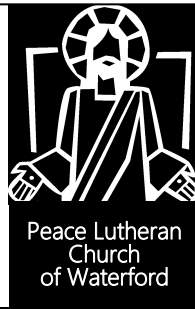


PAX PEACE



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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MAY 2021



While we await the joys of spring and summer, we mourn.

Your pastor and mine, Rev. William D. Merrell, has entered his rest in Jesus. It seems hard to believe. As he was with us daily, he was such an important part of our lives. I went to our Pastor's Circuit Meeting on April 13, just a few days after his memorial service, and it weighed on me heavily.

The disciples wrestled with the loss of their spiritual head and Lord Jesus Christ, who was taken away most violently. The loss brings tears, uncertainty, and doubt but for the disciples of Jesus, an encounter with the risen Christ just three days later gave them peace.

We, too, who remain, rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus. We trust His words in John 14:2-4, "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." And in John 14:6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Our dear Pastor Merrell preached this joy and eternal hope in Jesus to many over his 40 plus years in the ministry at Peace. It was his comfort and joy as well. Though we grieve, I hope that we remember Pastor Merrell as our faithful and peaceful shepherd called by God to be his undershepherd here for so many years and to use all that he taught us about Jesus to bear good fruit to a world in need.

⁸ ... for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)... Eph. 5:8-9

It will be hard to imagine Peace without him among us, but it is now incumbent upon us all to shine that light of Christ a little brighter in this dark world so that God may use his work, ministry, and memory in us and by the Holy Spirit to reach those that need to hear about Jesus.

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master' (Matt. 25:23).

God Bless,
Pastor Tkac





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now resting in Jesus
with all His saints!**

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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**

No Sunday School until further notice.

Adult Bible Class

Thursday 2:00 p.m.

No Confirmation / High School Class



**Celebrating a
BIRTHDAY**

- 02 Doris Mausling
- 05 Tracy Lippincott
- 08 Kendra Klein
- 12 Emma Carlson
- 15 Alex Powell
- 16 Monica Tkac
- 18 Janette Wendland
- 19 Susan Switzer
- 20 Robert Poe IV
- 23 Theresa Gray
- 25 Jeremy Klein
- 28 Ron Gray
- 30 Ryan Gray



**Celebrating an
ANNIVERSARY**

		Years
17	Jonathan & Samantha Street	08
20	Matthew & Elise Tilley	32
28	Richard & Gloria Rappuhn	33
30	Robert & Carrie Robar	23



Our Gifts

Covid Expenses
Memorials

A Shared Experience

What comes to mind when you hear the word *Pentecost*? Many people think of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and multiple languages. But



Acts 2 begins with another detail that's just as key: Jesus' disciples "were all together in one place." Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers didn't miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church.

The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus' first followers hadn't been assembled on Pentecost, they would've missed the outpouring of God's power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other family of Christ. Who would want to miss God's blessings, promises and joy?



BIBLE QUIZ

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John



Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.)

May 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

THREE INTERWOVEN CIRCLES—Each circle in this symbol represents one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The circles, having no beginning and no end, signify the Trinity's eternal nature. The circles' interlacing symbolizes unity. In the center is a triangle, an ancient symbol of the Trinity.

1

6:30 pm Worship /
Holy Communion



2 5th Sun. of Easter

10:30 am Worship /
Holy Communion



3

4

7:00 pm Monthly
Prayer Meeting



5

6

2:00 pm Adult Bible
Study



**National Day of
Prayer**

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8

6:30 pm Worship /
Holy Communion

9 6th Sun. of Easter

10:30 am Worship /
Holy Communion



Mother's Day

10

11

12

13

2:00 pm Adult Bible
Study



**The Ascension of
Our Lord**

14

15

6:30 pm Worship /
Holy Communion



Armed Forces Day

16 7th Sun. of Easter

10:30 am Worship /
Holy Communion
**Voters' Meeting
following Worship**



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18

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2:00 pm Adult Bible
Study

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22

9-4 pm Mission
Conference, St.
Paul, Flint (see
bulletin board)

6:30 pm Worship /
Holy Communion

23 The Day of
Pentecost



10:30 am Worship /
Holy Communion

24

25

26

27

2:00 pm Adult Bible
Study

28

29

6:30 pm Worship /
Holy Communion

30 The Holy Trinity



10:30 am Worship /
Holy Communion

31



OFFICES CLOSED

Memorial Day

April 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

June 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

LWML Mite Collection



We will collect LWML "Mite" offerings the weekend of May 01/02 for mission projects chosen to support both overseas and US mission work. Thank you!

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Our monthly Prayer Meeting is Tuesday, **May 4**, at 7:00 p.m. Join us and bring your prayer requests, needs, and desires to the One who will answer in the time and way He knows best.



Voters' Meeting



Please join us on May 16, 2021 following the worship service for a short Voters' Meeting, which will bring you up-to-date on church matters since our last meeting. We hope you can join us.

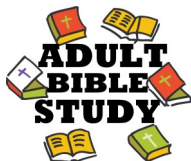
New Member Welcome



We welcome into communicant membership, Kristiana Sfirlea through Adult Confirmation. May you be strengthened in the true faith as the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament ministry, that in steadfast faith you may serve the Lord and abide with Him unto life everlasting. Amen.

Join us for Adult Bible Study

Come, and join us on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. as we continue our Bible study on the book of Daniel. The Holy Spirit will surely bless and strengthen your faith.

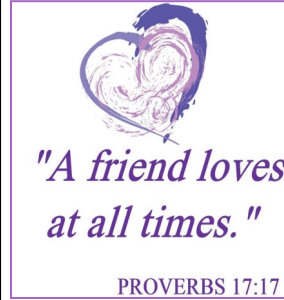


Pastor Merrell's Memorial Fund

If you have a suggestion for a particular memorial fund in memory of Pastor Merrell, please contact president Bill Krueger at 248-881-0362 or WFK820@gmail.com with your suggestion. Thank you.



Loving an EGR (Extra Grace Required)



During a conversation over coffee, a friend mentioned an "EGR." I had to interrupt and ask for a definition: Extra Grace Required — in other words, people who can seem tough to love. Often, they're the most in *need* of love because they're hurting. Perhaps Jesus was referring to EGRs when he said, "If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much" (Matthew 5:46, NLT).

Truly loving others — even EGRs — might not be as tough as we think. Simple gestures such as smiling, truly listening, sending a note or extending an invitation go a long way toward expressing care and softening hearts.

At times, we all require extra grace. Thankfully, God has an unlimited amount to extend to us and then *through* us. Out of joy, we can find ways — even simple ones — to share God's grace and love with people who need it.

—Janna Firestone

✠ A Mother's Day Hymn ✠

Sing praise to our Creator God!
Earth prospers from the way
God "mothers" each new child into
This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood
A channel from above
That longs to share with every child
God's Comfort, Grace and Love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,
Who "mothers" us from birth!
Providing what we truly need
Throughout our lives on earth.

— Author Unknown



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