

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.

His dominion

is an everlasting
dominion, which shall
not pass away,
and his kingdom
one that shall not
be destroyed.

DANIEL 7:14, ESV

"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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OCTOBER 2021



Dear friends in Christ,



October 2021

I hope you are all doing well as we have officially entered Fall!

Cooler weather is upon us, and we are nearer to Advent and Christmas. However, before Advent gets here, we need to come to the end of the church year. What does the end of the church year entail? The time of the end. The return of Christ. The end of the world, as we know it, and the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven - with the blessed hope that is Jesus and the eternity that will be spent with Him forever for all who believe.

This reality is ours, too, as we look forward to Advent and Christmas. At some point, the world as we know it will end. Are you ready? Is your lamp filled? By the work of the Holy Spirit, is your hope in Christ, or is it in what the world gives?

The reality of the church year also has a reality for us in the church. We have not returned to pre-pandemic attendance, and we are averaging 48 in worship. Some of us cannot come for physical or health reasons, and that is understandable. Facebook Live has become a blessing for those who need it and a crutch for some who do not. If you can come, come and worship the Lord who has redeemed you and has died for your sin. We offer His gifts each week in Word and gift and at the table where you receive the Lord's forgiveness in a real and tangible way. Come and receive!

Dr. Kasper from the President's office of the Michigan District visited with me the last week of August, inquiring as to how our congregation is doing post-pandemic. We talked about what has transpired at Peace during the last year and a half. We looked at what things we have changed and learned, what we might keep the same going forward, and what the future might look like for us.

As our lives have changed both at home and church, President Bill Krueger and I will discuss looking at where Peace might be in the short term over the next 5 years or so, and we hope to have some thoughts for the Voters' Meeting in January. With an older congregation and having so many members transferred to the Church Triumphant in the last 5 years, discussions are in order. Please keep all our leadership in your prayers.

A thank you to all the volunteers who serve in so many ways here at Peace. We truly appreciate your service. We have openings for someone to serve as Vice President and Secretary. Please prayerfully consider stepping in to fill these positions. Bible Study and Sunday School have resumed at 9:30 am. Come and join us!

Last month's dedication to the artwork and stoles and crosses of Pastor Merrell's was a great blessing. All who were there were quite pleased. Nancy Merrell was very appreciative of the thoughtfulness of the church with such a fine memorial, and we thank you all for your generous support. It looks wonderful!

The days ahead remain hopeful dear friends! Do not despair!

¹³ "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, ¹⁶ that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁷ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁸ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁹ Therefore encourage one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18).

God Bless, Pastor Tkac





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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**

**Sunday School for
children and adults is at 9:30 a.m.**

Adult Bible Class

Thursday 2:00 p.m.

No Confirmation / High School Class



**Celebrating a
BIRTHDAY**

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| 01 | Brianna Poe |
| 02 | Joan Kaczander |
| 05 | Tammy Light |
| 06 | Elise Tilley, Marilyn Wendt |
| 07 | Robert Burns |
| 08 | James Klein, colleen Squanda |
| 09 | Susanne Berlinger, Robert Poe III |
| 13 | Elizabeth Light |
| 14 | Rachelle Junis |
| 15 | Amy Tkac |
| 17 | Vonnie Doucette |
| 20 | Adam VanDeWater II |
| 21 | Sandra Chasteen |
| 22 | Arlene Benson |
| 24 | Eleanor Brown, Gordon Light |
| 26 | Daniel Adkins |
| 31 | Brianna Squanda |

**Celebrating an
ANNIVERSARY**



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|----|----------------------------|----|
| 01 | Darrell & Gale Roberts | 39 |
| 05 | Adam & Jessica VanDeWater | 2 |
| 13 | Donald & Jeanette Dekeyser | 42 |
| 16 | Robert & Patricia Poe III | 43 |
| 17 | Mike & Joan Kaczander | 57 |
| 21 | Doug & Stephanie Markwardt | 16 |

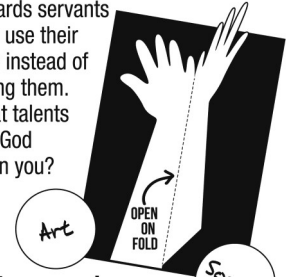
Our Gifts



Kroger, Ladies Guild,
Missions

FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.







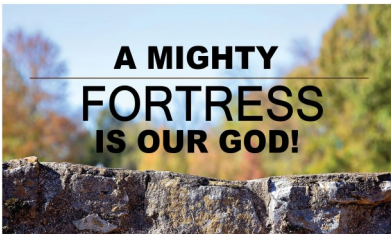



BIBLE QUIZ

Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith because it's a partial list of ancestors who lived out their belief in God. Who is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses' parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C



Answer: F

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>We will collect the following items for Open Door during the month of October. Please limit your donations to the listing below as they are most needed now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Macaroni & Cheese ▪ Chili ▪ SpaghettiOs ▪ Beef Stew ▪ Cereal ▪ Canned Meat/Tuna, Chicken, Spam ▪ Toilet Paper ▪ Kleenex 		 <p>Food Drive</p>			1	2
<p>3 19th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:30 am Divine Service/Communion</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 pm Prayer Meeting ~ Psalm 35</p> 	6	7	8	9
<p>10 20th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:30 am Divine Service/Communion</p>	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
				2:00 pm Adult Bible Study		<p>6:30 pm Divine Service/Communion</p>  <p>Oktoberfest Raffle Ticket Sale</p>
<p>17 21st Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:30 am Divine Service/Communion</p>  <p>Oktoberfest Raffle Ticket Sale</p>	8	19	20	21	22	23
				2:00 pm Adult Bible Study		<p>6:30 pm Divine Service/Communion</p>
<p>24 22nd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:30 am Divine Service/Communion</p>  <p>Oktoberfest Basket Raffle</p>	25	26	27	28	29	30
				2:00 pm Adult Bible Study		<p>6:30 pm Divine Service/Communion</p>
<p>31 Reformation Day</p> <p>10:30 am Divine Service/Communion</p> 						 <p>REFORMATION DAY</p> <p>October 31, 2021</p>



Pastor Tkac, we thank you for your hard work of sharing both God's law that shows us our sin and the need for a Savior and God's Gospel that shows us Jesus and the forgiveness He won for us by His perfect life, death on the cross, and resurrection from the dead.

We pray, Precious Savior, bless Pastor Tkac with faithfulness to Your Word. Cause him to grow in the knowledge of Your Word. Give him courage and strength for his task here at Peace to deliver both the *good news* of the gospel and the *good word* of the law, which, even as the law may rub us the wrong way, is often God's way of leading us to change. O Lord, grant success to Pastor Tkac's efforts that they might bring forth fruits of change and fruits of faith for us and others. O, gracious Lord, give Pastor Tkac joy as he leads, teaches, and forgives us with Your Word and Sacraments. We ask all this for Your sake alone. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Our monthly Prayer Meeting is Tuesday, **October 5**, at 7:00 p.m. We will focus on Psalm 34. Join us and bring your prayer requests, needs, and desires to the One who will answer in the time and way He knows best.



Education Opportunities

*classes for
children & adults*



Join us each Thursday at 2:00 p.m. as we continue our **Romans Adult Bible Study**.

Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday School for both children and adults is at 9:30 a. m. Join us for the study of God's Word, which brings peace and hope above all else.

Oktoberfest Basket Raffle

You may purchase Basket Raffle tickets on October 16th and 17th before and after services. The raffle is October 24, following the Divine Service. You need not be present to win. Please call Monica Tkac as soon as possible at 248.892.1159 if you can donate a gift card or basket for the raffle. Thank you!



Open Door Food Drive

The Peace Parish Ladies Guild is collecting food for the Open Door Outreach Center until October 31. Listed below are the items that they are requesting as they are most needed at this time. Please place them in the box provided in the Narthex. Thank you!

- Macaroni & Cheese
- SpaghettiOs
- Chili
- Beef Stew
- Canned Meat
Tuna — Chicken—Spam
- Cereal
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Daily Reminders of Baptism

One way Satan attacks Christians is by reminding us of our sins, both of commission (wrongdoing) and omission (neglecting to do right).



And one way we can fight back is by remembering our baptism. The reformer Martin Luther recommended pondering that sacrament daily, whenever we wash our face, because "in baptism sins are drowned."

Getting dressed can serve as another frequent reminder, Luther says, because baptism is the "daily garment ... the Christian is to wear all the time." He writes, "Christ instituted holy baptism ... to clothe you with his righteousness. It is tantamount to his saying, 'My righteousness shall be your righteousness; my innocence, your innocence. Your sins indeed are great, but by baptism I bestow on you my righteousness; I strip death from you and clothe you with my life.'"

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