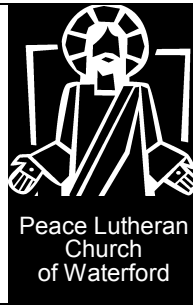
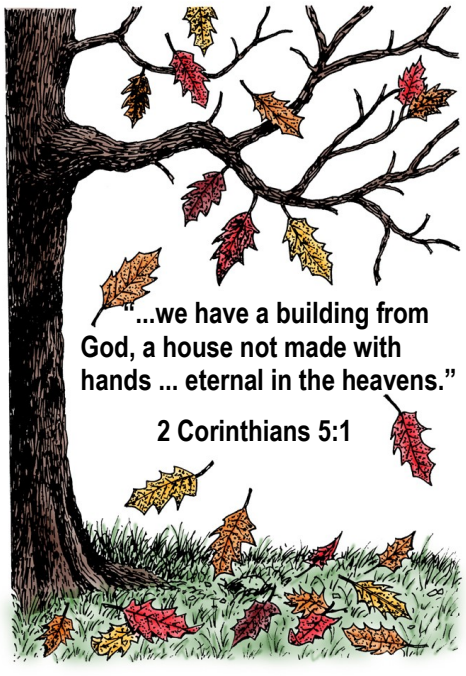


# PAX PEACE



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 whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."  
John 14:27



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## OCTOBER 2014



Join us for fantastic food and fellowship at our annual Oktoberfest the weekend of October 11 and 12, 2014. Activities will include the following.

Bake Sale ~ Saturday and Sunday before and after worship services.

Basket Raffle ~ Tickets will be sold October 4 and 5 and 11 and 12 before and after worship services. The raffle will take place after dinner on the 12th. You need not be present to win.

Authentic German Dinner ~ will be served October 12 following Sunday Divine worship at around 11:30 a.m. Costs are as follows.

- Adult German Dinner ~ \$6.50
- Child's (age 12 and under) German dinner ~ \$4.50
- Hot Dog Dinner Plate ~ \$2.00

We will appreciate all help to provide donations for the bake sale and basket items, or gift cards to raffle. If you can assist in any of these ways, please speak to Monica Tkac, Florence Adkins, or Judy Harroun. Thank you very much.

Proceeds from Oktoberfest are used by the Peace Parish Service Guild to fund missions, funeral flowers, guild activities, and the like.

We look forward to having you with us, and feel free to invite family and friends.





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**Regular Worship/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*

Monday Evenings.....6:30-7:30pm

*Midweek Bible Class*

Wednesday Bible class 3:30—4:30pm

**Summer Schedule:**

**(Memorial Day — Labor Day)**

Saturday Worship.....6:30pm

Sunday Worship.....9:30am

Sunday school for ages 3 — grade 4 during worship the fourth Sunday of June, July, and August.

All other Sunday classes and Wednesday Bible class resume after Labor Day



**Bingo fun night for the whole family**

Gather with us Friday, **October 3** at 6 p.m. for bingo. Bring items for cards (canned goods, paper products, etc.) A light dinner will be served for a small cost. All ages are welcome. Hope you can join us!



**Bible study and breakfast for men**



All men, young and old alike, are invited on Saturday, **October 4** 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 at 248-681-9360 if you will be attending so that we have plenty of food. Thank you!

**Youth Halloween party**

Youth in grades 6—12 are invited for a Halloween party on Friday, **October 24** from 6:30 — 9:00 p.m. Please do not wear a costume, but do come in **all black**. We have a number of chilling activities planned that will be sure to bedazzle you. Also, please feel free to invite your friends. See Monica Tkac for the necessary permission slips for any guests invited. See you there!



**LWML Rally is Saturday, November 1, 2014**



All ladies are invited to the Multi-Lakes Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League Rally at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1950 S. Baldwin Rd., Lake Orion, MI 48360 (248.391.1170) on Saturday, **November 1**. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Judy Harroun at 248.682.6426. This year's theme is based on Acts 1:8, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* Please sign up on the sheet posted on the back hallway bulletin board.

All are asked to donate an item(s) listed below for the ingathering to help the needy. Please contact Judy if you have any questions. A bag for items is located in the back hallway. Thank you!

- Rice
- Juice
- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Boxed dinners
- Spaghetti sauce
- Non-refrigerated milk



- Dried pinto beans
- Canned tuna/chicken
- Baby food-Enfamil
- Diapers size 2 & 4
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products

## Dear friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that we just ended summer and it is already Oktoberfest! Time flies when you are doing things that you love.

We are blessed to be in the swing of things with our regular schedule. Confirmation has begun, and my 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of Monday evenings is a joy. I look forward to this time with the students as we together learn all that God has done for us and that we can worship our Lord in a free society.

As we contemplate the church and state, upcoming elections, and our religious freedom, I wanted to share with you from Synod President Matt Harrison what founding President of the Missouri Synod C.F.W. Walther had to say in a speech about religious freedom.

God's peace,  
Pastor Tkac

C.F.W. Walther 4th of July speech on Religious Freedom -  
"Let us...if necessary, gladly shed our blood..."



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

**Galatians 5:1**

"Oh blessed, and indeed blessed be this day, when once the cornerstone was laid for the construction of a nation in which the freedom of religion and conscience has been elevated to a basic national principal! Blessed be this land, in which we enjoy this freedom! And as this land has guaranteed early freedom for religion, so may religion bring it its heavenly blessings. But let us not only faithfully use this freedom, for God will someday demand a serious account of the use of the inexpressible benefit, but let us also as citizens of this land look eagerly and fight bravely, and, if necessary, gladly shed our blood, so that this land remains not only free in general, but above all that it retains the golden crown of freedom, namely the freedom of religion, and in this way remains a place of freedom for all who suffer religious persecution in all the nations of the earth. But may the Lord of the nations, Who has clearly watched and ruled over this nation, let His face graciously shine over our North American free states; may He confound all attacks which the enemies of this Union of States may make upon its freedom; raise in this land, to His glory, a pious, free, and happy people; and always place at its head virtuous men of wisdom and of fearless and strong action! Hail America! Hail! Hail!"

C.F.W. Walther: The American Luther (1987), p. 20.

## Blood drive coming November 28



Our next blood drive falls the day following Thanksgiving, Friday, **November 28** from 12:00 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. Watch your bulletin for the date you may begin registration online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). entering sponsor code "peacelutheran". If you are unable to donate blood, you can help with set up beforehand, clean up afterward, or help during the drive. Let Beth Schreiner know if you will be available to assist with the drive by calling 248.904.3332.

## Peace Contribution Funds

By Beth Schreiner, Financial Secretary

The following "special funds" have been set up to help support special projects within our congregation.



Carpet  
Parking Lot

You may also support any of our other funds.

Blood Drive  
Christmas Decoration Replacement  
Hand bell  
Memorial  
Mission  
Organ Maintenance  
Special Need (for those in need within our congregation)  
Substitute Pastor  
Sunday School  
Table & Chair  
Vacation Bible School  
Youth

Contributions may be made any time to these funds, as the Spirit moves you.



If you're planning a harvest party, set up a snack station so people can fill their own edible cornucopias.

#### What you need:

- Waffle cones
- Bowls
- Spoons
- Toppings (chocolate chips, nuts, pretzels, fish-shaped crackers, candy corn, dried cranberries, yogurt-covered raisins, etc.)

#### What you do:

1. Set up the table, placing each topping in a bowl. Place a spoon in each bowl.
2. Invite friends to create their own cornucopia by spooning chosen goodies into their waffle cones.
3. Enjoy!

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## What was the Lutheran Reformation?

A section by Dr. Richard P. Bucher, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lexington, KY (LC—MS)

The Lutheran Reformation was an event in 16th Century Germany and Europe in which God used the monk Martin Luther (1483—1546) to reform the Christian Church of that day. By "reform," we mean to correct abuses and to restore it to what it should be.

However, it is important to understand, that this was not the first or only reformation. Over the fifteen hundred years of church history prior to this, there were many reformations. Heiko Oberman is quite right when he says that in the Middle Ages the word reformation was as popular as the word democracy is today. Many pushed for reforms in the Church of one kind or another.

Yet, none of these reformations were like Luther's Reformation. Luther also sought to reform various abuses in morals. He also attacked the Pope and the domination of the Roman Church. What made his reformation unique was that it was more concerned with doctrine than life. The heart of the Lutheran Reformation was a recovery of sound New Testament doctrine. In one of his table talks, Luther remarked:

*Doctrine and life are to be distinguished. Life is as bad among us as among the papists. Hence we do not fight and damn them because of their bad lives. Wyclif and Hus, who fought over the moral quality of life, failed to understand this ... When the Word of God remains pure, even if the quality of life fails us, life is placed in a position to be what it ought to be. That is why everything hinges on the purity of the Word. I have succeeded only if I have taught correctly (WA TR 1:624; LW 54:110).*

God's Reformation of His Church through Martin Luther began as a rediscovery of the main teaching of Christianity, that we are declared righteous (justified) by faith in the cross of Jesus Christ. It is not our righteousness (created by our works, efforts, and obeying God's laws) that saves us; Christ's righteousness saves us. And His righteousness is credited to our account when we believe that He died for us.

Put very simply, Luther's Reformation was a matter of taking this rediscovered Gospel, showing that it was Scriptural, and then reforming the Church by it. Whatever in the Church was found to contradict this Gospel of salvation by grace through faith was to be reformed. Anything else (if it edified) could be retained.

Luther's Reformation was concerned with essentials, with the very heart of Christianity. It is for this reason that it swept through Europe and had such amazing results. Without this Reformation, there would have been no salvation, for the Gospel would have remained largely hidden. When we celebrate the Reformation, we are celebrating this rediscovered Gospel that we believe in; and we are celebrating our salvation through Jesus Christ.

Join us on Saturday, October 25 or Sunday, October 26 as we observe Reformation Day, the return of the pure Gospel to the Church at the 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Services where Christ comes to us in His Word and His True Body and Blood, in and under the bread and wine, in the blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion for the forgiveness of our sins and strengthening of our faith.

*Sola Gratia*

Grace Alone

*Sola Fide*

Faith Alone

*Sola Scriptura*

Scripture Alone

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**Celebrating a BIRTHDAY**

**OCTOBER**

- 1 Brianna Poe
- 3 Ryan Ciesinski, Brian Richly
- 5 Jayden Baber, Terri Gralinski, Tammy Light, Anthony Tubbs
- 6 Jacob Alfonso, Theodore Fisher, Elise Tilley, Marilynn Wendt
- 8 James Klein, Colleen Squanda, Betty Taylor
- 9 Susanne Berlinger, Richard J. Heinz, Robert Poe III
- 10 Raymond Marx III, Amy Thompson
- 11 Eva Berousek, Danielle Price
- 12 Don Beutler
- 13 Amy Hagen, Elizabeth Light
- 14 Rachelle Slavik-Junis
- 15 Amy Tkac
- 16 Kelsie Briet, Heather Penner, David Smart
- 17 Vonnie Doucette
- 18 Gregory Plants, Timothy Wingert
- 19 Mahana Gallmeyer, Owen Greig, Daniel Peterson, Nicki Potter, Tyler Rathe, Melissa VandeWege
- 21 Brian Dittenber, Nanna Kusk, Dillon Massey, Drew Massey, Christopher Price, Sandy Stuecher
- 22 Laura Aronson, Arlene Benson, Cindy Glasson, James Holder, Darrin Proulx
- 23 Richard Thiem, Debra Upson
- 24 Eleanor Brown, Jacob Helgemo, Gordon Light, Lauren Robar, Emily Tubbs
- 26 Daniel Adkins
- 27 Michael Baxa, Brandon Collier
- 28 Taylor Steffens
- 30 John Wingert, David A. Youngquist
- 31 Brianna Squanda



**Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY**

**OCTOBER**

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1 Darrell & Gale Roberts	32
1 Robert & Nicole Smith	20
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13 Robert & Terri Breit	30
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19 Jeffrey & Amber Hunter	12
21 Douglas & Stephanie Markwardt	09
21 Paul & Andrea Osika	25
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29 Scott & Cindy Glasson	20



Rick and Debbie Arnold  
2570 Castle Rock Ct.  
Howell, MI 48843

Barb Wamsley  
1655 The Greens Way, Unit 2816  
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250



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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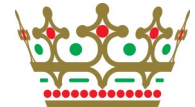
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**✧ CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS ✧**

**CROWN**

The crown, a symbol of royal authority, represents Jesus, the King of Kings. It can also symbolize the "crown of life," the eternal reward that faithful Christians receive in heaven (see Revelation 2:10). Three crowns are often used to represent the wise men who traveled from the East in search of the baby Jesus.



July 10, 2014  
Paula Knowles



September 6, 2014  
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and  
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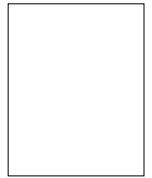
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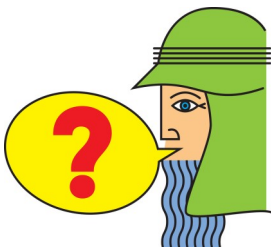
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through faith.  
Ephesians 2:8, ESV



What modern expression comes from the practice, described in Leviticus, of a priest confessing Israel's sins over the head of an animal and sending it (and the sins with it) into the desert?

- A. hogwash
- B. from the horse's mouth
- C. monkey business
- D. scapegoat



Answer: D (See Leviticus 16:10, 21, NIV.)

### Why is Confession so important to a Christian?

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Confessing our sins is very important! When we confess them to God, we see just how terribly sinful we are. We also know that sin brings nothing but eternal death and separation from God. When we confess our sins, not only do we see that we are sinful, but we are admitting to God that we deserve death and separation from Him forever. We are free to admit all of this to Him because we know that Jesus has already died and paid for all our sins.

After we have confessed our sins, what happens? With Confession always comes Absolution, the forgiveness of sins! In Jesus, we have the sure and true promise of forgiveness of sins as we hear in 1 John 1:9: *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* Wow! Absolution is absolutely wonderful!

#### FOR PARENTS

During the service, help guide your children through Confession/Absolution as it happens. Before the service, read through the Confession with them and explain the words that might be confusing. Remind them that when the pastor is speaking, he is speaking for God Himself to comfort and forgive us.