yours in Christ!

God Bless,
Pastor Tkac



*And nations shall come to
your light, and kings to the
brightness of your rising.*

Isaiah 60:3



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Pastor Tkac: Monday—Thursday
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Hours: 9 am—4:30 pm

Worship and Class Schedule:

Saturday Divine Worship 6:30 pm
Sunday Divine Worship 10:30 am

Intergenerational Sunday School
in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am

Midweek Adult Bible Class

Thursday 2:30—3:30 pm

No Sunday School or Bible Class
Memorial Day — Labor Day

6th/7th Grade Confirmation Class

Monday 5:30—6:30 pm

8th Grade Confirmation Class

Monday 6:30—7:30 pm



JANUARY 2017 ~ ACOLYTE & READER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 6:30 PM

31/01 Acolyte: Olivia Fisher
Reader: Judy Harroun

07/08 Acolyte: _____
Reader: Mark Bunarek

14/15 Acolyte: Olivia Fisher
Reader: Ginny McDonald

21/22 Acolyte: _____
Reader: Judy Harroun

28/29 Acolyte: Olivia Fisher
Reader: Pastor Merrell

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

Lauren Robar
Beth Schreiner

Logan Thompson
Lynette Bright

Brianna Squanda
Joan Rich

Lauren Robar
Robin Gallmeyer

Logan Thompson
Darrell Roberts

SATURDAY

JANUARY ELDERS: Rick Heinz

SUNDAY

Bob Poe

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Tammy Franckowiak / Connie Kiefiuk



**Our Gifts
at WORK**

Funds & Missions

Building Fund
Carpet Fund
St. Paul Mission
Advent Dinners
Ladies Guild



**Celebrating a
BIRTHDAY**

2 Sarah Anderson
4 Stena DeLong
10 Erna Gidcumb
12 Jennifer James
14 Glenn Blackerby
18 Ryan Squanda
20 Carol Wingert
23 Virginia Blasius
25 Judy Harroun
28 Michael Denney
29 Erika Hoffmann
31 Matthew Tilley,
Margaret Voss




**Celebrating an
ANNIVERSARY**

YEARS

1 William & Lana Dabb 17

John 1: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (ESV)

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																																																																																								
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Mens Breakfast Bible Study



Join us for Bible study and breakfast on Saturday, **January 7**. Come and feed both soul and body. We will gather at 9:00 am for breakfast and finish with Bible study. You will surely be built up in the faith that leads to life eternal as the Holy Spirit works within you!

To All of Our Friends at Peace Lutheran Church of Waterford



We just wanted to express our Excitement, our Gratitude and our sincerest Appreciation for the beautiful gifts sent from your church to our school! We were SO glad to receive the lovely scarves and hats made by the talented hands of your parishioners. ☺ We were also happy to know that our children in need would look nice and stay warm because you took the time to compile and send matching sets of hats and gloves.

Thank you for being so wonderful! Have a happy and healthy Holiday!

Sincerely,
Houghton Elementary

Our February blood drive

Thursday, **February 16, 2017** is the date for our next drive. Be sure to mark your calendar now. Make your appointment now at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "peacelutheran".



Council and Voters' meeting

Council: Thursday, **January 19** - 7:30 pm
Voters: Sunday, **January 22** - after worship

A joyful Advent by Candlelight *(Please see picture insert/attachment.)*

Thanks to all who helped make Advent-by-Candlelight a joy for the 90 or so women who attended. We thank Pastor and Amy Tkac for sharing their musical talents, as well as the various ladies who did the Christmas readings. We collected 140 hats and gloves for Houghton School, and we were able to deliver them just in time to help lessen the effects of the arctic cold we recently experienced! There are now MANY happy students at Houghton.



Our first New Year meeting is **Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm**. Please join us as we plan our 2017 calendar of activities. We look forward to seeing you there!

Installation of Church and Parish Guild officers

Our 2017 church officers/board members and Parish Guild officers will be installed Saturday/Sunday, **January 7/8, 2017**. We thank outgoing officers/board members for their dedicated service to the Lord and His church. We pray God's blessings on all our 2017 officers/board members, as they carry out their duties.



Peace Movie Night



On **Friday, January 20**, we will show a movie for everyone here at Peace. We will watch the classic "Beauty and the Beast." Come in your comfy clothes or pj's if they are warm enough. We will start the movie at 6:30 pm and serve popcorn and snacks. Kids can bring their sleeping bags. Join us for what promises to be a fun evening for all!

January 6 ~ Pastor Tkac's 4th Anniversary

Not only is January 6 The Epiphany of our Lord, it is the Fourth Anniversary of Pastor Tkac's pastoral ministry of bringing the light of the Gospel, *Jesus Christ* to us here at Peace Church, to our community and beyond! We extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you, Pastor Tkac for your faithfulness in bringing Word and Sacrament in its truth and purity.



Thank you



My sincere thanks to Peace members for your generous monetary Christmas gift. I have already purchased a book from Concordia Publishing House that I have had my eyes on for some time, and I will be purchasing others as well. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are truly appreciated! **Debbie**