

# **Weekly Messenger**

## Reaching UP-IN-OUT

Ministers: All Members of Peace Lutheran  
Pastor: Ralph Kirkpatrick



March 22-29, 2017

## **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

### **March 26, 2017**

Worship with Holy Communion  
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship

## *Peace Weekly Calendar*

### **Wednesday, March 22**

10:30 a.m. PR Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship  
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### **Thursday, March 23**

12:00 p.m. S-Anon Meeting  
3:00 p.m. STEM Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

### **Saturday, March 25**

9:30 a.m. Tai Chi  
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Class

### **Sunday, March 26**

8:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion  
9:40 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship w/Communion  
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

### **Monday, March 27**

*Pastor Ralph's Day Off*

1:30 p.m. Shake Your Soul Dance  
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon  
6:00 p.m. VDC Men  
6:30 p.m. Troop 20117  
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

### **Tuesday, March 28**

7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

### **Wednesday, March 29**

10:30 a.m. PR Bible Study  
12:30 p.m. Cottage Meeting #1  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship  
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

*Serving this Sunday*  
*Worship with Holy Communion*  
3/26/2017

#### **8:30**

**Assisting Minister:** Eva Kratts  
**Lector/Comm. Asst.:** Jan Larson  
**Sound:** George Anderson  
**Usher:** Terwell  
**Greeter:** Gage  
**Altar Guild:** Judy Terwell

#### **10:45**

**Assisting Minister:** John Burnett  
**Lector/Comm Asst.:** Tom Mustaleski  
**Sound:** Barnes  
**Ushers:** English, Klukken  
**Greeter:** Ried  
**Altar Guild:** Ginger Tevault  
**Bread & Wine:** McClanahan  
**Tellers:** Kratts, Toby  
**Coffee:** Kangas, Tevault

# *Peace Prayers*

*Please let the church office know of any changes in the prayers.*

**Members:** Cassie Barnes, Margaret Blombach, Ernie Dickson, Tim Hudnall & Family, Gary Kratts, Bill Larson, Bill McCamy, Stacy Nelson, David & Charlene Ottinger, Noreen Quirand, Carla Schirmer, Ruth Stallmann, Evelyn Storm

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

**Family & Friends:** **Samantha Adamson** (niece of Eva Kratts); **Rosemary Aumaugher** (mother of Gary Aumaugher); **Betty Lou Bayse** (Suellen Meyer's mother); **Courtney & Marlon Beverly** (friend of Marianne & Andy Stephansen); **Jeff Brig & Vincent Briguccia** (Eileen Zetterberg's sons); **David Brondos** (missionary to Mexico); **Rosemary Clause** (Sue Carlson's cousin); **Jeff Davidson** (friend of Janet Barnes); **Maryann Dusbabek** (Eva Kratts aunt); **Al & Lois Etzler** (Pete's brother & sister-in-law); **Brooke Evans** (daughter of Chuck Evans); **Kristyn Farley** (daughter of Marianne Stephansen's friend); **Amy Franken** (sister of Kristi Shedden); **Andy Hedberg** (cousin of Simone Hedberg); **Sarah Kane** (friend of Stegners); **Adele Krans** (John Stegner's sister); **Jan Law** (Sue Nevedal's mother); **Kenneth Lee** (son of Eric Carlson's friend); **(Wendy Mallaber** (Gary Kratts' sister); **Willie McClain** (Julia Zeller's father); **Ann Miller & Karen Milanc** (friends of the Carole & Tom Mustaleski); **Marjorie Miller** (mother of Darlene Smolik); **Linda Millis** (Rosemary Ried's daughter); **Paul Montgomery** (friend of Mike Nelson); **Brian Nansel** (brother of Beth English); **The Morrison Family** (friends of Chuck Evans); **Mike Murrell** (former co-worker of Allan Ellstrom); **Sue Noonchester** (Friend of Carla Schirmer), **Lisa Oakley** (co-worker of Nancy Simon); **Jeff Ortman** (brother of Deb Stegner); **Greg Pfahles** (Cousin of Sue Carlson); **Lorraine Rajkowski** (Gary Kratts' co-worker); **Charles Savas Family** (friends of Rosemary Ried); **Mel Schulz** (Eva Kratts' uncle); **Stasiunus family** (friends of the Stegners); **Rick Streeter** (family friend of the Hudnalls); **Kitty Thompson** (Adele Soucy's sister); **Sandy White** (friend of the Hendersons); **John Witz** (Pam Kish's brother-in-law)

**Military:** **Erik Aderman** (nephew of Allan Ellstrom); **Tarren & David Barrett** (daughter & son-in-law of Janet & Tom Barnes & granddaughter of Bob and Evalyn Storm); **Timothy Brig** (grandson of Eileen Zetterberg); **Taylor Dobson** (grandson of Bob & Evalyn Storm); **Paul Newpher** (Jim & Susan McLemore's son-in-law); **Jeff Smolik** (son of Darlene & John Smolik)

***ELCA Prayer Ventures***  
***March 15-22***

22  
Give thanks to God for our American Indian and Alaska Native brothers and sisters in Christ and the 30 native congregations committed to reconciliation and the mutual building up of the saints—people of all backgrounds, tribes, regions, communities, congregations and needs.

23  
Pray for God's patience and forgiveness when we quarrel and complain against each other that we remember God's love and mercy toward us, that our faith be restored and we rediscover the joy and blessings of treating one another with respect, compassion and empathy.

24  
Pray for the people of El Salvador and their church leaders who have been bold, courageous public witnesses of the Christian faith, justice and reconciliation in the face of persecution, war, injustice and economic struggle. Ask the Spirit to stir in us compassion that we not forget their plight and ongoing struggles and that we seek ways to encourage hope and work for the renewal and well-being of their communities and society.

25  
Pray for the 12 ELCA missionaries serving in Japan that their work with local partners and congregations, particularly in

teaching English, music and theological education, will equip and inspire others as leaders in the church and followers of Christ.

26  
Praise God that there is no sin, illness or difficulty in life that exceeds the ability of Jesus Christ—the one who reveals God's power and works to us—to forgive, heal or resolve.

27  
We give thanks for farmers and ranchers who carefully tend their crops, animals, orchards and resources and ask they be blessed with abundant harvests and wisdom in their planning and planting for the sake of feeding and sustaining the world.

28  
Thank God for anointing us as forgiven, renewed children of God, marked and chosen to be disciples devoted to witness and service in the world.

29  
Pray the Holy Spirit will guide and equip us to live in the light of Christ, to live differently than when we lived in darkness and hopelessness, that our lives be pleasing to God and a sure sign to others of God's love and ways.

## **Cottage Meetings**

Communication in the life of a congregation is vital for any congregation to remain healthy. Pastor Ralph and the Council would like to invite the congregation to gather for conversation. The topic of this conversation is “*The Future: What Will Peace Lutheran Look Like?*” Pastor and council are seeking your input to this conversation. What do you envision Peace will look like in the next 3, 5, 10 years? What ministries do you think will be vital to the life of our congregation and how should we address those ministries now to be prepared for the future? What can we do now to secure the future of Peace? There are four opportunities to meet and each is a repeat. Dates for the meetings are Wednesday, March 29 at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, April 2 at 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 9 at 12:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served for each meeting. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact the Church office for more information.

## ***WORSHIP***

### **The Seven Last Words of Christ Cantata**

The Peace Lutheran choir, along with choir members of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, will present *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, a cantata by Theodore Dubois, on Good Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. This is one of the most famous and most performed Lenten cantatas. It is very dramatic and poignant in its message. Mark your calendars now to attend, and please invite your family, friends and neighbors to share in this meaningful evening of music. If you are interested in joining the choir for this special presentation, please see Emily Anderson for details.

## ***DISCIPLESHIP***

### **Baptismal Living - Adult Sunday School Study**

Today during the Sunday school hour and continuing all during Lent, Pastor Ralph will be teaching a class entitled *Baptismal Living*. This class will focus on our Lutheran understanding of what it means to live out your baptism in the world. Background resources will include much of Martin Luther's teaching on baptism and grace; prayer, worship, study, service, giving. All are invited!

## **Adult Bible Study**

Pastor Ralph's Adult Bible Study continues each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. This year is the 4th of our narrative lectionary and completes the cycle of the gospels. As always the readings begin in Genesis and in chronological order move through the Old Testament. Our Gospel cycle this year is the gospel of Luke. Please let Pastor Ralph know if you are planning on attending so that he can get you some support materials before each class.

## ***OUTREACH***

### **Help Needed for the KARM Luncheon on April 1**

We need volunteers to help serve lunch at KARM on Saturday, April 1. Our menu will be spaghetti, green beans, corn bread, fruit, and chocolate cake. We can show our thanks by serving those less fortunate. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the church or contact Chuck Utesch at (865) 247-6816 or [utesch@comcast.net](mailto:utesch@comcast.net) if you are able to help. We meet at KARM at 9:00 a.m. to begin preparation and we will be finished by 1:00 p.m. KARM is located at 418 N. Broadway. We also meet at the church and leave there at 8:30 a.m. This is a great way to give back to the community.

### **FISH Delivery**

According to the person who would help connect our phone to the FISH line, there have been no requests for help for two weeks. Teams from Peace will be organized to deliver on April 1. Donna will call the regulars, but feel free to call first and volunteer. Newcomers are welcome; training is provided.

## ***NURTURE***

### **TGIF- Carrabba's Italian Grill**

We will be celebrating TGIF on Friday, March 31. We will meet at Carrabba's at 6:00 p.m. They are located at 324 North Peters Rd. Please join us for food and fun. There is a sign-up sheet at Church. Please call Chuck Utesch at (865) 438-1095 if you have any questions.

### **Men's Breakfast Alert**

Men, we will meet at St. John's Lutheran downtown for a pancake breakfast being served by the Kiwanis. Kiwanis member Bill Larson has graciously purchased tickets and is providing them to us for free. Just ask him for a ticket before then or

get one from him at the door on April 1. Let Dale Kangas know if you would like to meet at Peace at 7:45 that morning to carpool to St. John's. Bill is providing a table for us so the men of Peace can sit together.

### **Women's Book Group**

On Tuesday, April 4, at 10 a.m. we will discuss *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng, a novel about a Chinese-American family. Looking ahead: May 2, *Charles and Emma: the Darwins' Leap of Faith* by Deborah Heiligman.

### **Potluck Continues!**

Meals before the 7 p.m. Lenten services will continue this Wednesday and will be held every Wednesday through April 5th. They are at 6 p.m. and they will be potluck. Nurture Commission members will be in charge of the set up and clean up for the meals but we welcome volunteers to help! Sign up sheets are on the board in the hallway.

### **Easter Egg-stravaganza**

Please plan to join in the fun at Egg-stravaganza April 15, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Kids of all ages will make butterflies for the church windows, make a craft to take home, have their face painted, hear the Easter story, enjoy a snack and of course hunt for Easter Eggs! Bring your friends and neighbors.

## ***MISCELLANEOUS***

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Many Thrivent members get *Choice Dollars* to direct to the non-profit organization of their choice. Some members choose to direct those to Peace Lutheran. If you have any *Choice Dollars* left undirected from 2016, they will vanish on March 31, 2017. To direct your dollars to Peace, visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. Ask Donna Ellstrom for more detailed instructions if you need them.

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