

## WORSHIP, CLASSES, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday night Lenten worship** services begin February 21 at 5:30 and 7:00 PM. Services include the Holden Evening Prayer and reflections from members of the Word of Peace community. Come early for a simple Lenten meal from 5 to 7 PM.

**Lenten Adult Study:** Join us on Sundays at 9:45 AM in Room 120 beginning February 25, as we study the Israelites in the wilderness in the book of Numbers.

**A Renewed Spirit: Lenten Spiritual Practices for Rest and Renewal**—Join Pastor Tyler on Sundays, February 25 to March 25 at 6:30 PM for an experiential class on prayer and meditation. During each of the five weeks, we will explore a different spiritual practice meant to deepen your connection with God. Spiritual practices include lectio divina, embodied prayer, prayer labyrinths, and more. No pre-registration is necessary.

**Luther Seminary invites you to use this year's Lent devotional,** "Through the Night of Dark and Sorrow," written by Luther Seminary staff and students. Copies are available at the Information Desk, or you can get the daily devotional at [luthersem.edu/lent](http://luthersem.edu/lent).

**The next New Member Class is Saturday, March 3** from 9 AM-12:30 PM. During the class, you will meet the pastors, hear what we believe and how we do ministry, share in a fellowship meal, and get to know some of the church staff and other new members. For more information or to sign up, visit [wordofpeace.org/membership](http://wordofpeace.org/membership) or contact Susen Kay at [skay@wordofpeace.org](mailto:skay@wordofpeace.org) or (763) 496-2400.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A group from Word of Peace and other churches are in Jamaica this week** to provide free medical clinics, build a home, and work with children in a special needs orphanage. This year's missionaries from Word of Peace are Tina Haluptzok, Rhonda Holland, Brian Johnson, Paula Lynn, Brock Maxwell, Marilee Maxwell, Julayne Mayer, Caren Nemec, Glenn Nemec, and Pastor Tyler Strom. Want to follow along? Search for the "Word of Peace Mission Jamaica" group on Facebook to see updates from Jamaica throughout the week. For more information, visit [wordofpeace.org/mission-jamaica](http://wordofpeace.org/mission-jamaica).

**Help beautify the Sanctuary and Gathering Area again this Easter** by ordering lilies, tulips and hydrangeas at the table in the Gathering Area by Monday, March 5. Questions? Contact Dain Swanson at (763) 496-2409 or [dswanson@wordofpeace.org](mailto:dswanson@wordofpeace.org).

**We welcome Lydia Svendsen to the Word of Peace staff**—As the new Director of Adult Ministry, Lydia oversees the areas of volunteer coordination, small group ministry, and adult discipleship. She will also be assisting the pastoral staff as part of an internship through Luther Seminary. This is her last requirement as she completes her studies to be a rostered deacon. Please introduce yourself and welcome Lydia!

**Now Hiring: Worship Musicians**—Word of Peace is seeking talented musicians (guitar, bass, drums/percussion, and soprano or alto vocalists) to help lead worship on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings. Those who have a heart for Christ Jesus and would enjoy leading others in meaningful worship are encouraged to apply. Job descriptions and applications are available at the Information Desk and online at [wordofpeace.org/jobs](http://wordofpeace.org/jobs). Questions? Contact Linda Thomas at [lthomas@wordofpeace.org](mailto:lthomas@wordofpeace.org) or (763) 496-2407.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

**The Word of Peace Sunshine group mails close to 3,500 cards a year** to people in our congregation to bring joy and prayers. You can be a part of this ministry by donating stamps (or cash for stamps). Please bring donations to the table in the Gathering Area now through March 6. Thank you!

**CROSS Food Shelf needs in February:** Easter baskets, bubbles, small plush animals/toys, egg dye kits, cereal (hot or cold), shampoo, conditioner, paper & plastic grocery bags. Donations may be dropped off at the CROSS Corner in the North Gathering Area.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

**Summer Stretch registration is now open** for any student who has completed grades 5-12 by this summer. At Summer Stretch, we gather together on select Wednesdays during summer for a day of fun and rewarding experiences. Registration forms are available outside the Youth Ministry office. Questions? Contact Kari Osmeck at (763) 496-2418 or [kosmek@wordofpeace.org](mailto:kosmek@wordofpeace.org).

**Youth Day at Valleyfair** registration is open for any students who have completed grade 5-12 by this summer. Youth Day at Valleyfair is August 1 and registration forms are available outside the Youth Ministry office.

**Registration is open for Vacation Bible School!** VBS is June 18-22 from 9 AM to Noon and this year's theme is "Shipwrecked: Res-

cued by Jesus!" Please also consider volunteering for VBS this year; there are many options available. Registration forms are available outside the Children's Ministry office and online at [wordofpeace.org/vbs](http://wordofpeace.org/vbs).

**Confirmation times change during Lent** (Feb. 21 to March 21). The early session is 5:30-6:45 PM and the late session is 7:00-8:15 PM.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Project Proposals** were due February 7. Please turn them in ASAP.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands:** Please pick up your confirmation projects from the Youth Room.

## 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):** In January, we budgeted for a loss of \$6,300 and we incurred a loss of about \$19,000. Full January 2018 financials are available at the Information Desk; if you would like specific financial data, contact Linda Thomas, Director of Administration, at or (763) 496-2407 or [lthomas@wordofpeace.org](mailto:lthomas@wordofpeace.org).

### How Can You Help?

Please consider a budget friendly recurring gift thru Pushpay. Your continued giving is vital for our 2018 budget. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the ministries of Word of Peace.

**Building Fund:** Our year to-date income is about \$8,300 ahead of the year-to-date budget. If you would like specific financial data, please stop by the Information Desk or contact Linda Thomas, Director of Administration, at [lthomas@wordofpeace.org](mailto:lthomas@wordofpeace.org) or (763) 496-2407.

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

**Text "wopl" to 77977 Online: [wordofpeace.org/give](http://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, February 18

Worship at 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am  
NO Church School  
2:00pm Financial Peace University  
NO Yoga

### Monday, February 19

NO Preschool  
NO Church School  
NO Monday Night Meal  
5:00pm Kids of the Kingdom  
6:30pm Worship  
7:00pm Deo Glorias

### Tuesday, February 20

9:00am Women's Friendship Circle  
6:30pm Boy Scouts  
6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #16158  
6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #17937  
6:30pm Strategic Planning Team  
7:00pm BeFriends

### Wednesday, February 21

9:00am MOPS  
5:00pm Lenten Soup Supper  
5:30pm Confirmation Early Group  
5:30pm Lenten Worship  
6:00pm Angel Wings  
7:00pm Confirmation Late Group  
7:00pm Lenten Worship  
7:45pm Festival Chorus

### Thursday, February 22

10:00am Bible Study  
6:00pm DivorceCare  
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #18459  
6:00pm Grace Choir  
7:00pm AA

### Sunday, February 25

Worship at 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am  
Church School at 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am  
9:45am Lent Bible Study: The Book of Numbers  
2:00pm Financial Peace University  
5:30pm Yoga  
6:30pm "A Renewed Spirit" Lenten Meditation class  
7:00pm Men's Group

### Monday, February 26

5:00pm Kids of the Kingdom  
5:00pm Church School  
5:30pm Monday Night Meal (Pizza)  
6:30pm Worship  
6:30pm Church School  
7:00pm Deo Glorias

## 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**-Lou Oberdeck, Barb, Grace, Eric, Judy Williams, Baby M, Marlys Schirmer, Garret Sand, Claire Savitski, Hazel.

**Battling Cancer**-Maury, Sue Rawlings, Pastor Cyndi Ganzkow, Evonne Schultz, Bob Anderson, Tonyia Lucas, Craig, Heather Brown, Mary Chapman, Darlene Personius, Liam Schmid, Xander Wold, Rob Lundeed, Janice Teichler, Chelsi Terwey, John Bunders, Tyler Guimont, Wesley Graves, Hailley O'Malley, Daniel Brasted, Sandi Harris, Joan Ring, 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 leadership teams and staff who attended the Leadership Retreat last weekend.

**Mourning**-Jeff and Jenny Schmitz mourning the death of Jeff's mother, Sharon Wilson. LaVonne Martinson and family mourning the death of her sister-in-law, Carol Cromwell. Family and friends mourning the death of Nick Dehmer. Annie Johnson and family mourning the death of her husband, Tom Johnson. Pastor Keith, Rebecca, Natalie and Andrew Long mourning the death of Keith's father, Rod Long. Lori Perna and family mourning the death of her mother, Shirley Sutherland. Jennifer Frion and family mourning the death of her best friend's mother, Sharon Guldner. Family and friends mourning the death of Chris Braun. Carol Puent and family mourning the death of her mother, Caroline Heimdinger.

**Other**-For all those who are suffering from complications of the flu.

**Prayers for the Word of Peace Ministry**—For the missionaries from Word of Peace and other area churches traveling to Jamaica this week.

**Those known by our congregation in military service**-Stephanie Westrum, Jenny Rose, Austin Lucas, David Hellerude, Chase Schmidt, Bryce Balfanz, Cody Messner, Nick Jones, Tyeler Schmidt, Michelle Werness, 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 Kiphuth, Erin (Schoephoerster) Kukay, Chris Kukay, Michael Scott, Wendy May, 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](mailto:kskare@wordofpeace.org) or (763) 496-2404.

**Online:** Go to [wordofpeace.org/pray](http://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.



**February 18 & 19, 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](http://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 and \$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](http://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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**Pastoral Staff**

Rick Skare, Lead Pastor  
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Tyler Strom, Pastor of Faith in Action

**Office Hours**  
Mon-Thurs 8:00 AM-4:30 PM  
Fri 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

