

Peace Weekly Messenger

February 12, 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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6th Sunday of Epiphany

February 16, 2020

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 12

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

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14

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

Saturday, February 15

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
12:00 p.m. Helene Halsey Event

Sunday, February 16

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

Monday, February 17

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, February 18

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 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, February 19

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 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 **6th Sunday after Epiphany**

February 16, 2020

Assisting Minister: Bill Larson

Lector: Susan McLemore

Sound: Neil Buckley

Ushers: Jim McLemore & Tom Mustaleski

Greeters: Valerie Bachman & Deb Buckley

Tellers: Donna Ellstrom & Ginger Tevault

Altar Guild: Mary Gage & Judy Terwell

Bread & Wine: Barnes

Flowers: Gages, for Mary's Birthday

Birthdays

2/12 John Burnett
2/12 Judy Terwell
2/15 Janet Storm-Barnes
2/16 Eva Kratts

Baptismal

Anniversaries

2/19 Ethan Crossley

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*); **Annastasia Chitwood** (*church member*); **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** (*Dwight Kessler's daughter*); **Rick Klukken** (*Gary's brother*); **Martha Kratts** (*Gary's mom*); **Leanne Shedden & Baby Mia** (*Kristi's stepdaughter*); **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

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Give praise and thanks to God for being our light and strength throughout our baptismal journey of following God's ways; for being generous, merciful and compassionate; and for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

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The light and warmth of God's love is welcome nourishment for our faith and spirit. Pray that God's love will move us to provide both spiritual and physical light, warmth and shelter for people who long for hope and relief during these dark, cold days of winter.

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mid our worries and turmoil, we ask for God's help in seeking freedom for the oppressed, sharing our food resources with the hungry, sheltering the homeless and attending to the cries of people in poverty.

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Pray that we will take to heart Jesus' teachings that love is not weakness and that power does not equal force or superiority. Pray that we will follow Jesus' example by being humble, loving servants in the world and will trust in the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us and through us.

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Trusting in God's grace and forgiveness, pray that we will be repentant and humble when we consider our daily actions, words and thoughts, as well as what we fail to do. Ask God to redirect our lives so we might follow God's ways and commandments, resist comparing ourselves to others and avoid citing cultural norms to rationalize contrary behavior.

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Pray for our president, legislators and other public servants, that their decisions and actions will be guided by a spirit of compassion and justice, a commitment to peacemaking and building relationships globally, and a determination to work across ideologies and political divisions for the well-being of our communities and of people in need.

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Give thanks for ELCA Global Mission programs, relationships, opportunities and partnerships with global companions that bring us together as the body of Christ for doing God's work in the world.

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Give thanks for the happiness we experience when we walk in the ways and wisdom of God..

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 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Larry will continue to do his Wednesday Morning Bible Class. New members are invited to join as we meet for a time of Bible study in the book of Genesis.

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.

Lenten Devotional Available

Once again this year, Luther Seminary is making available a set of devotions to accompany our Lenten Journey. The series is entitled "Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross." There are three ways you can access these devotionals.

1. If you already receive God Pause, Luther Seminary's daily devotional, they will come to you automatically each day.
2. If you would like to receive these as daily emails, you can subscribe. Go to www.luthersem.edu. At the bottom of the home page is a place to sign up, and you can unsubscribe whenever you wish.
3. Peace has printed a limited number of complete booklets. They will be available, in regular and large print editions, beginning Sunday, February 23. You can find them on the Kiosk in the narthex

OUTREACH

More About Helping Immigrants

More and more immigrants planning to come to the United States are stopped and sent back from our border. This is a reality. An article in Living Lutheran, July, 2019, stated that the ELCA and Lutheran World Federation work with other agencies to help people in their native countries after their return. Read more about this in one page on the Outreach Board and in the full article in Living Lutheran.

Working With Second Harvest

Peace gets food from Second Harvest for stocking the FISH pantry and for the meal served at KARM. Picking up the food from Second Harvest can only be done by people with a "white card." It used to be that a person had to spend a day at Second Harvest learning about the food bank in order to get that card. Good News! Now a person can get such a card with only 2 hours of training. This course is offered every third Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Let Donna Ellstrom know if you could take this short course; it helps to have several people able to pick up the food.

Donations to the KARM Box

Keep on bringing your gently used items to the KARM box located in the small room off the narthex. It really makes a difference. This last quarter we earned \$150 worth of KARM Thrift Store gift cards. Most of these cards are used by Butch Henderson in his work with the men at Steps House

Kairos Outside

Kairos Outside ministers to women who have an incarcerated family member, by offering two no-cost weekend retreats each year. Kairos offers Christian love and support whether the women are Christian or not. Kairos Outside is part of a larger ministry that includes help for the incarcerated and a special group for youthful offenders. Please join us after worship on February 16 for snacks and a presentation about this ministry.

KARM Update

Thank you to those who served at KARM on January 25. They fed 104 people, with 35 coming back for seconds. We appreciate Donna and Allan Ellstrom, Ginger Tevault, Judy and Dave Terwell, Dwight Kessler, Bev Alwine, Bob Storm, George Anderson, Eva Kratts, and Sylvia Johnson for serving in this ministry.

Our next date for KARM is March 14, 2020.

Kroger Rewards

If you are a Kroger shopper, even occasionally, you can help Peace financially by signing up for the Community Rewards Program. Go to [kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) and choose the word SAVE. Under that choose Community Rewards Program. You will then have an opportunity to enroll with Peace as your designated recipient of funds. This assumes that you have a Kroger Rewards card which you will show whenever you shop at Kroger to redeem the reward for Peace. We used to have to sign up yearly, but it seems to be a forever deal now. If you are curious about your status, follow the steps above and you will find out if you are signed up or not.

NURTURE

Wednesday Night Lenten Meals

This year Lenten meals will be a variety of types. Each meal will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the 7:00 p.m. service in the sanctuary. Below is the schedule showing the types of meals. There will be a sign up sheet each week to spread the dishes out among those participating. If you have questions, please contact Ginger Tevault or Linda McClanahan.

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| • February 26 | Potluck | • March 18 | Pasta |
| • March 4 | Soup | • March 25 | Soup |
| • March 11 | Salad | • April 1 | Salad |

Women of Peace

We will meet February 18 at Peace Lutheran to form groups to go out and visit shut-in friends. We will plan to lunch together after our visits, inviting the able of our visited friends to join us for lunch. As always, you do not have to be a "regular" attendee to join us, when you are able.

Discerning God's Call Luncheon

The next meeting for "Discerning God's Call" will be Sunday, February 23 at 11:00. We will provide a light lunch, so please sign up in the hallway, if you plan to attend. Thank you, Nurture Commission

A Birthday Celebration

Our friend and long time member **Shirley Terwilliger**, is turning 90 in March. We want to celebrate this milestone birthday with her, so please join us after the service on **March 1** for cake and punch in the foyer. Give her your best wishes. A basket will be provided for birthday cards as well. Contact Linda McClanahan if you have questions.

MISCELLANEOUS

In Case of Emergency

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

Andrea Holloman andreaholloman@gmail.com (919) 429-9108

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

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

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. Lunch will be provided!

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. 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, 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 5:21-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not

swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

Update on Pastoral Care at Peace

As most of you know, Pastor Larry has resigned as Interim Co-Pastor. He will continue to lead the Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. Pastor Larry and I were each serving 1/3-time; now I will be serving in a 2/3-time position as sole interim pastor.

I will be assuming Pastor Larry's ministry by visiting the sick and the shut ins. Hospital calls will be shared by members of Peace since long, hard, hospital floors do not agree with my feet! If you are available to assist me in this caring ministry, please let me know. If you feel in the need of training for this specialized ministry, please let me know and I will offer training in this field.

I will be available for appointments or drop in visits in the office on the following days:

- Tuesday - 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.
- Wednesday - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- Thursday - 9 a.m. - Noon.

I will also be on the campus of Peace most mornings (Tuesday through Thursday) and evenings for meetings and choir rehearsals.

Please let me know when someone is ill or in need of pastoral prayers and concern. I can be reached by phone any time - (865) 387-2105. If I do not pickup, please leave a voice message

and I will return your call. I can also be reached by text (see cell # above) or email:pastor.norma01@gmail.com. If you need an immediate response to an email, please text me and let me know that an email has been sent to me.

I will also be preaching and presiding every Sunday rather than every other Sunday. I will continue to attend meetings and events here at Peace; as well as Deanery meetings and Synod Assembly.

It is a joy to share in ministry here at Peace and I look forward to journeying through the rest of this interim period with all of you.

Let us not love only in words or in talk, but let us put our love in action and make it real. ~1 John 3:18

Doing this together while
"Bringing Christ to the World."

Peace, Blessings and Thanks to all,
[Pastor Norma](#)