

"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

# Newsletter DISTRIBUTION

Your November newsletter, and those following, will be four pages and will be available as follows:

- Pick up from table in back hallway
- Review and/or download and print from the website at peacewaterford.org.
- Receive by e-mail address you provide
- Shut-ins will continue to receive their newsletter by mail

# **Blood Drive...**

Our next blood drive is Friday, **November 27** from 12—5:45 p.m. You may register online at redcrossblood.org and enter code "peacelutheran". Let Beth know (248-904-3332) if you can help with the drive.

Thank you... to all those who gave toward buying fleece material to make hats for our Houghton students! We are busy putting your dollars to work!

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# NOVEMBER 2015

### FROM THE PASTOR

# Dear friends,

Word & Sacrament Ministry

November is here, and the Advent season is on the horizon. This brings into focus the end of another church year and the beginning of a new one. Beginnings are an important time. Whether it is a new school year, a new

team season, or a change that affords a new start — we all at times need a new beginning. Advent gives us all that new beginning.

It is easy to fall into bad habits. For some it starts outside the church with things that cause us, because of circumstances, to miss worship. That can become magnified over time. But Advent is just what we all need. It is a time of beginning anew. It is the hope of the coming Christ child. It is where his rescue is and where our burdens should be placed. It is the season that leads to Christmas where God in Christ begins his rescue on our behalf. It is joy and peace in a troubled world.

Turn your focus away from the problems that blind and lead us away from Jesus, and see once again the love of God in Christ who has come for you. For it is Jesus who will carry your burdens, lift your spirits, and who has promised to never leave you nor forsake you. He offers you forgiveness each week as we gather together to hear his word and receive his gifts. He gives you his true body and blood to eat and drink and strengthens your faith. He promises to come again and



to gather his church to where he is, and though you have not seen him, you know him and know where he can be found. Jesus is where his church is. Where his church is are the gifts he gives.



# Bible study and breakfast for men



All men, young and old alike, are invited on Saturday, **November 7** at 9:00 a.m. for Bible study and breakfast. Why not join us for life-giving food for both body and soul? God promises you WILL be blessed. If you would kindly call the church office at 248-681-9360 by Wednesday, **November 4** and let us know if you will be attending, we will be assured to have plenty of food for all. Thank you so much!



#### ~ November 2015 ~ Acolyte & Reader Schedule / Birthdays / Anniversaries / Fund Donations / Prayer Chain

Fund Donations / Prayer Chain						
		Saturday 6:30	P.M.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.		
31/01	Acolyte Reader	Alex Powell Mark Bunarek		Lauren Robar Darrell Roberts		
07/08	Acolyte Reader	Pastor Merrell		Logan Thompson Kim Deckard		
14/15	Acolyte Reader	Alex Powell Judy Harroun		Brianna Squanda Joan Rich		
21/22	Acolyte Reader	Ginny McDonal	d	Cassidy Thompson Elise Tilley		
28/29	Acolyte Reader	Alex Powell Pastor Merrell		Lauren Robar Beth Schreiner		
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Judy Harroun	248-682-6426
Theresa Gray	248-666-1408
Sue Vogt	248-698-2072
Florence Adkins	248-623-0159

Nancy Merrell	248-623-0717		
Joan Kitzman	248-363-1470		
Hilda Klein	248-682-2497		

Sunday School Ages 3—grade 4 during worship Grades 5—7 at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
All Saints Day	2	3	4	5	6	7 0:00am Man'a	
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# Ladies Guild to elect officers...

Our next ladies guild meeting is Tuesday, **November 10** at 7:00 p.m. We will make final plans for Advent by Candlelight and elect our 2016 officers. All confirmed ladies are welcome and encouraged to join us. Refreshments will be served.

# Council meeting...

Is set for Thursday, **November 19** at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.

# Voters' meeting...

Is Sunday, **November 22** following the worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.

# **Christmas decorating**

We will meet on Saturday, **November 28** from 10 am — 12 p.m. to decorate the church for Christmas. More hands make for less work. Please prayerfully consider helping. Thank you!

### What Is "Advent"?

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Advent marks the beginning of the church year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into

Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is

kind of like the "New Year's Day" of the church year calendar.

Why do we celebrate Advent? The word "Advent" means "coming." During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved

us from sin, death, and the power of the devil—our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!

# For Parents

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by your congregation for family devotions.