

Peace Weekly Messenger

November 27, 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



First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, November 27

Office Open 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed

12:00 p.m. S- Anon

Friday, November 29

Office Closed

Saturday, November 30

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

8:10 a.m. Men's Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Group

Sunday, December 1

No Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Worship w/Holy

Communion

2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, December 2

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

7:30 p.m. Bernardo Miethe-Flute

Recital at Carson-Newman

University

Tuesday, December 3

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

10:00 a.m. Women's Book Club

Wednesday, December 4

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

6:00 p.m. Advent Meal

6:45 p.m. Hymn Sing

7:00 p.m. Advent Worship

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

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

6:30 p.m. Troop 20227

7:00 p.m. Troop 20574

7:00 p.m. Tai Chi

Friday, December 6

Office Closed

8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion

Serving Sunday

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

Worship with Holy Communion

Assisting Minister: Eva Kratts

Lector: Tom Mustaleski

Sound: Allan Ellstrom

Ushers: George Anderson &

Tom Barnes

Greeters: Susan McLemore &

Rosemary Ried

Tellers: Eva Kratts, John Burnett

Altar Guild: Linda McClanahan &

Deb Buckley

Bread & Wine: Kratts Family

Flowers: Tim Simon, for Nancy's
Birthday

Peace Prayers

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

Members:

The family of David Ottinger, Cassie Barnes (daughter of Tom & Janet), **Margaret Blombach** (church member), **Ernie Dickson** (shut in); **Butch Henderson** (church member); **Ida Jenkins** (shut in); **Dale Kangas** (church member); **Stacy Nelson** (church member), **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)

Birthdays

11/27 Mike Nelson
11/29 Burt English

Baptismal Anniversary

11/29 Thomas Hudnall
11/30 Jan Larson
December - Ray Rosch
12/2 Gary Kratts

ELCA Prayer Ventures

November 27 - December 4

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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.

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Thanksgiving Day

Give thanks for the abundant resources God has entrusted to us, and for family, friends and other people who bless and enrich our lives. Give thanks that the spirit of God is generous, compassionate and fair, and that our unique gifts and abilities are brought together in the body of Christ for the sake of the world, especially those in need who have been neglected.

29

On "Black Friday" – a day of sales, buying and consumption – take time to reflect prayerfully on the difference between wants and needs, on generosity toward our neighbors, on stewardship of wealth and abundance, on everything God has entrusted to us, and on our true identity as children of God who are loved, forgiven and granted a new vision of life.

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Give thanks to God for rescuing us from the power of darkness and bringing us into the light of new life

in Jesus Christ – our Lord and savior, head of our church and the one who has reconciled us to God.

1

First Sunday of Advent

Lift up prayers of thanks and praise for this season of anticipation, remembrance and celebration of Jesus Christ – God's awesome gift of love and redemption for all humanity.

2

Pause each day to reflect prayerfully on the symbols, traditions and practices – ancient and new – that we see and experience throughout Advent and Christmas. Give thanks for everything that centers our attention on the good news of Jesus Christ, deepens our faith as loved and redeemed children of God, and inspires and guides our baptismal journey.

3

Today has become known as Giving Tuesday, a day for encouraging generosity and charitable giving. Pray that the Spirit will always inspire us to be generous with our resources, money, gifts and time for the sake of our neighbors in need.

4

Pray that we awake each day, putting on Jesus Christ and shining as a light in the world, a brilliant light that shines with good news, love, justice, compassion and peace.

WORSHIP

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens will be on Saturday 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.

DISCIPLESHIP

How Jesus Became God classes will return on December 22.

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 this Sunday 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 Resumes January 8

Our morning Bible Study with Pastor Larry will resume on 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. We meet Wednesday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study Resumes January 8

We will continue our study of The Acts of the Apostles. Contact Nancy Simon if you have questions.

OUTREACH

The Truck Was Unloaded

Tim Simon drove the U-Haul truck loaded with groceries for the FISH Pantry, and we unloaded it Saturday in the rain. We thank Tim, Dwight Kesler, Allan and Donna Ellstrom, Pete Etzler, and Butch Henderson who brought two men with him, Robert Jolly and John Hayslip. There were five people from Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church as well. Our month to stock and bag is December; TVUUC will do several baggings in the first part of the

month. We will do a small bagging at the end of the month, but our date has not been set yet.

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.

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 this Sunday.

NURTURE

Women of Peace Christmas Lunch

The women of Peace traditionally gather for a Christmas luncheon in December. Whether you have come regularly to the meetings of the Women of Peace or not, you are invited to the luncheon. This year we will meet at Lulu's Tea Room in Powell, on Clinton Highway near Thress's Nursery, December 17, at 11:30 a.m. Sign up in the hallway. We will arrange carpools so that no one will be left behind. If you want to do so, you may bring an item for a gift bag for a Mobile Meals client. The list of suggested gifts is above the luncheon sign-up. You are not asked to buy enough for a complete gift bag, just an item or maybe two items.

"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," how many will be "set-up helpers," and how many will be "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

Peace Men's Breakfast will take place this Saturday. The men's group will be hosting the breakfast for all those coming to assist with the annual Hanging of the Greens. The men will provide all the food. If you plan to attend and have not signed up, please call the Ellstroms before Friday evening so we know much food to prepare. (There is a separate sign-up sheet for the men who are bringing the food.) Thank you.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The holiday season is upon us, and as we are focused on our work, we must stop and take inventory of our church staff and the work they do for us. I know we are all so very grateful for their effort and support.

Our physical facility gives us a place to meet and share the good news, and the people who gather within it each week are truly unique. Many volunteer their time, but there are still functions and talents we recognize as vital to our existence. We must have individuals who are trained to perform these duties serving to enrich our experience.

I ask that you take time to think about our staff members. Please pray and thank God for their service and consider how they impact each of us at Peace Lutheran Church.

Here at Peace, it has always been our joy to extend our thanks and blessings with a monetary gift. Please prayerfully consider including a donation toward these gifts in the upcoming offerings. Please make your contribution by December 22, and note "Staff Gifts" on the memo line. The gifts are given to:

- Pastor Norma Johnson
- Pastor Larry Richardson
- Latasha Abbott, *Nursery Attendant*
- Butch Henderson, *Sexton*
- Andrea Holloman, *Administrative Assistant*
- Bernardo Miethe, *Music Director*
- Peggy Ransom, *Accompanist*

Thank you,
Peace Lutheran Church Council

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.

Faculty Recital-Dr. Bernardo Miethe

You are cordially invited to a Faculty Recital featuring Dr. Bernardo Miethe on the flute. The concert will be held on Monday, December 2 at 7:30 PM on the campus of Carson-Newman University (Music Department) - 1620 Russell Avenue, Jefferson City, Tennessee 37760



THOUGHTFUL FAITH

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.