

Weekly Messenger

Vision Statement

Bringing Christ to Our World.

Mission Statement

*Saved by Grace, Nurtured in Faith, Equipped to Serve:
we are God's hands for others*

Ministers

All Members of Peace Lutheran

Pastor

Ralph Kirkpatrick



September 27, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

October 1, 2017

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

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, September 27

10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study Group
6:00 p.m. Men of Peace
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 28

12:00 p.m. S-Anon Meeting
6:30 p.m. Troop 20776
7:00 p.m. Troop 20574
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Friday, September 29

6:00 p.m. TGIF Pizza Blast at Peace

Saturday, September 30

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

Sunday, October 1

8:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship w/Communion
12:00 p.m. Hunger Hike
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon
4:00 p.m. Confirmation

Monday, October 2

1:30 p.m. Shake Your Soul Dance
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. VDC Men
6:00 p.m. Great Commission Heads
6:30 p.m. Great Commission Groups
6:30 p.m. Troop 20574
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, October 3

Pastor Ralph's Day Off

10:00 a.m. Women's Book Group
6:30 p.m. Troop 20227
7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble
7:00 p.m. Knox Homeowners

Wednesday, October 4

10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study Group
6:00 p.m. Men of Peace
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 5

12:00 p.m. S-Anon Meeting
6:30 p.m. Troop 20776
7:00 p.m. Troop 20574
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Saturday, October 7

FISH Deliveries
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Class

Sunday, October 8

Lifting of Silver
8:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship w/Communion
12:00 p.m. Hunger Hike
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon
4:00 p.m. Al-Anon KADA Meeting

Serving This Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion
10/1/2017

8:30

Assisting Minister: Gage
Lector/Comm. Asst.: Kangas, D
Sound: TBA
Usher: Anderson
Greeter: Utesch
Altar Guild: Buckley

10:45

Assisting Minister: Storm-Barnes
Lector/Comm Asst.: Ellstrom, D.
Sound: Toby
Ushers: Burnett, Ellstrom
Greeter: Storm, Zeller
Altar Guild: Kristie Toby (Jaden)
Bread & Wine: Storm-Barnes
Tellers: TBA
Coffee: Kangas, Carlson

Peace Prayers

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

Members: Cassie Barnes, Ernie Dickson, Allan Ellstrom, Tony Kampwerth, Pam Kish, Gary Kratts, Bethany Ladner, Bill McCamy, Stacy Nelson, David & Charlene Ottinger, Noreen Quirand, Carla Schirmer, Ruth Stallmann, Ryan Toby

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Family & Friends: **Samantha Adamson** (niece of Eva Kratts); **Rosemary Aumaugher** (mother of Gary Aumaugher); **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); **Julie** (Friend of Lisa Lyford); **Wendy Mallaber** (Gary Kratts' sister); **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); **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); **Taylor Ramsey** (friend of Carlsons); **Charles Savas Family** (friends of Rosemary Ried); **Mel Schulz** (Eva Kratts' uncle); **Stasiunus family** (friends of the Stegners); **Ben Williamson** (grand nephew of Gary Kratts); **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

September 27-October 4

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Everyday there are countless occasions for blessing and praising God's name in prayer for God's greatness, wondrous acts, goodness, mercy and love.

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Remember in prayer our 65 synod bishops, Secretary Chris Boerger and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton gathering for the Conference of Bishops. Ask God to inspire and guide them through worship, study and deliberation together, for the sake of the church and the world.

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Michael and All Angels

Among the mysteries of faith we wrestle with, we ask God to help us understand and give thanks for angels and heavenly beings – messengers of God – who throughout history have spoken for God, brought us good news, reassured us and helped us understand God's will and intentions in our times of uncertainty, confusion and questioning.

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Give thanks for the opportunities we have through our Mission Support to encourage, sustain and advance ELCA ministries and partnerships making a hope-filled difference in people's lives here and globally.

1

World Communion Sunday

(Global Church Sundays) Each year, more than 225 ELCA missionaries, including Young Adults in Global Mission, serve in more than 40 countries around the world.

We remember in our prayers and support these servants of Christ working alongside companion churches proclaiming the gospel, raising up leaders, caring for people in need and developing new ways of being church together.

2

Give thanks for our sisters and brothers – bishops, pastors, deacons, people of God – who walk the way of the cross with other courageous and faithful people to stand against bigotry, hatred and violence; to stand with those who are intended victims; and to stand for justice and mercy, peace and equality for all people – beloved children of a just, merciful and loving God.

3

We remember in our prayers congregations, church-related organizations, rostered ministers and candidates for rostered ministry engaged in the call process, a time of thoughtful assessment and prayerful discernment about their work together in ministry and mission.

4

Francis of Assisi

We pray our daily lives reflect humility, generosity, love and respect for our neighbor, all living things, natural resources that sustain us and the environment – gifts from our loving God, source of all that exists.

DISCIPLESHIP

Adult Midweek Bible Study Continues

The Midweek study will undertake a year long study of the book of Romans. This is Paul's most famous letter and was influential in Martin Luther's insights that began his personal transformation and then led to the Reformation.

Adult Sunday Morning Class

The class continues Sunday with a seven week course entitled: "By Heart. Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism." This will be a lead-in to Reformation Sunday activities.

WORSHIP

OUTREACH

Many Thanks

Kathleen Schuller, Donna Ellstrom, Mary Ellen Kangas, Adele Soucy, Nancy Simon, Jan Larson, Pete and Phyllis Etzler, Ginger Tevault, Ralph and Frannie Kirkpatrick, Judy Terwell, Anita Hemmeter, Anne Hudnall, Deb Stegner, and Rosemary Ried, thank you for the food you brought to feed the college students. We did not run out of food, but it was very close; many came back for seconds, even thirds. Thanks to Ralph and Frannie Kirkpatrick, Kristi Shedden, Anastasia Chitwood, Jaden Toby, and Allan and Donna Ellstrom for warming the food and serving.

KARM Luncheon- October 14

We need volunteers to help serve lunch at KARM on Saturday, October 14. 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) 438-1095 or chuck.utesch@gmail.com 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.

Global Church Sunday

Coming this October 15 we will celebrate Global Church Sunday (and Bread for the World Sunday) with a visit from Rachel Carle, a young person who has been a Young Adult in Global Mission for the ELCA. Rachel spent her year in Cambodia, and she wrote and probably still writes an interesting blog which you can find at ongoingsomewhere.wordpress.com. She talks about being there to listen and bear witness, not to pity or to fix something. Her writing is compelling, and there are pictures. You will get to hear her speak during the worship service and between services at a reception for her.

Hunger Hike - THIS SUNDAY

The Hunger Hike is Sunday, October 1. We gather at Victor Ashe Park at 2:00; the hike begins at 2:30. We can expect lots of people, simple snacks, water, and even a T-shirt or cloth bag. The hike isn't long, but after the hike there has been and probably will be a drawing for prizes. We usually have a few winners in our group. About \$1,500 has been pledged so far, but it is not too late to put your name on a sponsor sheet. Sponsors, you only need to write one check to Peace Lutheran no matter how many hikers you sponsored. Put Hunger Hike in the memo line.

NURTURE

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

Men, remember to mark your calendar for the first Saturday of October--the 7th, and time for our Men's Breakfast. Bring your tall tales to share and enjoy some real breakfast kind of food. A sign up sheet is in the foyer hallway.

Men's Book Club

Five men got together recently to discuss Salt to the Sea. It was fun and interesting to share personal memories, insights and anecdotes, which made having read the book even more interesting. We chose the next book to be Dispatches from Pluto by Richard Grant (subtitled Lost and Found in the Mississippi Delta). We will meet next on the second Tuesday of the month, October 10, at 9:30 a.m. All men are cordially invited to join us.

October Train Ride

Update: Two people have had to drop out of the train ride October 22. If you would like to take their place, please call Donna Ellstrom or Dee Smolik.

The train ride is not until October 22, but riders should be planning ahead to come to early service that Sunday. We need to be in Etowah shortly ahead of our scheduled 1:30 boarding time. Donna Ellstrom's credit card statement already arrived so please help her stay solvent by paying the \$48 a person for your ticket. Also please let her know if you want to carpool from church.

TGIF Pizza for FISH - THIS FRIDAY

We will have a TGIF Pizza Dinner benefitting FISH, on **September 29 at Peace, starting at 6:00 p.m.** The Simons got a Thrivent Action Team award for the pizza supplies. Your complete pizza dinner will be provided; however, if you want wine or beer with your pizza then please bring that. Your donation of what you might have spent at a restaurant will all go to stock the FISH pantry in December. In fact, if Simons have any Thrivent money left over, they will donate that to the West Knox County FISH Pantry for nonfood items like diapers and toilet paper.

People Update

Tony Kampwerth is at Shannondale in Room 512.

Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, October 3, at 10 a.m. we will discuss *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult, a novel about race and prejudice in America. Looking ahead: November 7, *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead.

MISCELLANEOUS

Aging: A Family Affair

This annual conference always has great information plus food and vendors. This year it is November 9 at Rothchild Conference Center. Pay by October 27, and the cost is \$25, including food; later pay \$30. Get a brochure from the Outreach board if you are interested.

Women's Day of Prayer

The Knoxville Christian Center, 818 N. Cedar Bluff Rd., have invited us to the Knoxville Area Women's Day of Prayer on Monday, October 9, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Many Thanks

Thank you to the many people who donated snacks for Cedar Bluff Elementary. The snacks have been delivered to the school.

2018 Offering Envelopes

A limited number of 2018 offering envelope sets are now available for those wanting to utilize them. **If you are wishing to use offering envelopes for next year, please contact the church office by 9/29 to request your set. We have only had seven families request envelopes.** -Kevin Burnett, Financial Secretary

Louie Bluie Music and Arts Festival - THIS SATURDAY

The 11th annual Louie Bluie Music and Arts Festival will be held Sat, Sept 30 at Cove Lake State Park in Caryville, TN from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be 4 tents filled with musicians on a rotating basis (too many to attend all). There are arts, crafts and food vendors. There is a juried quilt show where attendees can vote in a people's choice contest. There are kids activities including a kids parade and an acoustic jam session open to all players. Howard "Louie Bluie" Armstrong was a self taught artist and blues musician who lived the 1920's. As a child, he made his own paint brushes using fur from his cat's tail. He spoke several languages and played numerous instruments. If you love the arts, music, and a good time, you will certainly enjoy this. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex hallway. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church parking lot. This is a free event, only 30-45 minutes from Knoxville. The organizers do ask for a donation. Contact Adele Soucy for more information.

Ordination Service

By the Grace of God The Reverend H. Julian Gordy Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will Ordain Michael J. Sauls to the Office of

Word and Sacrament in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church on Saturday the seventh day of October two thousand and seventeen at two o'clock in the afternoon at Reformation Lutheran Church 400 West Main Street Greeneville, Tennessee. Your prayers and presence are requested. Rostered leaders are invited to vest and process. The color of the day is red. Reception to follow.

A Note from Missionary David Brondos

Dear friends,

We want to thank you for all of your messages and your concern for us. Please forgive me for not responding individually, but I thought I would send this email out to you.

We thank God that we are fine, as is everyone else we know here personally. This was the strongest earthquake I have ever felt. Stronger than 1985. I had not put the emergency brake on my car and it was rocking backward and forward at least two or maybe three feet. We have only a few new small cracks on the outside of our house (that do not affect the structure), but all else is well.

But as you can imagine, we are also heartbroken and mourning.

The song/video that I listen to/watch when I mourn over victims of earthquakes and hurricanes at times like this is one sung by Ben Larson. Many of you will remember the death of Ben in 2010 in the earthquake in Haiti. At the time I copied and pasted information regarding Ben, whom I never met, into a document and shared it orally in Spanish with my students (please forgive me for not including the sources on the document). The cousin of Abel Gutierrez (see our last newsletter), named Marcos Morales, was so deeply moved that he downloaded Ben's version of "Y si vivimos" from a website along with photos and made a Youtube video.

I share that document with you (attached) for you to help you reflect on what so many people are going through right now. The link to the video is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1G6L_3RmCpM The lyrics in Spanish are the same that Ben sings in English.

I cite from the end of the document and merely ask you to apply the same thoughts to the victims of the two earthquakes in Mexico here these past weeks, the victims of the hurricanes in Puerto Rico, and the other victims of the natural disasters that have been happening elsewhere as well:

"In the Haitian rubble Ben's life joins these dear beloved people of God: all those parents crying for their children; young widows calling out for their husbands; new orphans searching for their parents."

We pray for them all.

Blessings,
David Brondos

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