

The Witness of Peace

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Welcome, 2020!



In 1970, the Lutheran Church in America and the American Lutheran Church, which preceded the ELCA, both changed their language barring women from ordained ministry. Later that year, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Platz was ordained by the Lutheran Church in America.

It is with great joy that in 2020 the ELCA will celebrate the 50th anniversary of this action to allow the ordination of women in the United States. We will also commemorate 40 years of women of color being ordained and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely. As part of this anniversary, we recognize and lament that some of our leaders have been barred from serving and have been bullied, dismissed and excluded due to sexism, racism and homophobia.

Ordained in 1976, local pastor Nancy Winder was the 14th woman ordained in the American Lutheran Church and the first in the Pacific Northwest. There are stories to be told as we remember how we came to this place and, from the foundation of this rich history, look to a future of the ministry of all God's people.

Here at Peace we will mark this anniversary on **Sunday, January 19**, when I will celebrate **7 years** of ordination. Pastor Nancy Winder, who preached at my ordination, will join us here that day as our guest preacher. Please plan to join us in lifting up the gifts of all God's people!

With gratitude, *Pastor Annette*



January 19, 2013

Spirit Article January 2020



I was sitting in Resident Assistants training at Pacific Lutheran University in 1986. Suddenly the door opened and three people walked in: two men and one woman. They were introduced as the new campus pastors at PLU. I couldn't stop staring at the woman. In my twenty years on earth at that time, I had never met a pastor who was a woman. Pastor Susan Briehl changed my understanding of ministry, what it means to be a pastor, and what a difference it makes when you hear preaching from someone who has wrestled with much of what you have wrestled with, too.

The year 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women into Word and Sacrament ministry. While women have been preaching for thousands of years before this (think Sarah and Miriam and Mary Magdalene to name a few) the predecessor bodies of the ELCA felt called by God to open up the pulpit, the font, and the table to women for the first time after studying scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.

This decision wasn't made lightly. Seminaries, judicatories, and other groups took time to arrive at the decision to ordain women. In the end, though, these various groups realized that there was nothing in scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, or church constitutions to prevent the ordination of women. As Luther Seminary's Board of Directors wrote in 1966, "God has left the details of the ministerial office to the discretion of the church, to be developed according to its needs and according to the leading of the Holy Spirit."

And just like that, the way was open to the thousands of women who have been ordained into Word and Sacrament Ministry in the last fifty years.

While this is an important milestone, we are also mindful that the last fifty years have not been without difficulties. It took ten more years for the first woman of color to be ordained in the Lutheran Church here in the United States. It has only been in the past ten years that LGBTQIA+ people have been able to serve freely. As we celebrate, we also lament the sexism, racism and homophobia that has been part of our church structure. And we are called to work towards a day when all are celebrated and welcome.

In this synod, we are excited to mark this anniversary with some special events. Each woman pastor will be videotaped with their story. At synod assembly in 2020 we will show some of these video interviews. We will also have a festive worship service during synod assembly to celebrate, remember, and look to the future. During this year we invite congregations to commemorate this anniversary. Pastor Nancy Winder, the first woman ordained locally and the 14th woman ordained overall, is happy to come and preach and teach in your local congregation. In addition, there are resources at www.elca.org to use for congregations or clusters.

A brief story: At one of the churches I served there was a man named Dell. On my first Sunday there he came up to me and said, "You know, I didn't vote for you. I don't think women should be pastors." I said, "OK." And left it at that. In spite of telling me that, week after week Dell and his wife were in worship. Week after week they heard me preach. Week after week they received Christ's body and blood as I presided at the Lord's Table.

About three years after I was there, Dell was diagnosed with terminal cancer. I visited him frequently at his home. On one such visit, as I was setting up the Communion elements, Dell said, "You know, I didn't vote for you." I said, "I know." He sat there for a long time in silence. Then he said, "I was wrong." And I looked at him. And I smiled. And I held his hand. And then I reached for the bread and I said, "On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread ..."

We give thanks for all the women pastors who proclaim the good news of Jesus, who baptize in the name of the Triune God, and who serve at the Lord's Table. We pray that we continue to be made new into the future.

In God's Peace and Joy,
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee



Readings For January

January 5th— Epiphany of Our Lord

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12
 Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

January 12th —Baptism of Our Lord

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm Psalm 29
 Second Reading Acts 10:34-43
 Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17

January 19th—2 Epiphany

First Reading Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalm Psalm 40:1-11
 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1::1-9
 Gospel Reading John 1:29-42

January 26th—3 Epiphany

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalm Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-23

Our Circles

Lydia meets the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. Call for details/location.

Naomi meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 in the fireside room.

Esther meets the 2nds Wednesday of the month, 11:30 at Willow and Jim’s Café.



President: Larry Sather (2nd term)
Vice-President: Al Camp (1)
Treasurer: Cathy Pryor (2)
Secretary: Sue Sather (2)
Dave Tripp (2)
Janeen Smith (1)
Larry Bean (2nd term)
Dana Stoffel (1)
PLCW Rep: Stephanie Bean (1)
Youth: Simon Fuentes (1)

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Musicians
Richelle Tripp
Mae Grossruck



Men’s Breakfast

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 8am in the fireside room for pancakes and fellowship

Community, Youth and Family



I'm still trying to figure out in what way I will be reducing my hours. One change will be having a monthly community/family night instead of the weekly gatherings. As for other things I will continue to give the children's message and plan retreats to work with the youth on special projects. This month's Community Night will be Saturday the 18th at 5:30 PM. We will be making homemade pizza and everyone is asked to bring a favorite topping. There will be games and even a craft. Out to Dinner is January 7 at Bob's Burgers over by Tulalip. Out to lunch Bunch will be January 21. Watch the bulletin for all upcoming gatherings.

*Keep watch! Next month is Souper Bowl of Caring and Hunger Strike.

Mission Team



If you haven't heard, Peace Lutheran will once again be traveling to Guatemala to install Aler Wood Cookstoves. We will be going August 13- August 23. We are all very excited and can't wait to meet the villagers that we have been assigned. We will be installing 95 stoves and along with the stoves we will be taking quilts, Bibles, Beanie Babies, potholders, school supplies, and some games. We have already been fundraising and will continue to do things throughout the coming months. In February we will be having a Valentine's Day Dinner with a photo booth and a few other specialty items. Watch for fliers and ask team members if you have any questions. The team members are Larry Bean, Tammy Chase, Jody Hoffmeister, Jordy Tyler, Mary Haugen, Taylor Haugen, Kelly Derum, Randy Derum, Karla, Simon Fuentes, Sam Fuentes, Kini Stewart & Mary Fuentes.

Mission of the Month

Gathering Place



Peace Lutheran was one of the founders of the Gathering Place and we continue to support it through serving during the year. We typically serve the 3rd Thursday of the month and 9 times throughout the year. This is a time to prepare a hot meal and share it with anywhere from 45 to 85 people. We try not to serve the same meal every month so it does take a little creative thinking, but we always have a good time cooking together and then sitting down to share the meal with the people who drop in. Some of the folks are regulars and are just looking for someone to share a meal with while others are living on a fixed income and this meal makes it possible for them to stretch their dollar further. We are in need of money and people. Money to help us purchase the food to prepare and people to help prepare the meal. This year we will be serving on!



THANK YOU

TO OUR OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS
FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR CONGREGATION:

Connie DiGregorio
Alanna Stone
Greg Erwin
Anne Grimm

AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW 2020 COUNCIL!



Larry Sather, President (second term)
Al Camp, Vice President
Sue Sather, Secretary
Cathy Pryor, Treasurer
Larry Bean, member at large (second term)
Dana Stoffel, member at large
Janeen Smith, member at large
Simon Fuentes, Youth Rep (second term)
Stephanie Bean, PLCW Rep
Mary Fuentes, staff
Pastor Annette

THANK YOU ALSO TO OUR SUNDAY OFFERINGCOUNTERS!

Karen and Dennis Dicken
Debra Compton and Patti Jones
Jolene Rod and Larry Bean
Gwen and Ralph Dalseg
Al and Judy Camp



2020 Staff Reductions

As you know, the 2020 budget passed by the congregation at our November, 2019 meeting reflected a 25% reduction of compensation and hours for staff. Pastor Annette was reduced to a $\frac{3}{4}$ time call, and Mary and Becky will now work 15 hours/week. Given these changes, we will not be able to provide the same service and programming as before. **It will take a bit of time to live into these changes, and we ask your patience and support.**

Here are some changes that we currently know to anticipate:

New church office hours: The new hours that Becky will regularly staff the office will be Tuesday-Friday, 9:00-12:00. She will also work three additional flex hours.

Pastor Annette's Schedule: Her new regular weekly schedule will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. As in the past, she will be available on Saturdays and after hours as needed for special events or pastoral needs. She will also be experimenting with a reduced preaching schedule by hosting a guest preacher about once a month (using pulpit supply funds) or occasionally facilitating an alternative faith-sharing reflection on the Sunday texts.

Jobs to delegate:

Becky would like to know if there is anyone out there who would like to keep the church website current. She would be happy to train someone to do it. She also appreciates everyone who signs up on the clipboard in the narthex to be a worship participant. It saves her lots of time!



Just a friendly reminder that it will soon be time to get ready for our February bi-annual congregational meeting. This means it is annual report time! Don't wait until the last minute. Prepare your report while everything is still fresh in your mind.

ALTAR GUILD

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ALTAR GUILD LAST YEAR INCLUDING DANA STOFFEL AND CAROL MENDENHALL.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS TO
SIMON FUENTES AND TAMMY CHASE
FOR BEING THE CO-LEADERS OF THE GUILD.

THIS YEAR'S VOLUNTEERS ARE: STEPHANIE BEAN, TAMMY CHASE, CONNIE DIGREGORIO, SIMON FUENTES, MARY FUENTES (WINE BUYER), PHOEBE FUENTES, KERRI RIGGLE, PATTI JONES, JORDY TYLER, CATHY PRYOR, SHIRLEY CUPIC (BREAD BAKER), ANNE GRIMM (REPAIR & CLEAN PARAMENTS). THE SUBSTITUES ARE: CHERI GONZALES, ALANNA STONE, ASHLEY KOMBOL, AND JANEEN SMITH



Peace Lutheran's November Financial Report

Donations / Expenditures

\$14,340.26 \$21,849.91

Mission of the Month: \$459.00—Lutheran World Relief

Mission Investment Fund

Interest Income \$145.87 Balance \$115,463.25

2019 Budget

\$214,789.00

Average Donation Needed Each Month (2019)

\$17,899.00





- 9 Jean Oien
- 11 Cheri Gonzales
- Dave Tripp
- 15 Karen Fuentes
- 19 Mary Haugen
- Becky Sather
- Jordana Tyler
- Shawn Moyer
- 20 Tammy Chase
- 25 Tegan Woodington
- 26 Kale Stewart
- 27 Darlene Mc Clay
- Allyson Martinez

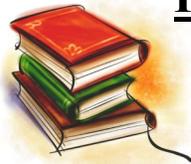
PLCW serving group January: Group #4
 Leader: Ashley Kombol

**COFFEE
 FELLOWSHIP**



Remember to keep
 coffee time simple!

Peace's Lending Library



Did you know that our church has a lending library? It is located in the Fireside Room! Every year more books are added by the Peace Lutheran Church Women. These books are our "memorial books" and are purchased to honor the memory of our members who have passed. Unfortunately, each year many of these books disappear! Please look around your home and check to make sure that you don't have a book that should be returned. If you've never borrowed a book, you should check it out there are many interesting titles. If you have a desire to organize the library we would gladly accept your skills!

Peace Lutheran Church Women

**The January meeting of PLCW will be on January 8th.
 The lunch at 11:30 will be hosted by the PLCW Board members.**

The meeting begins at 12:15.

Devotions will be lead by Stephanie Bean

The program will feature Karen Fuentes' lotion making.



Women's Fellowship



January



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Year! 10:30 Al Anon	2	3 12:00 AA	4
5 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Epiphany Worship	6 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous 5:30 Lydia 6:00 4-H leader's mtg	7 12:00 AA 5:30 Out to Dinner-Bob's Burgers & Brews, Tulalip	8 10:30 Al Anon PLCW 11:30 lunch 12:15 meeting	9	10 12:00 AA	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast
12 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship 5:00 Viking Hall Bingo	13 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous 6:00 4-H	14 12:00 AA	15 9:30 Naomi Circle 10:30 Al Anon 11:30 Esther Circle 1-4 Synod Epiphany Gathering Salem, Mt Vernon	16 10:00 LWR Quilting Gathering Place 4:30 prep 5:30 meal 6:00 4-H Foods	17 12:00 AA	18 11:00 Silvana Crest Assoc. 5:30 Community Night
19 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship	20 MLK, Jr Day Women's AA 10:00 5:00 Pills Anonymous	21 11:00 OTLB to Marysville 12:00 AA 6:00 Council 6:00 District AA	22 10:30 Al Anon	23	24 12:00 AA	25 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Lutherwood Annual mtg
26 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 Worship	27 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous	28 12:00 AA	29 10:30 Al Anon	30	31 12 AA	

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Check the calendar inside or our website for all the activities at Peace!

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Our Mission Statement

**“Called by Christ to offer help, hope
and healing.”**

