

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



February 14, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

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

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, February 14

10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Meal
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, February 22

6:00 p.m. Men of Peace
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 15

Pastor Ralph's Day Off

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, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

Lifting of Silver

8:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship w/Communion
12:00 p.m. Council Meeting
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon
4:00 p.m. Confirmation

Monday, February 19

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
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, February 20

10:00 a.m. Women of Peace
7:00 p.m. Tennessee Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, February 21

10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Serving on Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

2/18/2018

8:30

Assisting Minister: Buckley
Lector/Comm. Asst.: Larson, J.
Sound: TBA
Usher: Anderson
Greeter: Hudnall
Altar Guild: Gage

10:45

Assisting Minister: Ellstrom, A.
Lector/Comm Asst.: Simon
Sound: Klukken
Ushers: Stephansen, English
Greeter: Biscoe
Altar Guild: Toby (Jaden)
Bread & Wine: Gage
Tellers: Ellstrom. D., Tevault

Peace Prayers

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

Members: Cassie Barnes, Ernie Dickson, Ida Jenkins, Tony Kampwerth, Gary Kratts, Bethany Ladner, Bill McCamy, Stacy Nelson, David & Charlene Ottinger, Noreen Quirand, Carla Schirmer, Ruth Stallmann

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Family & Friends: **Samantha Adamson** (niece of Eva Kratts); **John Anderson** (Tasha Abbott's step father); **Rosemary Aumaugher** (mother of Gary Aumaugher); **Courtney, Marlon, and Heaven Beverly** (friends of Marianne & Andy Stephansen); **Jeff Brig & Vincent Briguccia** (Eileen Zetterberg's sons); **David Brondos** (missionary to Mexico); **Rosemary Clause** (Sue Carlson's cousin); **Betty Collins** (Butch Henderson's sister); **Jeff Davidson** (friend of Janet Barnes); **Maryann Dusbabek** (Eva Kratts aunt); **Al & Lois Etzler** (Pete's brother & sister-in-law); **Kristyn Farley** (daughter of Marianne Stephansen's friend); **Amy Franken** (sister of Kristi Shedden); **Andy Hedberg** (cousin of Simone Hedberg); **Jim Kemp** (cousin of Deb Stegner); **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); **Mike Murrell** (former co-worker of Allan Ellstrom); **Sue Noonchester** (Friend of Carla Schirmer), **Lisa Oakley** (co-worker of Nancy Simon); **Greg Pfahles** (Cousin of Sue Carlson); **Taylor Ramsey** (friend of Carlsons); **Charles Savas Family** (friends of Rosemary Ried); **Mel Schulz** (Eva Kratts' uncle); **Amy Jo Smith** (Emily Anderson's mother); **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); **Terra Caldwell** (Ginger Tevault's niece)

ELCA Prayer Ventures *February 14-21*

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Ash Wednesday

We pray with humility and repentance as we begin our journey through Lent that, even in our imperfection and weakness, we never lose sight of the good news that God's love and mercy are unwavering and that our lives are made new and whole through our baptism into Christ's life, death and resurrection.

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Give thanks for those who have been called to vocations of writing and editing books for children, youth and adults, theological publications, worship resources, curricula for faith formation, devotional and prayer guides, and resources for congregational leaders.

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God shines brightly in the world and universe and is not silent. Give thanks and praise to God, and ask that our witness be bold and bright in declaring God's boundless power, righteousness and love.

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As our Lenten journey continues, we reflect on our lives and faith with humility and honesty, immersing ourselves in prayers for God's mercy and rejoicing in the gifts of love, forgiveness and salvation we have through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Give thanks to God that the Spirit that sustained and protected Jesus in the wilderness against Satan and temptation is the same Spirit with us today, strengthening our faith and courage in the face of difficulties, guiding our daily lives, and inspiring us to act boldly with justice, compassion, mercy and peace.

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Not a day goes by when the life, work and teachings of Martin Luther don't influence the church and our faith journey. We remember in prayer lay leaders and rostered ministers, theologians, teachers and people of faith throughout the history who have challenged, taught and encouraged us that we might mature in faith and be more fully equipped to do God's work in the world.

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We pray to know and trust God's ways and paths, truth and word, mercy and steadfast love, and that we will treasure and demonstrate in our daily life these truths and qualities for the sake of the world.

21

The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to prayer, fasting and advocacy that addresses cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people who are living in poverty. Pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.

Birthdays

2/15 Janet Storm-Barnes

2/16 Eva Kratts

2/20 Katie Burnett Gagley

Baptismal Anniversary

2/19 Ethan Crossley

WORSHIP

Lenten Devotion

Peace has purchased Lenten devotions, one per family. Please pick one up after worship this evening or on Sunday. Pastor Ralph will be using them as the basis for some of the sermons in Lent.

Save the Date

The combined choirs of Peace Lutheran Church, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church and the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan will be presenting *Requiem* by John Rutter with orchestra on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Good Samaritan. A requiem is a mass for the repose of the souls of the dead, and is traditionally sung during Lent and Holy Week. This setting by John Rutter is written in both Latin (more about that later!) and English, and is both beautiful and extremely moving. It will propel us into a deeply meaningful observance of Holy Week and celebration of Easter.

Share a Quote

These past few Sundays I have offered up a quote at the beginning of the service that reflects on the day's sermon. I am wondering if you have read something and would like to share a quote. If you think it speaks to the gospel, send it to me and I can share it with the congregation at the beginning of the service. I might even use it in the sermon. Send it to me (Pastor Ralph) at ralphkirkpatrick@me.com and put in the subject line: Words to Think About.

DISCIPLESHIP

Women and Justice: An ELCA Draft Social Statement

Women and Justice will be the topic of discussion during adult Sunday school during the Sundays of Lent. The discussion begins this Sunday, February 18 at 9:40 a.m. If you have not already picked up your copy of the study materials, you can get one from Allan Ellstrom at church this evening.

VBS will be the week of July 9-13

VBS will be the week of July 9-13 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Our theme is Jesus Times and children will be experiencing life during the time of Christ. We need some help making tunics for the children to wear each day. Fabric donations are welcome as well. If you have sewing skills or fabric to donate please let me know. We could use more adult volunteers for the week, so step up a spend a day with us this summer. Any questions please contact me anytime, Anne Hudnall.

OUTREACH

Lifting of Silver

Oops, we forgot the Lifting of Silver February 11. Bring your change and bills next Sunday, February 18, and we will remember to pass the baskets. Our donations help support the ministry of David and Alicia Brondos in Mexico.

Justice

Did you know that in Knoxville we are at a crisis in affordable housing? Yes, homes are being built, nearly 1,600 in Knoxville last year, showing we have a strong housing market, but in that same timeframe, Knoxville lost 800 units of affordable housing. As a community, we are forcing “the least of these” out of a place to call home. And it is not always who you think. A single parent even though she has a good job, would need to make \$17 an hour to afford an average two-bedroom apartment Knoxville.

Dying: Ashes

We are heading towards Lent. And, as we will gather for ashes, we must always remember that the one thing God desires for us to give up, is not something as mundane as chocolate or coffee, but something much more valuable; something God really wants. This Lent, let go of this world and give yourself to God.

Help for Steps House

The cold is still with us, and the men at Steps House need blankets and sheet sets in twin-bed size. The Steps House basket is in the hallway for this special appeal. New and gently used bedding are both appropriate.

NURTURE

Women of Peace

The Women of Peace will meet Tuesday, February 20, at 10:00 a.m. here at Peace. We will share travel experiences and take ourselves out for lunch afterward. This is January’s program that didn’t happen because of weather, but fortunately the cleaning of the kitchen was accomplished. No cleaning required at the February meeting.

Peace Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, March 6, at 10:00 a.m. we will discuss a World War II novel, Lilac Girls, by Martha Hall Kelly. Looking ahead: April 3, Pastrix by Nadia Bolz-Webber.

MISCELLANEOUS

A Thank You from Butch and Audrey

First of all please allow me to apologize for this being late. Audrey and I want to say thank you to the congregation for the generous gift you gave to us at Christmas. It just shows that we have a very loving Church family. Every member of Peace shows the true love of Christ. Again I apologize for this being so late.

Butch Henderson

Thrivent Members, Read This

If you qualify for Thrivent Choice Dollars, be aware that you have until March 31, 2018, to direct your 2017 Choice Dollars. After that date, they are lost. Peace Lutheran is one place to direct your Choice Dollars, but not the only place. You may direct your dollars by going to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling 800-847-4836 and saying Thrivent Choice when prompted. The phone line is active until 6:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Dear Peace Family,

Thank you so much for the basket of food and books for our family! We appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness in this exciting time. We can't wait for Knox to get here, and are excited to introduce you all to him very soon! Many thanks, Katie and Brent Gagley

Closing the Door

As we have moved into winter, we are asking that you be mindful as you leave the church to make sure the door fully closes behind you. The two front doors in particular tend not to close. Let's keep our church safe!