

Weekly Messenger

Vision Statement

Bringing Christ to Our World

Mission Statement

*Saved by Grace, Nurtured in Faith, Equipped to Serve:
we are God's hands for others*

Ministers

All Members of Peace Lutheran

Pastor

Ralph Kirkpatrick



December 6, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

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

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, December 6

10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study Group
6:00 p.m. Advent Meal
7:00 p.m. Advent Worship
7:45 p.m. Men of Peace
8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 7

12:00 p.m. S-Anon
6:30 p.m. Troop 20776
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi
7:00 p.m. Troop 20574

Saturday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 10

Lifting of Silver

8:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship w/Communion
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon
4:00 p.m. Confirmation
4:00 p.m. KADA Meeting

Monday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 12

Pastor Ralph's Day Off

10:00 a.m. Men's Book Group
6:15 p.m. Troop 22040
6:30 p.m. Troop 20227
7:00 p.m. Knox Homeowners

Wednesday, December 13

10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study Group
6:00 p.m. Advent Meal

Serving This Sunday

8:30 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion
12/10/2017

8:30

Assisting Minister: Buckley
Lector/Comm. Asst.: Kangas, M.
Sound: TBA
Usher: McLemore
Greeter: Utesch
Altar Guild: Hedberg

10:45

Assisting Minister: Simon
Lector/Comm Asst.: Ellstrom
Sound: Klukken
Ushers: Ellstrom, Stegner
Greeter: Stegner
Altar Guild: Tevault
Bread & Wine: Stegner
Tellers: Simon, Bachmann
Coffee: Kangas, Carlson

7:00 p.m. Advent Worship
7:45 p.m. Men of Peace
8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Peace Prayers

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

Members: Emily Anderson, Cassie Barnes, Ernie Dickson, Simone Hedberg, Tony Kampwerth, Pam Kish, Gary Kratts, Bethany Ladner, Bill McCamy, Stacy Nelson, Sue Nevedal, David & Charlene Ottinger, Noreen Quirand, Carla Schirmer, Ruth Stallmann

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Morrie & Suellen Meyer (51st Wedding Anniversary on 12/1)

Family & Friends: Samantha Adamson (niece of Eva Kratts); John Anderson (Tasha Abbott's step father); 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); Julie (Friend of Lisa Lyford); Wendy Mallaber (Gary Kratts' sister); Matthew Meyer (grandson of Morrie & Suellen Meyer); 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); Taylor Ramsey (friend of Carlsons); Charles Savas Family (friends of Rosemary Ried); Mel Schulz (Eva Kratts' uncle); Mitchell & Amy Jo Smith (Emily Anderson's parents); Stasiunus family (friends of the Stegners); Mary Jo Thompson (Adele Soucy's cousin); Ben Williamson (grand nephew of Gary Kratts); 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 6-13*

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For the sake of doing God's work in the world, pray God will shape our words to inspire, comfort, give hope, hold each other accountable and invite our neighbor to know God's mercy and love; enlighten our actions through the word of God, conversations, relationships and encounters with people rather than acting on what we believe is best for them.

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During this season of sharing gifts, pray we are mindful of and generous with our neighbors, especially those who live in poverty and hunger, immigrants and refugees, people who feel isolated and long for relationships and community, and families without homes or safe shelter.

8

Pray daily for God's mercy and patience, asking forgiveness for our shortcomings and failures, that through God's renewing love and the cleansing of our baptism we are set back on paths of righteousness and compassion.

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In the face of heartbreaking, daunting gun violence, we pray God's Spirit will stir in us a sense of self-sacrifice and humility that we might reconsider how we exercise our freedoms and live together for the well-being and safety of all people and

that we will be wise and courageous in conceiving and embracing effective changes in our lives and laws, even when met with uneasiness or resistance.

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Give thanks daily for our baptism into the body of Christ that prepares, renews and moves us to be faithful, compelling messengers of the good news.

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Ask God to bless the continuing work and impact of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, and give thanks for the many ways in which the campaign is helping cultivate and strengthen relationships, leaders and ministries locally and globally.

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Pray for a spirit of peace to fill us and inspire our lives through knowing God is patient and forgiving with us and our salvation is certain through faith in Jesus Christ.

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The mesmerizing light of Advent candles reminds us of the welcome, unfaltering light God shines into the world and our lives through Jesus Christ. Pray our lives are guided by the gospel and reflect the light of Jesus Christ in all we do and say.

Birthdays

12/6 Nancy Simon
12/8 Kenton Bachmann
12/12 Amy Kroninger
12/13 Pete Etzler

Baptismal Anniversary

12/10 Gary Klukken
12/13 Beth English

Wedding Anniversary

Dear Members of Peace,

As we begin the journey to the cradle where our greatest gift awaits us, I want to ask you to prayerful consider giving to our staff gifts this holiday season. You may give your gift in the offering plate. Please be sure to include in the memo line what it is for and all gifts will be giving out by the end of the year so be sure to give by the Sunday the 24th. It is an honor to serve this congregation as President, and I see the hard work our staff does first hand. I know many of you see the hard work of our staff every Sunday when you come to Peace to worship. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in giving to those who serve us here at Peace.



Peace be with you all, Anne Hudnall

WORSHIP

Calling all singers!

The choir is in need of folks to sing for the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Please see Emily Anderson for more information.

Important dates for the remainder of 2017

- December 6, 13—Advent Wednesday Meal (6:00 p.m.) and Worship (7:00 p.m.)
- December 20—Advent Wednesday Meal and Worship, Children's Christmas Pageant
- December 24—Christmas Eve Worship
 - 9:30 a.m.—Morning Service
 - 4:30 p.m.—Kid friendly Service
 - 7:00 p.m.—Candlelight service with Choir
- December 31—A service of Carols and Readings (9:30 a.m.) – no communion.

Did You Know?

- *Did you know* that the Worship Commission will answer any questions you have regarding the service? Just jot your question on a piece of paper and put it in the KRATTS folder in the Narthex.

DISCIPLESHIP

Adult Sunday Class

To be in the world is to be subjected to all manner of influence and demands. Left to its own designs, the world will take the lead - frequently not in a good direction. As a Christian, we are to be leaven to the dough and a light in the darkness. We are to lead the way! What exactly does that mean? How do we do it? Our creation was purposeful and intentional. So should our lives be. Join Bill Halsey on Sunday for a curriculum called *In But Not Of: Live the Life That You Were Born For*.

OUTREACH

Thank You, Volunteers

It was an extremely busy weekend with activities Friday, Saturday (three opportunities), and Sunday. The work got done; how impressive!

Thanks to Tim Simon for ordering our Second Harvest food and arranging a new way to get the food to the pantry. By renting a U-Haul, he saved us some money and made our unloading time better for the work crew. Seven workers came from TVUUC, two were from St. Mark's Methodist Church, and five were Peace members: Thomas Hudnall, Pastor Ralph Kirkpatrick, Tim Simon, Allan and Donna Ellstrom. We unloaded and arranged the new food in less than an hour.

Saturday was a FISH delivery day, and we had three teams ready to go. Unfortunately, Nancy Simon was unable to log onto the FISH line. We could not deliver. But a large crew came to the Knoxville Area Rescue Mission to fix and serve lunch. We had an ample, delicious meal prepared for more than 100, but it was the first of the month, and not that many came to eat. Not only was the meal at KARM accomplished, but also the church was decorated that same morning.

Sunday the youth (Erin Stephansen, Ellie Bachmann, Jaden Toby, Ethan Crossley, Anastasia Chitwood) with a few adults (Kristi Shedden, Allan and Donna Ellstrom, George Anderson, and Mary Ellen Kangas) bagged groceries at the FISH Pantry in a little more than one hour. The speed of the job was due to the good working crew, the fact that the churches who bagged in November left many filled bags on the shelves, and that Allan spent time organizing before the crew arrived.

Lifting of Silver

Sunday, December 10, is a "Lifting of Silver" Sunday for the ministry of Pastor and Alicia Brondos in Mexico City. Silver and green are both acceptable.

Gifts for Mobile Meals Clients

If you would like to donate a gift for a Mobile Meals recipient, you can put it in the designated basket in the hallway and Donna E. will get it to the Office on Aging. Suggested items are for personal care, comfort (like gloves and throws), home & kitchen (like hand towels and jar openers), and utility (like flashlights and pens). Think Dollar

Tree and just browse the aisles looking for inexpensive gift ideas. The basket will be there through December 10.

Justice Knox

Ten members of Peace attended the Knox Justice meeting at Tabernacle Baptist. Peace was included in the 200+ people from 20+ Knoxville congregations who voted to choose Affordable Housing/homelessness as an issue to work on this coming year. Justice Knox will meet and work with City and County agency officials and others to research the causes of the shortage of affordable housing and ways to increase the availability of suitable housing. The causes of the lack of affordable housing include rising rents and gentrification, and have forced people into poor housing and even homelessness. See Pastor Ralph, Donna Ellstrom, or Dale Kangas for more information.

NURTURE

Women's Christmas Luncheon

All women are invited to attend the Christmas Luncheon December 19, at 11:00 a.m., at the Chop House on Kingston Pike. We treat ourselves to this fine meal and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet on a bulletin board in the hall; we need this to make accurate reservations. We hope you can come.

It's that time again! Soups, breads, and desserts!

Our Advent meals will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 6, 13, and 20 before the 7:00 p.m. Advent worship services. Once again, we will have soups, breads, and desserts. There is a sign-up sheet for each week on the bulletin board. The Nurture Commission will have members assigned to set up each meal and we will also clean up, but we can always use extra hands to make the clean-up go more quickly! Please consider signing up to help us out. This is a wonderful time of food and fellowship, and we hope to see you there! ~ Nurture Commission

Men's Book Club meets Tuesday at 9:30 AM

All men are invited to come to the meeting to discuss Charles and Emma: The Darwin's Leap of Faith. You don't have to read the book to attend the meeting. So come, we'd love to have you. We meet at the church.

Women's Book Club

On Tuesday, January 9, at 10 a.m. we will discuss Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf, a short novel about loneliness. **NOTE DATE CHANGE.** Looking ahead: February 6, Born a Crime by Trevor Noah.

MISCELLANEOUS

Thank You

The words "thank you" do not begin to adequately express my appreciation for all of the cards, emails and phone calls in response to my father's passing. The huge meal you provided was greatly appreciated by all of the family as we gathered together on Saturday and Sunday in anticipation of the memorial service. I truly felt surrounded by your love

and prayers. It was a weekend full of sweet memories and tears. Thank you for all that you did to bring me comfort in my loss. -Emily Anderson

Christmas Eve Brunch at the Larsons

Bill and Jan Larson would love to share a light Christmas Eve brunch following the 9:30 a.m. service with our Peace family. Swedish breads, cheeses, coffee, hot chocolate and maybe a taste of Christmas glogg will be on the menu at their home, 216 Whittington Drive (Suburban Hills). All family members and out of town guests are invited. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to plan for.

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