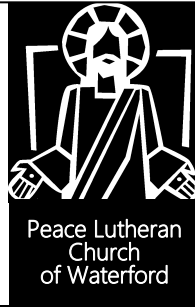


# PAX PEACE



## The Voice of Peace

### 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.

*Christ*

has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.



1 Corinthians 15:20, ESV

"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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MAY 2018



Easter joy to all of you as we live in the resurrection and eternal life that Christ won!

*"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead"* (1 Corinthians 15:20-21 ESV). The Apostle Paul here brings the eternal hope to the Corinthian congregation that their faith, in fact, is not futile but hopeful, and those who have died in Christ will be raised.

Easter brings, for me, a remembrance of those dear members who have gone to be with the Lord and my dear family members that I miss. Death is real; we all feel the loss in our lives. It is also the real hope of a resurrection eternity together.

This week, April 15, a member of Peace, that many of you won't know, went to be with the Lord. John Stade was a neighbor of Veretta Cheal, at Elmhaven Manor, where they both lived. I met and visited with him at Veretta's request. When John moved to Clarkston Specialty for greater care, I continued to visit him. John was confirmed at Gethsemane Lutheran in Rochester and had been away from regular attendance for many years. As one in spiritual need, the Lord used this time and this way to reconnect John to Himself, His gifts, and our church.

Each month, I was privileged to bring John the news at church and the gifts of the Lord's forgiveness, whether he was in his bed or wheelchair. I last saw John after church on Sunday April 15; he had been in hospice care and declining health. I came back on Tuesday, April 17, and found his room empty; John was not there. I checked with a nurse to obtain some information, but she was new and didn't know John or any way to help. The receptionist gave me some information about a memorial, but no visitation or viewing was planned. He was just gone, and I couldn't find him. I shed a tear at the loss of a friend of five years. It reminded me of Mary Magdalene at the tomb from John 20. *"But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him'"* (John 20:11-13).

Loss brings emotion and tears. Jesus Himself comforts Mary, who didn't recognize Him but mistook Him for the gardener, with His words: *"Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking? Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'" She turned and said to him in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!'"* (which means Teacher). *Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to my God and your God'"* (John 20:15-17).

This Jesus is God of the living and the dead for those who remain in the flesh and for all who have died in Christ; like John Stade and our entire dear loved ones waiting for the blessed hope of Christ's reappearing. This hope is not in vain. It is a joyful hope of anticipation – one where the tears of loss are replaced with tears of joy and a life eternal that Christ Himself promises us all.

John Stade is no longer there for me to visit, but we will be reunited one day in Christ. This is the Lord's promise. He is risen, and we, too, will rise!

Blessed Easter to You All!  
Pastor Tkac



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Pastor Tkac: Monday—Thursday  
Debbie Wittke: Monday—Thursday  
Hours: 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**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.

**7th/8th Confirmation Class**

Monday ..... 5:30—6:30 p.m.

**5th/6th Confirmation Class**

Monday ..... 6:30—7:30 p.m.



**MAY 2018 ACOLYTE AND READER SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY 6:30 P.M.**

05/06 Acolyte: Theo Fisher  
Reader: Mark Bunarek  
12/13 Acolyte: Scotty Dobson  
Reader: Pastor Merrell  
19/20 Acolyte: Emma Carlson  
Reader: Ginny McDonald  
26/27 Acolyte: Sam Powell  
Reader: Judy Harroun

**SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.**

Brianna Squanda  
Jon Parlette  
Jaystin Slavik  
Lynette Bright  
Brianna Squanda  
Joan Rich  
Jaystin Slavik  
Robin Gallmeyer

**SATURDAY**

**MAY ELDERS:** Bill Krueger

**SUNDAY**

Jay Squanda

**MAY ALTAR GUILD:** Arlene Benson

Donna Grantz



**Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY**

17 Jonathan & Samantha Street 05  
20 Matthew & Elise Tilley 29  
28 Richard & Gloria Rappuhn 30  
30 Robert & Carrie Robar 20  
30 James & Amy Thompson 20



**Celebrating a BIRTHDAY**

02 Janette Dekeyser, Doris Mausling  
04 Danielle Adkins, Lucille Richley  
05 Scott Dobson, Tracy Lippincott  
06 Emily Tilley  
08 Kendra Klein  
15 Alex Powell  
16 Cassidy Thompson, Monica Tkac  
17 Courtney Penner  
18 Janette Wendland  
19 Susan Switzer  
20 Robert Poe IV  
21 Samantha Deckard  
23 Theresa Gray  
28 Ron Gray, Sarah VandeWege  
30 Ryan Gray



**Our Gifts at WORK**

Donations

Parking Lot  
Special Needs  
St. Paul Mission



# May 2018

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## Welcome to Our Newly Confirmed and First Communion Members!



We welcome the following into Communicant Membership.



By Rite of Confirmation:  
Olivia Fisher  
Brianna Squanda

By Rite of First Communion:  
Emma Carlson, Scotty Dobson,  
Sam Powell, Theo Fisher, and  
Jaystin Slavik-Hudson

May you remain in the Lord Jesus and continue steadfast in Word and Sacrament both now and forever!

## Monthly Prayer Meeting

Come and be a part of our Prayer Team the first Tuesday of each month. We will meet Tuesday, **May 1**, at **7:00 p.m.** to bring our requests, needs, and desires to the One who will answer in the time and way He knows best!



## Men's Breakfast Bible Study



Join us for Bible study and breakfast, Saturday, **May 5**. Come and feed both soul and body. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and finish with Bible study taught by Pastor Tkac. You will surely be built up in the faith that leads to life eternal as the Holy Spirit works within you!

## Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is Wednesday, **May 16**, from 2-8 p.m. You may now register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) with sponsor code "peacelutheran."



## LWML Multi-Lakes Zone Spring Rally

The LWML Spring Rally is Saturday, **May 5**, from 9:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Milford. The theme for the day is, "The Courage of Esther 'To Walk Godly in an Ungodly World.'"



The agenda is as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet, Registration, and Coffee
  - 10:00 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion and Installation
  - 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting
  - 11:30 a.m. Lunch Served
  - 12:00 p.m. Entertainment by Pontiac-Waterford *Big Chief* 'Barbershop Style' Chorus
- Door Prizes ~ Adjournment

RSVP by Saturday, April 28, 2018 to Holly Kozak at: [hollykozak44@gmail.com](mailto:hollykozak44@gmail.com) or call 248-684-1223

## Open Door Summer Lunch Program 2018

During the **month of May**, the Peace Parish Service Guild will again collect food for the Open Door Summer Lunch Program. Items needed are listed below. You can find a list on the collection box, which is located underneath the back hallway entrance table.

- Peanut butter and jelly
- Fruit, pudding, and Jell-O cups
- Canned pasta (with and without meat)
- Cereal, juice, and soup



Our last meeting until September is Tuesday, **June 12**, at 6:30 p.m. and will include our annual Bunco Party.

## Have a prodigal in your life?

Many of us have prodigals (those who have wandered from the faith) in our lives; it might be a child, niece, grandson, or friend. There is a place to go for Christian help from a LC-MS Lutheran perspective — a place to communicate and share in this common issue. Please visit the website of Faith



Family Reunion at [www.faithfamilyreunion.com](http://www.faithfamilyreunion.com). This is a Synod/District approved and partially funded mission outreach program. If this is something a group at Peace is interested in, Paula Isakson, founder of Faith Family Reunion will set up a time for a presentation. Contact Debbie at the church office Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.