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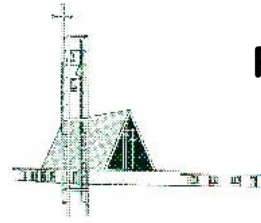
Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ

June 11 - 13

College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph MN

The theme of this year's annual meeting is "God is Still Speaking . . . do justice, seek peace, build community and in all things give thanks" The Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw, President of Eden Theological Seminary will be our keynote speaker. Pastor Kathy, Julie Flotten, Nettie Bothwell and Justin and Jessica Lilja Olson will be our official delegates. Jerry Cleveland, Eastern Association Moderator and Cindy Macaulay, Eastern Association Secretary will also be in attendance.

PEACE BELL is a monthly publication of Peace United Church of Christ, Duluth, Minnesota. *Our vision is to be an accessible, open and affirming community growing in Christian faith, committed to peace and justice, and reaching out in healing love to all people, respecting the diversity of people's sexual orientation, race, culture, gender, age, opinions, and physical and mental abilities.* Visitors are always welcome!



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell



DULUTH, MN. * REV. KATHRYN NELSON, PASTOR * JUNE 2004

Celebration Sunday on June 6th

OPENING DOORS BUILDING PEACE

Join us for a wonderful day of song and praise as we gather in our prayers and pledges for our

Opening Doors, Building Peace Capital Appeal at both our 8:30 and 10:30 services. Following the 10:30 service there will be a picnic for everyone in the backyard. Join us for hot dogs, brats and great fellowship. Watch out for folks in hard hats!

So far we have received \$263,444 with 30 early pledges from leadership team members. This is a great beginning, and we hope to be much closer to our goal of \$400,000 – 700,000 after pledges are received on Celebration Sunday. Please pray about your decision, and consider a sacrificial gift. The closer we get to \$700,000, the more likely we will be to realize the project as planned.

You should have all received your pledge cards in the mail this past week—pledge cards will be available on

Sunday if you have forgotten yours. There will also be prayer cards available so that everyone can offer a prayer for the congregation. If you are unable to be at worship on June 6th, please mail or bring your card to the office as soon as possible. Any questions, please call the office.

Ideas or questions about the remodeling plans, please talk to any member of the building committee, listed elsewhere in the Peace Bell.



OPENING DOORS
BUILDING PEACE

Habitat Wall Raising on Saturday June 5th

As part of our capital appeal we are sponsoring a Habitat House for Katie Bridges and her two children. Come help us build on the 5th! Please fill out form on the office door if you will be coming. See more, including directions to the build site, elsewhere in the Peace Bell.

High School Senior Recognition Sunday June 6th

On Sunday, June 6th we will recognize our graduating High School Seniors in our 10:30 am worship service. We will have a special power point presentation, and they will receive blankets as a gift from the Peace Church family. The blankets were tied by the 7-11th graders as a symbol of gratitude for the help and leadership the seniors have provided and support in whatever adventure awaits them. Please join us on this Sunday to congratulate and honor our seniors.

There will be a special breakfast for seniors and their families at 9:30. This year's seniors are:

Kristian Aas, Jennifer Ameel, Clarissa Booth, Ryan Fralich, Peter Hystead, Ryan Lane, Stephanie Lanier, Matt Morgan, Joy Lynne Swanoski, Megan Thompson.



FROM YOUR PASTOR

On Monday, May 10th hospice called at 2:30 to let me know that George Maske was near death. Peggy, his wife, was on her way to the hospital with George's sister Margery, and they asked that I join them. My quandary was what to do with Hannah, our 7 year old—I had to pick her up in just a few minutes from school. I went and got her and explained about George and she seemed fine to wait in the lounge where I assured her there was TV and juice.

When we got there though she wanted to be with me and so we went in together to say goodbye to George. We sat with Peggy and Margery and talked with them and quietly to George. We all sang some of the old hymns we knew. Peggy sang a little of George's favorite hymn—"Let the Lower Lights be Burning." We read some scripture. Hannah asked to read the 23rd Psalm and she made her way through it slowly . . . "The Lord is my Shepherd . . . Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil." And then she just sat on Peggy's lap for awhile.

One of the songs Hannah sang for George was the one we end children's choir with each week, "May the Long Time Sun". It ends with "and the pure, pure light that's within you, guide your way home". . . . love and light enough that afternoon—we left before Peggy did, but she later told me that before she left George opened his eyes just a little to say goodbye. He died about a half hour after she left. Our faith in Jesus Christ has shown us that he is now home, in that place, that mysterious space of love and light that God has made for all, a place of open hearts, "In my father's house there are many dwelling places, I go to make a place for you . . ."

Our call as people of faith is to make God's welcome a reality in our time and place, to be a people of open hearts and open doors. I was touched as I read George's obituary to realize all his memorial money would go to our capital appeal. His faithfulness, and gentle caring for this people of God continue even after his death. He was a part of this congregation his whole life—84 years. He quietly served us—folding and mailing the Peace Bell month after month, singing in the choir when he was younger, being grandpa to some of our kids.



We build on the legacy of so many wonderful people like George who have gone before us. This Celebration Sunday, June 6th we make our pledges of support for improving our building, a primary tool of our ministry. It is our way of saying yes to being part of this neighborhood, of saying yes to our future as God's people. Yes to the ongoing ministry of hospitality as we build "a house where hand will reach beyond the wood and stone, to heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word they've known. . . Let this House proclaim from floor to rafter: All are Welcome in this Place."

May Peace Church always be a place of welcome and rest as we make our journeys home

Peace friends—Kathy

COMMUNITY EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Make A World of Difference Share Your Home and Daily Life with an AFS Exchange Student

AFS Students from countries around the world arrive in the U.S. year-round, and live with host families for a year or semester. Students are eager to experience what it's like to live as a member of a family and community in America while attending local high schools. The ways in which students participate in family, school and community life **help to build a greater understanding of and appreciation for the many different cultures of the world.**

There are many kinds of host families. Host families are two-parent households with small children, teenagers, or no children at home, single parents, grandparents, and adults who do not have children. Families are asked to include their international students in their daily lives, to provide a bed and meals, and to give their hosted students the same kind of support they would give to their own sons and daughters. Students come with their own spending money and medical coverage. Host families receive the support of a network of community-based AFS Volunteers.

Families who wish to host an AFS exchange student (or want more info) should contact: Kate Siegler at 715-682-4621 or Nelle Rhicard at 728-4468.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life Friday, July 16 in Duluth

The 13th Annual Relay for Life will be held at The College of St. Scholastica on Friday, July 16. The American Cancer Society is looking for people to form teams and participate in this community event. Relay for Life honors cancer survivors and caregivers, raises money for patient services, prevention and cancer research and brings the community together around an important health issue.

This is the schedule:

- Survivors' Reception begins at 5:30 p.m.
- Opening Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- Survivors walk the first lap
- Community Carnival
- Caregivers' Ceremony
- Luminaria Ceremony at dusk
- Entertainment all night
- Awards Ceremony at 6:00 a.m.

For more information about forming a team or to preregister as a cancer survivor, please contact your American Cancer Society at 727-7439 (voice option 3).



WOMEN IN BLACK VIGILS, THURSDAY 4:30—5:30

Women In Black are vigiling each Thursday from 4:30-5:30 at Lake and Superior. We are part of an international network of women protesting war, ethnic cleansing and human rights abuses all over the world and particularly today in Iraq. We are silent because mere words cannot express the tragedy that wars and hatred bring. We wear black as a symbol to mourn for ALL victims of war, to mourn the heartbreaking destruction of people, nature, and the fabric of life. We invite women to stand with us and to reflect about themselves and the women who are the victims of war and hatred. Please join us each Thursday from 4:30-5:30 at Lake and Superior.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

June Nursery

- 6 Humphreys, Scott Lundberg, Adams
- 13 Carla and Chris Stegmann, Angela O'Connell, Sarah Messerer
- 20 Misty Peterson, Laura Squillace, Charlie and Pat Kendall
- 27 Swanoski Family, Kaelene Arvidson-Hicks, Raquel Tahtinen

June Set-Up

- 6 Linda Lundberg, Marlis Cran
- 13 Pomroys
- 20 Devlins
- 27 Sharon Kirtley, Deloris Thompson



June Servers

- 6 Devlins
- 13 Sharon Kirtley, Mary Martin
- 20 Peggy Skylondz, Deloris Thompson
- 27 **Volunteer Needed**

June Dishwashers

- 6 Devlins
- 13 Pomroys
- 20 Cindy Macaulay
- 27 Jayme Hennen

June Greeters

- 6 Holly and Doug Bowen-Bailey
- 13 Laurie Berner, John Moeller
- 20 Heidi Severson, Marlis Cran
- 27 Nettie Bothwell and Naomi Christensen

June Lay Leaders

- 6 Marge Anderson
- 13 Cindy McLean
- 20 Doug Bowen-Bailey
- 27 John Clark Pegg

10:30 Communion Servers

June Jerry Cleveland and Marge Anderson

June Ushers

- 6 Alison Wood, Denise Perry, Hysteads
- 13 Lori Morris, Nettie Bothwell & Naomi Christensen
- 20 Llonda & Megan Thompson, Denise & Charla Buxbaum
- 27 Jayme Hennen, Cheryl Walsh, Brian Eklund

June Monday Meals

- 7 Penny Cragun
- 14 Georgette Sarkela & Bill Hardesty
- 21 Susan Ranfranz
- 28 Beth Bartlett

Damiano Soup Kitchen



We will be taking a break for the summer, and resume serving the second Sunday of the month in September.

June Sunday Drivers

- 6 Don/Lillian— Springsteeles
Ken—Schombergs
Shirley—Mary Martin
- 13 Don/Lillian—Springsteeles
Ken—Carl Etter
Shirley—Kadlec/Green
- 20 Don/Lillian—Springsteeles
Ken—Pat O'Connell
Shirley—Mary Martin
- 27 Don/Lillian—Springsteeles
Ken—Kaelene Arvidson-Hicks
Shirley—Kadlec/Green



Thanks to many others who regularly drive folks to church—Marlis Cran drives Helva Paschke; Lori Thompson and Bev Morris drive the Staubs.

We know there are many others who are kindly helping folks come to worship at Peace. Thanks!

8:30 June Communion Servers

- 6 White family
- 13 Linda Goese
- 20 White family
- 27 Cindy McLean

SUNDAYS IN JUNE

We will continue to have two services each Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 am throughout the summer—Childcare is Available During Both!!!

Our Early Service is always a communion service with times of quiet. Our 10:30 am service has communion the first Sunday of each month and includes a children's time.

The sermon and prayers are the same for each service.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, June 6th—Celebration Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 8
Sermon: Opening Doors and Building Peace

This morning we have so many things to celebrate—the graduation of 10 high school students and the ingathering of pledges for our building project. We will have lots of music by both our choir and the praise and worship team, a special power point presentation of our graduates and time to dedicate our gifts to our capital appeal. After our worship there will be picnic lunch for everyone downstairs and hopefully outside. Join us for this wonderful day of celebrating God's presence among us!

Sunday, June 13th—Annual Meeting Sunday

Scripture: Luke 7: 36 – 4: 3
Sermon: Hospitality from the Heart

We will be called to worship by the Praise Dancers from St. Mark's AME. We will have our Annual Program Meeting during our 10:30 worship service. This will be a brief but important meeting to receive reports, elect a new coordinating council and affirm our committee members.

Sunday, June 20th—Father's Day

Scripture: Galatians 3: 23 – 29 and Luke 8: 26 – 39
Sermon: Growing as God's Child

This morning we will celebrate the baptism of Kaydi Staubs, daughter of Bill and Bev, granddaughter of Bill Sr. and great-grandchild of Phyllis Staubs.

Sunday June 27th

Scripture: Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 25 and Luke 9:51 – 62
Sermon: Called to Freedom, Gifted to Serve

Annual Program Meeting

Sunday, June 13
during 10:30 Worship

On Sunday, June 13th we will have our annual program meeting during our 10:30 worship service. The meeting will be brief, and will include the receiving of annual reports, the election of our Coordinating Council members, and the approval of our Committee Members

Special thanks to all who have served us so well this past year. Our board and committee members do so much for us all. On Sunday, June 13th in worship we will recognize all our outgoing board and committee members, especially Jim McLean our moderator. Many thanks to all of you!

Summer Music



We are looking for volunteers to provide special music during our 8:30 and 10:30 worship services this Summer. You can sing or play an instrument. A sign up sheet is posted on the office window. This music is so important to our worship of God.

The Simple Living Group will be reassessing plans for the summer. If interested, talk to Kristine (733-2299 or kkppha@yahoo.com) or Penny Cragun (727-2972 or pcragun@d.umn.edu)

ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Church School Teacher

Appreciation Party

June 5th 5-8pm at Julie's house!
Celebrate a great year of teaching! Families welcome. RSVP to church or 724-5690.



QUESTIONS ON THE WAY

TUESDAYS 12-1PM—FIRESIDE ROOM
Bring your lunch and come join in the discussion.

CLEANING DAY ON JUNE 13

Come help the kitchen and the kids—we'll provide lunch after church, then start cleaning the nursery and the kitchen, and assemble a new playground piece. (With this help, we'll be able to make use of the outside playground.) Help us get ready for summer! Remember, it's always more fun to clean someone else's house. Call Alison Wood 724-5690 for more information.



GRANDMA'S MARATHON WATER STATION

SIGN UP NOW TO HELP!

Saturday June 19 in front of Fitger's
5:45 am—12:30 + clean-up

This is a fun event for folks of all ages. A good family time to help is from 9:30—clean-up. And it's a great spot to watch the race!

Come support Peace Church Runners—they are running for the Gabriel Project—"to help keep people on their feet!"

Sign up in the Narthex with your T-shirt size and the time you can help.

Please make a pledge for our runners!

SUNRISE COFFEE



June 7th 5:15am—you can do it! 21st Ave E and Lakewalk—look for the sign and coffee mug to find us! We'll continue in the summer...
July 5th 5:21am—it's starting to get

OPENING DOORS BUILDING PEACE

We need your help in getting pictures of the People of Peace. When you're at the church for an event or will be going out for a special Peace event, please stop in the church office and pick up one of the cameras available for checkout. We want to get pictures of as many members involved in as many activities as possible. We'll be using the photos in the capital campaign materials.



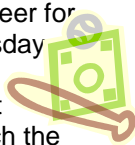
So, sign out the cameras and take some pictures of the People of Peace!!

WOMEN'S BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

We will take a break for the summer and continue with our study of the Lord's Prayer in the fall.

PEACE CHURCH SOFTBALL

If you're not playing—come cheer for our team! Games are on Tuesday evenings during the summer at the UMD softball fields. First game is **June 1 at 8 pm**. Watch the Narthex for a complete schedule. More info—call Dave W. 525-0139



MODERATOR'S REPORT by Jim McLean

My Last Moderator's Report

This month's meeting was mercifully short. We actually held the meeting to a mere hour and 15 minutes before adjourning to Fitger's Brewhouse for the traditional last meeting salute. No new business was conducted and just a few board reports were received. Concern over late pledges prompted the suggestion that we offer members the option of direct deposit for pledges (you can't forget to bring it that way). Our Treasurer will check it out. June 5th will be the wall raising on our Habitat house. Look for Julie in the pulpit (if we still had one) on May 30th and Doug BB on July 4th.

Well, it has been a pleasure serving as chair of this wonderful group of people this year. Good luck Justin!

RECYCLING PEACE!

85 Honda Civic—name your price. Runs good, good gas mileage. 2003 battery and front tires. Room for hauling. Used little in the past 5 years or so. Earl Rosenwinkle 728-0356



NEED MUSIC?

If you need a singer for a wedding or other special event, Call Paul Winchester at 525-0139.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Our NEW boards and committees will meet on June 9th. We will begin with dinner at 5:30 and meetings will start at 6:00. Child care will be provided.

We will do a brief opening on committee responsibilities and calendaring. Please plan to make this important meeting. Many committees take July off.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 15th at 7 pm in the Fireside Room
Visitors are Welcome

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Bishop Constante Claro, from the United Church in the Philippines
Visiting Peace UCC!

Bishop Claro will be our guest June 13 – 15th. He is very interested in learning more about our ministries and sharing the mission and work of the United Church in the Philippines. There will be two opportunities for folks to gather and share with Bishop Claro.

There will be a luncheon gathering on Monday, June 14th at noon at Peace Church. As part of that day we also hope to take him to our Habitat for Humanity Site and to Chum.

On Monday evening, June 14th we will gather for dinner at Jack and Sharon Kemps (5000 London Road). If you can attend either lunch or dinner, please let the office know so we have an approximate count as we cook.

Special thanks to the Kemps and the Jessica and Justin Lilja Olson who have agreed to host Bishop Claro in their home.

CHUM

CHUM Needs: The **Nurse Clinic** at the Drop-in Center has a great need for men and women's underwear—new only—in all sizes, and white tube socks.

The **Food Shelf needs:** Volunteer driver for the Tues. morning bakery pickup for the West Food Shelf—must have large vehicle. Food Packers are needed at the East Food Shelf on Weds. and Fridays 10am—1:45pm.

Drop-in Center needs: Personal hygiene and toiletry items, feminine hygiene products, towels and bedding, playing cards, cribbage boards and checkers.

Family Shelter needs: Baby wipes, large size diapers, household cleaning supplies.

CHUM Website at www.chumduluth.org

HISTORY NOTES . . .

Willard J. Johnson
By Doris Godden

We recently learned that Willard J. Johnson died April 25, 2004 in the Veteran's Home in St. Cloud at the age of 88. Willard (Bill) and his wife, the former Hazel Otto, along with their families, were members of our former St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, and were married here on 3rd Street Church in July 1946. they moved to Little Falls in 1958 where Bill worked until his retirement, and failing health moved him to St. Cloud. Bill was a recipient of the Purple Heart and the Silver Star from the U.S. Navy.

The Johnsons had two children, Tom and Kathleen. Their daughter's address is following, if you should remember them and care to write: Kathleen Nornberg, 2175 Quill Drive SW, Brainerd MN 56401.

If you have any questions, call Doris Godden.

BOOK TALK

Peace Church Book Club

The Book Club will resume in the fall. Look for our September book in next month's Peace Bell.

Peace Church Library—*Check it out!*



Next Library Workday
Wednesday Evening
June 16th 6—9 pm

Anyone who is interested in our excellent library is welcome to come and help work with our books for all or part of this time. We are trying an evening workday, as many people are busy on Saturdays, our usual time for workdays.

Please join us—it's a great way to become more familiar with our library.

"BUILDING PEACE" WITH HABITAT

Habitat Build Underway

On Sunday, May 16th Pastor Kathy and Mary Martin were part of a service to dedicate the land of the Habitat for Humanity Home our congregation will be working on this summer. It was a powerful service as the family of Katie Bridges and her children- Mike and Catalina, each took a turn digging into the ground as I prayed . . . "with faith in Jesus Christ this work is begun and this ground is broken in the name of the Creator, who gives us earth, and of Jesus who is like a cornerstone, and of the Holy Spirit who is our guide and source of wisdom. Amen.



Katie Bridges, Catalina and Mike

The first big build day is Saturday, June 5th. This is our Wall Raising. Many hands are needed to make this happen. Sign up in the entry way or call the office. You will need to fill out forms in order to participate. Those are located on the office door.

The house is located at Clark Court on W Linden Street. Directions: Travel up Central Entrance, at the Bread Store; Take a Right on Basswood, go one block; Take a Left on Myrtle, go one block; Take a Right on Hugo, go one block; Take a left on W Linden Street; Go about ½ block, Clark Court is on the right. There will be signs at the site.



CORRECTION!

Some of our graduating seniors' names were inadvertently omitted on the first page. Here's the complete list: **Kristian Aas, Jennifer Ameal, Clarissa Booth, Ryan Fralich, Peter Hystead, Ryan Lane, Stephanie Lanier, Matt Morgan, Joy Lynne Swanoski, Megan Thompson.** (Apologies from the editor!)

PEACE CHURCH TRANSPORTATION FUND

We get many requests for rides to church, both from members and new people looking for a church home. We have many volunteers driving folks to church (and can always use more!) but we need a fund to provide occasional taxi rides. We need donations to this fund—if you can make a donation marked "transportation", it would help us to be more accessible to others.



DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING
PEACE BELL ARTICLES IS THE
20TH OF EACH MONTH

BEFRIENDERS

"CHANGING LIVES TOGETHER"

by Cheryl Walsh, Befriender Ministries

The Befriender Lay Ministry Program will offer training this fall for those who are interested in becoming Befrienders. This ministry is designed to provide a supportive, listening presence to those experiencing a difficult life transition.

If you are interested in becoming a Befriender, informational packets will be available in the church office or you may pick one up after church any Sunday in June from Coordinators, Cheryl Walsh or Marlis Cran. For more information call Cheryl Walsh 525-4129.

KIDS AND YOUTH

Seniors - You're Graduating!

Hooray! We'd like to honor you on Celebration **Sunday, June 6th at 9:30am**. Please let us know how many of you and your family can come. RSVP to the church.

NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT

**Informational
Meeting
July 5th at 7pm**
at church

We will discuss transportation and schedule, and answer any questions you may have regarding NYE.

4-5th graders

Thanks for all the fun this year with our monthly activities..watch for more next fall!



Senior High Kayak Trip Cancelled
due to low numbers.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Come to the Lake!! July 11-12th
(Jr/Sr High Youth—that includes you 5-6th
grade graduates!)

The Langdon-Larsons have generously invited us out to their cabin. Meet us at church July 11th at 2pm. We'll return July 12th by mid afternoon. Sign up on the office window so we know how much food to buy! Cost=contribution for food and gas for the boat.

Junior/Senior High Youth

"The Pit" was a loud and crazy place to be in May! Thanks to all who came. We'll re-open 'the Pit' next fall. Watch the August Peace Bell for dates and times.

Junior High Canoe Trip July 28-31st

Cost \$50/person
Planning and packing Party July 20th 6-9pm. We'll go through the menu, plan our route and talk about equipment. Please send in your money before the meeting!



BUILDING COMMITTEE

If you have any questions or ideas about our proposed building plan, feel free to contact any of our building committee members

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PLEDGE, PLEDGE, PLEDGE. . .

From Doug Bowen-Bailey for the Finance Committee

There's been lots of talk about pledging for the Capital Campaign. We hope all of you are prayerfully considering what you can give to this exciting extension of our ministry as a congregation. AND...we also hope that you are keeping up with your regular stewardship pledge for this year. As a congregation, we are not doing so well. We're going into the summer 7,000 dollars behind in our pledged income, and generally, summer is the difficult time in terms of cash flow.

So, please do what you can to catch up on your pledge. If you can pay ahead (and then not have to worry about the summer,) that would be greatly appreciated. And if you're gone for the summer, please don't wait until fall to keep your pledge. Consider sending it in to the office through the mail.

It's no fun to talk about money in this light, but the reality is if we don't individually keep our financial commitments, we can't keep up our collective ones as a congregation. Our obligations to our staff and to the variety of organizations in the broader community we support financially because they live out part of our mission as a church. Thanks for doing what you can to keep the congregation going strong.

GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is a collaboration between CHUM and six Hillside congregations: Gloria Dei Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, Peace, St. Mark's AME, Temple Israel, and First Lutheran. Our collective goal is simple—to help support our neighborhood of worship. We do this by providing cash assistance when needed to help meet basic needs, and by organizing around issues to help promote the common good.

Our 4th annual Grandma's Marathon Fundraiser is under way! We have over 15 runners (but always looking for more) signed up from the various congregations and encourage you to pledge them for their efforts. Pledges go directly to our neighbors in need and to support the organizing efforts of the Gabriel Project. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is again providing a partial match. And if running just isn't your thing, think about volunteering at our water station in front of Fitger's for all or part of the morning. Call Emily at 310-0063 for more info.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR
GRANDMA'S
MARATHON
WATER STATION
SIGN UP NOW!**

The Gabriel Project is looking to hire a fulltime 12 month VISTA to focus on community organizing involving health care and housing. Health coverage provided, commitment to social justice a must. Please call 625-1739 for further info.

JUST PEACE

PEACE UCC - A JUST PEACE CHURCH

TAKING A SMALL STEP to promote peace and justice within ourselves, our church, our community and the world. A Just Peace Church strives to achieve this goal through spiritual development, education, community witness and political advocacy.

June's Small Step—to help and ask for help When my dad was home on hospice, it was a very difficult time for my family. All of my sisters were home, and none of us wanted to leave dad for long. We were surrounded by wonderful friends and neighbors, and heard "Let us know if we can do anything" many times a day. It wasn't until almost the end that we let anyone help. All it took was one little "you know, a meal would be helpful" and we had more food than we needed.

Here at Peace, we have lots of people moving, having children, dealing with illness, and other situations where help maybe isn't absolutely necessary, but would make the situation either easier, more enjoyable, less stressful, or all the above. Too often we regale each other with tales of our hectic schedules, and so the last thing we want to do is add to each other's busy-ness with our own problems or concerns, but even those of us with busy lives know we can make time, and want to make time, to give a hand and help each other out.

Peace church is full of people who want to help others in our community—it's one of the great strengths we have. One of our weaknesses is in our willingness to ask for help, during times when we really could use a hand. As our congregation gets bigger, and we have many new people join our community, it gets harder and harder to just "know" who needs help, but if we're really part of a community, we need to be just as ready to ask for help as to offer it, which is not always easy in our "self-sufficient" society. The small step for June, and beyond, is to remember to ask each other for help, and give all of us a chance to put aside our busy-ness for a little while and focus on one of the things that really matters: helping our neighbors.
Cizzarie Schomberg

Task Force Forming

We are forming a task force to look at items we currently purchase and use as a church, and to come up with some recommendations/policies for keeping those purchases in line with our mission as a Just Peace Church. A few things we'll be considering are whether or not items are environmentally-friendly, whether or not they are produced in a sustainable way, how the people who produce and sell them are treated, where things are made, etc.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Jessica Olson at 724-5210 or ic_lilja@hotmail.com. The commitment will be two (maybe three) meetings over the course of the next two to three months.

Fair Trade Festival

NEXT FALL!!

The mission of the Fair Trade Festival is to increase consumer awareness of Fair Trade products, and to promote sustainable and socially just economics in our community. If you are interested in getting involved in the planning, please let Kristine Regehr (733-2299) or Lyn Clark Pegg (722-1532) know, or come to our next meeting on **Saturday, June 26 at 10:30 in the Fireside Room.**

WHOLE FARM CO-OP

Order safe wholesome foods raised on Minnesota farms.

Deliveries —2nd and 4th Friday of the month

Have your order in one week prior to delivery. Pick-ups are Sunday or Tuesday after delivery.

Price list available at www.wholefarmcoop.com.

GOD'S SYMPHONY

By Julie Flotten, Children, Youth and Intergenerational Minister

Cedar, the dog, and I went for a walk the other morning. We had gotten up earlier than normal and were both wide awake (ugh) so we trundled outside to see what else was awake. We made it up to the woods close to our house; she set to sniffing and I to looking and listening. And what a symphony of sounds I heard! Ovenbirds, Chestnut Sided Warblers, Palm Warblers, White Throated Sparrows, Chickadees, finches and countless more I couldn't identify. I stopped in my tracks and just listened...(Cedar kept on sniffing, smells being much more significant to her than bird songs).

This past month in Faith Weavers we've been talking about Discovery, based on a book called I Wanted To Know All About God. One night we went on our own hike, using our senses to learn about God's creation. On another Wednesday, we "dug" into and "discovered" symbols of God. During a different session we spent time learning how and where music is used in the Bible, and talked about how we use music in our lives. We even wrote our own song.

I wanted to dedicate an entire "discovery" evening to music because it seems music is rampant in this church. We are treated to the hymns and anthems of the Choir, to the tunes of the Praise and Worship team, to the oodles of music lessons that happen here throughout the week, even to my CD player playing as assortment of folkly CD's and music the teens try to get me to listen to while I work. Through music we express our sadness, our joy, our praise, our hearts. What energy and inspiration is lifted up when our voices and instruments join in song! We do what Psalm 57 describes: *I will sing and make melody, Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.*

The morning that Cedar and I walked, it was the music and sounds of dawn that awoke me; I discovered and was reminded of the music of God's symphony. In it I heard clear notes that celebrated and sang of life. Whether you enjoy the music of a choir or humming your own little tune...may we all take some time from our own music making to discover and hear God's symphony.

PEACE CHURCH STAFF

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Shared Ministry Coordinator: Georgette Sarkela
Music Director: Jim Pospisil



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If you would like to be on our email list to receive notices of church events, please email the office.

SHARED MINISTRY "Thank You Teachers!"

By Georgette Sarkela, Shared Ministry Coordinator

Our faith community is so fortunate to have gifted Sunday school teachers, dedicated to providing a positive learning environment for our children. For our June Peace Bell, we are featuring additional teachers sharing their teaching experience with us. Although we have only highlighted teachers from preschool through high school, there are many more individuals that have not been recognized and who have taught over the years. Thank you to everyone for sharing your gift of teaching.. You are a blessing to us all.

Justin Olson: The reason I taught Sunday School is because someone asked me if I would like to. I said, "Yes" The reason that I said, "Yes" is that I enjoy talking and listening to teenagers. I enjoy sharing my faith in God with them and listening and learning from what they share about their own faith with me.

Laurie Berner: I am a single mom of Mariah Joy, my Chinese-born daughter. She is 7 and a happy second grader. We have a dog and cat that rounds out our little family. I've been a member of Peace for 11 years and have taught the last 4 years, 3 of which have been with Cindy Macaulay and the Junior High Youth. I have taught for a number of reasons: to get to know our children better, to learn from them and to give back to a church who has given us so much. I encourage others to get involved with teaching. It is a rewarding experience. The children need us adults in many ways and teaching is one way to give.

Diane Swanoski: After many years of teaching Sunday School I still find myself ready to say "yes" when it comes to committing to another year. Even though my original impetus was to be involved with my own children (they have already gone through my classes and moved on), I find now I do it because I enjoy it for myself. I enjoy getting to know "the kids" as they come up through 4-6 grades—their minds are like sparks and they sometimes teach me things! I like to view the scriptures through their eyes. In the busy schedule of life, teaching also is the reason to spend some time each week delving further into God's Word, what it means to me and making Sunday worship even more meaningful.

Amy Galarowicz: I am in my second year of teaching Senior High Sunday School. I started teaching mainly because I was asked, but I continue to teach because I enjoy the senior high youth. I learn a lot from working with these young adults. If you're ever feeling old, spend a Sunday morning with the senior high youth—you'll leave feeling energized by their spirit.

Isaiah: 6:8 *Here I am, send me*

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED 2004-2005

You don't need to have a Master's in Theology or even have taught Sunday School before! Teaching is a wonderful way to help our children, our community, grow in and explore their faith. Next year we are using *Bible Quest*, a UCC, story based curriculum for 3yo-5th grade. The Jr/Sr High will do a mix of other curriculums. Get a friend and be a team teaching pair, sign on as a substitute. Call Julie if you're interested.

Any current teachers, please contact Julie if you're planning on teaching next year and to 'reserve' your grade preference.



† MEMORIALS †

From Elaine Augustad for **Ed and Clara Engstrom** (parents); For **Don Schuler** from Walt and Fern Wiski and Ken and Ginny Turnblom; for **Art Pekkala** (Helva Paschke's brother) from Trudy Schwerdt, George & Peggy Maske, Elaine Augustad and Deloris Thompson

For **George Maske** from Joe and Carol Crowe, Helva Paschke, Alan and Joan Peterson, Wes and Joan Severson, Tom and Marsha Hystead, Doug and Holly Bowen-Bailey, Pat and Lynn Devlin, Barb and Bill Kehtel, Virgil and Marge Paulson, Dorothy Puchreiter, Dick and Linda Goese, Vera Swanson, Jerry and Grace Springsteele, Howard and Lorraine Anderson, Marlis Cran, Jody and Jen Wergeland, Bob and Beverly Morris, Barbara Baumbach, Cindy Macaulay, John and Cathy Ameel, Bill and Darlene Kohlts, Aileen Witchall, Mike and Marcia Aas, Lois and Gil Molitor, Bill Hardesty & Georgette Sarkela, Denise Perry, Don & Lillian Day, Elrose Norfolk, Deloris Thompson, Ken & Mary Wergeland, Diana Mulconrey Soland, Craig and Debra Johnson, John and Lyn Clark Pegg, Janell and Gary Kohls, Jeanne Ranta, Trudy Schwerdt, Frank and Gert Tarnowski, B.J. Brody, Joan and Eugene Homeister, Tony and Myrna Johnson, Susan and Stan Goltz, Mary Dragich and John Pastor, Cindy and Jim McLean.
(All of George's memorials will go to Capital Campaign unless donor specifies otherwise.)

In HONOR of Chuck and Carol Kendall from Pat Kendall to Habitat building

PEACE PEOPLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Cathy Cadotte and Carl Mahlberg** who were married at Peace Church on Saturday, May 8th.
- **Erick Byrd and Chong Kim** who were married on May 1st in Robert, Missouri
- **Rick Wilson and Clifford Nolte** who celebrated their Holy Union at Peace Church on May 15th
- **Samuel Blazevec Siebert**, son of **Alisha and Nicki**, who was baptized during our 10:30 service on May 16th
- **Amee Stanley and Ryan Debeltz** on the birth of their son, Caleb on May 14th. Ryan is serving in Iraq and so we keep them all in special prayers as he is away from his family at this special time. Grandparents are Georgette Sarkela and Bill Hardesty.
- **Christa and Brian Knudsen** on the birth of their son **Jasper** on April 25th
- **Betsy Mork**, who won the national Arthur Ashe Award for leadership and sportsmanship. During her 4 years at Pomona College, she was Youth Director at the Claremont CA UCC Church.

- **Joy Swanoski**, who ended her gymnastics competition season this year by competing in the Level 9 Western Jr. Olympic Championships in Seattle, WA on April 25th. She qualified by placing 11th in the region in Des Moines Iowa earlier in the month.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

- **Natalie Walker** graduating from Pace University,
- **Sarah Poe** graduating from Wellesley College
- **Betsy Mork** graduating from Pomona College
- **Bud Trnka** graduating from Lake Superior College
- **Michael Swanowski** graduating with a Doctorate in Pharmacology
- **Chris Stegmann** graduating with a degree in computer science from UWS

PEACE PEOPLE

THANK YOU

• To Nettie Bothwell, Cindy Martins and Cindy Macaulay for organizing this year's Rummage Sale. Again, what an amazing community event. Thanks to everyone who helped out!

• To all who helped out with George Maske's memorial service. To our choir, George Bowen, Barb Hanka and Kelly Larson for singing, to all who provided bars or made juice or coffee or set tables. It all was a wonderful tribute to George.

• From Peggy Maske: "I want to thank all who expressed their sympathies to me upon the death of George—my husband of over 59 years. And for the church full of relatives and friends at his service. It was truly amazing! And for the gifts of money that was put into the Capital Fund—over \$1000. Lovely memories."

• "To all of the wonderful members of Peace Church, The "Opening Our Doors, Opening Our Hearts" Conference planners thank you for your generous support, financially and in "people power" for this year's conference. Thanks, also, for being a beacon of hope and light for Duluth's GLBT community and for holding up issues of peace and justice so strongly and beautifully! Sincerely, Gudrun Witrak, on behalf of the conference planners"

• From Christa and Brian Knudsen, Oscar, Milly and Jasper: Dear Reverend Nelson, We just wanted to thank you so much for the delicious meal, and the blanket for Jasper. We are so touched! And feel so special to be in your thoughts, and the congregation's. I think Jasper loves his blanket, and God truly is a great artist. We feel blessed and joyful to have found Peace Church and look forward to becoming more involved. You are an inspiration and a beautiful reflection of God's love. Thank you and best thoughts and wishes."

• To Pastor Kathy from Rose Carlson and Lisa Del Villar, Take Back the Night March/Rally Committee: "We would like to thank you for your beautiful blessing at the Take Back the Night Rally. Your words were healing and inspirational. Your contributions were so important to the healing energy of the event. You have touched the lives of many in an intimate and nurturing way. Thank you."

• From Elaine Augustad: Thanks to all for the prayers and calls and cards during my recent surgery and recovery. Special thanks to Kathy for her visit and calls.

• From Marge Maske Sjolund: Thank you for all the love and kindness you gave my brother George. The memorial service was wonderful.

SYMPATHY TO

Peggy Maske, in the death of George Maske on May 10th. A memorial service was held at our church on Sunday, May 16th.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



- Don Jensen and Phyllis Staubs recovering from hip surgery. Both are at Lakeshore Lutheran Home. Don hopes to return home soon
- Susan Goltz recovering from surgery.
- Don Day hospitalized with high blood pressure.
- Jen Messel's mom, Nancy, who is dealing with invasive cancer
- Jackie Fairbanks recovering from surgery.
- Doris Godden's granddaughter Sarah, who lost her husband, Matthew Manning, in a car accident a few days after their wedding.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Jackson Manthey Gabriella Johnson	8 Mia Vaydich 9 Pat O'Connell	22 Barb Kehtel Jasmine Kirsh Denise Perry
2 Chelsea Taggart Mychala Marshall	10 Liz Carlson Beverly Cave Elijah Zaun	23 Ellen Lindgren Maxton Devlin
3 James Beier Vi Finch Leah Bruns	11 Renee Punyko Andrea Brown	24 Nathan Sandomierski Myrtle Wiedemann
4 Julile Etterson	12 Susan Kehtel Mary Wergeland	25 Matthew Morgan Austin Hudyma
5 Lauren Hystead Karie Simpson	Rolf Hagberg	27 Ella Brown
6 Henry Bray	14 Kate Sipila Molly Ham	28 Madeline Carpenter Kai Hoffman
7 Barb Beichler Bill Kehtel Sally Trnka Kim Heinetz Matt Etterson	15 Julie Kim 18 Jack O'Connell 19 Riley Thoreson	30 Carol Barto Darlene Kohlts
8 Mariah Berner Jim Soderberg Carolyn Williams	20 Ed Proetz Jen Pearson 21 Marcia Aas 22 Brooke Hatlestad	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcomed 7 new members into our congregation in May. Welcome to Danny Johnson, Claudia Cottrell, Dave and Stacey Stark, Todd Lind and Judith and Dave Arvold. Take time to get to know these new folks among us. Nametags are crucial as we try to know one another. If you need one, let the office know.

Claudia Cottrell

Family members: Harry (husband) Randall, 15, Jeffrey, 12, Jasmine (cat), Abby (dog), Myrtle (turtle), Picco (guinea pig), various reptiles, amphibians and fish.

What is your vocation? Chiropractor—owner of Circle of Life Chiropractic

What are your hobbies/passions? Silent water sports, swimming, x/c skiing, running, sewing, camping, reading and piano.

What brought you to Peace? A path of searching since we arrived in Duluth in 1999. The sense of community and acceptance, as well as a mission of peace is vital for a viable community.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? I have run 10 marathons—of which 4 were Grandma's Marathon.

LOOK FOR MORE NEW MEMBER PROFILES NEXT MONTH

Vacation Bible School Registration AUGUST 2-6

COME CAMPING WITH DAVEY AND GOLIATH IN CAMP CREATION!

4 year olds - those entering 5th grade • 6th grade and up Teen Leaders

\$14 per child due with registration— Family Rates and Scholarships available



Camper Registration Form

One per child

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Parent or guardian: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home church: _____

Name of a special friend your child might like to be with: _____

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come Camping with Davey and Goliath in Camp Creation!

VBS — August 2-6, 8:30-Noon

Age Four to entering 5th Grade

Cost: \$14 per child / Family rates and Scholarships available upon request

Join Davey and Goliath and be a camper in "Camp Creation." Each day campers hear a kid friendly Bible Story that emphasizes God's love and teaches about stewardship. After an all-camp Opening Celebration, campers rotate to stations, such as Cabin Crafts, Davey's Drama, Goliath Games and more. Our day concludes with time in their camper groups and then a large group "Hit the Trail." So pull on your hiking boots, grab your water bottle and "hit the trail" with us. (Best part about this camping trip....NO BUGS!)



Need Teen Camp Leaders for Camp Creation:

Those entering 7-12th grade are encouraged to sign up to be a Camp Counselor or Trek Leader for this year's VBS. Camp Counselors and Trek Leaders will be responsible for a small group of campers and/or lead an activity station. Counselors and Leaders are responsible for relationship building and encouraging campers in their camp experience. **Counselors and Leaders are required to attend a training on July 19th.**



Adult Station Leaders Needed for:

Cabin Crafts • Davey's Drama • Snack Shack
Discover Outpost • Goliath's Games

- All curriculum and supplies are provided.
- Job descriptions for each station leader are posted outside of the office.
- Volunteers may sign up for day or week long commitment.
- There will be a training for adult volunteers **July 19th 5-8pm**
- Sign up or call Julie for more information.

We are Searching for Supplies!

Can you help us create our campsite? 'Supplies needed' coupons are posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. If you are willing to help provide needed materials, please take a coupon, or two, or more, shop for the supplies and return them to Julie's office by the return date listed on the coupon. Last year we had over 90 children participate in VBS. Providing programming for this many requires large quantities of supplies. It also costs a significant amount to provide curriculum material for each child. We provide scholarships and family discounts for many of the children who attend. If you would like to sponsor a child, please put \$14 in an envelope and return it to the office labeled "VBS scholarship support". Your support is greatly appreciated! Volunteer support makes this programming

Co-coordinator for VBS...?

If you're not interested in running an activity but still want to be involved in VBS, consider helping coordinate with volunteer scheduling, phone calling, registration, etc. Time commitment: 5-8 hours the week before VBS; M-F 8-12pm during VBS. Call or email Julie if interested.

Mark your Calendar —Help turn Peace Church into a wilderness campground—Decorating from Noon to completion August 1st!

