

Peace Weekly Messenger

January 1, 2020

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



2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2020

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, January 1

*New Years' Day
Office Closed*

Thursday, January 2

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

Friday, January 3

Office Closed

Saturday, January 4

FISH Deliveries
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
8:00 am. Women's Meetup
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Group

Sunday, January 5

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

Monday, January 6

5:30 p.m. Monday Night Men
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, January 7

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. -12 p.m.
8:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 a.m. Women's Book Club
7:00 p.m. Knox Homeowners

Wednesday, January 8

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. -12 p.m.
Pastor Norma: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
10:15 a.m. Bible Study with Pr. Larry
5:30 p.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 9

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

Friday, January 10

Office Closed

Saturday, January 11

9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Professors
and Heads Meeting
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, January 12

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

**Serving Sunday
2nd Sunday of Christmas**

*Worship with Holy Communion
January 5, 2020*

Assisting Minister: Deb Buckley

Lector: Kristie Toby

Sound: Neil Buckley

Ushers: Tom Mustaleski & Andy
Stephansen

Greeter: Anne Hudnall

Tellers: Tim Simon & Valerie
Bachmann

Altar Guild: TBA

Bread & Wine: The Terwell Family

Flowers: Buckley, for Lyn's
birthday

Peace Prayers

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

Members:

Cassie Barnes (*daughter of Tom & Janet*), **Ernie Dickson** (*shut in*); **Butch Henderson** (*church member*); **Ida Jenkins** (*shut in*); **Dale Kangas** (*church member*); **Toni McSorley** (*church member*); **Stacy Nelson** (*church member*), **Noreen Quirand** (*shut in*)

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*)

Birthdays

1/01 Ethan Crossley
1/01 Tim Simon
1/03 Rosemary Ried
1/05 Andrew Chitwood
1/05 Bob Zeller
1/6 Latasha Abbott

Baptismal Anniversary

1/03 Anneka Granvold

ELCA Prayer Ventures

January 1-8

1

What is the significance of your name? On this day we recall the naming of Jesus and pray that when we hear, say or think his name, we will recognize him as our salvation, our uniter and our sure source of love, forgiveness and new life.

2

Throughout National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, remember in prayer the men, women and children who are victims of this global tragedy, which disproportionately affects women and girls. Pray for an end to human trafficking and that all who suffer its abuse, injustice and oppression may find freedom, support, healing and safety, especially in our communities of faith.

3

Give thanks for the cloud of faith-filled witnesses who surround us as mentors of faith, vocation and life skills, enriching our lives through their example and sharing their faith, wisdom and knowledge.

4

Pray for the people and communities affected by the recent fires in California, that they will not lose hope but will experience God's presence and encouragement through the care and support of others. Give thanks for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response – with the California synods, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California and Lutheran Social Services of Southern California – to respond with physical, emotional and spiritual care.

5

Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us bear witness in the world to the light and truth of Jesus Christ, that we will be infused with enthusiasm for inviting others to believe and follow, and that all will experience the grace and fullness of God.

6

Feast of Epiphany

God's glory is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, born among us and immersed in the messiness, complexity and commonness of humanity for the sake of the world. Pray that we will recognize God's divine presence and activity in the world for the redemption and healing of humankind and for the nurturing of our lives to better emulate Jesus.

7

Give thanks for the gift of wisdom that comes from God. Pray that our faith, with the encouragement of the Spirit, will compel us to share, teach and cultivate God's wisdom and ways among all people – young and old alike.

8

Give thanks and praise to God that we are adopted and called children of God through Jesus Christ, an immeasurable gift of grace, love and forgiveness in which we are immersed

WORSHIP

It's Over So Soon

It seems like we just put up the Christmas decorations and Advent wreath. Now it's time to put them away until December, 2020. This is going to happen on Saturday, January 4, right after Men's Breakfast and Women's Meet Up. If you regularly attend one of these, please plan to stay and help. If you are not a regular, please come join us and lend a hand.

DISCIPLESHIP

How Jesus Became God classes will return January 5.

Our exploration of the early years of the Christian church, via the book/lecture How Jesus Became God continues. This video series looks at how the earliest followers of Jesus came to believe Jesus actually was God. The lectures are presented by biblical scholar Dr. Bart Ehrman. Newcomers are invited to join the viewing and discussion each Sunday morning, beginning at 8:45.

Pastor Larry's Wednesday Morning Bible Class Resumes January 8

Our morning Bible Study with Pastor Larry will resume on January 8. 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 Resumes January 8

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will resume on January 8. We are studying the book of Acts. Come and join us. New members are welcome. Contact Nancy Simon at 865-679-3286 for more information.

OUTREACH

What You Did

Peace Lutheran, with partner church TVUUC, successfully stocked the West Knox County FISH Pantry in December. Members of Peace gave generously to fundraisers for FISH and other food ministries--Hunger Hike, Pizza dinner, and Souper Bowl. Members of Peace, with help from some of Butch's men from Steps House, unloaded the truck when groceries arrived in late November. Thank you to Tim Simon who knows how to judge what's needed at the Pantry so we have enough but not too much.

TVUUC handled the bagging of groceries in the first part of December. Peace made sure there were enough bagged groceries going into the new year. At the December 28 bagging event FOURTEEN Peace members came and worked: Pete and Violet Etzler, Marla, Ethan, and Owen Crossley, Anne

Hudnall, Jaden Toby and friend Aqudum Cinkoc, Lori Burnett, Adele Soucy, Allan and Donna Ellstrom, Kristi Shedden, and Ellie Bachmann.

And finally, Peace members gave generously to provide non-food items. We now have plenty of diapers. The detergents were donated in bulk and went out of the pantry quickly. People who gather shampoos and soaps from motel visits keep us stocked with small portions of those necessities.

Thank you, members of Peace, for your labor and your generosity.

What is Lifting of Silver?

On the second Sunday of most months, Peace asks those in attendance to empty the change from their pockets for the "Lifting of the Silver." This began shortly after Peace was formed, and before I became a member in 1984. In its first years, the money was sent to a church pastored by Walt Wangerin, a noted pastor and author, to support the inner city ministry of his congregation in Evansville, IN. At some point, we began directing these funds to support Loretta Carter, an ELCA missionary, serving in Nigeria. After her retirement, we requested the ELCA to recommend a new missionary for us to sponsor. That's when we began sponsoring the Rev. David Brondos, an educator and pastor, serving in Mexico City, Mexico. (I hope you take time to read his bi-monthly newsletters, and occasionally visit his website.) Our commitment has become a more formal agreement with the ELCA, as we have committed to contribute \$1200/year to support his service to the worshipping and educational communities in Mexico. We have been blessed to have had visits from both Loretta and David, and we hope David will be able to visit with us in the next year or so. Thank you so much for the coins, bills and checks you put in the baskets each month. *Allan Ellstrom, contributor*

NURTURE

Peace Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m., we will discuss *Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents as We Age* by Mary Pipher. Looking ahead: February 4, *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.

MISCELLANEOUS

Peace's Constitution

There are many tasks awaiting us as we prepare to call our next pastor. One of them is to review and update our current constitution. This includes incorporating changes recommended by the ELCA at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. We also need to review our present Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions to ensure they reflect what we are doing and want to do as a congregation. Although Pastor Norma and I will take the lead on this,

we would like your assistance. If you are willing to spend time reviewing and editing our constitution, please speak to Pastor Norma or me. ~Allan Ellstrom

In Case of Emergency

Should a need arise after office hours that requires notifying the congregation, please contact one of the following people:

Andrea Holloman andeaholloman@gmail.com (919) 429-9108

Tom Barnes tnbarnes568@gmail.com (865) 387-6769

Pastor Larry pastor.larry@peacelutheranknoxville.org (865) 333-6327

Pastor Norma pastor.norma@peacelutheranknoxville.org (865) 387-2105

PEACE LUTHERAN CHUCH

Outline for 2019 Workshops

All workshops will begin at 11:00 a.m. on the specified dates.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

As a congregation, it is important to know who we are as Lutheran Christians and to understand what God is calling us to do in mission. The following series of workshops will help us to focus on just that: God's call to mission. Workshops will be led by Pastor Norma and Pastor Larry. Members and friends of Peace are encouraged to participate as we plan ahead for the future of this congregation. This is a vital part of the interim process and is scripturally based. Please plan to be a part of the process.

DISCERNING GOD'S CALL **Mission & Ministry**

Sunday, 01/26/20 Event #1 - Who Are We?

Sunday, 02/23/20 Event #2 - Who Are We as a Congregation?

Sunday, 03/29/20 Event #3 - Why Are We Here?

Sunday, 04/26/20 Event #4 - What Is God Calling Us to Do?

THOUGHTFUL FAITH

John 1:1-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.