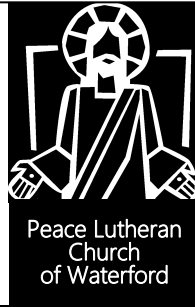


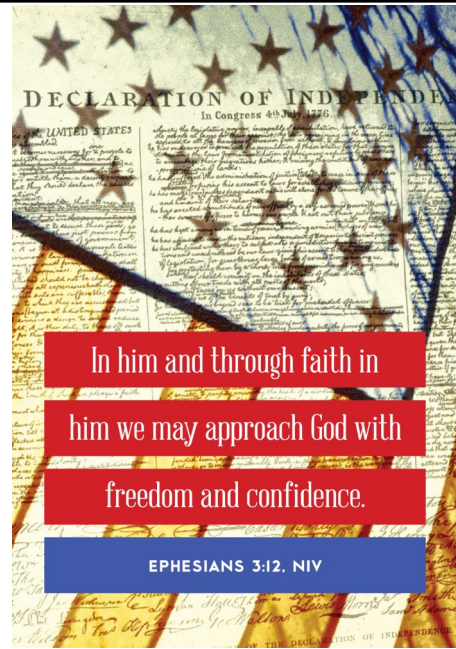
# PAX PEACE



## 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.



"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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### JULY 2017



Dear friends in Christ,

The summer is upon us, and together we joy in the beauty that is Michigan in the summer. For some it is a time of vacation and travel, while for others it is a time for projects at home. For some it is a time to read and relax, and for others it is a time to go, go, go! We probably all do a bit of each. For me summer is a time to read, be outside, ride bikes, work around the house, and ride my motorcycle a bit. The motorcycle has been something I've longed to do since I was a kid. I know the dangers, and I'm not a reckless individual. I take it very seriously, wear proper gear, and look to take every precaution.



We have been having more visitors because of the merger talks between St. Stephen and St. Trinity. That is to be expected during a time of change at churches. We welcome visitors, as we've always done, and pray the Lord's blessings upon all who are feeling torn during a time of change. The Lord has promised to work things for good to those who are called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28); so we pray His blessing on the changes occurring now and in the future.



Finally, give some thought to attending the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation service in October at the Breslin Center in Lansing on the campus of Michigan State University. Sign up, and while you are at it, read a book about the Reformation this summer. *Luther, Man between God and the Devil* by Heiko A. Oberman is a favorite of mine!



God's blessings to you and yours this summer!

Pastor Tkac

**"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes . . ." (Romans 1:16).**



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**In the Office**

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.

**6th/7th Grade Confirmation Class**  
Monday ..... 5:30—6:30 p.m.

**8th Grade Confirmation Class**  
Monday ..... 6:30—7:30 p.m.



**JULY 2017 ACOLYTE AND READER SCHEDULE**

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

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

01/02 Acolyte: Olivia Fisher  
Reader: Mark Bunarek

Brianna Squanda  
Jon Parlette

08/09 Acolyte: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reader: Judy Harroun

Lynette Bright

15/16 Acolyte: Olivia Fisher  
Reader: Pastor Merrell

Brianna Squanda  
Joan Rich

22/23 Acolyte: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reader: Judy Harroun

Robin Gallmeyer

29/30 Acolyte: Olivia Fisher  
Reader: Ginny McDonald

Brianna Squanda  
Beth Schreiner

**SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY**

**JULY ELDERS:**

Rick Heinz

Skip Bushart

**JULY ALTAR GUILD:**

Judy Harroun / Carol Smith



**Our Gifts  
at WORK**

Funds & Missions

Carpet Fund  
Memorial Fund  
St. Paul Mission



**Celebrating a  
BIRTHDAY**

- 03 David Lippincott, Beth Schreiner
- 05 Lilleanna Poe
- 09 Carol Smith
- 13 Jay Squanda
- 17 Deborah Arnold, Leanne Fisher, Benjamin Nold
- 18 Darrell Roberts
- 20 Jaystin Slavik-Hudson
- 21 Karen Akkashian, Lynette Bright
- 23 Aaron Gray, Samuel Parlette, William Penner
- 24 James Thompson
- 27 Elaine Mitchell



**Celebrating an  
ANNIVERSARY**

YEARS

- |    |                          |    |
|----|--------------------------|----|
| 13 | Donald & Jean Pilot      | 60 |
| 16 | Ara & Karen Akkashian    | 12 |
| 18 | Richard & Mary Heinz     | 19 |
| 18 | Jay & Sheila Squanda     | 25 |
| 23 | Heinz & Erika Hoffmann   | 62 |
| 23 | Jonathan & Kimberly Nold | 34 |
| 27 | Marcus & Julie Merrell   | 21 |



Glenn C. Blackerby  
Entered Life: January 14, 1930  
Entered Eternal Rest: June 12, 2017  
Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Blackerby and the Beloved father of the late Chris Blackerby

# July 2017

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## Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for Bible study and breakfast on Saturday, **July 8**, (second Saturday). 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!



## 500th Anniversary Reformation Worship Service



Join fellow Michigan District Lutherans from all over Michigan for a special worship service to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. The service is at the Breslin Center on the MSU Campus in Lansing on **Sunday, October 17, 2017**. Reserve your ticket(s) now by signing up on the sheet located on the table in the narthex. You will also find additional information with times and other activities. Family members and friends are welcome. **Please come! Celebrate with us!**

## Open Door Lunch Collection

Thanks to all who donated to the Open Door Summer Lunch drive. **We collected 145 pounds of food!**



LWML Mite collection is July 15/16. Your support is appreciated.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a potluck dinner, followed by our meeting. We will be planning Oktoberfest and appointing a Nominating Committee. Please come, and be with us in the fall!

## Vacation Bible School

VBS is Monday—Friday, **July 17—21**, from 9:30 a.m. to noon for ages 3—grade 6. Our theme is "*Rome, Paul and the Underground Church*." Registration forms are available at the church on the table in the back hallway and in the narthex. Cost for the week is \$10 per child and includes a free t-shirt guaranteed in your size of choice if registered by July 1. Walk-ins are welcome and will get a t-shirt while supplies last, but size is not guaranteed. Come and join us for a fun-filled week of games, storytelling,



crafts, snacks, singing, a petting zoo, and meeting new friends as you learn about the Bible and our Savior, Jesus Christ. See you on the first day! **Teen Helpers: we need you!** Helpers must fill out a teen commitment and registration form! If you can help, we need to know well before VBS starts so we can be prepared in advance. We appreciate all offers to help, but need time to plan ahead. Please consider this valuable outreach opportunity. **Adult helpers** please contact Monica Tkac at (248-673-0042).

## Martin Luther's Seal

The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works.



Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning. First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace — it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

From:  
Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530 [WA Br 5:445]