

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 13, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

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

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, December 13

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 14

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

Saturday, December 16

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

Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship w/Communion
12:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Caroling
12:00 p.m. Council Meeting
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, December 18

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 19

6:30 p.m. Troop 20227
7:00 p.m. Knox Homeowners

Wednesday, December 20

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

Serving on Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

*Worship with Holy Communion
12/17/2017*

8:30

Assisting Minister: Gage
Lector/Comm. Asst.: Kirkpatrick, F.
Sound: Anderson
Usher: Terwell
Greeter: Zetterburg
Altar Guild: Hedberg

10:45

Assisting Minister: Storm-Barnes
Lector/Comm Asst.: Shedden
Sound: Tevault
Ushers: English, Stephansen
Greeter: Shedden
Altar Guild: Gage
Bread & Wine: Stephansen
Tellers: Burnett, Ellstrom, A.
Coffee: McLemore, Tevault

Peace Prayers

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

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

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); **Michelle Ironsides Henry** (friend of Dee Smolik); **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); **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); **Amy Jo Smith** (Emily Anderson's mother); **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); **Terra Caldwell** (Ginger Tevault's niece)

ELCA Prayer Ventures

December 13-20

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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.

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Remember in prayer men and women living in prisons, jails and correctional facilities across our country, that the Spirit of God will fill their lives with faith and hope and that we are moved to show them – as Jesus has shown us – sincere mercy, love, respect and support.

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Praise God for dwelling in our world – in us – and causing peace, mercy, goodness and hope to spring up where we might be inclined to give up in the face of darkness, despair and overwhelming difficulties.

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God knows the quirks, insecurities and needs of our human nature and being. Lift up prayers of thanks and praise to God for meeting us where we are in the human form of Jesus Christ and for giving us something living, real, tangible and engaging to capture our attention and faith.

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Just as John the Baptist was tireless in testifying to the one true light of Jesus, pray we too will be bold witnesses in today's world busied with sharing the good news and inviting people to believe and be baptized into the body of Christ for lives of faith, service and witness.

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We remember in our prayers people who labor and serve throughout the holidays, giving thanks and recognition for their work and long hours. Pray they find time for rest, renewal, connecting with family and friends, and reflecting on the meaning of the holidays.

19

Stirred by the ever-present Spirit of God, give thanks and rejoice always in prayer, worship and moments of reflection.

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Katharina von Bora Luther, died 1552

Give thanks to God for women of faith throughout history who have witnessed to the good news, pursued justice and peace in the world, helped form the faith of others and served as examples and mentors for us.

Birthdays

12/13 Pete Etzler
12/15 Anastasia Chitwood
12/19 Ginger Tevault

Baptismal Anniversary

12/13 Beth English
12/15 Grace Schirmer
12/19 Allison Kroninger

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 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

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 17.

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 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

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

Our Roof has a Hole

Peace needs a new roof over the sanctuary and south alcove. It has been patched twice, but now leaks when we have a serious rain. The leaking water has already impacted our floor. Additionally there may be damage to the roofing structure if water has been standing up there. We are in the process of getting bids for a new roof. We expect that a new roof will be in the neighborhood of \$40,000-\$50,000. We have approximately

\$20,000 from the previous capital campaign. Because of tax implications with possible new laws coming into effect for 2018, we are letting you know of this upcoming roofing campaign in case you want to take advantage of 2017 charitable tax deductions. If you so choose, place your check in the offering with a notation that it is for the new roof.

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.

Church Office Holiday Hours

The Church Office will be closed **December 25-29 and January 1**. Please send any pertinent announcements for the Christmas Eve Bulletin by **Tuesday, December 19**.

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<http://www.elca.org/en/News-and-Events>

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