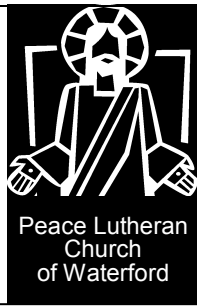


PAX PEACE



The
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“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth PEACE among those with whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:14

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.”

Blessed Christmas!

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6-7

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DECEMBER 2014



During Advent, we prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the flesh. Advent is also a time of repentance, to slow down, to wait and to look past ourselves. This year, consider taking your journey to Christmas in slow steps — Advent Worship services, Advent devotions, Advent by Candlelight, an Advent wreath, the Christmas tree, Christmas crèche, and then “Silent Night” and “Joy to the World.” We can do this by listening to the Word of the Lord and by hearing that Word with the ears of faith through the act of worship services (see our list of Christmas season services below).

And, to make things convenient prior to each midweek Advent services, soup and sandwich suppers will be available at 6:00 p.m. for our busy families who find it difficult to get their own dinners in before worship. A free will offering will be taken to cover the costs.

WORSHIP WITH US

Christmas Worship Schedule

WEEKEND ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

1st Sunday in Advent ~ November 29/30	6:30 p.m. / 10:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday in Advent ~ December 06/07	6:30 p.m. / 10:30 a.m.
3rd Sunday in Advent ~ December 13/14	6:30 p.m. / 10:30 a.m.
4th Sunday in Advent ~ December 20/21	6:30 p.m. / 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Advent I	December 03	7:00 p.m.	Soup & Sandwich 6:00 p.m.
Advent II	December 10	7:00 p.m.	
Advent III	December 17	7:00 p.m.	

CHRISTMAS SERVICES WITH HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP

Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24	7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25	10:30 a.m.



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Office Hours

Pastor Tkac: Monday — Thursday

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Regular Worship/Class Schedule:

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

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

Sunday School Classes

Age 3—grade 4...during 10:30 worship

Grades 5 and up.....9:15am

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

8th Grade Confirmation Class

Monday Evenings.....6:30-7:30pm

Midweek Bible Class

Wednesday Bible class 3:30—4:30pm

Summer Schedule:

(Memorial Day — Labor Day)

Saturday Worship.....6:30pm

Sunday Worship.....9:30am

Sunday school for ages 3 — grade 4
during worship the fourth Sunday of
June, July, and August.

All other Sunday classes and Wednesday
Bible class resume after Labor Day



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Advent by Candlelight

Ladies of all ages are invited to Advent by Candlelight. Invitations are located on the back hallway table. Feel free to take a couple extras to give to your friends.

Date: Thursday, **December 4, 2014**

Time: 6:30pm appetizers / 7:00pm program

Place: Peace Lutheran Church

RSVP: 248-681-9360, on the bulletin board, or

Email us at peacetkac@aol.com by **December 1, 2014**.



Bible study and breakfast for men

All men, young and old alike, are invited on Saturday, **December 6** at 9:00 a.m. for Bible study and breakfast. Why not join us for life-giving food for both body and soul? **You will be blessed!** Please let the office know by calling 248-681-9360 if you will be attending so that we have plenty of food. Thank you!



Christmas caroling for our shut-ins



We will meet here at Peace on Sunday, **December 7** at 2:00 p.m. to carol to our shut-in members. We'll return around 4:30 p.m. for a light supper. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. This is a family event, so bring the kids along. Remember, you don't need a professional voice to bring a smile to those who are homebound and can't get out for Christmas worship and activities.



Dear friends in Christ,



The end on the year is upon us, along with the beginning of a new church year with Advent, Christmas, and all that 2015 holds. May we joy in the coming of the Christ child and our reconciliation with our heavenly Father.

Visitation has been continuing, and I've made 265 visits so far for 2014. These include hospital, rehab, and shut-in visits. It is so important to those who can't get to church to stay connected, and I am privileged to serve their needs.

Having finished the SMP program, I received recognition at the seminary in Fort Wayne on November 4 (see page 8 for a picture). It was joyful time to celebrate, and I thank the church for all your support over the last five years, as we together began this journey. I will continue to study, learn, and serve the needs of the congregation and people gathered here at Peace.

On another note, the Saint James Men's Club has decided to halt the Bingo Fun Nights starting this month. We, unfortunately, have seen a decline in attendance and interest over the years and this, to some extent, has been due to many who have gone to be with the Lord or moved out of the area. With only Bob Poe, Don Pilot, and Pastor Merrell and myself, our men's club too has seen a decline. We believe it is time to refocus around the Men's Breakfast Bible Study and see if we can grow as a club and find new ways to serve the need of Peace and the community together as we go forward.

I pray the blessings of the Lord on our work together, and look forward to many years of continued service and support as we wait upon the Lord's return.

God bless,

Pastor Tkac



**God, bless our work
together to build
and strengthen Your
kingdom of believers.**

Christmas activities for the children

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PROGRAM REHEARSAL ~



Our Youth Group will host a Christmas Party and Program rehearsal on **Saturday, December 13** from 1—3 p.m. Please make sure you RSVP on the bulletin board or email Monica at peacetkac@aol.com.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~



The Children's Christmas Program will take place on **Sunday, December 14** during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. CD's with the songs the kids will sing, along with a lyrics sheet, have gone home with the children so they can practice at home. Please assist your children in learning the songs. We will have costumes ready for the kids on the 14th. Please let their Sunday school teacher know if they will be participating. They will need to be in the fellowship hall by 9:30 a.m. on the 14th to get ready and have a short rehearsal. Your support is very much appreciated.

You are warmly invited

The Peace
Parish Ladies
Guild will
meet at 6:30

Ladies Guild
**Chr^estmas
Party**

p.m. on Tuesday, **December 9** for
their annual Christmas party. All
ladies are welcome to join us.
Please bring a snack to share.
Gather with us as we prepare for
Christmas.

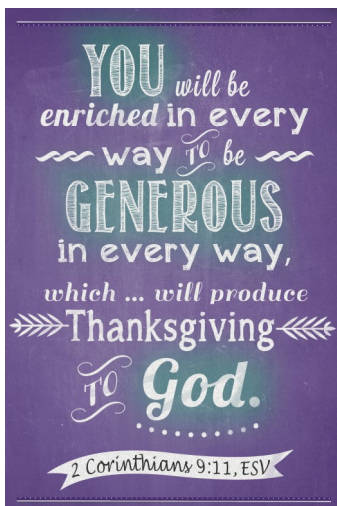
Thank you for your

HELP

If you donated blood or helped
with our November blood drive,
your labors are appreciated and
were not in vain! Although the
results of our drive were not
available at the mailing of the
newsletter, be assured many lives
were not only improved but also
saved! Watch your bulletins for
the details, and thanks again for
your generous support!

Thank you for your generosity

Erika Hoffmann, along with the
entire Altar Guild wish to thank
Sue Vogt for her donation of a
vacuum. Your gift will make the
duties of each of our altar servers
much easier to accomplish. Your
generosity is appreciated.



Pastor Gladden of St. Paul, Pontiac is awarded for extraordinary service



Our “Noisy Sunday” offerings and mission support to St. Paul Community Lutheran Church, Pontiac, along with other LC-MS churches in the area, has been fundamental in helping St. Paul share the Gospel as well as assist and better the Pontiac community.

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21 November, 2014 / by [Elisa Schulz](#) / in [Commission](#)

Rev. Dietrick Gladden of Pontiac received the Philip Award for his acts of service and community transformation in the name of Jesus. A graduate of St. Louis Seminary’s EIIT program, Rev. Gladden was ordained in 2013 and called to serve St. Paul, Pontiac, where he had already been working since 2006. The congregation’s vision has been foundational in developing a number of outreach ministry avenues, including The Overcomers (a ministry to people dealing with addictions, grieving, depression/anxiety, and life’s trials) and The Road (a ministry to incarcerated people that are about to be released back into society). As an inner-city mission, St. Paul seeks to minister to the spiritual needs of these individuals and provides them with food, clothing, blankets, Bibles, and weekly meals. Because of their care, the message of HOPE in Jesus has free course among the people.

It is rewarding to know that your dollars and coins are being well invested as they bring the Good News and help to a community in spiritual, emotional, and physical need. Keep those “Noisy Sunday” donations coming!

‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ Matthew 25:40

December 2014

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Celebrating a BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

- 1 Daniel Ciesinski, Jr., Brandon Jones
- 2 Robert Smith
- 3 Ryan Boettge, Raymond Marx II, Aaron Richley
- 4 Michael James
- 6 Joshua Alfonso, Robin Gallmeyer
- 7 Jean Myer
- 9 Amy DeKeyser, Jason Mathews, Jr.
- 10 Brian Baxa, Heinz Hoffmann, Robert J. Klein
- 11 Kelly Powell, Joshua Steed
- 13 Victoria VanderVelde
- 14 Mary Seaton
- 15 Leonard Baker, Richard Durci, Zachary Jones, Samantha Mausling
- 18 Karen Bond, Stephanie Markwardt
- 20 Alyssa Alfonso
- 21 Karen Hagen
- 23 Scott Glasson
- 24 Kayla Gray
- 25 Hilda Klein
- 27 James Blovet
- 29 Richard Rappuhn
- 30 Kirstyn Gray, Traci Pietrzak, Joseph Tompkins
- 31 Jennifer Brookshire, Jerry Doucette, Brain Jones



Heidi Tanner Family
248-672-5478



Celebrating an ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER

YEARS

- | | | |
|----|----------------------------|----|
| 5 | Ron & Theresa Gray | 50 |
| 6 | David & Linda Reading | 30 |
| 11 | Richard & Debra Upson | 21 |
| 18 | Anthony & Shannon Phillips | 10 |
| 28 | William & Nancy Merrell | 46 |
| 30 | William & Heather Penner | 19 |



Betty Ellen Gedeon
 Entered Life:
 July 5, 1929
 Entered Eternal Rest:
 October 31, 2014
 Mother of:
 Richard (Catherine) Zajewski



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

JUDY HARROUN 682-6426
 Theresa Gray 666-1408
 Sue Vogt 698-2072
 Florence Adkins 623-0159

NANCY MERRELL 623-0717
 Joan Kitzman 363-1470

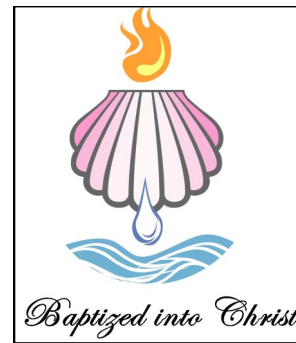


Hilda Klein
682-2497

Our Gifts At WORK

Donations have been made to the following funds/needs during October / November here at Peace.

- *Wish List Fund
- Houghton School
- Ladies Guild
- Memorial
- Special Needs
- St. Paul, Pontiac Mission
- Sunday School
- Youth Fund

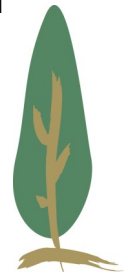


November 2, 2014
 Sophia Catanzaro
 Daughter of Nicole Catanzato

✧ CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS ✧

CEDAR TREE

A species of evergreen used to decorate for Christmas, the tall cedar tree symbolizes Christ's majesty year-round. Old Testament people knew cedars of Lebanon, which have grown to 130 feet. "The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted (Psalm 104:16, NIV). David's palace and both Solomon's palace and temple were built of cedar wood. The word cedar is found 75 times in the Bible. Due to its evergreen nature and longevity, this tree is associated with eternal life and thus sometimes used in cemetery landscaping.



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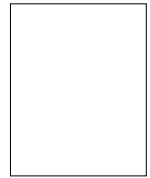
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Blessed Christmas ~ 2014



What's the name of the angel who told Mary she would give birth to God's Son?

- A. Gabriel
- B. Raphael
- C. Michael
- D. Jonathan



Answer: A (See Luke 1:26ff.)

Pastor Tkac Receives Recognition



After five years of rigorous studies in multiple disciplines, Pastor Tkac (middle) is recognized for completing the SMP Program.
Kramer Chapel ~ Fort Wayne Theological Seminary
Ft Wayne, Indiana ~ November 4, 2014