

Peace Weekly Messenger

February 19, 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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Transfiguration of our Lord

February 23, 2020

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 19

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Pastor Norma 1 p.m. - 4 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

Thursday, February 20

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Pastor Norma 9 a.m. - Noon
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

Friday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Group

Sunday, February 23

8:45 a.m. Sunday school
9:45 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Discerning God's Call Luncheon
2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, February 24

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 25

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Pastor Norma 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
8:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men
8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
9:30 a.m. Men's Book Group
6:00 p.m. Troop 22040
6:00 p.m. Via de Cristo
7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, February 26

Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Pastor Norma: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion
10:15 a.m. Bible Study with Pr. Larry
6:00 p.m. Lenten Potluck Meal
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Serving Sunday Transfiguration of our Lord

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Assisting Minister: Linda McClanahan

Lector: Tom Mustaleski

Sound: Gary Klukken

Ushers: Andy Stephansen & Janet Storm-Barnes

Greeters: Donna Ellstrom & Mary Gage

Tellers: Eva Kratts & George Anderson

Altar Guild: Mary Gage & Judy Terwell

Bread & Wine: Bob & Evalyn Storm

Flowers: The Burnetts, for Rylen's Birthday

Birthdays

2/26 Mary Gage

Baptismal

Anniversaries

2/26 Janet Storm-Barnes

2/29 Bill Larson

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:

Bill Boys (former pastor of Peace); **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

February 19-26

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Pray that in moments when God says, "Come and see" (meaning "trust and follow"), we demonstrate the same curiosity, hope and faith that moved the first disciples of Jesus, imperfect and uncertain as they were even when face-to-face with the Messiah.

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Lift up in prayer the names of staff – paid and volunteer – whose vocation and faithful, generous service enhance and support the daily ministry and mission of our congregations and synods, including administrative assistants, business managers, custodians and people responsible for digital communications.

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Pray for the leaders of every nation, including our own, that they will heal long-standing and recent rifts, pursue just and peaceful agreements and solutions for the well-being of the people they serve, and share resources to relieve hunger and poverty everywhere, without concern for profit or gain for any single nation.

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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.

We want to put together some photos of Peace through the years. Do you have photos at your house that help track the history of Peace Lutheran Church?

Please send the digital images to Andrea, in the church office, as soon as possible. Include the approximate date, the person(s) in the photo and the location the photo was taken.

If you do not have the ability to digitize the images, please bring them to the church office on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We have the ability to digitize them here.

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

Kairos Outside Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the Kairos presentation on February 16. There were about 22 in attendance and some asked how they could support the ministry with donations. Donations for the Kairos Prison Ministries can be either given to Audrey Henderson (placed in her folder at church) or mailed to Kairos Outside of East Tennessee, P. O. Box 52743, Knoxville, TN 37950. Checks should be made to 'Kairos of Tennessee'. Kairos is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so you will receive a letter in January for tax purposes for your donation(s). If you would like to designate your gift to be used for meal tickets (\$5) or bed tickets (\$20), you may do so. Thank you for your generous support.
~ Audrey Henderson

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

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 |

Discerning God's Call Luncheon - THIS SUNDAY

The next meeting for "Discerning God's Call" will be Sunday, February 23 at 11:00 a.m. 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.

WELCA Cluster 6 Gathering

On Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., WELCA will gather at Grace Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge. If you are interested, get more information and a registration form from the bulletin board in the hallway. You can also contact Donna Ellstrom.

MISCELLANEOUS

Photo Bulletin Board to be Updated

Beginning on Sunday, February 23, we will be taking photos of members and friends of Peace to update our bulletin board. We encourage you to make yourself available for this. The photos are a good way for new members and friends to learn people's names. Please sign the photo release form which was emailed to you. If you did not receive one, copies are available on the kiosk in the narthex.

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 andrea.holloman@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. The 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?

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](#)

THOUGHTFUL FAITH

Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.