



Parables

A monthly publication of Peace Lutheran Church **November 2016**



A Message from Pastor Keith

Brothers & sisters in Christ,

By the time you read this, Election Day will be just a few short days away. In this year's election cycle there has been quite a bit of sharpness (an understatement!) during campaigns – both in local and national elections, as well as on state questions.

It is very easy to be sucked into the narrative that my party/platform/candidate is “good” and the other party/platform/candidate is “bad”. It is very easy to believe that my side is the right side or that those who think differently are obviously foolish.

As Christians, we are called to a different way. Rather than think of those in opposition to our ideals as the enemy and thus to be despised, we are called to love and serve those who think differently. That does not mean that we have to necessarily change our position, but it does mean that we treat others with respect and remember they – like us! – are a sinner for whom Christ died and rose again.

As Christians, we are free to disagree with policy and how things get done. We are, however, all called upon to love and serve our neighbor. We are to protect and defend those who cannot fend for themselves. God does not need our good works, but our neighbor certainly may!

As the political season winds down (for now), remember that ultimately Christians belong not to a democracy or any particular nation; we are first citizens of God's heavenly kingdom. We live and serve under a monarch, the King of kings and Lord of Lords, who poured Himself out as a ransom for many. Jesus, our King, came not to be served, but to serve and thus saved us so we are now free to serve others.

In His peace,
Pastor Keith

November Worship Services

- November 6 All Saints Sunday**
8:15am & 10:45am Organ-led
- November 13 26th Sunday of Pentecost**
8:15am & 10:45am Organ-led
- November 20 Christ the King Sunday**
8:15am Organ-led
10:45am Revive Praise Band
- Wednesday November 23 Thanksgiving Eve Service**
6:30pm Organ-led
- November 27 First Sunday of Advent**
8:15am & 10:45am Organ-led

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 13, 2016

Located in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:45am worship service

We will be voting on election of Board members. Please make an effort to attend this important meeting, as a quorum will be required to take votes.

The Fellowship Team will provide turkey. They are asking that families sign up on a board that will be in the narthex to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

OUR MISSION:

“CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST”

OUR VISION:

TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES WHO ARE ACTIVELY PURSUING CHRIST'S MISSION FOR THE CHURCH.
Matt. 28: 19-20



Peace Lutheran Church
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Worship Schedule

Worship: 8:15 and 10:45 am
Christian Education Classes (all ages): 9:30 am

Office Phone Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Staff

Pastor.....Keith M. Falk
Director of Youth & Family Ministries.....Scott Saxton
Director of Music/Organist.....Tony Carrillo
Director of PreschoolSonya Easley
Church SecretaryElena Falk
Facilities Manager.....Al Reml
Bookkeeper.....Donna Pflaum

Executive Board

Pastor.....Keith M. Falk
Chair.....Joe Spahr
Vice Chair.....Steve Wackerly
Past President.....Susan Bedwell
Financial Coordinator.....Kevin Clark
HR Coordinator.....Kevin Richter
Volunteer Coordinator.....Brent White
SecretaryCindy Houghton

Ministry Team Leaders

Finance and Planning.....Phil Miller
Discipleship.....Courtney Coghill
EvangelismLena Broker
MissionsPamela Turman
Worship & MusicPhil Coghill
Congregational Care.....Bridget Reml
Facilities.....Al Reml
Preschool.....Lori Clark

Peace Health Ministry

Carolyn Smith, LouAnn Gallion, Jean Kidd

Ladies Bunco Night Friday, November 11, 6:30pm ~ Parish Hall



Join the ladies for some fast dice action and fellowship. Bring along \$5.00, a dish to share potluck supper and an attitude for gaming! And of course, bring along a friend.

Cooks' Night Out ~ Friday, November 18 5pm



Please come and support this wonderful outreach ministry. There are lots of ways volunteers can help. We start serving dinner at 5:00pm.
See Velta Johnston for more details.

Prime Time



Primarily on the first Tuesday of every month September through May at 12:00 noon

We will meet on Tuesday, November 1, 2016
In the Parish Hall

We will gather to celebrate All Saints Day. Pastor Keith Falk will be presenting on the role of saints and Lutherans.

Please come and bring a friend, family, or neighbor!
We encourage you to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. The main entrée is provided.



Connecting People to Christ
....through discipleship





Kairos Prison Ministry
Cimarron Correctional Facility, Cushing Oklahoma
Fall 4 Day Weekend, November 3,4,5,6, 2016

Please remember to keep the men of this ministry in your prayers. Les Broker, John Klinka Jr, and Gregg Hostetler will be helping with this 4 day weekend. They need your good thoughts and prayers. Pray that God will work in the lives of these men and those they will minister to.

COOKS NIGHT OUT



Chef Mel and the remainder of the crew absolutely outdid themselves for the October Cooks Night Out with meatloaf that by all accounts was fabulous! There were 91 guests and 21 volunteers. If you haven't had the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful ministry, please consider how you can help. The Thrivent seed money helps stretch our food budget as does the donated desserts. Prayers for the guests and volunteers are appreciated.

The next Cooks Night Out is November 18, please join us!

The Jesse Tree

"A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots."
Isaiah 11:1



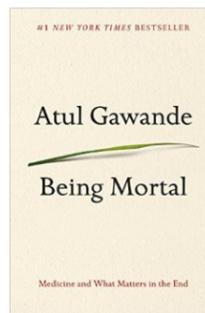
Adult Sunday School Opportunity on November 6th

As the Season of Advent draws closer, the Adult Sunday School Class would like to invite all adults to join us on Sunday November 6 to learn about an Advent tradition called the Jesse Tree. If your family already celebrates this tradition we would love to have you join us to share how your family uses your Jesse Tree during the Advent Season.

We hope you will join us on Nov. 6 to learn about this tradition that brings us together in faith, hope, and God's love for his people.

“Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End “

Coming to Peace on Saturday, November 19, 2016 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.!!



Good Shepherd Hospice and Peace Health Ministry will offer a free screening and panel discussion of the documentary film “Being Mortal”. This film, originally aired on PBS, is based on the best-selling book, “Being Mortal, Medicine and What Matters in the End,” by Dr. Atul Gawande. It delves into the hopes of patients and families facing terminal illness, investigates the practice of caring for the dying, and explores the relationships between patients and their doctors. It sheds light on how a medical system focused on a cure often leaves out the sensitive conversations that need to happen so that a patient’s true wishes can be known and honored in the end. When Dr. Gawande’s own father gets cancer, it becomes a personal quest as he searches for answers about how best to care for the dying. You will be part of a national dialogue taking place right here in our own community that asks “Have you and your family had the tough conversations and planned ahead?” Peace is joining other Edmond churches which have also chosen to sponsor a showing of this moving, informative, and insightful film. Come join us, invite your friends and family, and bring your questions. For further information, contact Carolyn Smith at 405-401-6605 or smith.jas@att.net.

Attention! Attention!! Attention!!!

Wednesday, November 23

The following choirs will **NOT** have rehearsals on Wednesday November 23–
 + Little Angels Choir
 + Joyful Noise Choir
 + Celebration Youth Bells

Music rehearsals are cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service and Pie Fest.

Fall Liturgy ending Christmas & Epiphany Liturgy

November marks the end of our Fall Liturgy – Holy Communion Setting WOV 5.

On Advent 1 Sunday, November 27, we begin worshiping with a return of Holy Communion Setting - ELW 9. During this Advent season, we will add to our liturgical repertoire by learning the song that follows the Kyrie – “This is the Feast”. What a great opportunity to sing a new song to our Lord!

Advent Supper Fundraiser Wednesday,

November 30, 5:15-6:15pm



Music & Worship Advent Supper & Concert, **Wednesday, November 30 ~ 5:15-6:15 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now for this annual musical event to kick-off the Advent Season! Seasonal music presented by parishioners and musical groups of Peace will highlight the evening. All are WELCOME!

Advent Worship on Wednesdays



The Worship and Music department is excited to report that 2016 Wednesday Advent worship marks the **SECOND** year that the **Ichthus (Youth) Praise band** leads worship with the **Holden Evening Prayer** composed by **Marty Haugen**. All are invited to worship singing these beautiful melodies and words. The Ichthus band appreciates your support.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CANTATA



ALERTING ALL PARISHIONERS of a GROUND BREAKING EVENT at PEACE LUTHERAN.....



For the first time in 10 years, the SANCTUARY CHOIR will present an Advent-Christmas cantata at Peace Lutheran Church.

The cantata will be presented in its entirety on **Sunday, December 18** at both the 8:15am and 10:45am worship services. The cantata is titled – “Love Came Down at Christmas” Celebrating God’s Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love composed by Joel Raney.

Please invite family and friends to this beautiful musical celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Peace Lutheran Youth Mission Trip 2017
Covington, Tennessee
June 25th-July 1st

The 2017 PLC Youth Mission trip is scheduled for June 25th, 2017. All youth that will be entering the 9-12th grades or are entering their 1st year in college in the 2017-18 school year are eligible to attend.

This year the trip will be to the semi-rural community of Covington, TN.

The drive is considerably shorter than some of the past trips.

This will allow for options on our trip:

- 1.) getting straight there and straight back,
OR
- 2.) being able to take time either on the way there or on the way back to do something fun!

Because it takes quite a bit of planning, we need to know rather early in the year if you want your child to attend. If your child is interested in attending with us, PLEASE take time to contact me at

scott@peace-lutheran.net

SIGN YOUR CHILD'S NAME on the Mission Trip board in the church Narthex.

28th Annual Journey in January High School Winter Retreat



January 13-15, 2017

Journey in January is a High School Christian retreat, that is planned, orchestrated, and run by Lutheran High School Youth from around the state of Oklahoma. Hundreds of young Christians have come for 28 years to this event, and it has become an important faith development moment for all who attend. Cost is \$90 per person. We will be staying in one of the retreat cabins at Camp Lutherhoma.

Completed registration card and money will be due December 18th.



Save The Date!

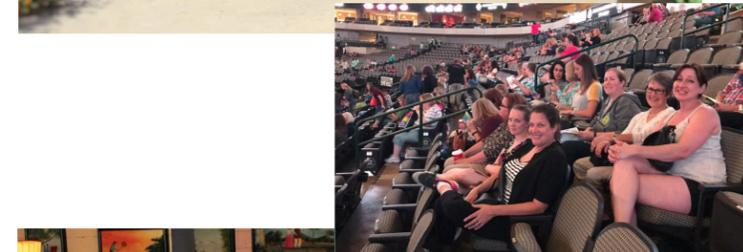
Family Retreat will be
May 26th-May 29th, 2017.
The location will again be
Spring Valley Ranch.

It's \$135.00 per person for a 3 night stay and 7 meals. There is a sheet in the narthex for those who might be interested to sign up. Angie Spahr will contact you with more information. There is no commitment now, just an inquiry into those who might be interested.

Mark these dates on your calendar for
December!

- Sun, Dec. 4—Second Sunday of Advent
- Tues, Dec. 6—Prime Time
- Sun, Dec. 11—Third Sunday of Advent
- Fri, Dec. 16—Cooks Night Out
- Sun, Dec. 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent
Cantata
Children's Program
- Fri, Dec. 23—Blue Christmas
- Sat, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Services
- Sun, Dec. 25—Christmas Day Service (10:00am)

PLC Women's Retreat 2016
Dallas, TX
September 30– October 1
BELONG Tour





To a beautiful Church family,
Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank all of you for your compassion and generosity at this difficult time for us.
Sincerely,
Shirley Busse

Reminder to change your clocks before you go to bed Saturday November 5th.

Daylight Savings happens at 2 am on Sunday, November 6th.

Don't be late to church that day, change your clocks back one hour!

PLC Website

<http://www.peace-lutheran.net/home>

A postcard was sent out asking folks to register on our website. If you have had trouble logging into the website, please let the church know. In order to log into the website and become registered, the church must send you an email invitation with a temporary login password to your email. You will be able to use that email address and that temporary password to login. At that point, you will be able to change your password. The website is a great tool for the church to use to keep you the most up to date with our calendar and events. The calendar is online. There is often registration links on the website. You can access a current member directory online. The church will be able to use the website to email the members or groups of members.

So please take a moment and make sure that the church has your most up-to-date email address so that we can start the process of getting you registered on the website.



**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Holiday Bazaar 2016**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Edmond invites the members of Peace Lutheran Church to join them for their 14th annual Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 9am-4pm.

Come enjoy a day full of fellowship, food, bake sale, and shopping.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 308 NW 164th St. Edmond, OK 73013

November HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Leo Strong 11/1
- Paul Wehrenberg 11/2
- Cameron Hostetler 11/3
- Mel Stensrud 11/3
- Lori Bartlett 11/5
- Jennifer White 11/5
- Jeffrey Collins II 11/8
- Luke Ratke 11/8
- Karen Reinholtz 11/8
- Vicki Sparkes 11/8
- Peggy Fulton 11/9
- Kylie Chutek 11/11
- Olivia Easley 11/11
- Blake Bedwell 11/12
- Hannah Bedwell 11/12
- Abbey Watts 11/12
- Ayesha Factory 11/13
- Kevin Clark 11/15
- Bob O'Reilly 11/16
- Joe Palmer, Jr 11/17
- Sharon Jones 11/19
- Kevin Richter 11/19
- Bruce Russell 11/19
- Christy Cole 11/20
- Sophie Spahr 11/20
- Jim Krepps 11/21
- Margaret Rewerts 11/23
- Jim Schroeder 11/25
- Julia Cohlmiia 11/29
- David Crouser 11/29
- Kyle Bartlett 11/30
- Brett Behenna 11/30
- Gay Cocherell 11/30
- Orrey McFarland 11/30
- Billye Palmer 11/30

Small Groups and Classes

MONDAYS

Faith Builders Christ Care ~ 2nd & 4th Monday, 9:00 am, Parish Hall at Peace (Arlen Rewerts - 282-3774). Study: *Lectio-ary*; (repair, maintenance, cleanup projects on the 3rd Monday, 8:30 am at Peace).

TUESDAYS

Prime Time (for Senior Adults) ~ 1st Tuesday of the month (Sept.—May) at Noon, Parish Hall. Education, fellowship and activities for seniors, but all are welcome. Mission: support senior ministries and outreach in the community.

Women Growing in Grace ~ 2nd & 4th Tuesday evenings (Cynthia Baim 348-2925). Mission: Edmond Mobile Meals, Citizens Caring for Children, and school supplies.

WEDNESDAYS

Women Exploring the Bible (WEB) ~ Wednesdays, 9:15am, Parish Hall at Peace (Jane Ratke 478-8524). Childcare is provided.

THURSDAYS

Men's Fellowship & Study ~ Thursdays, 6:00 am at Denny's on 2nd Street in Edmond. (Paul Ratke 359-9267). Join in at any time!

Women of Peace ~ 1st Thursday of the month, 9:30 am, conference room at Peace (Jan Collins 341-9390).

SATURDAYS

Men's Fellowship Breakfast ~ First Saturday of each month, 7:00 am in the Parish Hall at Peace. Breakfast, fellowship in one hour or less! (Paul Ratke 359-9267).

Wall of Crosses

Please remember to bring a cross to hang on our Wall of Crosses that represents your family. Submit your cross to the front office with your name on it so that it can be hung with the other crosses. We would like a cross to represent each household in our church.

If your birthday or anniversary has been left out, please notify the church office of the dates.
elena@peace-lutheran.net or 405-341-3205

ANNIVERSARIES

- Tony & Karen Chutek 11/9 **25 years**
- Wayne & Toni Pettigrew 11/9 **20 years**
- Gaylan & Janice Bunas 11/12 **33 years**
- Richard & Cathy Whitford 11/26 **23 years**

PEACE PIECES

Interested in joining Peace?

Interested in learning more about Peace Lutheran Church or even joining? Please contact Pastor Keith at pastorkeith@peace-lutheran.net or 405-341-3205.

Peace Lutheran Core Values

The Core Values have been put into a booklet form and placed in the bookcase in the Narthex. Please use them to show visitors who we are at Peace Lutheran Church and what we are about. Feel free to take them home to show neighbors, family, and friends.

Prayer Chains Link us to God

PRAYER IS POWERFUL

The Peace WEB Group (Women Exploring the Bible) maintains a prayer chain ministry (via e-mail) for those having special needs. If you would like to join the chain or add someone to the Prayer List, contact Mary Hendrickson at mhend@cox.net.

Wall of Crosses



Please continue to bring in a cross to represent your family to add to our Wall of Crosses display. They are being arranged and hung on or about the first of every month. Bring your cross with name on it to the front office.

Flowers for the Altar

The **2016 Flower Chart** is posted on the bulletin board across from the Parish Hall. To donate flowers, write your name on a date line of the chart. The office will send a reminder postcard and to ask if your flowers will honor an event or celebration. Check the bulletin board for the Guidelines for Altar Flowers.



Let's make 2016 a year of beautiful flowers for our Sanctuary!

**Check your mailbox
in the Parish Hall!**

Wear your nametags!

Parables Deadline: 20th of the month

Bulletin insert deadline: Tuesday by noon
(very brief information for the Sunday Insert)

Please forward your article to elena@peace-lutheran.net or drop off a copy at the front office by the appropriate date. Include your photos or graphics for the *Parables*.

Peace Calendar

A copy of the church calendar for the next 3 months can be found outside the office workroom for your reference.

TO SCHEDULE AN EVENT AT PEACE

Please contact the church office during work hours to schedule an event or request a room. A Calendar Event Request form must be completed. If you wish to reschedule or cancel an event, please remember to contact the church office.

A Simple and Convenient Way to Give

Consider signing up for electronic giving. Peace relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Contact Phil Miller, Financial Coordinator, for details.



Check Request Policy

All check requests for reimbursement must be approved before a check can be cut. Checks take about 7-10 days to be processed. Please see Donna Pflaum, bookkeeper, or Phil Miller, Finance Coordinator, if you have any questions.

Security at Peace

Security is everyone's concern and responsibility. If you have a meeting or event at Peace and are the last one to leave, please be sure that all doors are locked when you depart the premises. **Keep the doors locked while inside.** Encourage your meeting participants to use the doorbell instead of keeping the door unlocked.

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