

# **Weekly Messenger**

## **Reaching UP-IN-OUT**

Ministers: All Members of Peace Lutheran  
Ralph Kirkpatrick, Pastor



November 23-30, 2016

## **First Sunday of Advent**

### **November 27, 2016**

Worship with Holy Communion  
8:30 am & 10:45 am Sunday Worship

## ***Peace Weekly Calendar***

### **Wednesday, November 23**

10:30 am PR Bible Study  
No Men of Peace  
No Choir Practice

### **Thursday, November 24**

Thanksgiving Day  
Offices Closed  
12:00 pm S-Anon Meeting

### **Saturday, November 26**

8:00 pm Men's Breakfast  
9:00 am Hanging of the Greens  
12:00 pm Al-Anon  
2:00 pm Portrait Art Class

### **Sunday, November 27**

8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion  
10:45 am Worship with Holy Communion  
2:30 pm Al-Anon

### **Monday, November 28**

**Pastor Ralph's Day Off**  
1:30 pm Shake Your Soul Dance  
5:30 pm Al-Anon  
6:00 pm VDC Men  
6:00 pm VDC Women  
6:30 pm Troop 20117  
7:00 pm Tai Chi

### **Tuesday, November 29**

7:00 pm TN Valley Ensemble

### **Wednesday, November 30**

10:30 am PR Bible Study  
6:00 pm Advent Meal  
6:50 pm Advent Worship  
6:00 pm Men of Peace  
6:30 pm Choir Practice

### **Thursday, December 1**

12:00 pm S-Anon Meeting  
3:00 pm STEM Scouts  
6:30 pm Troop 20776  
7:00 pm Tai Chi

### **Saturday, December 3**

FISH Deliveries  
12:00 pm Al-Anon  
2:00 pm Portrait Art Class

### **Sunday, December 4**

8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship with Holy Communion  
2:30 pm Al-Anon

## ***Serving this Sunday***

*Worship with Holy Communion*  
11/27/2016

### **8:30**

**Assisting Minister:** Anne Hudnall  
**Lector/Comm. Asst.:** A. Dautaurus  
**Sound:** Gary Kratts  
**Usher:** McLemore  
**Greeter:** McLemore  
**Altar Guild:** Sue Brown

### **10:45**

**Assisting Minister:** Nancy Simon  
**Lector/Comm. Asst.:** Deb Stegner  
**Sound:** Allan Ellstrom  
**Ushers:** Burnett, Ellstrom  
**Greeter:** Kampwerths  
**Altar Guild:** Kristie Toby  
**Bread & Wine:** Etzler  
**Tellers:** Simon, Bachmann  
**Coffee:** Tevault  
**Nursery:** Phyllis & Violet Etzler

# Peace Prayers

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

**Members:** Cassie Barnes, Ernie Dickson, Gary Kratts, Bill McCamy, Stacy Nelson, David & Charlene Ottinger, Ruth Stallmann, Carla Schirmer

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:** Megan & Paul Newpher are expecting their first baby in January; Alex & Andrea McLemore, on the birth of a boy (*Gray*)

**Family & Friends:** Samantha Adamson (niece of Eva Kratts); Rosemary Aumaugher (mother of Gary Aumaugher); Courtney & Marlon Beverly (friend of Marianne & Andy Stephansen); Vincent Briguccia (Eileen Zetterberg's son); David Brondos (missionary to Mexico); Terry Caldwell (brother-in-law of Ginger Tevault); Rosemary Clause (Sue Carlson's cousin); Jeff Davidson (friend of Janet Barnes); Maryann Dusbabek (Eva Kratts aunt); Erika (former student of Lisa Lyford); Brooke Evans (daughter of Chuck Evans); Kristyn Farley (daughter of Marianne Stephansen's friend); The Fenton Family (friends of Rayna Granvold); Amy Franken (sister of Kristi Shedden); Andy Hedberg (cousin of Simone Hedberg); Vic Heidle (wife of Jeff); Barbara Hudnall (Tim Hudnall's mother); Adele Krans (John Stegner's sister); The family of Paula Koenemann, (Pete Etzler's Aunt); Jan Law (Sue Nevedal's mother); Wendy Mallaber (Gary Kratts' sister); Willie McClain (Julia Zeller's father); Dr. Mike McCoy & family in the loss of his beloved son, Patrick (friends of Eric & Sue Carlson); 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); Lisa Oakley (co-worker of Nancy Simon); Adele Priest (Eileen Zetterberg's sister); 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); John Wehrs (Jennifer Utesch's brother); Scott Weimer (Cousin of Allan Ellstrom); 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); Jackie (student of Lisa Lyford)

## ELCA Prayer Ventures

### November 23-30

**23**

For people traveling to be with friends and family on the holidays, we pray for safe travel and joyful gatherings; for those who are alone, we pray they are welcomed in and know the joy of hospitality and community; for the many who work through the holidays, we pray our expressions of appreciation and blessing will lift their spirits and remind them they are not forgotten nor taken for granted.

**24**

*Thanksgiving Day*

We give thanks and praise to God in our prayers for all that we have received that sustains us, contributes to our joy and fullness of life, equips us to serve our neighbor and enables us to respond generously to people in need in our communities and globally.

**25**

Worship leaders, assistants and musicians help us celebrate, pray, grow in faith, center ourselves in God's Word and presence, and connect our faith with everyday life. For their leadership and guidance, we give thanks.

**26**

We remember in our prayers people who have few resources and not enough to sustain their lives and families and pray that we freely share our bounty with others while also working creatively with them to foster self-sufficient, thriving communities.

**27**

*First day of Advent*

Entering the season of Advent, we offer prayers in anticipation of celebrating Jesus' birth and, at the same time, prayers of thanksgiving for the fulfillment of God's promises and the love and new life we experience daily through Jesus Christ.

**28**

As God's children, we pray that our understanding and practice of stewardship reflect God's intent for humanity and all creation and that we value, respect, share and use wisely all that God has entrusted to our care.

**29**

We remember in our prayers places in the world recovering from earthquakes, draught, severe weather and other disasters, and we offer our thanksgiving and encouragement for the emergency relief work and presence of Lutheran Disaster Response and The Lutheran World Federation.

**30**

Just as the disciples who were fishermen dropped their nets and followed Jesus at his invitation, we pray that we too are willing and quick to follow Jesus and learn to share boldly the good news—the gospel message—with the world.

***Happy Birthday***

11/23 Phyllis Etzler  
11/26 Carol Hodges  
11/27 Mike Nelson  
11/29 Burt English  
11/30 Eldon English

***Baptismal Anniversary***

11/24 Jaden Toby  
11/25 Sue Nevedal  
11/29 Thomas Hudnall

***DISCIPLESHIP***

**Holiday Gift Bags for the Homebound Seniors**

Would you like to help brighten Christmas morning for homebound seniors. We will be collecting items again this year to be delivered with the mobile meals. Items needed include pens, notepads, watches, flashlights, soap, lotions, hand sanitizer, scarves, hats, socks, toothbrushes, tissues, combs, dish liquid, sponges, etc. Please see the complete list on the bulletin board. The bags will be male or female and will include a variety of items (1-3 items from each category). You can assemble a whole bag or donate individual items to be combined with others to complete a bag. Please make donations before December 5. Please contact Lori Burnett for more information.

**Adult Bible Study**

Pastor Ralph's Adult Bible Study continues each Wednesday at 10:30 am. 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.

**Christmas Program for the Children**

Families of Peace, the children and youth (along with your help) will be sharing the Christmas story during our scheduled midweek Advent service on Wednesday, December 21. They will present the familiar Nativity story in a unique way. We have a request, if you would like you can come already dressed as your favorite character from the story. If you can't find a costume at home, we will take care of you at church. So come, ready to sing, to listen, to learn, and to share, as we celebrate Christ's birth.

***OUTREACH***

## **Blankets for Butch's Homeless Veterans**

It is cold, and the men at Steps House are in dire need of blankets and bath towels. Gently used is quite acceptable as are purchases from dollar stores and other discount stores. The basket will move back into the Narthex so you can be reminded of the need.

## **Stocking the FISH Pantry**

We have set December 11 as the day to do a major bagging of groceries at the FISH Pantry. The more people working, the faster it goes. We need people who put two grocery bags together. We need people who keep the assembly line moving by delivering empty bags and by taking full bags to the shelves. We need people who put items into the bags as they go along the assembly line. And we need people who can take down boxes to get them ready for recycling. If you are physically able to do any of these tasks, then please volunteer. We will get started about 1:00 pm. (We may need a second minor bagging the last week of December.)

## **Boxes for College Undergraduates**

The Women of Peace packed boxes with goodies for college undergraduates and placed those boxes in the Narthex for families of those students to pick up and deliver to their children.

The women also bundled fabric and thread for a Lutheran World Relief project and sorted greeting cards that will be taken to Atchley Veterans Home. Next month we treat ourselves to a Christmas luncheon at Chop House on December 13 at 11:30 am. All women are invited. Please call Molly Biscoe if you haven't signed up already.

## ***NURTURE***

### **Soups, Breads, (and Desserts!!)**

Our Advent meals will again feature soups, breads, and desserts. They begin at 6PM before the Advent services starting on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the bulletin board. We are asking that the desserts on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> be Christmas Cookies. These will be served after the Children's Christmas Program as well as at the meal. This year, we are assigning each commission a meal to be in

charge of the set-up and clean-up (but extra hands are welcome!). Nurture is assigned Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Worship is Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, Discipleship is Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, and Outreach is Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Come and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship!

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

On Tuesday, December 6, at 10 am we will discuss *Inside the O'Brien's* by Lisa Genova, a novel about a family with Huntington's disease. Looking ahead: January 3, *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Life Line Screening Coming in March**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at Peace Lutheran Church. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at [www.lifelinescreening.com/advantageclub](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/advantageclub) and receive your Advantage club discount and your Preferred Appointment!

### **Need to email Pastor Ralph?**

The best email address to reach him is [ralphkirkpatrick@me.com](mailto:ralphkirkpatrick@me.com).

### **Need to email the church office?**

The best email address to reach Andrea is [peaceknoxville@icloud.com](mailto:peaceknoxville@icloud.com).

**The email address, [info@peaceknoxville.org](mailto:info@peaceknoxville.org), is no longer working.**

**Anything you send to that address will not be received.**