

Weekly Messenger

Reaching UP-IN-OUT

Ministers: All Members of Peace Lutheran
Ralph Kirkpatrick, Pastor



December 21-28, 2016

Christmas Day
December 25, 2016

Worship with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. Sunday Worship

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, December 21

6:00 p.m. Advent Meal
7:00 p.m. Advent Children's Program
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 22

12:00 p.m. S-Anon Meeting
6:30 p.m. Troop 20776
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Saturday, December 24

9:00 a.m. KARM Meal
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
4:30 p.m. Family Service w/
Communion
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service w/
Communion
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service w/
Communion

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Worship w/Communion

Monday, December 26 **Pastor Ralph's Day Off**

Offices Closed
1:30 p.m. Shake Your Soul Dance
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. VDC Men
6:00 p.m. VDC Women
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, December 27

Offices Closed
7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, December 28

Offices Closed

Thursday, December 29

Offices Closed
12:00 p.m. S-Anon Meeting
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Friday, December 30

Offices Closed

Saturday, December 31

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Class

Sunday, January 1

9:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Serving this Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion
12/25/2016

6:00 p.m.

Assisting Minister: Nancy Simon

Lector/Comm. Asst.: Susan
McLemore

Sound:

Ushers: Ellstrom, McLemore

Greeters: Terwells

Altar Guild: Shared responsibility.

Bread & Wine: Simon

Tellers: Ellstrom, D., Tevault

Coffee: Kangas, Carlson

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, Carla Schirmer, Ruth Stallmann, Don Tevault

Prayers of Thanksgiving: **Megan & Paul Newpher** are expecting their first baby in January; **Alex & Andrea McLemore**, on the birth of a boy (*Gray*)

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); **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); the family of **Lorraine Kemp** (Deb Stegner's aunt); **Adele Krans** (John Stegner's sister); **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); **Justin Selle** (friend 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 December 21-28

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Winter solstice

In our observance of Advent, we look to the lighting of candles to remind us of the light of Jesus Christ shining brightly without fail in the world, especially in places of despair and darkness where people long for light and hope.

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We pray the Spirit will move us to share the good news with people we encounter during the Christmas season and invite them to join in the life of our faith communities so they may see, hear, experience and come to know the source of our faith, kindness, hope and joy—Jesus Christ.

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We remember in our prayers individuals and families who live with poverty, unemployment or are homeless and pray the Spirit will move us to be attentive of others, generous and welcoming, especially during our holiday gatherings, the sharing of gifts, bountiful meals and celebrating the good news of the Christ child.

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Christmas Eve

On this day each year, we remember with hope, faith and anticipation the promises God has made and fulfilled through the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ, God's real and present gift of love and forgiveness for the world.

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Christmas Day

Alleluia! We give thanks and praise to God for the good news of great joy given to all people in the birth of Jesus Christ, the son of God—our light and salvation.

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Kwanzaa begins

During this week of Kwanza, we give thanks to God for the richness and significance of traditions, cultures, languages, stories and leadership among people of African descent.

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We humbly give thanks to God for our baptism through which we are joined with the body of Christ—all believers—and cleansed of our old self and made new, not because we did anything to deserve it, but because of God's abundant mercy.

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We remember in our prayers the communities in Italy that continue to be affected by earthquakes and pray for their recovery, the ongoing efforts of disaster response workers and that all may know the love and hope of God's presence.

Happy Birthday
12/26 Libby Anderson
12/26 Donna Ellstrom
12/27 Bill Halsey

Baptismal Anniversary
12/22 Cassie Barnes
12/22 O'Neill Bergeron
12/26 Amy Kroninger
12/28 Pete Etzler

Commissions will meet on Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

DISCIPLESHIP

Adult Sunday School 2017

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. The series begins from the time the first Lutherans arrived in the New World, continuing to the present day, with a discussion of where the Lutheran church will be in the future. The series begins on January 8, 2017. Hope to see you there.

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.

Christmas Program for the Children

Families of Peace, the children and youth will be sharing the Christmas story during our scheduled midweek Advent service tonight. They will present the familiar Nativity story in a unique way. 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

Blankets for Butch's Homeless Veterans

It is cold and the men at Steps House are 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 is located in the Narthex.

KARM Luncheon

We need volunteers to help serve lunch at KARM on Saturday, December 24. Since this is Christmas Eve, we will be serving a special lunch. Our menu will be ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, corn bread, fruit, and chocolate cake. We are also going to set up the dining room with red table cloths, green napkins and green plastic cutlery. This is a great way to show our thanks by serving those less fortunate. Many of you have already offered to volunteer and we will need extra help to prepare and serve this special meal. 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.

NURTURE

Men's Breakfast January 7, 2017

Start the first Saturday of the new year with a delicious breakfast and a chance to have some fellowship time with other men of the church! New members of Peace are especially encouraged to come and experience the fun and fellowship. If you want to bring something, a sign up sheet is in the the foyer, and if you bring a food that needs to be prepared, please come early enough to have it ready by 8 a.m.. Invite your relatives and friends, too! Questions? Contact Dale Kangas or Bob Storm.

Soups, Breads, (and Desserts!!)

Our Advent meals feature soups, breads, and desserts. They begin at 6 p.m. before the Advent services. Please sign up on the bulletin board. We are asking that the desserts on December 21 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!) Worship will be coordinating the tonight's meal. Come and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship!

Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, January 3, at 10 a.m. we will discuss *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines, a novel about race and the death penalty. Looking ahead: February 7: *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Contact Kathleen Schuller if you have questions.

Quilting Dates for January

We will be quilting on Tuesday January 3, at 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, January 17, after the Tuesday Morning Women's Group meeting. All are welcome to come and give their aid with this project.

MISCELLANEOUS

Staff Christmas Gifts

It is that time of year again when we can recognize our staff members at Peace with a little something extra for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the year. If you would like to contribute to this collection, please place your clearly marked gift into the collection plate on any Sunday or Wednesday evening service between now and Christmas Eve. The tellers will keep track of the collection and your gifts will be dispersed to our staff over the Christmas holiday. Thank you in advance for all of your generosity as we collect for various causes throughout the year!

Bill McCamy's New Address

Bill McCamy has arrived safely at his new home in Colorado. His PERMANENT address is 3500 S Sherman Street, Apt. 221, Englewood, CO 80113

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.

Serving Christmas Eve 12/24/2016

4:30

Sound: George Anderson

Ushers: Kirkpatrick, English, Kratts, McLemore

7:00

Assisting Minister: Toni McSorley

Lector/Communion Assistant: Eva Kratts, Natalie Kratts

Sound: Tim Hudnall

Usher: Hudnall, Hudnall, Utesch, Utesch

11:00

Assisting Minister: Donna Ellstrom

Lector/Communion Assistant: Ginger Tevault

Sound: Don Tevault

Ushers: Kirkpatrick, Anderson, Stegner, Stephansen