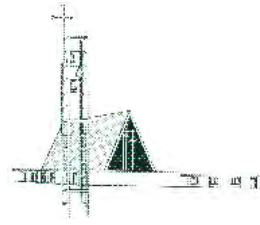


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Women's Retreat

April 22 & 23 at Solbakken Resort

Our Women's Retreat this year will be at Solbakken Resort near Lutsen, from Friday evening until Saturday afternoon, with an option to stay over Saturday night as well. Cost will be \$35 per person per night. This includes your own bed with linens. **Please pay for the retreat as soon as you can, as we already paid Solbakken to hold the dates.**

This year's theme is:

"Pieced Together—God as Spinster"



We will be using Psalm 139:1—18 as our scripture text and will be hearing the stories of several biblical women who held their community together. For our Friday night gathering time we are asking folks to bring something hand made—either that you made or someone made for you. This can be a scarf, needlepoint, mittens, shawl—anything that was meant to give comfort and support. As Adrienne Rich wrote, "This is what I am: watching the spider rebuild patiently, they say, but I recognize in her impatience my own, the passion to make and make again, where such unmaking reigns."

This year we are providing all our own meals. Cizzarie Schomberg (525-0325) will be coordinating food and assigning everyone to a meal team. If you have preferences, let her know. Snack food is also welcome.

If you are not interested in receiving the Peace Bell, please call or e-mail the office (see phone # and e-mail address above)

From the Youth—Tasty Treats Coming Soon!



We've been doing a lot of fundraising this winter & spring. Thanks to all of you who have supported our efforts by either attending an event, offering a donation, or simply cheering us on. We'll be selling some tasty treats this spring...look for us wandering around with selling forms. And thanks for helping us get to San Antonio!

Spring Rummage Sale is just around the corner! Saturday May 7

Start cleaning out your house, garages etc. and set stuff aside for the sale. We also need people to start plants or donate some plants. People are always looking for plants.

Set up will begin at 3 pm on May 5th and all day May 6th. As in the past—no rummage will be stored in the church before the 5th. Bring it in Thursday afternoon or evening, or anytime Friday and set it out on the tables. Helpers always needed—look for sign-up sheets.

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!

IT'S A DANCE

(but you don't have to dance)

IT'S A CHANCE TO DRESS UP

(but you don't have to)

IT'S A GREAT DATE

(but singles are welcome)



It's the PEACE PROM

Saturday April 16 from 7—11 pm

Elks Club on Haines Road

Music Fellowship Dancing Snacks

\$10 in advance

\$12 at the door

Tickets available in the church office, or after services and Wednesday nights from Nadine Hubert and Carrie Plamann

Dig out that finery from the back of your closet, raid the second hand stores for the ball gown you've always dreamed of, wear that great ethnic outfit you have, rent a tux, or come in your Sunday best!

BE CREATIVE! HAVE FUN!

WEAR WHAT MAKES YOU SMILE!

This is a fundraiser for the Care and Fellowship Committee for much needed kitchen equipment.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

"Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning."

As a very young child I remember my dread of the dark. My fear intensified in times away from home. My grandfather would have to carry me up to the bedroom on the second floor of their farm home and put me to bed. Tears came quick and fast. And he would always warn, If you cry too long laying on your back you'll fill up your ears.

Weeping may linger for the night. . . it seems now that our adult fears are not so easily wiped away with just one morning's light. In these days of war and shootings at Red Lake our ears and life have been full of tears. Weeping may tarry for many, many nights.

In the night, the disciples have gone out to fish. The darkness is symbolic of the night time of their souls. Jesus has been executed, the movement which he began has come to an end. And they have returned to all they remember—fishing. Fishing at night without a catch. Remembering perhaps the night in which they had fallen asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus had asked them to stay awake with him. The night in which they had all fled their beloved leader, healer and teacher. The night in which Peter had denied even knowing this man Jesus, not only once but three times around a charcoal fire shared with others. Many nights have passed since that one awful night and their grief and fear have continued.

And then comes the dawn and Jesus on the shore. When they get out of the boat there is again a charcoal fire. And much, much more. There are fish to eat and bread to share, just as there had been before on this shore when Jesus fed the 5,000.

The food is quietly shared, no one dares to speak. I can imagine how hard it would have been for them to eat. And then Jesus turns to Peter—who must have still heard the rooster's call echoing in his ears. Jesus moves to him to ask a question.

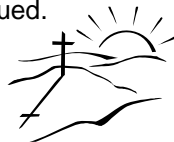
Jesus had a habit of asking direct, pointed, probing questions. "Whom do you seek? What do you want? What do you want for me to do for you? How many loaves do you have? Why are you sleeping? Who has condemned you?" His questions always required an answer and he was willing to wait for it. As Margaret Guenther wrote in a Christian Century, "His questions are never trivial. They get at the truth. They force us to know ourselves. They press us to articulate what we truly want. Jesus asks questions that challenge, open new vistas and lead us to the next step."

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He asks this question not once but three times. Three times for the three denials. Joy comes with the dawn. Love is restored. But this is a costly love as all real love is. Peter's love calls forth a response—Feed the sheep, tend the lambs. Peter and the other's are not to be paralyzed by their grief any longer, the life of Christ continues through them and their caring for the people in the world. In this will be found the true joy of that dawn.

In an early breakfast shared on a seashore, God showed the disciples what Andrew Young calls "A Way Out of No Way." But it is not an easy way. It is a way of that demands something of us. . . feed my sheep, care for one another. Hope comes as we care for and about one another.

Do you love me? Tend my sheep. Do you love me? Feed my lambs. Do you love me? Feed my sheep. When we learn to do this for all God's children, the dawn shall truly come and there will be no more tears in anyone's ears.

Peace Friends ~ Pastor Kathy



COMMUNITY EVENTS

ASL, BABY & ME

You and your baby/toddler can learn American Sign Language together!!! There is tons of research out there that shows how knowing Sign Language can enhance your child's Speech and Language. There are even studies that have shown that infants who have learned Sign Language have a 12 point IQ advantage over those who don't know Sign!!! BUT most of all Signing is great fun and offers a skill that will last a lifetime! Classes taught by Jonie Langdon-Larson! Register at UpNorth38@aol.com

The next class **starts April 1 and meets every Friday** (cost is \$45.00 for Six weeks, sibling rates available) This course is child centered and driven. Both parent and child/ren interact and play together while learning the signs to objects in their natural play environment. This promises to be great fun for you and your child.

Refusing to Fight

Training Workshop for
Conscientious Objector Counseling

Saturday April 16 9 am - 4 pm

Quaker Meeting House

1802 E. 1st Street

\$25 includes meal and materials
scholarships available

Sponsored by Duluth Superior Friends Meeting

For more info call 724-6141

Inside-out: A writing class

for those who have lost a loved one

April 7, 14, 21, & 28

6:30 - 8:30 pm at Marshall School Annex

Sponsored by Lake Superior Writers

Facilitated by Deborah Cooper, Poet and Chaplain

\$60 for members of Lake Superior Writers;

\$75 for non-members

For more information call 728-2097

TOGETHER IN APRIL

April 23, 2005,

at Pilgrim Congregational UCC

A benefit for Together For Youth, a social/support group for GLBT teens

5 to 6: Art Show and Silent Auction, with music by Quetico (piano & cello)

6 to 7: Dinner catered by Chester Creek Café—Coffee by Jitters

6:45 to 7:30: Dinner theater by Youth Music and mc'd by Kim Curtis-Monson

7:30 Last call for auction

Tickets \$20. Available at Chester Creek Cafe, at Jitters Coffeeshop, & at door.

Call 218/ 726-4889 for more information

"Welcoming the Stranger: Stories from the Bible"

Sunday April 17 2005, 7 - 9 pm
Temple Israel—1602 E 2nd St.

This year's Silver Memorial Interfaith presentation features internationally known Jewish storyteller Diane Wolkstein, accompanied by three local storytellers, from the African American, Anishinaabe and Scandinavian/Russian communities. A panel discussion and interfaith dialogue on sacred storytelling will follow the presentations. 724-8857

Barrier Breakers of St. Marks, AME

proudly announces that the final phase of the establishment of Manuel's Diamond in the Rough Salon is about to be completed. Come meet Master Barber Manuel Harrison. Celebrate the opening of the Barber Shop with double feature movies at the **NorShor Theater Duluth, on Saturday, April 9th, starting at 1:30 pm.** A freewill offering will be taken. More info—call St. Marks, AME, 722-5349.

APRIL VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 3 Gail Blum, Lisa Brown, Adams family
- 10 Ameer Debelitz, Jen Hudyma, Charlie & Pat Kendall
- 17 Julie and Matt Etterson, Holly Bowen-Bailey, Sarah Messerer
- 24 Wilkowske/Rupels, Susan Ranfranz, Matt Swanoski

Coffee Set-Up

- 3 Linda Lundberg, Susan Kehtel
- 10 Pomroys
- 17 Barb Forrest, Marsha Hystead
- 24 Devlins

Coffee Servers

- 3 Njoki Kamau, **volunteer needed**
- 10 Dan Green/Melissa Kadlec
- 17 Seversons
- 24 Sharon Kirtley, Linda Lundberg



Dishwashers

- 3 Njoki Kamau, **volunteer needed**
- 10 Janell Kohls, Jerry Cleveland
- 17 Justin and Jessica Olson
- 24 Nettie Bothwell, Jayme Hennen

Greeters

- 3 Swanoski Family
- 10 Pat & Tom Isbell
- 17 Caroline Harris, Sharon Kirtley
- 24 Justin Olson, Steve Coll

Ushers

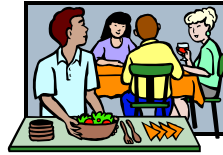
- 3 Seversons, Pomroys
- 10 Alison Wood, Hysteads, Brian Eklund
- 17 Susan Kehtel, Amy Galarowicz, Lundbergs
- 24 Swanoski Family, Caroline Harris

Lay Leaders

- 3 Nettie Bothwell
- 17 Nadine Hubert
- 10 Sharon Kirtley
- 24 Lisa Messerer

Monday Meals

- 4 Marsha Hystead
- 11 Marlis and Ginny Cran
- 18 Carl Etter
- 25 Ann Sudoh



Damiano Soup Kitchen April 10

- 1:30 Dave and Bev Cave, Rodger and Penny Cragun
- 4:30 Dan Green and Melissa Kadlec
Betty Greene



Sunday Drivers

- 3 Don/Lillian—Diana Soland
Ken—Pat O'Connell
Shirley— Kadlec/Green
- 10 Don/Lillian—Springsteales
Ken—Carl Etter
Shirley— Seversons
- 20 Don/Lillian—Diana Soland
Ken—Kaelene Arvidson-Hicks
Shirley—Kadlec/Green
- 24 Don/Lillian— Springsteales
Ken—Schombergs
Shirley— Seversons



To all our wonderful volunteers!

Communion Servers

8:30 Service

- 3 Janell Kohls
- 10 Calbreaths
- 17 Lyn Kaim
- 24 Georgette



10:30 Service

April 3rd

- Joan and Wes
Severson

COMING SOON—NEW CHURCH PHOTO

DIRECTORY! Watch for sign-up sheets. Pictures will be taken **May 13, 3-9:30; May 14, 10-5; May 16, 3-9:30; May 17, 3-9:30**

SUNDAYS IN APRIL

Worship is each Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 am—Childcare is Available During Both! Our Early Service is always a communion service with times of quiet—special music is often a part of this worship time. Our 10:30 am service includes a children's time and singing by our choir. The sermon and prayers are the same for each service.

Large Print Bulletins are now available from the ushers.

Friday, April 1 and Sunday, April 3 Joint Worship with Temple Israel

Rabbi Amy Bernstein and Pastor Kathy will be preaching together on "Heritages of Joy". They will be exploring the symbols and meanings of Easter and Purim, both of which were celebrated the weekend before.

Following the Sunday service and a congregational meeting there will be an opportunity for further discussion and lunch at the far end of the Fellowship Hall. Join us for thought provoking conversations in faith.

Sunday, April 10—Third Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Luke 24: 13 – 35

Julie Flotten, our intergenerational ministries coordinator, will be our preacher this morning. The Praise and Worship team will be playing .

Sunday, April 17—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 23 and John 10: 1 – 10
Sermon: Gathered in Christ

This morning we will celebrate the baptisms of Benjamin Wood Flotten and Stella Molina.

Sunday, April 24th—Earth Day Celebration

This morning Bill Mittlefeldt will be our guest preacher, our praise and worship team will be playing and our liturgical dancers will have a special presentation. Also this morning we will celebrate the baptism of Anika Pfau.

This morning we will also receive a special offering for our Philippine Partnership. The denomination recognizes this as Pacific Islander Sunday.

Sunday Adult Forums

9:30 in the Fireside Room

All are welcome—the coffee is on!

April 3, 10, 17 and 24

Join us for a thought provoking series,— *The Question of God: Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis*

In a series of four adult forums, we will view selected portions of the PBS series, *The Question of God* which originally aired in April of 2004. Framed in the eventful lives of Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis, who held diametrically opposed world views, are the questions which preoccupy all thinking people.

What is happiness? How do we find meaning and purpose in our lives? Is there a God? How do we cope with the problem of suffering and the inevitability of death?

Each of the four Sundays we will view approximately 25 minutes of what is a four hour series. The program is designed for discussion and a guide had been provided by the series' creators.

Please join us for all or any of the four Sundays.

Important Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 3rd at 11:30 am

We will have a congregational meeting to approve the acquiring of a loan for our building remodeling and approve changes in our bylaws that the bank requires for the loan

After the meeting join us for a luncheon discussion with Rabbi Amy Bernstein from Temple Israel .

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

YOU'RE INVITED TO YAP!!

Youth and Parents (YAP) April 12th 7-8pm

Youth Group needs youth, but it also needs parents. In April, we'll be starting a group, that will meet quarterly to talk about youth activities, how parents can be involved and help steer the youth group, and other issues or concerns or topics that seem to arise. It is open to both parents and youth and adults who don't even have their own kids in youth

Upcoming Events:

☞ Church School Celebration May 22nd

The last day of Church school, we'll spend in the Fellowship Hall causing a celebratory ruckus. Bring the whole family and join us at 9:30am.

☞ Peace at Play Day May 22nd

Have you been coming to church for years and realize that there are faces you don't recognize on Sunday mornings? Have you just joined and don't know faces let alone recognize them? Would you like to spend more than the quick 30 seconds talking to someone after church and find out what they like to do, who they are, what their favorite lawn game is? Well then..it's time to PLAY!

☞ The Final Wednesday May 25th

Even if you haven't come all year...join us on this last Wednesday of the year. Taste some of Nadine's hearty cooking, play with the Faith Weavers, check out the Adult Forum...it all happens on Wednesday nights and this is the last one until Fall!

A Note About Events posted on Office Window

There will soon be no office window to post notices on. Very likely our new "office window" will be in the downstairs hallway, as the offices are temporarily housed in the Youth Room during construction. STAY TUNED—we will let you know as things evolve!

Thanks to all who helped make the transition go so smoothly—special thanks to Tim Carpenter and Jim McLean for being our IT guys and getting the phones and computers up and running!

Men's Supper April 4 at 6pm

All men of the church invited. Program will feature Mike Schrage who will tell us about the moose research he has been involved with.

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday, April 27th at noon

Join us for a great discussion with Cheryl Walsh leading. Bring your lunch. Dessert and Beverages provided.

SUNRISE COFFEE

April 4 — 6:41am

21st Ave E and Lakewalk & look for the sign and coffee mug to find us!

Next month—May 2 — 5:52am

QUESTIONS ON THE WAY



TUESDAYS 12-1PM

FIRESIDE ROOM

START THINKING SOFTBALL!

The sign-up sheet for summer softball will soon be up. Peace is involved in the YMCA Family Church Softball League. Ages 10 and up are welcome to play. Call Dave Winchester 525-6111 for more info. More details will be in next Peace Bell.



BOOK TALK

The Peace Church Book Club

April 28—6—7:30 pm

In the Fireside Room

We really seem to be on a hot streak, we've read some wonderful books and have had some terrific discussions. Please join us. For April 28, we are reading the The Memory of Running by Ron McLarty and from those who are into it, I am hearing great reviews.

Synopsis

Smithy is a 279-pound, hard-drinking, chain-smoking, 43-year-old misfit who works in a G.I. Joe factory putting arms and legs on G.I. Joes. By all accounts, including Smithy's own, he's a loser. But when Smithy's life of quiet desperation is brutally interrupted by tragedy, he stumbles across his old Raleigh bicycle and impulsively sets off on an epic journey that might give him one last chance to become the person he always wanted to be. As he pedals across America, he encounters humanity at its best and worst and adventures that are by turns hilarious, luminous, and extraordinary.

New Books in the Library

Palestinian and Jewish Recipes for Peace—This book was given to Peace Church by a member of the Twin Ports Islamic Community. It came out of a Jewish-Palestinian Dialogue Group in California, and contains recipes and so much more—words of peace and wisdom for us all.



Abraham by Bruce Feiler—The powerful story of one man's search for the shared ancestor of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It offers a thoughtful and inspiring vision of unity that redefines what we think about our neighbors, our future and ourselves.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Melissa Kadlec	14	Bud Trnka
	Nore Heinitz	15	Keely Shrake
	Judith Arvold		Kelly Larson
3	Jason Proetz	16	Bo Brown
	Tony Johnson	17	Cindy Macaulay
	Adrianna Hudyma		Lillian Day
4	Kristina Green		Todd Hayes
	Sophie Wilkowske		Bill Pearson
5	Albert Johnson	19	David Sipila
6	Helva Paschke		Brita Larsen
	Alden and Zane	20	Grace Richey
	Kaiser	21	Sophie Netland
7	Tom Heinitz	22	Betsy Mork
	Kai Soderberg		Justin Olson
	Nadine Hubert		Sarah Goese
8	Julia Finch-Newkirk		Brad Larson
	Michael Poe	23	Cylar Stegmann
	Cooper Carlson	25	Harold Peterson
9	Lyle Staubs		Jasper Timm
10	Matt Hlina	26	Marge Anderson
	Paula Young		Mary Youngstrand
	Patty Johnson		Joel Filiatrault
	Lyn Kaim	27	Cathie Ham
	Andrew Sparrow		Lucas Finch
12	Gabriel Taggart	30	Lyn Clark Pegg
	Mary Christensen		Mike Schrage
	Kailin Hatlestad		



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Apologies to Grace Springsteele, whose March 30th birthday was inadvertently left out of last month's Bell.

If your birthday doesn't appear in the Peace Bell, please give the office a call!

Walking the Bible, also by Bruce Feiler—a journey by land through the five books of Moses.

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini—This was the January Book Club selection—a vivid and engaging story taking place in Afghanistan—an intimate account of family and friendship, betrayal and salvation.

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down by Anne Fadiman—This was the March Book Club selection. A true and memorable story of the clash between the Hmong culture and the American medical system.

Lots more great books in the Library—Check it out!

Did you know that we have over 200 people under the age of 18 in our congregation? That's a lot of youth, and one of the reasons there's so much energy on Sunday Morning! The flip side is that there's a lot of energy Sunday Morning, both in church and in the nurseries. While it is exciting to see our congregation grow, the increase in numbers of families using the childcare means that it is time again to look at how we provide safe, enjoyable care for all these new children. I was a part of a group of parents who got together to address some of the ways to improve the childcare, and as the Parish Nurse there are some specific concerns that need to be addressed for the safety of our children



The goal for childcare during services is to provide safe, developmentally appropriate opportunities for our children to interact with one another. For those who don't know, we have one paid nursery staff, Candice Bartelle, who is here during both services and on Wednesday evenings. We are going to be looking for another staff person so that we can have staff in each of the child care rooms. The rest of the good folks watching over our youngest during the service are parents and others from the congregation, and these folks are vital to keeping our kids safe and happy and they all work together to do a great job.

One of the areas, however, that we as parents have gotten somewhat lax about is signing our kids in and out of the child care areas and also making sure that our kids have name tags. Please be aware that we do have a new sign in area and that parents are expected to accompany their children to the nursery and sign them in and come back to sign them out.

Also, there is an increase in concern about allergies in childcare settings and schools, and we are not immune to this. We do have some children with allergies and we need to be aware of what this means for our kids. *If your child has allergies*, please notify Candice and make sure that he or she has a fluorescent Allergy sticker.

We are also going to offer a CPR class for those who are interested in taking it, both to increase the safety of our children here as well as to prepare us to assist in the community if needed. The tentative date for the class is May 14. Please notify Julie or myself if you are interested in attending this class.

Healing Shawl Group — Sundays April 3 and 17— 11:30 in the Fireside Room

Healing Shawl Response from Anne Simpson

"To our dear Peace church friends—It is early morning. After a restless night, I am waiting for the coffee to perk, sitting at the kitchen table in my little apartment, wrapped in your prayer shawl.

I am so grateful to you for sending us the shawls! I put mine on immediately after I opened the box last night and it warmed me in the cold evening. This morning it comforts me again and helps me to relax. I will wrap myself in it whenever I am in the apartment and feel surrounded by your support. And of course, I shall always wear it for meditations wherever I might be in the future.

I am going to wrap Bob's around him when I visit and tell him that our friends at Peace join my prayers for him. It will reach him at a deep level, I'm sure.

It is hard to explain how much it means to have these shawls from our church. I have made 2 prayer shawls for friends and I know they liked them but I could not have imagined the gratitude I would feel to be on the receiving end, especially because they come from you.

Bless you and your ministry!"

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Movie Night Friday April 29 at 7 pm Fireside Room "Spitfire Grill"

Spitfire Grill is a deeply theological film. Featuring Ellen Burstyn as Hannah Ferguson, the aging owner of Spitfire, Alison Elliott, as the young Percy Talbot who arrives in the picturesque down-east village of Gilead soon after being released from prison, and Marcia Gay Henden as Shelby Goddard who becomes Percy's best friend and the third member of the triad at the center of the story. In the middle of Gilead stands a church, boarded up and empty even on Sunday's, but still used as a retreat by Shelby, and eventually by Percy, both of whom go there for a moments of quiet reflection and prayer. Gilead is a village in which institutional religion may be on the skids, but the hearts and souls of its central characters are very much alive. As the film unfolds, we are drawn into a drama of sickness and healing, death and resurrection, sin and redemption. But all of these weighty themes are packaged within an all too human story in which overtly religious language seldom appears at all. And this is the beauty of Spitfire Grill, as well as the reason it represents a powerful parable of our time.



April 15th and 16th
at Pilgrim UCC
2310 East 4th Street

Co-Hosted by Peace Church & Pilgrim Congregational

The theme of the 5th Annual Opening Our Doors, Opening Our Hearts Conference is "Today's Families." The family has had many definitions and appearances over the course of history. These will be explored at the conference with insightful speakers, personal stories, worship, music and Bible study.

The goal of the conference is to assist congregations to grow in their ability to accept and welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons into the full life of their faith communities.

The conference will include: Bible study with Dr. David Frederickson, Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, a presentation by Prof. Paula Pedersen of UMD, opportunities to worship together with Ovation Choir, Sara Thomsen and the Three Altos, personal stories of acceptance and exclusion, and help in the hope and joy of welcoming all people and families into our faith communities.

Registration is \$20; Students free. No one will be turned away because of inability to pay. For more information, talk to Pastor Kathy or Steve Coll (726-0694).

BEFRIENDERS "Changing Lives Together"

The Befriender's Enrichment sessions are designed to offer additional information, insights and perspectives on a variety of issues. In April Bob Stevens will speak about a question we all at times ask, "Why me?" (or what did I do to deserve this?) On May 5th, Cheryl Walsh will present some insights from the book, "7 Choices—Finding Daylight After Loss Shatters Your World." We are grateful to our Befrienders for their continued commitment and dedication to this vital ministry.

If you would like to become a Befriender, or would like information on the ministry it provides, call Cheryl Walsh at 525-4129.

MODERATOR'S REPORT by Justin Olson

The council met for their monthly meeting on March 15th. Things are going well for Peace Church. The second service is bursting at the seams and we are actually ahead in our giving. There was a terrific day of moving the church office to the youth room in preparation for "Building Peace". We voted to take a seminary intern beginning in the fall, none other than our own Jonie Langdon-Larson. We also voted to take another one of our seminary students, Cynthia Coffin "In Care" in her journey to becoming a pastor. A new photo directory is in the works too. We have a congregational meeting coming up on April 3rd to approve the loan for "Building Peace".

Building Committee Update

The architectural plans are finalized and have been turned over to our general contractor Holm Construction. Holm is currently getting subcontracting bids so a final price can be provided. That price and those plans will be presented at the April 3rd Congregational meeting after worship where a vote will be made to proceed with the financing of the project. If the congregation gives the ok to the financing plan, construction will begin by April 15th. The plan will be to start with the demolition of the upstairs offices and delay the digging of the new foundation for the addition until the ground thaws. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or recommendations please pass them along to any Building Committee member (Marsha Hystad, John Erickson, Mike Schrage, Holly Bowen-Bailey, Dick Goese, or Jim McLean) or Pastor Kathy. The input of many people has already proven to be invaluable in preventing the committee and the architects from overlooking a number of important items.

Opportunities Ahead:

Our "Building Peace" construction will provide some opportunities for service:

Signage Are you interested in helping to plan and make signs regarding entrance & parking during construction?

Groundbreaking Committee Would you like to help plan our groundbreaking?

Looking way ahead. . .

Cleaning, Unpacking, Transitioning Help will be needed when the construction is finished and we move into our new space and make it functional.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Gather on Wednesday, April 13th for dinner at 5:30 pm.
Meetings will begin at 6 pm.
Childcare and Faith Weavers available for children during this time.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council will meet on Tuesday, April 19th at 7 pm in the Fireside Room.
Guests are always welcome.

Islamic Salaam (Peace)

Dinner to Benefit CHUM on Saturday, April 9 at 5:30pm

Members of the Twin Ports Islamic Community will once again sponsor a benefit dinner and silent auction in support of CHUM. A meal of dishes from Islamic societies will be served at **Peace United Church of Christ** at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 9. There also will be a silent auction and musical selections by the Interfaith Peace Choir. Tickets are \$25 and available at the CHUM office. For more information call Max Proetz at 720-6521.

Needed: • People from the congregation willing to help with set up, serving and clean up • Theme baskets...Peace Church will be collecting items for "a leisure moment" basket...such items as tea, coffee, books, sweet treats, mugs, napkins, etc. There will be a basket in the narthex for collecting the items and then we will put the baskets together... any questions, call Jeanie Peterson, Peace Church delegate to CHUM, at 724-6313. MANY THANKS...and do plan on coming, the food is delicious and it is a great fundraiser for CHUM.

JUST PEACE—PHILIPPINE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

At last our Philippine partnership is underway. Our partnership is an invitation to a relationship of mutual learning and listening between Peace Church and three congregations in Mindanao, the Southern-most island of the Philippines..

This church to church partnering is the first of its kind - both for the United Church of Christ in Mindanao and for the United Church of Christ in the Minnesota conference. In 2004 our congregation was invited - and accepted - an invitation to begin a partnership of mutual sharing and solidarity with these three congregations.

What will the partnership look like? How can we begin to learn about one another? We will be living into the answers for some time.

Two weeks ago Rev. Cromwell Rabaya (Tibo), a minister from the Mindanao Conference, spoke to us about "partnership". Tibo's message suggested that the beginning of partnership lies in listening with our eyes, our ears, our hearts. In listening there lies the potential for bridges of understanding.

Tibo's sermon was poignantly clear about the dichotomy of "listening" that takes place between the "comfortable and those struggling to survive." It is a kind of listening that is transformative. It is the kind of listening that many in this congregation know about as you have walked in another's footprints and been changed.

Already what we know about our partner churches was expanded through Bishop Constante Claro (who visited last summer) and through Tibo's visit in March. The partner churches are small congregations located in the communities of Mainit, Placer and Dapa. We learned that our partner churches care deeply about economic justice and threats of degradation to their natural resources. One of the three partner churches actively resisted the expansion of foreign mining companies. The congregation's minister faced threats, harassment and filing of 19 criminal cases against her - each of them now dismissed. Another congregation is located near a large lake which is threatened by the shrinking watershed. Rapid deforestation by multi-national logging companies is problematic across Mindanao. The third congregation is facing an erosion of moral values in the community following the expansion of tourist enterprises on their small island.

The "listening" Tibo spoke about can happen on many levels. One way to begin is to send several members of Peace to visit our partner churches. Our church is invited to do just that. A "Philippine Exposure Trip" is a group study/reflection experience offered through Eleazar Fernandez, a Professor at the United Theological Seminary from June 11-27. The trip will extend beyond these dates to allow for time with each of the three partner churches.

Now the seed of partnership is sown between us. We are confident it will germinate and develop as we share what it means to be the Church - from different sides of the globe, from different yet intertwined contexts. We come to this partnership not to help but to listen. We come because our faith and our liberation is tied-up together with our Filipino brothers and sisters.

If you have an interest in taking a trip to the Philippines or want to participate the Philippine Partnership Committee please contact Pastor Kathy, Charley Kendall 724-2793 or Kaelene Arvidson-Hicks 525-5212 for more details. If you would like to go on the June trip to the Philippines, please let one of them know before April 10th.

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.

April's Small Step: Save Energy!

A way to save energy and honor Earth Day is to install Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) and keep "Lights Off" in unused rooms. CFLs use 75% less energy to produce the same amount of light as regular incandescent bulbs. According to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, compact fluorescent lights cut carbon dioxide emissions by 1300 lbs. over the life of each bulb where electricity is produced from coal. Simply developing a habit of keeping lights on only in the rooms where you're using them can save significant amounts of energy. Strategically placed CFLs combined with "lights off" habit changes can lead to a 30 - 50% reduction in overall kWh usage in some homes. If 1000 families reduced their overall kWh consumption by 300 kWhs per month, the annual reduction in carbon dioxide emissions would be 2,473,200 lbs.

GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is a collaboration between CHUM and six Hillside congregations: Peace, Trinity, Gloria Dei, St. Mark's, Temple Israel, First Lutheran. Our collective goal is to **help support people living in the Hillside and to strive for economic and social justice in our entire community.** Here is an update on our efforts:

In March, **over 70 people joined us for** two legislative advocacy events at the State Capitol. Both **JRLC's Day on the Hill and Housing Day** on the Hill were exciting days packed with issue briefings, trainings, and meetings with Gov. Pawlenty's office, Sen. Coleman's office, our Duluth area Reps and Senators, and Senate hearings. Our Duluth delegations were the largest from across the state. Many thanks to all who attended and shared concerns about policies that affect the quality of life for all Minnesotans.

Calling all runners—our Fourth Annual **Grandma's Marathon Fundraiser** is coming soon! If you're running in the full or half marathon, lend us your name and we'll collect congregational donations on your behalf to further our social work and organizing efforts. Last year we raised over \$3600. Please join us as we **"Run to Help Keep People on their Feet!"** Contact Emily at 310.0063 for more info.

Action Desperately Needed! While our requests for assistance are going up, the number of dental professionals willing to see our uninsured patients remains very low. Please consider contacting your dentist and asking them to join our **Dental Access Campaign.**

We also need folks to contact City Council members in support of an upcoming funding measure to help **end homelessness and fund affordable housing measures.** More info--Call Ben at 625.1739

CHUM, in collaboration with other faith-based advocacy groups, is organizing a **statewide mass choir to sing in the rotunda of the State Capitol on Saturday May 7th at 11:30am.** Marty Haugen, composer and hymnist, will lead the choir, and denominational leaders will speak on behalf of the need to politically protect the health, safety, and quality of life for all Minnesotans, especially those of low or no incomes. Contact Emily at 310.0063 or Jim at 720-6521 for more info.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

5pm: Childrens' Choir **5:30pm: Dinner for all**
6pm: Faith Weavers, Adult Study—Living the Questions, 6:15pm: Choir
7:30-9pm: Youth Group 8-9pm: Confirmation
(Confirmation I—1st & 3rd Weds., Confirmation II—2nd & 4th Weds.)

No Wednesday Kid's Activities on April 6th due to Spring Break

FAITH WEAVERS WEDNESDAYS 6:00-7:00PM KINDERGARTEN—5TH GRADE



FW Field Trip April 16th 2-3pm

All winter Denise has been teaching us how to weave. And now we're going to see where the wool comes from... we're going to Marie Glaesemann's Farm to see real sheep!! Sign up on the office window if you'd like to come. PARENTS—we'll need drivers (with carseats...☺)

HELPFUL ADULTS: We're still (and ALWAYS!) looking for helpful adults to pitch in during Faith Weavers. You don't need to have kids to help...just a desire to be with them. This is a great way to get to know the children in our congregation...give it a try.



*Wednesday
Evening Study
6—8 pm Fireside Room
All are welcome!*

You are still welcome to join this interesting DVD based small group study, featuring some of today's leading theological thinkers. Readings for each class are available in the Narthex, so be sure to pick them up.

SCHEDULE FOR LIVING THE QUESTIONS

April 6—Social justice
April 13—A kingdom without walls
April 20—Lives of Jesus
April 27—Compassion: the heart of Jesus' ministry
May 4—A passion for Christ: Paul the apostle
May 11—Out into the world:
Challenges facing progressive Christianity

**Kid's Choir
is going on the road!!
April 16th
Opening Doors Conference**

We'll be singing for the opening worship. Please sign up at choir on Wednesday if you can come. We're hoping for a least a dozen voices. Call the office with questions.

Please check the schedule in the kitchen and in the Sunday bulletin announcements to see if you are scheduled to help with prep or clean-up for Weds. meals.
THANKS!

YOUTH

Jr/Sr High

Youth Group ...whew...we just can't have any more fun...!

The PIT in April:

Regular hours every Sunday 6-9pm
April 24th BOWLING...we're going on the road. If 10 people sign up, we can get a group rate. We'll leave by 6pm and be back by 9pm. Start limbering up your bowling arms! (Sign up on the Youth Board)

Committees

Next Committee meeting April 13th.
Have a say in worship, social events, service activities...make your voice heard in the youth group.

SUMMER EVENTS!

It's coming on fast...sign up now to be a part of these trips.



Backpacking—Hiking in the Big Horn Mountains July 18-23 (hiking experience necessary) Cost \$250

Trip Informational Meeting April 24th.
Come for information, bring a friend.

Canoeing—Paddling the BWCA August 15-18 Cost TBA



Recycling Peace

Ping Pong Table—full size, on wheels, folds up—Call Shari Tedford at 878-1871
Couch, good condition, free
Call Schombergs 525-0325

Upcoming Events

April 9th—Salaam Dinner—we're cleaning up!
Hooray...be here by 6pm to begin.
April 10th—Ministry Fair 11:30. Get involved in the church...come to the ministry fair to see how!
April 16th—Peace Prom (adults only..but you can earn work camp money by babysitting!)
April 24th—Backpacking Trip Meeting
April 24th—Bowling with the PIT

Service Saturdays

Salaam Dinner April 9th

We're the dishwashers for this Annual CHUM fundraiser again. Here's a chance to do some service for the community and hang out with the sanitizer....fun! Sign up on the office window.

Earn some money to put toward your summer trips

Sign up to babysit for the Peace Church Prom April 16th. Contact Georgette at the office if interested.

The latest...Fundraising Update: We've been doing a great job so far! Thanks Morgan, Levi, Parker and Whitney for coordinating the Sam Cook fundraiser! It was a great success..all you dishwashers who helped out...you're awesome. Thank you.

Upcoming Fundraisers---FOOD!

That's the theme...stay tuned.

THE YOUTH BOARD: on the way into or out of church...take a gander at the youth bulletin board. It has sign up sheets for events, it has information about summer...*it's where the info is...*

PARENTS—if you can chaperone or want to help plan a youth event... **Contact Julie ... we love having you involved!**

SHARED MINISTRY—PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM

By Georgette Sarkela, Shared Ministry Coordinator

Our personal expression for worship can come in many different forms. For some scripture is pivotal, for others, it might be relational. For me personally, music is an important part of my worship. It is through music that I can experience God's presence as no other form of worship can bring. At Peace, we have a wonderful group of musicians that are providing our church with incredible music. It is uplifting, gets us clapping or can be deep and reflective. Twice a month our faith community is blessed with the music of the Praise and Worship team. Their music is a gift that God has given us.

I have asked **Earl Rosenwinkel** to share with us some thoughts about the Praise and Worship Team and allow us to know what goes on behind the scenes.

"Behind the scenes" for the Worship Team starts Saturday morning before Sunday's service. We set up our musical toys, gather mike and music stands from the far reaches of the building, and put the right many cables into the many right holes. We rummage through our folders, selecting the songs we want to play and what Kathy wants us to play. Someone runs into the office to copy some sheets we don't have (lost). We "fix" the mixer that others have "messed with" in our absence, so we blend well and so the monitors (speakers) allow us to hear each other.



Music is 1/8 playing, 1/2 listening, 2/3 setting up and 1/2 "arranging" each song, it seems. Setting up also involves tuning the guitars and bass to the infallible tuner. Congas aren't easily tuned, so they aren't. Their rich over and under-tones carry the day. "Arranging" means for a new tune of Sarah's awesome songs (and singing) making the melody and words and phrasing fit some meter, figuring out what chords need to happen on piano, guitars and bass, and always, who does what, how, when and perhaps why. "Earl, we need a simple steady beat on this one", "Steve, you are too loud", and "I can't hear the piano and bass" are common correctives.



"Behind the scenes" picks up again Sunday morning before the service as we go through the songs we have trouble with, decide when or where they should go into the service again, readjust the mixes again, that someone "messed up" again, and work things out with Jim, who often plays with us, or we with him. Even during the service, we have to exchange musical notes, in order to pull this off.

During the service, we often have to change something on the fly anyway, due to developing circumstances and "mistakes", like "the kids are singing quietly this morning, pull way back".

To the praise and Worship Team, a very big thank you for sharing your music. You are a gift from God. Members are: Steve Horner, guitar and vocal; Sara Engebretson, vocal; Mary Nienaber (Youngstrand), guitar, vocal; John Erickson, bass and vocal; Earl Rosenwinkel, percussion; Cynthia Coffin, piano and vocal; Emily Ramsey, violin and piano; Tom Wilkowske, bass; Jim Pospisil, honorary pianist.

Isaiah 6:8 "Here I am, Send me"

Peace Church Ministry Fair—Sunday, April 10th

We will have a ministries fair in the Fellowship Hall on April 10th to help people learn more about all the ways to volunteer at Peace Church and the wider community. Boards and Committees will have display tables. **Please contact Georgette if you plan to have a presentation.**

PEACE PEOPLE

THANK YOU

☸ To everyone who helped with the moving of the offices-- It was a great day with 50 folks packing and moving. Special thanks to the Huberts for making a terrific lunch of deep fried turkey.

☸ To our youth for their work on the Maundy Thursday and Early Easter Service and the Easter Breakfast.

☸ To Gail Blum for a fantastic job of coordinating the Nursery area. The sign and banners are beautiful.

☸ To Sam Cook for a wonderful slide presentation at the church for a youth fund raiser.

☸ From CUE Seminaries (Chicago, United and Eden) "Thank you for your faithful support for theological education in the United church of Christ. I hope you will remember every day and be proud to know that your gifts are supporting this vital work and are deeply appreciated!"

☸ From Loaves and Fishes: "Thank you so much for your donation to our community. Your gift this month will help us to repair our van that we use for food pickup. We are most grateful."

☸ From Cynthia & Jackie Fairbanks & Peter Barnett "Thanks to Mary Martin for spending all of Christmas Eve in the surgical waiting room with me as Peter was undergoing emergency surgery. Thank you to Pastor Kathy and Cheryl Walch for their continual support of Peter, Jackie and myself throughout all of our family's difficulties during the 3 (+!) months Peter has been in the hospital and undergoing repeated surgeries to address his hydrocephalus. Thanks to Ciz-zarie Shomberg for being there to provide support and to lend her medical expertise and experience. Thanks to Julie Flotten for being there to help out with Jackie when Peter was having his last operation. Thank you to the congregation for the prayers, support, caring during this time. Thanks to Tom Liddle for helping me solve a serious household repair crisis!"

Thank you Leslie Williamson White

for your time and talent as you have cared for our altar area, and made the beautiful altar decorations and banner for Easter. In her words, "When the idea for this banner came to me, I saw a cross whose body had already left and risen, leaving behind tatters and remains of earthly substance. The colors and fabrics seemed significant to me: white cotton for the shroud; earthy tans like robes Jesus and his followers wore, grading into lavender and royal purple and gold, to remind us of his Divine aspect...All these fabrics also were found at the church, pieces brought over the years by many now anonymous members, which though ragged and old, have now regained new life; our church and members are all part of the Body of Christ, and for me this was a moving reminder of that. The green ivy seems to me to be like the Crown of Thorns, sprung suddenly into leaf, giving us new hope for life and resurrection."

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

☸ Peter Barnett, at Miller Dwan. Peter has been hospitalized since Christmas eve due to issues with his shunt. Cards would be greatly appreciated.

☸ Albert Johnson in hospice at Golden Oaks. Albert has pneumonia.

☸ Don Grams in Meadowbrook Nursing Home

☸ Chris Cook, son of Phil and Elsie Cook, as he recovers from surgery

☸ Bob and Anne Simpson, Bob is in Betheseda Hospital being treated for progressive Alzheimers.

SYMPATHY TO

Marge Anderson on the death of her mother, Romelle Peterson.

YOUTH

First Year Confirmation

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 8 pm

April 6 — No Class due to Spring Break

April 20 — Mark Chapters 11 – 12

May 4 — Mark Chapters 14- 15

May 18 — Resurrection Stories

June 1—Class Party—
Out to Dinner !!!

Remember to complete your service hours of at least 4 per month and to keep up with 50% worship attendance!

New Youth Choir

Singers Grade 5 - 12

Join Jim Pospisil by the piano Wednesdays at 6 pm beginning on April 20.

Join us as we rehearse to sing for Confirmation and Graduation Sundays. You can help pick the songs!

Second Year Confirmation

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8 pm

April 13 — Spirit Papers Due !!!

April 27—The Promises We Make

Friday, May 6 — Overnight beginning at 4 pm -- We will be staying at the American Inn in Silver Bay. There is a Waterslide so bring your suits! We will spend our evening talking about the confirmation worship service and future participation as adult members of the Christian Church.

Sunday, May 15 — Confirmation Sunday

Home Visits — During April Pastor Kathy will try to visit with each of the second year confirmands and their parents. Sign up in the Entryway for a time that works for your family.

YOU'RE INVITED TO YAP!!

Youth and Parents (YAP) April 12th 7-8pm

Youth Group needs youth, but it also needs parents. In April, we'll be starting a group, that will meet quarterly to talk about youth activities, how parents can be involved and help steer the youth group, and other issues or concerns or topics that seem to arise. It is open to both parents and youth and adults who don't even have their own kids in youth group.

YOUTH NOTICE—SALSA—Service and Learning in San Antonio

Saturday, June 11th - Sunday, June 19th

NOTE: BE SURE TO ATTEND PLANNING MEETING ON MAY 1 AT 11:30

Next Summers Work Camp will be with the Salsa program in San Antonio, Texas. It will be a great week of service and learning. We will have an opportunity to go to Mexico one of our days and learn what life is like for folks who live along our borders.

Cost to each youth will be \$250 We will be taking the Greyhound Bus to San Antonio.

Please turn in \$150 NOW as a deposit on the week. We need to know who exactly is going for totaling our costs and estimating fundraising. Confirmands are strongly encouraged to join us on this great trip! Adult leaders include Jim McLean, Sarah Peterson, Pastor Kathy and Julie Flotten.

BIG AND SMALL

By Julie Flotten, Children, Youth and Intergenerational Minister

“BIG” they shouted. “small” they whispered. “Again!”, I cheered...thoroughly enjoying the chaos of noise we were making in Faith Weavers one Wednesday night. The group of elementary kids had no trouble doing it again. It's fun to be loud...

This past month in Faith Weavers, we have been learning about David and Goliath. It's a familiar story to many. Little guy offers to take out big guy, no one believes him, they even scoff at the idea. But in the end, what happens?...It works! Little guy wins. Everyone is amazed and perhaps they learn to listen to the little guy every once in a while.

Okay, of course there are a few more details in the Bible about David and Goliath. For example, (a) David's father, Jesse, even looked past him when Samuel was looking for a King. (b) David's brother tells him to leave when Goliath shows up, says he's just being nosy. (c) Saul tells David he doesn't stand a chance. Not a lot of confidence given to this little yet determined boy.

How often the little things get overlooked, over-talked, over-stepped. And yet, as we went around the Faith Weaver talking circle and shared, it's sometimes the littlest things that make the biggest difference: David's little stone, a hug after a hard day, a bright yellow dandelion in a sea of green grass, a new baby, a sliver in your finger...the Faith Weavers offered wonderful reminders of the little things to look for in our BIG world.



We all have “Goliath's” looming in our lives, over the next hill, or even right in front of us. They are things that seem insurmountable on an individual level, on a community level, on a national and global level. I don't promote putting a stone in a slingshot and having at it...but perhaps David's story is a chance to stop and look and listen.

What are the small things, words, actions, sounds
that could make all the difference to us or to someone else?

Perhaps in those things we can find answers or even hope to keep us standing in front of that Goliath and not giving up.

PEACE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Kathy Nelson
Children, Youth, and

Intergenerational Minister: Julie Flotten
Shared Ministry Coordinator: Georgette Sarkela
Music Director: Jim Pospisil



Befriender Ministries: Cheryl Walsh
Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth
Office Coordinator: Janell Kohls
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CHURCH SCHOOL and OTHER KID'S STUFF

Believe it or not, we're almost done with

Church School! Any and all children and youth are welcome to attend church school.

K-5th grade meet in the sanctuary at 9:30 for a large group gathering of songs, prayers, and some guest visitors.

Jr/Sr High meet in the youth room in the fellowship hall at 9:30.

Join us for church school...and parents, feel free to drop in, to see what the kids are learning!

Junior and Senior High Church School

Jr. High and Sr. High will be combined for April:

Theme: What is Fundamental about Fundamentalism? Come to Church School this month and see what similarities and differences there are...we may even have a field trip!!

Upcoming Events:

Church School Celebration May 22nd

The last day of Church school, we'll spend in the Fellowship Hall causing a celebratory ruckus. Bring the whole family and join us at 9:30am.

Vacation Bible School

It's a CIRCUS...literally. Davey and Goliath are back this year with some high-flying FUN!! VBS IS COMING August 1-5, 2005. Get ready!

Parent and YOUTH—we're already looking for **VBS help**. If you'd like to get your paws in on this week of fun, let Julie know!!

NEW MEMBER INFO

Welcome to the following people who joined Peace Church last month!

Christa Knudsen and Brian Timm (Millie, Oscar and Jasper), Julia Cheng, Nic Zeitler and Essie Geiger, Amanda Hoyt and Michael Pfau, and Harriett Peterson.



Interested in Joining Peace?

Next Inquirer's Classes will be April 20, 27 and May 4
Wednesday Evenings 6—7 pm New Members received on May 8

We will have a series of 3 Inquirer's classes starting this month. Come meet others who are new to Peace United Church of Christ and learn more about this congregation and the United Church of Christ. This is an important class for folks who are considering joining the congregation. You are welcome to come early for our Wednesday supper at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is available in the Nursery. Here's what happens at each session:

April 20—The UCC and Peace—an overview of our roots and beliefs told in video, booklet and discussion.

April 27—The grand tour—from the tunnel to the day care, with stops to hear about the library and the prairie garden.

May 4—Peace today—our mission statement and long range planning process, boards and committees, volunteer ministry and pledge forms.

We will welcome new members on **May 8th** during worship. If you have any questions, or if you wish to join Peace Church, talk to Pastor Kathy or call the church office.