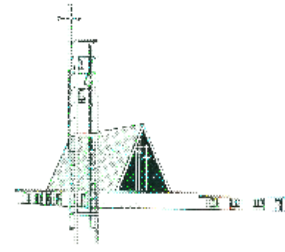


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Opening Doors, Building Peace Dedication Service Sunday March 5th at 11:30



On Sunday, March 5th we will celebrate all that we have accomplished together as we dedicate our new space. The entrance, office and classroom spaces are beautiful and truly functional. They reflect our vision of being an open community – the doors and windows look into the sanctuary as we worship God together and out into the world, where we are called to serve. The new entrance gives us space to gather and get to know one another as we build community with one another.

The dedication service will be a time to pause and give thanks to God for this community and the creation of this new space. We will have prayers of dedication, songs by our kids and senior choir, the opening of the time capsule from 1959 and the addition of items from our time. Members of Herb Haller's family will be with us as we give thanks for his bequest that along with our financial gifts have allowed us to pay for this project. The architects and contractor will also be with us and Doug Bowen-Bailey has created a video of the project in process. A lunch and community open house will follow the dedication.

So many people have made this project possible. Thanks to each one of you. And a special thanks to our building committee: Jim McLean, chair; Dick Goese, Dan Green, Holly Bowen Bailey, John Erickson, Mike Schrage and Marsha Hystead. Please join us at 11:30 on March 5th!

Ash Wednesday Service March 1st at 7 pm

Join us as we mark the beginning of Lent with ashes and the sharing of Communion. The Second Year Confirmands will help with worship leadership and the choir will sing.

Lenten Vespers – Beginning March 8th

Each Wednesday in Lent we will have a vespers service at 7 pm. We will be using the Holden Village Evening Prayer service. Most of the service is sung. Join us for this time of quiet worship as we prepare for Easter. **Services will begin on March 8th.**

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

Welcome to worship at Peace Church—Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:30 am

PEACE CHURCH STAFF

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 Children, Youth, and Intergenerational
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 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.

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!

FROM YOUR PASTOR



Our theme for Lent this year is “Opening Our Hearts”. We thought of it to carry on the theme of “Opening Our Doors, Building Peace”. Now that the doors are done, let us create the space in our hearts, our spirits to welcome folks. Sometimes it is not that easy. As the women walked into the room in the program area at the county jail for Bible study one Thursday—I could tell they were crabby—malaise blanketed the room like fog. I asked what’s up—and they said—its full in here and people are picking at each other. Turns out also that several of them had had bad news from home—a child not doing well in school, an auntie who was being removed from life support that day. And so we began by reading the 23rd Psalm together and then just stopping and taking time to breathe—for five minutes we sat in silence and breathed. Inhale—I will fear no evil . . . exhale—for you are with me. . . . I will fear no evil . . . for you are with me. We all need those moments to center, to breathe as we go through our days and years. And sometimes those centering moments are high points, like Jesus in his transfiguration — the story we move into Lent on.

Jesus has finished his teaching and healing ministry in Galilee and is about to make the journey to Jerusalem. Before he does this though—he pauses, perhaps for a breath of courage, of centering. He takes three of the disciples and goes up to the top of a mountain. A place of perspective, a place to get a long view of things. While he is there an amazing thing happens. He is transfigured—light and words of love. The words from 2 Peter are the first written account we have of the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. A voice of majestic glory says, “This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased. We will do well to pay attention to this as a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.”

Pay attention to the lamp shining in the dark places, morning star rising in your hearts — where have been the places of hope for you? Where has the air grown thinner and you have felt God’s presence more fully? The women at the jail shared some of their moments . . . birth of a child, walk in the woods, a ride on an ATV, most talked about their kids. We need these moments to carry us through.

In the transfiguration, Jesus and the disciples are given a vision of what is yet to be. The hope of this vision though is not that God is in God’s heaven and all is right with the world. The hope in this foreshadowing of the resurrection is that God is loose in the world, specifically in Jesus, the one who Peter has called the Christ. James, Peter and John are granted a glimpse of the presence of God in Jesus. They have a memory to return to in the future

For there will be suffering and violence. The holy has fully entered the midst of humankind and this is too much for some, perhaps most of us, to stand. God in Jesus Christ now begins the walk down the mountain toward Jerusalem and all that awaits there, including Golgotha. But on the mountain the disciples have been given a glimpse of grace, a moment to hold on to in the future when they need a vision of hope.

We too are called to go out. We do not know what will happen to us along life’s way. We will experience both mountains and deserts as we journey to the promised land. But we can travel in hope, for ours is not an ordinary story. Ours is a story of a God on the loose. A God who continues to give us hope enough to continue on in community.. Let us fear no evil . . . for God is with us . . . breathe, believe. . . open your hearts. *Peace Friends ~ Pastor Kathy*

COMMUNITY

“Day on the Hill” Thursday March 2

bringing faith-based values to the legislative process

The Minnesota Joint Religious Legislative Coalition will hold its annual “Day on the Hill” on Thursday, March 2, 2006. The event will provide opportunities for citizens of faith to meet with and lobby their legislators to craft government policy that reflects scriptural values of social and economic justice for all people. Transportation will be organized for the event – if you need or can share transportation, please contact Max Proetz at 720-6521 or Ben Small at 625-1739

Spiritualities of Compassion

10th Annual Spirituality Conference

College of St. Scholastica

March 3 & 4

The keynote address, “A Passion for Peace: Compassionate Action in a Violent Age”, will be by Joseph Nassal, priest and author, involved in retreat and renewal ministry internationally. There will be music and workshops — Pastor Kathy will be presenting a workshop on “Peacemaking in Our Lives”. Cost is \$30/Scholarships available. More info faculty.css.edu/mtorborg/spirituality

Northland Chapter of Million

Mom March Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 4 9:30—11:30 am

First Lutheran Church

Join us for an opportunity to seek common ground on some common sense solutions to gun violence. A panel, including Chief of Police Roger Waller, a law enforcement expert from the national Brady Campaign, several gun owners and gun collectors and a member of the Million Mom March, will discuss ways to come together to reduce gun violence.

Any questions—contact Joan Peterson at 724-6570 or at joan@chartermi.net

Feinstein Foundation to match food shelf donations during March

The theme of this year’s March Minnesota FoodShare Campaign is “Minnesota Feeds the Hungry.” Any cash or food donations to the CHUM Duluth Emergency Food Shelf that are received in March will generate additional dollars that can be used to serve more people who are hungry.

The national Feinstein Foundation stretches donations even more by offering an incentive allocation for all food/cash donated between March 1 and April 30. So March is definitely the month to make a contribution to CHUM’s Food Shelf! For more information, go to www.gmcc.org/foodshare

NOTE: Peace Church Food Shelf collection bin is now located in coat rack area in new narthex

Mark your calendar

Islamic *Salaam* (Peace) Dinner to Benefit CHUM on Saturday, April 22

Members of the Twin Ports Islamic Community will once again sponsor a benefit dinner and raffle in support of CHUM. A meal of dishes from Islamic societies will be served at First United Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. There also will be a raffle and entertainment. Tickets are \$30 and available at the CHUM office. For more information call Max Proetz at 720-6521.

Opening Our Doors Conference

Coppertop Church April 28-29

This is a time to explore ways our faith communities can be more welcoming to the GLBT community.

MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 5 Amy Larson, Lisa Brown, Adams Family
- 12 Beth Kinney, Alison Wood, Barb Hanka
- 19 Kevin or Anne Skwira Brown, Matt Eттerson
- 26 Gail Blum, Emily Larson and Doug Zaun

Coffee Set-Up

- 5 Marsha Hystead, Ronna Hanson
- 12 Linda Lundberg, Susan Kehtel
- 19 Pomroys
- 26 **Volunteers Needed**



Coffee Servers

- 5 Seversons
- 12 Kyle Eldon, Sally Larson
- 19 Sharon Kirtley, Penny Cragun
- 26 Melissa Kadlec, Dan Green

Dishwashers

- 5 Leon Rohrbaugh, Beth Ruark
- 12 Holly Bowen-Bailey, Liz Olson
- 19 Njoki Kamau, Ronna Hanson
- 26 Gary and Janell Kohls

Greeters

- 5 Janell and Gary Kohls
- 12 Cindy Macaulay, Laurie Berner
- 19 Diana Soland, Liz Olson
- 26 **Volunteers Needed**

Ushers

- 5 Jen Stenerson, Melissa Boyle, Naomi Christensen, **Volunteer needed**
- 12 Lori Lind Family, Pomroys
- 19 Mittlefehldts, Cindy Macaulay
- 26 Seversons, Laurie Berner, Andrew Sparrow

Lay Leaders

- 5 Katie Sawyer
- 12 Joan Peterson
- 19 Lynn Devlin
- 26 Kay Stevens

Monday Meal

(at Loaves and Fishes)

- 6 Hardesty/Sarkela
- 13 Janell and Gary Kohls
- 20 Kim Squillace
- 27 **Volunteer Needed**

Damiano Soup Kitchen—Mar. 12

- 1:30 pm Jessica and Justin Olson, Pat O’Connell, Cindy Macaulay
- 4:30 pm Melanie Shepard and Al Netland, Barb Forrest

Volunteers Needed

- March 5 & 19 — 1 usher needed
 - March 26 — 2 greeters needed
 - March 26 — Coffee Set-up needed
 - March 27 — Monday Meal at Loaves & Fishes
- Call Georgette if you can help out.*

Communion Servers

8:30 Service

- 5 White family
- 12 Julie Flotten
- 19 Linda Goese
- 26 Janell Kohls

10:30 Service

March 5
Volunteer needed



SUNDAYS IN MARCH

We continue to have two services each Sunday morning. At **8:30** we have a quiet, communion service and at **10:30** our service includes children’s time and senior choir anthem. The sermon at both services is the same.

Sunday, March 5 – First Sunday in Lent

Dr. Eleazar Fernandez will be our guest preacher this morning. Dr. Fernandez is the professor of constructive theology at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. His theme will be “Opening Doors, Building Peace”.

Immediately following our 10:30 service we will dedicate our new space. The dedication will include songs by the kids choir and senior choir, the opening of the time capsule from 1959, prayers and special guests. Lunch will follow. There will be tours by the building committee. Join us for this exciting day.

Sunday, March 12—Second Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Genesis 17: 1 – 7 and 15 – 16, Mark 9: 2 – 9
Sermon: “Trusting God’s Promise”

This morning the praise band, kids choir and senior choir will provide our music at the 10:30 service.

Sunday, March 19 – Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Exodus 20: 1 – 17

Sermon by Rev. Peter Monkres, pastor of the Grand Marais United Church of Christ congregation. Peter traveled and taught in the Philippines for several months this past year. He brings some of his learnings and hopes from this journey. He will also lead our in-depth study of the Philippines following our 10:30 service today.

Sunday, March 26 – One Great Hour of Sharing

Scripture: Numbers 21: 4 – 9 and John 3: 14 – 21
Sermon: “Living in the Wilderness”

This morning, we will receive our offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. This is a crucial offering that goes to support works of healing around our world.

Following our 10:30 service we will have our annual

Birthday Potluck Lunch

Bring a dish to share and sit with those who share your birthday month.



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering—Sunday, March 26
When was it that we saw you thirsty? -Matthew 25:38

With our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, the UCC offers hope and well-being to people around the world. Because millions of our neighbors have been affected by flood waters and millions lack clean water, this year we are focusing on water, as we invite you to give generously to make Christ’s love real for people who suffer the effects of **disasters, severe economic hardship, or conflict.**

Of every dollar you give, \$.91 goes directly for mission—to international programs in health, education, and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response.

Want to learn more about Peace Church? Interested in Membership?

Our next set of inquirer’s classes will begin on Wednesday, **April 19th**. These classes are from 6 – 7 pm for three consecutive Wednesdays. Dinner is served at 5:30 and childcare is available. We will welcome new members on Sunday, **May 7th**.

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Adult Forum
9:30 in the Fireside Room
the coffee is on!

March — Faces on Faith Series

Sunday, March 5 — There are two options this Sunday:

- **Faces on Faith** — DVD –conversation with Rabbi Harold Kushner
- **Conversation with Dr. Eleazar Fernandez of United Theological Seminary**

Meet in the Conference room. Eleazar teaches constructive theology and has led several trips for study and partnership to his native homeland of the Philippines.

Sunday, March 12 — Faces on Faith
Madeline L'Engle

Sunday, March 19 — Faces on Faith
Kathleen Norris

Sunday, March 25 — Faces on Faith
Tex Sample

Wednesday Adult Study 6-7 pm

Wednesday Night Studies – 6 pm in the Fireside Room

Wednesday, March 1 — Faces on Faith
Rabbi Harold Kushner

Wednesday, March 8 — Faces on Faith
Madeline L'Engle

Wednesday, March 15 — Faces on Faith
Kathleen Norris

Wednesday, March 22 — Faces on Faith
Tex Sample

Wednesday, March 29 — Faces on Faith
Desmond Tutu

QUESTIONS ON THE WAY EVERY MONDAY AT NOON



Beginning the first Monday in February the group will use the “Living the Questions” series. Bring your lunch and join this group.

Themes include:

- 1 An Invitation to Journey
- 2 Thinking Theologically
- 3 Creativity and Stories of Creation
- 4 Restoring Relationships
- 5 Evil and a God of Love: The Place of Suffering
- 6 Intimacy with God
- 7 Social Justice and The Prophets
- 8 A Kingdom Without Walls: Ruth & Jonah
- 9 Lives of Jesus
- 10 Compassion: the Heart of Jesus' Ministry
- 11 A Passion for Christ: Paul the Apostle
- 12 Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christianity

Ongoing themes will include:

- Biblical authority
- Metaphor and how it shapes us
- The Jesus/Christ dichotomy
- What does faith look like in the 21st Century?

The 20-30 minute videos for each session will include conversation, sermon clips, comedy/satire, lecture excerpts, and spiritual exercises for practical applications.

Come any Monday you can – you can jump into the conversation without having had to see all the previous videos. For more information talk with Steve Horner or Steve Coll.

DISMANTLING RACISM

The Head Start program in Duluth recently announced that their grant from the federal government is not enough to meet their expenses for this year.

There is only enough money in the budget to bus the children to school through mid-April. In addition to losing funds for bussing, they may be forced to lay off their Head Start Resource Aides (HRAs), mainly parents, who make minimum wage and often ride the bus with their children. Cutting transportation in mid-April and laying off the parent workers would be devastating to the program and the participating families.

A quick look at a website on military spending (<http://costofwar.com>) helps bring perspective to the Head Start funding crisis and our national priorities:

➤ To date, total spending on the Iraq war is around \$244 billion — the same dollar figure would send about 32,303,266 children to Head Start.

➤ In Duluth, the cost of war is over \$72 million — this amount of money would send 9,555 children to Head Start.

➤ On February 21, 2006, the administration submitted another request for \$72.4 billion to Congress — this is the 5th request for war related funding, and, upon approval, total spending for the Iraq war will reach more than \$315 billion.

The Peace Anti-Racism team is concerned about the impact of military spending on local programs, such as Head Start, that promote the health and well-being of our community. Head Start has been in Duluth for 40 years and is a strong community of families and teachers. They are looking for help from foundations and private donors to find supplemental sources of money to meet this shortfall of over \$100,000 - to save the HRA positions and continue to transport the children to school. We join them in seeking immediate and long-term solutions to their budgetary crisis.

NOTES FROM JONIE

From the Desk of the Intern
Jonie Langdon-Larson
(seminary intern)

Hi everyone, I am back! My family and I had a beautiful healthy baby girl on January 25. Since then I have been on maternity leave getting to know this little life. She is great!

A few things to let you know about in the month of March—some new, some continuing!

Neighborhood Breakfasts continue!

☐ **March 12** — Hermantown and Proctor residents — Come to a free breakfast! Get to know your neighbors at 9:30 in the Fellowship hall

☐ **March 19** — Superior, Cloquet, and everyone who has not had a breakfast date.

Twenty-something age group (19–29) This is for you!

Let's get together for lunch after church on March 12. Let's meet in the fireside room and head over to Sara's Table or Amazing Grace for lunch. After that maybe do some bowling. We can talk to see if this is a group that wants to continue.

Prayer/Reflection Group

Another small group for the month of March is a prayer/reflection group. We will meet in the conference room next to Kathy's office from 5—5:30 starting March 8th and continue weekly through March. This is an opportunity to get your heart ready for Easter, come and share your needs, or just sit and pray in silence with candles and quiet music in the background.

PEACE PEOPLE

THANK YOU

*To Lorraine and Howard Anderson for donating lots and lots of plastic hangers for our new coat racks!

*To Gail Blum for bringing in the attractive baskets for the Lost and Found in our new Narthex. Some of them will be designated for "Member Exchange" also, to use when folks are dropping off something for someone to pick up. Thanks to Gail also for the many other things she has been doing to clean, decorate and enhance our church space!

*From the Menomonie/Eau Claire Youth Group: "Thanks for letting our two youth groups stay overnight in your church. We love your new space and the accommodations were great, as usual!"

*From Judy Sausen: "Many thanks for your monthly donations throughout the year to Loaves and Fishes and for your recent gift of \$150 from individual contributions. With the mounting costs of property taxes, insurance, and utility bills, your gifts will be put to good use in operating our houses of hospitality. As government funding for social programs and health services continue to be cut, and with the tight job market in Duluth, more people are struggling and in need of help. We hope that by offering folks friendship and a sober, supportive place to live, they will find a new sense of stability and self-respect. We are very grateful for your sharing in our lives and work in so many ways. Wishing everyone at Peace Church abundant joys and blessings in 2006."

*To Jim McLean—not only has he put in many, many hours with the building project, but he has also been seen painting the basement steps, shoveling snow, etc.

*To Alison Wood and our property committee for all they do to keep our building maintained—and they do it cheerfully!

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

* Llonda Thompson, working at a hospital in Cameroon. She is helping to set up an Intensive Care Unit there.

* Nettie Bothwell recovering from knee surgery. She is at Lakeshore Lutheran Home and company is welcome.

* Will Mitchell, recovering at home after being hospitalized with mono.

* Vickie Barnes who has been hospitalized at St. Luke's.

* The people of the Philippines, as they deal with a tragic mudslide, and on-going political unrest

SYMPATHY TO

Penny Cragun in the death of her mother.

† MEMORIALS †

Thank you to the following people who have given memorials to Peace Church.

From Virginia Nelson in memory of Ed Nelson

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

All boards and committees will meet on **Weds. March 8th**.

Dinner is served from 5:30 until 6 pm with meetings beginning at 6 pm. Childcare is provided.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, March 21st** at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Visitors are always welcome.

BUILDING PEACE!

2ND ANNUAL BUILDING PEACE SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, May 6th, 7 pm-10 pm at Peace Church

We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual Building Peace Silent Auction. We had a wonderfully fun and successful event last year, raising over \$7,000 for the Capital Campaign. Our goal for this year is \$10,000. Your help and participation is needed to make this goal.

We are looking for items to be donated to the Silent Auction. One of the great things that came from last year's event was to see how many talented people there are at Peace! It's incredible. To help with some ideas, here is a list of items donated last year: Cirrus plane ride, stained glass lamp, sailboat rides, gourmet dinners, framed photos, artwork, gift baskets, babysitting, carpentry services, tickets to plays, hockey games, 1 week at cabin, massage certificates...and the list goes on! Think about your connections—do you know someone who could provide us with a donation—store owner, restaurant manager, artist. We also have great ideas for auction items if you are interested, but aren't sure what to offer!

We will have live music, wine and other beverages and appetizers. Free childcare will be provided as well.

There are opportunities for volunteering as well. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex. **There will be a meeting at 6 pm on Weds March 8th (Board/Committee night)**

If you are interested in donating items (must be new) or a talent for the auction, please contact Melissa Kadlec (home: 724-7888 or cell: 348-2777, email:

mkadlec@chartercom.com)

VISIONING: ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Tuesday, March 14th at 7 pm
in the Fireside Room

- **What do we want an associate pastor to do?**
- **What are our hopes for this new staff position?**

These are just some of the questions we will try to flesh out as we gather to brainstorm possibilities. From this meeting the Human Resource Committee will create a job description to take to the council for their approval.

All are welcome to join us. We will also use the information from the Long Range Planning meeting to guide us in our discussion. Mary Niенаuber will be our facilitator.



OPENING DOORS
BUILDING PEACE

VISIONING: Building Update Looking at Phase 2

We are at last enjoying our beautiful new entry, narthex, offices, choir room/meeting room and classroom. Visioning for our Phase 2 project is now in progress. The Phase 2 Building Committee is beginning to meet. **Call Jim McLean, 525-3526, if you are interested in participating in this.**

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Retreat April 21-22

We are planning a Spring Retreat at Caribou Highlands Resort on Friday, April 21st, with an additional night as an option. Cost will be \$40 per person per night. This includes your own bed with linens. We will be responsible for our meals. Sign up in the Entryway!

We are asking that people pay by April 9th. You can turn your money into the office or offering plate and mark it "retreat".

Our theme this year is RESURRECTION. Where in our lives do we discover hope, new life, renewal for our journeys. Biblical story is John 20:1-20.

If you would like to be on a team—food, project (stepping stone), music or study, let Pastor Kathy or Cindy McLean know. We will have a meeting in April to determine room, rides and responsibilities.

SUNRISE COFFEE

March 6th: 6:39am

21st Ave E & Lakewalk

Look for the sign & coffee mug to find us!

Next month: April 3rd : 6:44am

Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday March 22 at noon

Second floor lounge at the Benedictine Health Center. We will reflect on how music touches our hearts. You're welcome to bring a CD or tape or your favorite music. Joan Severson will bring dessert and coffee will be provided.

Help Prepare for Dedication / Open House

Saturday March 4 at 3 pm

Help Pastor Kathy and Georgette decorate and make roll-ups for the Open House on Sunday the 5th. Call the office or sign up if you can help.

Men's Supper

Monday March 6 at 6pm in Fireside Room

All men are welcome

Peace Pals Brown Bag Luncheon

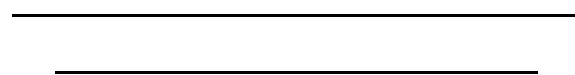
March 12th 11:30am — Fellowship Hall

For the last few weeks you've been checking your "mailbag" for notes or prizes from your Peace Pal and waiting with baited breath to find out just who it is....now is the time! REMEMBER: Bring your Peace Pals favorite bag lunch with you and you'll get a chance to find out who it is AND eat with them.

Help Needed to Reorganize Space

Every Wednesday 5—7:30 pm

Now that our new space is completed, the Property Committee is working hard to organize the new space, and put away all the things that were put in temporary storage in the tunnel and garage during construction. If you can help any Wednesday, look for Alison Wood or Doug Bowen-Bailey to find out what you can do. It's a big job, so all hands are welcome!



SHARED MINISTRY—ANDREW SPARROW

By Georgette Sarkela, Shared Ministry Coordinator

Andrew Sparrow

You may catch Andrew working at the Whole Foods Co-op grocery store or find him studying at the Lake Superior College, or meet him at his apartment in the Emerson School Co-Op. But what ever Andrew is doing it is with "commitment and gusto."

Andrew was introduced to Peace Church by his good friend, Katie Sawyer. He was uninterested in organized religion but, responding to her persuasive qualities, Andrew reluctantly agreed to give Peace Church a try. Andrew admits that his first real contact with Pastor Kathy, over a cup of tea, brought mixed feelings; How would she react to him? Could she accept his personal faith experience, or would she react negatively to his honesty about God and faith and everything in-between? Little did Pastor Kathy know that her response to his honesty was Andrew's criteria for staying at Peace Church. However, to his amazement, he found his honesty openly accepted and yes, Katie's description of Peace Church was accurate. Andrew has since made Peace Church his faith family. He describes Peace Church as "wonderful and has fantastic people".

Through his life's journey, Andrew has come to believe that we are all born with an inherent presence of God within, but our life experiences and how others define God for us changes the meaning and our understanding. In his search for greater meaning to his life, Andrew has come to see "Jesus as a prophet and God runs the show", while the peaks and the valleys of life strengthen his relationship with God.

Andrew identifies his spiritual gifts as carpentry, ministry, music, writing, and helping. He is committed to giving and reaching out to those less fortunate and believes he is called to this ministry. Andrew believes that controversial topics need to be discussed and debated more openly and would like to be involved in discussion. Andrew shares his gifts through the following outreach ministries: Habitat for Humanity, meals for the Dorothy Day House, Animal Allies, Mentoring a grade school child, Gabriel Project Steering Committee, Anti War Coalition, building projects, and music. Each Christmas Andrew and Katie ring bells for the Salvation Army's kettle drive, which includes the sharing of their gift of music. His goal is to complete his AA degree and possibly go on to seminary and/or create a retail outlet for environmental friendly clothing that is affordable.

Andrew is a deeply committed Christian with the passion and desire to serve God in obvious areas but also in some uncharted journeys he has yet to discover. One thing I am certain, Andrew will be used by God because he is open to this. Thank you Andrew for sharing your life and gifts with others and for answering the call of God.

Isaiah 6:8 Here I am, send me.

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

NEW MEMBERS (cont.)

Amanda Roeschlein

Family members Husband—Mitch, Daughter—Lexa, Dog—Copper (beagle)

What is your vocation? Mom!

What are your hobbies/passions?

Writing, reading, watching movies, walking outdoors, scrapbooking

What brought you to Peace? Searching for a church home to explore our faith in a non-judgmental way.

Mitch Roeschlein

Family members Amanda (spouse), Alexandra (daughter), and Copper (beagle)

What is your vocation? Applications Analyst with Potlatch Corp in Cloquet

What are your hobbies/passions?

Fishing, hunting, skiing, camping, wood-working, computers

What brought you to Peace? We were searching for a church home that supported our views on the world; when we found Peace, it just "clicked"!

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? I am a Star Wars/Star Trek Junkie...I blame my mother ☺ ~ she's one as well...

Friday Night at the Movies

March 24 at 7pm
in the Fireside Room
Movie to be announced

Bring something to drink. Popcorn provided! Call the office if you will need childcare.

BOOK TALK

PEACE CHURCH READERS

March 23rd—6-7:30
Fireside Room—All are welcome
The Tender Bar: A Memoir
by Bart J.R. Moehringer

J.R. Moehringer, a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer for the Los Angeles Times, has written a memoir of a young man who knows his father only as "The Voice," of a single mother struggling to make a better life for her son, and of a riotously dysfunctional family from Long Island. "Everyone has a holy place, a refuge, where their heart is purer, their mind clearer, where they feel close to God or love or truth or whatever it is they happen to worship," he writes. For young J.R., that place was a gin mill where his Uncle Charlie was a bartender.

April 27th Meeting — Short Stories
(Watch for posters and email)



PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY

Please visit our Children's Library—back in its old location near the Nursery and Class room. The books are out of boxes and back on the shelf!

Please look around your house for books and videos that you may have borrowed from the library and forgotten to return. Thanks!

Please note the new location for our card catalog, book return and checkout in the Fireside Room—just to the right of the door as you come into the room.

Next Library Workday
Mon. April 8, 10 - 2 pm.

Anyone is welcome to come and help! Bring a lunch if you can stay over the noon hour. We will be hosting the local Church Library Association meeting at Peace on April 29, so we would like to get our library looking good!

YOUTH

Youth Group

March is packed with activity!

Regular meeting times are

Wednesdays — 7:30-8:00 Worship
8:00-9:00 Youth Group/Confirmation

Youth Group is for all 6th- 12th graders

Come join us in March as we look at the life of Nehemiah. Who was Nehemiah? Come find out!

March 1 — Ash Wednesday service till 8 then Youth group

March 29 — Caroling in March? Yep! We will go visit some elderly people in our congregation who love to hear us sing.



SUMMER WORK CAMP

Heifer International Overlook Farm
in Rutland, Massachusetts
Thursday, July 13 - Tuesday, July 19



Fifteen youth, plus Pastor Kathy and Jim McLean, will be heading to Massachusetts for a multi-day service learning program with Heifer International. We will work on the farm — doing animal chores, gardening, haying, fencing and construction projects. We will also learn about global development issues and explore the root causes of and solutions to hunger and poverty. We will also look at the role of livestock and agriculture in community development.

Cost is \$200 per person with a \$50 deposit due NOW, with the remainder due April 15.

Upcoming Events

March 4 - Pizza Making Day at Trinity Lutheran 8 am - 4 pm

All youth attending work camp must sign up for a shift, but we need lots of help. **We could use a couple of parents to help too!** Lunch will be provided. (pizza!)

March 12th - Junior High Breakfast 9:30 - 10:30

Junior highers, 6th - 8th grade, this is especially for you. Come Sunday morning and join Cindy, Tom, and Cynthia for breakfast and games. Don't miss out!

March 18 - Battle of the Bands
7:00 pm at Peace Church

Three of our youth, Paul Winchester, Grant Cook, and Stephen Pestolozzi all have bands that rock! Come and support them and help raise money for the Arthur Foy III Scholarship Fund. Rev. Arthur Foy's vision of academic success for all youth stemmed from his belief that it's not where you're from, but where you're going in life that's important. This scholarship is for disadvantaged minority youth in our community and will help them achieve their goal of higher education. Our "Battle of the Bands" concert will help raise money for this fund.

Junior and Senior High Church School

Jr. High—What's on your mind? Come and help us find topics that interest YOU!

Sr. High—Crash is over, Life of Brian is next. Come find out what Brian and Jesus have in common.

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

"TUBBING"

By Julie Flotten, Children, Youth and Intergenerational Minister

If you had been tracking the youth activities in February you may have asked yourself a couple of questions:

- 1) What in the world does Tubbing have to do with Church?
- 2) Does Julie know how to spell... isn't tubing spelled with only 1 "b"?

Both fair questions, I admit. In response to the second, you are right. It is spelled with 2 'b's, however mistakes are okay and if you can get 20 other people to say "tubbing" instead of "tubing" ..why not?

Now to question #1. A bigger question, to be certain, but not so far fetched if you've ever gone tubing. Let me create a scene:

You get all bundled up with your warmest layers (we chose to go tubing on one of the coldest nights of the year!) and are handed a giant innertube, covered with a nylon "sleeve" with handles and a tow loop. You bring it to the tow rope guy. He instructs you to sit in the tube and takes the tow loop out of your hand. Before you can say "what next"—your tube is attached to the tow rope and you go up the steep track. The tow guy at the top detaches your tube and there you are, looking down hill. What now? You walk your tube over to the lanes, or rather chutes of slicked down, super fast snow and decide how you're going to go down...and if you do indeed want to go down or would rather just send the tube down empty and then sneak your way through the trees on the side, unnoticed. But after a bit of hemming and hawing, you sit in the tube. Oh, what the heck, lay on your belly, and ask for a shove...if you're going to go, you may as well go in style. And then you're off, the wind zooming by your face, your tube following the walls of the chute...it is quite a ride. You slow to a stop at the bottom and realize there is an enormous grin on your face.

That's "tubbing".



And how again is it related to church? We come to church with what we have, with our baggage, our gifts, our "layers" which serve to protect or to offer. Rarely do we travel our spiritual journey with out somebody's help. In tubing, it's the tow guy and the tow rope. Perhaps in our faith it is Pastor Kathy, a new member, an old member, a child, a friend, a stranger. And with help, we continue on our journey forward, upward. But there are times on this journey when we pause. It doesn't seem as if we can go any further. We'd rather just sneak out the back.

And then comes faith. We don't know for certain what the ride will be like, if we'll even make it to the bottom, but unless we trust God, trust our community, trust ourselves, we'll never know. So we hop in...and more often than not, I believe, the ride is incredible (not always smooth, life like tubing can be bumpy) and there will be a incredible smile somewhere along it. Tubbing and church are not really so far apart...



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members, who joined Peace Church on February 5th! Holly Anderson, Mitch & Amanda Roeschlein (Lexa), Rachel Scott, Bob & Rene Montgomery (Grant, Haley), Julie, Mickey and Cody MacKenzie, Carl & Pat Sjoding, Beth Kinney (Alex)

Carl Sjoding

Family members: Wife Pat, 5 grown children, 9 grandchildren

What is your vocation? Physician

What are your hobbies/passions? Curling, golf, skiing, running

What brought you to Peace? Message of acceptance of all people.

Pat Sjoding

Family members: Husband Carl, 5 grown children, 9 grandchildren

What is your vocation? Retired retail sales

What are your hobbies/passions? Gardening, hiking, x-country skiing, reading, spending time with grandchildren, knitting, golf. Anything that I can do outdoors.

What brought you to Peace? Your mission statement. I believe that this church is what its name implies—that peace in the world is a priority. The diversity here at Peace is an important part of my wishing to become a member also.

Comments: I love what Pastor Kathy says on Sunday. She really speaks to the congregation. I always get so much out of what she has to say.

Holly Anderson

What is your vocation? Assistant Professor of Art at UMD-Ceramics and 2-D Design

What are your hobbies/passions? Art and anything related—knitting, ceramics, painting, drawing, building, etc. Music.

What brought you to Peace? Friends and interest in joining a community committed to social justice, equality and the environment.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy?

Short term: There is a show of my work up at the DIA (Depot site) until mid-March. General: I've lived in both Fargo and East Texas.

Comments: Yeah!

René Montgomery

Family members Robert (Bob), children Grant and Haley, and Percy (Bichon Frise)

What is your vocation? High School Teacher

What are your hobbies/passions? Reading; cooking; camping; travel; crafts—knitting, quilting, scrapping, stamping, stained glass

What brought you to Peace? Tom Wilkowske and Jane Rupel

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? I lived in Japan for 2 ½ years.

Bob Montgomery

Family members René, Grant, Haley and Percy (dog)

What is your vocation? Software developer

What are your hobbies/passions? Playing pool; computers, my family.

What brought you to Peace? The welcoming atmosphere.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? I have never lived away from Duluth!!

JUST PEACE



Honoring a Peacemaker Penny Cragun

Penny Cragun is a woman whose life is a testament to her commitment to peace and justice. The daughter of a Missouri Synod Lutheran pastor, Penny grew up to become a radical activist and a ceaseless worker in the struggle for peace. Her home has been a stop on the Overground Railroad, providing safe haven for South American refugees during the 1980s. She has been part of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. She has been involved with Sojourners' conferences, and has lived in a Shalom Community. If there is a rally, a protest, a planning meeting, a public display of peace, chances are you will see find Penny at the heart of the action. She is involved with Grandmothers for Peace, Women in Black, the Northland Anti-War Coalition (especially the Truth in Recruiting effort). She is a regular at the School of the Americas protests, where she has crossed the line several times, (an act of civil disobedience to call more attention to the protested school).

Penny is the Director of Disability Services at UMD, where she is involved both with direct services and with advocacy. She also raises her voice in song, having been a member of the Gospel choir at Christ Temple for years. She is currently a member of the Peace Church choir, as well as the Echoes of Peace choir. She has been an active member of the Just Peace committee for many years, involved in planning and organizing many events.

Penny is an organizer, a dreamer, a believer, an activist in the fullest sense of the word. As Rodger Cragun stated, "She is a radical peacemaker." She recently underwent her second hip replacement surgery. May the new hips support her for years to come as she continues on her journey of radical peacemaking.

GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is a collaboration between CHUM and the following congregations: First Lutheran, Gloria Dei, Peace, St. Mark's, Temple Israel, and Trinity. Our collective goal is to help support households in Duluth through access to social work services, and to work towards building greater social and economic justice across Duluth through community organizing. Here's an update...**Please call 625.1739 for further info.**

We will be making another trip to the Capitol to meet with our elected officials in St. Paul on **March 28th for Housing Day on the Hill.** Transportation and training on the issues of affordable housing provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! **RUAH Project**

Our **RUAH (Rehabbing Urban Affordable Housing)** building is ready for remodeling and we're looking for volunteers—skilled and unskilled. Join the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, CHUM and the Gabriel Project to convert the former Lake Superior Community Health Clinic building into a home for four families transitioning from homelessness. The sisters funded the building's purchase and we now need an infusion of volunteers to work on the project. Contact CHUM at 720-6521 if you would like to participate in this "hands-on" effort to provide supportive housing for low-income neighbors. No time commitment is too small — tools, training, and supplies provided.

Weds. March 8 (Internat'l Women's Day) **March, rally** in solidarity for women in military, women in war zones, women relatives of soldiers —4 pm at the Federal Building

CHURCH SCHOOL

March is an important month in Church School as we prepare for Easter and Spring; come join us every Sunday in the Sanctuary at 9:30am.

CLASSROOMS: We'll be moving back in!! Hooray. After what has felt like an EON, we get to move back into our classrooms and youth room. Watch for signs directing you to your classes...and do a little celebration dance when you get there. ☺
Upcoming notes: April will bring with it some fun activities during the regular Church School time, so watch for the Peace Bell....

NEEDED: We've had some teachers step down and we're looking to fill their shoes. If you can contribute 1-2 Sundays a month to help out, that would be spectacular. Call Julie...it's FUN!!!

Teachers—your Spring Books are IN! Check out your bins for the SPRING 2006 book.

Junior and Senior High Church School

9:30 Sunday morning...Peace Church ... it's the place to be!

Jr. High—What's on your mind? Come and help us find topics that interest YOU!

Sr. High—Crash is over, Life of Brian is next. Come find out what Brian and Jesus have in common.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Tom Hystead	Autumn Finch
David Cave	20 Casey Aplin
3 Claudia Gagnon	Alan Netland
4 Mary Martin	Peter Tomhave
Terese Tomanek	21 Howard Anderson
Jeni Wergeland	22 Charley Kendall
Pamela Mittlefehldt	Benjamin Fena
5 Erik Lundberg	23 Lorraine Anderson
6 Louise Grams	Dick Goese
Donald Jensen	Bea McMillan
10 Deloris Thompson	Paul Winchester
12 Linda Goese	Kelly Punyko
Betty Greene	24 Cheryl Walsh
Lila Kahmann	Ronna Hanson
Pat Sjoding	25 Sharon Crosby
13 Brian Eklund	Millie Timm
Sherry Kozelka	Harriett Peterson
Ryan Gressman	27 Joann Mork
14 Heidi Severson	29 Patty Beech
Jeanie Peterson	30 Grace Springsteele
15 Joshua Aas	Marcelle Beerhalter
Sarah Messerer	Marlis Cran
16 Daniel O'Connell	31 Kara Eschbach
17 Carl Etter	Matrella
Alexis Christensen	
18 Philip Wood	HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
Lori Lind	If your birthday doesn't
Charla Buxbaum	appear here, please
Julia Cheng	call the office!
19 Andy Pomroy	

Yard Signs Available Call Bill Hardesty 525-1450

1. SAY NO TO WAR WITH IRAQ—\$10
2. "Stick-ons" — BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW — \$3 each
3. DO PEACE — ART OF PEACE — \$5-10 suggested donation (Pick up at Green Mercantile)

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Explorers,
6pm: Adult Study (see details on page 4) 7pm: Lenten Vespers (see page 1)
6:15pm: Senior Choir 7:30-9pm: Youth Group 7:30-9pm: Confirmation
(Confirmation I—2nd & 4th Weds. Confirmation II—1st & 3rd Weds.)

Boards and Committees on March 8

FAITH WEAVERS (K-3RD GRADERS) & FAITH EXPLORERS FOR (4TH & 5TH GRADERS)
JOIN US WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

What a fun month of February! We talked, played and drew the mission of Peace Church.

We created a beautiful book for the new time capsule, called "Doing Peace". Come to the Building Dedication on **March 5th** to see it before it is placed in the time capsule

During March, we're going back to "Seasons"—seasons of the church, of the world. Come help us bring in spring on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm.

The Weavers meet in the classroom on the left and the Explorers meet in the nursery on the right. Everyone is welcome!

March 1: Ash Wednesday

March 8: Special Guest –watch for more information.

March 15: Lent

March 22: Spring Equinox

March 29: One Great Hour of Sharing

Parents

We're in need of helpers for these Wednesday night programs. If you have a child regularly attending, please sign up to help. If you signed up but can't remember when you're scheduled to help, please contact Julie or Cynthia.

Children's Choir

We move, we sing, we dance and we play MUSICAL games!

All are welcome to come on **Wednesday nights at 5pm.**

We are singing in church on:

March 5—Special Performance for the Building Dedication (after the 10:30am service)

March 12

April 16

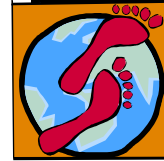
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Wednesday Helpers for March (Prep at 4:30)

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| <p>1 Prep=Monica & Tom Liddle
Clean-up= Youth Group</p> | <p>15 Prep=Mary Nienaber, Barb Forrest
Clean-up= Janell Kohls, Cindy Macaulay</p> |
| <p>8 Prep=Phyllis and Scott Mead
Clean-up=Spiritual Life Board</p> | <p>22 Prep= Bill & Karie Simpson
Clean-up=Kaelene A-H, Cizzarie S.</p> |
| <p>29 Prep=Doug Bowen-Bailey, Steve Coll Clean-up=Patti Beech, Jane Rupel</p> | |

JUST PEACE

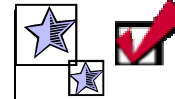


This article is the first of a two part series to review and discuss the impact of the Peace and Justice

Committee's suggested "Small Steps" on Peace people's lives. In 2000, the committee decided to commit to these small steps each month. Each step is relatively minor, in and of itself, but they felt that together we can make the world a more peaceful and just place to live. Margaret Mead challenges us to action when she stated "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has." The committee thought these steps would be ones that Jesus would want us to take. Pastor Kathy has reminded us "Love is a verb". The basis for our faith is love in action. If we believe in the Sermon on the Mount's message, we must make love on-going and an active part of our lives. How have you incorporated into your life these small steps? Are you acting on your Christian faith and values?

As you review these steps, reflect on how you live your life in relation to each step. Place a large star on those steps that now have become introduced into your life; a smaller star on those steps you are needing to give more attention, and a check by those steps that you may want to revisit in the near future. Are you surprised how much progress you have made in the past few years on living out some of your values?

Stay tuned! Next month, fellow peace people will share how the small steps have impacted their lives.



Summary of Small Steps

Building and Making Community Real:

- Share your time and talents with peace church people.
- Meet your neighbors
- Support youth in your neighborhood by giving them time and attention
- Meet and associate with people different than yourself
- Extend friendship to college students attending Peace Church
- Become aware of impact of public policy on local, state and national community; speak out and effect change in policy that does not support your values.
- Further economic and social interests of the poor.
- Become informed about other countries
- Support nonviolent alternatives to conflict and war.

Simplify life, use of money and natural resources:

- Give away unneeded possessions
- Make informed decisions so use of your money reflects your values.
- Give alternative gifts of service, homemade items or donations to help others.
- Recycle, recycle, recycle
- Support local business—Farmer's Market, Co-ops and Community Agriculture.
- Buy fair trade products/Koinonia products and support businesses that pay living wages and treat employees fairly.
- Save energy by turning down your home heating thermostat; drive no faster than 55 mph; use alternative transportation, i.e. bike, walk, bus or carpool, and weatherize your homes.
- Be aware of conserving and keeping water resources clean.
- Be informed about harmful chemical use and impact on ourselves and our environment.
- Support peace and justice causes and organizations with your money.

PHILIPPINE PARTNERSHIP



A "Deeper Study of the Philippines"

This month we continue our study of the Philippines and welcome two special speakers to deepen our understanding

the struggles of the Filipino people. The study meets after church from 11:45 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m. in the fireside room on the topics listed below. Study materials and reading schedules are available on the open shelves in the church office. If you plan to attend, kindly notify Kaelene at dra-hicks2002@yahoo.com or 525-5212 so that adequate provisions for food and childcare can be arranged.

March 5

Session Three: Theology of Struggle: Theology of Peasants and Fisherfolk

Presentation and Discussion – Dr. Eleazar Fernandez, PhD. United Theological Seminary

The Church of the Poor, The Church in Solidarity with the Poor and

The Awakened Poor: Subjects of God's History

March 19

Session Four: The Continuing Past

"Militarization, Globalization, the 'War on Terror' and the case of the Lepanto Mines"

Presentation and Discussion – Rev. Peter Monkres, Pastor of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Grand Marais MN

The Church's Prophetic Witness, Report from Ecumenical Advocacy Days

April 9

Session Five: Spirituality that Builds Voices for Peace

Presentation and Discussion – Rev. Ligaya San Francisco, UCCP Pastor from Mindanao, Philippines.

PRAYERS FOR THE FILIPINO PEOPLE UNDER THE PRESIDENTIAL "STATE OF EMERGENCY"

Last week, February 25th the President of the Philippines, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo pronounced a "State of National Emergency" giving her military forces free reign to do as they please. Freedom of assembly is revoked, public utilities and the press may be taken over by the government. Already, one newspaper critical of the President was shut down.

With this state of emergency will no doubt come arrests and detentions. Persons who have spoken out in opposition to the government's policies are at risk, whether they are mainstream politicians, peace advocates, party leaders or citizens active in a wide array of movements for social/environmental change.

In a statement from the General Secretary for the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, Sharon Rose Joy Ruiz-Duremdes, urges the Philippine churches to "lend their ears and attune their hearts to what our people are saying." She implores the Philippine churches to "find in (the cries of the people) the church's appropriate response, which is to be with those who weep and work for peace."

She further implores to the international church: "to speak against this travesty of God's will for freedom and to express their sentiments through a letter addressed to the President of the Republic asking her to lift the state of national emergency immediately and attend with diligence and dispatch to the weightier matters of life: land and liberty... jobs and justice... food and freedom."

The Philippines Partnership Committee will be holding their March meeting on Sunday March 12th right after church. All are invited.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULES for the rest of the year

First Year Confirmation Class

Saturday, March 4 — Pizza Making for the Work Camp



at Trinity Lutheran

Wednesday, March 8 – Mark Chapters 3 and 4

Sat. March 18– Battle of the Bands – raising money for Arthur Foy Scholarship

Wednesday, March 22 – Mark Chapters 5 and 6

Thursday, April 12 – Night to Remember after the Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm

Wednesday, April 26 – Mark Chapters 7 and 8

Wednesday, May 10 – Mark Chapters 9 - 12

Wednesday, May 24 – Mark Chapters 14 – 16 – Special Treats for Last Night

Second Year Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 1 – Worship at 7 pm – we are in charge – Ash Wednesday Service. Be at the church at 6:45 to get your parts. We will have class after the service

Saturday, March 4 – Pizza making day at Trinity Lutheran

Wednesday, March 15 – Class at 7:30 – Life in the Church — Holy Spirit papers are due.

Sat. March 18 – Battle of the Bands in the Fellowship Hall – raising money for Arthur Foy Scholarship

Wednesday, April 5 – Class at 7:30 – Resurrection

Thursday, April 13 – Night to Remember after the Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm

Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunday – Help to lead the early service and work on Easter Egg Breakfast

Wednesday, April 19 – class at 7:30 — Stepping Out into the World

Friday, April 28 – Confirmation Overnight – Gather at Church at 4:00 and head up the shore. We'll be going to Grand Superior Lodge north of Two Harbors, staying in a 4 bedroom cabin, cooking our own meals. There's a pool, so bring your swim suit. We'll return by noon on Saturday. **Mandatory for Confirmation**

Wednesday, May 3 – No Meeting due to the overnight

Wednesday, May 17 – Final Class in Preparation for confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 21- Confirmation Sunday at 10:30 Worship. Invite your friends and relatives. Special breakfast for you and your families at 9:30 am.

