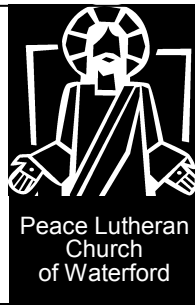


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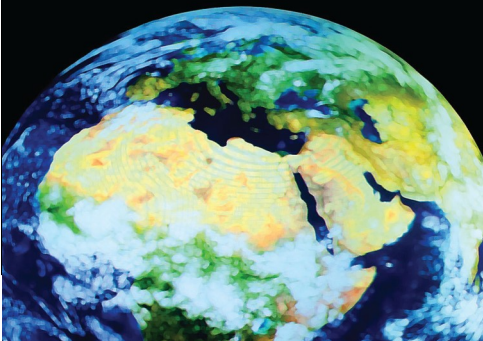


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“May the God of PEACE, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through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

**THEREFORE GO AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE
NAME OF THE FATHER
AND OF THE SON AND
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

MATTHEW 28:19, NIV



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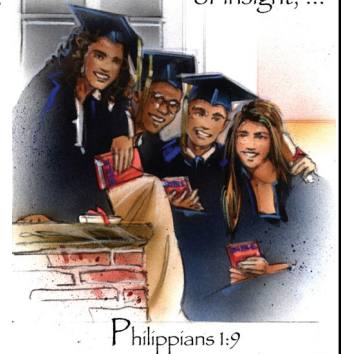
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Graduation recognition

We recognize our 2015 High School Graduates at our **June 6/7** worship services. Our graduates will be included in the prayers for the weekend. May our Lord Jesus richly bless you as you start your new life journey.

Kimberly Gray
Travis Lippincott
Nicole Piette
Michaela Robertson-Byers

This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ...



Gather with us for our 5th annual chicken BBQ



We'll be gathering outside under the pavilion (in case of rain, we will meet in the fellowship hall) on Sunday, **June 14** after the worship service, around 11:45 a.m. This will be a time of great fellowship, fun, and food. If the folding chairs are uncomfortable for you, feel free to bring a more comfy lawn chair.

Please be sure to RSVP on the bulletin board in the back hallway, call the church at 248-681-9360, or go online at peacetkac@aol.com. by **June 7**. Please also sign-up to bring a side dish or dessert. A list of needed items is posted. Plenty of helpers will be needed. There is a sign-up sheet posted next to the RSVP sheet.

Our guys make some fabulous chicken. You will surely not be disappointed. On the menu is the following:



Grilled Chicken
BBQ Chicken
Hot Dogs for the kids
and all the fixings!



Bring a friend(s) to worship and the BBQ. It's promising to be an inspirational and fun-filled day. See you there!



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Worship and 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

...to be determined by pastor & class

Midweek Bible Class

Wednesday Bible class 3:30—4:30pm

No Sunday school or Bible classes
Memorial Day — Labor Day



VBS is coming in July ~ save the dates!

Vacation Bible School is
July 20—24, 2015 from 9:30 a.m.
—12:00 p.m. for ages 3 - Grade 6.
Our theme is "Hometown Nazareth
Where Jesus was a Kid." Save the
dates on your calendar!



Please fill out a registration form (available online or on the back hallway table) for each child attending, and mail or bring it to the church. Registration cost is \$10 per child and includes a free t-shirt, guaranteed in your size of choice, if you register by June 30. Walk-ins are welcome and they will receive a t-shirt, while supplies last (size not guaranteed).



Hear stories about Jesus' childhood from the best source of all...his mother, Mary!

Everyone knows what it's like to hear your mom tell stories from your childhood. Can you imagine the kinds of stories Mary could tell? Take your kids back to Hometown Nazareth, where they'll stand up for their faith among people who doubt that the carpenter's son is really God's son.

Students will be involved in the following each day of VBS:



Crafts

Games

Snacks

Songs

Storytelling



Calling all past and new VBS helpers ~ we need YOU! Help needs to arrive around 9 a.m. and leave after the children leave, around 12:15 p.m. Friday hours would be 9-1:30 due to the picnic. Needed helpers are teachers, class helpers, games, crafts, audio visual, songs, stories, set up, and clean up. Teen helpers need to let us know ASAP.

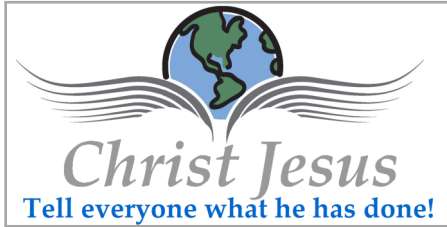
We are ordering t-shirts again this year. Anyone in the church can order one. Children get one with their registration. All information is on the table in the narthex. Orders need to be in by **July 3.**

We are looking forward to a fun week chock-full of making new friends and learning about our Savior, Jesus Christ. See you July 20—24!

P.S. The petting zoo will be visiting again this year!



Dear Friends in Christ,



The Wittenberg trip (see insert and page 4 for pictures) was a pure joy, and it was nice to meet so many people from our LC-MS church body. The Communications Department made us feel welcome and took care of all our needs. The conference that coincided with the dedication of the Old Latin School had members from 43 countries participating, representing over 23 million Lutherans from around the world. It was truly a memorable experience.

Confirmation was a blessing as well. Michael, Bryce, and Taylor were a pleasure to have in confirmation class, and the Monday evening class time gave me more flexibility to work with them. Thanks for all of the support from the Elders and congregation, as we together work at educating our students.

I attended the South / East Pastors meeting with Pastor Merrell up in Frankenmuth and heard some presentations from Mark Stern on Confidential Clergy Communication, Marriage Redefinition, and Employment Law Issues. It was informative and timely. Our synod President, Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison has written on this as well (see backside of 'Old School' band article).

<http://blogs.lcms.org/2015/harrison-we-speak-the-truth-in-love-to-all-on-same-sex-marriage#.VVtdkylsnxA.facebook>

It is important that we continue to pray for those with same sex attractions, as well as all who fall victim to sexual sin of all kinds as defined by God's word. May the Lord use his word and Spirit to bring us all to repentance.

God Bless,
Pastor Tkac



...let us not love in
word or talk but in
deed and in truth.

1 JOHN 3:18, ESV

Bible study and breakfast for men

All men, young and old alike, are invited on **Saturday, June 6** at 9:00 a.m. for Bible study and breakfast. Why not join us for life-giving food for both body and soul? You will be blessed!



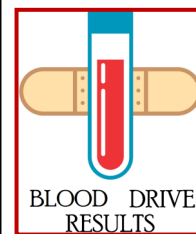
*Please let the office know (248-681-9360) by **Wednesday, June 3** if you will be attending so that we have plenty of food. Thank you!*

Ladies Guild Bunko party

Ladies, join us on Tuesday, **June 9** at 6:30 p.m. for our annual Bunko party. Please bring a snack to share. This will be our last meeting until fall. If you have not previously joined us, we would love to get to know you!













Blood drive results/news



We wish to thank all those who donated blood or helped with the process at our May 14 blood drive. Know you are not unappreciated! We collected 17 pints of blood, which allowed us to save up to 51 lives! That's 51 very thankful and happy people. **Our next drive is not until September 10, 2015.** That will give each of us a good amount of time to arrange to leave that date open and attempt to donate. If you have never done so, be assured it is not difficult or hurtful (a minor pinch and sting is all that is commonly felt). Try it. You and those who receive it will be glad you did!


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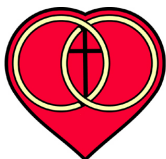

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Celebrating a BIRTHDAY

JUNE

- 1 Amelia Slavik
- 3 James Rich, Jr.
- 5 Dorothy Blackerby, Collin Gray, Jeffrey James
- 8 Carrie Robar
- 9 Patricia Poe
- 10 Jeffrey Gray
- 11 Liam Slavik-Rentner, Wyatt Slavik-Rentner
- 12 Benjamin Robar
- 13 Dexter Jarrett
- 14 Laura Grodzicki
- 17 William Klein
- 18 Alyssa Gray
- 19 Jessica Rich
- 22 Savannah Grodzicki
- 23 Kaden Luttenberger
- 25 Janette Colombe
- 26 Logan Thompson
- 28 Samuel Powell
- 29 Florence Adkins, Lucille Schreiner, Jonathan Tkac, Susan Youngquist



Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY

JUNE

YEARS

- 4 David & Kimberly Deckard 38
- 9 Daniel & Kathleen Adkins 26
- 12 Walter & Lucille Richley 67
- 16 William & Janine Daugherty 31
- 26 Jon & Buddha Parlette 10
- 26 Michael & Kelly Powell 16
- 28 Paul & Janette Wendland 57



William & Heather Penner
Courtney and Daniel
2970 Onagon Trail
Waterford, MI 48328



Our Gifts At WORK

Donations have been made to the following funds / needs during April/May here at Peace.

*Wish List / Funds / Congregational Needs

- Hearing Assistance
- St. Paul, Pontiac Mission
- Special Needs
- Vacation Bible School



For We are
GOD'S HANDIWORK,
created in
CHRIST JESUS
to do
GOOD WORKS.

EPHESIANS 2:10, NIV



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.

JUDY HARROUN 682-6426
Theresa Gray 666-1408
Sue Vogt 698-2072
Florence Adkins 623-0159

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

✧ CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS ✧

THISTLE

The thistle, a thorny bush, symbolizes the Fall and humanity's bondage to sin. In Genesis 3, God tells Adam that one consequence of his sin will be the hard work of bringing forth crops: "[The land] will produce thorns and thistles for you" (v. 18, NIV). Because thistles crowd out everything growing nearby, they've also been equated with the weeds or thorns in some of Jesus' teachings (e.g., Matthew 7:15-20; 13:24-30, and Mark 4:2-9). Finally, Christ's crown of thorns may have been made of thistle branches.



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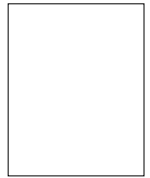


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Which of the following is an accurate husband-wife match from Scripture?

- A. Abram and Ruth
- B. Boaz and Ruth
- C. Hosea and Ruth
- D. Ananias and Ruth



Answer: Answer: B (See Ruth 4:13.)

2015 ~ 8TH GRADE RITE OF CONFIRMATION



We welcomed into communicant membership (left to right) Michael James, Bryce Hoffmaster, and Taylor Tiernan on Sunday, May 10, 2015. May our Triune God the Father, ✠Son, and Holy Spirit preserve you in the true faith to life everlasting. Amen!

Harrison: “We speak the truth in love to all” on same-sex marriage

On May 19, 2015 in Office of the President, Pressroom 23 LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

Dear brothers,

In the face of another radical cultural shift — a denial of God and His creation, a rejection of Christ, the Ten Commandments and God-given natural law (Romans 1) — a great Lutheran responded with truths that are also true for our times:

*The lie is the death of man, his temporal and his eternal death. The lie kills nations. The most powerful nations of the world have been laid waste because of their lies. History knows of no more unsettling sight than the judgment rendered upon the people of an advanced culture who have rejected the truth and are swallowed upon in a sea of lies. Where this happens, as in the case of declining pagan antiquity, religion and law, poetry and philosophy, life in marriage and family, in the state and society — in short, one sphere of life after another falls sacrifice to the power and curse of the lie. Where man can no longer bear the truth, he cannot live without the lie. Where man denies that he and others are dying, the terrible dissolution [of his culture] is held up as a glorious ascent, and decline is viewed as an advance, the likes of which has never been experienced. (Hermann Sasse, *Union and Confession*, 1936)*

In just a few weeks, the Supreme Court is expected to rule on the legality of same-sex marriage in America and roll out the implications of that ruling for individual states. I expect the ruling to create an alleged constitutional right to same-sex marriage, contrary to God’s created orders, natural law and the inerrant Scriptures. This will be the earnest beginning of a very long struggle for faithful Christians who will, more and more, be driven from participation in the culture. We shall come to know and understand parts of the Word of God like never before. “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Phil. 3:20).

Brothers, the battle has already been won. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has already defeated the foe. Satan surrendered at Golgotha. It is finished. But what do we do? If the Supreme Court rules that same-sex marriage is legal in every state or must be recognized in every state, what is our response? We stand fast (2 Thess. 2:15). We live in and by our Savior, who calls us to stay the course, to repent of our sin, to be in the Word of God and in prayer. We redouble our teaching on God’s gift of marriage. And we show love and mercy to those harmed by the dissolution of God’s ordering of marriage and family, intended for protection for all. We take legal action where absolutely necessary. “Public remedy, made through the office of the public official, is not condemned, but is commanded and is God’s work, according to Paul (Romans 13)” (Apology XVI 59).

The plan fits the nature of the Church: she is enduring and eternal. She speaks Christ’s forgiveness and peace to men and women struggling with same-sex attraction and heterosexual attraction alike, in and out of season. She doesn’t do flash-in-the-pan or drive-by ministry. She works in the world for the long haul. She doesn’t change her tune or stop her singing. She keeps telling real people about a real Jesus, from black-robed Supreme Court justices to the protestors on the steps of that building to the young people in college watching the ruling unfold to those of us who never imagined we would see this seismic shift in our lifetime. And she lives to demonstrate the mercy and love of Christ (1 John 3:15ff). Most importantly, she speaks of the One who came for sinners — all sinners — and of the One who showed His love for us by dying for us. She simply stays the course.

That’s why you, dear brothers in the Office, will need our prayers in the days ahead. And you will have them. Legal marriage may be redefined, and outcomes we never imagined will occur. But these don’t surprise or alarm us. The crumbling culture merely proves that what began in the Garden of Eden is still prevalent today, that we are sinners among sinners, that we are all in need of Christ’s mercy and grace. This world is wending its way toward the end (Matthew 25). The story ends well (Revelation 7). That is what those in the pew and those disenchanted by the people in the pew need to hear, and will always need to hear, the most.

Beyond the theological consequences of this ruling, however, there are also practical implications, and I urge you to consider the following:

- (1) The Synod’s legal team is carefully examining the potential ramifications of this case. It will likely be a messy ruling that will require time to unpack. We may discover that there is ultimately no constitutional protection for the Synod, its institutions, you or your congregation. We don’t know, but we will be reporting back to you with our findings.
- (2) Your congregation should give serious thought to obtaining counsel from your own attorney. Also consider utilizing the Synod’s document on marriage policies for member congregations (<http://www.lcms.org/document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=2640>), which offers sample provisions limiting the use of church property to marriages that are consistent with LCMS beliefs. The day may come when even this legal protection will not be enough, but it may assist you and your congregational leadership in forestalling issues as long as possible.
- (3) Be prepared to discuss what marriage will look like in the future. Will LCMS pastors eventually be forced, as agents of the state, to perform same-sex marriages? If that happens, will we be prepared to let the state perform the legal marriage ceremony, while we as pastors provide a religious ceremony for those marriages that are in keeping with our confession of faith as Lutheran Christians? We must have these discussions as pastors and as a Synod, and we may even need to make decisions at the next Synod convention in the summer of 2016.
- (4) Know that I, as Synod president, stand with you. What protections will the Synod or even the Constitution offer you? I don’t know. But here is what I am personally sure of: The Gospel is enduring. It never changes. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. We as pastors are called to repent and to be faithful to Him — and to His Gospel — alone. Will we be fined for not performing same-sex marriages? Potentially. Will we be thrown in jail? Maybe. A recently deceased Catholic bishop (Cardinal George) described what I believe we shall now begin to face: “I expect to die in bed, my successor will die in prison and his successor will die a martyr in the public square. His successor will pick up the shards of a ruined society and slowly help rebuild civilization, as the church has done so often in human history.”

Make no mistake, the battle has been won. The devil has been defeated. The Victor reigns triumphant in mercy, love and truth. The Gospel knows no limits, but proclaims the gracious kingdom of our Lord to all, through Christ’s Word and Sacraments.

The temptation will be to run out into the melee, to abandon the home front or to give up all together. But we are called instead to repent, to be ready, to move confidently into the future, come what may. We speak the truth in love to all. We share Christ’s forgiveness with each person He sets in our path.

And the Lord will work all things for good, even these trying times. He is faithful, brothers. He will do it.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod