

Peace Weekly Messenger

January 15, 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 Epiphany

January 19, 2020

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, January 15

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. Bible Study with Pr. Larry
 5:30 p.m. Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Commission
 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16

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, January 17

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

Saturday, January 18

9:30 a.m. Knoxville Philatelic Society
 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
 2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Class

Sunday, January 19

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

Monday, January 20

Office Closed
 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
 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, January 21

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
 5:00 p.m. Janet Storm-Barnes Event
 6:30 p.m. Troop 20227
 7:00 p.m. Gulf Park Homeowners
 7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, January 22

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. Bible Study with Pr. Larry
 6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Serving Sunday
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2020

Assisting Minister: Donna Ellstrom

Lector: Mary Gage

Sound: Don Tevault

Ushers: Dave Terwell &
 George Anderson

Greeters: Susan McLemore &
 Anita Hemmeter

Tellers: Jim McLemore &
 Allan Ellstrom

Altar Guild: TBA

Bread & Wine: The Toby Family

Flowers: The Tevault Family

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) ; **Dawn Zettel** (friend of the English family)

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

1/15 Ann Kampwerth

Baptismal Anniversary

1/17 John Burnett

ELCA Prayer Ventures

January 15-22

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Give thanks for saints, martyrs and leaders, throughout history and today, who have dedicated their lives to racial justice, equality for all people and an end to racism and discrimination, and who stand with the neglected or weary. Pray that our actions, words and service for the sake of our neighbor will be inspired and guided by the witness and example of these bold leaders.

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Pray for ELCA churchwide staff, volunteers and planning committees as they prepare for “boundless: God beyond measure,” the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Ask the Spirit to guide them as they help youth, young adults and adults catch a glimpse and develop a deeper understanding of Christ’s love and what it means to live a life filled with God.

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Give thanks that God shows no partiality or exclusivity in sharing love, mercy and forgiveness; the good news of Jesus Christ is for everyone and every nation!

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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today. Give thanks for the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, the Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches and the ecumenical organizations and ministries with whom we journey together toward unity – unity that we celebrate and share in Jesus Christ.

19

Pray that in moments when God says, “Come and see” (meaning “trust and follow”), we demonstrate the same curiosity, hope and faith that moved the first disciples of Jesus, imperfect and uncertain as they were even when face-to-face with the Messiah.

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Lift up in prayer the names of staff – paid and volunteer – whose vocation and faithful, generous service enhance and support the daily ministry and mission of our congregations and synods, including administrative assistants, business managers, custodians and people responsible for digital communications.

21

Pray for the leaders of every nation, including our own, that they will heal long-standing and recent rifts, pursue just and peaceful agreements and solutions for the well-being of the people they serve, and share resources to relieve hunger and poverty everywhere, without concern for profit or gain for any single nation.

22

Ask God to help us actively mend the suspicion and hatred in our nation and around the world that divide us, frustrate compassion and generosity, and undermine our understanding of how to live in community. Pray that where we are broken or in conflict, God will show us how to be whole.

DISCIPLESHIP

How Jesus Became God

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

Our morning Bible Study with Pastor Larry resumed 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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study continues every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.. We are studying the book of Acts. Come and join us. New members are welcome. Contact Nancy Simon 865-679-3286 for more information.

OUTREACH

Serving at KARM

Peace will be cooking and serving the noon meal at KARM on Saturday, January 25. We invite any who wish to serve in this way to join us at KARM from 9:30 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m. If you would like to help, please sign up on the bulletin board, so we know we have enough volunteers. If you have questions, please speak to either Donna Ellstrom or Linda McClanahan.

Welcoming Refugees and Other Immigrants

Some people of Peace have expressed concern and empathy for immigrants and refugees. It is good to know that the ELCA also has concern and empathy. Through ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response some immediate needs are met.

Through ELCA AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) children and families from Central America are welcomed and supported. And finally, the ELCA supports Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), founded 80 years ago by predecessor churches of the ELCA.

According to an article in *Living Lutheran*, June, 2019, there are things we can do to answer these concerns: Observe Refugee Sunday, Join Circle of Welcome (an LIRS program), Become an AMMPARO welcoming congregation, Speak up, especially to your legislators, and Be a bridge builder, i.e., be kind

when you meet people from other parts of the world. There are copies of this *Living Lutheran* article on the Outreach board. Feel free to take a copy for yourself.

Also there are local groups working with immigrants in our community. These groups welcome your support and involvement. Bridge Refugee Services, a nonprofit agency, resettles refugees and handles their case management. Knoxville Internationals Network (KIN) is a faith-based organization that serves all internationals by holding citizenship and English classes and other services. If you are interested in becoming involved locally see the Outreach board for more information.

Meal at Tyson House

Our next time to provide a meal at Tyson House on UT campus is February 9. We are thinking of a new menu--look for the sign-up soon.

Family Promise

The Church of the Good Samaritan will host Family Promise February 2 - 9. Our usual night is Monday, February 3. There will be a sign-up Sunday, January 19. This is early, but if we don't have enough available volunteers I would like to give Good Sam plenty of warning. At this time there are 3 families with babies and teenagers, no children of "playing game" age. We could probably get by with food volunteers and overnight volunteers, who could also be greeters at 5:30 p.m.

NURTURE

Discerning God's Call Luncheon

As you know, we will be gathering on Sunday, January 26 to begin our discussion around "Discerning God's Call" for Peace. We will host a simple lunch during the meetings, so we need to know how many will be staying for the meetings. Please sign up on the bulletin board, so we can make certain we have enough food for everyone. Many thanks, the Nurture Commission. Contact Linda McClanahan if you have questions.

Peace Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, February 4, at 10:00 a.m., we will discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Looking Ahead: On March 3, *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* by Elaine F. Weiss. Contact Kathleen Schuller if you have questions.

Women of Peace

The Women of Peace will meet at Peace in the first Sunday School room for our January meeting, January 21, at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be a "comfort get

together" where we are invited to bring a doll or other item from our childhood to share stories with each other. As usual, those that choose to do so can go out for lunch at a restaurant after our get together.

Wild Women Weekend March 13-15, 2020

These women are registered for Wild Women Weekend: Anne Hudnall, Susan McLemore, Donna Ellstrom, Leisl Klukken, Marlene Klukken, Audrey Henderson, Toni McSorley, Deb Buckley, and Eva Kratts. Usually we are able to add participants almost up to the date of our Wild Weekend, but not this year. This date (March 13 - 15) is completely full. The one place that we needed filled because one of ours will not be there HAS BEEN FILLED! We have a group of ten women for Wild Women 2020. Contact Donna Ellstrom if you have questions.

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:

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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

Thank You Peace!

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. It is a pleasure to work at Peace. I look forward to many more years of serving the Lord with you... thank you for your continued prayers for my husband. ~Andrea

A BIG thank you for the Christmas bonus. I appreciate your amazing support for the music program here at Peace Lutheran Church. And your attentiveness and encouragement are priceless. I feel blessed. Sincerely, Peggy

I want to thank the church family for the Christmas gift that me and my family was blessed with. It was an unexpected, but much needed gift. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of such a wonderful church family. Thank you again, Latasha

Brothers and Sisters, I want to say thank you for the most generous gift. Peace is a beautiful congregation that has the biggest hearts. Audrey and I are very blessed to be called members and it is my privilege to serve you. I cannot begin to explain what God has done in our lives and how He has blessed us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! ~Butch



To the People of Peace,
Thank you for your
cards and monetary gifts
at Christmas.

Just a note
to let you know
how much
your kindness
and thoughtfulness
are appreciated.
Blessing in this New Year.

Pastor Norma
Pastor Larry

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Outline for 2020 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**

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| 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 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).