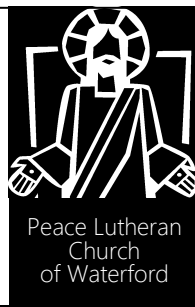


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The
Voice
of Peace

"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 who be glory for ever and ever. Amen." John 14:27



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SEPTEMBER 2015

Rally Day & church picnic - Sunday, September 13 Sunday school classes resume FOR ALL AGES!



Our dedicated teachers are eager to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus alone with His precious children — young and old alike! Our Lord Jesus WILL enlighten and strengthen our faith as we study and hear His Word.

Rally Day begins our fall schedule and the 2015-16 Sunday school year. Class schedules are as follows:

Ages 3 — Grade 1 ~	Beth Schreiner	
Grades 2 - 4 ~	Elise Tilley	
Ages 3—Grade 4 are dismissed from worship to their classes after Pastor Tkac does the children's message		
Grades 5, 6, 7 ~	Kim Deckard	Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Youth Grade 8 - High School ~	Monica Tkac	Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Grade 8 Confirmation ~	Pastor Tkac	Monday 6:30—7:30 p.m.
Parent/student meeting with Pastor on Monday, Sept. 14 at 6:30pm!		
Adult Bible Class ~	Pastor Tkac	Sunday 9:15 a.m. and Thursday 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: Sunday school is for youth and adults too! Please stay for Adult Bible Class when you drop your child or youth student off for Sunday school. Then, join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. The whole family will be strengthened in faith and life!

Our annual fall picnic and Rally Day activities will follow our 10:30 a.m. outdoor worship service (weather permitting). We will move inside if it rains. Our men will do the cooking and promise amazing food! Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board with 1) name and number attending, 2) the help you can provide to make our Rally Day a success, and 3) your choice of a side dish to pass.

You are encouraged to bring family, friends, and neighbors for class, worship, and the picnic! The more that join in, the better! Hope to see you there!





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Office Hours

Pastor Tkac: Monday — Thursday
Debbie Wittke: Tuesday — Thursday

Worship and Class Schedule:

Saturday Divine Worship.....6:30pm

Sunday Divine Worship.....10:30am

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Age 3—grade 4....during 10:30 worship

Grades 5—7..... 9:15am

Grade 8—young adults..... 9:15am

Adult Bible Class..... 9:15am

Midweek Bible Class

Thursday.....3:30—4:30pm

No Sunday school or Bible classes
Memorial Day — Labor Day

8th Grade Confirmation Class

Monday.....6:30pm



Pastor Tkac to start new member class



Pastor Tkac will be putting together a new member class soon. If you are interested in becoming a member or just want a refresher on Lutheran Doctrine, please speak to Pastor Tkac as soon as possible.

Peace Lutheran Church T-shirts

We still have a few T-shirts left. For a low cost of just \$10 each, you can purchase a Peace T-shirt for yourself and family members. Your purchase will support the church and get our name out in the community. Monica Tkac has a table set up in the narthex. Thank you for your support.



Parish Guild potluck supper is coming soon



The Peace Parish Service Guild will begin their fall guild activities with their annual potluck supper on Tuesday, **September 8** at 6:30 p.m. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to come and be a part of our service group. Please bring a dish to share. Our annual Oktoberfest and Advent-by-Candlelight planning will be on the agenda. We hope you will join us!

Bible study and breakfast for men

All men, young and old alike, are invited on Saturday, **September 12** at 9:00 a.m. for Bible study and breakfast. We are moving to the 2nd Saturday for September only, due to the holiday falling on the first weekend. 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, **September 9** and let us know if you will be attending, we will be assured to have plenty of food for all. Thank you so much!



Fellowship hour returns

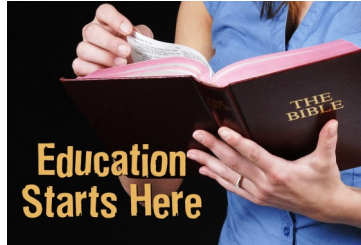


As we did last year, we will return to having our social time after church. I have heard from many of you that this was a great time to talk and get to know your church family. Please join us for a snack and coffee. We have posted a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We ask you to sign-up, take a Sunday, bring the treats, and clean up after. Thanks to all that helped last year and thanks to all that joined us. **Sunday, September 20** will be our first get together. —Jay Squanda

Dear Friends,

Rally Day is just around the corner! Some may ask, "What is Rally Day?" Well for those that don't know, it is a day of celebration where we return to our regular church schedule. This year that may sound a bit strange. In years past, we had a summer worship schedule that was an hour earlier. That meant that we returned to our regular worship schedule along with the resumption of Adult Bible Study, Sunday school and Confirmation. This year our service times remain the same, so we will be celebrating the return to our studies for young and old alike.

Rally Day will be Sunday, **September 13**. Lord willing, we'll have service in the pavilion followed by a potluck. It is my hope that this fun day will bring back those who lose track of church during the summer. Worship should not be a burden but a joy, and if it isn't get back into the Word and see what the Lord can do!



Adult Bible study will be on Sunday morning at 9:15 in the fellowship hall. The children's Sunday classes will meet as follows: ages 3 - grade 1 ~ first room on right; grades 2 - 4 ~ second room on right (these age groups are dismissed from worship after my children's message); grades 5—7 ~ in the room next to the kitchen; grade 8— young adult ~ in the youth room (these age groups meet at 9:15 a.m.) Mid-week adult Bible study will be on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 in the room next to the kitchen. Come join us for a fun-filled time of study and prayer. Confirmation class will again meet on Monday evenings in my office at 6:30 as we prepare for confirmation next spring. (It's looking like May 1, 2016.)

The writer to the Hebrews reminds his hearers and us: *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."* Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

Finally, Paul in his letter to the Ephesians says, "... but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:18b-20 (ESV)

Friends — worship, hymns, prayer, and Bible study are gifts the Lord has given for the strengthening of your faith. By God's Holy Spirit, you will find joy in the Word and a renewed purpose. Consider this an invitation to begin anew your relationship with the Lord who has called you to faith and desires to give you every good gift in Christ until the day of his return.

Ephesians 5:19, 20

Speak in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs giving thanks for everything to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's peace,
Pastor Tkac



Blood drive change



The American Red Cross has rescheduled our **September** blood drive. The new date will be Thursday, **September 24** from 2—7:45 p.m. You may sign up at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "peacelutheran". Please speak to Beth Schreiner (248-904-3332) if you can assist with the drive or make baked goods. Thank you for your support!

It's campfire time

We will gather on Friday, **September 25** from 7:00—9:00 p.m. for our fall campfire. This will be a fun event for every-one! You are also encouraged to invite family, friends, and neighbors.



Be sure to bring your camp chair and bug spray, and we'll supply the donuts and cider. In case of rain, we will cancel the campfire.

Please sign up on the sheet, which is posted on the bulletin board so that we have plenty of refreshments for everyone. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Going off to College?



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For campus ministry information in Michigan, please visit: <http://www.michigandistrict.org/missions-ministries/specialized/campus>. Though not all Michigan colleges or universities have an active campus ministry, local contacts are available to help you find a church "home away from home." The list of contact information is also posted on the church bulletin board. God bless your new journey!

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turn away. In this, we have been provided with the biggest opportunity of all: to highlight a still greater need that every person — pro-abortion or pro-life — has for the mercy and forgiveness of Christ.

Without Him, we are all capable of performing equally horrifying acts, of seeing children as nothing more than line items or cadavers. But our Lord is merciful. Because of Him, we have been given consciences that cause us to act and tongues that can speak truth in the midst of evil. We have been given His forgiveness in water and Word, and so we speak it, in turn, to hurting mothers and repentant participants in the deaths of these babies. We have the truth, and we are no longer ashamed to call the deaths of 55 million children what it is: genocide.

Our heavenly Father, it turns out, knows a thing or two about hearts. He knows our own, and He knows each heart of each child, even as He knows their faces and noses and eyelids. We are the reason He allowed His own Son's heart to stop beating for a time, so that ours may thrive for all eternity. In so doing, He shows us His own heart, full of grace, mercy and compassion.

Through each of these videos, He has seen fit to lay evil bare, and by His grace, our hearts and lips are freed to speak, to act, to pray, to repent, to call upon His name and to trust in His heart, which is ever turned toward us in Christ.

It's all that matters.

Rev. Kevin Robson, Chief Mission Officer
Rev. Bart Day, executive director, Office of National Mission
Rev. Heath Curtis, coordinator, Stewardship Ministry
Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray, director, Black Ministry
Rev. Joel Hempel, interim director, Specialized Pastoral Ministry
Rev. Dr. Carlos Hernandez, director, Hispanic Ministry, Church and Community Engagement
Rev. Ross Johnson, director, Disaster Response
Rev. Mark Kiessling, interim director, Youth Ministry
Rev. Todd Kollbaum, director, Rural & Small Town Mission
Deaconess Dorothy Krans, director, Recognized Service Organizations
Tracy Quaethem, project coordinator, Life and Health Ministries
Deaconess Grace Rao, director, Deaconess Ministry
Rev. Steve Schave, director, Urban & Inner-City Mission
Terry Schmidt, director, School Ministry
Rev. William Weedon, director, Worship
Rev. Mark Wood, director, Witness & Outreach Ministry
Rev. Marcus Zill, director, Campus Ministry and LCMS U

LCMS Synod officials say recent videos 'lay evil bare'

On August 20, 2015 in [Office of the President](#), [Official Statements](#), [Pressroom 0](#)

"It had a face. ... Its nose was very pronounced. It had eyelids." In the [seventh Center for Medical Progress video](#), Holly O'Donnell, ex-procurement technician for StemExpress, describes what she witnessed in a Planned Parenthood clinic: A baby boy, an abortion survivor, was rinsed off and dropped in a pie plate for the procurement of his organs.

She continues, recounting the doctor's words and her own thoughts: "'I want you to see something cool, kind of neat.' ... She has one of her instruments and she just taps the heart and it starts beating. I'm sitting here and I'm looking at this fetus, and its heart is beating. 'You know why that's happening?' I knew why it was happening. It's because an electrical current, nodes were still firing."

Her words are heart-stopping.

A child, still alive, is then cut — through the chin and face and forehead — so that his brain can be invoiced and sold. "I can't even, like, describe, like, what that feels like," O'Donnell says.

But we as the Church can. It feels like — it is — evil.

The infanticide that is occurring at Planned Parenthood must end. It is not simply time to defund that organization; it is time to end abortion in the United States altogether.

As for us, we can no longer claim that we didn't know Planned Parenthood doctors killed children so ruthlessly or that we weren't aware human bodies were cannibalized for their organs.

We can't just say it's a woman's choice or shrug our shoulders and mumble, "Who are we to judge?"

We can't hide behind the half-truths that women have no other place to find health care or that Planned Parenthood provides millions of mammograms per year.

It doesn't matter. **None of it matters.**

Children are being killed, their organs are being sold, and their mothers are left with physical scars and — greater still — haunting memories that sometimes never fade. The death of these children is barbaric, and it is evil, and we are without excuse. Silence and attempts at justification are no longer options. The only option is for each one of us to act. Here's what you can do:

- **Participate** in the nationwide Aug. 22 Planned Parenthood protest. [Search online for protest locations](#). Give up two hours of your Saturday morning to speak out against the infanticide occurring at these clinics.
- **Write** a letter to the [president and to your congressman or senator](#) regarding this issue. Ask them if they've watched the videos. Tell them why you believe life — no matter how young — has innate worth. Encourage them to end abortion and to defund any organization that performs them.
- **Support [LCMS Life Ministry](#)**. Its staff members are committed to teaching why human lives and bodies matter and why there is hope and healing in Christ.
- **Call** your LCMS representatives who serve at local, state or federal levels of government. Remind them of their Baptism and confirmation vows, of the faithful confession they are called upon to make, even when it's unpopular.
- **Use** your social media channels to share [pro-life resources](#) or LCMS life-related [social media imagery](#) (click on "Religious Freedom Toolkit").
- **Share** resources from [Lutherans For Life](#), start a life team or kick-start a young adult life team in your congregation.
- **Pre-order** a new, free resource from the LCMS — [the Ultrasound Education Project](#) — that will bring the miracle and sanctity of human life into the middle-school and high-school classroom through the use of ultrasound technology.

We see in these videos how Satan thrives on darkness and chaos, how he delights in baby boys and tiny girls picked apart with sterile utensils. And while we are repulsed and horrified, we no longer have the option to

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Sunday School for Ages 3—grade 4 during the 10:30 worship
 Grades 5—7 and 8— Young Adult at 9:15 a.m.
 Adult Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. ~ unless otherwise noted ~

September 2015

Adult Bible Study with Pastor:
 Thursday ~ 3:30pm

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Celebrating a BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

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- 2 Madelyn Deckard
- 5 Samantha Street, Taylor Tiernan
- 6 Olivia Fisher
- 7 Terry Rimatzki
- 9 Shane Grodzicki
- 10 Scott Dobson, Jr., Mallory Jones
- 11 Madison Fisher
- 15 David Deckard II, William Rappuhn
- 17 Ryan James
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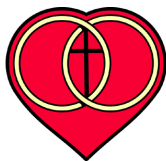
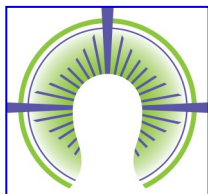


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✧ CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS ✧

NIMBUS

The nimbus is a halo of light often shown in art behind the head of a religious figure such as Mary, Joseph, the disciples, the four evangelists and so forth. Though often just a simple circle, one with three rays symbolizes the Trinity, so this style of nimbus — or a triangular one — may be seen behind Christ.



Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER

	YEARS
01 Matthew & Patricia Rich	15
04 Robert J. & Kendra Klein	39
06 Joseph & Traci Pietrzak	01
18 Gregory & Laura Grodzicki	23
18 Russell & Monica Tkac	33
19 Joshua & Sarah Anderson	07
20 Jerry & Vonnie Doucette	51
24 David II & Samantha Deckard	04



Our Gifts At WORK

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

- *Wish List/Funds/Congregational Needs
- Carpet
- Memorial
- Special Needs
- Sunday School
- St. Paul Lutheran Mission
- Vacation Bible School



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 and contact the next person on the list.* If that person is unavailable, please call the next person, and so on.

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Joan Kitzman 248-363-1470
Hilda Klein 248-682-2497

Oktoberfest is coming!



Watch your upcoming bulletins for more information. The Basket Raffle ticket sale is set for October 3 and 4. The authentic German Dinner, Basket Raffle, and Bake Sale are set for October 10 and 11. Join us! This is a well-liked event and fundraiser for the Guild.

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LIFE — IT MATTERS!

See page 4.



When Jesus was on his way to heal a young girl, who touched his clothing, and why?

A. The girl's father, to urge Jesus to hurry.

B. A boy; he was in awe of Jesus and just wanted to meet him.

C. Many people; they couldn't help it because it was so crowded.

D. A woman in the crowd; she hoped that doing so would heal her.



Answer: D (See Mark 5:25-29.)

**LCMS U TOOLS FOR
BACK TO SCHOOL**



**LCMS U debuts radio program,
offers tools for college students**

It's back to school time! As college students prepare to head off to college — some for the very first time, please know that you can connect to a local LCMS U chapter. LCMS Campus Ministry offers tools for this purpose at lcms.org/lcmsu/findcampus.

We would also like to introduce you to LCMS U's brand-new weekly radio program, "The Student Union," on Worldwide KFUE. Find archived programs at kfuoaam.org.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-THE LCMS (843-5267) or infocenter@lcms.org.