

# Weekly Messenger

March 6, 2019

## **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*



## **First Sunday of Lent**

**March 10, 2019**

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer with Holy Communion

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Treasurer

***Peace Weekly Calendar***

**Wednesday, March 6**  
10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday

**Thursday, March 7**  
*Pastor Ralph's Day Off*  
12:00 p.m. S- Anon  
7:00 p.m. Troop 20574  
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

**Saturday, March 9**  
9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo  
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

**Sunday, March 10**  
*Lifting of Silver*  
*Daylight Saving Time Begins*  
9:30 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion  
11:00 a.m. Sunday school  
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

***Serving Sunday***  
*March 10, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.*  
*Worship with Holy Communion*

**Assisting Minister:** Ellstrom, A.  
**Lector/Comm Asst.:** Gage  
**Sound:** Toby  
**Ushers:** Kirkpatrick, Klukken  
**Greeters:** Shedden  
**Altar Guild:** Terwell, Hedberg  
**Bread and Wine:** Burnetts  
**Tellers:** Ellstrom, D., Tevault

***Birthdays***

3-6 Lydia Zeller  
3-12 Patrick McLemore

## Peace Prayers

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

**Members:** **Cassie Barnes** (*daughter of Tom & Janet*), **Molly Biscoe** (*church member*), **Margaret Blombach** (*church member*), **Ernie Dickson** (*shut in*), **Vivian English** (*church member*); **Ida Jenkins** (*shut in*), **Gary Kratts** (*husband of Eva*), **Bill McCamy** (*former church member*), **Stacy Nelson** (*church member*), **Sterling Nelson** (*former pastor*), **David & Charlene Ottinger** (*church members*), **Noreen Quirand** (*shut in*), **Dee Smolik** (*church member*), **Ruth Stallmann** (*former church member*), **Don Tevault** (*church member*)

**Family & Friends:** **Samantha Adamson** (*niece of Eva Kratts*); **John Anderson** (*Tasha Abbott's step father*); **Nathan Benko** (*Adele Soucy's grandson*); **Jeff Brig & Vincent Briguccia** (*Eileen Zetterberg's sons*); **David Brondos** (*missionary to Mexico*); **Joan Carnahan** (*friend of Don & Ginger Tevault*); **Rosemary Clause** (*Sue Carlson's cousin*); **Betty Collins** (*Butch Henderson's sister*); **Jeff Davidson** (*friend of Janet Barnes*); **Gwen Diller** (*Nancy Simon's Mother*); **Dusbabek** (*Eva Kratts aunt*); **Martha Kratts** (*Gary Kratts' Mother*); **Adele Krans** (*John Stegner's sister*); **Jan Law** (*Sue Nevedal's mother*); **Wendy Mallaber** (*Gary Kratts' sister*); **Linda Millis** (*Rosemary Ried's daughter*); **Dorothy Noel** (*friend of Mary Gage*); **Lisa Oakley** (*co-worker of Nancy Simon*); **Mel Schulz** (*Eva Kratts' uncle*); **Peggy Swaffer** (*Loretta Haack's sister*)

**Military:** **Jon Ackiss** (*nephew of Bill Larson*); **Erik Aderman** (*nephew of Allan Ellstrom*); **Tarren & David Barrett** (*daughter & son-in-law of Janet & Tom Barnes & granddaughter of Bob and Evalyn Storm*); **Angela Batastini** (*niece of Bill Larson*); **Timothy Brig** (*grandson of Eileen Zetterberg*); **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 6-13*

**6**

*Ash Wednesday*

Speak to God about the personal significance of the smudge of ash on your forehead, remembering our frailty and mortality and, at the same time, the gift of forgiveness and new life we have through Jesus Christ.

**7**

Pray for mercy, trusting in God's steadfast love and ability to cleanse us thoroughly – inside and out – from our sin, immorality and human failings.

**8**

*International Women's Day*

Today the world celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women throughout history, across nations and throughout the church. Give thanks for the bold witness, service and leadership of women and girls in our church, and for the ministries of Women of the ELCA, the ELCA Women and Justice program and the International Women Leadership initiative.

**9**

Our God is great and awesome, and a lover of justice. Pray that our gratitude and what we learn from the word and ways of God are reflected with clarity and brightness in our lives, endeavors and relationships.

**10**

Forty days of Lent can seem like a long time to ponder our human weaknesses and the things we'd rather forget or deny. Ask God for strength to face daily temptations, the strength that Jesus demonstrated while being tempted and tormented in the wilderness; pray for faith that is confident in the power of the Spirit and God's mercy.

**11**

Continue to pray for people and communities recovering from disasters here and elsewhere in the world, and remember that rebuilding, economic recovery, and the healing of trauma and grief often take many years.

**12**

We believe God calls the church – corporately and individually – to care for God's creation, pursue justice, care for people in need and seek peace. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire, embolden and guide us in doing God's work in the world.

**13**

Give thanks for our weekly opportunities to gather together for Lenten meals, worship and reflection, and for how these experiences and disciplines help nourish our faith and strengthen the body of Christ.

## ***OUTREACH***

### **Beardsley Farm**

Beardsley Farm is a community farm that grows vegetables used by Mobile Meals and a place where the staff help others to establish community gardens. Starting last year they added a day camp for a few children at no cost to those children or their families. We have been invited to contribute to this cause by donating \$250 for one scholarship. If helping out community gardening is a cause you want to support, but \$250 is too steep, they will also accept any amount less or more than that. Send your support directly to Beardsley Farm, PO Box 51650, Knoxville, TN 37950.

### **Bread for the World**

Early in 2018 it seemed that anti-poverty programs in the United States were slated to suffer massive cuts. According to the Bread newsletter, "Senate Leader McConnell convinced them not to try yet again for trillion-dollar cuts to antipoverty programs." We thank our elected officials who kept these programs in place, and we thank people who contact their elected officials to let them know what is important as we live out our faith compassionately.

### **Family Promise**

Six Peace members did the necessary chores at Good Sam's so that the families currently enrolled in Family Promise could have a restful evening at the church. John and Lori Burnett greeted and played with the only child of playful age. Linda McClanahan and Marlene Klukken planned, cooked, served, and cleaned up the evening meal. Adele Soucy and Donna Ellstrom spent the night just in case of any emergency. There was none, so they slept on the job. Thank you to those six people. We need to decide if we can do this four times a year. Six people each time can make it work, but it can't always be the same six. We need to know if there are other people who would be willing to participate.

### **Tyson House**

We will take a turn providing a meal at Tyson House March 31. Look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway. A small crew is needed to serve; too many people can't move in the small kitchen. Food can be warmed in that kitchen so you can bring your contribution with you to church the morning of March 31 or bring it to church by 3:00 pm that day. Thank you for helping to nourish young Lutherans and Episcopalians.

## ***DISCIPLESHIP***

**Sunday Morning** - Starting at 10:45 a.m.

- Adults - Ephesians — Bill Halsey
- Walk through the Bible – Pre K – grade 5
- Middle School Confirmation, grades 6 – 8
- High School grades 9 – 12

**Adult Study Wednesday Morning** - Starting at 10:15 a.m.

**Adult & Youth Study Wednesday Evening**— 5:30 p.m.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Vivian English Address & Phone**

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7424 Middlebrook Pike  
Room 336  
Knoxville, TN 37909  
Cell: (303) 408-8061

### **Raise Your Voices in Song**

Soon, the adult Sunday school class will be looking at the hymns we sing, how they developed and some other things. Do you have copies of older hymnals you used, either when you were a child or an adult? If so, send Allan Ellstrom an email ([aellstrom919@att.net](mailto:aellstrom919@att.net)) and tell him the title of the hymnal. I may want to borrow it for a while. You can also speak to him at Peace. Thank you.

### **Could You Help With A Meal?**

This Friday, we will have a group of young people from Sweetwine Music Ministry (from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana) sleeping at our facility. We would like to provide dinner on Friday and light breakfast on Saturday (they will be leaving around 8:00 a.m.) Please contact Andrea in the Church Office if you are willing to help provide these meals.

### **Thoughtful Faith - "Are we ever a stumbling block to faith?"**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

### **Matthew 18:15-35**

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will

be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”