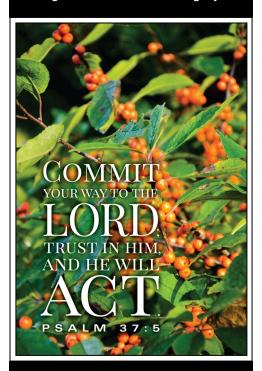




# The Voice of Peace

"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



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# **OCTOBER 2016**



Dear friends in Christ,

It was a wonderful Rally Day with beautiful weather on September 11, and we are now back to or regular schedule of Worship, Sunday school, Catechism classes, council, and voter's meetings. Thanks to all who help make all that the church offers possible.

As I think about attendance at church declining and our schedule and catechism classes in particular beginning, I am struck again by the lack of participation in worship by so many confirmands and their families. Once confirmed, so many stop attending after telling me and an elder that they will keep their children in worship. It's not a

new problem but one that has continued for many years here and at many churches. Of the 18 children I have confirmed, only 2 attend regularly and a few occasionally – largely because it is their grandparents that brought them to confirmation and continue to bring



them to church when they can. Those that do come are here because their parents attend regularly and see it as important.

Confirmation confirms what God did for you in your baptism. It is the gift of God and his forgiveness to you and me as we are marked as his child. Obviously, there is a problem if so many stop attending. The Elders and I are very concerned. We will have early communion for those who are in regular worship and confirmation classes so that the gift of God in the Lord's Supper can begin to strengthen faith as early as 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The Catechism Connection – Catechesis in the bulletin each week will hopefully be taken home and used for family devotions and to grow faith. Our intergenerational Bible Study on Sunday's from 9:30—10:10 will hopefully connect family to the study of the Word of God on Sunday and throughout the week.

If you read the newsletter and have been lax in attendance – come back! We miss you, and the Lord's love and forgiveness are here at Peace, each Lord's Day – for you!

In Christ, Pastor Tkac,

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." — 1 Timothy 1:17



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Pastor Tkac: Monday — Thursday Debbie Wittke: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

#### **Worship and Class Schedule:**

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

#### **Intergenerational Sunday School** For all ages

Held in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m.

#### Midweek Adult Bible Class

Thursday...... 2:30—3:30pm

No Sunday school or Bible classes Memorial Day — Labor Day

#### 6th/7th Grade Confirmation Class

Monday.....5:30—6:30pm

#### 8th Grade Confirmation Class

Monday.....6:30pm—7:30pm



#### OCTOBER 2016 ~ ACOLYTE & READER SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY 6:30 P.M. SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. 01/02 Acolyte Olivia Fisher Logan Thompson Reader Pastor Merrell Jon Parlette 08/09 Acolyte Brianna Squanda Reader Kim Deckard Mark Bunarek 15/16 Acolyte Olivia Fisher Lauren Robar Reader Ginny McDonald Elise Tillev Logan Thompson 22/23 Acolyte Judy Harroun Reader Bob Poe 29/30 Acolyte Olivia Fisher Brianna Squanda

**OCTOBER ELDERS: Rick Heinz Bob Poe OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD:** Pat Poe / Susan Youngquist

Pastor Merrell



Reader

#### Funds / Missions

Carpet Ladies Guild Memorial Special Needs St. Paul Mission



# Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY YEARS

ı	Darrell & Gale Roberts	34
11	Jerry & Melanie Lintz	13
13	Donald & Jeanette Dekeyser	37
16	Robert & Patricia Poe III	38
21	Douglas & Stephanie Markwardt	11

#### **Entered the Church Triumphant**

Betty Jean Buchanan Entered Life: 7/27/1927 Entered Eternal Rest: 8/27/2106

Dorothy Blackerby Entered Life: 6/5/1935 Entered Eternal Rest: 9/15/2016



# **BIRTHDAY**

Brianna Poe

Beth Schreiner

- Tammy Light
- Theodore Fisher, Elise Tillley, Marilynn Wendt
- James Klein, Colleen Sauanda
- Susanne Berlinger, Robert Poe III
- 10 Amy Thompson
- 13 Elizabeth Light
- 14 Rachelle Junis
- 15 Amy Tkac
- Heather Penner 16
- Vonnie Doucette 17
- 18 Jaxon Mathews
- Owen Greig, Melissa 19 VandeWege
- 21 Sandra Young
- 22 Laura Aronson, Arlene Benson
- 24 Eleanor Brown, Gordon Light, Lauren Robar, Emily Tubbs
- 26 Daniel Adkins
- 30 David A. Youngquist
- Brianna Squanda

#### **Address Change**

Jackie Nast 947 Westbury Blvd. Howell, MI 48843

#### Offering Envelopes

You may leave your name off, but please list amount given. Thank You,

—Financial Secretary

# October 2016

Adult Bible Study with Pastor on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	16 ~ Oktoberfo ket Raffle, and					6:30pm Worship/Holy Communion
2 20th Sunday after Pentecost	3	4	5	6	7	8
Classes—see above	5:30-6:30pm 6/7th grade confirmation					Oktoberfest Basket Raffle ticket sales
10:30am Worship/	6:30-7:30pm 8th			2:30pm Adult Bible Study		6:30pm Worship
Holy Communion  LWML Mite collection	grade confirmation			Study		St. Paul Mission Collection
9 21st Sunday after Pentecost	10	11	12	13	14	15
Classes—see above	5:30-6:30pm 6/7th	NO Pastor's		1:00pm Oktoberfest		Oktoberfest Bake Sale
10:30am Praise Worship	grade confirmation	Conference		set-up		& Raffle ticket Sales
Oktoberfest Basket Raffle ticket sales	6:30-7:30pm 8th grade confirmation	7:00pm Parish Guild Meeting		2:30pm Adult Bible Study		6:30pm Worship/Holy Communion
7:00pm Organ/Hymn Festival	Columbus Day Observes	7:00pm Elders Meet				
St. Paul Mission Collection						
16 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	17	18	19	20	21	22
Classes—see above	5:30-6:30pm 6/7th					
10:30am Worship/ Holy Communion	grade confirmation			2:30pm Adult Bible Study		6:30pm Worship
Oktoberfest	6:30-7:30pm 8th grade confirmation					
Bake Sale Basket Raffle						
& German Dinner  Newsletter  DEADLine						
23 23rd Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29
after Pentecost	5:30-6:30pm 6/7th					0.20
Classes—see above	grade confirmation			2:30pm Adult Bible		6:30pm Worship/Holy Communion
10:30am Worship	6:30-7:30pm 8th grade confirmation			Study		
30 24th Sunday after Pentecost	31 Reformation Day				September 2016 S M T W T F S	November 2016 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5
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### Men's Breakfast Bible Study



Join us for Bible study and breakfast Saturday, **October 1, 2016.** Come and feed both soul and body. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and

finish up with Bible study. You will surely be built up in the faith that leads to life eternal as the Holy Spirit works within you!

# **LWML Fall Rally**

We will meet for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Fall Rally at St. Stephen Lutheran Church,



Waterford on Saturday, **October 1** at 9:00 a.m. Our theme is "Chosen to Bear Lasting Fruit." We will collect any kinds of infant item for our Ingathering, which will support St. Paul, Pontiac. Please see the bulletin board for additional information, and contact Judy Harroun if you plan on attending (248-682-6426).

#### **Lutheran Reformation facts...**



The Lutheran Reformation then, and today, is not about throwing away the past, but about retaining and preserving

the very best of the Church's rich history and teachings, while filtering out whatever covers and contradicts God's Word and denies the good news of salvation by grace alone, though faith alone, on account of Christ alone. The Lutherans never wanted to rebel against the Roman Church. They were, however, held captive by the force of the clear truth of God's Word. Martin Luther refused to compromise that truth and was excommunicated by the Roman Catholic Church, precisely because of his defense of the pure Gospel and truths of God's Word.

Obtained from: lutheranreformation.org

### A Lutheran Hymn Festival and Organ Dedication Concert



#### Please join us for ...

You are cordially invited to attend, "Hymns Old and New: Celebrating our Lutheran Heritage"; A Reformation Hymn Festival and Organ Dedication concert presented by organist, Katherine Nold, and members of Peace Lutheran Church.

Date: **October 9, 2016** 

Time: 7:00 p.m., with reception to follow

Location: Peace Lutheran Church

7390 Elizabeth Lake Road Waterford, MI 48327 248-681-9360

Please join us for an evening of organ music, hymn singing, and fellowship as we celebrate the recent organ installation at Peace Lutheran Church!



Oktoberfest is almost here! Come and be with us for homemade German food, fun, and fellowship. Dates and activities are listed below.

- ⇒ October 8/9 and 15/16 ~ Basket Raffle tickets will be sold before and after Saturday and Sunday services. Baskets will be raffled after dinner on Sunday, October 16. If you can donate a basket for the raffle, please contact Carol Smith (248-568-0276).
- ⇒ October 15/16 ~ Baked goods will be for sale before and after the Saturday and Sunday services October 15 and 16. If you can donate baked goods for the bake sale, please contact Judy Harroun (248-682-6426) or Florence Adkins (248-623-0159).
- ⇒ October 16 ~ German Dinner and Basket Raffle following Sunday worship.

Adult German Meal: \$6.75 (includes 1 sausage on a bun, sauerkraut, German potato salad, beverage, and dessert). Each extra sausage on a bun is \$2.75.

Child's (age 12 and under) German Meal: \$4.75 (includes 1 sausage on a bun, sauerkraut, German potato salad, beverage, dessert — child's portion).

Hot Dog Plate: \$2.50 (includes 1 hot dog on a bun, potato chips, dessert, and beverage). Extra hot dog on a bun is \$1.25 each.