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## Final Search Committee Report

On Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the work of the search committee came to fruition with the congregational vote on our recommended candidate, Tony Clark. I know I speak for our whole committee in being overwhelmed with the positive response to Tony. We are also very proud and grateful that the people of Peace participated so fully in the open house, the adult forum time and the congregational meeting. The congregational vote was 104 Yes and 1 No vote. Including the unofficial early service votes of 35 Yes and 0 No, the people of Peace spoke loud and clear with 139 positive votes (26% of the congregation participating) that Tony was indeed well received.

We (the committee) were as thrilled with the outcome as we have been with Tony, in getting to know him. I want to extend special thanks to the committee members who volunteered countless hours and many a food item to bring our congregation a wonderful addition to our church family: Jerry Cleveland, Jim McLean, Emily Ramsey, Bob Stevens, Terese Tomanek, Gilah Messerer, Philip Hubert, Cathy Ameal, Julie Flotten, Paul Van Antwerp and of course Pastor Kathy, who was there with us every step of the way. We must also thank the many family members who helped us entertain the candidates over the last several months! We are truly blessed, as a people of God, in being able to come together on this crucial decision; one that will help us grow in our spiritual and church life. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this exciting and significant event!  
 ~ Mary Nienaber

## Welcoming Tony

Tony expects to be moving in mid-to-late-March. We are in the process of developing a committee to assist him with his orientation to Peace and integration into Duluth. I know we can count on the people of Peace to welcome Tony with open arms (and kitchens!). Tony's installation is scheduled for Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. More information will be announced soon.

Tony will be ordained in his home church in Columbus, Ohio, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are hoping to have three members of our Search Committee present for the ordination service. If you have frequent flyer miles you would be willing to share to make this possible, please let Pastor Kathy know.

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

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**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

We are now in the season of Lent, the 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday that are days of preparation and prayer for Holy Week. This past Ash Wednesday, we gathered in the sanctuary and each took a small piece of purple paper and wrote something on it that we needed to lose. It was our confession, an attitude or idea, a behavior or thought that was getting in our way of a life lived in community with God and others. All those purple papers then were burned — the sweet smell of burning paper hung in the air — incense of forgiveness — things to lose in order to gain life. The sign of the cross was then put on our foreheads by a member of the youth group who said, “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return, but the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.” Words to begin our Lenten journey with.

Last year I took a small packet of ashes with me to the county jail — I wasn’t sure the women would want the same ritual, but it seemed worth asking. They too wrote what they needed to lose — they shared a few things they wrote — loneliness, addiction, anger. And then I offered them the ritual of ashes. I went around the circle — making the sign of the cross — remember you are dust and to dust you shall return, but the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever. I stopped half way around the circle and learned something from three of the Native American women there. They wanted the ashes, not on their foreheads, but on their feet. For them ashes are symbols of the ancestors, all those who have gone before. The ancestors who share their wisdom in the wisdom of the earth. The ashes were put on the top of the feet to remember everywhere we walk is holy ground, the earth contains the ashes and wisdom of our ancestors. Ash as symbol of repentance, a sign of remembering, a sign of hope as we make our way — In community with the living and the dead. Their understanding of ashes deepened my own faith.

We begin this journey toward Easter with crosses of ash. The cross marks the failure, not of God, but of violence. Because Jesus loved so deeply, with a love that would not die, we too can take up the cross and find our own path. We are not alone — he and all our ancestors are with us as we walk this sacred earth.

Jesus says, “Take up your cross and follow me.” And so let us dare to live fully, dare to love unconditionally, declare our faith with our very lives, with each word and action. Let us carry our crosses out into the streets of our fragile, beautiful hurting world. Take up your cross — walk into your lives knowing that God is there. God is in the dust of the ancestors on our feet. God is there in the love and wisdom in our hearts.

Travel your Lenten journey in peace ~ Kathy

### From Tony Clark, our New Associate Pastor

What a whirl-wind weekend was February 16-20! Thank you for letting me meet so many of you and for greeting me with such warmth. Peace UCC is certainly a congregation which thinks deeply about the impact of faith on the world and people around us. I am grateful that you have asked me to be a part of your vibrant response to God’s call, and I look forward to experiencing the Holy One together in our future shared ministries.

As I ready myself to leave St. Louis, I am saying goodbyes, painting my house, packing my belongings, and preparing to move. I know the time will fly before I am there in Duluth with you again. In the meantime, I keep you all in my prayers, as I hope you are keeping me in prayer. In the words of Paul writing to Philemon, “Get a room ready for me, because I hope that God will answer the prayers of all of you and give me back to you.” [ Philemon, vs 22, Good News Version]. See you all very soon!  
Shalom ~ Tony Clark

## MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### Nursery

- 4 Jen Hudyma, Jane Rupel, Emily Punyko
- 11 Julie Flotten, Alison Wood, Maddy Carpenter
- 18 Monica Liddle, Carolyn Williams, Julia Horner
- 25 Carla Langdon-Larson, Melanie Lundell, Christa Knudsen

### Coffee Set-Up

- 4 Sally Larson, Karie Simpson
- 11 Georgette Sarkela, **volunteer needed**
- 18 Bill and Lisa Pomroy
- 25 Essie Geiger, Peggy Skylondz



### Coffee Server/Dishwasher

- 4 Jim Larson, Jayme Hennen
- 11 Holly Bowen-Bailey, Mary Wergeland
- 18 Judy Seliga-Punyko, Penny Cragun
- 25 Marge Anderson, Jerry Cleveland

### Ushers

- 4 John and Lyn Pegg, Mike and Linda Lundberg
- 11 Barb Forrest, Cindy Macaulay, Mike Swanoski, Nettie Bothwell
- 18 Lori Lind family, Diana Soland, Peter Barnett
- 25 Mike and Linda Lundberg, Mary Martin, Beth Bartlett

### Greeters

- 4 Seversons
- 11 Mary Martin, Caroline Harris
- 18 Alison Wood, Julie Flotten
- 25 Bill and Lisa Pomroy



### Lay Leaders

- 4 Karie Simpson
- 11 Kay Stevens
- 18 John Pegg
- 25 Cindy Macaulay

### Monday Meal

(at Loaves and Fishes)

- 5 Janell Kohls
- 12 Kim Squillace
- 19 Cynthia Peterson
- 26 Marlis and Ginny Cran

### Damiano Soup Kitchen

March 11

- 1:30: Alison Wood, Rick Dalen, Barb Forrest, Peter Barnett
- 4:00: Youth Group, Jessica Olson, Phyllis Mead

### Communion Servers

#### 8:30 Service

- 4 Linda Goese
- 11 Janell Kohls

- 18 **volunteer needed**
- 25 Lyn Kaim

#### 10:30 Service

March 4

- Essie Geiger



### Wednesday Helpers

- 7 4:30 Prep=Britt and Leon Rohrbaugh  
Clean-up=Bill Simpson, Steve Coll
- 14 4:30 Prep=Jonie Langdon-Larson, Cizzarie Schomberg  
Clean-up=Christian Ed. Board
- 21 4:30 Prep=Britt and Leon Rohrbaugh  
Clean-up=Brian Timm, Cindy Macaulay
- 28 4:30 Prep=Jane Rupel, Sophie and Isaac Wilkowske  
Clean-up=Youth Group

## COMMUNITY

### Wild by Nature Concert May 2 at 7pm Building for Women

Come hear great music from a women's group made up of Peace Church members Barb Hanka and Beth Bartlett, as well as Mary Tennis and Jody Anderson

### "Troubled Waters" film shown on CABLE CHANNEL 20 Tues, March 6, 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm Wed, March 7, 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm Thurs, March 8, 6:30 am

This UCC-produced documentary raises pertinent justice issues surrounding the immediate and future availability of life-giving, life-sustaining water. Actress Lynn Redgrave, a member of a UCC church in Kent, Conn., is hosting the documentary, which was filmed in various locations around the world.

### "Women and College: Transforming Your Life Through Education" Conference

Thinking about returning to or starting college for the first time? The Lake Superior College Diversity Committee, the Minnesota Women's Foundation and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a one-day conference at Lake Superior College on **Saturday, March 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** to offer support and information for women who want to return to college or have never been to college.

Karen Diver is the featured keynote speaker. Diver is the newly elected chairwoman of the Fond du Lac Reservation. The conference costs \$10, including lunch. Scholarships are available.

For more information, contact Nancy Schumacher, (218) 733-5985 or email her at [n.schumacher@lsc.edu](mailto:n.schumacher@lsc.edu)

### FACES OF ISLAM ~ A FILM SERIES



Spirit of the North Theater  
Fitzer's Complex (3rd floor)  
600 E. Superior Street

➤ **Thursday, March 1st**, 6:30-8:30pm:~ *American Ramadan (2006)*

➤ **Sunday, March 25th**, 1:30-4:00pm:~ *Linda & Ali: Two Worlds Within Four Walls (2005)*

➤ **Free and open to the public.**

➤ **Refreshments and facilitated discussion following each showing.**

➤ *For more information, please contact Dr. Elyse Carter Vosen at 723-6446 or [evosen@css.edu](mailto:evosen@css.edu)*

### Women Basketball Players!

Are you a "retired" women's basketball player? Do you yearn to return to the floor and see if you can still make that perfect shot? If any of this entices you then think about joining a group of "old" women and having some fun. Ladies 30 and over who have played in the past - whether competitive or not, we want to hear from you. If interested contact Karie Simpson 728-4971 or Ann Skwira-Brown 728-3079.

Peace Bell Deadline is  
the 20th of the month.

## 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.

Special Music is always needed for our 8:30 service. If you would like to sing or play an instrument for any of these Sundays, let Jim Pospisil or Pastor Kathy know.

### **Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Genesis 15  
and Luke 13: 31 – 35

Sermon: "Built on a Promise"

This morning we will celebrate the Lord's Supper at both of our services.

### **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Psalm 63: 1 – 8  
and Luke 13: 1 – 9

Sermon: "Thirsting"

This morning our praise and worship team will help to lead our music.

8:45 — *CS Teacher's Meeting*

11:30 — *Work Camp Meeting*

11:30 — *OWLs Meeting—mandatory parent-child meeting rescheduled*

### **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Joshua 5: 9 – 12  
and Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11 – 32

Sermon: "Love that Welcomes"

This morning we will receive our Special Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. (See article on page 15)

### **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

This morning Joan Peterson, of the Million Mom March, will be our guest preacher. Again the praise and worship team will help to lead our music.

### Birthday Potluck Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for our annual birthday potluck celebration on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service. Join your cohorts at the table for the decade you celebrate.

Please bring a dish to share. Suggestions — if your name starts with A-H or Q-Z bring a main dish; I-P a salad. However, if you submitted a salad or main dish recipe for the Peace Church cookbook, please make it for the potluck, even if it's not your suggested category. Also, please label the dish with the recipe name.

Thanks! ~ Care and Fellowship Committee

### Acolyte Schedule for March

**March 4:** Sylvia Bowen-Bailey, Henry Bray

**March 11:** Gracey Pearson, Nicholas Carlson-Beckland

**March 18:** Eric Junnilla, Micade Devlin, Marianne Peterson, Courtney Simpson

**March 25:** Ian Erickson, Bria Langdon-Larson

### Give Your Heart To CHUM!

**Sunday March 4** is the last chance to bring in your loose change and put it in the penny jar in the Narthex. The money will help to provide emergency food and shelter for many families throughout the year.

### OWL Meeting Rescheduled

The mandatory parent-child meeting for those 5th and 6th graders signed up for "Our Whole Lives" sexuality education program, has been rescheduled for Sunday March 11 at 11:30—lunch provided.

## ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Getting to know you...Peace Meals

Here is the schedule for the newly renamed "Dinners for 8". All dinners are at 6pm, and children are welcome at all of them.

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** at Holly & Doug Bowen-Bailey's, 728 E 7<sup>th</sup> St; 722-7166

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** at Melissa Kadlec & Dan Green's, 2702 Woodland Avenue; 724-7888

**Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>** at Ed & Max Proetz's, 5193 Birch Acres Rd.; 728-6542

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** at Craig & Jeanie Peterson's, 4440 London Rd.; 724-6313

Sign up sheets are posted in the narthex. Please sign up to join a group of 8 or so people to share dinner and get to know one another. It is a pot luck dinner—please check with the host and hostess to see what you can bring. **SIGN UP NOW!!**

### Brown Bag Bible Study

Weds., March 28 at noon

The Brown Bag Bible Study Group will meet on the second floor of the Benedictine Health Center. Bring your lunch—coffee provided. Cheryl Walsh will lead the study.

### Questions on the Way

Every Tuesday at 12 noon

Bring a lunch, bring a quote, bring your questions, bring your stories!

### Parents of Children with Special Needs Support Group

Wednesday March 7 at 6pm

Connect with other families here at Peace, it's a time to share, connect or vent as needed. Come for dinner at 5:30—kid's programming & childcare provided at 6.

### Traveling Toilets ??

The Youth Group is trying something new this year to raise money for Work Camp in Chicago this summer. Tom Liddle rescued a couple old toilets and we are going to make use of them. In the month of April, one of these toilets could appear on your lawn. Don't worry; it will be decorated beautifully and sure to get the attention of your neighbors. Now, if you really do not want to see one of these toilets in your front yard, you have the chance to buy some insurance. The cost is only \$5 and you will be guaranteed protection from the traveling toilets. If you are up for the fun, here are the options if you discover a toilet in your yard:

\$10 for removal

\$15 for removal and to choose next location

\$20 for removal, choose next location, and guaranteed toilet does not come back

Look for the table in the narthex on Sundays in March to sign up for insurance. Remember it is for a good cause!

### Jonie and Carla to host GLBT pot luck!

March 24, 4pm - ??

Everone talks about how our Peace community is growing by leaps and bounds, and it is hard to get to know everyone. The is true for our *community within community* as well! There are lots of new GLBT folk coming to Peace. Let's meet for food, fun, and fellowship. 3134 Tischer Rd. Potluck. Kid friendly house!!! This IS Jonie and Carla's house! Email [UpNorth38@aol.com](mailto:UpNorth38@aol.com) for more info or directions!

### Peace Adults Learning and Socializing

*PALS* — last Thursday of the month

March 29 —Seder meal

April 26 — Magician

*Watch the bulletin and emails for more details!*



## COMMUNITY

### March is Minnesota FoodShare Month — Support CHUM's Food Shelf

The theme of this year's March Minnesota FoodShare Campaign is "Twenty-five Years of Helping," and March is definitely the month to make a contribution to CHUM's Food Shelf! Any cash or food donation to the CHUM Duluth Emergency Food Shelf that occurs during March will generate additional dollars from both Minnesota FoodShare and the Feinstein Foundation that can be used to serve more people by acquiring food from vendors and the local food bank.

Youth groups from CHUM congregations will also again have opportunities to decorate pallet boxes for collecting food during March. If you would like more information about these events, FoodShare posters, paper bags for collecting food, or your congregational youth group would like a pallet box to decorate, please contact Meg Kearns at 727-2391 ([chumfs@chumduluth.org](mailto:chumfs@chumduluth.org)). A list of activity ideas during Minnesota FoodShare month is also available as a download on the Food Shelf page at <http://chumduluth.org>. More information is also available at [www.gmcc.org.foodshare](http://www.gmcc.org.foodshare).

### Rooms for Rent? Grandma's Marathon, June 15 - 17

Here's a creative way that you can help both the Northern Communities Land Trust and people in need of housing during Grandma's Marathon (the weekend of June 19, 2004). Since there is such a high demand for housing during the marathon each June (as you know, hotels in Duluth and the surrounding area are booked far in advance of the event), we are asking if you would be willing to make available spare bedrooms in your home (or your entire house if you are planning to be out of town that weekend) to people who are in town for the marathon, and then donate the proceeds to the Land Trust. The amount collected from renters and donated to the Land Trust would be a tax-deductible contribution from you to the Land Trust.

For more information, call Heather Murphy at 727-5372 or [heather@landtrustduluth.org](mailto:heather@landtrustduluth.org). Thanks for supporting Northern Communities Land Trust!

### REGIONAL ANTI-WAR MARCH & RALLY ON SUNDAY, MARCH 18

*Assemble at 2pm at the MN Power Plaza for a March*

*Rally at 2:30pm at the Duluth Civic Center*

The Northland Anti-War Coalition will be hosting a regional march and rally against the war in Iraq on Sunday, March 18. The rally is to commemorate the 4-year anniversary of the United States invasion of Iraq. On that same weekend we'll be joined by hundreds of thousands of others who will be holding similar protests across the continent - including a march on the Pentagon that'll be held on March 17 in Washington D.C.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. With the number of Americans and Iraqis losing their lives growing by the day, it is crucial to once again raise our voices and demand that the troops be brought home now.

## JUST PEACE/COMMUNITY

## GABRIEL PROJECT

Send-off for Melissa Helman  
 Saturday, March 3  
 Peace Church Fellowship Hall  
 5pm potluck — 6pm program  
 Featuring human rights activist  
 Mayra Gómez, former prisoner of  
 conscience Brooks Anderson,  
 and musician Rachael Kilgour.

On January 29, a federal judge sentenced Northland College junior Melissa Helman to 3 months in prison for her peaceful protest against the US Army School of the Americas. Come wish her well as she prepares for prison, and learn more about the campaign to close this notorious military facility. Donations to help cover Melissa's trial-related expenses are welcome.

Sponsored by the Just Peace Committee and Twin Ports SOA Watch.



### Opening Our Hearts, Opening Our Doors Conference

*Helping congregations become  
 more open and affirming to  
 GLBT people*

April 27 and 28 at Gloria Dei  
 Lutheran Church

Peace Church will be co-sponsoring this conference this year, along with Gloria Dei Lutheran. **The steering committee is looking for individuals who would be willing to participate as volunteers** in some way, from helping with publicity, to helping with food. There will be a number of opportunities to share your gifts. Please contact Pastor Kathy or Dennis Crumb at 728-4444 if you feel you are able to help out in some way.

The **Gabriel Project** is a collaboration between **CHUM and several Hillside congregations**. Our collective goal is to help support families in our collective neighborhoods of worship and to strive for economic and social justice throughout Duluth. Please join us in our upcoming events!

**Tuesday, March 27 is JRLC (Joint Religious Legislative Coalition) "Day on the Hill"**. This is a time to learn about how to be a citizen-lobbyist and to organize justice work in your congregation. Participants are briefed about justice policy issues and then meet with members of the legislature. Last year over 1,000 people attended. Consider riding down with us on the CHUM Gabriel Project bus for this event! The bus will be leaving bright and early at 6:30am from Coppertop Church.

Please also join us at **McCabe Renewal Center Saturday, March 31 from 10am – 2pm for Basics of Faith-based Organizing in Community**. This training will look at concepts and practices involved in Community Organizing and how to organize around issues important to you!

For more information on either or both of these events, or to sign up, please call the Gabriel Project at 625-1739! Hope to see you at these great events!!

### Witness for Peace

#### Socially responsible travel opportunity

John and Lyn Clark Pegg will be leading a delegation to Colombia and Venezuela from April 22 - May 4, 2007 to learn about the impact of U.S. foreign policy on people in those countries. No Spanish language necessary as translation services are provided. If interested, please contact Lyn at 348-3048 or John at 349-1786 or email [jpeggduluth@yahoo.com](mailto:jpeggduluth@yahoo.com).

## ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT FORUMS — Sundays 9:30am  
*Grab a cup of coffee in the Narthex,  
 and join us!*

Lenten Study in the Fireside Room  
 Sunday Mornings at 9:30  
 beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>

and Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm

"Countering Pharaoh's Production-  
 Consumption Society Today"

*"It is a journey from slavery to covenant that we keep making over and over again . . . [because] Pharaoh has immense power always to draw us back into slavery."*  
 ~ Walter Brueggemann

#### Countering Pharaoh

- Session One: The Way Out
- Session Two: The Decalogue
- Session Three: Countering Caesar
- Session Four: An Act of Imagination
- Session Five: On Not Doing God Any Favors

Walter Brueggemann is an Old Testament scholar and retired professor from Columbia Theological Seminary. Also a United Church of Christ minister, Brueggemann has authored hundreds of articles, several biblical commentaries and more than 50 books, including *The Prophetic Imagination*; *Genesis: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching*; *Finally Comes the Poet*; and *Theology of the Old Testament*.

March 25 — Just Peace Series  
 Adult Forum in Conference Room  
 Domestic and Global Nonviolence  
*Joan Peterson and Kathy Nelson*

### Lenten Vespers

**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 and there will be a short homily by different members of our congregation.

**February 28: Jim Pospisil** talked about the significance of music in worship.

**March 7: Phil Cook** will speak about Energy issues.

**March 14: Tom Liddle** will speak as a representative from the Phillipine Partnership.

**March 21: Dennis Crumb** will speak as a representative of the Open and Affirming Committee.

**March 28: Jerry Cleveland** and other members of the Dismantling Racism Team will speak.

Join us for this time of quiet worship as we prepare for Easter.

### Downtown Lenten Bible Study

Thursdays at noon

Medical Arts Building Deli

Upstairs Room Reserved

Join folks from Peace, Pilgrim, Glen Avon and First United Methodist churches for a Lenten bible study each Thursday at noon during Lent. We will gather at the Medical Arts Deli (Duluth Athletic Club) in a room upstairs.

If you work downtown, join us for this great way to meet folks and study the gospel lessons for Lent together. Come for just one or all of the studies depending on your time! Pastors from the various congregations will share in the leadership of the study.

*By Cynthia Coffin, Children and Youth Ministries*

It was the fall in the year 1992 when I stepped into the cool waters of Lake St. Croix in Solon Springs, Wisconsin. My family and friends were standing on the shore watching my pastor and me walk out into the lake till we were waist deep. This was it for me. This was the day that I made public my commitment to God. I wanted everyone to know that my heart was devoted to Jesus and my identity was grounded in the truth of God's love. Today was the day I would be baptized into the family of God. Honestly, I cannot really remember anything the pastor said to me.... I do remember saying, "I do and I will" a couple of times, but the words fade away compared to how I felt.

It all happened in slow motion. My pastor put his hand behind my back and guided me backwards into the water. I closed my eyes and plugged my nose and felt the water rush over my face. At that moment nothing else mattered.... The coldness of the water, who was watching me, what my hair was doing... I felt different somehow. I imagined a voice from heaven saying, "You are my daughter, the beloved, with you I am well pleased." The tears ran down my face. I could feel God's spirit so strong inside of me.... today was a new day.... today I was claiming my identity in the truth of God's love.... today I finally knew who I was.

I think that is how Jesus must have felt the day he was baptized in the Jordan River. "The heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. A voice came from heaven saying, you are my Son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased." Jesus knew who he was. He was unique, special, important, valuable, and loveable. This was the truth he claimed and trusted as he lived out his life.

This is the truth for our lives too. Not so easy to remember our belovedness living in the world today. It is not easy to remember this truth when the world is constantly giving us different messages about ourselves. We are told we are only important and loved if we have money, power, good looks, success in our careers, and have the latest fashion. We are especially tempted to listen to these loud voices when we are vulnerable.... when we are in the wilderness.... the desert. Our desert times could be a battle with cancer, losing a child, getting a divorce, feeling lonely, depressed, tired, or short on time. In tough times we are tempted to not believe in God. We are tempted to believe the lie that God has abandoned us and we are all alone. We are tempted to act on our own and take things into our own hands. We are tempted to listen to the world and forget who we truly are.

Jesus too was tempted, but he chose to remember where he came from...who he was...the beloved...God's son. As we enter into this season of Lent, I encourage you to claim the truth of your belovedness. Listen for that intimate voice deep inside of you that says "You are my beloved son; you are my beloved daughter. I have chosen you from the very beginning. I know how many hairs you have on your head! You belong to Me and I belong to you. Trust that you are loved...you are beloved. That is who you truly are."

Blessings,

Cynthia



### March Small Step: Support our troops and bring them home.

Our thoughts and support are with our troops and with the Iraqi people. We send our prayers for Chad Robinson and Mike Nugent and their families from Peace Church.

E-mail Jim Oberstar to let him know that we remain firm in our requests to bring the troops home immediately and to cut the funding for this war. His website is [www.oberstar.house.gov/](http://www.oberstar.house.gov/). Click on "E-mail me."

**On Saturday, March 24, from 8am to 4pm,** Northland College will host a one-day event called **"Creation Care:**

#### **A Northwoods Summit for Environmental Stewards"**

In the morning, Dr. Holmes Rolston, a well-respected figure in the philosophy of biology and religion, and three other speakers will have a conversation with guests about environmental ethics. In the afternoon, faith leaders and the public will learn during breakout sessions what regional churches (including Peace UCC!) are doing to practice environmental stewardship.

**Both events are free** and open to the public. Pre-registration will be required for the Saturday summit and lunch. A soup and sandwich lunch buffet served at the church is \$10, or you can bring your own bag lunch. To pre-register for the summit, please contact the Van Evera Seminar Coordinator at (715) 682-1489 or email [lecture@northland.edu](mailto:lecture@northland.edu)

Others from Peace UCC will be attending; if you're coming, please call Jesse Schomberg at 525-0325 for carpooling.

### One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Sunday, March 18

*Love your neighbor as yourself*  
-Matthew 22:39

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, United Church of Christ members reach out in the name of Christ to:

■ **Build sustainable communities.** OGHS supports self-help programs in more than 80 nations to build sustainable communities that enable people and communities to stand against and rise above hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other forces of injustice that deny and destroy dignity.

■ **Respond to disaster.** OGHS provides emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, tornados, storms, floods, tidal waves, fires, explosions, technological disasters, civil strife, war, or other natural or human-caused events. On average, OGHS responds to a disaster once every 2.5 days.

■ **Minister to refugees.** OGHS responds with advocacy and help, hope and hospitality for people who have been uprooted from their home of origin. More than 30 million of the world's people are uprooted at any given time.

The United Church of Christ unites with Christians in eight other Protestant denominations and Church World Service in One Great Hour of Sharing, thus multiplying the effectiveness and extent of our witness many times over. The UCC annually channels more than \$3 million dollars through One Great Hour of Sharing to humanitarian needs in the world. Administrative costs are typically less than 8% annually. All gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are tax deductible and 100% of designated gifts go to the designated area of response. Non-designated funds are encouraged. They allow One Great Hour of Sharing to address future hidden and forgotten emergencies around the world.

Thank you for giving generously to this offering.

## PHILIPPINE PARTNERSHIP



February 13, 2007

Our Duluth Partners, Greetings of Peace.

We received the letters just this week and we are very grateful for such. We will be conducting another series of visits, consultation and sharing with the three (3) partner churches starting this week. Through such we will be able to share with them your updates, letters and concerns, as well as generate information regarding their mission work in their respective communities

As we know, the Sanctuary Program is still formative although its concept had already been adopted and practiced. We have yet to receive the formal mandate to launch this, but this concern has been part and parcel of our mission and witnessing work. We are very grateful for your support in this program. Just last week another peasant leader has been killed here in Mindanao, in front of his family while they were having their supper. Truly, the church must respond to this, not just in proving sanctuary to the families, but also in denouncing such heinous acts.

Again, we are very thankful for your support. Kindly inform us of your actions, so we can properly address such to the appropriate channels and formally acknowledge your support. On the matter regarding the possible visit of your representative this summer, the PEER Committee in consultation with our Conference Minister proposed that such a visit would be a significant milestone in our partnership.

As such, we encourage your representative to at least spend two to three weeks (15-20 days) with us. We wanted him / her to be part of the ministry of the local churches especially during this election month and thus have a chance to personally experience the prevalent political dynamics at the grass-roots level as a "external observer" and be part of our church's response to such. Further, we would also be honored with his / her presence during the Youth Summer Camp, and his / her participation in our planning processes together with the partner churches.

In brief, your representative will be part of the our PEER Committee and will work with our members in implementing our activities, especially in coordinating and spearheading the advocacy activities of our Social Concerns Desk, which incidentally is under the care of the PEER Committee. As part of our team, we can assure you that he / she will be accompanied in all his / her travel and stay in the partner communities. We propose the visit will fall in summer, specifically on the last week of April to the second week of May 2007.

We would welcome your comments and suggestions on this matter. Kindly inform us soon so we can finalize our preparations and send you an itinerary and activity schedule.

This will be a major boost to our partnership, especially to the enthusiasm of our partner churches. Also, this will partly concretize our common aim, and strengthen our commitment through a shared experience.

We will update you more after we have conducted our regular fellowship with the partner churches.

God bless us all.

The PEER Committee

Surigao District Conference

Exciting letter from our partners! Tom Liddle has agreed to go to the Philippines as our representative to be an observer in the upcoming elections and to meet with our partners. This is an amazing opportunity. As a congregation we need to support this endeavor with our prayers and finances. This year's Rummage Sale will help pay for the trip, but other money will be needed. If you have ideas, please let Pastor Kathy or Philippine Partnership Committee members know.

## YOUTH / CHURCH SCHOOL



### YOUTH GROUP

For all 6th—12th graders!

Meets each Wednesday

7:00-7:30 pm Worship

7:30-8:30 pm Youth Group/Confirmation

Happy MARCH Youth Group!!

### Upcoming Events

**March 7** — How do I respond to global warming?

With Bill Mittlefehldt

**March 14** — Does it really matter....I'm only a kid!

With Bill Mittlefehldt

**March 21** — What a hypocrite!

**March 28** — Mentor Night

### The snow is finally here!

Anyone up for a ski day at Giant's Ridge? Come to Youth Group and let's plan a date!



### PARENTS

If you can chaperone or help plan a youth event...

Contact Cynthia, we love having you involved!

### Summer Youth Work Camp

Sunday, June 10 – Saturday, June 16

In Chicago with DOOR

Door (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) offers coordinated experiences designed to challenge groups and individuals from all denominations to "See the Face of God in the City" as they are introduced to city life by spending various lengths of time volunteering, listening, worshipping and reflecting on their experiences.

We will be going to their Chicago program. The cost is \$240 per person. We hope to do it for less with fundraisers.

**Join us for a meeting for all folks going on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11: 30 am. Your deposit of \$100 is due now!**

### 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.

**Upcoming notes:** April will bring with it some fun activities during the regular Church School time, so watch for the Peace Bell....

### New in the Nursery

Jen Hudyma has been working hard in our nurseries. Different "theme centers" will appear each month for the little ones to experience. They have enjoyed the animal rescue center and look forward to puppets, grocery store, and post office. Thank you Jen for thinking of our little ones.

### Special Notes

*to our fabulous CS teachers*

Your Spring Books are IN! Check out your bins for the SPRING 2007 book. We will start with lesson #1 on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Last Teacher Meeting

March 11th @ 8:45am.

We'll take some time for a check in and look ahead to the rest of the year. Please let Cynthia know if you cannot make it.

### Senior High Church School

*Don't sleep in this month!*

**March 4:** Grief

**March 11:** movie "Jesus of Montreal"

**March 18:** movie "Jesus of Montreal"

**March 25:** coffee and discussion

## WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES — THE SCHEDULE

5pm: Children's Choir in Music Room 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers  
 6pm: Senior Choir in Music Room; Adult Study in Fireside Room  
 (Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption Society Today")  
 7pm: Lenten Vespers 7-8:30pm: Lenten Vespers/Youth Group  
 7-8:30pm: Lenten Vespers/Confirmation (Confirmation II—1st & 3rd Weds.)  
 Boards and Committees meet on **March 14th** at 6 pm

### FAITH WEAVERS

WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM

KINDERGARTEN—5TH GRADE



During March, we will be remembering Jesus and some important events in his life. Some stories we will explore are The Last Supper, Mount of Olives, and Palm Sunday.

Join us Wednesday nights from 6-7pm. The Weavers meet in the classroom on the left by the nurseries. Everyone is welcome!

March 7: Woman at the Well

March 14: Mary Anoints Jesus

March 21: Palm Sunday

March 28: The Last Supper

April 4: Mount of Olives

**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 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 11, April 8 and May 20**

### Second Year Confirmation Class

Our 10<sup>th</sup> graders meet on the first and third Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

During Lent, attend Lenten Vespers, and meet for class afterwards.

**Wednesday, March 7** — Holy Spirit – Gifts of the Spirit

**Wednesday, March 21** — Holy Spirit papers due; Work on Easter Sunrise Service

**Thursday, April 5** — Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm

**Sunday, April 8** — Easter Sunday – Lead the Early Service at 8:30 am

**Wednesday, April 18** — Discussion about the confirmation decision

**Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** — **Confirmation Retreat** to plan Confirmation Sunday. We will leave the church at 4 pm and head north for an evening of planning and fun. We will return to the church by 10 am.

**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** **Confirmation Sunday during the 10:30 service**

*Check the Adult Ed Page (5) for info on Wednesday evening classes*

*Don't forget to check the Wednesday Helper Schedule on the Volunteer Page (19)*

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who joined Peace Church on February 4th: Deborah McLeod, Mollie Stapleton Clark (Sam), Greg and Barb Rupert (Erik and Annie), Jan and Michael Nugent (Gregg and Victoria), Ron and Julie Deters (Sam and Sylvie), Claire Smith (Erin and Heather), Mary and Bill Junnilla (Eric and Andy), Nick and Christina Mulozzi (Tyler, Adrianna, Bennett, Joseph), Jen Murphy (Zach), Tadd and Emily Johnson (Madeline, Hannah). Their pictures are up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please help us to make them feel welcome at Peace Church!

### Deborah McLeod

**What is your vocation?** Food Service Worker

**What are your hobbies/passions?** NASCAR, trivia, movies/TV, Karate/Self Defense Instructor.

**What brought you to Peace?** I was looking for a church that had open doors for all God's people.

**What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy?** I like the smell of puppy breath.

### Claire Smith

**Family members:** Erin (19), Heather (15), Tigger (4) and Bell (4). The twins are our furry feline members of the family.

**What is your vocation?** Reimbursement Analyst for a health care system here in town.

**What are your hobbies/passions?** Sports, reading, painting, knitting, visiting with friends, learning new things, singing.

**What brought you to Peace?** Gentle guidance by God's hand. I visited churches of family and friends and found myself returning to Peace.

**What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy?** I've raced rowing shells for many years and am glad to share the sport with anyone who may be interested to learn about rowing

### Mike and Jan Nugent

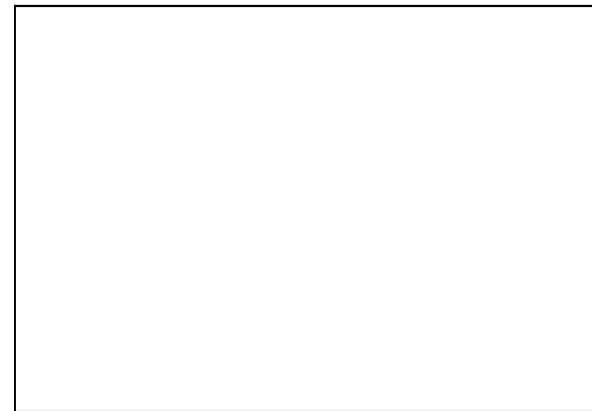
**Family members:** Victoria (11) and Gregg (9), and our dog Nala.

**What is your vocation?** Mike – Minnesota-Duluth Air Guard mechanic, and Jan – DECC Supervisor.

**What are your hobbies/passions?** Mike – has been restoring a 1968 Firebird; Jan – quilting and scrapbooking; Victoria – dance, reading and viola playing; Gregg – baseball and model trains.

**What brought you to Peace?** We were church hunting and it just feels "right" at Peace. Thanks to everyone, you make us feel welcome.

**What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy?** Mike was born in Casablanca



*This sketch was drawn by new member Julie Deters during a service last month — based on the children's sermon — each child received a daisy.*

## PEACE PEOPLE

### THANK YOU

➤ To Jen Hudyma for her creative ideas in the nursery. We love the new play centers! Thank you for the new cabinet to store supplies.

➤ To Bill Kehtel and his son Brian for fixing the ping pong table. What would we do without you? From the Youth Group

➤ From Lela Anderson's family: Dear Kathy, We want to thank you for the beautiful service you did for our mother. We're glad you knew her so well and the funeral was so personal and just like her. So many people said that was one of the nicest services they had been to. Please thank all the people who helped from the church. God bless you.

➤ To these people for helping at Lela Anderson's funeral: Marge Anderson, Jerry Cleveland, Gail Blum, Dick Goese, Julie Flotten, Mary Martin, Steve Coll, Nick Zeitler, Melissa Boyle, Mary Wergeland, Sharon Crosby, Susan Goltz and the welcoming committee.

➤ From Bethany Crisis Nursery: "Thank you for your donation of baby items. Surprisingly this time of year has been busier, so these items have come to great use."

➤ From Grant School PTA : "Thank you for helping students at Grant Elementary Language and Arts Magnet School to raise money to fund their trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center....We are grateful for the use of your Fellowship Hall for our spaghetti dinner/concert on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The students (with some parent help) did a great job preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the dinner. In one night we earned ¼ of the total cost of the trip. This fun night was a rewarding experience for everyone."

➤ From CUE Seminaries: "Thank you for the support in the amount of \$525 that we received from you during the months of July through December, 2006. your faithful commitment to theological education at Chicago, United and Eden Seminaries is vital to our seminaries, and your dollars provide critical operating support. At each of these seminaries, faculty and students are engaged daily in spirited and faith-filled learning and dialogue. You are with them through your support. We invite your prayers for them, as well, each and every day. Together we are equipping God's people for ministry!"

### KEEP I N YOUR PRAYERS

➤ Mark Nelson going through chemotherapy for colon cancer

➤ Kathy Tate going through chemotherapy for breast cancer

➤ Bill Hardesty and Georgette Sarkela rebuilding following a fire in their home

➤ Pat Sjoding recovering from hip surgery

➤ Molly Stapleton recovering from hip replacement surgery

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Kelli Rodekuhr and Peter Farrel who were married at Peace Church on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

### THANK YOU for the following MEMORIALS to Peace Church

For **Lela Anderson** from Jerry Cleveland and Marge Anderson (general fund), Elrose Norfolk (building fund) and Deloris Thompson (library)

For **Hou-Shyi Cheng** from Julia Cheng (general fund)

*KITCHEN COMMITTEE — If you would like to help with kitchen care, call Barb Forrest, Mary Martin or the office.*

## RETREATS

### Women's Retreat

Caribou Highlands Resort  
near Lutsen on April 20-21

*Theme — "Messengers"*

We are planning a Spring Retreat at Caribou Highlands Resort in Lutsen on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**There's a meeting for those going on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 in the Fireside room.**

This is a great way to get to know other women from the congregation. We begin with potluck supper on Friday night at 7 pm. We have time for discussion, bible study, singing, swimming and lots and lots of great eating. We end with lunch on Saturday. You can definitely stay for a second night too.

Our theme this year is "Messengers". The Greek word for angel can also be translated as messenger. We get messages from our God in many ways and from many people. Our opening time will include the sharing of messages from poetry or prose that have been meaningful to us.

### Men's Retreat at Isernhagen's cabin March 2 - 4

As the Peace Bell is being mailed, Peace Church men are ready to head to Sims Lake at Gordon WI for their annual retreat (weather permitting). We wish them safe travel and good fellowship!

**BOARDS & COMMITTEES** All boards and committees will meet on **Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Dinner is served from 5:30 until 6 pm with meetings beginning at 6 pm.

**COORDINATING COUNCIL** The Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm in the Conference Room . Visitors are always welcome.

The Women's Retreat theme comes from the following poem:

### Messenger

*My work is loving the world.  
Here the sunflowers, there the humming  
bird—equal seekers of sweetness  
Here the quickening yeast; there the blue  
plums.  
Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.*

*Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?  
Am I no longer young, and still not half-  
perfect? Let me keep my mind on what  
matters,  
which is my work,*

*which is mostly standing still and learning  
to be astonished,  
The phoebe, the delphinium  
The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.  
Which is mostly rejoicing, since all the  
ingredients are here,*

*which is gratitude, to be given a mind and  
a heart and these body-clothes,  
a mouth with which to give shouts of joy  
to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy  
dug-up clam,  
telling them all, over and over, how it is  
that we live forever.*

*~ Mary Oliver*

## BUILDING PLANS!

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



OPENING  
DOORS,  
BUILDING  
PEACE,  
PRAISING  
GOD

In March our architects will have CAD drawings of our proposed sanctuary remodel. It will be so exciting to see what the sanctuary could look like. The architects are incorporating many of your suggestions from our planning meetings.

The remodel will make such a difference in the sight lines that are currently obstructed, will make the altar area accessible to all people, allow for better sound and media use, and create seating for 350 people.

The estimated cost for the project is \$750,000. The capital campaign will kick off in March with the recruitment of a leadership team. Lisa Pomroy and Justin Olson have already agreed to co-chair our capital campaign, and Dan Green will chair the building committee. We will dedicate our pledges to the sanctuary remodeling project during worship on Sunday June 3rd. We anticipate that construction could begin in June.

Let us continue to be about "Opening Doors, Building Peace, and Praising God!"

*Remember Peace Church Library  
when looking for good  
reading while snowbound!*



1 Tom Hystead	18 Philip Wood
David Cave	Lori Lind
Nathan Imes	Charla Buxbaum
3 Claudia Gagnon	Julia Cheng
4 Mary Martin	Claire Smith
Terese Tomanek	19 Andy Pomroy
Jeni Wergeland	Autumn Finch
Pamela Mittlefehldt	20 Casey Aplin
Mike Nugent	Alan Netland
5 Erik Lundberg	Peter Tomhave
6 Louise Grams	21 Howard Anderson
10 Deloris Thompson	22 Charley Kendall
Chris Stegmann	Benjamin Fena
12 Linda Goese	23 Lorraine Anderson
Betty Greene	Dick Goese
Lila Kahmann	Paul Winchester
Pat Sjoding	Kelly Punyko
Kevin Skwira-Brown	24 Cheryl Walsh
13 Brian Eklund	Ronna Hanson
Sherry Kozelka	25 Sharon Crosby
Ryan Gressman	Millie Timm
14 Heidi Severson	Harriett Peterson
Jeanie Peterson	27 Joann Mork
15 Joshua Aas	29 Patty Beech
Sarah Messerer	30 Grace Springsteele
16 Daniel O'Connell	Marcelle Beerhalter
17 Carl Etter	Marlis Cran
Alexis Christensen	31 Kara Eschbach
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### RECYCLING PEACE

For housekeeping help using environmentally friendly cleaning products—call Anne Beauchamp, 727-2708. References available.

Free worm "tea" available from our composting worm bin. Great fertilizer for your house plants, spring seedlings, etc.! Call Justin or Jessica Olson at 724-5210 if you're interested.

Family needing 4 high stools for eating at a counter, and 4 chest of drawers. Call Julie, Head Start Family Advocate at 733-2172, ext. 131.

## HISTORICAL NOTES—The Story of the Bells

In honor of this year's 50th anniversary of the UCC, our Heritage Committee will be writing articles about our history. This month's article is written by Bill Kohlts.

This committee (Trudy Schwerdt, Bill Kehtel, Bill Kohlts, Sharon Crosby and Dorrie Godden) has been meeting monthly, caring for the archives of Peace Church.

The bells that ring out from Peace Church each Sunday have an interesting history. The oldest bell, weighing 852 pounds, originally hung in the belfry of our first building, St. Paul's German Evangelical Church on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. It was a gift to the church in 1874 from Kaiser Wilhelm I in the form of a cannon that the Germans had captured from the French in 1870 during the Franco-Prussian War. The cannon arrived in Duluth aboard the steamer Fremont on June 5, 1874, and was placed on exhibition at Turner Hall by the Ladies Society. For a fee of 25 cents, viewers could inspect the cannon, have refreshments and hear a chorus, with the proceeds directed toward the casting of a bell. After remaining on display for a short time, it was sent to Troy, New York, for the recasting and then returned in its present shape to Duluth and positioned in the church tower.

When plans were underway for the new church in 1959, the idea to erect a Memorial Peace Tower holding three bells developed. In keeping with the theme of transforming instruments of destruction into instruments of peace, Rev. Don Schmidt sent a request to the President seeking war materials from World War II that could be melted into a second bell. A letter came back from the Navy stating that the melting wasn't feasible, but that they had some bells from ships that had seen war service. In a response from the White House, Wilton B. Persons, Assistant to President Eisenhower, notified the congregation that they



could expect to have made available on an indefinite loan basis, an 880 pound bell which was taken from an American warship, the U.S.S. ASCELLA, that was used against the German nation in World War I and II. The bell arrived in Duluth by ship as part of the celebration of the opening of the



St. Lawrence Seaway and was presented to the Church in a ceremony on the deck of the U.S.S. FORREST SHERMAN on July 12, 1959.

The third and largest bell contained scrap war materials gathered through the efforts of the David Wisted American Legion Post in memory of U.S. servicemen who had given their lives in the hope of peace. In May, 1962, eight ingots of copper and brass were entrusted to the skipper of the Greek vessel GEORGIOS MANOLAKIS, which was the first foreign flag ship to reach the Twin Ports through the Seaway that year. Pastor Schmidt welcomed the Captain, Constantinos Poulakis, to Duluth and invited him to his home for dinner in appreciation, even though neither could understand the other's language. The metal was bound for Holland and the Petit & Fritsen bell foundry, where eventually a 1408 pound bell would emerge. In September it was carried back to Duluth on the same ship, the freight charges donated by the MANOLAKIS owners.

All three bells were fitted with electronic strikers and the installers received instructions for tuning from a Verdin Bell Co. representative listening on the telephone. An "almost B note comes from the old Kaiser's bell", a C from the second bell and a G from the third.