

The Peace Post

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Peace Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We believe, teach, and confess the doctrine of the evangelical, catholic faith as it is taught by Holy Scripture and faithfully confessed in the Book of Concord of 1580. We are committed to the pure preaching of God's Word and the right administration of the Holy Sacraments, catechesis of all people in the Christian faith, and liturgical worship consistent with our Reformation heritage. We are an evangelical, orthodox, and catholic congregation, proclaiming Jesus Christ crucified, risen, and reigning for the salvation of the world!



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From the Desk of Pastor Messer **"God Will Never Give You More Than You Can Handle"**

I'm betting that most of you have heard this one before. Perhaps, you've even used it yourself at times. A friend or loved one is going through a time of suffering and you seek to comfort that person by saying, "God will never give you more than you can handle."

I know I've heard this one many times. I've seen it used on Facebook and in mass emails often, and I've even had friends and loved ones say it to me during times of suffering. It is used with the best of intentions, and most people think that it's a direct quote right from the Bible, or at least a paraphrase of a Biblical verse, but it is neither.

The Biblical verse this cliché is supposed to paraphrase is 1 Corinthians 10:13, where St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

To understand what St. Paul means by this, we need to look at the surrounding context. It is clear from that context that he is in the midst of rebuking the Corinthians for a) idolatry, b) sexual immorality, and c) works-righteousness (or, overconfidence in themselves). He reminds them what happened to their fathers in the faith, how they turned away from God after He had rescued them from their bondage in Egypt. God had saved them with His mighty hand and they turned away from Him so that they could indulge their own evil desires. They put God to the test and were overcome by serpents. They didn't trust God, but grumbled against Him, and most of them perished in the wilderness, never getting to enter the Promised Land. The point St. Paul is making with the Corinthians is summed up in verse 12, the verse immediately preceding the verse quoted above, upon which the cliché in question is supposed to be based, where he says, "Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall." And, this is followed up with the exhortation in verse 14, "Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry." Then, St. Paul points them to an example of the idolatry into which they have fallen, moving into a lengthy discourse on their abuse of the Holy Supper.

Putting all of this together, it should be evident how the popular cliché, "God will never give you more than you can handle," is a gross misinterpretation of the verse it is supposed to paraphrase. The whole point here is that YOU cannot handle things. It is a rebuke against those who try to handle things themselves, rather than turning to God for rescue. And, it has absolutely nothing to do with the pain and suffering we all endure in this life, whether we bring that upon ourselves or it comes from the outside, which is when the cliché in question is most often invoked. This passage is addressing those who give in to the temptation of the devil, the world, and their own sinful flesh, refuse to turn to God for rescue ("the way of escape"), and think that they're still standing in the faith.

God will never give you more than you can handle? Nonsense! You cannot handle temptation on your own. You cannot endure the pain and suffering living in this sinful world brings on your own. You cannot handle God's Law on your own. You cannot remain standing steadfast in the faith on your own. Left on your own, you will most definitely fall. Left on your own, you will follow in the footsteps of the grumbling and idolatrous Israelites who were overcome by serpents in the wilderness. Left on your own, God's Holy Law will devour you whole. Left on your own, you will fall from grace, lose faith, and have the Holy Spirit depart from you.

Here's the other reason this popular cliché is so wrongheaded: It suggests that God is the one GIVING you the temptation or the pain and suffering you're enduring. But, we're told in Scripture that "God tempts no one" (James 1:13ff.). God is not the author of evil. God is not the source of the pain and suffering you endure in this sinful world. That evil, those temptations, the pain and suffering with which you are afflicted, come from the devil, the world, and your own sinful flesh, NOT from God. It is true that God allows us to experience these things in this life. It is true that God tests and disciplines us at times, just as an earthly father does for his children. It is true that God works all things together (even the temptations, pain, and suffering we endure) for the good of those who love Him and have been called according to His purpose (Rom. 8:28). He is the God who uses what is meant for evil for good. Joseph's brothers had an evil intent when they sold him into slavery, but God used what they meant for evil to accomplish their salvation. And, of course, the greatest example of this is the Crucifixion of His Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Jewish religious authorities meant that for evil, but God used it to accomplish the greatest good ever known in the world. So, yes, God allows us to be tempted and to endure times of pain and suffering in this life, but it is not true that He gives us these things, as if He is their source and wants to toughen us up so that we can learn how to handle them on our own, which is what the cliché really means. On the contrary, God allows these things to happen in our lives so that we would turn to Him for rescue.

God will never give you more than you can handle? Wrong! You cannot handle things on your own. If you could, God would not have had to send His Son to live and die in your place. If we want to make this cliché Scriptural and true, we would have to say something like, "God will never allow you to suffer more than He can handle." Now, that is most certainly true, as certain and true as is the fact that you will be tempted and will endure much pain and suffering in this life. But, God will never forsake you. He will always provide the "way of escape," and the "way of escape" is just another way of saying, "Jesus." For, Jesus is your way of escape. Jesus is your refuge. Jesus is your rescue. He lived the perfect life you cannot live. He resisted and overcame all the temptations common to man, the temptations to which you have often fallen prey. He endured all the pain and suffering the devil, the world, and sinners could throw at Him and never wavered an inch in faith through it all, as you often do when pain and suffering come upon you. You cannot handle these things on your own, but Jesus has handled them perfectly for you. He is your way of escape. He is your mighty fortress. He is your strength. Flee from yourselves and to Jesus. That's the whole point St. Paul is making in this oft misunderstood passage.

Do you see, then, why telling people that God will never give them more than they can handle is wrong in so many ways? As I said above, I know that people have the best of intentions when they use this cliché, but good intentions aside, it is a tragically flawed way of trying to get God into the equation somehow. Would that we never uttered this cliché again, but instead pointed our friends and loved ones, who are enduring times of temptation, pain, or suffering, to the One who can handle it all for them, to the One who has already handled it all for them, and who remains available to them to handle whatever the devil, this sinful world, and their own sinful flesh throw their way, even Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. The best advice you can give to such a friend is to direct them to go to where Jesus is for them, namely to the Divine Service in His Holy Church, where He is Truly Present to absolve them of their sins, feed them upon the sweet honey of His Word, cleanse them with the very Body and Blood He gave and shed for them, and bestow His eternal peace upon them as they depart back into the wilderness of this sinful world, where they will inevitably continue to be harassed by its temptations, pain, and suffering.

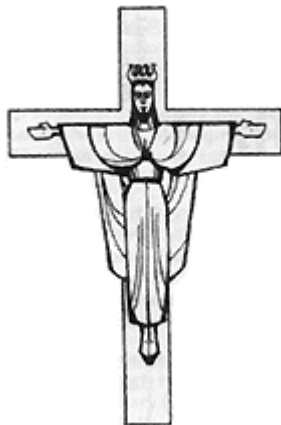
In this vale of tears, this valley of the shadow of death, you will be confronted with much that you cannot handle, my friends. But, know this: Jesus has handled it all in your place. Flee to Him in times of temptation, pain, and suffering. He will never fail you. He can handle it. He desires that you come to Him, you who are weary and heavy-laden, that He might give you peace. In Him, you have the sure and certain promise that there is coming a Day when you will be tempted no more and never again experience the pain and suffering, trials and tribulations, of living in this sinful world. You will live and reign with Him in the eternal kingdom that has been prepared for you. And, as St. Paul assures you, "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18).

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Messer



The Fifteenth Annual St. Michael Liturgical Conference



**Monday, September 24
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Detroit, Michigan**

Registration

The registration fee is \$40 before September 15. After September 15, the registration fee is \$50. The registration fee includes the cost of the conference, distribution materials, breaks, and lunch.

Schedule

8:15 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
10:45 a.m.	Keynote Address
12:00 p.m.	Sext (Service of Prayer)
12:15 p.m.	Luncheon (Greetings from Bp. Stecholz)
1:15 p.m.	Workshop
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:45 p.m.	Workshop
4:00 p.m.	Vespers
till 7:00 p.m.	Gemütlichkeit at the Rectory (Fellowship time)

“The Eucharistic Prayer Considered”

This year's conference will focus on the history, the appropriateness, and the use of the Eucharistic Prayer, or “Prayer of Thanksgiving,” in the Evangelical Lutheran Mass. The Rev. Dr. John Stephenson, who serves as professor at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines, Ontario and has authored the volumes *The Lord's Supper* and *Eschatology* in the *Confessional Lutheran Dogmatics* series, will be the keynote speaker.

This conference is for all clergy and laypersons who are interested in learning more about the historic liturgy of the Church. If that means you, you are more than welcome to attend! If you are interested in registering for this conference, or if you have questions about it, please see me soon (there are also some brochures on the table in the fellowship hall). We need to get our registration forms in by September 15. I have been blessed to attend this most excellent conference 9 times and could not recommend it more highly. The beauty of the Divine Service and other Prayer Offices is simply heavenly, and the information shared in the Keynote Address and Workshops comes from expert theologians. It would be wonderful to have some of you attend with me!

*In Christ,
Pastor Messer*

PEACE NEWS & NOTES

PEACE MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS!

Friday, September 28

6:30 pm - Pizza

7:00 pm - "The Magic of Belle Isle"

Bring comfy chairs and snacks, if you wish; freewill offering collected.

Hope you join us!



SALT/Ladies' Guild Second Time Around Sale!!

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in any way with the 2nd Time Around Sale, from donating items to working the sale. It was a big success. Guild and SALT members donated the money collected to the anniversary celebration. There is talk of another sale next year, so start collecting.

Secret Pals

It's that exciting time of year when we "reveal" our Secret Pals! We will gather at **Alma Big Boy on Sunday, September 23 at 1:00 p.m.** for lunch, fellowship and the big reveal.

Coming soon, new forms to sign-up for next year. Please contact Lisa Messer with any questions.

SALT NEWS

Next SALT meeting will be

Thursday, September 20, 6:30 p.m. at the church.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Please see our Meeting Minutes on the SALT Bulletin Board

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

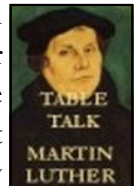
This is an ongoing outreach for the SALT Committee. If you know of a person in the armed forces who is serving abroad, please contact Carolyn Johnson (email ckj1969@yahoo.com).

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

A trip in September – to Lansing! We will have lunch at Guido's Premium Pizza in Okemos/Haslett on Central Park Drive across from the MSU Credit Union. Besides their famous pizza's, they feature salads, pasta, burgers, subs, sandwiches and desserts. The mall is nearby and we could spend the rest of the day shopping, as well. Meet at church to carpool, leaving at 11:00 am on Monday, September 17. We can discuss our return trip times before we leave.

Table Talk

Our Table Talks are informal and informative discussions with Pastor Messer on various topics decided by the group in attendance. Table Talk is a great time to take advantage of the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Plus, **THEY'RE FUN!** Our next Table Talk will be held on **Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m.** at the church. We'd love to have you join us!



PEACE NEWS & NOTES Cont'd

PEACE BOOK CLUB

After having read our four summer book selections, I can say that we would have been hard pressed to select four more different volumes. I, being a weird librarian, enjoyed reading all of them, although some kept my attention more readily than others. We should have a rousing conversation when we get into these texts. If you would like to join us, please read one or more of the following and meet at **Pastor Messer's home on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.** The discussion promises to be anything but dull!

The four choices are: ***Mrs. Kennedy and Me*** by Clint Hill, the Secret Service agent assigned to Jacqueline Kennedy from 1960-1964; ***Once Upon a River*** by Bonnie Jo Campbell, an up and coming Michigan author who writes about life on the Kalamazoo River; ***The Constantine Codex***, a thriller by Dr. Paul L. Meier, a much-published Lutheran author and professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University; and ***Unholy Night***, a fictional account (historical revisionism) of the lives of The Three Wise Men by Seth Grahame-Smith, the author of the *New York Times* bestselling *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*.



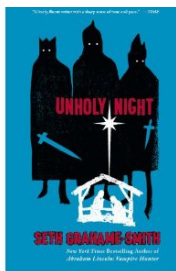
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PYG GOES TO HIGHER THINGS “TWELVE” CONFERENCE IN ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO



PEACE PICK 'EM - NFL

Peace Pick 'Em returns for another NFL season. Sheets will be available on Sunday mornings. See Pastor Messer.

2011-12 Final Standings

(Based on at least ten weeks of picks)

Picker	Weeks	Record	Win%
Pastor Messer	17	161-89	.644
Terry Luplow	12	105-59	.640
Carol Zeile	15	140-79	.639
Larry Elliott	17	158-92	.632
Dave Zeile	17	148-88	.627
Andrea Elliott	17	152-97	.610
Carolyn Johnson	14	108-94	.535
Coaline Luplow	13	98-90	.521
Sharyn Greening	16	120-11	.520

PEACE NEWS & NOTES Cont'd



SEPTEMBER

Happy Birthday

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 3 Farrah Blair | 12 Joshua Schafer |
| 3 Marion Greening | 13 Vern Jakolat |
| 3 John Isaksson | 14 Kim Penzien |
| 5 Lisa Messer | 20 Brenda Stoven |
| 11 Maxine Isaksson | 23 David Zeile |
| 12 Abigail Brown | |

Happy Anniversary

- 4 Bob and Jo Wendt
 8 Vern and Mary Jakolat
 12 Brian and Brenda Stroven
 19 James and Janice Sager

If we ever miss your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we can update our records.

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

We all love to receive greetings from people who care for us. What better way to remember our shut-ins (when it is difficult for us to make a personal visit) than to send a note or a card periodically to let them know we are thinking of them and to give them something to look forward to in the mail, and especially at this time of the year! Please consider dropping a few lines to our shut-ins during the course of each month.

Marlene Wiltshire
 Warwick Living Center
 842 W. Warwick Dr.
 Alma, MI 48801

Joan Burch
 Schnepf Health Care Center
 427 E. Washington
 St. Louis, MI 48880

Vivian Strom
 Masonic Pathways
 1200 Wright Ave.
 Alma, MI 48801

Marion Greening
 1025 Vassar Street
 Alma, MI 48801

Also, while correspondence is not requested for him, please remember our dear brother in Christ, Dick Wiser, who is at Pine River in St. Louis, in your prayers.

Nathan Walter Elliott Baptized Into Christ

On Sunday, July 15, 2012, Nathan Walter Elliott, the son of Larry and Andrea Elliott, became a baptized member of Peace. Nathan was born on July 7, 2012 and was baptized at 8 days old. Many of Nathan's family members were present to witness this joyous occasion.



**REGULAR MEETING
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL**

Date: July 10, 2012
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Peace Lutheran Church
325 Warwick Dr.
Alma, MI 48801

MINUTES

Call To Order & Opening Prayer

- President Zeile called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Pastor Messer opened with prayer. The following members were present: Dave Zeile, Gary Miller, Carol Zeile, Amy Blair, Sharyn Greening, Carolyn Johnson and Cassie Tennant. Pastor Messer was also present.

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by Gary Miller, supported by Carolyn Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by Carol Zeile, supported by Gary Miller, to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously

Report(s)

- **Pastor** – Full report attached
- **Treasurer's Report** – Full report attached
- **Financial Secretary** – Full report attached
- **Board of Elders** – No report
- **Board of Trustees** – need to meet regarding the bathroom remodeling project
- **Board of Christian Education** – had about 13 kids during VBS week, had lots of help, received \$50 in donations that were sent to University Lutheran Chapel
- **Board to Evangelism** - No report
- **Board of Stewardship** – No report

General Comments

- Meeting for Anniversary celebration has been set for July 23rd at 7pm.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

- Motion made by Gary Miller, supported by Sharyn Greening to adjourn at 7:37pm. Motion carried unanimously. Pastor Messer closed with Prayer and Benediction

**Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Tennant, Secretary**

Ladies' Guild

Ladies Guild Meeting

Our Ladies Guild will meet on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, at 12:00 pm.** All Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our Guild meetings. If you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you are a member of Guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the Guild.

PLC Women's Prayer Chain

The current list is posted on the Ladies' Guild Bulletin Board. All participants should have a copy. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain as a caller, or if you wish to have yourself or someone else "sent through the chain," please see or call Marlene Miller at 463-3710.

Altar Flowers

There is a flower calendar for 2012 is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. We are now working toward ordering altar flower arrangements that coordinate with and enhance the liturgical colors of each Season of the Church year. Depending on the dates, flowers may not always be displayed for a calendar month. Some Seasons of the Church year cross calendar months. If you wish to place flowers on the altar sometime during the year, please put your name on the calendar and contact the church office with any information that you wish to have included in the bulletin. If there is a specific date in the month that commemorates an occasion, please also enter that date. A bouquet costs \$25. We encourage two persons (families) to purchase flowers each month, one for each plant stand. Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church, attach a note marked "Altar Flowers" and place in the Financial Secretary's envelope in the church office. Any questions may be directed to Carol Zeile or Amy Blair. Thank you for helping to beautify our church.

PEACE LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD

The Ladies' Guild is collecting the following items for School Kits to send to the Lutheran World Relief:



- 4- 70 SHEET NOTEBOOKS
- 1- 30 CENTIMETER RULER
- 1- PENCIL SHARPENER
- 1 - BLUNT SCISSORS
- 5- PENCILS
- 5- BALLPOINT PENS
- 1 BOX CRAYONS 16 -24 COUNT
- 1 2 1/2 " ERASER

ONE STURDY DRAWSTRING BACKPACK-STYLE CLOTH BAG APPROXIMATELY 14 X 17 WITH SHOULDER STRAPS

COLLECTION DATES:
JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

PEACE LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK

Cookbooks are available for \$13.00 and can be purchased during fellowship time from any member of the Guild. Please see Coaline Luplow with any questions.

LADIES GUILD SELLS CUTLERY

Rada cutlery is on display the 3rd Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall during the coffee hour. We have seven different items in stock: Paring Knife, Large Slicer Knife, Tomato Slicer, Serrated Steak Knife, Spatula, Pie Server, and Veggie Peeler. A product catalogue is available for viewing and orders may also be placed through the catalog.



September

M. Miller/ C. Dargie



- 2 Peace Youth Group
- 9 Janice Sager
- 16 Jennie Harmon
- 23 Carolyn Johnson
- 30 Jenny Baughman

October

Altar Care

Megan Brown

Coffee Hostesses

- 7 Lisa Messer
- 14 S. Greening/M. Brown
- 21 M. Isaksson/H. Meyer
- 28 Reformation—No coffee

November

Amy Blair

- 4 Dorothy Trgina
- 11 Lois Ramsey
- 18 Amy Blair
- 25 Gretchen Harrison

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School and Adult Bible Class is offered on **Sundays at 11 a.m.**

Together in the Word

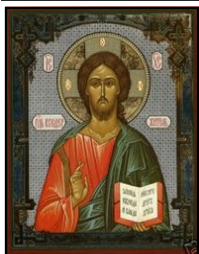
- We meet every **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** We are currently studying *1 Kings*. All are welcome to join us!

Wednesday Bible Study

- Meets every Wednesday at 6 pm for a study of *Acts*.

First Communion and Confirmation Classes

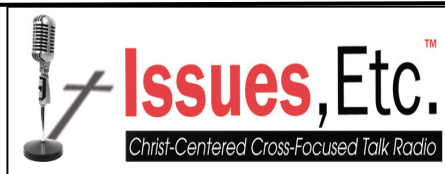
- First Communion Classes take place as arranged (see Pastor Messer if interested); Confirmation Class will resume later this month.



PASTOR MESSER IS BLOGGING!

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*Check in from time to time
to see what's on his mind.*



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PAROCHIAL REPORT

(as of 8/31/12)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 136; Confirmed - 115

Membership gains: 1

Nathan Elliott baptized 7/15/12

Membership losses: 3

Don and Aaron Reithel - Released (self-exclusion)

Eric Lovejoy - Called home by our Lord

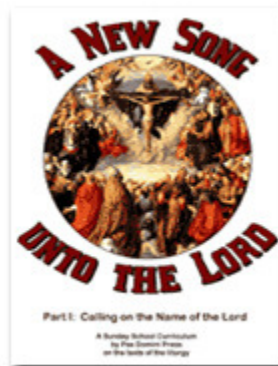
Financial Report as of 8/31/2012

YTD Budgeted.....\$76,195.00

YTD Receipts.....\$66,360.05

Difference.....- \$9,834.95

Sunday School Rally Day! September 9, 2012



Sunday School classes will begin on September 9, 2012. The children will be using the program *A New Song Unto The Lord* which teaches about the liturgy and will provide them with a deeper understanding of what is happening in the Divine Service. Andrea Elliott, Coaline Luplow, Sharyn Greening, and Jonathan Penzien are teaching the classes this year.

Following Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, there will be a **Rally Day Potluck**. Please bring a dish to pass. Table service and beverages will be provided.

Peace 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee



The 50th Anniversary Committee is making wonderful progress at completing plans for the celebration that will take place on November 11, 2012. Soon you will all receive a copy of the invitation to the Service, which will take place at 3:00 p.m., and to the dinner immediately following. Many of our former members and pastors, including Charter Members, will also be receiving invitations. This will be a good time to reconnect with them. Stay tuned for further details.

As part of the activities, we will be putting together displays of photographs from past events at Peace. If you have any pictures that you would like to share for decorating purposes (you will get them back), please date them and give them to Coaline Luplow or Sharyn Greening.

Through fundraising events and contributions, we have done very well raising the funds necessary to provide this important celebration in the life of our congregation. The Committee has a working budget and is still in need of some additional donations. If you are willing/able to contribute, please see Carol Zeile. Thank you very much to all who have helped so far.

In addition to funds, we also need volunteers to help with preparations and on the day of the celebration, **November 11, 2012**. If you are willing to help, please contact any of the committee members listed below

The Committee will continue to meet as needed to plan and prepare. We need the help of as many as possible in order to make the celebration great. If you have questions or can help in any way, please contact one of the following Committee members: Amy Blair, Sharyn Greening, Coaline Luplow, Pastor Messer, Dorothy Trgina, Jo Wendt and Carol Zeile.

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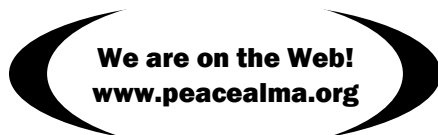
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September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>Trinity 13</i> 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - BC 	3	4 6:30 pm - Council	5 12:00 pm - Ladies' Guild 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7 pm - Divine Service <i>Zacharias & Elizabeth</i> 	6 10 am - 'Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers	7	8
9 <i>Trinity 14</i> 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 12:15 pm - RD Potluck 	10	11	12 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7 pm - Divine Service <i>Holy Cross Day (Obs.)</i> 	13 10 am - 'Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers	14	15
16 <i>Trinity 15</i> 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 	17 11:00 am - Ladies' Lunch Bunch	18 7:00 pm - Peace Book Club at Pr. Messer's house	19 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7 pm - Divine Service <i>St. Matthew Apostle</i> 	20 10 am - 'Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 6:30 pm - SALT	21	22
23 <i>Trinity 16</i> 8:30 am - Choir Practice 9:30 am - Divine Service 10:45 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - SS & BC 1:00 pm - Sec. Pals Lunch 	24 St. Michael's Liturgical Conference in Detroit 	25 7 pm - Stewardship	26 6 pm - Bible Study (Acts) 7 pm - Divine Service <i>Sts. Cyprian & Justina</i> 	27 10 am - 'Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 7 pm - Table Talk	28 6:30 pm - Peace Movie Night "The Magic of Belle Isle" 	29
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The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.

Serving in September

	ELDER	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS
September				
2 - 9:30 am (Trinity 13)	Terry Luplow	Sierra Luplow Natalie Penzien	John Lemmerman Vern Jakolat	Dave & Carol Zeile
9 - 9:30 am (Trinity 14)	Miguel Ortiz	Savannah Blair Georgie Bebow	Daren Johnson Gary Miller	Jenny Baughman
16 - 9:30 am (Trinity 15)	Gabriel Blair	Morgan Johnson Myka Luplow	Miguel Ortiz Chris Brown	Yvonne Elenbaas Mary Girard
23 - 9:30 am (Trinity 16)	Larry Elliott	Farrah Blair Paige Harwager	Tyrel Harwager Terry Luplow	LeRoy & Maxine Isaksson
30 - 9:30 am (St. Michael and All Angels)	Terry Luplow	Aaron Messer Natalie Penzien	James Sager Gabriel Blair	Elliott Family
October				
7 - 9:30 am (Trinity 18)	Miguel Ortiz	Sierra Luplow Savannah Blair	Daren Johnson Vern Jakolat	Sharyn Greening