

# **Weekly Messenger**

## Reaching UP-IN-OUT

Ministers: All Members of Peace Lutheran  
Ralph Kirkpatrick, Pastor



February 8-15, 2017

## **Sixth Sunday of Epiphany**

### **February 12, 2017**

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

## *Peace Weekly Calendar*

### **Wednesday, February 8**

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

### **Thursday, February 9**

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

### **Saturday, February 11**

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

### **Sunday, February 12**

*Lifting of Silver*  
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, February 13**

*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, February 14**

7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

### **Wednesday, February 15**

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

## *Serving this Sunday* *Worship with Holy Communion* 2/12/2017

### **8:30**

**Assisting Minister:** Susan McLemore  
**Lector/Comm. Asst.:** Barbara Kistler-Martin  
**Sound:** George Anderson  
**Usher:** Kratts  
**Greeter:** Eileen Zetterberg  
**Altar Guild:** Mary Gage

### **10:45**

**Assisting Minister:** John Burnett  
**Lector/Comm Asst.:** Kristie Toby  
**Sound:** Don Tevault  
**Ushers:** Klukken, Stegner  
**Greeter:** Deb Stegner  
**Altar Guild:** Kristie Toby  
**Bread & Wine:** Gage  
**Tellers:** Kratts, Toby  
**Coffee:** Carlson, McLemore  
**Nursery:** Donna Ellstrom

# *Peace Prayers*

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

**Members:** Cassie Barnes, Margaret Blombach, Ernie Dickson, Gary Kratts, Bill McCamy, Stacy Nelson, David & Charlene Ottinger, Noreen Quirand, Carla Schirmer, Nancy Simon, Ruth Stallmann

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:** **Megan & Paul Newpher**, on the birth of Ellie Elaine Newpher, born January 29; **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); **Jeff Brig & Vincent Briguccia** (Eileen Zetterberg's sons); **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); **Kenneth Lee** (son of Eric Carlson's friend); **(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); **Jeff Ortman** (brother of Deb Stegner); **Greg Pfahles** (Cousin of Sue Carlson); **(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* February 8-15

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### *Baptism of our Lord*

Through the waters of baptism and word of God we are welcomed lovingly into the body of Christ and set forward on a new path as children of God. We pray the Holy Spirit will remind us daily of our baptismal mission, stir our faith and be an ever-present guide for us as we share the gospel and serve our neighbor.

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We remember in our prayers college and university students who are on winter break, involved in J-term studies or service learning that they be renewed for continuing their studies, know the mutual blessings of community service and further discern how God is calling into use their deepening knowledge, experiences, skills and passions.

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For people—of all ages—who suffer with depression, especially during this time of the year, we pray for relief, hope, appropriate skilled care, supportive relationships and communities, and healing.

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We give thanks to God for traditions of the past that still carry meaning and value for us and for traditions that are shifting or being newly formed as the world changes and we are moved by God's creative power and presence.

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The ELCA strategy for Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) is rooted in concern for the plight of children forced to flee their communities, particularly in Central America and Mexico. We ask God to help us be bold and wise in our compassion and actions, responsible partners in finding solutions and work together as welcoming congregations for the sake of those who are most vulnerable—children and families.

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We remember in our prayers our elders, those who are ill, and people who struggle with mobility who are homebound or living in places of care and pray that we are mindful of including them in the life of our congregations and affirming their value as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Uncertain of what awaits us each day and what the year ahead holds for us, we ask God to grant us courage, hope and wisdom for facing the challenges and tasks that take us by surprise.

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Just as Jesus' disciples shared their experiences and introduced others to him as the promised Messiah, we pray that we are enthused to go out of our way to share with people our faith and the good news of Jesus Christ.

## ***WORSHIP***

### **New Worship Assistants Training Scheduled**

Pastor Ralph will provide training for the new volunteers for both Assisting Ministers and Lector/Communion Assistants on Sunday, February 26 during the Sunday School time between the two services. Starting time will be approximately 9:40. Worship Commission is delighted that we have several new volunteers. If you are interested in serving in either or both of these capacities, but did not get a chance to respond to the covenant pledges. You are still invited to this training. Please let Pastor Ralph or Marlene Klukken know so that we can plan for you.

## ***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: “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***

### **Lifting of Silver**

Sunday, February 12, is our second chance this year to support the ministry of Pastor David Brondos in Mexico City. We call it “Lifting of Silver,” but green is just as desirable. The baskets for this collection will be passed before the regular collections plates.

### **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 \$908.60!** 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](mailto: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.

## ***NURTURE***

### **Can you win it in a minute???**

On February 18 at 5 p.m., we will be holding a pizza night dinner followed by "Minute To Win It" activities. Those will be a series of challenges that you have a minute to complete. This is a fun activity for all ages! The Nurture Commission will be providing the pizza. Please sign up on the board for a side or dessert and then come and find out if you really can win it in a minute!

### **Women of Peace**

We will meet at 10:00, February 21, in the Fellowship Hall for a brief business meeting before tackling the jobs of cleaning the kitchen and possibly the nursery. We will stop work, finished or not, at 11:30 a.m. and take ourselves to a nice restaurant lunch. All women are welcome to join the group.

### **Women's Quilting Group**

We will be quilting on Tuesday, February 21 following the Tuesday Morning Women's Group (around 11:30). We welcome all to join in this ministry, whereby quilts are sent around the world for refugees of war and natural disasters. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Klukken.

### **TGIF is scheduled for February 24**

Join us on Friday, February 24 for our next TGIF. We are headed to Cazy's Corner Grill. Cazy's is located in the Northshore Town Center (2099 Thunderhead Road), and brings a trend-setting spirit to classic American cuisine. The warm interior and contemporary environment make Cazy's ideal for a special evening out. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Need more information? Contact Dave & Judy Terwell.

### **Women's Book Club - March 7**

On Tuesday, March 7, at 10 a.m. we will discuss *Reading Lolita in Tehran: a Memoir*, by Azar Nafisi. Looking ahead: April 4, *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng.

## ***MISCELLANEOUS***

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Many Thrivent members get *Choice Dollars* to direct to the non-profit organization of their choice. Some members choose to direct those to Peace Lutheran. If you have any *Choice Dollars* left undirected from 2016, they will vanish on March 31, 2017. To direct your dollars to Peace, visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. Ask Donna Ellstrom for more detailed instructions if you need them.

### **Hike Concord Park**

Hike Concord Park on February 19 with the Smoky Mountain Hiking Club. The hike starts at noon. Meet at the dog park near Lakeside Tavern. Be there at 11:45, as they do not wait for stragglers! You can see the "official" write-up on the bulletin board in the narthex. There is also a sign up sheet if anyone wants to car pool. Bring your lunch if you are not going to Lakeside Tavern after the hike. Bring water and appropriate footwear. This is a 7 mile trail, but you do not have to go all the way. Rated an easy hike.

### **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:*

*This can 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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### **Life Line Screening**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Peace Lutheran Church on March 14. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle>**