

Weekly Messenger

Reaching UP-IN-OUT

Ministers: All Members of Peace Lutheran
Ralph Kirkpatrick, Pastor



December 14-21, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

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

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, December 14

6:00 p.m. Advent Meal
6:50 p.m. Advent Worship
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 15

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

Saturday, December 17

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Class

Sunday, December 18

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, December 19

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
6:00 p.m. VDC Women
6:30 p.m. Troop 20574
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, December 20

7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, December 21

6:00 p.m. Advent Meal
6:50 p.m. Advent Children's Program
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Serving this Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion

12/11/2016

8:30

Assisting Minister: Linda McClanahan

Lector/Comm. Asst.: Barbara Kistler-Martin

Sound: George Anderson

Usher: Kratts

Greeter: Hudnall

Altar Guild: Share the responsibility.

10:45

Assisting Minister:

Lector/Comm. Asst.: Ryan Toby

Sound: Allan Ellstrom

Ushers: Klukken, Burnett

Greeter: Deb Stegner

Altar Guild: Share the responsibility.

Bread & Wine: Ried

Tellers: Anderson, Schuller

Coffee: Toby

Nursery: Lori Burnett

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, Carla Schirmer, Ruth Stallmann, Don Tevault

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); **Al & Lois Etzler** (Pete's brother & sister-in-law); **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); the family of **Lorraine Kemp** (Deb Stegner's aunt); **Adele Krans** (John Stegner's sister); **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); **Justin Selle** (friend of Larry Etzler); **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)

ELCA Prayer Ventures December 7-14

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We remember in our prayers the thousands of displaced refugees living in temporary camps this winter in the Middle East and pray their daily needs are met, they not lose hope and will someday return home or settle into new communities that are safe, nurture trust and care among neighbors and where all can prosper—in every way.

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Being engulfed by commercialism and pop culture traditions attached to the Christmas season, we ask God to remind us of and keep us centered in the simple, true essence of Christmas—the birth of Jesus Christ and God’s gift of love for all people.

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We remember in our prayers that our hope and help is found in God, who made heaven and earth and everything within them.

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People working during the holidays sacrifice much to serve our needs and our communities. We pray they find employment that pays fair wages to support themselves and their families, find times for rest and renewal, and experience the joy we have in Jesus Christ.

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We pray that we remain faithful, committed and receptive to God even in the face of the complexities and mysteries of life, just as Joseph and the pregnant Mary were in preparing to bring Jesus into the world—for the sake of the world.

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We remember in our prayers all people who are homeless or facing imminent homelessness and pray that the Spirit will guide us in helping them secure warm, safe and reliable shelter and homes.

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Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church (died 1552)

We give thanks to God for the life, faith and influence of Katie Luther, wife of Martin Luther, and remember in our prayers women throughout history who have helped influence, lead and grow the church and its mission in the world.

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Winter solstice

In our observance of Advent, we look to the lighting of candles to remind us of the light of Jesus Christ shining brightly without fail in the world, especially in places of despair and darkness where people long for light and hope.

Happy Birthday

12/15 Anastasia Chitwood
12/16 Jennifer Utesch
12/17 Richard Gage
12/19 Ginger Tevault

Baptismal Anniversary

12/15 Grace Schirmer
12/19 Allison Kroninger

Commissions will NOT be meeting in the month of December.
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

DISCIPLESHIP

Adult Sunday School 2017

From the producers of “**Reformation Roots**” comes “**We Must Plant The Church, The Story of Lutherans in America.**” This multi-week series will consist of a DVD viewing, and discussion of the information presented. The series begins from the time the first Lutherans arrived in the New World, continuing to the present day, with a discussion of where the Lutheran church will be in the future. The series begins on January 8, 2017. Hope to see you there.

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.

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.

KARM Luncheon

We need volunteers to help serve lunch at KARM on Saturday, December 24. Since this is Christmas Eve, we will be serving a special lunch. Our menu will be ham and mashed

potatoes, stuffing, green beans, corn bread, fruit, and chocolate cake. We are also going to set up the dining room with red table cloths, green napkins and green plastic cutlery. This is a great way to show our thanks by serving those less fortunate. Many of you have already offered to volunteer and we will need extra help to prepare and serve this special meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the church or contact Chuck Utesch at (865) 247-6816 or 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.

NURTURE

Thank you FISH Pantry Baggers

Having a partner church to stock the FISH Pantry has made it so much easier financially and physically. When we stocked the pantry Sunday, December 11, we got the bagging done in just 30 minutes. Rearranging the bags to put the oldest bags in the front and cleaning up afterward took a little more time, but it was still much easier than in past years. Thanks to the people who came to help, some of whom were suffering from seasonal maladies: Ellie Bachmann, Annastasia Chitwood, Jaden Toby, Kristi Shedden, Pastor Ralph Kirkpatrick, Mary Ellen Kangas, Pete Etzler, and Allan and Donna Ellstrom.

Treat Bags for Homeless Veterans

Thrivent Financial has again given us seed money to carry out a project. The money bought the items for treat bags for the men who live at Steps House. This is the ministry for which Butch Henderson works. You can be part of this project Wednesday, December 14. After you have

eaten and before you go to the sanctuary for the hymn sing, go into the first classroom and put items into a bag. If you do not come to the dinner, just come for the service a little early to help with this project. The second part of this project is to extend your hospitality to any of these men who might choose to be with us for an Advent service. They would come with Butch Henderson. This project is easy for us to accomplish, but hopefully it will be meaningful for the men of Steps House.

Men's Breakfast January 7, 2017

Start the first Saturday of the new year with a delicious breakfast and a chance to have some fellowship time with other men of the church! New members of Peace are especially encouraged to come and experience the fun and fellowship. If you want to bring something, a sign up sheet is in the the foyer, and if you bring a food that needs to be prepared, please come early enough to have it ready by 8 a.m.. Invite your relatives and friends, too! Questions? Contact Dale Kangas or Bob Storm.

Soups, Breads, (and Desserts!!)

Our Advent meals will again feature soups, breads, and desserts. They begin at 6 p.m. before the Advent services starting tonight. Please sign up on the bulletin board. We are asking that the desserts on December 21 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!) Discipleship is December 14, and Worship is December 21. Come and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship!

Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, January 3, at 10 a.m. we will discuss *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines, a novel about race and the death penalty. Looking ahead: February 7: *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Contact Kathleen Schuller if you have questions.

Quilting Dates for January

We will be quilting on Tuesday January 3, at 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, January 17, after the Tuesday Morning Women's Group meeting. All are welcome to come and give their aid with this project.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bill McCamy's New Address

Bill McCamy has arrived safely at his new home in Colorado. His new address is 4602 S Dudley St. Denver, CO 80123. (This is only a temporary address with his granddaughter until his new place is ready.)

Mistletoe & Malarkey

You can help stimulate Gatlinburg's economy. "Mistletoe & Malarkey" is the name of the holiday program at Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre. The Ellstroms are going on Tuesday, December 20, and invite you to join us. The show begins at 8 p.m. We usually eat dinner somewhere in Gatlinburg. If you're interested get in touch with Donna or Allan by December 18. It's fun, and they claim to make the best popcorn in Gatlinburg!

Staff Christmas Gifts

It is that time of year again when we can recognize our staff members at Peace with a little something extra for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the year. If you would like to contribute to this collection, please place your clearly marked gift into the collection plate on any Sunday or Wednesday evening service between now and Christmas Eve. The tellers will keep track of the collection and your gifts will be dispersed to our staff over the Christmas holiday. Thank you in advance for all of your generosity as we collect for various causes throughout the year!

Need to email Pastor Ralph?

The best email address to reach him is ralphkirkpatrick@me.com.

Need to email the church office?

The best email address to reach Andrea is peaceknoxville@icloud.com.

The email address, info@peaceknoxville.org, is no longer working.

Anything you send to that address will not be received.