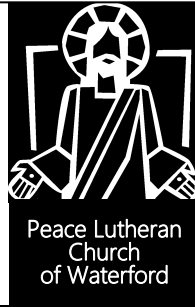


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The
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PEACE MISSION STATEMENT . . .

To witness and live as followers of Christ; serving one another in Christian love, so that God's Holy Spirit may save the lost and strengthen the saved.

*For a day in your
courts is better than*

*A Thousand
Elsewhere.*

Psalm 84:10



"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you PEACE." Numbers 6:24-26

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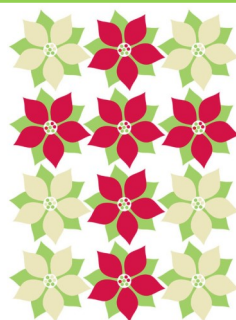
Dear friends in Christ,

After six years serving as pastor here at Peace, it is time for a new directory! Pictures dates for the new directory are the first week of February 4, 5, and 6. This should help us reach active and non-active members alike and may be a way to invite them back into regular attendance.



Our stewardship sermon series continues in February and is a way for us all to remember what being a follower of Christ entails. Everything that we do after we believe is part of stewardship. Our time, talent, and treasure are part of how stewards serve, and it is important that we all look to this reality in our lives.

It has been nice to lead the congregation with the sermon hymn on my guitar on non-communion weekends, and I hope to continue this. Thank you for your kind encouragement in this effort.



*Christ offered
up only one
sacrifice for
the sins of
the world ~
Himself!*

Finally, after we finish the sermon stewardship series, we will be entering Lent and see the true model of our Lord's stewardship on our behalf. His life, death, and resurrection show all that He did for our benefit, and we now have the privilege to serve others in response to God's love for us.

May we all by the power of the Holy Spirit serve our neighbors as ourselves.

God bless,
Pastor Tkac

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen (1 Timothy 1:17).



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Worship and Class Schedule:

Saturday Divine Worship 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Divine Worship 10:30 a.m.

Note: Unless otherwise noted, no classes Memorial Day — Labor Day

Intergenerational Sunday School
in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Midweek Adult Bible Class

Thursday 2:30—3:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class

Monday 6:30—7:30 p.m.



FEBRUARY 2019 ACOLYTE AND READER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 6:30 P.M. SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

02/03	Acolyte: Theo Fisher Reader: Mark Bunarek	Jaystin Slavik Bob Poe
09/10	Acolyte: Sam Powell Reader: Pastor Merrell	Lynette Bright
16/17	Acolyte: Emma Carlson Reader: Ginny McDonald	Elise Tilley
23/24	Acolyte: Scotty Dobson Reader: Judy Harroun	Beth Schreiner

JANUARY ELDERS: **SATURDAY** Rick Heinz **SUNDAY** Jay Squanda

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Sue Dobson / Sue Regentin



**Our Gifts
at WORK**

Donations

St. Paul Mission



**Celebrating a
BIRTHDAY**

- 08 Melanie Slavik
- 10 Jerry Curlee
- 11 Tyler Blum
- 12 Kimberly Gray
- 13 Ruth Dow
- 14 Shad Street
- 20 Carolyn Wilson
- 21 Tom Drumm
- 24 Lowell Slater

✝ Christian Symbol ✝

Chi Rho



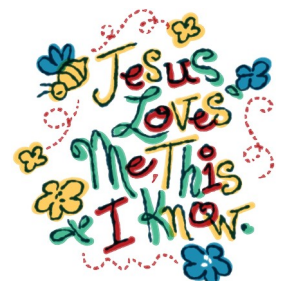
“Chi” and “rho” are the first two letters in the Greek spelling for Christ (ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ, pronounced “Christos”). The blending of these

two letters into one symbol formed a “sacred monogram.” Early Christians created many such symbols as codes to indicate their discipleship while avoiding detection by Roman persecutors. Many variations of the Chi Rho symbol exist, incorporating a cross, a shepherd’s crook, the Greek letters alpha and omega, an anchor, and other images.

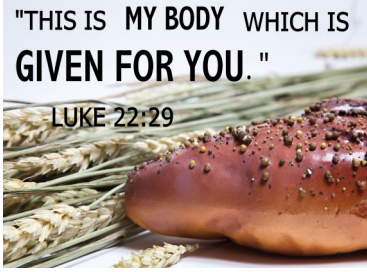
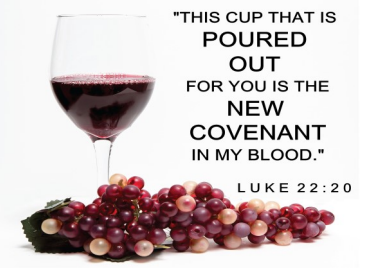

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February 2019

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Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study has been **changed to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoons**. Join us as we study the book of Acts, and strengthen your faith by the Word of God!

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

We will meet for breakfast and Bible study on Saturday, **February 2**, at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Tkac will lead the study. Join us! The Holy Spirit will build you up in faith that leads to eternal life.



Prayer Meeting



We will meet on Tuesday, **February 5**, at 7:00 p.m. We will focus and reflect on **Psalm 71:1-6**.

Join us to bring your requests, needs, and desires through prayer to the One who will answer in the time and way He knows best.

NEW Church Event Calendar

Please see the newly developed first quarter (January — March) calendar with a listing of upcoming events on the bulletin board. If planning an event, make sure to check this calendar and with Bill Krueger beforehand to be sure events do not conflict. A new calendar will be up each quarter. Speak to Bill at (248-881-0362) if you have questions.



Thank You ...



I want to thank those of you who helped with Altar Duty as well as those who placed flowers to beautify the Altar throughout the past year. Your service and generosity in adorning our Lord's Altar is appreciated.

— Erika Hoffmann

Picture Directory ~ An Additional Day Has Been Added

We have added an extra day for portraits, **February 6**, from 2-9 p.m. See the sign up sheet on the table in the narthex to make your appointment. You may also schedule your appointment online (directions for signing up on also on the table in the narthex). You may get a message that the registration is closed, but don't worry. This is when manual church sign ups are being entered, so try again later. The URL is: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ykdmrj6m/>



Please be sure to notify the office if your contact information has changed so we have it listed properly in the back of the new directory (phone, address, email, name, etc.).

Lifetouch will photograph professionally at Peace. You will immediately view your portraits, and have an opportunity to purchase portrait gifts. Each family will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait for taking part. PLUS, gather your family for a special group photograph—include your children and grandkids, etc. Guests don't have to be a member of the church and will not be included in the directory. You may bring items to your photography appointment — musical, sport, personal, etc. (pets are welcome too). Military Service and First Responders (Coupon Code MILT), and Seniors age 60 + (Coupon Code SENI) are eligible for a 20% discount.

Why do we observe Ash Wednesday (March 6, 2019)?

Ash Wednesday should remind us of our sin, and bring us the consolation of the gospel in the forgiveness of sins. Our work is repentance. God's work is forgiveness. He forgives solely for the sake of Christ our Lord, who bore our sins on the cross. The whole life of the Christian is a life of continual confession. Jesus says, "Repent and believe the gospel" (Mk 1:15)! This text implies repentance is a never-ending discipline for those who believe the gospel. Luther says that the prayer the Lord Jesus gave to His church brings us to confession whenever it is prayed, bringing with it a twofold blessing, an admission of my trespass against my neighbor and the confession that our Father waits with open arms to confer on us absolution, running out to greet us (Lk 15:20) with forgiveness and compassion falling upon our neck. How horrifying it would be to bear the burden of our own sin without the freeing gift of confession and the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins from the merciful God. Taken in part from, "On the Lips of a Man ~ Ash Wednesday ~ 14 February 2018, by Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray

Lent and Holy Week Worship Schedule

3/06/19	Ash Wednesday
3/9, 10/19	1st Weekend in Lent
3/13/19	Wednesday Midweek II
3/16, 17/19	2nd Weekend in Lent
3/20/19	Wednesday Midweek III
3/23, 24/19	3rd Weekend in Lent
3/27/19	Wednesday Midweek IV
3/30, 31/19	4th Weekend in Lent
4/03/19	Wednesday Midweek V
4/06, 07/19	5th Weekend in Lent
4/10/19	Midweek Lent VI

Holy Week

4/13, 14/19	Palm Sunday Weekend
4/18/19	Holy (Maundy) Thursday
4/19/19	Good Friday
4/20, 21/19	Easter Weekend

Worship
with us
during
Lent & Holy Week

