

Peace Weekly Messenger

November 20, 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



Christ the King November 24, 2019

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

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

Thursday, November 21

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 22

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

Saturday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Unload FISH Pantry Truck
 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
 2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Group

Sunday, November 24

8:45 a.m. Sunday school
 9:45 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion
 11:00 a.m. Budget Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, November 25

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 26

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
 6:00 p.m. Troop 22040
 6:00 p.m. Via de Cristo
 7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, November 27

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

Serving Next Sunday
Christ the King

November 24, 2019
 Worship with Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Donna Ellstrom

Lector: Susan McLemore

Sound: Gary Klukken

Ushers: Mike Taylor & Dave Terwell

Greeters: Anne Kampwerth & Jan Larson

Tellers: Nancy Simon & Valerie Bachmann

Altar Guild: Mary Gage & Kathleen Schuller

Bread & Wine: Etzler Family

Flowers: Etzlers, for Phyllis' Birthday

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), **the family of David 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 THIS SUNDAY!

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 SUNDAY, 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

11/23 Phyllis Etzler
11/27 Mike Nelson

Baptismal Anniversary

11/24 Jaden Toby

ELCA Prayer Ventures

November 20-27

20

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.

21

Pray for congregational and synod ministries and ELCA-related organizations that attend to the unique needs of women and men by encouraging faith, offering opportunities for service, helping develop and support leaders, creating safe environments for conversation and mutual care across generations, and affirming both our unity and our diversity in Christ.

22

Sing praises and make joyful noise for the wonderful things God has done and for God's undeserved steadfast love and faithfulness.

23

Praise God for the critical work we do together through ELCA Disaster Response and for our partners, who bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people in the United States and around the world whose lives have been disrupted by natural disaster.

24

While we profess our faith in Jesus Christ, we sometimes puzzle over who Jesus is and over his resurrection. Pray that our wisdom and faith will grow and mature as, together with our sisters and brothers in Christ, we pray, study, converse and give ourselves over to the Spirit's inspiration.

25

Remember in prayer our ELCA missionaries and young people serving as Young Adults in Global Mission as they support the programs and ministries of companion churches in Senegal, Eswatini, South Africa, South Sudan, Kenya and Zimbabwe.

26

Give thanks that – despite war, conflict, hunger, poverty, suffering, illness and injustice – “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Pray that we will be emboldened by this grace-filled promise and reality to help and strengthen our neighbors in every situation and corner of the world.

27

Pray for people who suffer hunger, food insecurity or lack of access to the nutrition necessary for life and health. Ask that the Holy Spirit will move us to bring relief, instill hope and end hunger and poverty wherever it exists.

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. 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 9:45 a.m.

DISCIPLESHIP

PSSST! Santa is coming!

No Really! Santa is coming to Peace Lutheran Church! Have you ever wondered what Santa says about the meaning of the REAL meaning of Christmas? Join us on December 18 at 7:00 p.m. to hear what Santa says! Invite your friends and neighbors. Contact Lori Burnett if you have questions.

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 Genesis

Our morning Bible Study with Pastor Larry will resume on Wednesday, January 8. We invite all former participants of that class, as well as any new participants, to join us in this time of study and fellowship.

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

Serve at KARM

Our next opportunity to serve at KARM is coming soon, on Saturday, December 7! If you can help cook and serve the noon meal at KARM on that day, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. We begin about 9:30 a.m. preparing the meal and then serve it to residents of KARM and others coming into KARM to eat. We are usually finished by 1:00 p.m. and clean up is done for us! This is a very rewarding experience, and we invite everyone to come and "take a turn." Questions? See Donna Ellstrom or Linda McClanahan.

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.

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.

Thanks to Family Promise Volunteers

John and Lori Burnett were there to greet the 4 families in Family Promise. Later they did crafts and games with some of the children. Linda McClanahan and Anne Hudnall provided a very kid-friendly meal for all the families and for us volunteers. Adele Soucy and Donna Ellstrom spent the night just in case of emergencies; thankfully there were none. Adele even spent another night later in the week. The Church of the Good Samaritan provides the space, the bedding, snacks, and the leadership for this ministry to homeless families.

NURTURE

"Soups and Breads" Dinners

Advent is near, and we will have our annual "Soups and Breads" Dinners before our Advent Services on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. The dates are December 4, December 11, and December 18. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so we know how many are coming to eat, and how many will be "cooks" and how many will be "set-up helpers" and "clean-up helpers" each Wednesday. We look forward to this time of food and fellowship every Advent, come and be part of it. Contact Linda McClanahan or any member of the Nurture Commission for more information.

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. Anyone who will help with the Hanging of the Greens is invited to attend. The men will provide all the food which will be served at 8:10 a.m. 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"!

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

Help send neighborhood kids to summer camp by enjoying the *Come to the Water* banquet at Messiah Lutheran Church on Tuesday evening, December 10. Invite family, friends, and neighbors for an evening of delectable dining and delight-filled music - with inspiration by Karen Weekly, co-head coach of UT Lady Vols softball. Tickets are \$30 each (tables of 7 at \$210). Contact Larry Moeller for tickets at Lmoe@risenindeed.com or 865 984-9040 ext 110.

THOUGHTFUL FAITH

Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. (Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.") And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."