

Weekly Messenger

Reaching UP-IN-OUT

Ministers: All Members of Peace Lutheran
Ralph Kirkpatrick, Pastor



November 16-23, 2016

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2016

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

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, November 16

10:30 am PR Bible Study
6:00 pm Men of Peace
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 17

12:00 pm S-Anon
3:00 pm Stem Scouts
6:30 pm Troop 20776
7:00 pm Tai Chi

Saturday, November 19

12:00 pm Al-Anon
2:00 pm Portrait Art Class

Sunday, November 20

8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship with Holy Communion
12:00 pm Congregational Meeting
1:00 pm Al-Anon Afternoon of Recovery
2:30 pm Al-Anon

Monday, November 21

Pastor Ralph's Day Off
1:30 pm Shake Your Soul Dance
5:30 pm Al-Anon
6:00 pm VDC Men
6:00 pm VDC Women
6:30 pm Troop 20574
7:00 pm Tai Chi

Tuesday, November 22

7:00 pm TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, November 23

10:30 am PR Bible Study

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day
Offices Closed
12:00 pm S-Anon Meeting

Saturday, November 26

9:00 pm Men's Breakfast
9:00 am Hanging of the Greens
12:00 pm Al-Anon
2:00 pm Portrait Art Class

Serving this Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion
11/20/2016

8:30

Assisting Minister: Linda McClanahan
Lector/Comm. Asst.: Eva Kratts
Sound: George Anderson
Usher: Kratts
Greeter: Terwell
Altar Guild: Sue Brown

10:45

Assisting Minister: John Burnett
Lector/Comm. Asst.: Kristi Shedden
Sound: Allan Ellstrom
Ushers: Etzler, Klukken
Greeter: Hemmeter
Altar Guild: Kristie Toby
Bread & Wine: Ellstrom
Tellers: Kratts, Toby
Coffee: McLemore, Carlson
Nursery: Donna Ellstrom

Peace Prayers

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

Members: Cassie Barnes, Ernie Dickson, Gary Kratts, Bill McCamy, Stacy Nelson, David & Charlene Ottinger, Ruth Stallmann, Carla Schirmer

Prayers of Thanksgiving: **Megan & Paul Newpher** are expecting their first baby in January; **Jeff & Audrey Smolik**, on the birth of a girl (*Lily Darlene*); **Alex & Andrea McLemore**, on the birth of a boy (*Grey*)

Family & Friends: **Samantha Adamson** (niece of Eva Kratts); **Rosemary Aumaugher** (mother of Gary Aumaugher); **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); **Brooke Evans** (daughter of Chuck Evans); **Kristyn Farley** (daughter of Marianne Stephansen's friend); **The Fenton Family** (friends of Rayna Granvold); **Amy Franken** (sister of Kristi Shedden); **Andy Hedberg** (cousin of Simone Hedberg); **Vic Heidle** (wife of Jeff); **Barbara Hudnall** (Tim Hudnall's mother); **Adele Krans** (John Stegner's sister); The family of **Paula Koenemann**, (Pete Etzler's Aunt); **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); **Lisa Oakley** (co-worker of Nancy Simon); **Adele Priest** (Eileen Zetterberg's sister); **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); **Jackie** (student of Lisa Lyford)

ELCA Prayer Ventures

November 16-23

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We remember in our prayers regions of the world where there is conflict and war, and we continue to pray for peace, reconciliation, healing and the emergence of leaders who are guided by wisdom, compassion and commitment to the well-being of those they are called to serve.

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Our church partners with ministries and organizations that care for people who live in poverty and hunger, who suffer injustice, who are imprisoned, who suffer illness and who are recovering from tragedy and disasters. We ask God to broaden our awareness of these needs and efforts and move us to greater involvement.

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We pray the Spirit will deepen our relationships with other Lutheran churches and open doors where division and conflict prevent conversation, cooperation and unity. We pray that one day we will embrace each other and work together as brothers and sisters in Christ, united in the body of Christ for the sake of the world.

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We ask God's help and wisdom in pursuing our goal of full partnership and participation of African Descent, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander and Latino people in the life of the ELCA.

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We offer praise and acknowledgment in our prayers for Jesus Christ—the true Messiah, our savior, the son of God—our real hope and salvation.

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We remember in our prayers the Rev. Philip and Lou Marie Knutson, the Rev. Tessa Moon and Jon Leiseth, and Allison Westerhoff, ELCA missionaries serving in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. We ask God to bless their work and grow the ministries of the partner churches and organizations they serve alongside.

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As humans, we find ourselves still asking questions about the nature of Jesus. In our curiosity, doubts and searching we ask God to continue to reveal and reassure us with the truth of God's Word and to strengthen our faith as we encounter God's divine mystery.

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For people traveling to be with friends and family on the holidays, we pray for safe travel and joyful gatherings; for those who are alone, we pray they are welcomed in and know the joy of hospitality and community; for the many who work through the holidays, we pray our expressions of appreciation and blessing will lift their spirits and remind them they are not forgotten nor taken for granted.

Happy Birthday
11/23 Phyllis Etzler

Baptismal Anniversary
11/16 Carla Schirmer

DISCIPLESHIP

Advent Devotion

We are again putting together a devotional booklet for this coming season of Advent. As in previous years, we are asking members of the congregation to submit a short written devotional (250 words). This year we are letting those who are willing to submit a devotional to pick their own passage or even a hymn upon which to base their devotion. If you would like to help out with this project, please see the sign up sheet on the board in the hallway. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Ralph. The deadline for returning the devotions to the office is November 21st. (Electronic form is the easiest to incorporate into printed form.)

Adult Bible Study

Pastor Ralph's Adult Bible Study continues each Wednesday at 10:30 am. 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.

Christmas Program for the Children

Families of Peace, the children and youth (along with your help) will be sharing the Christmas story during our scheduled midweek Advent service on Wednesday, December 21. They will present the familiar Nativity story in a unique way. We have a request, if you would like you can come already dressed as your favorite character from the story. If you can't find a costume at home, we will take care of you at church. So come, ready to sing, to listen, to learn, and to share, as we celebrate Christ's birth.

OUTREACH

Thanks to the FISH Teams

Saturday, November 5, Pete Etzler took 16 calls from hungry people and organized the deliveries into three groups even giving directions from one home to the next. Thanks, Pete. The three delivery teams were John and Lori Burnett, Lois Belveal and Mary Ellen Kangas, Donna Ellstrom and Ann Kampwerth. No one delivers alone, and any new team member will have a seasoned veteran to help learn the ropes. Our next delivery date is December 3.

Blankets for Butch's Homeless Veterans

It just might get cold someday soon. Steps House is in dire need of blankets and bath towels. Gently used is quite acceptable as are purchases from dollar stores and other discount stores. The basket will move back into the Narthex so you can be reminded of the need.

KARM Thank You

On Saturday, November 5th, Peace provided the midday meal for 150 people at Knox Area Rescue Ministry. We served spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, mandarin oranges, corn bread, chocolate cake and fruit drinks. Thanks to our volunteers: Dave and Judy Terwell, Sue Brown, Don and Ginger Tevault, Simone Hedburg, Eva Kratts, Wendy Granvold, George Anderson and Chuck Utesch. Our next time to serve will be on Saturday, December 24. 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.

Stocking the FISH Pantry

We have set December 11 as the day to do a major bagging of groceries at the FISH Pantry. The more people working, the faster it goes. We need people who put two grocery bags together. We need people who keep the assembly line moving by delivering empty bags and by taking full bags to the shelves. We need people who put items into the bags as they go along the assembly line. And we need people who can take down boxes to get them ready for recycling. If you are physically able to do any of these tasks, then please volunteer. We will get started about 1:30. (We may need a second minor bagging the last week of December.)

NURTURE

Men's Breakfast

Men, start the Christmas holiday season with some fun, food and fellowship. Come and share your stories, tales, and current projects. We will be preparing breakfast for everyone who comes to participate in the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, November 26. A sign up sheet is in the foyer or contact Dale Kangas or Bob Storm to learn what food is needed. Bring your sons, and invite your relatives and friends, too!

Holiday Gift Bags for the Homebound Seniors

Would you like to help brighten Christmas morning for homebound seniors. We will be collecting items again this year to be delivered with the mobile meals. Items needed include pens, notepads, watches, flashlights, soap, lotions, hand sanitizer, scarves, hats, socks, toothbrushes, tissues, combs, dish liquid, sponges, etc. Please

see the complete list on the bulletin board. The bags will be male or female and will include a variety of items (1-3 items from each category). You can assemble a whole bag or donate individual items to be combined with others to complete a bag. Please make donations before December 5. Please contact Lori Burnett for more information.

Soups, Breads, (and Desserts!!)

Our Advent meals will again feature soups, breads, and desserts. They begin at 6PM before the Advent services starting on Nov. 30th. Please sign up on the bulletin board. We are asking that the desserts on Dec. 21st be Christmas Cookies. These will be served after the Children's Christmas Program as well as at the meal. This year, we are assigning each commission a meal to be in charge of the set-up and clean-up (but extra hands are welcome!). Nurture is assigned Nov. 30th, Worship is Dec. 7th, Discipleship is Nov. 14th, and Outreach is Dec. 21st. Come and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship!

TGIF Pizza

More than 20 of us gathered at Peace to enjoy Simons' pizza and each other's company. We owe a huge thank you to Nancy and Tim for the crusts and sauces. They spent a great deal of time preparing for our evening of good food and conversation. The rest of us contributed toppings for the pizzas and money that we might have spent at a restaurant; the money goes toward stocking the FISH pantry next month. The donations totaled \$464. Wow!

Hunger Hike pledges are now in; that total is \$1880. Those two events plus the fact that we will get FEMA (federal emergency) food means that we will meet our financial commitment to stock the pantry. Thank you for all the support and generosity. We will know dates for working in the pantry soon. Already we know that strong backs can help unload the FEMA food Friday, November 18, about 10:00 am, at the pantry. Then on November 22, at 10:00 am, strong backs are needed again to unload the main order of groceries from Second Harvest.

TGIF will take a breather in December; in January the Buckleys will choose a restaurant and date for us.

Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, December 6, at 10 a.m. we will discuss *Inside the O'Brien's* by Lisa Genova, a novel about a family with Huntington's disease. Looking ahead: January 3, *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hanging of the Greens

With Advent approaching it is time to prepare our sanctuary for the season. We will do a "Hanging of the Greens" on Saturday, November 26th at 9:00 a.m. The Men's Breakfast Group has graciously agreed to serve breakfast to all who are coming to help with the decorating. All are welcome.

Thrivent Members

You got a postcard announcing a bus trip to Crossville to see *A Sanders Family Christmas* on December 3. It's an all-day event from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. The deadline is nearing (mid-November) so call quickly if you are interested. Call Teri Stoddard at 748-1136 or reach her by email at teridhcf@comcast.net. The cost of \$25 covers the bus trip, the play, and a buffet lunch at Cumberland Mountain State Park Restaurant.

The Volunteering Spirit

Do you enjoy working outdoors? Are you free on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays? Would you like to help build homes for deserving families? Consider volunteering on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Knoxville Habitat for Humanity. Don't worry if you don't think you have the skills. We'll train you. If you would like more information, talk to Allan Ellstrom. There are other volunteer opportunities as well. If you would like to volunteer, call Trinity Edgar at 523-3539 or tedgar@khfh.com.

Need to email Pastor Ralph?

The best email address to reach him is ralphkirkpatrick@me.com.

Need to email the church office?

The best email address to reach Andrea is peaceknoxville@icloud.com.

The email address, info@peaceknoxville.org, is no longer working.

Anything you send to that address will not be received.