

Peace Weekly Messenger

November 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



21st Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 2019

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, November 6

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Pastor Norma: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 10:15 a.m. Pastor Larry's Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Committee Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 12:00 p.m. S- Anon
 6:00 p.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. Troop 20574

Friday, November 8

Office Closed
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 6:00 p.m. Peace Pizza Party

Saturday, November 9

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

Sunday, November 10

Lifting of Silver
 8:45 a.m. Sunday school
 9:45 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion
 11:00 a.m. Church Council
 2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, November 11

Office Closed
 Veterans Day
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 5:30 p.m. Monday Night Men
 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
 6:00 p.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 6:30 p.m. Outreach Commission (at Blombach residence)
 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, November 12

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 8:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 9:30 a.m. Men's Book Club

5:00 p.m. Janet Storm-Barnes Event
 6:00 p.m. Troop 22040
 7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, November 13

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Pastor Norma: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 10:15 a.m. Pastor Larry's Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 12:00 p.m. S- Anon
 6:00 p.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Friday, November 15

Office Closed
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion

Saturday, November 16

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

Sunday, November 17

8:45 a.m. Sunday school
 9:45 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion
 2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Serving Next Sunday 21st Sunday After Pentecost

November 10, 2019
 Worship with Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Deb Buckley

Lector: Eva Kratts

Sound: Tom Barnes

Ushers: Jim McLemore & Tom Mustaleski

Greeters: Donna Ellstrom & Mary Gage

Tellers: Donna Ellstrom & Ginger Tevault

Altar Guild: Mary Gage & Kathleen Schuller

Bread & Wine: Burnett Family

Flowers: Larson Family, in honor of Veterans

Peace Prayers

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

Members:

Cassie Barnes (daughter of Tom & Janet), **Margaret Blombach** (church member), **Ernie Dickson** (shut in); **Butch Henderson** (church member); **Ida Jenkins** (shut in); **Pastor Norma's Family**; **Dale Kangas** (church member); **Stacy Nelson** (church member), **David & Charlene Ottinger** (shut ins), **Noreen Quirand** (shut in), **Evalyn Storm** (church member)

Family & Friends:

Jeff Brig & Vincent and Linda Briguccia (Eileen Zetterberg's sons and daughter-in-law); **Rodney Holloman** (Andrea's husband); **Barb Johnson** (friend of Pr. Norma); **Rick Klukken** (Gary's brother); **Martha Kratts** (Gary's mom) ; **Rebekah Lake** (niece of a friend of Beth English)

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); **Zach and Terra Bennett** (Ginger Tevault's niece & nephew); **Timothy Brig** (grandson of Eileen Zetterberg); **Jeff Smolik** (son of Darlene & John Smolik)

Prayer List

Thank you for submitting the names of people you wish to be included in the weekly list of Family & Friends, as we continue rebuilding this list. Please continue to submit these names, along with your name and the person's relationship to you to Andrea.

Birthdays

11/7 Audrey Henderson
11/13 Gary Kratts

Baptismal Anniversary

11/10 Dale Kangas

ELCA Prayer Ventures

November 6-13

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Entrusted with sharing the gospel and doing God's work in the world, pray that we will be faithful in our baptismal calling and encourage one another in following the word and ways of God.

7

Pray for the leaders of our church who serve on the ELCA Church Council. Ask the Spirit to guide their work of enabling and supporting our church as we strive to do God's work in the world with thoughtfulness, integrity, respect and partnerships that share a common vision.

8

Remember in prayer students who find school challenging or difficult, and pray that the people in their lives will be patient, encouraging, creative and skilled in understanding the unique ways in which we each learn.

9

Give thanks that when we confess our sins, the good we have failed to do and our misbehaviors to God, we are met with mercy and forgiveness.

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Rejoice and give thanks that in God all have life – eternal, abundant and renewed life for doing God's work in the world and serving our neighbor now.

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Veterans Day

Remember people who have served or are currently serving in the military, and give thanks for their service and sacrifices. Pray for military chaplains, caregivers, congregational and synod programs, and special ministries that care for veterans and their families.

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Lutheran outdoor ministry leaders are joining with their ecumenical peers and partners in Lake Junaluska, N.C., for the Great Gathering conference. Pray for their time together, that they might build relationships, discover each other's gifts and equip vital ministries to meet the emerging needs of God's people.

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Pray that, in the midst of the questions, distractions, hesitancy and opposition we experience in daily life, we will remain focused on the good news of Jesus Christ and on encouraging one another to share the gospel and do good in the world.

Congregational Budget Meeting

Our constitution states that all congregational meetings require 30 days prior notice. This is to inform all members of Peace Lutheran Church that a congregational meeting to discuss and hopefully approve the church budget for 2020 will be held on November 24, 2019, immediately following the morning service. Your church council requests that all members attend, if at all possible. It's important that everyone knows what's happening with our church finances.

WORSHIP**Worship at Peace**

During the month of November, our pastors will be spending a portion of each service talking about the different parts of our worship service, their significance and how everything fits together. One significant change is that the weekly announcements will be moved from the end of the service to the beginning of the service, before the Prelude. If you will have an announcement to make, please be in the sanctuary before 10:45 a.m. It will also make the announcements go more smoothly if you sit in the front row for the announcements.

New Piano Has Arrived

From its beginnings, music has been an important part of our worship at Peace. In order to provide that, we need quality instruments. An earlier discussion of replacing our current piano was superseded by the need for a new roof over the sanctuary. Now, because of the memorial gifts received by Peace and a generous donation, we have been able to purchase a new piano, which has been delivered and will be used in our Sunday worship service. A piano sale at Crown College, sponsored by Lane Music, provided the opportunity to get a new Seiler piano at a highly discounted price. Seiler pianos are built by a German-based company, which has its origins in 1849, and is well known in Europe. They were willing to take our current piano and give us the full value of what we paid for it when it was purchased over 30 years ago. We now have a piano worthy of our talented Peggy Ransom.

DISCIPLESHIP**No Sunday School**

Please mark your calendar! There will be no Sunday school on the Sunday after Thanksgiving (December 1) and the Sunday after Christmas (December 29).

Pastor Larry's Wednesday Morning Bible Class - The Book of Ephesians

Our morning Bible Study with Pastor Larry continues each week. We invite all former participants of that class, as well as any new participants, to join us in this time of study and fellowship. We meet Wednesday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday Night Bible Study begins at 5:30 p.m. Tonight we will begin a study of the book The Acts of the Apostles. Come and join us from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Bring your Bibles. Contact Nancy Simon if you have questions.

How Jesus Became God

This is the title of a book by Dr. Bart Ehrman, which is presented as a series of lectures in The Great Courses series. This will be the topic of the adult Sunday school class begins at 8:45 a.m. Moderated by Allan Ellstrom, the course looks at the historical setting during the time Jesus lived, how people understood who Jesus was, how Christianity became a dominant force in the world and much more. Participants can more fully engage by reading Dr. Ehrman's book. It is available in print and electronic forms.

OUTREACH**Hunger Hike Sponsors**

You have been exceedingly generous. Although almost \$2,500 was pledged, \$2,815 has been given for the FISH pantry. Our month to stock is December, and we are wondering how much food we will need to purchase. The problem is that several churches, including Peace, have been unable to deliver because the phone system won't let us connect to people who need the food. If you know any special phone system providers, let Donna Ellstrom or Tim Simon know; we are interested in learning about a system that would work for the FISH churches dependably. What we might not spend in groceries, we may spend toward a better phone system.

Lifting of Silver

The second Sunday of each month is designated for "Lifting of the Silver." Everyone is encouraged to put loose change, even loose green, into the baskets passed through the congregation. The money goes quarterly to ELCA missionary David Brondos in Mexico City. He is a teaching pastor; most recently he has been reaching students in Central and South America through online classes. We have pledged \$1,200 annually. Thanks to generous givers on Lifting of the Silver Sundays and to some who give to missionary support, we have surpassed our yearly goal already and have raised \$1,291.15. Some of the excess will be sent to Pastor Brondos, and some will be in reserve to defray costs of having him visit us, hopefully next summer.

KARM Coats for the Cold

Eva Kratts and Donna Ellstrom attended a breakfast that was a thank you from KARM for partnering with them. We received \$110 in KARM Thrift Stores gift cards at that time. As usual, most of those cards went to Butch Henderson to use with his veterans at Steps House.

At this breakfast, the program of Coats for the Cold was emphasized. We took 50 vouchers for people who need coats and gave them to Cedar Bluff Elementary to

use with their population. If you happen to be cleaning out clothes you no longer wear and find winter coats, please take those coats to any KARM Thrift store as a donation to the Coats for the Cold campaign.

Peace Pizza Party for the Pantry (and other hunger ministries)

Save the date—this **Friday, November 8, 6:00 p.m.**, here at Peace, for the annual Peace Pizza Party. Come for the delicious pizza made by the Simons and you, because you get to add the toppings you like to have. Come for the fellowship. Come to help the hunger ministries of Peace. The cost of the meal to you is what you can afford, what you might have spent at a restaurant. Thrivent has given us money for the pizza ingredients, so you do not need to bring anything with you.

NURTURE

HELP WANTED!

When we changed to using ceramic coffee cups again, we knew we would need volunteers to clean up the coffee and cups at the end of the service each week. Our last volunteer who signed up for the "job" was last week, so we are in need of others signing up for the rest of 2019. The sign-up sheet is on orange paper on the bulletin board, if you can take a turn. It just takes a few extra minutes and we appreciate your "anticipated help"!

Women of Peace

The Women of Peace will meet at our usual time and place: November 19 at 10:00 a.m., in a big classroom here at Peace. Thrivent has given financial support so we can prepare Christmas gift bags for the veterans who are at Steps House, where Butch Henderson works. Also, Will Biscoe has left us Molly's collection of knitting supplies and some material remnants. These will be at our meeting for interested people to take and use. Those that enjoy eating at a restaurant after our work session are invited to do that as well. Let Donna know if you would like to help shop (Thrivent money) for the contents of the gift bags.

Peace Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m., we will discuss *Tell the Wolves I'm Home*, a novel by Carol Rifka Brunt. Looking ahead: January 7: *Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents as We Age*, by Mary Pipher. If you have questions, please contact Kathleen Schuller.

MISCELLANEOUS

In Case of Emergency

Should a need arise after office hours that requires notifying the congregation, please contact Andrea Holloman by text at 919-429-9108 or email andrea_holloman@gmail.com. You can also contact Tom Barnes at 865-387-6769 or tnbarnes578@gmail.com.

Birthdays, Weddings, and Baptismal Anniversaries

We are updating the lists of the Birthdays, Baptism Anniversaries and Wedding Anniversaries which appear in the Wednesday Messenger. While doing this, we have discovered that the computer has eaten the lists for March and October. We have some records to partially reconstruct these lists, but know there is missing information. If you celebrate one or more of these events in March and/or October, please let Andrea know, so we can complete the records.

Come to the Water

The 2019 *Come to the Water* fundraiser is Tuesday evening, December 10 from 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. The speaker will be Co-Head Coach of the UT Ladies Softball, Karen Weekly. Treat yourself to an evening of fine dining with soft-jazz by the Sam Adams Trio - followed by a spirited live auction. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please contact Pr. Norma or Pr. Larry if you have questions about this event.

THOUGHTFUL FAITH**Luke 20:27-38**

The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."