

Peace Weekly Messenger

November 13, 2019

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



23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2019

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, November 13

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Pastor Norma: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 10:15 a.m. Pastor Larry's Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Commission

Thursday, November 14

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 12:00 p.m. S- Anon
 6:00 p.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Friday, November 15

Office Closed
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion

Saturday, November 16

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

Sunday, November 17

8:45 a.m. Sunday school
 9:45 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion
 2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, November 18

Office Closed
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 5:30 p.m. Monday Night Men
 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon
 6:00 p.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Tuesday, November 19

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 8:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 6:30 p.m. Troop 20227
 7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, November 20

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Pastor Norma: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
 10:15 a.m. Pastor Larry's Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Serving Next Sunday
23rd Sunday After Pentecost

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 Worship with Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: John Burnett

Lector: Jan Larson

Sound: Neil Buckley

Ushers: Andy Stephansen &
 Janet Storm-Barnes

Greeters: Anita Hemmeter &
 Anne Hudnall

Tellers: Eva Kratts &
 George Anderson

Altar Guild: Judy Terwell &
 Susan McLemore

Bread & Wine: Ellstrom Family

Flowers: Etzler Family

Peace Prayers

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

Members:

Cassie Barnes (daughter of Tom & Janet), **Margaret Blombach** (church member), **Ernie Dickson** (shut in); **Butch Henderson** (church member); **Ida Jenkins** (shut in); **Pastor Norma's Family**; **Dale Kangas** (church member); **Stacy Nelson** (church member), **David & Charlene Ottinger** (shut ins), **Noreen Quirand** (shut in), **Evalyn Storm** (church member)

Family & Friends:

Jeff Brig & Vincent and Linda Briguccia (Eileen Zetterberg's sons and daughter-in-law); **Rodney Holloman** (Andrea's husband); **Barb Johnson** (friend of Pr. Norma); **Rick Klukken** (Gary's brother); **Martha Kratts** (Gary's mom) ; **Rebekah Lake** (niece of a friend of Beth English)

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); **Zach and Terra Bennett** (Ginger Tevault's niece & nephew); **Timothy Brig** (grandson of Eileen Zetterberg); **Jeff Smolik** (son of Darlene & John Smolik)

Prayer List

Thank you for submitting the names of people you wish to be included in the weekly list of Family & Friends, as we continue rebuilding this list. Please continue to submit these names, along with your name and the person's relationship to you to Andrea.

Congregational Budget Meeting

Our constitution states that all congregational meetings require 30 days prior notice. This is to inform all members of Peace Lutheran Church that a congregational meeting to discuss and hopefully approve the church budget for 2020 will be held on November 24, 2019, immediately following the morning service. Your church council requests that all members attend, if at all possible. It's important that everyone knows what's happening with our church finances.

Birthdays

11/13 Gary Kratts

Baptismal Anniversary

11/14 Mary Ellen Kangas

ELCA Prayer Ventures

November 13-20

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Pray that, in the midst of the questions, distractions, hesitancy and opposition we experience in daily life, we will remain focused on the good news of Jesus Christ and on encouraging one another to share the gospel and do good in the world.

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The ELCA is the first North American denomination to declare itself a sanctuary church body. As a sanctuary church, the ELCA is committed to serving and supporting migrant children and families in communities across the country. Pray that we and our faith communities, moved by the Spirit, will see welcoming people not as a political issue but as a matter of faith.

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Give thanks that God is attentive to our prayers, acting as our refuge, strength and guide throughout life and in every situation.

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Remember in prayer ELCA missionaries serving in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania to support theological education and health care in clinics and a network of 21 hospitals.

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Anticipating Christ's return, ask for God's help to recognize and value what is important to God.

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Give thanks for the leaders, ministries and resources of our church that deepen our understanding and practice of stewardship and generosity. Pray that we might spread the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world with the gifts and resources entrusted to our care.

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Pray for the vision and impact of the 26 congregations, synods, ministries and ELCA-related agencies and organizations that have been awarded mental health ministry grants. Pray that their work will inspire others as they address mental health issues and develop new approaches to advocating for and assisting people with mental illness and their families.

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Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and shape our lives so that we might exemplify how to live and work together, care for one another, exercise generosity and tirelessly do what is right and just for the sake of our neighbor.

WORSHIP

Hanging of the Greens

All are welcome!!! *Hanging of the Greens* will be on Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 a.m. At 8:10 a.m. our Peace Men's Group will be serving breakfast to those participating so we will have extra energy for the task ahead. Please come for the preparation of our church as Peace welcomes the Advent and Christmas seasons. All are welcome!!! Contact Ginger Tevault if you have questions.

Worship at Peace

During the month of November, our pastors will be spending a portion of each service talking about the different parts of our worship service, their significance and how everything fits together. One significant change is that the weekly announcements will be moved from the end of the service to the beginning of the service, before the Prelude. If you will have an announcement to make, please be in the sanctuary before 10:45 a.m. It will also make the announcements go more smoothly if you sit in the front row for the announcements.

DISCIPLESHIP

No Sunday School

Please mark your calendar! There will be no Sunday school on the Sunday after Thanksgiving (December 1) and the Sunday after Christmas (December 29). In addition, this is the time of year when the adult education classes take time off. Please check the calendar page in the Messenger or bulletin to see if the Wednesday or Sunday classes will meet.

Pastor Larry's Wednesday Morning Bible Class - The Book of Ephesians

Our morning Bible Study with Pastor Larry continues each week. We invite all former participants of that class, as well as any new participants, to join us in this time of study and fellowship. We meet Wednesday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday Night Bible Study begins at 5:30 p.m. Tonight we will continue a study of the book The Acts of the Apostles. Come and join us from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Bring your Bibles. Contact Nancy Simon if you have questions.

How Jesus Became God

This is the title of a book by Dr. Bart Ehrman, which is presented as a series of lectures in The Great Courses series. This will be the topic of the adult Sunday school class begins at 8:45 a.m. Moderated by Allan Ellstrom, the course looks at the historical setting during the time Jesus lived, how people understood who Jesus was, how Christianity became a dominant force in the world and much more. Participants can more fully engage by reading Dr. Ehrman's book. It is available in print and electronic forms.

OUTREACH

KARM Coats for the Cold

Eva Kratts and Donna Ellstrom attended a breakfast that was a thank you from KARM for partnering with them. We received \$110 in KARM Thrift Stores gift cards at that time. As usual, most of those cards went to Butch Henderson to use with his veterans at Steps House. At this breakfast, the program of Coats for the Cold was emphasized. We took 50 vouchers for people who need coats and gave them to Cedar Bluff Elementary to use with their population. If you happen to be cleaning out clothes you no longer wear and find winter coats, please take those coats to any KARM Thrift store as a donation to the Coats for the Cold campaign.

Unloading the FISH Truck

We need a few strong and hale people to unload the truck of groceries for the pantry on Saturday, November 23, at 9:00 a.m. It usually takes about 1-1/2 hours to accomplish. Later, in the second half of December, we will take our turn bagging groceries. That date has not been set yet.

Thank You Tim & Nancy Simon

Again, the Simons' pizza was a gastronomical success. The Peace Pizza Party for the Pantry was a good evening of fellowship and tasty pizza. The Simons had spent many hours preparing crust, sauce, and toppings for the pizzas. We thank Thrivent for the gift of funds to make the fundraiser more profitable. Diners gave \$495 for FISH Pantry and other hunger ministries that Peace does.

Non Food Items for the Pantry

FISH started many decades ago, as a way to meet emergency food needs in our community. More than a decade ago it was decided to spend extra money in the FISH account on non-food items: toilet paper, detergent, etc. If a client has food stamps, these items do not qualify for purchase with the EBT card. Recently the person who had been purchasing and stocking the non-food items retired from that position. The group of churches that stocks the West Knox County FISH Pantry decided that each church would be responsible for providing all, some, or none of the non-food items. Peace hasn't routinely provided any, but a few things have been available on the shelves of the pantry. If you feel that some non-food items are important to provide to people in need, and if you want to donate an item or two, here is what is needed:

- **laundry detergent in smallest size**
- **dish detergent in smallest size**
- **shampoo in smallest size**
- **feminine hygiene, pads preferred**
- **diapers--no newborn, most needed are sizes 2 and 4**

You can place these items in the labeled basket in the narthex, which will be available through Sunday, December 1.

NURTURE

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast would normally take place on Saturday, December 7. However, the men's group has frequently hosted the breakfast for the annual Hanging of the Greens. That will be November 30 this year because the 1st Sunday in Advent is December 1. **Men's Breakfast will be on November 30 at 8:10 a.m.** Anyone who will help with the Hanging of the Greens is invited to attend. The men will provide all the food. If you plan to attend, please sign up by Sunday, November 24 so we know how much food to prepare. (There will be a separate sign up sheet for the men who are bringing the food.) Thank you.

Help Wanted

When we changed to using ceramic coffee cups again, we knew we would need volunteers to clean up the coffee and cups at the end of the service each week. Our last volunteer who signed up for the "job" was last week, so we are in need of others signing up for the rest of 2019. The sign-up sheet is on orange paper on the bulletin board, if you can take a turn. It just takes a few extra minutes and we appreciate your "anticipated help"!

Women of Peace

The Women of Peace will meet at our usual time and place: November 19 at 10:00 a.m., in a big classroom here at Peace. Thrivent has given financial support so we can prepare Christmas gift bags for the veterans who are at Steps House, where Butch Henderson works. Also, Will Biscoe has left us Molly's collection of knitting supplies and some material remnants. These will be at our meeting for interested people to take and use. Those that enjoy eating at a restaurant after our work session are invited to do that as well. Let Donna know if you would like to help shop (Thrivent money) for the contents of the gift bags.

Peace Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m., we will discuss *Tell the Wolves I'm Home*, a novel by Carol Rifka Brunt. Looking ahead: January 7: *Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents as We Age*, by Mary Pipher. If you have questions, please contact Kathleen Schuller.

MISCELLANEOUS

In Case of Emergency

Should a need arise after office hours that requires notifying the congregation, please contact Andrea Holloman by text at 919-429-9108 or email andrea_holloman@gmail.com. You can also contact Tom Barnes at 865-387-6769 or tnbarnes568@gmail.com.

Birthdays, Weddings, and Baptismal Anniversaries

We are updating the lists of the Birthdays, Baptism Anniversaries and Wedding Anniversaries which appear in the Wednesday Messenger. While doing this, we have discovered that the computer has eaten the lists for March and October. We have some records to partially reconstruct these lists, but know there is missing information. If you celebrate one or more of these events in March and/or October, please let Andrea know, so we can complete the records.

Come to the Water

The 2019 *Come to the Water* fundraiser is Tuesday evening, December 10 from 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 6900 Kingston Pike. The speaker will be Co-Head Coach of the UT Ladies Softball, Karen Weekly. Treat yourself to an evening of fine dining with soft-jazz by the Sam Adams Trio - followed by a spirited live auction. Tickets are \$30 per person. See the poster on the bulletin board or contact Pr. Norma or Pr. Larry if you have questions about this event.

THOUGHTFUL FAITH

Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.