

Peace Weekly Messenger

December 25, 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



1st Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2019

9:45 a.m. Lessons & Carols

Wednesday, December 25

Office Closed

Thursday, December 26

Office Closed

12:00 p.m. S- Anon

7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Friday, December 27

Office Closed

Saturday, December 28

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Group

Sunday, December 29

No Sunday school

9:45 a.m. A Service of Lessons &
Carols

2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Office Open 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

**Serving Sunday
1st Sunday of Christmas**

*Lessons & Carols
December 29, 2019*

Assisting Minister: Janet Storm-Barnes

Lector: Deb Buckley

Sound: Tom Barnes

Ushers: Allan Ellstrom, Jim McLemore

Greeters: Valerie Bachmann, Donna Ellstrom

Tellers: George Anderson, Ginger Tevault

Altar Guild: TBA

Bread & Wine: Linda McClanahan

Flowers: Storm Family, for December Birthdays

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

12/26 Donna Ellstrom
12/27 Bill Halsey
12/30 Evalyn Storm
12/30 Linda McClanahan

Baptismal Anniversary

12/28 Pete Etzler
12/31 Nancy Simon

ELCA Prayer Ventures

December 25 - January 1

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Christmas Day

Join with our sisters and brothers around the world and with all creation in lifting up prayers and songs of praise and thanksgiving for God's gift of love and life, manifested in the birth of Jesus Christ – a light in the darkness that cannot be overcome.

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"Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things." Pray for enthusiasm and courage in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through our words and actions each day.

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Remember in prayer people who struggle to meet the costs of living, students and seminarians graduating with long-term student loans, and people experiencing ongoing or unexpected medical expenses. Ask God to help us exercise understanding, empathy and generosity in our support and care for people struggling with financial debts and needs.

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Pray that the good news, joy and faith that live in us will not diminish with the passing of the holidays and special celebrations but will grow deeper and pervade every aspect of our life.

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Reflect on Mary and Joseph fleeing one country for another with the baby Jesus; lift up in prayer all people who suffer injustice and persecution and have become refugees and immigrants seeking safety and acceptance.

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Pray that God will bless the experiences of college and university students participating in J-term courses and service-learning experiences, and that these will enrich their faith, knowledge, wisdom and discernment of vocation.

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On the threshold of a new year, ask that the Spirit will instill in us a sense of time and life that is unrushed, observant and appreciative of the people, community, creation and gifts given by God for our sustenance, use, enjoyment and sharing.

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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.

DISCIPLESHIP

There will be no Sunday School this week.

How Jesus Became God classes will return January 5.

How Jesus Became God is the title of a book by Dr. Bart Ehrman, which is presented as a series of lectures in The Great Courses series. This is topic of the adult Sunday school class that begins at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. 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. Erhman's book. It is available in print and electronic forms.

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 Night Bible Study will resume on January 8. Contact Nancy Simon if you have questions.

OUTREACH

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.

"Soups and Breads" Dinners

The season of Advent is nearly over, and we have enjoyed our "Soups and Breads" Dinners. The dinners will conclude this evening beginning at 6:00. A special thank you to the Nurture Commission for organizing the meals.

MISCELLANEOUS

New Year's Eve at the Tevault's

You are invited to welcome in the New Year at the Tevault's house on December 31, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We would like to revive the pizza party tradition with appetizers, games, and pizza. All are invited to attend - just RSVP to Don or Ginger by December 28 at 938-1738 or dgtevault@comcast.net. If you can't stay up until midnight, come for as long as you'd like. Bring a game, finger foods to share, and whatever you want to drink. Pizza will be provided sometime during the evening.

In Case of Emergency

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

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THOUGHTFUL FAITH

Matthew 2:13-23

In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the jealousy of Herod.

13Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, 15and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

16When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. 17Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

18"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

19When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 20"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." 21Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. 23There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."