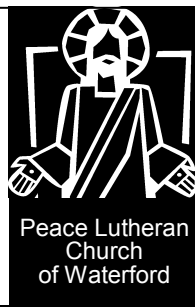
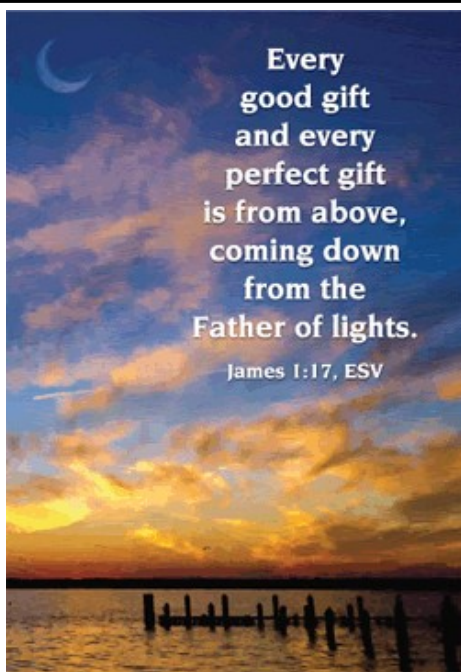


# PAX PEACE



## 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



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## AUGUST 2015

### Back-to-school supplies and clothing needed

Our drive is now in full swing for back-to-school supplies and clothing for the children at our mission school, *Houghton Elementary*. A large box for clothing items is now in the narthex. Alongside is a small, plastic container for school supplies. We thank you for your donations! Needed items are:

**Clothing (boys and girls sizes 6X to youth XL):** new socks and underwear, new or gently used t-shirts, slacks, jeans, sweat pants, shoes, boots, jackets, coats, etc.



**Class Room Supplies:** 1 or 1 1/2 inch three-ring binders, composition notebooks, 70-80 count spiral note books, glue sticks/glue, #2 pencils and eraser tops, 24 box crayons, blue, red, and black pens, small box colored pencils, 3x3 post it notes, scissors, rulers, yellow highlighters, wide-ruled filler paper, supply box, Clorox or bleach-free wipes.



### Thank you to our VBS volunteers and supporters

We wish to thank all who supported our 2015 VBS program. Whether you worked for one day or every day, sent snack or craft supplies, or helped monetarily, we could not have done it without you! You have helped make VBS a success. We enrolled 38 students and rounded up 28 helpers!



God has granted His little ones touched during VBS the opportunity to receive the most important message they will ever hear. And He will use His Word, by way of each and every one of our volunteers, to accomplish what He desires and achieve the purpose for which He sends it — salvation and forgiveness through His Son Jesus (Isaiah 55:11). What a good and gracious God we have! ***We pray everyone involved in VBS will continue, by His Word and Spirit, to hear, learn, and grow in faith!***

The Petting Zoo was once again a BIG winner and included a cow, alpaca, ducks, chickens, bunnies, sheep, and goats. You know kids, they LOVE animals. They were able to use all their senses to see, fed, pet, smell, and hear the animals — all to their great enjoyment.

Our last day activities and picnic were enjoyed by everyone — good fellowship, food, and fun! It will hard to wait for VBS 2016! But, wait we must.

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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



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Our VBS Volunteers did an awesome job! Thank you all!!!

Director — Monica Tkac and of course Pastor Tkac doing opening and closing prayers

Teachers —

Preschool Sue Vogt

1st & 2nd Savannah Grodzicki

3rd & 4th Christopher Klein

5th & 6th Elise Tilley

Helpers —

Lola Robar / Cassidy Thompson

Katie Lovelace / Trier Newitt

Daniel Penner / Logan Thompson

Sarah Lovelace / Ian Tilley

Crafts —

Games —

Photos —

Snacks —

Caitlyn Berlinger / Megan Riley / Emily Tilley

Alex Church / Jack Heykoop / Becky Tilley

Connie Kiefiuk / Courtney Penner

Kaitlyn Karner / Bill Krueger / Alex Powell /

Carol Smith / Marie Zangara

Songs —

Lexi Sublett / Lena Weldon

Stories —

Susanne Berlinger

Zoo Help —

Connie Kiefiuk / Game and Craft Helpers

Table/Greeters —

Melanie Lintz / Heather Penner

**Bible study and breakfast for men**

**August 1** Men's Breakfast Bible study has been cancelled. Our next study is set for **Saturday, September 12** at 9:00 a.m.



**Rally Day/Picnic is Sunday, September 13, 2015**

Rally Day begins our fall schedule and the 2015-2016 Sunday school year. Worship services are Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 am. Sunday school, confirmation, and adult Bible classes are as follows:



Beth Schreiner: Ages 3—grade 4 ~ children are dismissed from worship to their classes after Pastor Tkac does the children's sermon

Kim Deckard: Grades 5 & up ~ 9:15 a.m.

Pastor Tkac: 8th Grade Confirmation ~ day & time to be determined

Pastor Tkac: Adult Bible Class ~ 9:15 a.m.

We celebrate with our annual Rally Day church picnic following outdoor worship, weather permitting. We will move inside if the weather turns rainy or stormy. Sign-up sheets for a dish to pass and help for the picnic will soon be on the bulletin board. Make your plans now to attend and start the new Sunday school year in God's Word! See you **Sunday, September 13.**



Dear Friends,

Summer is winding down, and we are looking at the beginning of our regular schedule. It seems like summer has only been here for a short while, and we are looking at the beginning of school and all that it brings.



Our drive for school supplies and clothing needs for Houghton School is in full swing. We are also looking at a program through Wellspring Lutheran Services, **"Together With Impact"** to help congregations in the Michigan District to *"enroll, train and deploy congregations to develop human care within their own congregations and surrounding communities."*

The goals and focus of **Together With Impact** are to:

- ✚ Enhance Congregational Relevance in the Community (Mission effectiveness)
- ✚ Integration of Congregations with partner Ministries (Wellspring, Michigan District, etc.)
- ✚ Focus on Human Care for the whole person (Meeting people where they are—physically, relationally, emotionally, and spiritually)

Steve Gauss of Wellspring will be meeting with our congregational leadership this fall to help us focus and plan for evaluating the needs of the community and our abilities and passions for service to fill those needs. As an older congregation, we need to see how we can best help the community and in part help ourselves to be Christ's hands and feet in the community we share and hope to be a part of for many years to come.

Additionally, I am so thankful for all the help at making our VBS program a success. Thanks to Monica Tkac for 10 years of directing our VBS programs here at Peace! We all have an active part in this success too – especially for those who plan, work, teach, and give in support of this important outreach into our community. I also add that we need to identify how we can best bring even more children to Peace next year to hear the Good News about Jesus and to make VBS 2016 the best one yet!



God bless,  
Pastor Tkac

## Our next blood drive is coming in September



Our next blood drive is set for **September 10, 2015** from 2:00 — 7:45 p.m.

With summer comes a significant increase in the number of a variety of accidents, which leads to a need for an increase in the number of units of blood.

If you have not given blood before, be assured it is **safe**. The American Red Cross must follow safe withdrawal procedures, as well as using safe measures during and following the giving of blood. Most donors feel a **little** discomfort for a few seconds at the needle insertion point. Donors are required to stay for a short period after giving, and they are given a drink and snack. Peace members generally provide **extra-special**, yummy snacks (including pie and popcorn!) in addition to the ones provided by the American Red Cross. Once the staff is sure you are feeling well, you are allowed to leave. It's that simple!

So, if you've given before, give again! If you've never given, why not try? You **will save** lives! And, the recipients are **extremely grateful, appreciative, glad, obliged, etc.!** **They are thankful you care enough to give of your time and blood!**

You can now sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) by entering sponsor code "peacelutheran".







1st/2nd —  
Laura  
Grodzicki



3rd/4th — Christopher Klein



5th/6th — Elise Tilley



Pastor with Cow —  
Moose



Alpaca —  
Bosco



Preschool—Kindergarten  
Sue Vogt



Goat —  
Kid



Left: Learning sign language with Sue Vogt

Below Left: Learning  
about the zoo animals



Below Right: Helping with  
Registration and daily sign-in,  
check-out, etc.







# August 2015


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**Fri**
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## Celebrating a BIRTHDAY

### AUGUST

- 2 Duane Brown
- 4 Richard Rutz
- 5 Jon Parlette
- 9 Amy Bivins
- 10 Addison Anderson
- 15 Virginia McDonald
- 19 Carol Chapman, Donna Grantz,  
Jean Pilot, Edward Rimatzki
- 20 William Krueger
- 22 Lilly Lemke
- 25 Connie Kiefiuk
- 26 Laura Brandon, Sophia Catanzaro
- 27 Douglas Markwardt, William  
Merrell
- 29 Kimberly Deckard
- 30 Matthew Rich

### A PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED



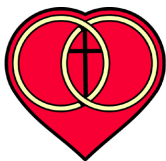
Dear Lord, we pray for our Christian brothers and sisters who live where trouble is brewing. Many suffer persecution in lands far and near.

They face violence and harassment, hunger, kidnapping, oppressive laws and efforts to destroy their belief in you. Let them feel your mighty hand of love and protection as they go about their daily tasks. Let each person find strength, courage and wisdom in you. When troubles surround them, may they dwell on your sacrifice and guidance.

Give comfort to those grieving the loss or suffering of loved ones. Generously meet daily needs for shelter and food. Provide a safe worship place for those whose churches have been destroyed. Provide safe passage to those who must leave families, communities and country for new surroundings.

Thank you for allowing your children to be the remnant you hold dear. We pray these things in Christ, our persecuted but victorious Savior. Amen.

—MaryAnn Sundby



## Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY

### AUGUST

#### YEARS

- |    |                          |    |
|----|--------------------------|----|
| 8  | David & Susan Youngquist | 34 |
| 17 | Brett & Dawn Tiernan     | 19 |



LeRoy Mausling

Entered Life: September 17, 1934  
Entered Eternal Rest: July 2, 2015

Husband of Doris Mausling  
Father of Gloria (Rich) Rappuhn



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



## Our Gifts At WORK

Donations have been made to the following funds / needs during June/July here at Peace.

\*Wish List / Funds / Congregational Needs

Memorial  
St. Paul Lutheran Mission  
Vacation Bible School

### ✠ CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS ✠

#### Ox

The ox sometimes appears in Renaissance art as a symbol for the nation of Israel. A winged ox sometimes represents Luke the Evangelist. In general, the ox symbolizes strength, service and patience. Jesus refers to oxen bearing a load when he invites his followers, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:29-30, ESV).



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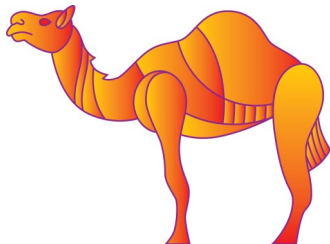


VBS July 20–24, 2015 ~ Outside under the pavilion learning about the Petting Zoo Animals



Before Job's great misfortune,  
how many animals did he own?

- A. 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels,  
500 yoke of oxen and 500  
donkeys
- B. 70 sheep, 30 camels, 50 yoke  
of oxen and 50 donkeys
- C. 2,000 oxen and 4,000 camels
- D. 250 sheep and 250 goats



Answer: A (See Job 1:3.)

### What is the "Sanctus"?

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The Sanctus (pronounced sahnk-TOOS) is a hymn of praise, which is sung during the order of Holy Communion. The word "sanctus" is the Latin word for "holy." The Sanctus begins with the words "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory." In this first part, we sing the same words sung by the angels in Isaiah 6. These words tell of the great glory of our God who has come to be with us. In the second part of the Sanctus, we sing the words "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." These words from Psalm 118 were sung by the crowds when Christ rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Why do we sing the Sanctus? The words of the Sanctus proclaim that our Savior Jesus Christ comes to be with us physically in his very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. He is really and truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion! When we sing the Sanctus, the angels in heaven along with those who have died in the faith join with us in a combined hymn of praise to God. Wow! That is pretty fantastic stuff!

#### PARENTS

The Sanctus is a wonderful part of the Divine Service which proclaims the presence of Christ in the Sacrament while praising God and confessing the complete unity of God's faithful Church in every time and place. Encourage your children to sing the Sanctus with the congregation. Remind them that Jesus is really here and that they are singing the Sanctus with people and spiritual beings they can't even see!