

Weekly Messenger

Reaching UP-IN-OUT

Ministers: All Members of Peace Lutheran
Ralph Kirkpatrick, Pastor



January 25 - February 1, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

January 29, 2017

Worship with Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, January 25

10:30 a.m. PR Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Practice
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, January 26

12:00 p.m. S-Anon Meeting
3:00 p.m. STEM Scouts
6:30 p.m. Troop 20776
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Saturday, January 28

9:30 a.m. Tai Chi
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Class

Sunday, January 29

8:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship w/Communion
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, January 30

Pastor Ralph's Day Off
1:30 p.m. Shake Your Soul Dance
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. VDC Men
6:30 p.m. Troop 20117
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, February 1

10:30 a.m. PR Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Great Commission Heads
6:00 p.m. Great Commission Groups
6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Practice
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Serving this Sunday *Worship with Holy Communion* 1/29/2017

8:30

Assisting Minister: Anne Hudnall
Lector/Comm. Asst.: Mary Gage
Sound: George Anderson
Usher: McLemore
Greeter: Zetterberg
Altar Guild: Amy Anderson

10:45

Assisting Minister: Donna Ellstrom
Lector/Comm Asst.: Ginger Tevault
Sound: Don Tevault
Ushers: Stephansen, English
Greeter: Ried
Altar Guild: Ginger Tevault
Bread & Wine: Toby
Tellers: Anderson, Schuller
Coffee: Terwell
Nursery: Lori Burnett

Peace Prayers

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

Members: Cassie Barnes, Margaret Blombach, Karen Burnett, Ernie Dickson, Gary Kratts, Bill McCamy, Stacy Nelson, David & Charlene Ottinger, Noreen Quirand, Carla Schirmer, Ruth Stallmann, Eileen Zetterberg

Prayers of Thanksgiving: **Megan & Paul Newpher** are expecting their first baby in January; **Mike Murrell**, who is recovering from a liver transplant in December; **Justyn Selle**, for successful surgery

Family & Friends: **Samantha Adamson** (niece of Eva Kratts); **Rosemary Aumaugher** (mother of Gary Aumaugher); **Betty Lou Bayse** (Suellen Meyer's mother); **Courtney & Marlon Beverly** (friend of Marianne & Andy Stephansen); **Vincent Briguccia** (Eileen Zetterberg's son); **David Brondos** (missionary to Mexico); **Terry Caldwell** (brother-in-law of Ginger Tevault); **Rosemary Clause** (Sue Carlson's cousin); **Jeff Davidson** (friend of Janet Barnes); **Maryann Dusbabek** (Eva Kratts aunt); **Erika** (former student of Lisa Lyford); **Al & Lois Etzler** (Pete's brother & sister-in-law); **Brooke Evans** (daughter of Chuck Evans); **Kristyn Farley** (daughter of Marianne Stephansen's friend); **Amy Franken** (sister of Kristi Shedden); **Andy Hedberg** (cousin of Simone Hedberg); **Barbara Hudnall** (Tim Hudnall's mother); Sarah Kane (friend of Stegners); **Adele Krans** (John Stegner's sister); **Jan Law** (Sue Nevedal's mother); **Wendy Mallaber** (Gary Kratts' sister); **Willie McClain** (Julia Zeller's father); **Dr. Mike McCoy & family** in the loss of his beloved son, Patrick (friends of Eric & Sue Carlson); **Ann Miller & Karen Milanc** (friends of the Carole & Tom Mustaleski); **Marjorie Miller** (mother of Darlene Smolik); **Linda Millis** (Rosemary Ried's daughter); **Paul Montgomery** (friend of Mike Nelson); **The Morrison Family** (friends of Chuck Evans); **Mike Murrell** (former co-worker of Allan Ellstrom); **Sue Noonchester** (Friend of Carla Schirmer), **Lisa Oakley** (co-worker of Nancy Simon); **Lorraine Rajkowski** (Gary Kratts' co-worker); **Charles Savas Family** (friends of Rosemary Ried); **Mel Schulz** (Eva Kratts' uncle); **Justyn Selle and Bethany Ladner** (friends of Larry Etzler); **Stasiunus family** (friends of the Stegners); **Rick Streeter** (family friend of the Hudnalls); **Kitty Thompson** (Adele Soucy's sister); **John Wehrs** (Jennifer Utesch's brother); **Scott Weimer** (Cousin of Allan Ellstrom); **Sandy White** (friend of the Hendersons); **John Witz** (Pam Kish's brother-in-law)

Military: **Erik Aderman** (nephew of Allan Ellstrom); **Tarren & David Barrett** (daughter & son-in-law of Janet & Tom Barnes & granddaughter of Bob and Evalyn Storm); **Timothy Brig** (grandson of Eileen Zetterberg); **Taylor Dobson** (grandson of Bob & Evalyn Storm); **Paul Newpher** (Jim & Susan McLemore's son-in-law); **Jeff Smolik** (son of Darlene & John Smolik)

ELCA Prayer Ventures **January 25 - February 1**

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In the conversion of Paul we see God at work in the least likely of people. We pray that we recognize how the Spirit stirs us and are attentive to the surprising ways in which God is at work in the world.

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We remember in our prayers the leaders of our 130 outdoor ministry sites and 85 outdoor ministry organizations making plans for summer programs and seeking staff who will serve—in the name of Jesus Christ—people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

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We thank God for women who respond to God's call and pursue lives of service and witness as missionaries, rostered ministers, lay leaders, theologians and teachers.

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We give thanks to God for educators, scholars and theologians throughout history who have helped us mature in faith through prayerful study, exploration and discussion of Scripture and theology, and discover the intertwining of faith and everyday life.

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Power and wisdom are sometimes confusing for us, especially in our current culture. We ask God to help us better understand humility, the nature of wisdom and true strength as exemplified by the teachings, example and sacrifice of Jesus.

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We pray for God's blessings on food and clothing pantries, community meals and emergency assistance programs provided by congregations and communities for people living with poverty and hunger or seeking temporary assistance in difficult times.

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We remember the words spoken during the service of Holy Baptism and ask God to renew and sustain our promise to "proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace."

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Give thanks for all people – and during Black History Month especially for those of African descent – who are participating in God's work of building a multicultural church and restoring and reconciling communities in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

DISCIPLESHIP

Adult Sunday School

From the producers of “**Reformation Roots**” comes “**We Must Plant The Church**, The Story of Lutherans in America.” This multi-week series will consist of a DVD viewing, and discussion of the information presented. This Sunday, the session is titled: “Working Together: Lutherans Uniting.”

February 5: In Modern Times: Becoming an American Church

February 12: The Future of the Lutheran Church

February 19: Final Discussions and Thoughts

Adult Bible Study

Pastor Ralph’s Adult Bible Study continues each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. This year is the 4th of our narrative lectionary and completes the cycle of the gospels. As always the readings begin in Genesis and in chronological order move through the Old Testament. Our Gospel cycle this year is the gospel of Luke. Please let Pastor Ralph know if you are planning on attending so that he can get you some support materials before each class.

OUTREACH

Thank You, Generous Peace Members

We passed the “fire buckets” Sunday, January 22, to get donations for Our Savior Lutheran Church in Gatlinburg to host teams of volunteers helping fire victims in their recovery. Our gifts totaled \$838.60! Your generosity shows your compassion and willingness to be part of the solution.

Labels for Education

For decades we have collected Labels for Education from Campbell Soup products. Campbell Soups are discontinuing this program, and the project in Mississippi that used them no longer exists. Thank you for all your past collecting, but these labels are no longer needed.

Help Wanted-KARM Luncheon

We need volunteers to help serve lunch at KARM on Saturday, February 11. Our menu will be spaghetti, green beans, corn bread, fruit, and chocolate cake. We can show our thanks by serving those less fortunate. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the church or contact Chuck Utesch at (865) 247-6816 or utesch@comcast.net if you are able to help. We meet at KARM at 9:00 a.m. to begin preparation and we will be finished by 1:00 p.m. KARM is located at 418 N. Broadway. We also meet at the church and leave there at 8:30 a.m. This is a great way to give back to the community.

Hands-on Volunteering for Fire Victims

A person can simply show up at the Volunteer Reception Center, 1304 Parkway, Sevierville any day of the week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you would like some idea of what needs to be done, check out this website first, www.mountaintough.org. Another website, Volunteer East Tennessee, www.volunteeretn.org, has information about a secondary warehouse in Knoxville that needs volunteers.

NURTURE

Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, February 7, at 10 a.m. we will discuss *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, a memoir about race and the death penalty. Looking ahead: March 7: *Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir*, by Azar Nafisi. Contact Kathleen Schuller if you have questions.

MISCELLANEOUS

Congregational Meeting Announced

There will be a congregational meeting on Ash Wednesday between the meal and worship. The meeting will be very brief and will be held in the fellowship hall. The meeting will consist of a first reading and vote of two constitutional items that we will be voting on during the May meeting.

C11.03 The incumbent Vice President accedes to the office of President at the close of the meeting at which his term of office as Vice President ends.

Proposed:

Can this be deleted? It duplicates the information in C11.02.02.b.2

C12.02. The at-large member(s) of the Council shall be elected by written ballot to serve for 2 years or until their successor(s) are elected. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than two full terms consecutively. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. The terms of office for the officers are defined in Chapter 11.

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A Thank you from Butch Henderson and the men of Steps House

Brothers and Sisters, I want to thank everyone for the support and donations that you have given Steps House. The men really enjoyed the treat bags that was given

to them by Peace at Christmas. The treat bags were the only Christmas gift that a lot of the men received. Some acted like it was the only gift they've gotten in a long while. The personal hygiene items were greatly received.

I also want to thank everyone for all the donations that has been given to the Steps House. The blankets, sheets, towels, and other items were greatly needed. We always have a need for these items because of the constant inflow of clients. We have a greater need for blankets, sheets, and pillows in the winter than any other time because of the cold weather. You can donate items (used is just as welcomed) at anytime. We accept any donation. If you can use it in your house so can they.

Again, thank you for your support. Your love really shows! Butch Henderson

Thank You for the Generous Christmas Gifts

Frannie and I and all my family would like to thank Peace Lutheran for their loving expression of thanks for my pastoral ministry. Your generous Christmas gift to us was extremely kind and we are very thankful for being here at Peace. ~ Pastor Ralph

Thank you so much for your exceedingly generous Christmas gift! We consider it a great privilege and honor to serve God and the congregation through our musical offerings at Peace Lutheran. It is truly special to be a part of such a loving and caring Christian community. We appreciate you thinking of us and wish everyone a most Happy New Year. ~Peggy Ransom and Emily Anderson

Thank you so much for the staff Christmas gift. I really appreciate the blessing of your generosity. I consider it a blessing and a ministry to serve our church. This gift just shows the love that the congregation has for each other. Audrey and I are proud to be called members of Peace Lutheran Church. ~Butch Henderson

Thank you Peace Family for the generous Christmas gift you gave me this year. It is a pleasure to serve the Lord here at Peace. ~Andrea Holloman