

WORSHIP, CLASSES, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Come and celebrate Word of Peace's vision and mission at all worship services on January 28 & 29. There will be a special Vision & Mission Forum on January 28 following the 11 AM worship hour, which will include a celebration of Word of Peace's ministry, the election of church leadership, and the approval of the 2018 vision and ministry resources. Everyone is welcome! (Confirmed members may vote.)

You are invited to come to the year-end financial update and budget discussion on Sunday, January 21 at 9:45 and 11:00 AM. Review our 2017 finances, learn more about the proposed budget for 2018 and get all your questions answered prior to the Vision & Mission Forum. Contact Linda Thomas for more information at (763) 496-2407 or lthomas@wordofpeace.org.

Exploring the Weirdness of Scripture—Come and explore the bizarre world of scripture today (Sunday), and January 28 at 9:45 AM in Room 120. Can't make it? Read a reflection of the study material at wordofpeace.org/adults/online-learning.

Today is the final day to sign up for the *Financial Peace University* course, which begins on January 21. Register at the Information Desk or at wordofpeace.org/fpu.

The Sunday Night Men's Group will begin a new study from the *Master Builders Bible for Men* called "Whol-i-Ness"—Which areas of life do you need to work on to become a whole person? Your physical life? Relational life? Spiritual life? Does anyone else struggle with focusing on all these at the same time? The group will meet beginning today (Sunday) at 8 PM, and then on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 7 PM. For more information or to order a Master Builders Bible for Men, contact Pastor Rick at rskare@wordofpeace.org.

DivorceCare—Separation and divorce can be the most painful and stressful experiences that people ever face. DivorceCare is a support group that can help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. This new group meets on Thursdays from 6-8 PM. Questions? Contact Mario Olson at mario.olson@yahoo.com or Jennifer Harlan at jharlan716@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are very sad to announce that Pastor Keith Long has resigned from his call at Word of Peace to take a call as Lead Pastor at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove. Pastor Keith will give his final message on January 21 & 22, and there will be a farewell reception after all services in the Gathering Area. We wish Pastor Keith and his family many blessings on their new adventure! We are making plans for this pastoral transition and those plans will be announced as part of our Vision and Mission Sunday/Monday on January 28 & 29.

We regret to announce that Sheldon Way has resigned from his position as Youth Ministry Director. He has decided to pursue other opportunities, and will end his time with us on January 31. Watch for more

information regarding farewell celebrations in Sheldon's honor. We thank Sheldon for his time with Word of Peace and for teaching and loving our young people.

We also regret that Kristie Hoyt has resigned as one of our Nursery Assistants. We will miss Kristie's loving care in the nursery and wish her all the best.

Ben Hultman will serve as Word of Peace's Interim Volunteer Coordinator until the position is filled. Ben has been serving as one of our Worship Coordinators and we are thankful to him for stepping in to this role. Ben can be reached at bhultman@wordofpeace.org or (763) 496-2421.

NOW HIRING:

- **Director of Youth Ministry (Full-Time)**—Encourage and support hundreds of families and young people from upper elementary through high school. Job descriptions and applications are available at the Information Desk and at wordofpeace.org/jobs. Please also send a cover letter and resume to Kari Osmeck, at kosmek@wordofpeace.org.
- **Volunteer Coordinator (Part-Time, 30 hours/week)**
Responsibilities include coordinating the work of volunteers at Word of Peace. Job descriptions and applications are available at the Information Desk and at wordofpeace.org/jobs. Questions? Contact Linda Thomas at (763) 496-2407 or lthomas@wordofpeace.org.
- **Event Coordinator (Part Time, 20 hours/week)**
Responsibilities include coordinating large events, such as Peace Fest, Peace Market, etc. Job descriptions and applications are available at the Information Desk and at wordofpeace.org/jobs. Questions? Contact Linda Thomas at (763) 496-2407 or lthomas@wordofpeace.org.

If you ordered poinsettias for Christmas, please feel free to take your plants home. Thank you!

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

Volunteers from Word of Peace will be serving lunch at Sharing and Caring Hands on Tuesday, February 6. Please consider volunteering to prepare the food, serve the lunch, or give a monetary donation for the ingredients. Look for the display in the Gathering Area for more information and to sign up.

Word of Peace supports the CROSS KidPack program, which provides a healthy snack to Dayton Elementary School students. Volunteers are needed to fill approximately 100 KidPack bags a month, (which would take less than an hour for 6-8 volunteers). The next opportunity will be on February 7 or 8, either at church or at CROSS, depending on what the group decides. Please sign up on the KidPack board in the Gathering Area. Contact Barb Kennedy at kenedy763@gmail.com with questions.

CROSS Food Shelf Needs in January: Crackers, deodorant, paper & plastic grocery bags. Donations may be dropped off at the CROSS Corner in the North Gathering Area.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

Church school resumes today and 6th-8th grade confirmation class will resume on January 17.

Vacation Bible School Registration Begins Today—VBS will take place on June 18-22 and this year's theme is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!" Registration forms are available at the table in the Gathering Area and online at wordofpeace.org/vbs.

Kids of Peace Preschool registration for the 2018-19 school year opens on Tuesday, January 16. Register online at wordofpeace.org/kidsofpeace or for more information, contact Julie Picconatto, Pre-school Director, at (763) 496-2419 or jpiconatto@wordofpeace.org.

Lead, Follow, Just Get Out of My Way! *A Leadership Workshop for 9th-12th Grade Girls*—In this workshop, girls will learn what a leader is and isn't, examine important leadership characteristics, help them discover if they are followers, leaders, or both; and give them tools to develop their own leadership skills. The group will meet on Wednesdays from 7:30-9 PM, January 17-February 7. More details at wordofpeace.org/high-school.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Word of Peace is fully funded by the financial gifts from church members, guests, and attendees like you. If you are currently giving to Word of Peace, THANK YOU!

Our Current Financial Situation (Operations and Ministry Fund): We were able to meet all of our 2017 expenses and pay off all of the loans we had taken for the year. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the Word of Peace ministries. December financial information will be available at the Budget Discussion Meeting on January 21 at 9:30 and 11:00 AM and at the 2017 Annual Vision and Mission Forum at Noon on January 28. If you would like specific financial data, please stop by the Information Desk or contact Linda Thomas, Director of Administration, at lthomas@wordofpeace.org or (763) 496-2407.

How Can You Help?

Please consider a budget friendly recurring gift thru Push Pay. Your continued giving is vital for our 2018 budget.

Building Fund: Our year to-date income is about \$53,000 ahead of the year-to-date budget.

There are many ways to give. Choose an option that works best for you:

Text "wopl" to 77977 • Online: wordofpeace.org/give

Download the Pushpay app • Card reader at the Information Desk
Cash or Check

Every Gift of Any Amount is a Blessing!

WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, January 14

Worship at 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am
9:45am Adult Study: Exploring the Weirdness of Scripture
1:30pm Affirmation of Baptism Service
5:30pm Yoga
8:00pm Men's Group

Monday, January 15

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
NO Preschool
NO Monday Night Meal
5:00pm Church School
5:00pm Kids of the Kingdom
6:30pm Worship
6:30pm Church School
7:00pm Deo Glorias
7:30pm Baptism Class

Tuesday, January 16

9:00am Women's Friendship Circle
6:30pm Boy Scouts
6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #16158
7:00pm BeFriends

Wednesday, January 17

9:00am MOPS
5:30pm Confirmation Early Group
6:00pm Angel Wings
6:30pm Confirmation Late Group
7:00pm Voices of Peace
7:30pm Leadership Workshop for 9th-12th Grade Girls

Thursday, January 18

10:00am Bible Study
6:00pm DivorceCare
6:00pm Grace Choir
6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #17939
7:00pm Men's Group
7:00pm Harmony Men's Choir
7:00pm AA

Friday, January 19

9:00am Women's Book Club

Sunday, January 21

Worship at 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am
Church School at 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am
Farewell Reception for Pastor Keith (between services)
9:45 & 11:00am Year End Financial Update and Budget Discussion
2:00pm Financial Peace University
5:30pm Yoga

Monday, January 22

5:00pm Church School
5:00pm Kids of the Kingdom
5:30pm Monday Night Meal (Sandwiches)
6:30pm Worship
6:30pm Church School
7:15pm Farewell Reception for Pastor Keith

IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayer concerns are listed in the worship bulletin for one week unless otherwise requested, or it is an on-going difficulty for a church member. Prayers of the Church that are spoken during worship will include new prayer concerns and updates. Thank you for understanding as we meet the many prayer requests and needs of the Word of Peace congregation and community.

Ill or Hurt-Ole Strand, Crystal Hanson, Joyce, Hazel

Battling Cancer-Darlene Personius, Liam Schmid, Bob Anderson, Xander Wold, Rob Lundeed, Janice Teichler, Chelsi Terwey, John Bunders, Tyler Guimont, Wesley Graves, Tonyia Lucas, Hailey O'Malley, Daniel Brasted, Sandi Harris, Joan Ring, Dorothy Luka, Steve Bianchi, Rita Schoen, John Holland, Jeanne Olsen, Lynn, Darin, Karen Nikko, Tim, Ken Hebert, Diane Childs, Karla Teasley, LuAnn, Sharon B., Amy Berry, Neal Stahl, Tanner Hoover, Kevin Kleist, Bev Reed, Debra Donohue, Mike Childs, Jacob Nardini, LeRoy Slater

Thanksgiving-For the baptisms of Leo Edberg and Wesley Lindenfelser. For the many musicians, volunteers, and staff that helped to bring the joyous Christmas message to the people of Word of Peace.

Mourning-Jodi, Gerry, Bryant, Brenton and Abbey Brakke and family mourning the death of their nephew. Family and friends mourning the sudden death of Richard Kong. Carolyn Burghart and her fiancé, Chris, and Erik Andersen mourning the death of their father, David Andersen. Karee and Mike Van De Riet and family mourning the death of Karee's mother, Neota Minks. Vickie Krueger and her children, Jason and Breanna mourning their husband and father, Jeff Krueger. Doug and Mona Trebesch and family mourning the death of their niece, Desiree Trebesch. Ryan Engmark and family mourning the death of both his grandparents.

Prayers for the Word of Peace Ministry-For the 124 9th graders who are affirming their baptisms this weekend.

Prayers for the World-For the victims and their families of the storms on the East Coast, and for the victims of the mudslides in California.

Those known by our congregation in military service-Joe McArthur, Jenny Rose, Austin Lucas, David HELLERUDE, Chase Schmidt, Bryce Balfanz, Cody Messner, Nick Jones, Isaia Rizk, Tyeler Schmidt, Michelle Werness, Megan Schoephoerster, Gabe Vicioso, Eric Ouellette, Eric Leiter, Trevor Young, Shawn Alderman, Jacob Kerkow, Matthew Halvorson, Brian Hornbaker, Adam Schutte, Ryan Broyles, Daniel Reichert, James Miller, Pamela Burns, Bill Cole, PJ Holland, Richard Kip Huth, Erin (Schoephoerster) Kukay, Chris Kukay, Michael Scott, Wendy Hogetvedt, Greg Bowers, Brad Kunz, John Vargas, Scott, Chad and Tad Wellsted.

REQUEST A PRAYER

Prayer Box: Please use the prayer cards provided next to the church office window and place your prayer request in the Prayer Box.

Call or Email: Contact Pastor Kristin Skare at kskare@wordofpeace.org or (763) 496-2404.

Online: Go to wordofpeace.org/pray and use the online form to submit your prayer request.

Prayers will be prayed for during the following week, and the church staff prays for all prayer concerns in the Word of Peace Community each Tuesday.



January 14 & 15, 2018

Welcome to Word of Peace! If you are a guest, please fill out a connection card so we can become better acquainted. Cards are available outside the Sanctuary doors and at the Information Desk; or complete the online card at wordofpeace.org/connect.

Children are always welcome in worship. "Busy bags" filled with quiet activities for little hands are available in the Gathering Area. When you're finished, please help them tidy up and return the bag to the rack so it is ready to be used by the next child. Thank you!

Noah's Ark Nursery is open for children ages 0-3 during all worship hours and it is staffed with paid child care assistants. The nursery is located just off the South Gathering Area across from the kitchen.

Hearing Assisted Devices are available upon request at the sound & media desk in the back of the Sanctuary.

Join us for social time following worship. Free coffee & \$1 donuts are served in the South Gathering Area on Sunday. Stay awhile and get to know one another!

Public WiFi: WordofPeace-Guest

Looking for more information? Visit wordofpeace.org to find out about upcoming events, learn more about our church programs and ministries, listen to the weekly message, subscribe to our mailing list, make a donation, and more.

Or, stop by the Information Desk in the North Gathering Area with any questions.

Our Vision and Mission Statement

Our vision is to be a community where everyone knows Christ's Love and shares Christ's Love with all people.

Christ works through us as we welcome all people to grow in faith, love, and devotion, share Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

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Fri 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

