

# **Weekly Messenger**

## **Reaching UP-IN-OUT**

Ministers: All Members of Peace Lutheran  
Ralph Kirkpatrick, Pastor



August 31-September 7, 2016

## **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 4, 2016**

Worship with Holy Communion  
8:30 am & 10:45 am Sunday Worship

## ***Peace Weekly Calendar***

### **Wednesday, August 31**

6:30 pm Choir Practice

### **Thursday, September 1**

12:00 pm S-Anon

7:00 pm Tai Chi

### **Saturday, September 3**

FISH Deliveries

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

12:00 pm Al-Anon

### **Sunday, September 4**

8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship with Holy Communion

2:30 pm Al-Anon

6:00 pm Evening Prayer

### **Monday, September 5**

Pastor Ralph's Day Off

*Labor Day - Office Closed*

1:30 pm Shake Your Soul Dance

5:30 pm Al-Anon

6:00 pm VDC Men

6:00 pm VDC Women

7:00 pm Tai Chi

### **Tuesday, September 6**

10:00 am Women's Book Club

1:00 pm Women's Quilting Group

6:30 pm Troop 20227

7:00 pm Knox Homeowners

7:00 pm TN Valley Ensemble

### **Wednesday, September 7**

6:00 pm Men of Peace

6:00 pm Great Commission Heads

6:30 pm Great Commission Groups

6:30 pm Choir Practice

### **Thursday, September 8**

12:00 pm S-Anon

7:00 pm Tai Chi

### **Saturday, September 10**

FISH Deliveries

12:00 pm Al-Anon

2:00 pm Kampwerth Art Class

# ELCA Prayer Ventures

## August 24-31

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We remember in our prayers seasonal workers seeking new employment, moving or facing the emotions that come with change. We pray that our congregations be inviting and welcoming for people in transition, that we are communities of faith offering acceptance, stability, friendship and support.

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We remember in our prayers college and university students, seminarians and leaders studying through the ELCA International Leaders and International Women Leaders programs. We pray the Spirit will guide their studies and discernment and prepare them for lives of service and enriching communities.

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We turn to God in prayer as we face daily experiences and threats of violence and terror in the world and ask that we not be discouraged or seek vengeance but that God will renew our hope and faith and guide us to solutions that lead to peace, healing and justice rather than deepening hatred and division.

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We give thanks to God for the season of fall and the ways in which it reminds us of new beginnings, abundant harvests that feed the hungry, anticipation of change and hope.

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Being a disciple and follower of Jesus is not an easy endeavor. We ask God to strengthen our resolve to follow, no matter the cost, and grant us courageous faith alongside the challenges, doubts and questions we experience.

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We ask God to bless the labors of those who work to sustain their families and contribute to their communities, and we pray for new opportunities, fair wages and a sense of value for people who are seeking employment.

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We remember in our prayers, especially during National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, those who live with the darkness of loneliness, isolation of mental illness and question the value of their life. We pray the healing love of God displaces the darkness and that we learn to better recognize the pain of people around us and respond with skillful care and the embrace of community.

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God knows us and knows our ways and yet shows us mercy and love. We pray that our actions, words and ventures speak clearly of God's love and presence that others may also know this good news.

## Do you Use Offering Envelopes?

*In an effort to reduce the number of offering envelopes that the church orders each year, we are asking the congregation to let the office know if you use the giving envelopes that you received from Peace. We wish to provide the envelopes if they are being used, but want to continue to be good stewards of our funds and not throw away multiple unused sets at the end of each year. Please contact Andrea as soon as possible at [peaceknoxville@icloud.com](mailto:peaceknoxville@icloud.com) or 865-690-9201.*

## WORSHIP

### Adult Choir Rehearsal continues this evening!

The Adult Choir of Peace continues the fall season with their rehearsal this evening at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room. The fabulous Men of Peace singers will begin rehearsing next Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 pm before regular choir rehearsal. We always welcome new singers, so if you would like to come be a part of either of these friendly and enthusiastic groups of folks, please come join us! The first Sunday back for the choir will be during the 10:45 am service on September 11.

### Evening Prayer

Sunday will be a continuation of our Evening Prayer services. The service begins at 6 pm, every 1st and 3rd Sunday. Please come and be a part of this service to worship God with song and prayer.

## DISCIPLESHIP

We are in need of some volunteers for the church nursery. As many of you know, Jessica Wallis "retired" a few weeks ago after many years of dedicated service. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to fill in temporarily, until a replacement for Jessica can be found. We are in need of a volunteer to help out in the nursery THIS SUNDAY for second service. Please contact the church office at [peaceknoxville@icloud.com](mailto:peaceknoxville@icloud.com) or 865-690-9201 if you can help fill this need!

### More Reformation Roots

Now that we have concluded our summer study class, the DVD series, "Reformation Roots," is now available for you to borrow. Perhaps you would like to view a session you missed. Maybe you would like to watch the whole series. The DVDs and a sign out sheet are in the church office. See Allan Ellstrom for details.

## OUTREACH

### Help for Louisiana

Perhaps you have already sent some help to the people of Louisiana who were devastated by recent heavy rains and floods. If you have not yet done so consider donating to Lutheran

Disaster Response. This is very easy to do online, but if you prefer you may phone 800-638-3522 or send a check to Lutheran Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300.

### **Corners of your Field—Helping KARM**

Your recent donations helped to provide 280,832 meals and 118,850 nights in a bed for the guests at KARM. KARM thanks us with gift cards to a KARM Thrift Store which we pass on to Butch Henderson for his work and ministry at Steps House. The collection box is not as visible in the storeroom off the narthex, but it is still there. Also a basket for collecting items helpful to the men at Steps House is in the storeroom. Keep these in mind whenever you are shedding gently used items.

### **God's Work, Our Hands**

This is a great phrase for all outreach done by people of faith, and it is the title of one special day in the ELCA. On September 11 this year all ELCA churches are encouraged to participate in outreach events, usually local in nature. This year the church event coincides with the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attack in New York City. Many people choose to observe this anniversary doing acts of service.

The Outreach Commission has service options for you on the Sunday afternoon of September 11. Each activity is a "one and done" type of service. Our hope is that everyone can find something that fits interest and ability level.

KARM will host a tour of their mission facility. While visiting the mission, we guests can offer prayers over the beds that their other guests will be sleeping in that evening. This activity is called "Every Bed, Every Day." A small card with a Bible verse will be left at each bed where prayer was said. Details are not complete, but we will probably leave Peace in car pools at 1:30 and return by about 4:00. All ages are welcome.

Another service project will be done in the Peace building. Thanks to a Thrivent grant we will have personal hygiene items to put into bags for people in transition who need them. Those who pack the hygiene bags can also bake some cookies for themselves and for others away from our building doing projects so that they can have a treat when they return.

Still in the planning stage, a final project would be to do some weeding and trimming for a family or institution (like Shannondale) who could use the help. The work would be physical, but not extreme like tree work. Anyone with a suggestion for a recipient of this help, please give that suggestion.

Another possibility is to visit one of our shut-ins on this afternoon. We have a team that visits regularly, but it would be great for someone not on the regular team to have a chance to visit with our people that we do not get to see in our worship service any more.

The sign-up sheet is on the Outreach board. There is a place for everyone to be of service on this day--God's Work, Our Hands.

### **KARM- Luncheon September 17**

**Help Wanted-** We are in need of volunteers to help serve lunch at KARM on Saturday, September 17. This is a great way to show our thanks by serving those less fortunate. As part of our food Ministry, the people of Peace Lutheran serve lunch every seventh Saturday at KARM. We need volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the church or contact Chuck Utesch if you are able to help. We meet at KARM at 9:00 am to begin preparation and we are finished by 1:00 pm. KARM is located at 418 N. Broadway. We also meet at the church and leave there at 8:30 am. This is a great way to give back to the community.

### **Thank You for the Breakfast Snacks**

All the breakfast snacks were delivered to Cedar Bluff Elementary the week of August 15. Thank you to all of you who brought in the food. The Summer Food for Kids did not attract families to get the food. Part way through the summer, most of the food was returned to Second Harvest to be sent to areas where the families were responding. The remaining unused food will go to Cedar Bluff Elementary for the weekend backpack food program. We will reevaluate the need and process for next summer.

### **Kroger Community Rewards- TIME TO RE-ENROLL**

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. The Outreach Commission wants to remind everyone that our annual participant re-enrollment in the Program will be during the entire month of August. Later this month, Community Rewards will be sending a reminder email to all participants currently enrolled. This will allow them to simply click a link within the email to directly re-enroll and support your organization. If you would like to re-enroll prior to that date, you can do so anytime by going to <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. *\*\* At the end of each quarter, Peace Lutheran receives a contribution check and YTD we have received \$691.77. This just about enough money to fund the lunches we serve at KARM. Please direct any questions to Chuck Utesch*

## **NURTURE**

### **Peace Women's Book Group**

On Tuesday, September 6, at 10 am we will discuss *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart, a fictionalized story about one of the first female deputy sheriffs. Looking ahead: October 4, *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. Please see Kathleen Schuller if you have questions or need more information.

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

We will be meeting at the church for quilting on Tuesday, September 6 at 1:00 All are welcome to come and share in this ministry. No special skills are needed.

## ***MISCELLANEOUS***

### **Lutheran History is Being Made**

This month in New Orleans, the Lutheran Church gathered for its Bi-Annual church wide gathering. Among the worship and presentations was the opportunity for the ELCA to affirm our on-going conversation with our Catholic brothers and sisters as we seek to find places of common ground in our different denominational traditions. On a vote of 931- 9 in favor, the ELCA adopted a document entitled Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist ([goo.gl/mF78ji](http://goo.gl/mF78ji)) Take some time to look over this historic agreement.

### **Portrait Art Class**

A Portrait Art Class meets each Saturday, here at Peace at 2:00 pm. The class lasts approximately 2 hours. All adults and high school age are welcome. There is no instructor, as it is very informal. The fee is \$5 for the model. If interested, bring a sketchbook, pencil & eraser. All skill levels are welcome. We are very non-judge mental. Please see Tony Kampwerth for more information.