

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,

About a year ago we began a process of following the leading of the Lord as we asked fellow member Matthew Rich, if he would prepare for the office of the Holy Ministry and apply to enter the SMP program at Concordia Theological Seminary, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This process began a few years prior with informal talks that I had with Matt and much prayer and reflection. It is a humbling prospect for those asked. I know, having had that question posed to me by Pastor Merrell some 17 years ago. But what a joy and blessing it has been!

Now we find ourselves ready to begin again. The church has called, the district interviewed, approved, and submitted the paperwork, and Matt has passed his entrance exams. The seminary has now accepted him into the program, so on Sunday, September 20th at the 10:30 am service Matthew Rich will be installed as Vicar of Peace Lutheran Church!

What a joy! I pray you can attend the installation and service and there will be a reception for Matt and Tricia in the fellowship hall following the service where you can congratulate and extend your well wishes to them as they begin this new and blessed task. Following the reception, Matt and I will head to Fort Wayne to begin his seminary classes with an intensive on campus for the week of September 21st -25th .

It is a humbling process for sure, as the Lord leads and guides us through the next two years leading to Matt's ordination and installation as pastor of Peace, and then through the final two years of seminary education as he completes the SMP program. I look forward to helping Matt as his mentor here throughout the process, as the Lord directs.

Your prayers are especially important to us and we thank you as you lift us up to the Lord for his blessing, as He guides us through the program. I truly believe that the Lord has provided us with a path forward now and into the future for God's people here at Peace!

God bless,

Pastor Tkac

*"Be still,
and know that
I am God."*

PSALM 46:10

*"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

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 20, 2026

Confirmation Classes are not scheduled at this time



9/2 Virginia Poehlman

Maddie Deckard

9/6 Donna Burns

9/7 Travis Lippincott

Terry Rimatzki

9/8 Jerry Wiegand

9/10 Scott Dobson

9/26 Emmett Reynolds

9/29 Susan Dobson



9/1 Matt & Tricia Rich 26th

9/4 Bob & Kendra Klein 50th

9/18 Pastor & Monica Tkac 44th

9/19 Jerry & Vonnie Doucette 62nd

9/22 Marty & Char Temple 25th

9/24 Dave & Tracy Lippincott 32nd



Our Gifts

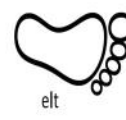
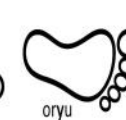
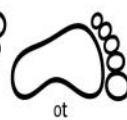
SMP
Bldg & Grounds



Footsteps with God

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed footprints in the sand? The poem *Footprints in the Sand* reminds us that God is always with us.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprints to see what Psalm 119:133 (NIV) says about our steps. (Hint: the bold letters show the first letter of each word.)



Psalm 119:133 (NIV)

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."



Bible Quiz

What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

- A. Nile
- B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan
- D. Tigris
- E. Ganges
- F. Euphrates



Answer: D & F (See Genesis 2:10-14.)

SEPTEMBER

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 7 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting	2	3 6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice	4	5 6:30 pm Worship Service
6 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	-  LABOR DAY	8 6:30 pm Ladies Guild 7 pm Elder's Meeting	9	10 2 pm Mid week Bible Study 6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice	11 	12 No Worship Service
13 No Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service 	14  10 am Bible Reading Class	15 6:30 pm Council Meeting	16	17 2 pm Midweek Bible Study 6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice	18	19 6:30 pm Worship Service
20 9:20 am Sun-day School 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 	21 No Bible Reading Class	22 	23	24 No Bible Study 6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice	25	26 6:30 pm Worship Service
27 9:20 am Sun-day School 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service Voter's Meeting	28  10 am Bible Reading Class	29 	30	 Plan To attend Rally Day!		

Ladies Guild will meet at 6:30 pm on September 8, 2026

Elders will meet at 7pm on Tuesday, September 8th



Monthly prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 7pm



Elders serving during the month of September are Jon Parlette on Saturday & Olaf Six and Skip Bushart on Sunday.

Thursday's Midweek Bible Study will begin September 10, 2026 at 2 pm



Altar Servers for the month of September are Donna Gregor and Lori Smithson



Looking ahead in September...

Rally Day Picnic is Sunday, September 13, 2026 following worship service. Please use the sign-up sheets for set-up, clean-up, and dish to pass.

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 20th at 9:20 am.

Matt Rich will be installed as Vicar here at Peace on Sunday, September 20th. during our 10:30 am service

Just a reminder...If you or your group are having a function that requires use of the kitchen, please be sure to clean up everything and put things away where they belong. Kitchen sink should be cleaned also. This way the kitchen is clean for the next person or group. Keep in mind, you may be the next one to need the use of it. Thank You!!

Sunday, September 20, 2026



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See the CEF Literature Rack on the table in the hallway or Steve Smithson, our CEF representative, for details.

Our 2026 Budget vs Offerings Received Year to Date as of August 31, 2026

2026 Budget as of August 31, 2026
\$123,333.33

Offerings received as of August 31, 2026
\$119,900.45

As of August 31, 2026 our offerings received are

under our budget, year to date, by **\$3,432.88**

