

# 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 21, 2018

## **Second Sunday in Lent**

**February 25, 2018**

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

# *Peace Weekly Calendar*

## **Wednesday, February 21**

10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Conversation -  
Let's Talk Together  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

## **Thursday, February 22**

*Pastor Ralph's Day Off*  
12:00 p.m. S-Anon  
6:00 p.m. Men of Peace  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

## **Saturday, February 24**

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

## **Sunday, February 25**

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

## **Monday, February 26**

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

## **Tuesday, February 27**

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

## **Wednesday, February 28**

10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Conversation -  
Let's Talk Together  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

## **Thursday, March 1**

*Pastor Ralph's Day Off*  
12:00 p.m. S-Anon  
6:00 p.m. Men of Peace  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:00 p.m. Troop 20574  
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

## ***Serving on Sunday***

*8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.*  
*Worship with Holy Communion*  
*2/25/2018*

### **8:30**

**Assisting Minister:** McClanahan  
**Lector/Comm. Asst.:** Gage  
**Sound:** Anderson  
**Usher:** McLemore  
**Greeter:** McLemore  
**Altar Guild:** Gage

### **10:45**

**Assisting Minister:** Burnett, J.  
**Lector/Comm Asst.:** Stegner  
**Sound:** Tevault  
**Ushers:** TBA  
**Greeter:** Shedden  
**Altar Guild:** Toby (Jaden)  
**Bread & Wine:** Hudnall  
**Tellers:** Kratts, Anderson

# *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); family of **Jim Kemp**, who passed away (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 21-28*

**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.

**22**

Pray for seafarers and fishermen of all nationalities and faiths who often spend months at sea, isolated from family, friends and home communities. Pray for their safety and care and that the Spirit of God will stir in them faith that gives hope, strength, peace and the knowledge that they are part of the body of Christ – a global community of faith that bridges all oceans, nations, distances and time.

**23**

We ask God to keep us focused on the cross, not as a religious object, work of art or cultural symbol but as a clear reminder of what God has done for us through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of God's son, Jesus Christ – our very real hope and salvation, God's gracious gift for humanity.

**24**

Give thanks for the impact of the 13 Global Mission Projects undertaken at the invitation of our companion churches and supported through *The Campaign for the ELCA*. Pray these projects and partner relationships will flourish as they help build new congregations, reach out to young people, train pastors and evangelists, strengthen existing ministries and grow the church.

**25**

*Bold Women's Day*

Today – and every day – we recognize and celebrate Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ in diverse contexts everywhere in the world.

**26**

The ELCA Leadership Initiative encourages us to seek out and inspire gifted people in our congregations and communities to consider a call to the ministry of the gospel as pastors, deacons and lay leaders. Ask God to help us be perceptive and assertive in identifying, inviting, encouraging and supporting potential leaders in responding to God's call to ministry.

**27**

We pray that in our Lenten reflections and conversations we are truthful with ourselves and each other, trust in God's love and mercy that frees us to move forward grounded in the gospel to serve our neighbor without bias, encourage and care for one another as sisters and brothers in Christ, and move beyond any hesitations or fears we may have about participating in God's work in the world.

**28**

Thank God for the work of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network as it strives with its ministry partners to renew, educate, support and strengthen leaders – lay and rostered, paid and volunteer – serving in children, youth and family ministry in congregations, synods and outdoor ministries.

## Birthdays

2/26 Mary Gage  
2/27 Molly Boyd

## Baptismal Anniversary

2/23 Amy Anderson  
2/26 Janet Storm-Barnes

## Midweek Lent Conversation

This year as a part of our midweek Lenten experience, we are taking some time to sit and talk about the life of Peace Lutheran. I am inviting you to join me on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. I will provide pizza, you can provide your own drink (we will have coffee). Below are the topics of discussion in order over the next 5 Wednesdays:

- Worship
- Discipleship
- Outreach
- Nurture
- Church Life & Ministry

Please come be a part of the conversation! ~*Pastor Ralph*

## 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.

### Dying: Ashes

We are in the season of Lent. 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.

### 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](mailto:ralphkirkpatrick@me.com) and put in the subject line: Words to Think About.

## ***DISCIPLESHIP***

### **Adult Sunday School**

Adult Sunday school continues its discussion of the ELCA draft social statement Women and Justice. We are studying a document which will be revised and presented for vote at the 2020 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. There is still time for you to join and contribute to the discussion, starting at 9:40 a.m.

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### **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***

### **KARM Luncheon March 10**

We need volunteers to help serve lunch at KARM on Saturday, March 10. 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](mailto: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.

### **Justice**

The issue of housing has many sub-issues. The issue for Justice Knox this year is not homelessness, but rather housing for working people that those people can afford. We all depend on the labor of people employed in low-wage jobs (*think fast food, senior and child caregivers, bus drivers*), but those people usually earn less than \$17 an hour. It takes \$17/hour to afford a typical two-bedroom apartment in Knoxville. This is a solvable problem; join other Peace members for lunch and learning March 4 after second service. Come to hear about the plan that Justice Knox has; we can be an “activist” by attending just one important meeting. As God speaks to your heart, let him move you into action.

### **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.

### **KARM--Corners of your Field**

It's happened again: you have brought your unwanted items to Peace and put them in the KARM box in the little room near the front door. KARM has sold those items in their thrift stores. People have been fed and slept warm this winter with the money from the sale of those items and KARM says thank you to us by giving Peace 10 - \$20 gift cards for a KARM Thrift Store. We pass those gift cards on to Butch Henderson who gives them to homeless veterans that he works with at Steps House. One good thing has led to a chain of good things. Thank you, and we wish you a successful spring house cleaning.

## ***NURTURE***

### **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 a.m.

It's time again for some food, fun and fellowship. Come listen and share your adventures, hobbies, philosophies and/or small talk with other men for an hour or so while enjoying a delicious hot breakfast. A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

### **Ash Wednesday Dinner**

Thanks so much to all who attended our Ash Wednesday dinner. There was a lot of great food and it was a good fellowship time! Just a reminder that there will be no other meals during the Lenten season but please join us for the Wednesday services at 7:00 p.m.

### **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***

### **Let's Clean the Devil out of our Church**

Saturday, April 7th will be the big day,

We'll wash, sweep, and dust the devil away.

8:00 a.m. sharp is when we'll begin to scrub,

But have no fear we'll start by munching the donuts you love.

Come one, come all it's time to pitch in,

Bring your mops and rags, but most definitely a grin!

***Look for the Signup Sheet in March!***

**What:** Peace Lutheran Cleaning Day

**When:** Saturday, April 7 from 8:00 a.m. - Noon

### **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 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](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or by calling 800-847-4836 and saying Thrivent Choice when prompted. The phone line is active until 6:00 p.m. 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!