

Peace Weekly Messenger

March 4, 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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Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

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

Tuesday, March 10

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
 5:00 p.m. Janet Storm-Barnes Event
 6:00 p.m. Troop 22040
 7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, March 11

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 Meal
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12

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, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

9:00 a.m. Via de Cristo
 9:30 a.m. Serving at KARM
 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

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
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Assisting Minister: Nancy Simon

Lector: Kristi Shedden

Sound: Ryan Toby

Ushers: George Anderson & Tom Barnes

Greeters: Anne Kampwerth & Jan Larson

Tellers: Allan Ellstrom & John Burnett

Altar Guild: Linda McClanahan & Kristie Toby

Bread & Wine: The Burnett Family

Flowers: The Buckley Family birthday

Birthdays

3-6 Tom Mustaleski

Wedding Anniversaries

3/5 Dan & Marla Crossley

We are putting together 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.

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

March 4-11

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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.

5

Pray that during Lent we will carve out time in our busy lives to pause and reflect on our faith, our baptismal journeys and the life and suffering of Christ, who sacrificed himself for us that we might enjoy a new life, reconciled to God and full of love, mercy, hope and a spirit of service.

6

Give thanks for the gift of grace we have in Jesus Christ, which sets us free to live our faith with boldness and to serve our neighbor.

7

Pray for peace, reconciliation and healing in the world wherever there is conflict or war, especially in Iran, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and parts of Africa. Ask that the Spirit of God will guide and inspire political leaders, diplomats and mediators, soldiers and peacekeeping forces to be persistent and unified in seeking peaceful, just and compassionate solutions and treaties.

8

Talk with God. Ask your questions even though some feel deep and perplexing, and trust that God will listen and respond as a loving, concerned parent.

9

Thank God for our special relationship with the United Church of Christ, 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.

10

Harriet Tubman (1822-1913) and Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) were born into slavery but emboldened by their convictions of justice, equality, faith and concern for others to fight against slavery and to advocate for women's rights. Ask God to grant us a similar boldness to live our faith and serve our neighbors who suffer injustice, poverty, oppression and hunger.

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Throughout Lent, remember and give thanks that God is our ready source of help, protection, strength and life.

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 continues 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

Lifting of Silver

This Sunday, March 8, is the second Sunday Lifting of Silver for ELCA missionary David Brondos in Mexico City. In the first two months of 2020 you have donated \$189.23 toward our \$1,200 annual pledge. We are well on our way to meet this commitment.

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

Women's Meet-up

Bring your own bag breakfast and join us this Saturday at 8 a.m. for an hour or so of lively conversation.

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 foyer 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

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

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.

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.

Peace Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. we will discuss *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery. Our May book: *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman. Everyone is welcome. Contact Kathleen Schuller for more information.

Women of Peace

The Women of Peace will meet March 17, 10:00 a.m., here at Peace. We will have a speaker from Sertoma, the nonprofit where Megan McLemore Newpher worked (and still works long distance) until she moved. Megan has arranged for another person from Sertoma to be our speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

MISCELLANEOUS

Photo Bulletin Board to be Updated

We continue taking photos of members and friends of Peace after worship services 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?

THOUGHTFUL FAITH

Matthew John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



Southeastern Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

March 3, 2020

Dear church,

We are told by the psalmist, *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble”* (Psalm 46:1). What more appropriate and needed words for such a time as this. Within the past twenty-four hours within our synod, we have been hit by a devastating tornado within middle Tennessee. Much of which had caused great destruction to the city of Nashville and surrounding areas.

We grieve the loss of nineteen people who have died as a result of this, the devastation to homes and businesses, and even the devastation of St. John’s Lutheran Church. We pray for this community of St. John’s, their pastor, and the wider community of middle Tennessee. We hold fast to God, who is our refuge. We receive our strength in knowing God is present in all our troubles.

Our synod is busily working with Inspiritus (our social service agency), Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), and our own synod disaster team. We are in the process of sending folks in to help with immediate needs and to assess the long-term damage.

Many have already asked, “What can I do to help?” I invite you to keep going to our synod website at www.elca-ses.org for updated information that we will continue to post and your immediate help is needed in financial resources. You can go directly to that site and donate there, by designating your gift to “Southeastern Synod Disaster Response”. We will continue to list ways there that you can help with tangible donations and volunteer opportunities that will be forthcoming in the days, weeks, and months ahead. On our synod website you will also find a link to worship resources to use in the aftermath of a Tornado, information from our partners with LDR and Inspiritus.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and gifts. I give thanks for you and all the ongoing ways you will continue to provide those to the many in need. May God continue to strengthen, support, and provide comfort for all in need through our hands.

+Bishop Kevin L. Strickland

Click here for up-to-date information: <https://www.elca-ses.org/nashville-tn-tornado-response>