

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.

Introduction to . . . Why go to church?



"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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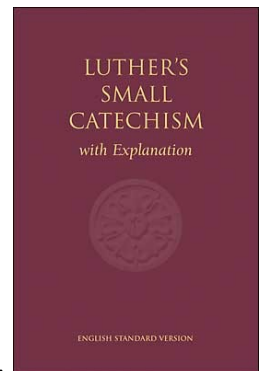
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Dear Friends in Christ,

Reformation 500 . . . What does this mean?

This simple question from Luther's catechism begins the learning and understanding of basic Christian doctrine. The six chief parts of the Small Catechism bring the truth of God's Word and work for the Christian in a simple and understandable format. For me, as a convert to Lutheranism, this tool is a great blessing; I didn't have this tool at my disposal growing up. How I wish I had. But, oh how blessed you are who have had this tool and teaching from your youth.



In our day and in our church, attendance has declined. Some come regularly, some sporadically, and some ... not at all. What this means might be the right question to ask now as it was for Luther to ask as the Reformation began. Therefore, the question is a simple one. *Why go to church?*

Many years ago I shared a paper on this topic by Rev. Rolf Preus, with his permission to use it, in our Newsletter pages. I think it is time to do so once again. The topic is of a talk he gave back in October of 2000. It can be a help for all of us who see the church and attendance in very different ways. It is my hope that over the next several months, as we together look at the questions and answers of why we go to church regularly, sporadically, or not at all, that this paper will lead to a reformation of thought and practice in our own worship life.

As Pastor Preus puts it:

"But when we learn to look at the Sunday morning service as God's service to us, then the issue of what takes place becomes a matter of life and death. To put it bluntly, the way I worship God won't save me, but the way God serves me will save me."

In the coming years, it is my hope that God's service to us through his means of Word and Sacrament in the Divine Service will become an ever-increasing part of our entire life as we daily look to serve Him and our neighbor.

The first section of Rev. Rolf Preus' paper will follow in your November 2017 Newsletter. Subsequent sections will follow each month until the entire topic is presented.

God's Peace,

Pastor Tkac



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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

Intergenerational Sunday School

in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Midweek Adult Bible Class

Thursday 2:30—3:30 p.m.

5th/6th Confirmation Class

Monday 6:30—7:30 p.m.

7th/8th Confirmation Class

Monday 5:30—6:30 p.m.



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod

OCTOBER 2017 ACOLYTE AND READER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 6:30 P.M.

31/01 Acolyte: Olivia Fisher
Reader: Mark Bunarek
07/08 Acolyte: Emma Carlson
Reader: Judy Harroun
14/15 Acolyte: Theo Fisher
Reader: Pastor Merrell
21/22 Acolyte: Scotty Dobson
Reader: Ginny McDonald
28/29 Acolyte: Emma Carlson
Reader: Pastor Merrell

SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

Sam Powell
Jon Parlette
Jaystin Slavik
Kim Deckard
Brianna Squanda
Elise Tilley
Sam Powell
Beth Schreiner
Jaystin Slavik
Bob Poe

SATURDAY

OCTOBER ELDERS: Bill Krueger

SUNDAY

Bob Poe

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD: Pat Poe / Susan Youngquist



Funds & Missions

Carpet
Ladies Guild
Special Needs
St. Paul Mission



Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY

	YEARS
01 Darrell & Gale Roberts	35
13 Don & Jeanette Dekeyser	38
16 Bob & Pat Poe	39

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to many issues with our church sbcglobal.net accounts, we have set up Google e-mail accounts for Peace, Pastor Tkac and Debbie, church secretary. We will keep the sbcglobal.net accounts through October to make sure the transition has been made and everyone has been notified. New accounts as of November 1 are:
peacewaterford@gmail.com
peacetkac@gmail.com
peacewittke@gmail.com
Pastor Merrell keeps his account at peacefulshepherd@sbcglobal.net.









Celebrating a BIRTHDAY

01 Brianna Poe
05 Tammy Light
06 Theodore Fisher, Elise Tilley, Marilyn Wendt
07 Robert Burns
08 Jim Klein, Colleen Squanda
09 Susanne Berlinger, Bob Poe III
10 Amy Thompson
13 Elizabeth Light
14 Rachelle Junis
15 Amy Tkac
16 Heather Penner
17 Vonnie Doucette
18 Jaxon Mathews
19 Owen Greig, Melissa VandeWege
21 Sandra Young
22 Laura Aronson, Arlene Benson
24 Eleanor Brown, Gordon Light, Lauren Robar, Emily Tubbs
26 Daniel Adkins
31 Brianna Squanda

Martin



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Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Join us for Bible study and breakfast on Saturday, **October 7**. Come and feed both soul and body. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and finish with Bible study taught by Pastor Tkac. You will surely be built up in the faith that leads to life eternal as the Holy Spirit works within you!



Church prayer meeting



The first Tuesday in October and December (**October 3 and December 5**), the church will be open at 7:00 p.m. for a prayer meeting. Matt Rich and Jay Squanda will read and discuss a short reading. Then, all will share time praying together. We can pray our Lord Jesus will hear and answer our prayers for our pastor, elders, church workers, world concerns, healing, personal health issues and needs, etc. At 7:30, we call it a night. The hope is that this will give us, as a church, time together for the strengthening of our own prayer life with the fruits of our prayers benefitting those for whom we pray — in His time and in His way.

Blood drive results

Thank you to all who helped with our recent blood drive or donated blood. Twenty-three whole blood pints were donated and one double red. Your efforts helped save up to 75 lives! That's 75 people who are immensely thankful! We will not have a blood drive in November as in past years. Our next drive is scheduled for January 17, 2017.



Houghton clothing needed



With colder weather not far away, we will again collect clothing for our mission school, **Houghton Elementary**. A box for items is located on the back wall of the narthex along with a list of desirable items and sizes. Any donations will be helpful. Thank you!

LWML Rally

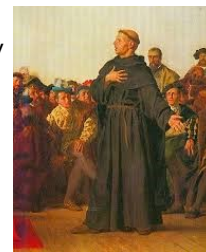


The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Fall Rally is Saturday, **October 7**, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 7979 Commerce Rd., West Bloomfield, MI. Registration is from 9-9:30 a.m. followed by the worship service. Our rally speaker is Pastor Brant Engel (with Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society). Ephphatha is a deaf mission, and Pastor Engel's theme is based upon Mark 7:37, "People were amazed. He [Jesus] even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." A luncheon will take place immediately after Pastor Engel's presentation. For our ingathering, we will collect paper goods for St. Paul, Pontiac. If you plan to attend, please **RSVP by Tuesday, October 3, to Gail Hardy at 248-363-6316**. Should you have any questions, please contact Judy Harroun at 248-682-6426.

The Reformation (book sale)

By Cameron A. MacKenzie

Dr. MacKenzie is the author of this Reformation Era book. Patrick T. Ferry, PhD, President, Concordia University Wisconsin and Concordia University, Ann Arbor writes, "Certainly, MacKenzie is a good historian, a fine writer, a respected scholar, and an effective teacher. The blend of those gifts is shared here to our generation's great benefit." The book provides a richly illustrated and engaging written overview of this amazing time of change and renewal in the Christian Church. It is a coffee table—style book where famous leaders and lesser-known players come to life. See a sample of the book on the back hallway table. The order form is next to the bulletin board. Price is regularly \$29.99 but is on sale for \$22.99 (25% off) for a limited time. Please make your check payable to Peace Lutheran Church. Order and payment are due by Sunday, **October 8**.



Join us for our annual Oktoberfest



We will celebrate Oktoberfest **October 21/22**. Raffle tickets will be sold before and after worship on **October 14/15 and 21/22**. Our **bake sale will take place Saturday/Sunday, October 21/22** before and after services. The Basket Raffle and German Dinner is Sunday, **October 22** following worship. Please let a Guild member know if you will make a basket for the raffle or baked goods for the bake sale. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon. Join us; you will not be disappointed!



Adult Bible study has resumed



Join us on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. Our study is on the book of Philemon. Although a short book, Luther says, "This epistle gives us a masterful and tender illustration of Christian love." Join us and be strengthened in your faith and in love for one another.



See the bulletin board for information of two Reformation Choral Festivals. Both festivals are free and no tickets are required!

