

Weekly Messenger

Reaching UP-IN-OUT

Ministers: All Members of Peace Lutheran
Ralph Kirkpatrick, Pastor



February 15-22, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Epiphany

February 19, 2017

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

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

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, February 18

9:30 a.m. Tai Chi
10:00 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Class
5:00 p.m. Minute to Win It Pizza Blast

Sunday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship w/Communion
12:00 p.m. Hike Concord Park
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, February 20

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 20574
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, February 21

6:30 p.m. Troop 20227
10:00 a.m. Women of Peace
11:30 a.m. Quilting Group
6:30 p.m. Troop 20227
7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, February 22

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* 2/19/2017

8:30

Assisting Minister: Linda McClanahan
Lector/Comm. Asst.: Susan McLemore
Sound: Gary Kratts
Usher: McLemore
Greeter: Terwells
Altar Guild: Mary Gage

10:45

Assisting Minister: Donna Ellstrom
Lector/Comm Asst.: Janet Storm-Barnes
Sound: Gary Klukken
Ushers: Kirkpatrick, Burnett
Greeter: Kristie Toby
Altar Guild: Kristie Toby
Bread & Wine: Hedberg
Tellers: Ellstrom, Bachman
Coffee: Tevault, Stegner
Nursery: Kristi Shedden

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); **Arwen Kirkpatrick** (Pastor and Frannie's oldest daughter); **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); **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)

Sympathy cards

A number of you have asked for Pastor and Frannie's daughter's address: Arwen Kirkpatrick, 5 Wexford Lane, Great Falls, MT, 59404. Her husband's name was Robyn Porter.

Jennifer Utesch would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern for her brother, suffering from cancer in California. Sadly, he passed away this week. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to send a card to Jennifer, their address is 9722 Haversack, Knoxville, TN 37922.

ELCA Prayer Ventures **February 15-22**

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We remember in our prayers people who are still grieving and recovering from loss of life, home or livelihood because of natural disasters and severe weather and pray they find comfort, strength and hope in God's presence and the support of relief workers and volunteers who continue to accompany them.

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Give thanks for the joy that comes from studying God's word, discerning God's will for us and walking in God's ways.

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Throughout the coldness of winter, we pray all those who are cold, without adequate income to pay for heat or who are homeless find warm shelter, assistance and the welcoming comfort of caring neighbors.

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Death of Martin Luther (1546)

Give thanks for the life, bold faith, fervor for the gospel and teachings of Martin Luther, whose impact continues to influence and challenge the church and Christians today.

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Pray to have the boldness and courage of faith and compassion taught by Jesus, that

we may live and act far beyond the constraints and expectations for justice, love and mercy taught by society.

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Presidents Day

We give thanks for the peaceful transition of leadership our nation has known in its history, and pray our nation's leaders, and we as citizens and people of faith, work to ensure the voices of all people are heard and valued in the day-to-day deliberations and decisions made by our leaders and government.

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The Rev. Michael Fonner and Elizabeth Hendrickson are ELCA missionaries in Kenya, and the Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo and the Rev. Brian Palmer serve in Liberia. Pray for their ministries, witness and the skills they bring to our partnerships with companion churches for sharing the gospel and serving neighbors in need.

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Nearing the mid-year for many teachers, teacher assistants, educators and professors, pray for their continued strength, creativity and enthusiasm as they teach and care for their students – children, youth and young adults of diverse needs, abilities and backgrounds.

WORSHIP

New Worship Assistants Training Scheduled

During the Sunday School hour on February 26, Pastor Ralph will be offering training for new Worship Assistants. The session is open to anyone who would like to get a refresher on this important leadership role in worship.

The Seven Last Words of Christ Cantata

The Peace Lutheran choir, along with choir members of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, will present *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, a cantata by Theodore Dubois, on Good Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. This is one of the most famous and most performed Lenten cantatas. It is very dramatic and poignant in its message. Mark your calendars now to attend, and please invite your family, friends and neighbors to share in this meaningful evening of music. If you are interested in joining the choir for this special presentation, please see Emily Anderson for details.

DISCIPLESHIP

There will be no Adult Sunday School class on February 26.

Adult Sunday School

This Sunday we will conclude our discussion of the material presented in “*We Must Plant The Church.*” Please be sure to read through the handout from the beginning of the classes, looking for topics and themes which you find of interest. We will also look at some of the discussion questions provided by the series producer, considering the future viability of the Lutheran church. If you did not see all of the videos, or would just like to look at them again, they will be available to check out from the church office.

Baptismal Living

Beginning March 4, during the Sunday school hour and continuing all during Lent, Pastor Ralph will be teaching a class entitled *Baptismal Living*. This class will focus on our Lutheran understanding of what it means to live out your baptism in the world. Background resources will include much of Martin Luther's teaching on baptism and grace. All are invited!

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

Kroger Community Rewards Assistance

The Outreach Commission wants to remind everyone to sign up for enrollment in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. At the end of each quarter, Peace Lutheran receives a contribution check and our numbers have declined since last year. This money is used to offset the cost of our food ministries. **We are required to sign up every year in September.** We are asking for a renewed effort to sign up for this free program if you have not already done so. It is easy to enroll. Simply use the link below. <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> Participants that do not have an email address or computer access can also call 1 (800) 576-4377, OPTION 3. Thanks to those who are participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. It helps us to accomplish the good work we do in our community. Chuck and Jennifer Utesch will be at the back of the Church between services on February 26 to assist anyone needing assistance in signing up for this free program and to answer any questions you may have.

KARM Thanks You

On Saturday, February 11 Peace Lutheran served lunch to 150 people and a total of 190 meals (includes seconds) at Knox Area Rescue Ministry. We served spaghetti, green beans, peaches, cornbread, and chocolate cake. Thanks to our volunteers: Dave and Judy Terwell, Eva Kratts, Don and Ginger Tevault, George Anderson, Chuck Evans and Jennifer and Chuck Utesch. Our next time to serve will be on Saturday, April 1. Watch for information in the Weekly Messengers. We'd love to have you volunteer to help. It is a great way to give back to the community.

KARM Rewards

In the last quarter of 2016, the people of Peace Lutheran shared 20 donations with KARM stores. Those donations helped to provide 61,833 meals and 25,476 bed nights. For these donations we received \$60 in KARM Thrift Store gift cards which have been passed on to Butch Henderson to use at Steps House.

NURTURE

Can you win it in a minute???

On February 18 at 5 p.m. we will be having a pizza night dinner followed by “*Minute To Win It*” activities. Those will be a series of challenges that you have one 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 a.m. on 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 a.m.). 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 at 6:00 p.m. for our next TGIF. We are headed to Cazzy's Corner Grill. Cazzy'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 Cazzy'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

On Tuesday, March 7 at 10:00 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 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 this Sunday 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 is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Peace Lutheran Church on March 14. Five screenings will be offered. 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>**