

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.



Dear friends in Christ,

²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.
Hebrews 12:28-29

Our gathering together in the house of the Lord is a reverent act. God calls us to come to him and to receive rest for our burdened souls in him. The bells signify the time to begin the service but we really begin as we drive to church and enter the Lord's house preparing ourselves for God's mercy and peace.

There are times of greeting, and for some time for study before the service. Some come early and some arrive late as the cares and tasks of life dictate. But importantly we all come to hear and to be ministered to by the Lord.

Love of neighbor requires forgiveness. We forgive because the Lord has first forgiven us. Peace comes when we rest in the Lord's mercy. For many the time before the service begins, is a time to reflect and prepare. We can lose ourselves in conversation and become distracted to time and place, and to those around us, so the bells call us and our attention back to him who is the way, the truth and the life and the one gathering us together.

The Narthex is the place to visit with fellow members and when we enter the Nave the talk and visiting naturally quiets as we prepare ourselves for the Lord's Divine Service. It is the Lord who in fact serves us as we gather. He delivers his gifts in word and sacrament and his forgiveness comes to we who come to hear, listen, and receive.

The peace of the Lord passes all human understanding. From the little ones carried in, to we who get older by the day, the Lord continues to deal with us as a beloved father, cares for his dear children and we respond with praise and gratitude. We also treat each other with gentleness and respect as brothers and sisters in Christ having been adopted into his family. At times families can struggle, be dysfunctional and troubled, so we are all mindful of the Lord's word through the Apostle Paul in Philippians:

³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

The Lord's peace be with you

Pastor Tkac

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS,
Great is thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
NEW MERCIES I SEE.
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided.
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS,
Lord, unto me!

"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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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

Thursdays @ 2 pm will resume in Sept.

No Confirmation / High School Class



Celebrating a BIRTHDAY

- 8/1 Atarra Rich
- 8/5 Jon Parlette
- 8/15 Carol Brown
Virginia McDonald
- 8/19 Ed Rimazki
Donna Grantz
Carol Chapman
- 8/20 Bill Krueger
- 8/25 Connie Kiefiuk
- 8/26 Sofia Catanzaro
- 8/27 Doug Markwardt
- 8/29 Kim Deckard
- 8/30 Matt Rich



Celebrating Anniversaries

- 8/14 Steve & Lori Smithson 44 yrs
- Debbie & Tom Lindberg 8 yrs
- 8/21 Gordon & Tammy Light 41 yrs



Our Gifts

- Missions
- Ladies Guild
- Memorials
- VBS



Beyond number
God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete
Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.



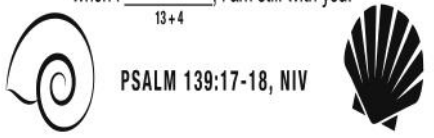
How _____ to me are your _____, God!
13+10 12+6

How _____ is the _____ of them!
8+11 10+3

Were I to _____ them,
15+6

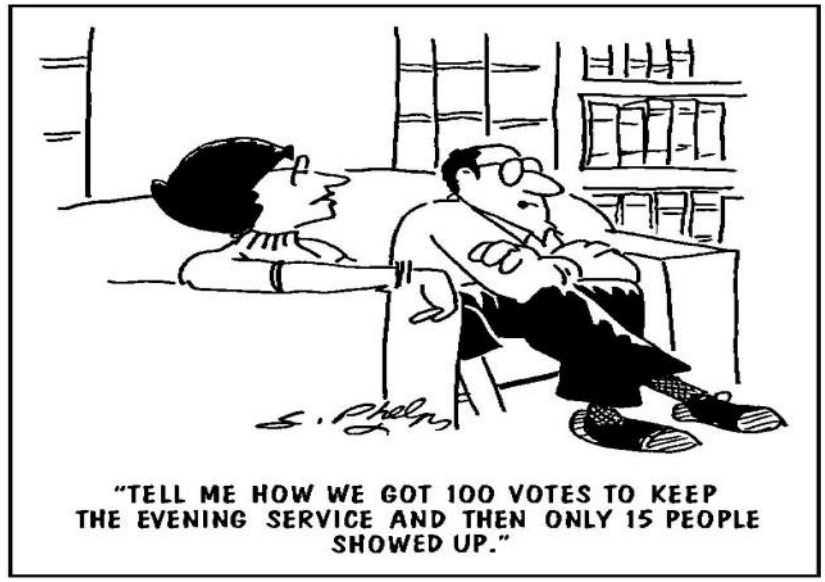
they would _____ the grains of _____
3+12 4+18

when I _____, I am still with you.
13+4







PSALM 139:17-18, NIV

Answer: precious, thoughts, sand, number, count, sun, vest, awake, outnumber, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 6:30 pm Worship Service
6 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service	7 No Bible Reading 	8 Pastor on Vacation	9 Pastor on Vacation	10 Pastor on Vacation	11 Pastor on Vacation	12 6:30 pm Worship Service Pastor is back!!
13 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service	14  10 am Bible Reading Class	15 7 pm Elder's Meeting	16	17	18	19 6:30 pm Worship Service
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Ladies Guild next meeting will not be held until September. 12th. Please check for further updates



Elders Meeting will take place on August 15th, 2023 at 7 pm



Midweek Bible Study will resume in September.



The Luther Reading of the small Catechism continues on Monday mornings at 10 am.

St Paul's is still in desperate need of **food donations** to help feed their many needy families. Please see the list on the bulletin board for the items needed. Peace Parish Ladies Guild will be asking that donations for Open Door be donated to St. Paul's. Thank you to all who have given much needed supplies to this worthy cause.

Newsletter items needed!!



Deadline for September Newsletter is August 29th. Please email or leave a note on Peggy's desk.

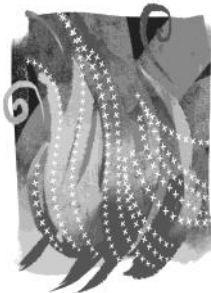
Elders serving during the month of August—Mark Bunarek on Saturday & Bob Poe & Jim Rich on Sunday

August Alter Guild—Doug & Stephanie Markwardt

?? Bible Quiz ??

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

- A. 9 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 3:30 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m.



Answer: A (See Acts 2:15.)

Ever given any thought as to how things get done around the church? Yes, we have a sign-up sheet for mowing the lawn and we thank these men for giving of their time to maintain the lawn here at Peace. We have the Ladies Guild who organize different events for the church such as Rally Day, Oktober Fest, Advent by Candlelight, etc. We have the Elders, the Trustees, the Board of Education, etc. All of these groups put together keep our church going.

Have you ever wondered who changes the burned out light bulbs or fixes a leaky toilet? How about that dripping faucet? How did it get fixed? Sometimes Pastor Tkac repairs things himself, or, calls on a member to make a repair. Bill Kreuger was out spraying weeds in the parking lot. Bob Poe has been out filling in some of our potholes. Matt Rich has repaired some of the wood fascia on the side of the church. Matt Tilley was cleaning the playground equipment.

Then there is Erika Hoffmann who has been planting flowers and weeding the flower beds for years with some help from Judy Harroun, Debbie Wittke and Connie Kiefiuk. She has been seen trimming shrubs that are too tall for her to reach (she might ask Pastor to get the real tall branches). These are just some of the things that Heinz used to do for her. Now she is facing a couple of dead bushes that need to be dug up but they are too much for her to tackle. Would someone like to volunteer to do this for her?

We all see that some things need to be done, or, are being done and assume that everything will take care of itself. Truth is, without people like these our church would be in constant disrepair. The facilities of our church needs constant care the same as our souls do. We come to church to hear the word of our Lord and to partake of the bread and cup. As this enriches our souls, let us reach out to help enrich our church by volunteering to help where help is needed around the church.

