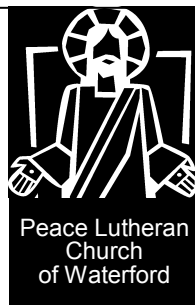


PAX PEACE



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 who be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” John 14:27

IN HIM AND
THROUGH FAITH IN HIM
WE MAY APPROACH GOD
WITH FREEDOM
AND CONFIDENCE.
EPHESIANS 3:12, NIV



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JULY 2015

VBS is coming in July!

- Days: Monday through Friday
 Date: **JULY 20—24, 2015**
 Place: Peace Lutheran Church
 7390 Elizabeth Lake Rd.
 Waterford, MI 48327
- Time: **9:30 a.m. — 12:00 Noon**
 Ages: **3 through grade 6**
 Theme: “Hometown Nazareth ~ Where Jesus Was a Kid”
- Registration: forms are available online and the back hallway table —
 one for each child ~ mail or bring to church
- Cost: \$10 per child and includes a free t-shirt (size not
 guaranteed)
- Walk-ins: we welcome walk-ins who will receive a t-shirt for \$10
 with registration, while supplies last (size not guaranteed)
- VBS tags: with needed items are located on the tree in the narthex
 pick one or more up and return the item(s) by **July 5**



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:
 Bible Lessons ~ 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. **We need 1 classroom teacher and a few “floaters” who can help where needed. 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 IS VISITING AGAIN THIS YEAR! BE ASSURED IT WILL BE AN EXCITING ADVENTURE FOR ALL!



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Office Hours

Pastor Tkac: Monday — Thursday
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Worship and Class Schedule:

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

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
Age 3—grade 4...during 10:30 worship
Grades 5 and up.....9:15am
Adult Bible Class.....9:15am

Midweek Bible Class

Thursday.....3:30—4:30pm

No Sunday school or Bible classes
Memorial Day — Labor Day

8th Grade Confirmation Class ...
to be determined by the pastor & class



Bible study and breakfast for men

All men, young and old alike, are invited on **Saturday, July 11** (2nd Saturday) 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, July 8** if you will be attending so that we have plenty of food. Thank you!*



Join us for worship under the pavilion



Our next out-of-doors worship under the pavilion is coming up on Sunday, **July 12** at 10:30 a.m. (weather permitting). If the folding chairs are too uncomfortable for you, please feel free to bring your own lawn chair. We will worship in

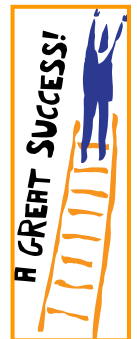
the sanctuary if the weather turns rainy or stormy.

There is much equipment and many chairs that must be set up to make the outdoor service happen. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. Sunday to do the work. Please give prayerful consideration to help with these tasks, and let either Pastor Tkac or Jay Squanda if you will be available to lend a hand. Thank you!

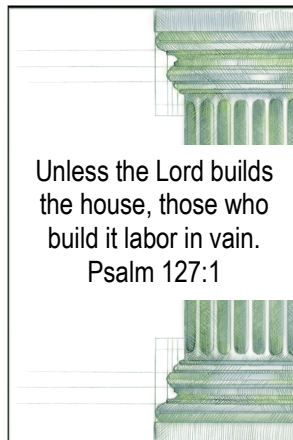
Annual chicken BBQ is a hit

All who attended the annual chicken barbeque had a wonderful time! Jay Squanda did another great job of spearheading this event. Thanks to all who helped make this event successful.

A big thank you goes to Union Lake Market Place Meats owner, Matt, who gave us a terrific price on the chicken!



A message from Ben Franklin



God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured in the Sacred Writings that "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" [Psalm 127:1, KJV]. I firmly believe this. I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel.

—Ben Franklin at the Constitutional Convention of 1787



Dear Friends in Christ,

Summer is here at last!

We begin this July in 2015 with the celebration of our nation's birthday on July 4. It is a time to reflect on all the freedoms we enjoy and think of all the sacrifices that have been made for us by those who have come before us.

The blessings of freedom are evident and we enjoy these daily, not in bondage, but free to enjoy life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. God has too freed us from the bondage of sin, death, and the power of the devil. We receive that assurance by the working of the Holy Spirit that in Christ, we are no longer slaves but sons of our heavenly Father.

In freedom, we serve others in love, not to earn God's favor, but in joyful celebration of what we have received, we give ourselves in service to others out of the same love shown us.

May you have a blessed summer, and may our Lord bless you with the richest blessings in Christ!

Pastor Tkac



FOR THOSE WHO ARE
LED BY THE SPIRIT OF
GOD ARE THE
CHILDREN OF GOD.

ROMANS 8:14, ESV

Vacation time



It has been said, "Vacation is what you take when you can't take what you've been taking any longer."

There are good reasons to take a vacation every year: spending time with loved ones and friends, undergoing physical and mental rejuvenation, enjoying changes in scenery and routine, and preparing for another year of living out ones vocation — your station in life, whether it be mother, father, child, teacher, banker, etc.

Please enjoy your vacation! Be faithful to the Lord by attending church while you're away. If you have a specific vacation destination planned, contact the church office before you leave. We will find the closest LC-MS church and provide you the address, pastor's name, and service times.

Just remember that during vacations and weekend getaways, you're especially missed by your friends at church. The work of the church suffers because no one can fill your place quite like you.

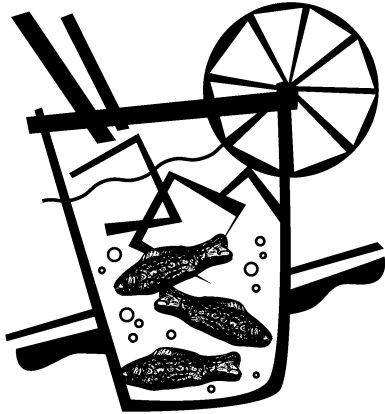
God's work goes on all summer long. Your presence and gifts are needed to enable the church to be strong and vigorous throughout the entire year. When you're away, please bring or send your offering before you go.

May our Lord Jesus grant you a delightfully blessed summer! In His name. Amen.



OCEAN WATER

After a busy summer day, relax in the shade with this cool drink.



What you need:

- 3 Tablespoons water
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 3 drops blue food coloring
- 24 oz. (2 cans) lemon-lime soda
- Clear cup or glass
- Ice
- Swedish Fish candy

What you do:

1. In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine the water and sugar. Heat for 1 minute. Stir until sugar is dissolved.
2. Pour the mixture into a pitcher. Add coconut extract, food coloring and soda. Stir.
3. Pour into cup. Add ice and fish. Enjoy!





UNDER THE SEA


This summer, consider God's marvelous creation under the sea.





Directions: Write the animal names on the blanks. Then use the circled letters (they may not be in the right order) to create a new word from Psalm 148:7, NIV. Finally, match the words to their numbered blanks below.


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PSALM 148:7, NIV

Answers: lobster > Lord, sea horse > earth, hermit crab > great, stingray > praise, jellyfish > you, clownfish > from, sea star > creatures
 Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures. Psalm 148:7, NIV

Vacation Bible School

July 2015

July 20-24 ~ 9:30-Noon

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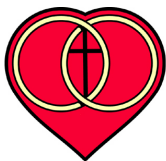
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- 3 Beth Schreiner
- 5 Lilleanna Poe
- 9 Carol Smith
- 13 Jay Squanda
- 17 Deborah Arnold, Leanne Fisher
- 18 Darrell Roberts
- 20 Jaystin Slavik-Hudson
- 21 Lynette Bright
- 23 William Penner
- 24 James Thompson
- 27 Betty Buchanan, Elaine Mitchell



It is for **FREEDOM** that **CHRIST** has set us **FREE.**

Galatians 5:1



Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY

JULY

YEARS

- 13 Donald & Jean Pilot 58
- 18 Glenn & Dorothy Blackerby 62
- 18 Richard & Mary Heinz 17
- 18 Jay & Sheila Squanda 23
- 23 Heinz & Erika Hoffmann 60



Lucille E. Schreiner
Entered Life: June 29, 1926
Entered Eternal Rest: June 17, 2015
Grandmother of Beth Schreiner



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 May/June here at Peace.

*Wish List / Funds / Congregational Needs

Portals of Prayer
St. Paul, Pontiac Mission
VBS Petting Zoo

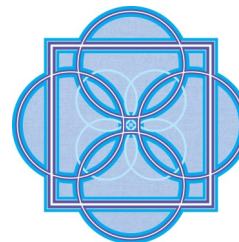


Transfer Out ~ Blovet Family
James, Terri Sarah & Lauren
to St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Waterford, MI

✕ CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS ✕

QUATREFOIL

The word *quatrefoil* comes from the Latin for "four leaves." A quatrefoil in art or architecture is the outline of four partially overlapping circles of the same diameter. In Christian tradition, it represents the writers of the four gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John — which overlap one another partially but not entirely, and are equally important to our understanding of Jesus, as inspired by the Holy Spirit.



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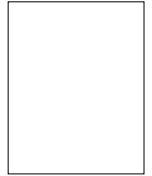


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Which two spies urged the Israelites to move into Canaan, opposing the other 10 who were afraid? (Hint: We know one of the two willing spies by the new name Moses gave him.)

- A. Shaphat and Igal
- B. Hoshea and Caleb
- C. Gaddi and Gaddiel
- D. Shammua and Nahbi



Answer: B (See Numbers 13:6, 8, 16, 30; 14:6-8.)

What does the word “Amen” mean?

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You probably recognize this word from hearing or seeing it at the end of prayers. Maybe you use it in your prayers every morning when you wake up and every night when you go to sleep. Well, the word “Amen” is

Hebrew for “certainly” or “truly.” Martin Luther went so far as to say that “Amen” really means, “Yes, yes, it shall be so.”

Why do we use it? God commands us to pray. When we use the word “Amen” at the end of our prayers, we are letting God know that we truly believe that He will hear and answer all of our prayers just as He has promised! What a great way to end a prayer!

FOR PARENTS

Point out that Jesus often used the word “Amen” in Scripture when He said things like: “Truly, truly (literally, “Amen, amen”) I say to you . . .” Encourage your children to be listening for and saying the word “Amen” at appropriate points in the service. In what places besides prayer do we hear “Amen” used?