

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 20, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

9:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, December 20

6:00 p.m. Advent Meal
7:00 p.m. Children's Program/Advent Worship
7:45 p.m. Men of Peace
8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 21

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

Saturday, December 23

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

Sunday, December 24

9:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion
4:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Worship w/Communion

Monday, December 25

Office Closed
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

Office Closed

Thursday, December 28

Office Closed
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Friday, December 29

Office Closed

Saturday, December 30

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

Sunday, December 31

9:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols w/Communion
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Serving on Sunday

Christmas Eve

Worship with Holy Communion
12/24/2017

9:30

Assisting Minister: Ellstrom, A.
Lector/Comm. Asst.: Etzler, P.
Sound: Barnes
Usher: McLemore
Greeter: Hemmeter
Altar Guild: McClanahan

4:30

Assisting Minister:
Lector/Comm Asst.: McSorley
Sound:
Ushers: Kirkpatrick
Greeter: McLemore
Altar Guild: Tevault

7:00

Assisting Minister: McClanahan
Lector/Comm Asst.: Larson, J.
Sound: Toby
Ushers: Ellstrom
Greeter: Terwells
Altar Guild: Storm-Barnes, Kratts
Bread & Wine:
Tellers: McLemore, Schuller
Coffee: Carlson

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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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.

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The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to prayer, fasting and advocacy addressing cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people who are living in poverty. Remember to pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.

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With child-like anticipation and excitement, we tell and hear the Christmas story over and over again, sharing the news of the life-changing gift and impact of Jesus' birth; we pray we are always open to this good news inspiring and reshaping our traditions, celebrations and consumer habits.

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Laugh, rejoice and shout for joy for God has done great things and restores our spirits.

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As we remember and retell the story of the world anticipating the promised birth of Jesus, the true Messiah, pray we not take for granted the gifts we long for and have received in the son of God, our savior – forgiveness, hope and redemption.

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Christmas Day

On this great day, we give glory to God for the birth of Jesus, the incarnation of God among us, an undeserved gift bringing light to the darkness and life for all people.

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With joyful hearts we give praise for what God has done for us and for revealing to us daily God's continuing activity in the world and – through our baptism – the diverse ways in which we are called to join with one another in serving our neighbor and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

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Pray for students, teachers and school staff on break during the holidays that they are renewed and strengthened through spending time with family, friends and their communities.

Birthdays

12/26 Donna Ellstrom
12/27 Bill Halsey

Baptismal Anniversary

12/22 Cassie Barnes
12/26 Amy Kroninger

Wedding Anniversary

Sunday is the Last Opportunity to Give Toward Staff Christmas Gifts



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

Important dates for the remainder of 2017

- 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.—Worship with Communion - Candlelight
- December 31—A service of Lessons & Carols w/Communion - 9:30 a.m.

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*.

NURTURE

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

Our Advent meals will conclude at 6:00 p.m. today, before the 7:00 p.m. Advent Youth Program. Once again, we will have soups, breads, and desserts. 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.

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**.

Go here for the latest news from the ELCA & the Southeastern Synod.

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

<https://sites.google.com/a/elca-ses.org/elca/>

The red car parked on the far side of the building belongs to Lisa Lyford, who is away on vacation.