

Peace Weekly Messenger

January 22, 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



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3rd Sunday of Epiphany

January 26, 2020

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, January 22

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
6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 23

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, January 24

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

Saturday, January 25

9:30 a.m. Serve at KARM
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Group

Sunday, January 26

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

Monday, January 27

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, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

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
6:00 p.m. Men of Peace Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Serving Sunday **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

January 26, 2020

Assisting Minister: Mary Gage

Lector: Mary Ellen Kangas

Sound: Ryan Toby

Ushers: Tom Barnes & John Burnett

Greeters: Kristi Shedden & Adele Soucy

Tellers: Kathleen Schuller & Ryan Toby

Altar Guild: TBA

Bread & Wine: Anderson

Flowers:

Birthdays

1/29 Amy Anderson

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*); **Ellen Kessler** (*JB & Sylvia's daughter*); **Rick Klukken** (*Gary's brother*); **Martha Kratts** (*Gary's mom*); **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*)

ELCA Prayer Ventures

January 22-29

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Ask God to help us actively mend the suspicion and hatred in our nation and around the world that divide us, frustrate compassion and generosity, and undermine our understanding of how to live in community. Pray that where we are broken or in conflict, God will show us how to be whole.

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Pray that we will find joy in following the will of God as it is written in our hearts and revealed in Scripture.

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Thank God for our special relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997; pray for the church, its diverse ministries and its members and leaders; and pray that together we will find mutual support, new partnerships and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

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Conversion of Paul

Reflect on how God has transformed you. Give thanks and praise to God for stirring our lives and calling us to be witnesses and servants doing God's work in the world. And give thanks for our faith, our unique personal histories, our strengths and weaknesses, and our gifts and skills, even when we are uncertain of their

usefulness and relevance in the body of Christ.

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Praise God for Jesus' life, teachings, ministry and personal example, which instruct us today as modern-day disciples called to follow Christ, share the gospel, serve our neighbor and grow the church in an ever-changing world.

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Remember in prayer women of the early church, throughout history and today, whom God has called and equipped as witnesses, bearers and teachers of the faith, and leaders in every corner of the world. They are a blessing to the church.

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Give thanks for theologians and teachers in our church, in our educational institutions and in our midst. Pray that God will grant them insight and wisdom to help us connect faith with daily life and deepen our understanding of God's word, ways and desires for us.

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Ask God for forgiveness for the conflicts that divide our church and our congregations. Pray that when we disagree, we will exercise humility, love, respect and reconciliation, remembering and reaffirming our unity of spirit and purpose as siblings in Christ.

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 - No Class tonight. Continues January 29!

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.

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 Refugee 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.

Meal at Tyson House

February 9 is the next date for Peace to serve the evening meal at Tyson House. We decided to do a Thanksgiving meal, at a nontraditional time. The turkey has been provided. Needed are side dishes, rolls, desserts, and drinks. We also need a few volunteers to serve and clean up--only a few because the kitchen is small. Youth are definitely encouraged to participate, and we are invited to stay for the worship service that follows the meal.

Bread for the World

Last year, congress passed legislation to increase global nutrition funding by \$5 million for a total of \$150 million--demonstrating the substantial support Bread members have fostered on Capital Hill for global nutrition. In 2020, Bread will again focus on nutrition. In addition to continuing our advocacy work around global nutrition, we will also turn our attention to those experiencing hunger in the United States

NURTURE

Discerning God's Call Luncheon - THIS SUNDAY!

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. 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 3, *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote* by Elaine F. Weiss. Contact Kathleen Schuller if you have questions.

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

Brothers 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



*To the People of Peace,
Thank you for your
cards and monetary gifts
at Christmas.*

*Just a note
to let you know
how much
your kindness
and thoughtfulness
are appreciated.
Blessing in this New Year.*

*Pastor Norma
Pastor Larry*

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for your prayers, calls, cards and letters after my surgery. Things are progressing as they should and I hope to be back up to snuff in a couple of months. Thank you so much for the food that you lovingly made for our family, it was such a relief to have food ready when everything else was spinning about. I am so thankful for my congregational family! You are appreciated! Peace, Toni

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 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.