

Peace Weekly Messenger

February 26, 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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First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 26*Ash Wednesday**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

Thursday, February 27*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

Friday, February 28*Office Closed*

8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion

Saturday, February 29

9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, March 1

8:45 a.m. Sunday school

9:45 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion

2:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Monday, March 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

Tuesday, March 3*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

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

5:00 p.m. Constitution Committee

6:30 p.m. Troop 20227

7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

7:00 p.m. Knox Homeowners

Wednesday, March 4*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

5:00 p.m. Discipleship Commission

6:00 p.m. Worship & Spirituality Comm.

6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5*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, March 6*Office Closed*

8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion

Saturday, March 7

FISH Deliveries

8:00 a.m. Women's Meetup

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

2:00 p.m. Portrait Art Group

Sunday, March 8*Lifting of Silver**Daylight Saving Time Begins*

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, March 9*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

Serving Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

Assisting Minister: Susan McLemore

Lector: Nancy Simon

Sound: Don Tevault

Ushers: Mike Taylor & Dave Terwell

Greeters: Anita Hemmeter & Anne Hudnall

Tellers: Nancy Simon & Valerie Bachmann

Altar Guild: Linda McClanahan & Kristie Toby

Bread & Wine: The Buckley Family

Flowers: Peace Lutheran, in honor of Shirley Terwilliger on her 90th birthday

Birthdays

2/26 Mary Gage

Baptismal Anniversaries

2/26 Janet Storm-Barnes

2/29 Bill Larson

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.

1/19/2020

Dear Church,

With sadness I bring you the news that Presiding Bishop Emeritus Herbert W. Chilstrom died at home early this morning. His wife, Pastor Corinne Chilstrom; his son, Chris Holt; and family were with him.

Bishop Chilstrom was the first presiding bishop of the ELCA. Many of you knew him in those early days when the ELCA was just getting started – there was no furniture at the Lutheran Center, files were in boxes, phones were on the floor, and the skeleton staff worked on card tables and folding chairs. He was once told by a corporate executive sitting next to him on a plane that this was no way to start a corporation and it would never work. Thirty-three years later we are still here, entrusted with the ministry of the gospel and serving the neighbor.

I can't imagine the uncertainty and chaos of those first months, but all I know we were filled with hope for this new church the Spirit had brought into being. And I know that Bishop Chilstrom served out of the conviction that it was God's will to raise up an ELCA witness to the gospel, and with God, all things are possible.

I remember Bishop Chilstrom saying once that his mother told him: "Herb, you might be the only Bible some people read." It was her way of telling him, and his way of telling us, that we are living witnesses to the grace of God.

Bishop Chilstrom chose "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" (ELW, 873) to be the sending hymn at his funeral. Verse five announces:

*At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Give thanks and sing!*

Through tears, but in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we rejoice.

Peace,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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 26 - March 4

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Ash Wednesday

Marking ourselves with ashes and the sign of the cross, we admit our wrongdoings and our human weaknesses. Remember the forgiveness and new life we have in Jesus Christ and give thanks and praise to God.

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God is great and awesome, forgiving and a lover of justice. Give glory and praise to God!

28

Creation, humanity and nature are knitted together intricately by our Creator in ways that sustain all life and enable the earth to thrive. Pray that we will repent for what we have done to harm or unbalance creation, and that God will grant us wisdom and insight for restoring creation and treating it with care and respect.

29

Give thanks for ELCA missionaries and young people serving in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission programs in Egypt, Israel, Jerusalem/West Bank and Palestine. Pray that God will bless and further their work with our companions in the Middle East and North Africa, especially in finding nonviolent paths to peace and justice.

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First Sunday in Lent

During the 40 days of Lent we recall how Jesus, the Son of God, withstood temptations even in a weakened state. Pray that we will find confidence and courage through faith in Jesus and will draw on the strength of God to endure the temptations and distractions of daily life.

2

Give thanks for the contributions and impact of women of all ages and abilities who shape our society and communities, share their faith and wisdom, serve our neighbors in need and respond to God's call to serve as lay and rostered leaders in our congregations and church.

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Give thanks for the witness and work of the Rev. Lancelot Themba Mkhabela and Kwena Mkhabela, regional representatives for Madagascar, West Africa and Central Africa; the Rev. Kirsten Laderach, YAGM country coordinator for Madagascar; and the seven volunteers serving alongside our companions in that country as part of the Young Adults in Global Mission program.

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Be glad and shout for joy! Trust in God's love and mercy, which strengthen and preserve us in our every need and circumstance.

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.

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 are available in regular and large print editions. You can find them on the kiosk in the narthex

OUTREACH

Bread for the World

The 2020 Offering of Letters will focus on nutrition in the United States. Malnutrition--lack of necessary nutrients even though calories may be sufficient--before the second birthday can cause irreversible damage to rapidly growing bodies and minds. Children with consistently nutritious diets are physically and emotionally healthier, and they do better in school and in life.

Serving at KARM

Peace will once again be serving at **KARM on Saturday March 14**. We especially need volunteers for this date, as several of our "regulars" will be out of town at Wild Women's Weekend at Luther Ridge. If you can help prepare and serve the noon meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway - **WE NEED YOU!** We meet about 9:30 a.m. at KARM and are usually finished by 1:00 p.m. If you have questions, please see either Linda McClanahan or Donna Ellstrom. Thank you!

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

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.

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 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

Men's Breakfast

Our next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday March 7 at 8:00 a.m. Please see sign-up sheet in hallway off narthex to indicate what you will bring. Please join us for a time of food, fun, and fellowship. Questions? Speak with Dale Kangas or Bob Storm.

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

Our third opportunity to attend "**Discerning God's Call**" will be on **Sunday, March 29**. A light lunch will be provided, but please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway so we can plan for lunch.

A Birthday Celebration - THIS SUNDAY!

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, 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 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.