

Weekly Messenger

November 28, 2018

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



First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Peace Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, November 28

5:30 p.m. Wonder Wednesday
6:00 p.m. Men of Peace
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 29

Pastor Ralph's Day Off
12:00 p.m. S- Anon
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Saturday, December 1

FISH Deliveries
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Women's Meet Up
9:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens
10:00 a.m. FISH Pantry Stocking
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Group

Sunday, December 2

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, December 3

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Monday Night Men
6:30 p.m. Discipleship Commission
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Men's Group
10:00 a.m. Women's Book Club
7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble
7:00 p.m. Knox Homeowners

Wednesday, December 5

10:15 a.m. PR Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Worship Commission
6:00 p.m. Advent Meal
6:50 p.m. Advent Worship
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice & Men of Peace

Thursday, December 6

Pastor Ralph's Day Off
12:00 p.m. S- Anon
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Saturday, December 8

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Group

Sunday, December 9

Lifting of Silver
9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
1:30 p.m. Youth Bagging Food at FISH Pantry
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon
4:00 p.m. Al-Anon KADA Meeting

Monday, December 10

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Monday Night Men
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Serving This Sunday

9:30 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion
December 2, 2018

Assisting Minister: McLemore
Lector/Comm Asst.: Larson, B.
Sound: Tevault
Ushers: McLemore, Burnett
Greeters: McLemore, Zetterberg
Altar Guild: Shared Responsibility
Bread & Wine: Storm
Tellers: McLemore, Schuller, T.
Flowers: Nancy Simon's Birthday

Wedding Anniversary
12/1 Morrie & Suellen Meyer

Birthdays
11/29 Burt English
11/30 Eldon English

Baptismal Anniversary
11/29 Thomas Hudnall
Ray Rosch
12/1 Gretchen Kratts
12/2 Gary Kratts

Peace Prayers

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

Members: Amy Anderson, Cassie Barnes, Margaret Blombach, Ernie Dickson, Ida Jenkins, Gary Kratts, Bethany Ladner, Bill McCamy, Stacy Nelson, David & Charlene Ottinger, Noreen Quirand, Dee Smolik, Ruth Stallmann

Family & Friends: **Samantha Adamson** (niece of Eva Kratts); **John Anderson** (Tasha Abbott's step father); **Anya** (Lisa Lyford's niece); **Nathan Benko** (Adele Soucy's grandson) **Courtney, Marlon, and Heaven Beverly** (friends of Marianne & Andy Stephansen); **Jeff Brig & Vincent Briguccia** (Eileen Zetterberg's sons); **David Brondos** (missionary to Mexico); **Joan Carnahan** (friend of Don & Ginger Tevault); **Rosemary Clause** (Sue Carlson's cousin); **Betty Collins** (Butch Henderson's sister); **Jeff Davidson** (friend of Janet Barnes); **Sarah Davidson**, (Daughter-in-law of Soni & Janet Davidson); **Maryann Dusbabek** (Eva Kratts aunt); **Al & Lois Etzler** (Pete's brother & sister-in-law); **Kristyn Farley** (daughter of Marianne Stephansen's friend); **Amy Franken** (sister of Kristi Shedden); **Martha Kratts** (Gary Kratts' Mother); **Andy Hedberg** (cousin of Simone Hedberg); **Adele Krans** (John Stegner's sister); **G. W. Larson** (father of Bill Larson); **Jan Law** (Sue Nevedal's mother); **Kenneth Lee** (son of Eric Carlson's friend); **Wendy Mallaber** (Gary Kratts' sister); **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); **Dorothy Noel** (friend of Mary Gage); **Lisa Oakley** (co-worker of Nancy Simon); **Greg Pfahles** (Cousin of Sue Carlson); **Deb Phillips** (former teacher of Angie Moore); **Taylor Ramsey** (friend of Carlsons); **John Rogers** (friend of Angie Moore); **Charles Savas Family** (friends of Rosemary Ried); **Mel Schulz** (Eva Kratts' uncle)

Military: **Jon Ackiss** (nephew of Bill Larson); **Erik Aderman** (nephew of Allan Ellstrom); **Tarren & David Barrett** (daughter & son-in-law of Janet & Tom Barnes & granddaughter of Bob and Evalyn Storm); **Angela Batastini** (niece of Bill Larson); **Timothy Brig** (grandson of Eileen Zetterberg); **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

November 28 - December 5

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Pray that, as we eagerly await the return of Jesus, we remain focused on the work, service and witness the Holy Spirit calls and equips us to do in this world today.

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Remember in prayer immigrants and refugees fleeing violence and dire circumstances to seek safety, peace and new opportunities; pray for those who, in spite of the personal risks and daunting challenges they face, return home with hope and determination to rebuild their lives and communities.

30

Andrew, Apostle

Pray the Holy Spirit will move and equip us to drop what we are doing or wrapped up in and follow Jesus as Andrew did so long ago, that we have the courage to follow as the first disciples did, trusting that God has important work for us to do together in the world, even though we bring with us lingering questions, fears and imperfections.

1

World AIDS Day

Today we remember and pray for people who have died from AIDS-related illnesses and people who are living with HIV; we give thanks for the progress made in prevention, treatment and care, and ask for an awareness of what still needs to be done; and we ask God to help our church continue in its work with partners and organizations around the

world to eradicate AIDS and support people who live with HIV.

2

First Sunday of Advent

Give thanks and praise for God's promises fulfilled in the gift of Jesus Christ, a gift for all humanity that changed everything and continues to stir faith, newness of spirit, peace, compassion and justice in the world.

3

Pray for the recovery and well-being of those affected by recent hurricanes, flooding, wildfires and other natural disasters, especially for families, people living in poverty, older adults and communities with scarce resources.

4

Ask for help in knowing and following God's ways and paths – paths that are mercy, love and faithfulness.

5

Give thanks for the generous support of ELCA members and congregations in response to *The Campaign for the ELCA* and its priorities: congregations, leadership, hunger and poverty, and the global church. Pray our commitments and generosity continue for supporting and investing in the future of this church, deepening our relationships, and expanding existing and new ministries that serve our neighbors and communities here and around the world.

WORSHIP

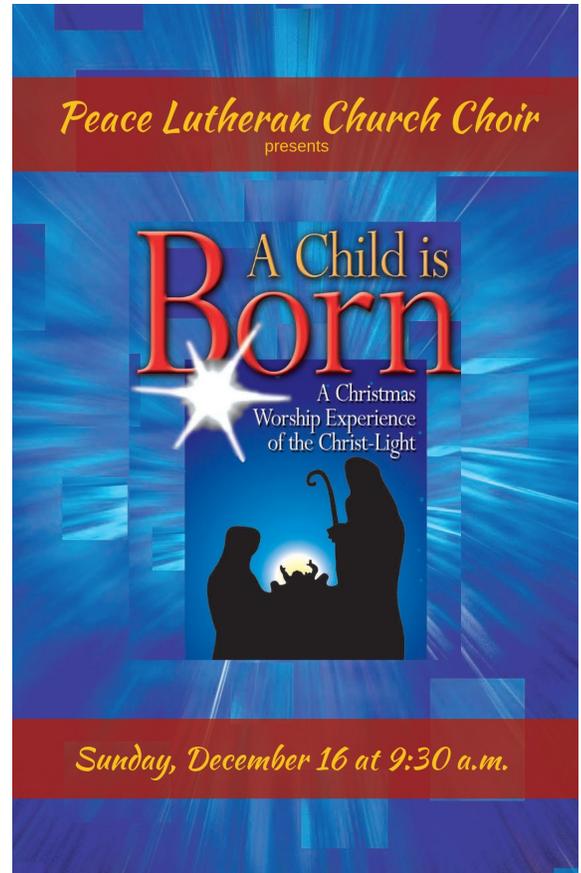
Advent Worship

Our Advent mid-week worship will begin next week (December 5) at 7:00 p.m. The service will be preceded with a hymn sing each week, starting at 6:50 p.m. Our service will be Holden Evening Prayer with a short devotion. This year's theme will be *Watching and Listening*.

OUTREACH

Stocking the FISH Pantry

Save these dates on your calendar to help stock the FISH Pantry in December. On December 1, we will unload the huge order from Second Harvest. December 1 is a Saturday, so healthy people, who work during the week, can join the unloading crew. This is not an activity for someone with a bad back or weak heart. **We need you, able-bodied Peace members, to unload the truck of groceries from Second Harvest on Saturday, December 1. We will start the process at 10:00 a.m. With many volunteers, the task takes about one hour.**



On Sunday, December 9 at 1:30 p.m., the youth will bag groceries at the pantry. We need adults also. Bagging should not be a time-consuming activity, since we partner with TVUUC, and they will do bagging also, but on different dates. When bagging the groceries there is one job that does not take physical prowess (putting numbers on the bags). Some jobs involve bending; some jobs require lifting heavy bags; and one job is to break down the empty cardboard boxes. If you have skills that match the need, please volunteer. The sign up sheet is posted on the Outreach bulletin board in the Narthex.

Thrivent is Matching Disaster Relief

Should you want to give money to help with relief from California wildfires and if you are a Thrivent member, you can double your financial impact by giving through the Thrivent website. After you have located the place to give in their website, you get to choose the agency that will get your money. Here is how to find the giving spot: www.Thrivent.com; Be Wise with Money (in upper left of screen); Give of Yourself (under Wise with Money Journey when you put cursor over those words); scroll to Disaster Response; scroll to California Wildfires; click on + on the left; choose your agency and follow directions.

KARM Giving Back

We recently received \$150 in KARM store gift cards due to our putting items in the KARM box here at church. These gift cards are passed on to Butch Henderson who gives them to homeless veterans as needed. The KARM box and the Steps House (for homeless veterans) basket are both in the small room to the left of the entrance to Peace Lutheran. Some items could go into either box or basket, but whichever one you choose, you will be helping people who need the help.

Delayed Thank You

A few years ago Peace was part of a project to provide comfort care baskets to people in cancer treatment. Although we are not part of this project currently, we just received a thank you from someone who benefitted from this basket. Her note can be found on the Outreach bulletin board.

NURTURE

Peace Women's Meet-Up - Saturday, December 1, 8:00 a.m.

All women welcome - no sign up - just show up. BYOBB (bring your own bag breakfast). Contact Kathleen Schuller if you have questions.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, December 1, 8:00 a.m.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Contact Dale Kangas if you have questions.

Women of Peace



All women are welcome. Look for a sign-up sheet; we do need to let the restaurant know our number. Women are encouraged to bring a gift for a Mobile Meals client when they come to the luncheon. A list of possible items is next to the sign-up. At Dollar Tree, everything is just \$1.00.

Peace Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, December 4, at 10:00 a.m., we will discuss *Refugee*, by Alan Gratz, a middle grade book about emigration. Looking ahead: January 8, *The War that Saved my Life*, by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley.

Advent Meals

KISS (Keep it Super Simple)! We will have soup and bread starting December 5 and continuing the 12th and 19th. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Contact Pastor Ralph if you have questions.

DISCIPLESHIP**Sunday Morning - Starting at 10:45 a.m.****Adults - Welcome to the Christian Faith - Pastor Ralph**

Beginning with the basics, Pastor Ralph will take us through the many of the elements of the Christian faith. After the basics, we will examine what makes us that particular kind of Christian called Lutherans. Lastly, we will look at what it means to be a Christian here at Peace Lutheran. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of this class, whether you are young or old, new to faith or a Christian all your life, a long time member or just joining.

Walk through the Bible – Pre K – grade 5

An education class for the the younger youth based on the Narrative Lectionary. Starting in the Old Testament through to the birth of the church. The preschool class (2-4 yr olds) will explore the Bible through hands-on interactive Bible lessons.

Middle School Confirmation, grades 6 – 8

These are the grades where the youth take what they learned early in faith and put into a Lutheran context.

High School grades 9 – 12

The high school youth will once again be lead by Nancy Simon in a study of the Bible. Looking at what the story of God means for their life.

Wednesday Morning - Starting at 10:15 a.m.

The Gospel According to Matthew - Pastor Ralph

This is an in-depth study of the book of Matthew; going verse by verse exploring all the major themes of Matthew's view of the gospel.

Wednesday Evening - Starting at 5:30 p.m. (Brown Bag)

Bible Study - The Gospel According to Matthew - Nancy Simon

This is an in-depth study of the book of Matthew, going verse by verse exploring all the major themes of Matthew's view of the gospel.

Youth Study - Fun with God's Story - Pastor Ralph

Exploring God's story in fun ways: Video, Puppets, Games, and activities.

MISCELLANEOUS

Faculty Recital

Dr. Bernardo Miethe, our music director, will be performing a Faculty Recital at Carson-Newman University (Thomas Recital Hall) on Tuesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

Life Line Screening

Peace Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 12/21/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$124 with the member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount you must call [1-877-380-1743](tel:1-877-380-1743), visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle. You can also text the word **circle** to 797979.