

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.



**"Let my
people go,
so that
they may
worship
me."**

1776. JULY 4.
States of America.
Exodus 8:1, NIV

"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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Dear friends,

On July 4th we celebrate 250 years of our independence and freedom in this great country! What a blessing! Or, is it? For many in our community and world, you may hear a different story or view as it pertains to the United States. Our country remains divided in many ways and so too, it appears, the freedoms we enjoy. Celebrating the flag and country have become a division for some.

The freedom we enjoy in Christ also divides. Jesus himself is either loved or hated, embraced or pushed away. What are we to do?

The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 6:12:

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

The fight is not against those who do not hold our faith in Christ, but in the work of the devil to keep them blind to the truth until our loving God sees fit to open the eyes by his Spirit so they might believe. To love our neighbor as ourselves is difficult especially when we disagree on truth, life, and faith. I would hope that we might see others as a reflection of ourselves, though broken in sin, yet made new and washed clean in the blood of the Lamb. Through Christ's word alone we are given freedom, peace, and comfort that we might share that blessing with others.

I pray that you have a blessed 4th with your family and friends and look to see you all very soon.

**God's Peace,
Pastor Tkac**



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In the Office

Pastor Tkac: Monday—Thursday

Peggy Madsen: Tuesday, Wednesday

Hours: 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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

Adult Bible Class is on Sunday at 9:30 a.m

Midweek Bible Study will resume on September 10, 2026

Youth Sunday School will resume on September 13, 2026

Confirmation Classes are not scheduled at this time



**7/3 Beth Schreiner
David Lippincott**

7/5 Lillianna Poe

7/8 Rene Catanzaro

7/11 Christian Lockwood

7/13 Jay Squanda

7/17 Deborah Arnold

7/20 Jaystin SlavickHudson

7/21 Karen Akkashian

Lynette Bright

7/23 Gail Fitzgerald

Bill Voss

7/24 Marty Temple

7/29 Mark Wittke

Judy Schassberger



7/16 Ara & Karen Akkashian 21st

7/18 Jay & Sheila Squanda 34th



Our Gifts

Missions

SMP

Bldg & Grounds

PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

The precise number varies depending on the Bible version, but roughly how many times does the word "love" occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

- A. 200-300
- B. 400-500
- C. 600-700
- D. 800-900



Answer: C

JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Pastor on Vacation	4 No Worship Service  Independence DAY
5 No Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service with Pastor Nelson	6 Pastor Tkac Vacation No Bible Reading Class	7 Pastor Tkac Vacation	8 Pastor Tkac Vacation	9 Pastor Tkac Vacation	10 Pastor Tkac Vacation	11 6:30 pm Worship Service  CHRISTMAS IN JULY
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Ladies Guild will not meet again until September 8, 2026

Elders will not meet during the month of July.



Monthly prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 7pm



Elders serving during the month of July are Jon Parlette on Saturday & Bob Poe and Steve Smithson on Sunday.

Thursday's Midweek Bible Study is suspended for July and August. It will resume on September 10, 2026



Altar Servers for the month of July are Judy Harroun and Peggy Madsen



Funeral Lunches will be provided after a funeral service unless the family prefers not to do so. If lunch is required, those who have volunteered to help will receive a phone call.

Christmas in July Craft Show

Will be held Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 9am -3pm. There will also be delicious baked goods for sale provided by the Ladies Guild. This a free admission event with many unique crafters and vendors. Crafters may email Teresa Gray at ladygiraffe@comcast.net Anyone interested in helping with the bake sale or donating items to sell, please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex.

Our 2026 Budget vs Offerings Received Year to date as of June 30, 2026

2026 Budget as of 6/30/2026 is \$92,500.00

Offerings received as of 6/30/2026 \$92,760.45

As of 6/30/2026 our offerings received are over our budget, year to date, by \$260.45

Puzzle!

Who made the following statements in the Bible?

1. "Am I my brother's keeper?"
Samuel, John, Cain, Andrew
2. "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you."
Peter, James, John, Paul
3. "What is truth?"
Herod, Pilate, Simon Magus, Cornelius
4. "Choose you this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!"
Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua
5. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
Nathaniel, John, Peter, Paul
6. "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?"
Herod Agrippa, Pilate, Caiaphas, Annas
7. "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go."
Rebekah, Rachel, Ruth, Rahab
8. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
Paul, Peter, James, Barnabas

Answers: 1. Cain (Genesis 4:9); 2. Peter (Acts 3:6); 3. Pilate (John 18:38); 4. Joshua (Joshua 24:15); 5. Peter (Matthew 16:16); 6. Herod Agrippa (Acts 26:28); 7. Ruth (Ruth 1:16); 8. Paul (2 Timothy 4:7)

Vacation Bible School went very well this year. For the 1st time in a long time, the weather was in the 70's instead of the 90's. It was very comfortable.

We had 30 children attend this year, all but 4 were members of Peace.

We had 5 teen helpers as well as 16 adult volunteers. Everyone did such a fantastic job. It took a lot of volunteers to make this work, and we had awesome help step forward.

Every child and teen helper received a t-shirt as well as a large bag of school supplies thanks to our wonderful church support as well as grants from Thrivent.

Many thanks to everyone who supported this important outreach.

Sincerely, Monica Tkac—Director