

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 27, 2017

First Sunday of Christmas

December 31, 2017

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, December 27
Office Closed

Thursday, December 28
Office Closed
12:00 p.m. S-Anon
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. Worship
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, January 1
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, January 2
Pastor Ralph's Day Off
7:00 p.m. Knox Homeowners

Wednesday, January 3
7:45 p.m. Men of Peace
8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Serving on Sunday

9:30 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion
12/31/2017

9:30
Assisting Minister: Larson, B.
Lector/Comm Asst.: Kratts
Sound: Kratts
Ushers: Terwell, McLemore
Greeter: McLemore
Altar Guild: Gage
Bread & Wine: Terwilliger
Tellers: Anderson, Schuller, K.
Coffee: Kangas, Carlson

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<http://www.elca.org/en/News-and-Events>
<https://sites.google.com/a/elca-ses.org/elca/>

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**.

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 27-January 3

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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.

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We remember in our prayers parents grieving the loss of infants or children, and pray we learn to be attentive, supportive, patient and caring, especially when we struggle awkwardly to find words and actions that are appropriate and helpful throughout their grieving and healing.

29

Lift up humble prayers of gratitude for God's undeserved, awesome and surprising saving grace.

30

We continue to pray for refugees and immigrants, especially in the Middle East and Europe, asking God to grant them hope, safety, welcoming communities in which to rebuild their lives and resilience; pray we never lose empathy and active concern for their struggles, suffering and losses.

31

Everywhere we turn and look we see the wondrous, amazing creative hand of God. Praise the Lord, and give thanks!

1

Name of Jesus

Baptized into Christ, we bear the name of Jesus and are prepared for serving our neighbor and spreading the good news of what God has done. Give thanks for the gift of new life we have in Jesus Christ, and pray that we are bold, eager witnesses in the world – never shrinking from the work to which God calls us.

2

A new year often brings new hopes, resolutions, goals and beginnings. Ask God for strength and perseverance to meet the challenges of new and unfamiliar endeavors, and shout praise for God's forgiveness and love that renews us and frees us to get up, learn and begin again when we stumble or fail.

3

Give thanks for the bishops of the ELCA, and pray they find mutual support, grow in wisdom and skill for their ministry, and that their faith is strengthened through time together at the Bishops' Academy.

Birthdays

12/27 Bill Halsey
12/29 Reilly Boyd
12/30 Evalyn Storm
12/30 Linda McClanahan
12/31 Jason McLemore
1/01 Ethan Crossley
1/01 Tim Simon
1/02 Wendy Granvold
1/03 Rosemary Ried

Baptismal Anniversary

12/28 Pete Etzler
12/31 Nancy Simon
1/02 Jenn Utesch
1/03 Anneka Granvold

WORSHIP

Important dates for the remainder of 2017

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

NURTURE

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.