

Peace Weekly Messenger

January 8, 2020

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



Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2020

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, January 8

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Pastor Larry: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Pastor Norma: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 10:15 a.m. Bible Study with Pr. Larry
 5:30 p.m. Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 9

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

Friday, January 10

Office Closed

Saturday, January 11

9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo Professors &
 Heads Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, January 12

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

Monday, January 13

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, January 14

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
 9:30 a.m. Men's Book Group
 5:00 p.m. Janet Storm-Barnes Event
 6:00 p.m. Troop 22040
 7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, January 15

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. Bible Study with Pr. Larry
 5:30 p.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Discipleship Commission
 6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16

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
 7:00 p.m. Troop 20574

**Serving Sunday
 Baptism of Our Lord**

Worship with Holy Communion
 January 12, 2020

Assisting Minister: John Burnett
Lector: Tom Mustaleski
Sound: Gary Klukken
Ushers: Janet Storm-Barnes &
 Mike Taylor
Greeters: Anne Kampwerth & Jan
 Larson
Tellers: John Burnett, Terry
 Schuller
Altar Guild: TBA
Bread & Wine: Shirley Terwilliger
Flowers: The Larson Family,
 for Jan's birthday

Peace Prayers

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

Members:

Cassie Barnes (daughter of Tom & Janet), **Ernie Dickson** (shut in); **Butch Henderson** (church member); **Ida Jenkins** (shut in); **Dale Kangas** (church member); **Toni McSorley** (church member); **Stacy Nelson** (church member), **Noreen Quirand** (shut in)

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) ; **Rebekkah Strand** (unspoken request); **Dawn Zettel** (friend of the English family)

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

1/10 Violet Etzler
1/11 Bill McCamy
1/11 Jan Larson
1/15 Ann Kampwerth

Baptismal Anniversary

1/09 John Smolik
1/09 Violet Etzler

ELCA Prayer Ventures

January 8-15

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Give thanks and praise to God that we are adopted and called children of God through Jesus Christ, an immeasurable gift of grace, love and forgiveness in which we are immersed.

9

Pray for the ministries that have received ELCA World Hunger Big Dream Grants, which support domestic ministries as they pursue innovative and sustainable approaches to ending hunger. Ask God to help their work flourish and inspire others to seek new ways of ending hunger and lifting the human family.

10

The good news of Jesus Christ embodying God's love, forgiveness and promise of eternal life is for all humanity; no one should be excluded from this good news and mystery of grace. Ask that the Spirit fill and inspire us to speak enthusiastically about our faith and serve our neighbor – every neighbor – in the name of Christ.

11

Do you have goals, plans, hopes and ventures for this new year? Give thanks and take comfort and courage in the promise of God's love, forgiveness, renewing Spirit and acceptance of us just as we are – in all our human endeavors.

12

Washed in the waters of baptism and touched by the Spirit, Jesus began his ministry and was made known to the world as the Son of God bringing the light and truth of God to the world. Remember in prayer how we are cleansed and renewed daily through our baptism, filled with the Holy Spirit,

prepared for a life of praising God and serving our neighbor, and called to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

13

Pray for people who struggle with substance abuse and addictions and for those who are working to rebuild their lives and relationships through sobriety and the support of companions who understand the challenges of recovery. Pray that they will have faith in God's unwavering love and forgiveness in moments of despair, joy, accomplishment, weakness and stumbling.

14

God's voice and presence throughout creation are powerful and awesome. Give glory and praise to God as a humble member of the body of Christ, seeking God's strength each day.

15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Give thanks for saints, martyrs and leaders, throughout history and today, who have dedicated their lives to racial justice, equality for all people and an end to racism and discrimination, and who stand with the neglected or weary. Pray that our actions, words and service for the sake of our neighbor will be inspired and guided by the witness and example of these bold leaders.

DISCIPLESHIP

How Jesus Became God

Our exploration of the early years of the Christian church, via the book/lecture How Jesus Became God continues. This video series looks at how the earliest followers of Jesus came to believe Jesus actually was God. The lectures are presented by biblical scholar Dr. Bart Ehrman. Newcomers are invited to join the viewing and discussion each Sunday morning, beginning at 8:45.

Pastor Larry's Wednesday Morning Bible Class

Our morning Bible Study with Pastor Larry resumed 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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study continues every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.. We are studying the book of Acts. Come and join us. New members are welcome. Contact Nancy Simon 865-679-3286 for more information.

OUTREACH

Serving at KARM

Peace will be cooking and serving the noon meal at KARM on Saturday, January 25. We invite any who wish to serve in this way to join us at KARM from 9:30 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m. If you would like to help, please sign up on the bulletin board, so we know we have enough volunteers. If you have questions, please speak to either Donna Ellstrom or Linda McClanahan.

What You Did

Peace Lutheran, with partner church TVUUC, successfully stocked the West Knox County FISH Pantry in December. Members of Peace gave generously to fundraisers for FISH and other food ministries--Hunger Hike, Pizza dinner, and Souper Bowl. Members of Peace, with help from some of Butch's men from Steps House, unloaded the truck when groceries arrived in late November. Thank you to Tim Simon who knows how to judge what's needed at the Pantry so we have enough but not too much.

TVUUC handled the bagging of groceries in the first part of December. Peace made sure there were enough bagged groceries going into the new year. At the December 28 bagging event FOURTEEN Peace members came and worked: Pete and Violet Etzler, Marla, Ethan, and Owen Crossley, Anne Hudnall, Jaden Toby and friend Aqudum Cinkoc, Lori Burnett, Adele Soucy, Allan and Donna Ellstrom, Kristi Shedden, and Ellie Bachmann.

And finally, Peace members gave generously to provide non-food items. We now have plenty of diapers. The detergents were donated in bulk and went out of the pantry quickly. People who gather shampoos and soaps from motel visits keep us stocked with small portions of those necessities.

Thank you, members of Peace, for your labor and your generosity.

What is Lifting of Silver?

On the second Sunday of most months, Peace asks those in attendance to empty the change from their pockets for the "Lifting of the Silver." This began shortly after Peace was formed, and before I became a member in 1984. In its first years, the money was sent to a church pastored by Walt Wangerin, a noted pastor and author, to support the inner city ministry of his congregation in Evansville, IN. At some point, we began directing these funds to support Loretta Carter, an ELCA missionary, serving in Nigeria. After her retirement, we requested the ELCA to recommend a new missionary for us to sponsor. That's when we began sponsoring the Rev. David Brondos, an educator and pastor, serving in Mexico City, Mexico. (I hope you take time to read his bi-monthly newsletters, and occasionally visit his website.) Our commitment has become a more formal agreement with the ELCA, as we have committed to contribute \$1200/year to support his service to the worshipping and educational communities in Mexico. We have been blessed to have had visits from both Loretta and David, and we hope David will be able to visit with us in the next year or so. Thank you so much for the coins, bills and checks you put in the baskets each month. **The next Lifting of Silver is this Sunday, January 12.** *Allan Ellstrom, contributor*

Welcoming Refugees and Other Immigrants

Some people of Peace have expressed concern and empathy for immigrants and refugees. It is good to know that the ELCA also has concern and empathy. Through ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response some immediate needs are met.

Through ELCA AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) children and families from Central America are welcomed and supported. And finally, the ELCA supports Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), founded 80 years ago by predecessor churches of the ELCA.

According to an article in *Living Lutheran*, June, 2019, there are things we can do to answer these concerns: Observe Refugee Sunday, Join Circle of

Welcome (an LIRS program), Become an AMMPARO welcoming congregation, Speak up, especially to your legislators, and Be a bridge builder, i.e., be kind when you meet people from other parts of the world. There are copies of this *Living Lutheran* article on the Outreach board. Feel free to take a copy for yourself.

Also there are local groups working with immigrants in our community. These groups welcome your support and involvement. Bridge Refuge Services, a nonprofit agency, resettles refugees and handles their case management. Knoxville Internationals Network (KIN) is a faith-based organization that serves all internationals by holding citizenship and English classes and other services. If you are interested in becoming involved locally see the Outreach board for more information.

Thank you, FISH Teams

Linda McClanahan took the calls for the three teams to deliver groceries. Lori and John Burnett, Ann Kampwerth and Janet Storm-Barnes, and Donna Ellstrom and Angie Moore drove to places in east and north Knoxville making those deliveries to 13 households, serving 70 people. The groceries we bought and the non-food items you donated are being given to people in need.

NURTURE

Discerning God's Call Luncheon

As you know, we will be gathering on Sunday, January 26 to begin our discussion around "Discerning God's Call" for Peace. We will host a simple lunch during the meeting, so we need to know how many will be staying for the meetings. Would you please sign up on the bulletin board, so we can make certain we have enough food for everyone? Many thanks, the Nurture Commission. Contact Linda McClanahan if you have questions.

Peace Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, February 4, at 10:00 a.m., we will discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Looking Ahead: On March, *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* by Elaine F. Weiss. Contact Kathleen Schuller if you have questions.

Women of Peace

The Women of Peace will meet at Peace in the first Sunday School room for our January meeting, January 21, at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be a "comfort get together" where we are invited to bring a doll or other item from our childhood to share stories with each other. As usual, those that choose to do so can go out for lunch at a restaurant after our get together.

Wild Women Weekend March 13-15, 2020

These women are registered for Wild Women Weekend: Anne Hudnall, Susan McLemore, Donna Ellstrom, Leisl Klukken, Marlene Klukken, Audrey Henderson, Toni McSorley, Deb Buckley, and Eva Kratts. Usually we are able to add participants almost up to the date of our Wild Weekend, but not this year. This date (March 13 - 15) is completely full. There was one woman registered with us who cannot come; so we could add ONE WOMAN FROM PEACE to take her place. Let Donna Ellstrom know soon if you want to be that one woman, or if you are registered but know you cannot be there.

MISCELLANEOUS

Peace's Constitution

There are many tasks awaiting us as we prepare to call our next pastor. One of them is to review and update our current constitution. This includes incorporating changes recommended by the ELCA at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. We also need to review our present Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions to ensure they reflect what we are doing and want to do as a congregation. Although Pastor Norma and I will take the lead on this, we would like your assistance. If you are willing to spend time reviewing and editing our constitution, please speak to Pastor Norma or me. ~Allan Ellstrom

In Case of Emergency

Should a need arise after office hours that requires notifying the congregation, please contact one of the following people:

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Tom Barnes tnbarnes568@gmail.com (865) 387-6769

Pastor Larry pastor.larry@peacelutheranknoxville.org (865) 333-6327

Pastor Norma pastor.norma@peacelutheranknoxville.org (865) 387-2105

Thank You Peace!

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. It is a pleasure to work at Peace. I look forward to many more years of serving the Lord with you... thank you for your continued prayers for my husband. ~Andrea

A BIG thank you for the Christmas bonus. I appreciate your amazing support for the music program here at Peace Lutheran Church. And your attentiveness and encouragement are priceless. I feel blessed. Sincerely, Peggy

I want to thank the church family for the Christmas gift that me and my family was blessed with. It was an unexpected, but much needed gift. Thank you for

allowing me to be a part of such a wonderful church family. Thank you again, Latasha

Bothers and Sisters, I want to say thank you for the most generous gift. Peace is a beautiful congregation that has the biggest hearts. Audrey and I are very blessed to be called members and it is my privilege to serve you. I cannot begin to explain what God has done in our lives and how He has blessed us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! ~Butch

We have generous members!

You've already read some of the thank you's from our staff. They are most appreciative of the generous gift they each received at Christmas from the members of Peace. On behalf of Council, here's offering another shout-out. We were able to present our staff with gift checks totaling more \$3,000, thanks to your selfless giving. Council truly appreciates this kind of support from our members. We are blessed to be a part of and serve such a loving community. Thank you, one and all. ~Jan Larson, treasurer

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Outline for 2020 Workshops

All workshops will begin at 11:00 a.m. on the specified dates.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

As a congregation, it is important to know who we are as Lutheran Christians and to understand what God is calling us to do in mission. The following series of workshops will help us to focus on just that: God's call to mission. Workshops will be led by Pastor Norma and Pastor Larry. Members and friends of Peace are encouraged to participate as we plan ahead for the future of this congregation. This is a vital part of the interim process and is scripturally based. Please plan to be a part of the process.

DISCERNING GOD'S CALL **Mission & Ministry**

Sunday, 01/26/20	Event #1 - Who Are We?
Sunday, 02/23/20	Event #2 - Who Are We as a Congregation?
Sunday, 03/29/20	Event #3 - Why Are We Here?
Sunday, 04/26/20	Event #4 - What Is God Calling Us to Do?

THOUGHTFUL FAITH

Matthew 3:13-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."