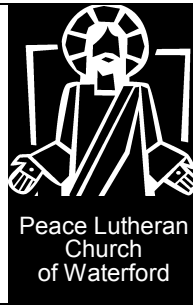


# PAX PEACE



## 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



*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16, ESV*

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## SEPTEMBER 2014

### Rally Day is just around the corner



Gather with us for Rally Day and the all-church picnic on **Sunday, September 7**. This is the official start of the 2014-15 Sunday school year and our regular schedule. Saturday Divine Service remains at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday Divine Service returns to 10:30 a.m.

Rally Day begins with worship at 10:30 a.m. followed by the picnic and activities for the kids. Please be sure to sign up to attend, assist with the day’s activities, and to bring a dish to share for the meal. The St. James Men’s Club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and drinks. They will also be doing the cooking for us. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.



Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Bible classes are listed below.

Ages 3—grade 4, taught by Beth Schreiner and Elise Tilley during worship on Sunday ~ children are dismissed after Pastor Tkac does his children’s sermon

Grades 5 and up, taught by Kim Deckard are Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

8th Grade Confirmation, taught by Pastor Tkac is Monday from 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Class, taught by Pastor Tkac is Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday Adult Bible Class, taught by Pastor Tkac is from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for worship and classes. Our dedicated staff looks forward to sharing the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ with you. The Lord promises to strengthen your faith and bless you with His Word and Sacraments!





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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



**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Bible study and breakfast for men**



All men, young and old alike, are invited on Saturday, **September 6** 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!**

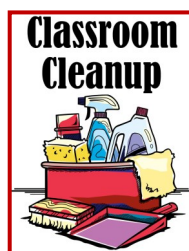
Please let the office know at 248-681-9360 if you will be attending so that we have plenty of food. Thank you!

**Your blood drive support is valued**

We are pleased to report another successful blood drive effort. Thanks to all who donated blood or assisted with the drive. We met our goal, collected 22 units of blood, and helped save 66 lives. Be assured your generous acts of giving and helping will not go unappreciated by those reaping the benefits!



**Check out the latest room reorganization**



The preschool office and classroom have now been converted, cleaned, scrubbed, and reorganized to hold student and VBS curriculum and supplies, among other related items. It is now much easier to locate and make use of them. It is looking mighty fine, and the area will be remarkably more functional, especially as we begin a new year of Christian education classes and future activities.

**Attention students and parents in grades 6, 7, & 8**

In order to set up the monthly acolyte schedules for 2014-15, please hand in or call the office at 248-681-9360 and leave your choice of 1) Saturday, 2) Sunday, or 3) either day. Sunday acolytes may be scheduled for an occasional Saturday, if we are short.

Attending Sunday school and acolyting are requirements on the road to Confirmation in the 8th grade. Acolyte Schedules appear in the monthly Newsletter with names and phone numbers. If you cannot serve when scheduled, we kindly ask that **you** arrange with someone to switch with and let the office know. If you know ahead of time a student will be unavailable to acolyte, please advise the office in advance.

Acolytes are asked to arrive 10 minutes before the worship service begins, not to chew gum or candy, or act in ways that disturb others while on duty. When you are done acolyting, please hang your robe neatly on a hanger.

If we do not hear from you, you will be scheduled at a time that works best when scheduling is prepared. Thank you.



Dear fellow members of Peace,



As we begin September, let us all look at the blessings we all share as God's children. Foremost is the blessed gift of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

While we've all heard this verse many times, I ask you to read it, not as a familiar verse but as a sacrificial verse. God's love for you is so great that He will not withhold anything from you, even His only begotten son Jesus Christ our Lord to bring you to Himself.

It is easy to forget that in gathering for worship, it is not our service to God as an obligation or something that we must do, but His service to us who are His children. It is He who calls and serves you and me by His word of promise and His blessed sacraments bringing forgiveness of sins to us, who are lost. It is He who restores what was broken, the relationship between God and man by the fall into sin, which you and I can do nothing about in and of ourselves. It is He that takes the punishment you and I deserve and instead gives us His mercy, peace, and blessed forgiveness and righteousness found only in His son Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

As children of God, I pray that each and every one of you will find in Christ's invitation the comfort and peace that He gives in word and sacrament, offered as a free gift and proclaimed at each Divine Service, for you.

God Bless,  
Pastor Tkac



## Ladies fall potluck dinner and meeting

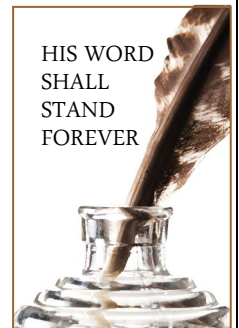


The Peace Parish Service Guild invites all women to their annual fall potluck dinner and meeting. Join us for fabulous food and friendly fellowship on **Tuesday, September 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m.** We kindly ask you to bring a dish to share. Included in the agenda will be Oktoberfest and Advent-by Candlelight planning.

This is always an enjoyable time, and we look forward to having you join us! See you then!

## The Word of God

"Feelings come and feelings go, and feelings are deceiving; my warrant is the Word of God—naught else is worth believing.



Though all my heart should feel condemned for want of some sweet token, there is One greater than my heart Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word till soul and body sever, for, though all things shall pass away,  
**HIS WORD SHALL STAND FOREVER!** — Martin Luther

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

# REMINDER BOARD



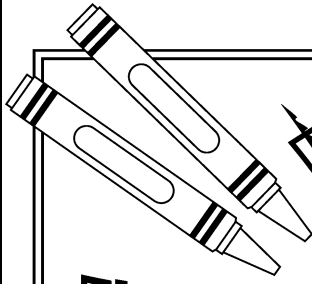
Start off the school year right by making this wipe-off board, which can help you remember important things.

## What you need:

- Adult help
- 5" x 7" picture frame with glass (available at a dollar store)
- Lined notebook paper
- Scissors
- Low-heat glue gun
- Buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes
- 1" piece of Velcro
- Erasable marker

## What you do:

1. Using the cardboard insert or picture from the frame as a pattern, cut the notebook paper to fit the frame. Then insert it behind the glass.
2. Decorate the outside of the frame by gluing on buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes.
3. Glue one side of the Velcro to the erasable pen and one side to the frame. Then attach the pen to the frame.
4. Place the board on your desk, dresser or kitchen counter. On the glass, write daily reminders about assignments and activities.



# PUZZLE

## Think about these things...

With so many things to remember each day, the apostle Paul provides guidelines in Philippians 4:8 (NIV) for what should fill our minds.

**Directions:** Match each word in column 1 to the word in column 2 that means the same thing. Then use the words from column 2 to fill in the boxes below.

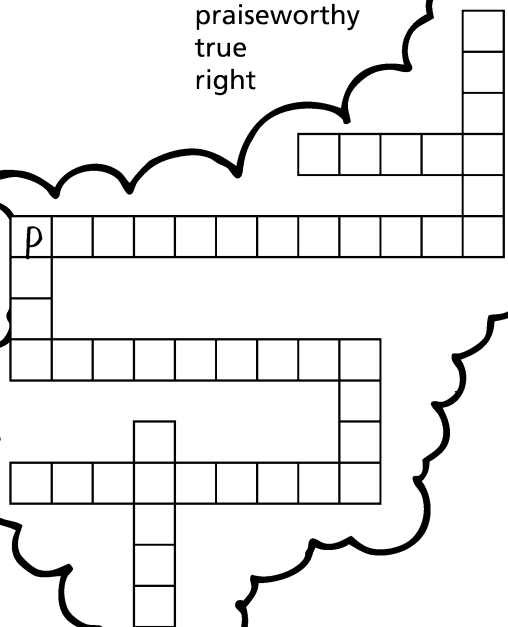
### COLUMN 1

correct  
 commendable  
 extremely good  
 having high moral principles  
 deserving respect  
 pleasant  
 real  
 wholesome

### COLUMN 2

excellent  
 lovely  
 noble  
 admirable  
 pure  
 praiseworthy  
 true  
 right

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable** — if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy** — think about such things." Philippians 4:8, NIV



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**Celebrating a BIRTHDAY**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 1 Austin Woods
- 2 Madelyn Deckard, Cody Larson, Linda Stegeman, Lexi Sublett
- 4 Orville Kitzman, Andrea Osika
- 5 Nathan Baxter, Samantha Street, Taylor Tiernan
- 6 Olivia Fisher, Alexander Glasson, Megan Riley
- 7 Travis Lipincott, Ryan McAllister, Terry Rimatzki, George Stegeman
- 8 Jessica Smith, Jerry Wiegand
- 9 Jordan Bonner, Leslie Brookshire, Shane Grodzicki, Trevor Taylor
- 10 Scotty Dobson, Mallory Jones
- 11 Madison Fisher, Connor Rappuhn
- 12 Pamela Richley, Joan Schultz
- 13 Gordon Light III, Jonathan Street
- 14 Kathy Thompson
- 15 David Deckard II, Ronald M. Gray, Jennifer Kassabian, Logan Proulx, William Rappuhn, Adam Thiem
- 16 Anthony DeLong, Eric Rickard
- 17 Ryan James, LeRoy L. Mausling
- 19 Timothy Dittenber
- 20 Georgene Bishop, Terri Blovet, William Lovelace
- 23 Nancy Merrell
- 25 Angela Thompson
- 29 Susan Dobson, Dave Smart
- 30 Gertrude Berousek, Cheri Charbonneau



*Baptized into Christ*

August 3, 2014  
Jedidiah Henry Slavik  
Son of Melanie Slavik

August 24, 2014  
Gibson Ryan Brown  
Son of Ryan & Heidi Brown



**Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY**

**SEPTEMBER**

	Years
1 Matthew & Patricia Rich	14
4 Robert & Kendra Klein	38
9 Scott & Monica Lee	14
12 Matthew & Lisa Hammarlund	22
13 LeRoy & Doris Mausling	61
18 Gregory & Laura Grodzicki	22
18 Russell & Monica Tkac	32
19 Joshua & Sarah Anderson	6
19 Jerry & Vonnie Doucette	50
23 Robert & Jean Myers	8
24 David & Samantha Deckard II	3
24 David & Tracy Lippincott	20
25 John & Michelle Bonner	21
29 Christopher & Nicole Cokley	7
30 Joshua & Shannon Klein	8



Correction:  
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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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Theresa Gray 666-1408  
Sue Vogt 698-2072  
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**Our Gifts At WORK**

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

\*Wish List Fund

Special Needs  
St. Paul Pontiac Mission  
Vacation Bible School

**✦ CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS ✦**

**CENSER AND INCENSE**

A censer (or thurible) is a vessel commonly used by Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches, as well as some Protestant churches, including Lutheran ones, to burn incense during worship, often on special occasions. Censers come in many sizes, shapes and designs. A worship leader may swing a chain censer to waft the fragrant incense smoke over the congregation during a procession or benediction. As incense burns in a censer and smoke wafts upward, it symbolizes prayers of the faithful, floating to God. "May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening Sacrifice."



Psalms 141:2, NIV

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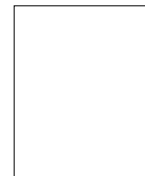
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September 7, 2014



According to Luke, how many disciples did Jesus send out two by two ahead of him to the various towns he planned to visit?

- A. 12
- B. 70 or 72 (ancient manuscripts vary)
- C. 490 (70 times 7)
- D. 144 (12 times 12)



Answer: B (See Luke 10:1.)

### What is the "Office of the Keys"?

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When you hear this question, you might think that there is an office or a room somewhere in the church building that holds a lot of keys. When we say "office", we are speaking of duty and obligation. For example, when someone is elected to Congress, they are elected to a public office. They have been elected to a position of authority that has certain duties. The Office of the Keys is an authority given by Christ to his church with the duty to forgive the sins of repentant sinners but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Why is this authority referred to as "keys"? This authority given to the church works just like a set of keys that lock and unlock the gates of heaven. When forgiveness is withheld, the door of heaven is locked, but when forgiveness is given, the door of heaven is opened and the fullest measure of God's forgiveness in Christ is poured out on the repentant person! What a wonderful opportunity for us to see that the Gospel is available to all people.

#### FOR PARENTS

Trying to understand why the church would withhold forgiveness may be the most difficult aspect of this discussion. Be sure to study the texts of John 20:22-23 and Matthew 18:18 with your child. Be sure to discuss what it means to be unrepentant as opposed to repentant. Namely, an unrepentant person does not have sorrow for their sins and does not believe in Jesus Christ, while a repentant person is one that is sorry for their sins out of love for God and believes in Jesus Christ for salvation!