

Weekly Messenger

Reaching UP-IN-OUT

Ministers: All Members of Peace Lutheran
Pastor: Ralph Kirkpatrick



March 29-April 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017

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

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, March 29

10:30 a.m. PR Bible Study
12:30 p.m. Cottage Meeting #1
6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, March 30

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

Friday, March 31

6:00 p.m. TGIF at Carrabba's

Saturday, April 1

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at St. John's
Lutheran Church
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, April 2

8:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship w/Communion
12:30 p.m. Cottage Meeting #2
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, April 3

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. Tai Chi

Tuesday, April 4

10:00 a.m. Women's Book Club
6:30 p.m. Troop 20227
7:00 p.m. Cottage Meeting #3
7:00 p.m. Knox Homeowners
7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, April 5

10:30 a.m. PR Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Serving this Sunday
Worship with Holy Communion
4/2/2017

8:30

Assisting Minister: Anne Hudnall
Lector/Comm. Asst.: Eva Kratts
Sound: Gary Kratts
Usher: Anderson
Greeter: McLemore
Altar Guild: McClanahan

10:45

Assisting Minister: Nancy Simon
Lector/Comm Asst.: Kristie Shedden
Sound: Don Tevault
Ushers: Burnett, Ellstrom, A.
Greeter: Shedden
Altar Guild: Kathleen Schuller
Bread & Wine: McLemore, Jason
Tellers: Simon, Bachmann
Coffee: McLemore, Stegner
Nursery: Etzler

Peace Prayers

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

Members: Cassie Barnes, Margaret Blombach, Ernie Dickson, Tim Hudnall & Family, Gary Kratts, Bill Larson, Bill McCamy, Suellen Meyer, Stacy Nelson, David & Charlene Ottinger, Noreen Quirand, Carla Schirmer, Ruth Stallmann, Evalyn Storm

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Family & Friends: **Samantha Adamson** (niece of Eva Kratts); **Rosemary Aumaugher** (mother of Gary Aumaugher); **Courtney & Marlon Beverly** (friend of Marianne & Andy Stephansen); **Jeff Brig & Vincent Briguccia** (Eileen Zetterberg's sons); **David Brondos** (missionary to Mexico); **Rosemary Clause** (Sue Carlson's cousin); **Jeff Davidson** (friend of Janet Barnes); **Maryann Dusbabek** (Eva Kratts aunt); **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); **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); **Lysa Lyford's Family** (on the death of her aunt Muriel); **Wendy Mallaber** (Gary Kratts' sister); **Willie McClain** (Julia Zeller's father); **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); **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
March 29-April 5

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Pray the Holy Spirit will guide and equip us to live in the light of Christ, to live differently than when we lived in darkness and hopelessness, that our lives be pleasing to God and a sure sign to others of God's love and ways.

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Pray for the members of the ELCA Church Council who are gathered to guide and further the work and mission of our church, that the Spirit permeates their conversations, deliberations, decisions and work together.

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Offer prayers of thanks for the many farm laborers and agricultural workers here and in other countries who are instrumental in placing food on our tables and feeding the world. We ask that their work environments are safe, they are paid fair wages to support their families and that we respect their work and treat them with dignity as brothers and sisters in Christ.

1

Thank God for the gifts of laughter, humor, comedy and wit that give us joy and sometimes catch us by surprise by revealing the struggles and pains of humankind from new angles.

2

Pray for all who grieve the death of a loved one, friend or neighbor that they find caring support among friends, family, communities and congregations and know the healing and hope we have in Jesus Christ.

3

We remember in our prayers the diverse gifts, life stories and challenges of our Arab-American brothers and sisters, especially during Arab-American Heritage Month, and ask God's blessings for the members and leaders of ELCA Arab and Middle Eastern congregations and ministries.

4

Pray God will equip, sustain and inspire people—of all ages—who serve as volunteers, participate in service learning experiences, travel on mission trips and commit to long-term volunteer service programs across the U.S. and globally.

5

We pray God hears our cries for forgiveness, mercy and loving attention both for our personal lives and circumstances and those of our neighbor.

Cottage Meetings

Communication in the life of a congregation is vital for any congregation to remain healthy. Pastor Ralph and the Council would like to invite the congregation to gather for conversation. The topic of this conversation is “*The Future: What Will Peace Lutheran Look Like?*” Pastor and council are seeking your input to this conversation. What do you envision Peace will look like in the next 3, 5, 10 years? What ministries do you think will be vital to the life of our congregation and how should we address those ministries now to be prepared for the future? What can we do now to secure the future of Peace? There are four opportunities to meet and each is a repeat. Dates for the meetings are Sunday, April 2 at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 9 at 12:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served for each meeting. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact the Church office for more information.

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

Baptismal Living - Adult Sunday School Study

Today 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; prayer, worship, study, service, giving. 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

Help Needed for the KARM Luncheon on April 1

We need volunteers to help serve lunch at KARM on Saturday, April 1. 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.

ADVOCATE FOR THE HUNGRY AND VULNERABLE

Providing direct assistance to hungry people through FISH and KARM is vital to feed people in immediate need and provide hope for their future. But even if churches and charities doubled their efforts, they still would not be able to end hunger on their own. Our federal government must play a role in making economic, social, and political decisions necessary to attack the deep structural causes of poverty and inequity. Our politicians are elected by us to do the work we deem important. We can let them know our values and priorities with visits, phone calls, emails, and letters. Join with others here at Peace in the Offering of Letters to protect and improve programs for needy people. We begin the process during the Sunday school hour, April 23, in the adult Sunday school room.

NURTURE

TGIF- Carrabba's Italian Grill

We will be celebrating TGIF on Friday, March 31. We will meet at Carrabba's at 6:00 p.m. They are located at 324 North Peters Rd. Please join us for food and fun.

There is a sign-up sheet at Church. Please call Chuck Utesch at (865) 438-1095 if you have any questions.

Men's Breakfast Alert

Men, we will meet at St. John's Lutheran downtown for a pancake breakfast being served by the Kiwanis. Kiwanis member Bill Larson has graciously purchased tickets and is providing them to us for free. Just ask him for a ticket before then or get one from him at the door on April 1. Let Dale Kangas know if you would like to meet at Peace at 7:45 a.m. that morning to carpool to St. John's. Bill is providing a table for us so the men of Peace can sit together.

Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, April 4, at 10 a.m. we will discuss *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng, a novel about a Chinese-American family. Looking ahead: May 2, *Charles and Emma: the Darwins' Leap of Faith* by Deborah Heiligman.

Potluck Continues!

Meals before the 7 p.m. Lenten services will continue this Wednesday and will be held every Wednesday through April 5th. They are at 6 p.m. and they will be potluck. Nurture Commission members will be in charge of the set up and clean up for the meals but we welcome volunteers to help! Sign up sheets are on the board in the hallway.

Easter Egg-stravaganza

Please plan to join in the fun at Egg-stravaganza April 15, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Kids of all ages will make butterflies for the church windows, make a craft to take home, have their face painted, hear the Easter story, enjoy a snack and of course hunt for Easter Eggs! Bring your friends and neighbors.

MISCELLANEOUS

GARDENING: It Could Happen

If you were one of the anonymous people who said "Wow, let's do this!" let's meet together at 5:30 p.m., before the Lenten meal, April 5, in room 10. If this time doesn't work for you, let Donna Ellstrom know that you are interested even though you can't be there April 5.

Thrivent Choice Dollars — Last Days to designate 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.

Thank you from the Hudnall Family

Dear Peace friends and family, thank you so much for your support and prayers over the last couple of weeks. My mom passed in peace and was lucky to have family with her at that time. Your prayers were a huge part in her being in comfort as she was ready for her departure from this Earth. She is smiling and rejoicing in a new life and Spirit. Again thank you for the cards, the thoughts, and the continued prayers.

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