

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.

MARK 10:27, N I V

"WITH MAN THIS
IS IMPOSSIBLE,
BUT WITH GOD,
ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE."



"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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JULY 2021



Dear friends in Christ,

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

We will lift the mask restrictions at Peace the first weekend in July. We thank the Lord for His guidance and protection throughout these many months, and we look to the future with hope and thanksgiving. Though masks are not required, some may choose to continue to wear one for their own wellbeing. Let us all be sensitive to both those who choose to and those who choose not to.

At the end of the month, we will remove the tape from the pews, reopen seating capacity, and prepare for full use of our church building and facilities. Use kindness and care as we gather step-by-step, finding a more familiar Peace congregation along the way.

Our circuit sister congregations are planning a joint service of thanksgiving to our Lord for His protection throughout these trying months of dealing with COVID. We will gather on August 22 at 4:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Milford. More information will follow as planning continues.

We will use our newest CEF grant money to secure unified WIFI availability within the church building with no need to log into a different WIFI connection as we move throughout the building. The grant money will help with this project.

Finally, as we emerge on the other side of this pandemic, we note that much has changed in our lives here at Peace. I hope that we return with a greater sense of the eternal hope in Christ that does not disappoint, for to know Jesus is to know forgiveness with an eternal hope that passes all human understanding.

In Christ!
Pastor Tkac

Ephesians 3:16-20 ESV

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.





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Pastor ~ 1980 — 2013
Pastor Emeritus ~ 2013— 2021,
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

- 03 David Lippincott, Beth Schreiner
- 05 Lilleanna Poe
- 09 Carol Smith
- 12 Marion Regentin
- 13 Jay Squanda
- 17 Deborah Arnold
- 18 Darrell Roberts
- 20 Jaystin Slavik-Hudson
- 21 Karen Akkashian, Lynette Bright
- 23 Aaron Gray
- 24 Marty Temple
- 25 James Pelong

Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY



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| 13 Donald & Jean Pilot | 64 |
| 16 Ara & Karen Akkashian | 16 |
| 18 Richard & Mary Heinz | 23 |
| 18 Jay & Shelia Squanda | 29 |

Our Gifts



Covid Expenses, Kroger, Ladies Guild, Memorials, Portals of Prayer



A SWEET TREAT



Make this refreshing treat on a hot summer day.

What you need:

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ cup granola or cereal

What you do:

1. On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about ½-inch thick.
2. Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
3. Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
4. Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!

BIBLE QUIZ

An unnamed relative of Paul obstructed a conspiracy to kill the apostle. What was this rescuer's relation to Paul?

- A. nephew
- B. niece
- C. brother
- D. sister



Answer: A (See Acts 23:12-22, esp. v. 16)



July 2021



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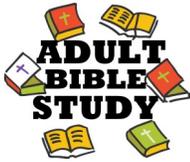
Monthly Prayer Meeting



Our monthly Prayer Meeting is Tuesday, **July 6**, at 7:00 p.m. We will focus on Psalm 32. Join us and bring your prayer requests, needs, and desires to the One who will answer in the time and way He knows best.

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 Colossians. The Holy Spirit will bless and strengthen your faith.



Vacation Bible School

The Church Council decided that we will not hold Vacation Bible School this summer. But not to worry, we will plan for VBS next summer, 2022!



**God is love.
Whoever lives in love,
lives in God,
and God in him.**

Mask Policy Change

From the President ~ Listed below are the dates and forthcoming changes for our COVID protocol:

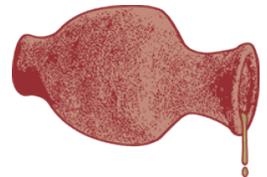
- May 15 — After service disinfectant discontinued
- May 22 — Hymnals and Bibles placed back in every row
- July 03 — Mask restrictions lifted—people can continue to wear a mask if they feel more comfortable doing so
- July 31 — Capacity restrictions lifted. All pews available but social distancing is still encouraged
- Sept. 04 — Holy Communion at the rail — begin passing offering plates through the pews



We will continue to livestream our Sunday services for those who cannot attend in person.

✝ Christian Symbol ✝

OIL—In the Old Testament, oil symbolized consecration to God. The temple altar and king's heads were anointed with oil to set them apart as holy. In the New Testament, oil often represented the Holy Spirit. Jesus and his followers were anointed for their ministries (see Luke 4:18 and Acts 10:38).



In Jesus' hands



In *Keep a Quiet Heart*, Christian missionary Elisabeth Elliot ponders the faith implications of fretting about days to come. "Today is mine; tomorrow is none of my business," she writes. "If I peer anxiously into the fog of the future, I will strain my spiritual eyes so that I will not see clearly what is required of me now."

And what's the alternative? Instead of dwelling on times to come, which we can't change anyway, Elliot recommends: "Leave it all in the hands that were wounded for you." — Jesus!



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