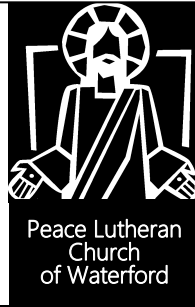


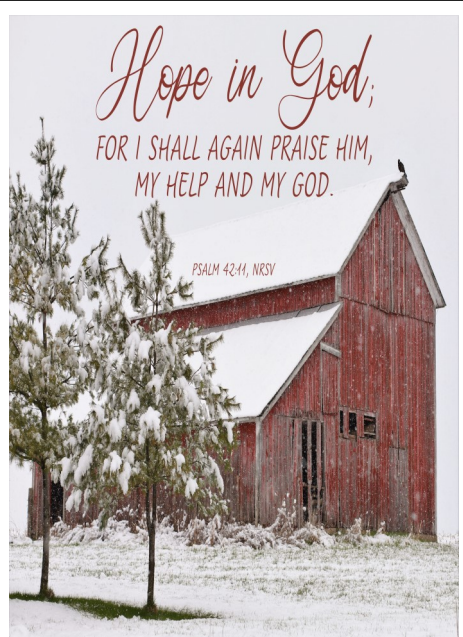
# PAX PEACE



## 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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### DECEMBER 2021



Dear friends in Christ,

December 2021

The Advent season is here!

***Savior of the nations, come; virgin's Son, make here your home. Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.***

It is with this child, this Jesus and this birth, that we have a such a blessed eternity to look forward to. Apart from Jesus there is no hope.

***Not by human flesh and blood, by the spirit of our God was the Word of God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh.***

By the Spirit's work, Christ was incarnate in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary and made man. This God/man took our sins upon himself so that we, by his death in our place, might live to newness of life.

***Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the virgin undefiled, though by all the world disowned, still to be in heav'n enthroned.***

This child's death, resurrection and blessed ascension assure us that all who, by faith in Jesus' blessed work, will rise to newness of life and spend eternity with him.

***From the Father's throne he came and ascended to the same, captive leading death and hell. High the song of triumph swell!***

This eternity is promised to all in him. No one is excluded. Only believe in this child, this Jesus, and you too will have life eternal in his name.

***Praise to God the Father sing, praise to God the Son, our King, praise to God the Spirit be ever and eternally.***

To God alone be the glory!

Blessed Advent and Christmas to you all.

God bless,  
Pastor Tkac

Savior  
of the  
Nations, Come



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**now resting in Jesus**  
**with all His saints!**  
 Rev. William D. Merrell

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**In the Office**

Pastor Tkac: Monday—Thursday

**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**

**Sunday School for children and adults is at 9:30 a.m.**

**Adult Bible Class**

Thursday ..... 2:00 p.m.

**No Confirmation / High School Class**



**Celebrating a BIRTHDAY**

- 04 Michael James
- 06 Robin Gallmeyer
- 09 Amy DeKeyser
- 10 Robert Klein, Elizabeth Tkac
- 11 Kelly Powell
- 15 Richard Durci
- 18 Stephanie Markwardt
- 25 Adam VanDeWater
- 26 Charles Fox
- 29 Richard Rappuhn
- 31 Jerry Doucette

**Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY**



	Years
5 Ron & Theresa Gray	57
29 Charles & Ruth Dow	43
30 William & Heather Penner	26
31 Robert & Christina Ehlert	3

**Our Gifts**



Ladies Guild  
 Building & Maintenance

**When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us.**

Tithe 2:4-5 NIV

**SIMPLE SYMBOLS**

Create personalized initial ornaments for family and friends.



**What you need:**

- Small twigs (various shapes and sizes)
- Hot glue
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. After gathering twigs, arrange them to create uppercase letter shapes. Cross, bend and break twigs, as needed.
2. Glue “letters” together at the intersections.
3. Cut an arm-length of yarn and wind it around twigs to add color to each letter.
4. Create a loop of yarn and tie it to the top of the ornament for hanging.

**BIBLE QUIZ**

In Matthew’s genealogy, which woman is not mentioned as Jesus’ ancestor?

- A. Tamar
- B. Rahab
- C. Mary
- D. Ruth
- E. Sarah
- F. Bathsheba



Answer: E (See Matthew 1:1-17)

Order your poinsettia by Sunday, December 12th  
 Pay Erika Hoffmann by December 18th \$10.50 ea.

# December



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																																																								
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**Advent Dinners** will be served on **Wednesday, December 1, 8, and 15, at 6:00 pm.** The cost is \$4 per person.



December 01: Ham-Scalloped potatoes  
 December 08: Mostaccioli & Bread  
 December 15: Beef Stew & Bread



**Worship for Midweek Advent Services is at 7:00 pm.** Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for the blessed birth of the One who came that first Christmas to take upon Himself our sins, die on the cross, and rise that we might have life with in heaven for all eternity. Amen. It IS so!

**Our monthly Prayer Meeting** is Tuesday, **December 7,** at 7:00 p.m. We will focus on Psalm 37. Join us and bring your prayer requests, needs, and desires to the One who will answer in the time and way He knows best.



**Ladies Guild Meeting** is Tuesday, **December 14, at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies are welcome to join us! We look forward to seeing you!



**Elders Meeting** is Tuesday, **December 14, at 7:00 p.m.** Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.



**BLESSED CHRISTMAS**



**Christmas Eve ~ Friday, December 24**  
 The Divine Service with Holy Communion ~ 7:00 pm

**Christmas Day ~ Saturday, December 25**  
 The Divine Service with Holy Communion ~ 10:00 am  
 No 6:30 pm Worship Service

**Farewell Retirement Announcement:**



I want to thank each of you here at Peace for our partnership in the Gospel and your friendship. I am thankful for being treated as one of your own.

It has been a pleasure to work *with you* just short of 23 years in faithfulness, love, and devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. My last day is December 31.

Through the Holy Spirit, God is at work through you, each in your way, even in doing what at times seems unattainable. We can look back and thank God that with Him, nothing is impossible.

God's faithful goodness rests upon this place, with the Word preached and the Sacraments administered in accord with Christ's command, coming by way of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit through Pastor Merrell, now sainted in heaven, and presently through Pastor Tkac.

What a privilege and joy it has been to serve as your church secretary and receive with you God's gifts of Word and Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins. I am happy to say, too, that Mark and I will see you in the days ahead as well.

There are no better gifts than being members of God's holy family and being heirs of eternal life, for these gifts offer a peace found in Christ alone. And to be sure, we will certainly see each other in heaven, the place where the Lord has prepared a room for each of us who believes in Christ for salvation – for all eternity. I dearly love and will miss you all.

**"To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen"** (1 Timothy 1:17).

Your sister in Christ,  
 Debbie

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