

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



March 7, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

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

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, March 7

10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Worship & Spirituality Meeting
6:00 p.m. Conversation - Outreach
Let's Talk Together
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 8

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 20776
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Saturday, March 9

9:00 a.m. KARM Meal
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Class

Sunday, March 11

Lifting of Silver
Wild Women Weekend
Daylight Saving Time
8:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship w/Communion
12:00 p.m. Confirmation
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, March 12

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, March 13

9:30 a.m. Men's Book Club
5:00 p.m. Janet Storm-Barnes Event
6:15 p.m. Troop 22040

Wednesday, March 14

10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Conversation - Nurture

Let's Talk Together
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 15

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 20227
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Saturday, March 17

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

Sunday, March 18

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

Serving on Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion
3/11/2018

8:30

Assisting Minister: McSorley
Lector/Comm. Asst.: Kangas, M.
Sound: Kratts
Usher: Anderson
Greeter:
Altar Guild: Anderson

10:45

Assisting Minister: Ellstrom
Lector/Comm Asst.: Toby, J.
Sound: Barnes
Ushers: Stegner, Barnes
Greeter: Hemmeter
Altar Guild: Tevault
Bread & Wine: McClanahan
Tellers: Ellstrom, A., Burnett

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, Chuck Utesch

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); **Deb Phillips** (former teacher of Angie Moore); **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

March 7-14

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In a time when we bicker over power, superiority and influence, give thanks that through the humility, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus we experience a different understanding and use of power and authority – God’s unrivaled power and sacrificial love for the sake of the world, especially our neighbors who are oppressed, hungry, poor, ignored, suffering and long for hope.

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Pray for farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers preparing for planting crops, managing animals and livestock, and the hard work that comes with every spring, that the world may be fed and nourished through their bountiful harvests and endeavors.

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Give thanks for our ELCA seminaries and lay schools for ministry. Ask God to bless their work and efforts in identifying, inviting, preparing, renewing and encouraging women and men for ministry in diverse contexts and communities.

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Remember in prayer the service and witness of the 10 young adults serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Madagascar; the Rev. Kirsten Laderach, YAGM country coordinator; and the Rev. Lancelot Themba and Kwena Mkhabela, regional representatives for Madagascar, West and Central Africa.

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We ask God to help us be thoughtful and articulate in our witness and interactions with others, that we are comfortable in using our own words and imagery to respond to questions about our faith, describe God’s love and activity in the world, and talk about Jesus.

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We remember in prayer Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of the ELCA, ministries that strengthen the faith of Lutheran men and women of all ages, encourage bold lives of faith and service, cultivate leaders, and attend to needs of men and women.

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Give thanks for the rich partnership and relationship we have with the Presbyterian Church (USA), a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for their church and ask God to further our respect for one another and work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

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“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.” In every danger, illness, uncertainty and difficult circumstance, turn to God in prayer asking for God’s loving attention, mercy, direction and healing.

Birthdays

3-12 Patrick McLemore
3-12 Dave Terwell

Wedding Anniversary

3-11 Jenn & Chuck Utesch

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 3 Wednesdays:

- Outreach
- Nurture
- Church Life & Ministry

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

WORSHIP

Dying: Ashes

We are in the season of Lent. 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 - Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer Service with presentation of Rutter's Requiem, Church of the Good Samaritan, 425 N. Cedar Bluff Road

The combined choirs of Peace Lutheran Church, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church and the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan will present *Requiem* by John Rutter in combination with a service of Evening Prayer on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Good Samaritan. The Reverend James Anderson, Pastor Ralph Kirkpatrick, and Pastor Ingrid Schalk will lead the service. The choirs will be accompanied by professional instrumentalists in the Knoxville community, as well as our own Lillie Halsey, oboist, and Amy Yost (Kroninger), flutist.

John Rutter composed his *Requiem* in 1985, and it is filled with memorable melodies and rich harmonies. The piece features text in both English and Latin. The Latin text is from the traditional *Requiem* Mass, a service for the repose of the souls of the dead. Even though Latin is no longer spoken, it has been the language of the Christian church for centuries. Composers still use it not only because of the beauty of the words, but also because no country can claim it as its own, so therefore it is "neutral" and inclusive of all of God's people in the world. An English translation of the text will be provided in the program.

The choirs have been working extremely hard on this beautiful piece of music. Please invite friends and family members to this service that 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Update on Roofing Project

We now have a new roofing company to replace the company that found that they could not do the work. Rackley East Tennessee has agreed to do the project for the price they originally quoted to us. This price is higher than the first company's price which means that we do not quite have enough money. We are aiming for at least \$35,000 and it may go higher if there is discovered damage to subroofing. We have around \$33,500 with original contributions and pledges. It is not too late to contribute to this project if you missed the opportunity earlier. Thanks for your support and pray that the project will go smoothly. The project is projected to be done during March, weather dependent. Thanks, Gary & Marlene Klukken

DISCIPLESHIP

Women and Justice: An ELCA Draft Social Statement

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.

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 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.

Lifting of Silver

It is second Sunday, March 11, Lifting of Silver once again. Pastor Brondos wrote in his Missionary News that he and others are working to solve the crisis of young people crossing into Mexico from countries farther south. These young people are fleeing violence and lack of opportunities. Solutions involve working with the young people that have come to Mexico and helping to improve conditions in their native countries. Your coins and dollars help Pastor David and Alicia Brondos carry out their work.

Justice

Several of us met Sunday, March 4, to learn about justice issues in Knox County that the organization, Justice Knox, has been addressing. We are preparing for a huge rally on April 30 to support policy to increase the availability of affordable housing in Knoxville. Warm bodies are needed to attend this rally. A person can attend this rally and make a difference just by being part of the large crowd. That person could get further involved, but more involvement is not required. If you want to make a difference with your presence, save the date - April 30, at 6:15 p.m.

Help for Steps House

When Butch Henderson passes on the sheets and blankets that we donate, he lets the men know that they come from Peace Lutheran. The bedding does not become property of Steps House. When a man is ready to move from Steps House to regular housing, the bedding goes with him. This gift helps immediately, and it is a lasting gift. The basket for new or gently used sheets and blankets (twin size) will remain in the hallway through March 18. After that it will be in the small room on the south side of the Narthex. Butch said that another way we might help is with bus passes or \$10 gift cards to gas stations. If you want to help this way, please put these items in the Henderson folder.

Thank You, FISH Teams

Three teams delivered to 15 homes serving 46 people. Donna Ellstrom was a first-time call taker. One of the questions asks if the caller gets food stamps (SNAP). One might assume that food stamps would be enough to buy food for the month with good planning. Some people shared how much in food stamps they received: \$15, \$9, \$12. One did get \$130--that was the high. I can spend that much at the grocery store in one week. I understand why people working low-wage jobs need more than food stamps to get by. The FISH bags of groceries don't contain interesting food, but it's food. Thank you, delivery teams: John and Lori Burnett, Tom Mustaleski and Mary Ellen Kangas, Audrey Henderson, Angie Moore, and Donna Ellstrom.

NURTURE

Peace Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, April 3, at 10 a.m. we will discuss Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint, by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Looking ahead: May 1: The Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck

Men's Book Club

Men's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 13 at 9:30 a.m. They will be discussing Walking the Nile by Levison Wood. Contact Dale Kangas for more information.

Women of Peace

The Women of Peace will meet March 20, 10:00 a.m., here at Peace. An instructor of Tai Chi will present a program about this form of movement. A Tai Chi group meets here at Peace, and it is interesting to watch them moving silently and in unison with no one calling out the moves. There will be refreshments provided by Donna and Marlene.

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

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!