

Peace Weekly Messenger

March 11, 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



Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

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

Tuesday, March 17

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 of Peace

12:30 p.m. Policy Commiteee

5:00 p.m. Constitution Committee

6:30 p.m. Troop 20227

7:00 p.m. TN Valley Ensemble

Wednesday, March 18

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 19

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 20

Office Closed

8:00 a.m. Inicios Spanish Immersion

Serving Sunday**Third Sunday in Lent**

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Assisting Minister: JB Johnson

Lector: Janet Storm-Barnes

Sound: George Anderson

Ushers: John Burnett & Burt English

Greeters: Susan McLemore & Rosemary Ried

Tellers: Jim McLemore & Terry Schuller

Altar Guild: Linda McClanahan & Kristie Toby

Bread & Wine: The Ellstrom Family

Flowers: The Larson's Anniversary

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) ; **Cynthia & Ashley Manis** (daughter and granddaughter of JB & Sylvia Johnson); **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)

Birthdays

3/12 Dave Terwell
3/13 Susan Rosch

Wedding Anniversaries

3/16 Jan & Bill Larson
3/17 Tim & Nancy Simon

ELCA Prayer Ventures

March 11-18

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

12

Ask for God's wisdom and creativity in developing our congregations as communities of faith where people discover a sense of belonging, feel grounded in the word of God and the sacraments, find opportunities for faith-centered learning and service, and know they are connected to the greater body of Christ.

13

Praise God for the undeserved and unearned gifts of mercy and grace given to us and our ancestors of faith. Pray that the Spirit will fill us with the words, thoughts and images needed to tell others about God's promises and activity throughout history and especially today.

14

Lift up prayers of concern and support for people and communities affected by the widespread destruction caused by wildfires in Australia. Pray for the thousands of people displaced from their homes, for volunteer firefighters and relief workers, for the healing of nature and for the response efforts of the Lutheran Church of Australia, local congregations and Lutheran Disaster Response.

15

Pray that we will be inspired by the story of the Samaritan woman talking with Jesus at the well and will share with others — without bias or judgment — the good news of Jesus Christ, Savior of the world.

16

Give thanks for the service and witness of the Rev. Zachary Courter and Rev. Rachel Eskesen, YAGM country coordinators for Hungary, and the eight volunteers serving alongside our companions in Hungary and Serbia as part of the Young Adults in Global Mission program.

17

As Moses and the Israelites called out in the wilderness for the reassurance of God's presence and attention, we, too, long for reminders and signs of God's activity, love and mercy in our daily lives. Pray that the Spirit will open our hearts and minds to God's presence and that we will be eager partners in God's work in the world — wherever it leads us.

18

Pray for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one or a member of their community. Ask God to help us be present with them through our empathy, care, support and faith; ask the Holy Spirit to help us kindle comfort, hope and peace when the fragility and brevity of life feel overwhelming.

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

Snacks for Cedar Bluff Elementary

It's time again to supply our neighbor elementary school with morning snacks for the children. A couple of you anticipated the need and already brought in some snacks; they have been delivered. Remember to avoid nuts of any kind as you look for shelf stable, eat without a spoon snacks. The basket for collecting snacks will be in the narthex until Palm Sunday, April 5.

Bread for the World

Soon after Easter the Outreach Commission will be providing you with more information and asking you to contact your members of Congress by letter, email, or phone call to urge them to support increased funding for maternal and child nutrition in this year's Offering of Letters: Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow. This legislation will benefit mothers and children both overseas and in the United States. Are you aware that, in the U.S., 1 out of every 7 children struggles with hunger? Summer feeding programs should be extended to cover the "hunger season" for children whose primary meal of the day is school lunch, and this legislation should help.

Serving at KARM - THIS SATURDAY

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

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

- March 11 Salad
- March 18 Pasta

- March 25 Soup
- 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.

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

Have you seen the mop bucket?

It has been missing for a couple of weeks. Please contact Butch Henderson with any information!

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

John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."