

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



November 29, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

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

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

12:00 p.m. S-Anon
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Saturday, December 2

FISH Deliveries
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens
9:00 a.m. KARM Meal
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Class

Sunday, December 3

8:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
at Peace
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:00 a.m. Worship at Good Samaritan
12:00 p.m. Youth Event
2:00 p.m. Bagging Groceries at FISH
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon
4:00 p.m. Confirmation

Monday, December 4

1:30 p.m. Shake Your Soul Dance
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Sweet Adelines
6:00 p.m. VDC Men
6:30 p.m. Troop 20574
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, December 5

Pastor Ralph's Day Off

10:00 a.m. Women's Book Club
6:30 p.m. Troop 20227
7:00 p.m. Knox Homeowners

Wednesday, December 6

10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study Group

6:00 p.m. Advent Meal
7:00 p.m. Advent Worship
7:45 p.m. Men of Peace
8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 7

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

Saturday, December 9

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

Serving This Sunday

8:30 a.m.

8:30

Assisting Minister: McLemore

Lector/Comm. Asst.: Gage

Sound: Kratts

Usher: Anderson

Greeter: Terwell

Altar Guild: Shared Responsibility

Bread & Wine: Simon

Tellers: Kratts, Toby

Coffee: McLemore, Toby

Peace Prayers

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

Members: Emily Anderson, Cassie Barnes, Ernie Dickson, Simone Hedberg, Tony Kampwerth, Pam Kish, Gary Kratts, Bethany Ladner, Bill McCamy, Stacy Nelson, Sue Nevedal, David & Charlene Ottinger, Noreen Quirand, Carla Schirmer, Ruth Stallmann

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Morrie & Suellen Meyer (51st Wedding Anniversary on 12/1)

Family & Friends: Samantha Adamson (niece of Eva Kratts); **John Anderson** (Tasha Abbott's step father); **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); Matthew Meyer (grandson of Morrie & Suellen Meyer); **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); **Mitchell & Amy Jo Smith** (Emily Anderson's parents); **Stasiunus family** (friends of the Stegners); **Mary Jo Thompson** (Adele Soucy's cousin); **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

November 29-December 6

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We remember in our prayers the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities, a collaboration of the ELCA churchwide organization and our 26 colleges and universities dedicated to the freedom of inquiry and the development of the whole person in body, mind and spirit.

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Andrew, Apostle

Andrew dropped his fishing net and familiar livelihood to follow Jesus. Ask God to help us discern what we can drop or reprioritize for the sake of following Jesus as a disciple, servant and witness to the gospel that others may believe and follow too.

1

Give thanks for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, through the Sierra Pacific Synod and Luther Social Services of Northern California, helping address the needs of those affected by recent widespread wildfires in California. Pray all those suffering loss and distress find hope and support throughout their recovery, rebuilding and healing.

2

We continue to pray for people and communities recovering from the devastation and loss caused by recent hurricanes – especially in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other locations in the Caribbean, and Gulf Coast and Southeastern states – that they not lose hope, will receive ongoing

support and assistance, and will be strengthened and encouraged by our caring for one another.

3

First Sunday of Advent

Pray to be alert in faith and life in grateful response for the gift of Jesus Christ breaking into the darkness of the world with love and mercy and for the promised return of our Lord.

4

We remember in our prayers the Rev. Kirsten Fryer, Justin Kolb and Dr. Michael Parker, ELCA missionaries serving in Egypt alongside companion churches proclaiming the gospel, developing future leaders and strengthening parish ministry.

5

When we grow weary, discouraged or compelled to give up, we pray as the psalmist prayed, “Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.”

6

For the sake of doing God’s work in the world, pray God will shape our words to inspire, comfort, give hope, hold each other accountable and invite our neighbor to know God’s mercy and love; enlighten our actions through the word of God, conversations, relationships and encounters with people rather than acting on what we believe is best for them.

Birthdays

11/29 Burt English
11/30 Eldon English
12/6 Tim Hudnall
12/6 Nancy Simon

Baptismal Anniversary

11/29 Thomas Hudnall
Ray Rosch
12/1 Gretchen Kratts
12/2 Gary Kratts

Wedding Anniversary

12/1 Morrie & Suellen Meyer

Dear Members of Peace,

As we begin the journey to the cradle where our greatest gift awaits us, I want to ask you to prayerful consider giving to our staff gifts this holiday season. You may give your gift in the offering plate. Please be sure to include in the memo line what it is for and all gifts will be giving out by the end of the year so be sure to give by the Sunday the 24th. It is an honor to serve this congregation as President, and I see the hard work our staff does first hand. I know many of you see the hard work of our staff every Sunday when you come to Peace to worship. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in giving to those who serve us here at Peace.



Peace be with you all, Anne Hudnall

WORSHIP

Joint Service with Good Samaritan

This Sunday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. we will have a joint service with Good Samaritan Episcopal Church (425 North Cedar Bluff Road). We will hear the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry. Bishop Curry is an outstanding, captivating, and exciting preacher! This joint service will help us kick off the new Church Year with the Advent of the Christ Child. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Important dates for the remainder of 2017

- December 2—Hanging of the Greens
- December 3—First Sunday of Advent. There will be only one service at Peace – at 8:30 a.m. to allow for everyone to attend the service at Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan service starts at 10:00 a.m. and we will be providing shuttle service to alleviate parking problems
- December 6, 13—Advent Wednesday Meal (6:00 p.m.) and Worship (7:00 p.m.)
- December 20—Advent Wednesday Meal and Worship, Children's Christmas Pageant
- December 24—Christmas Eve Worship
9:30 a.m.—Morning Service

4:30 p.m.—Kid friendly Service

7:00 p.m.—Candlelight service with Choir

- December 31—A service of Carols and Readings – no communion.

Did You Know?

- *Did you know* that the Worship Commission will answer any questions you have regarding the service? Just jot your question on a piece of paper and put it in the KRATTS folder in the Narthex.

DISCIPLESHIP

Adult Sunday Class

To be in the world is to be subjected to all manner of influence and demands. Left to its own designs, the world will take the lead - frequently not in a good direction. As a Christian, we are to be leaven to the dough and a light in the darkness. We are to lead the way! What exactly does that mean? How do we do it? Our creation was purposeful and intentional. So should our lives be. Join Bill Halsey on Sunday for a curriculum called *In But Not Of: Live the Life That You Were Born For*.

OUTREACH

URGENT NEED

URGENT! KARM We only have 5 people signed up for Saturday, December 2nd. We need 8-10 people to prepare and serve the food. If you are able to help, please send an email to chuck.utesch@gmail.com or call/text Chuck at (865) 438-1095.

Feeding the Hungry

We have many opportunities next weekend to take care of “the least of these who are members of God’s family,” including several FISH opportunities and preparing and serving lunch at KARM. We have been blessed to be a blessing.

- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**, at 1:00 PM, at the FISH PANTRY, able-bodied people are invited to unload the truck, taking groceries into the pantry. This is not wimpy work; expect to get tired and feel real good about doing your part to feed hungry people.
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**, at 9:00 AM, at KARM, prepare and serve lunch. Let Chuck Utesch know that you will be there.
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**, at 1:00 PM, at the FISH PANTRY, load up and then deliver grocery bags to hungry people. Let Donna Ellstrom know that you are available.
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**, at about 2:00 PM, at the FISH PANTRY, be part of the assembly line to put cans and boxes and bags of food into grocery bags. Jobs require some bending and/or lifting. Double bagging the grocery bags is tedious, but not too strenuous. Preparing packaging for recycling is not too strenuous. The youth will be there, but some adult help is always a good plan.

Gifts for Mobile Meals Clients

If you would like to donate a gift for a Mobile Meals recipient, you can put it in the designated basket in the hallway and Donna E. will get it to the Office on Aging. Suggested items are for personal care, comfort (like gloves and throws), home & kitchen (like hand towels and jar openers), and utility (like flashlights and pens). Think Dollar Tree and just browse the aisles looking for inexpensive gift ideas. The basket will be there through December 10.

Justice Knox

This past Monday night, ten members of Peace attended the Knox Justice meeting this past Monday night at Tabernacle Baptist. Peace was included in the 200+ people from 20+ Knoxville congregations who voted to choose Affordable Housing/homelessness as an issue to work on this coming year. Justice Knox will meet and work with City and County agency officials and others to research the causes of the shortage of affordable housing and ways to increase the availability of suitable housing. The causes of the lack of affordable housing include rising rents and gentrification, and have forced people into poor housing and even homelessness. See Pastor Ralph, Donna Ellstrom, or Dale Kangas for more information.

KARM Luncheon December 2

We need volunteers to help serve lunch at KARM on Saturday, December 2. 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.

NURTURE

Women's Christmas Luncheon

All women are invited to attend the Christmas Luncheon December 19, at 11:00 a.m., at the Chop House on Kingston Pike. We treat ourselves to this fine meal and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet on a bulletin board in the hall; we need this to make accurate reservations. We hope you can come.

It's that time again! Soups, breads, and desserts!

Our Advent meals will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 6, 13, and 20 before the 7:00 p.m. Advent worship services. Once again, we will have soups, breads, and desserts. There is a sign-up sheet for each week on the bulletin board. The Nurture Commission will have members assigned to set up each meal and we will also clean up, but we can always use extra hands to make the clean-up go more quickly! Please consider signing up to help us out. This is a wonderful time of food and fellowship, and we hope to see you there! ~ Nurture Commission

TGIF - More Details will Follow

We have a host for the next several TGIF events. We will combine our love for dining together with the need of the youth to raise money for their summer trip to the youth get-together. The restaurants will give some of their profits to this cause.

Women's Book Club

On Tuesday, December 5, at 10 a.m. we will discuss The Book of Unknown Americans by Christina Henriquez, a novel about new immigrants. Looking ahead: January 9, Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf. **NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR JANUARY.**

MISCELLANEOUS

Memorial Service Information

A Memorial Service for Mitchell Dean Smith, Emily Anderson's father, will be held on Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Church at Tellico Village. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. You can view his obituary online at <https://goo.gl/cjZqG1>

Zoo Knoxville Tickets

The Ellstroms have some complimentary tickets for Zoo Knoxville, which they would like to share with you. The only catch is that they expire on December 31, 2017. If you can use any, they are on one of the bulletin boards in the narthex. Enjoy!

Thank you from the Kampwerths

The Kampwerths thank God for the generous and gracious blessing our friends at Peace have been to our family during these first months of the long healing journey ahead for Tony, from his traumatic injury. Your unending concerns and prayers are so much appreciated. The meals that were brought to our door depict the flavor of Love Peace shares within its walls. They have definitely been lovingly prepared especially with Tony's specific needs in mind. Just perfect! The personal visits have been uplifting for him and he looks forward to continuing visits in months ahead. He really enjoys your company. God's Peace, Tony and Ann

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