



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell

DULUTH MN ~ REV. KATHRYN NELSON , PASTOR ~ AUGUST 2008

ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC ON SUNDAY AUGUST 3

Join us for our Potluck Picnic after the Annual Outdoor Worship service under our tent near the lower parking lot.

Stay for a potluck picnic in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring either a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided.



HELP IS NEEDED FOR TENT SET-UP AT 7:30 AM SUNDAY MORNING!



Call the office if you can help.

Swing into a Rainforest Adventure at this Year's Vacation Bible School!

August 4-8, 9am-12n, at Trinity Lutheran Church (1108 E 8th St.)

It's not too late to register! (See registration form on page 4)

This year for vacation bible school we are teaming up with Pilgrim Congregational, Gloria Dei Lutheran, and Trinity Lutheran Church. The location is Trinity (just three blocks down the hill from Peace) due to the construction at Peace. We want all our children to be safe and sound!

This year's theme is RAINFOREST ADVENTURE.

Here are the fun stations:

- *Canopy Crafts Site —Where creativity "rains"!*
- *Green Tree Games Site—Hop into the fun!*
- *Tropical Treats!*
- *Sky High Storytelling Site—Gather with the forest animals to hear God's word!*
- *Swing Vine Science Site—A forest of discovery!*



Adults are still needed to guide the pre-schoolers through their stations—you don't need to teach, just help the little ones with their activities.

GO GREEN! The stewardship theme, of taking care of God's creation and each other is a "Go Green" message that is woven throughout the Rainforest Adventure program.

Jr and Sr High Leaders: **VBS NEEDS YOU!**

We need your energy, experience and enthusiasm to help this year's VBS be extraordinary. You get to wear your jungle clothes! Call Cynthia if you want to be a counselor. It will be a great week if YOU join us....

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VOLUNTEER!!

Building update — PROGRESS, PROGRESS, PROGRESS!

Everything is going well, right on schedule! We have a tentative completion date of November 11. The steel is going up now. Take a look at the progress the next time you're in the building.

When the ceiling was opened up, there was very little insulation in the peak; now it will be fully insulated and we will save on our energy use. We also will use compact fluorescent bulbs wherever possible in our new space.

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FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

In July, Hannah and I got up into the BWCA with friends. We caught lots of walleyes—making for a great lunch for us and for the eagle who swooped down and grabbed the leftovers from the rock where I cleaned the fish.

Growing up I loved to fish—our family spent our week of vacation at Farm Island Lake and I spent most of that time in a boat. Mike, a friend, and I were allowed to take a small motor boat out and tool around the lake. We often out fished our dads. The only rule was stay with the boat, stay with the boat if anything happens. Stay in the boat too — a rule we had broken while trying to land a large northern and jumped in after the net was lost.



Jesus tells the disciples to stay in the boat — get in the boat and push off. Jesus is tired. He has just taught and fed crowds and crowds of people. The miracle of the loaves and fishes has satisfied the hunger of those who came to hear his teachings and to be healed by his touch. They have gone home and Jesus needs time to re-charge. He needs to be alone to pray. And so he sends his guys out into the Sea of Galilee. Get in the boat, stay in the boat, and go to the other side.

In fact, the scripture says he made them get in the boat and go immediately to the other side. This is when the disciples begin to fear; the storm arises on the lake and in their souls as they are told to cross over to the other side, the gentile side, go to those who are not Jews, who are not like them, they believe. Their fear rises with the waves.

“Stay in the boat” Jesus says. The imagery of the boat is part of our churches. We are expanding the nave of our building—a word whose origins come from the Latin *navis* which means boat or ship. We too are in the boat. But the boat is not supposed to stay tied up to the dock. We too are to push off, to cross over to the other side—reach out to those who need a word of hope, to help, and to find ourselves with those who are not quite like us. Jesus compels us to go.

And so we shove off the shore, we ride the waves and sometimes we, like the disciples, are afraid. The disciples fear the storm; they believe the storm will defeat them, drown them. They are afraid of those folks on the other side. There is so much we come to fear over the course of a lifetime, so much we suppose will defeat us.

The disciples stay in the boat and they are unable to calm one another, comfort one another, in their state of fear. So Jesus comes strolling out to them on the stormy sea. Jesus knows they are afraid, and he doesn't chastise them for that—he offers a word of comfort. “Peace, Be Still” Peter jumps out to greet this hope. Peter takes a step out of fear into faith and/or foolishness. In one instant Peter asserts his belief in who Jesus is — “Lord save me”, while at the same time being overcome by his own fear.

The reflex that cause even newborns to startle at a sudden motion suggests that fear is deeply rooted in the human species. The variety of faith granted to human beings does not banish fear. Faith does, however, teach us whose name to call and who waits to calm us, for faith knows who is powerful over the depth of our fears.

“Peace, Be Still” Jesus tells the waves, the storms and each of us. Often I use this as my own breathing prayer. ‘Peace’ with each breath in, and ‘be still’ with each exhale. It has a way of calming me. “Peace, Be Still” words of comfort and hope.

This week I invite you to ponder who is there to help you through your fears? And who have you helped? We are in this boat together; at times we'll get wet and be afraid, but we are never alone.

Peace to you ~ Pastor Kathy

We're working on a new Peace Church Brochure and would like to include some words from our members along the UCC “God is Still Speaking” theme—“I love my church because...” If you have any thoughts on this theme you'd like to share, just write it up and send or email it to the office, office@peaceucc.org . Let us know if we can include your name if we print it. Thanks!

I love my church because....

Name (optional) _____

SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Worship is downstairs in the Fellowship Hall while we remodel our sanctuary. Thank you for your patience!

We continue to have two services each Sunday morning. At 8:30 we have a quiet Communion Service and at 10:30 we have our regular service with children's time. The sermon at both services is the same.

Sunday, August 3 – Annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic

Scripture: Matthew 14: 13 – 21

Sermon by Pastor Kathy: "Table of Plenty"

Music this Sunday will be provided by Tom Wilkowske and Jane Rupel. We will celebrate communion together at both services this morning.

Sunday, August 10

Scripture: Genesis 37: 1 – 4, 12 – 28
and Matthew 14: 22 – 33

Sermon by Herb Perkins, Seminary Intern

Special Music by Jim Larson at 8:30 and Kirby Wood at 10:30

Sunday, August 17th

Scripture: Genesis 45: 1 – 15
and Matthew 15: 10 – 28

Sermon: "Forgiven"

Special Music by James Moors at 10:30



Sunday, August 24th

Scripture: Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10
and Matthew 16 13 – 20

Herb Perkins, our Seminary Intern, will be our preacher this morning.

Sunday, August 31st

Scripture: Exodus 3: 1- 15

Sermon: "Taking Off Our Shoes"

This morning we will celebrate the baptism of Jasper Filby Williams

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council will meet on Tuesday, August 19th at 7 pm in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

COMMITTEE NIGHT

Teams and committees will meet on Wednesday, August 13th. Dinner will be served at 5:30 with meetings beginning at 6:00. Childcare will be provided. Join us for these very important meetings as we plan for our 2008 – 2009 program year.

Adult Forums in August

Join us at 9:30 in the Fireside Room

Sunday August 3

Are the Promises Being Fulfilled: Health Care, Education and Farming in Nicaragua

Witness for Peace delegation slide show and report by Peace Church members Paul Van Antwerp, Phil Hubert and Lyn Clark Pegg

We traveled to Nicaragua this past June to learn about the history of US involvement in Nicaragua and how that has affected current conditions. We spent an amazing four days living with families on the island of Ometepe which deepened our understanding and strengthened our commitment to justice. Come learn about what's happening in Nicaragua today and hear our personal stories!

The Witness for Peace Delegation will also give a **Presentation Monday, August 4th, at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Light refreshments provided.

Sunday August 17

Continuing the Conversation About Expanding Our Language about God

A group looking at language used in worship will continue this discussion. Everyone is invited to join the conversation.

Adult Ed Committee Meeting

Friday August 1 at 9am

Everyone Welcome

If you would like to bring your ideas and help plan the coming year's programming, please join us for our August meeting. **We will be planning Adult Forums, Book Group, and Movie Nights around the theme "The Core Questions of Faith"**. Some of the question that we will look at — "Who do you say that I am? Who is my neighbor? What must I do to inherit eternal life? Am I my brother's keeper?" Please join us with your ideas!

SUMMER MUSIC

Music is still needed for the 8:30 services on August 17, and for both services on August 24 and 31. Thanks to all who have provided music for our services this summer!

Vacation Bible School ~ August 4-8, 2008

A TREE TOP BIBLE BLAST!

4 year olds - those entering 5th grade • 6th grade & up Teen Leaders
 \$15 per child due with registration - Family Rates & Scholarships available
 (Family Rate-\$40 for 3 or more children)



Registration Form

Please fill out one form for each child

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Parent or guardian: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home church: _____

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



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[CHUM Church](#) is seeking people to teach Christian education classes to adults with developmental disabilities. Classes take place at Peace United Church of Christ from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. one Sunday a month - September through May. Curriculum/lesson plans and training are provided. Please contact Meg at 720.6570 or megkearns@chumduluth.org

Ice Cream Social
Annual Gabriel Project Fundraiser
Sunday August 17th, 2-4pm
St. Scholastica Monastery
 (1001 Kenwood Ave.)

Live Music, Fun, and Fellowship

Celebrate over 6 years of social work and social justice advocacy that has been accomplished by CHUM with the help and support of St. Scholastica Monastery.

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Game Night Wednesday August 6

7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

GAME NIGHT! Cribbage anyone? A number of people in our congregation are in search of partners for cards and board games. Let's get together and share our interests! Please bring your favorite games and snacks to share. Contact Paul Van Antwerp for more information.

Movie Night—Friday August 29th

For the Bible Tells Me So

6 pm Potluck in Fellowship Hall

Movie to follow in Fireside Room



On Friday, August 29th, the Open and Affirming Committee will host the film *For the Bible Tells Me So* in the Fireside Room. The film looks at gay relationships through the experiences of five American families and how those families handled the reality of having a gay family member. This is an award winning film that views the issue from an intellectual and emotional standpoint. It offers healing and understanding to many. Please consider yourself invited to view this extraordinary film.

A potluck, just prior to the film, will begin at 6 P.M. We will meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for our meal and move upstairs for the movie. Discussion will follow.



Last Softball Game

Aug. 5 6 pm Field #1 vs. Concordia Lutheran

Wednesday Night Woman's Golf

Meet at the Church at 5:30pm every Wednesday.

We'll drive to Nemadji Course in Superior.

Questions? Call Nettie 525-0071 or Cindy 722-3432

Cancer Support Group

Many of our members have been or are dealing with a cancer diagnosis. If you would like to be part of a support group, let Pastor Kathy or Kathy Tate know. We may try to start one this Summer.

Salsa dance lessons at Peace Church.

Mondays, August 11 and 25

Every other Monday, Juliana Bertelson of Over the Top dance studio will offer instruction in Latin Salsa dancing. There will be a modest fee (between \$2.00 - \$4.00) per person, depending on how many attend. This is an opportunity to experience something new, have some fun, and socialize. Open to all, singles or in pairs. Please sign-up in the narthex, if you are interested. For further information, contact John or Lyn Pegg at 727-3770.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Anyone is welcome to join the following Peace Church groups at any time!

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays, August 14 and 28th at 6:30pm

Please join us in the Fireside Room for a casual, informal approach to Biblical study on the upcoming week's lectionary texts. No experience necessary! Please call Paul Van Antwerp for details: 728-2188 or paulvanantwerp@gmail.com.

Reading, Writing, Reflecting Group

Thursday August 7 — 5:30-6:30pm

Come and share your love for writing. We read a short passage, exercise our writing skills, and share with each other in an informal, casual way.

Men's Breakfast—August 7 & 21

Please join us every other Thursday morning at 7am at Embers Grill in West Duluth (27th Ave. W) for breakfast and conversation.

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday August 27th at noon

Benedictine Health Center

Third Floor Lounge

Questions Along the Way

Every Tuesday at noon

Open forum to share our thoughts, ideas and questions. Everyone welcome!

Paul Van Antwerp will be facilitating this group.

PALS Thursday August 28

Picnic at the Goese's

Time to exchange ideas and plan for next year's programs.

All adults welcome—contact Dick and Linda Goese at 525-3214 or goese@chartermi.net if you'd like to be on the mailing list.

Help Pastor Kathy Make Pancakes!

Pastor Kathy can be found most Wednesdays at 9 am at the Chum Drop In Center flipping pancakes for the guests. Join her any time you have the time. It is a great way to meet new folks and help out! Bible Study follows at 10 am.



WORDS FROM CYNTHIA

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches." Matthew 13:31-32

Growing...many things are constantly growing.
"Cleaning and scrubbing can wait 'til tomorrow for babies grow up, we've learned to our sorrow. So quiet down cobwebs, dust go to sleep, I'm rocking my baby and babies don't keep."

I love this little poem. I hold my little Sam as I look around at my messy house. They grow so fast... our little ones. Sam has already doubled his birth weight in two months! How does that happen so quickly? He learned how to smile just the other day and more clothes have been put into the too small pile. Things about my little one are changing everyday. As his little body grows, I also want his faith in God to grow. As his parent, how can I help him? Of course, he will learn much by just watching and observing the people closest to him. I need to model my faith for him. I need to "walk the talk". I can teach him how to pray and read him Bible stories. I imagine as we talk about things important to him, I can help him see the divine and the sacred in all things. He can help me to see new things too!

Another thing I can do is send him to VBS! (Well, actually he will be there, but officially he can participate when he is in preschool!) You can send your little ones too! It's not too late to register. Growing in our faith is one of our themes. It will be a Rainforest Adventure at Trinity Lutheran Church August 4-8th from 9 to noon daily. Each day has a theme:

Monday -	We Share
Tuesday-	We Give
Wednesday –	We Grow
Thursday-	We Love
Friday -	We Praise



Wednesday, We Grow, will be a fun day. Children will hear the parable of the mustard seed and then participate in four other stations; Games, Crafts, Snacks, and Science are all part of the fun. Seed mosaics, growing games, frog snacks, songs, skits, and weird experiments will all reinforce the growing theme. Kids will learn about the Red-Eyed Tree Frog who is one of the tiniest little frogs in the Rainforest, but oh so brave! Some questions for the kids to think about are: "I wonder what the people who heard Jesus tell this story learned?" "What can I do as I grow bigger to help God's creation?" "How can such a tiny seed become a great big plant?"

So, come to VBS! It will be a fun time, plus a good time to water our faith and help it grow!

Blessings, Cynthia Coffin, Children's Ministry

CHURCH SCHOOL

It's almost back to school time....

CHURCH School! ...

Here's a checklist for things we need for a great year at Church School!

Church School Teachers –Can you believe that we already have 20 wonderful, committed people to teach our children this year? Here is our great team of teachers:

- ◆ Preschool – Beth Kinney, Amy Fitzpatrick, and the Senior High Class
- ◆ Kindergarten – Amy Larson and Ellen Lindgren
- ◆ 1st grade – Robin Davidson and Rachael Peterson
- ◆ 2nd grade – Jen Pearson, Sarah Nelson, and Molly Watson
- ◆ 3rd grade – Amy Galarowicz and Ingrid Nisswandt
- ◆ 4th grade – Pat O'Connell and Diane Swanoski
- ◆ 5th grade – Carla Langdon-Larson and Jesse Schomberg
- ◆ Jr High – Mary Adams, Cindy Macaulay, and Sarah Jessico
- ◆ Sr.High – Jonie Langdon-Larson and Emily Larson

Call Cynthia if you would like to join any of the teaching teams.

Rally Sunday—September 7 at 9:30am!

This is the first day of Church School. There will be time to register your children for CS and hear from the Christian Education Committee. This year's theme is "extravagant welcome"!

Parent helpers—Teachers are always willing to take some help. Visit your child's CS class a couple times a year!

Substitute teachers – We have 4 great subs, Holly Bowen-Bailey, Judy Seliga-Punyko, Maggie Fink, and Terese Tomanek. It would be great to have a few more subs on our list. Please Call Cynthia if you would like to sub!

Bibles—Don't forget to bring your bible to Church School (3rd graders, Kindergartners, and 6th graders receive them from the church)

PMA (positive mental attitude)—Church School can be a blast, but we need you to help make it so. Start looking through your bible as a family, talk about the bible stories and characters you know and get ready for a great year!!

YOUTH

Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Every Wednesday - 7-8:30pm
in the Senior High Youth Room

Notes from Jonie

Just one month left of summer youth group! So sad!!!!!! We will keep meeting throughout August though; summer isn't over yet! All 6-12 grade are welcome! If you have any questions or need more information on any activity please connect with Jonie; Jonie@Peaceucc.org OR text her at 218-251-4388 (I love hearing from you!)

August 6th: 6-8:30 Pizza party and Movie!

Just a time to hang out and rest! Thanks for all your help during VBS; I know you will be tired tonight!

August 13th: 7-8:30 The story behind the story!

August 20th: 6-8:30 Rent Goofy bikes down at Canal Park & have Ice Cream! (Meet and pick up at church) Bring \$10 to cover costs. Let Jonie know if you need help with the \$\$ part! No one turned away!

August 27th: 7-8:30 School and God! What do they have in common? Come see!

Jr & Sr High Youth event to ROCHESTER, MN Aug. 23rd!

We will be leaving Peace at 6:00 and returning at approximately 10:00 PM. We will be joining youth from all over MN for a great day of worship, work and WONDER! Drum group SHELTERED REALITY will start off our day, we participate in an Service Learning Project for a couple of hours and then end the NIGHT with a concert by Lost and Found! This is a Jr and Sr. High event! Be there... or Be square! Cost is \$10.00 a person.



AUGUST OVERNIGHTS!

Jr. and Sr. High School!

August 17-18 Kayaking Expedition it is!

Bayfield, Wisconsin here we come! We will leave right after church on Sunday and come back Monday night. We will drive to the Bayfield area and camp, get Kayak Lessons and maybe join in the Ship Wreck Paddle Tour!!



Senior High — August 12-13

Overnight at Jonie and Carla's cabin!

Who can stay up the latest and still wake up for the sunrise and morning vespers?? SMILE... (most of the time not me!) Come hang out on the lake, jumping off the pontoon, Jet Ski??? Smore's campfires, singing... it will be awesome! See you there! \$20 a person for food and boat gas!

National Youth Event

Nine of our Youth (Tony Watson, Emily Punyko, Kate Thoennes, Phil Hubert, Alison Dargon, Mia Vyadich, Tony Androsky, Keely Shrake, Rachel Peterson) accompanied by Pastor Kathy and Jonie Langdon-Larson, recently returned from the National Youth Event in Knoxville Tennessee where they had a great time with other UCC youth from around the USA. Here they are as they were ready to board the bus for the trip.





We love to eat!

Sunshine, good friends, a boat, a cabin, GOD. What more could one want? The Jr. High Youth Group had a great time at the cabin in Hayward! Here is some proof!



How long do you think they could carry me around like this? ChristinaMarie, Cynthia and Kelly!

We learned the scripture, Matt. 20:16, "The first shall be last and the last shall be first."

WHOA, what an important thing in a Jr. Higher's life to be first!!! "Quack, Quack seat back!"



We also spent a lot of time swimming, eating, tubing AND also had time in prayer and worshipping God, under the stars, by the light of the campfire, with a guitar... just after s'mores!

Kinda makes you wanna be in Jr. High School again doesn't it?

Congratulations to: Mina, Kelly, ChristinaMarie & Emily who did the Polar Bear plunge into the lake close to midnight, by the light of the moon, AND FIRST thing in the morning before eating and brushing teeth!



Thanks God! We had an awesome time!

Annual Just Peace Potluck Picnic

Monday August 11, 6-8pm

The Just Peace Annual Potluck Meeting will be Monday August 11th from 6-8 pm at Nick and Essie's house at 930 North 9th Ave E (just two blocks from church). Anyone interested in what the Just Peace Committee is planning for the coming year is invited. You can come and give us your input. Please bring a dish to pass, and maybe a chair if it is nice out. Remember you do not need to be on the Just Peace Committee to attend.

Days of Remembrance August 5 - 9, 2008

Understanding the Costs of War

Tuesday August 5

10am Press Conference
at Enger Park Peace Bell

7 pm Remembrance Peace Vigil at Concordia
Lutheran Church (2501 Woodland)

Wednesday August 6 Hiroshima Day

A Day of Silence

(please consider wearing a black armband)

Silent walk and vigil by Women in Black
at noon at Lake and Superior

7 pm, Copper Top Church: View and discuss
film "White Light/Black Rain",

a new documentary about the atomic bombings.

Thursday August 7

7 pm— *The Costs of War:*
A Community Conversation

Panelists and Small Group Discussions at the
Unitarian Universalist Congregation
(835 W. College)

Friday August 8

7 pm, View and discuss the critically-acclaimed
documentary "Why We Fight",
at the Friends Meeting House (1802 E 1st St.)

Saturday August 9

Nagasaki Day of Prayer and Remembrance

7 pm *Remembering, Mourning,*
and Repenting the Destruction,

at **Peace UCC**. Peace Church seminary intern
Herb Perkins will offer a prayer, and
singer/song-writer **Sara Thomsen** will sing.

*(Sponsored by many local peace groups,
including our Just Peace Committee)*

WEDNESDAY Activities are returning on Sept. 10!!

There's something for everyone:

Dinner- EVERYONE!

Bible Study- adults

Kid's Choir- K-5th grade

(younger children may attend with a parent)

Nursery- infant-Kindergarten

Faith Weavers- K-3rd grade

Peace Puppets- 4-5th grade

Youth Group/Confirmation- 6-12th grade

Watch the Peace Bell for more info.



Faith Weavers is for ages K-3rd graders

We are looking for a team of adults/teenagers to direct this fun group of kids in a Vacation Bible School type model. Music, crafts, snacks, storytelling and drama, and games are all included, but we need more volunteers to make it work. **Please contact Cynthia if you are interested in helping on a rotational basis.** We especially need an adult who will lead the 2nd Wednesdays of each month.

Peace Puppets

Again this year, **4th, 5th and interested 6th graders** will have the opportunity to participate in Peace Puppets. Peace Puppets is held every Wednesday night from 6:00 to 7:00.

Plans right now are to meet in the Lakeview classroom. Last year was our first year and even more fun than we anticipated! Thirteen kids were involved and shows occurred at the Peace Church Cabaret, during Children's time, Christmas Eve and at the Men as Peacemakers award ceremony. We have even more things planned for this year.

Sign-up for Peace Puppets on Rally Sunday. Peace Puppets start September 10. More information will be available, and in the meantime Cindy McLean and Cynthia Coffin are happy to answer any questions you may have. Cost is \$20.00 with puppeteerships available. We hope your child will be participating in this fun and growing ministry! During the 6:00 hour, 6th graders will have a choice to participate in Peace Puppets or help with the younger kids in Faithweavers. Youth group for 6th graders begins at 7:00.

An Invitation from the Christian Ed. Board

The Board of Christian Education would like to invite you to be part of the team! We meet on Teams and Committees night (2nd Wednesday of each month) and talk about our children and youth ministries here at church. If you have questions, opinions, concerns, or just fun crazy ideas for our young people we need you on this committee. Call Cynthia if interested.



PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY

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New Books on the Shelves...

CHECK THEM OUT!

Children's Books: *A Swiftly Tilting Planet* by Madeleine L'Engle, *Under the Same Sky* by Cynthia DeFelice, *If You Give a Moose a Muffin* by Laura Joffe Numeroff, *On Noah's Ark* by Jan Brett, *What if I Owned Everything* by Larry Burkett.

Adult Books: *A Walking Guide to the Superior Hiking Trail* by Ron Morton and Judy Gibbs (Peace Church member!), *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, *A Blind Man Can See How Much I Love You* by Amy Bloom; *The Dogs of Babel* by Carolyn Parkhurst, *Yo!* by Julia Alvarez, and *Blessings* by Anna Quindlen.

Please check your books carefully before returning them to the library. We often have to go to the public library to pick up Peace Church books that have been returned there by mistake, or return their books that have been returned to our library.

RECYCLING PEACE

➤ **MOVING—Items for sale:** Hide-a-bed sofa, excellent condition: \$250

Items to donate: High chair, crib, - good condition, chest freezer - works fine, computer desk - good condition

Call Tim and Cheryl Walsh at 525-4129.

➤ **Needed: New tables for church school kids.** Can you donate towards purchase of a table? Mark your check "kids' tables". Thanks!

➤ **Needed: Laptop computer** in decent working order is needed for a Colombian family (mother and two daughters) who have recently come to the US (Twin Cities) under political asylum. They need it for learning the English language. For more information or if you can help, contact John Pegg, jpeggduluth@yahoo.com or 349-3786.

➤ **Wanted - Solid wood bookcase.** Call Njoki Kamau, 728-9306 (home) or 726-6781 (office) for more information.

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY!

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| 1 Cathy Ameel | 21 Katie Robinson |
| 2 Parker Adams | Kyle Elden |
| Aaron Peterson | 22 Ginny Cran |
| Whitney Gagnon | Jackie Fairbanks |
| 3 Dennis Isernhagen | Aiden Fitzpatrick |
| 4 Jane Rupel | Kyle Everett |
| Ken Wergeland | 23 Debra Johnson |
| Robert Sinclair | 24 Greg Rupert |
| Jayne Hennen | 25 Dan Green |
| 5 Bria Langdon-Larson | Alex Kinney |
| Mariah Kirsh | Shari Marshik |
| Makoto Sudoh | 26 Sarah Adams |
| 6 Deborah McLeod | Robert Stevens |
| 7 Zachary Etterson | 27 Nina Wilkowske |
| 8 Amy Larson | Deb Stricker |
| 10 Nathan Hubert | Val Jensen |
| Evan Peterson | 28 James Sandomierski |
| Tyler Stark | Kathryn Thoennes |
| 11 Nicholas Carlson-Becklund | Barbara Mozingo |
| Jacob Koski | Oscar Timm |
| 12 Peter Aas | Mickey MacKenzie |
| Ian Erickson | 29 Bill Staubs, Jr. |
| 13 Tim Walsh | Doug Bowen-Bailey |
| Libby Fena | Jaime Benton |
| Annie Rupert | 30 Teri Benton |
| 14 Courtney Simpson | Fred Pomroy |
| 15 Seiji Sudoh | Mary Kate Boyle |
| 16 Bill Simpson | 31 Paul Hlina |
| Carla Langdon-Larson | Denise Buxbaum |
| Peter Rindal | Gracey Pearson |
| 19 Penny Cragun | Ella Fox |
| | Zaida Devlin |



MN Conference UCC Women's Retreat September 19-21 at Pilgrim Point Camp in Alexandria

*Theme: Creative Peace, An Inspiring
Approach to Nonviolence*

As people of faith, how do we envision and live peace? This retreat will invite us to explore the way of Christ in relation to Peace. It will inspire us to be active, creative and holistic in our search for peace.

The main focus of the retreat will be the book, *Jesus and Nonviolence: a Third Way* by Walter Wink. The book will be sent with retreat information after registration. Cost is \$95 before Sept 1, \$100 after and includes meals from Friday night until Sunday morning. Brochures are in the narthex. More info contact Doris Utke at 651-917-7435 or dorisu38@hotmail.com.

PEACE PEOPLE

THANK YOU

- To John Pegg for preaching on July 6th
- To all those who have provided special music for our worship services in July: To Paul Winchester, Ellen Martinson, Claire Smith, Cathy Ameal, Tom and Sophie Wilkowske. Special Music is still needed for August 24 and 31st.
- To Earl Rosenwinkle for sharing his psalm responses in our worship. If you would like copies of his psalms, let him or Pastor Kathy know.
- To Mary Caprioli for sharing a contemporary reading at our early service. If you have a reading/writing you would like to share at our early service, let Pastor Kathy know.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

- Sarah Poe and Muris Kobasjlia, married on June 28th at Glensheen with Pastor Kathy officiating
- Elizabeth Kersting and Ross Peterson who were married at Peace Church on Saturday, June 28th with Pastor Kathy officiating.
- Annie Sitek and Trisa Stefne who celebrated their Holy Union on July 12th. Pastor Kathy officiated.
- Taylor Wood, daughter of Angie and Phil Wood who was baptized on Sunday, July 13th.
- Vance Baker, son of Vicky Johnson and Todd Baker who was baptized on July 1st at Brighton Beach with Pastor Kathy officiating and Emily Ramsey and Cynthia Coffin providing special music.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Seiji Sudoh recovering from burns on his hands and face
- Lara Hamsher recovering from knee surgery
- Sally Larson recovering from surgery for endometrial cancer
- Nadine Hubert recovering from neck surgery.
- Mary Wergeland recovering from knee surgery.

My Fair Lady at the Playhouse

Two of our members are part of the Playhouse Production of "My Fair Lady" Kirby Wood does an outstanding job as Eliza Doolittle's father. Maddy Carpenter is part of the ensemble. August 3rd is the final performance. Call 733-7555 for more info.

THANK YOU for the following
MEMORIAL to Peace Church
From the Ameels in memory of Cindy
McLean's mother Lillian Hartland.

Notes from Paul

To me, August is always a time of transition. I breathe a little sigh to think that the long days of sun and swimming are nearing an end. By next month's Peace Bell, like many others among us, my attention will return to school and studies.

During the school year I spend a lot of time alone at a desk. This contradicts the summer life, where almost every day I find myself engaging with others. This summer, I've noticed a distinctive change in those summertime conversations: perhaps it is just me—perhaps the confidence I have in my ministry has increased and I simply wear it more readily on my sleeve, or perhaps I just talk too much about what I am interested in. But I have found, at campsites and coffee shops and picnics and parties that people are actively sharing their thoughts and questions about faith.

I'm very proud that I can serve my religious tradition—serve God—by being equipped to help people on their own journey toward understanding those questions. My greatest resource toward this end has not been my seminary education, rather, the time I share in my faith community. While I value my studies immensely, and am so grateful for the privilege of access to education, I find theology most meaningful not in a well-written textbook, but when it arises from the real experiences of people around me. I am reminded that as a church, among our service in the world and our community, it is indeed a worthy call to ministry to assist one another in pursuit of these questions, and to equip one another to wear our faith readily on our sleeves to share it with those around us.

I remember, as I transition from summer to the school-year, that there is a time to focus our attention on the serious matters on which our faith instructs us to think and act. There is also a time, God bless it, simply, to walk with each other, and be friends.

Summertime Giving!

As with the arrival of summer in previous years, we face a crunch for cash—we are at least \$14,000 behind in pledges. The bills keep coming even though fewer of us are in church regularly. **Please keep up with your pledge.**

Consider using the automatic transfer option that is available. On a date you specify, your pledge payment can be transferred automatically from an account you choose to the church account. You can begin this at any time, as well as stop it at any time. If enough would do this, we could avoid this annual fair weather problem. Contact the church office if you'd like to set this up.

~ Dick Goese, treasurer

COMMUNITY

Looking for Paddlers!

We're looking for you to join this year's Arrowhead Interfaith Council's Dragon Boat Team, PeopleS of Faith, for the Aug 22-23 festival. We're putting together the roster. Don't miss the boat!

This will be our 4th year bringing together people of different faiths to share in fellowship and a common goal. There will be a team meeting Tuesday Aug 5th at 6pm and 2 practices are scheduled at Barkers Island (Monday Aug 11 at 7pm and Thursday Aug 23rd at 6pm). Practices are 90 minutes with an hour of that in the boat. Our team emphasizes having a good time and doing a good deed in the community (the festival is a fund raiser for Duluth Clinic Breast Cancer Center).

Even if you are not thinking of paddling, come to cheer us on. We will have a tent with conversation and food. There is music and fireworks. Guaranteed next year you will want to paddle! For more information contact Andrea Gelb 724-2326 gelba@co.st-louis.mn.us. Experience is not a prerequisite and if you can't make all the meetings and are interested, give a call and we will see what we can do. Paddles up!

Fourth annual

Duluth-Superior Pride 5k Fun Run Walk & Roll

Saturday, August 30, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

Western Waterfront Trail-Duluth MN

Promoting health & wellness for all GLBT people along with our friends & allies

Come out to have a great time and enjoy the natural beauty of the Northland

Entry Fee - \$10 per person, 11 and under free.

Registration form, more info, and map available at www.dspride.com

Pre-registration is preferred but not required.

(Prize packages guaranteed to the first 150 registrants)

Registration at 8:00 A.M. • Race starts 9:00 A.M.

For further information call event co-chairs

Gary (218) 728-4085 or Hummingbird (218) 728-2778

Exercise your right to run in heels!

Pride Church Service Sunday August 31

Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 835 W. College

9:30 Breakfast ~ ~ 10:30 Worship

Interfaith Pride Choir will rehearse 8/20 at 7pm, 8/24 at 11:30, and will sing at the service on the 31st ~ All are welcome!

"These Boots are Made for Walkin' "

September 13 — Munger Trail

This is a 3, 13, or 26 mile supported walk/fun run on September 13th on the Munger trail. The event is being put on by the Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs and all the proceeds will go to them. the cost is \$25 to enter, there will be pledges accepted and the highest pledges will receive prizes.

Spirit Valley Young Mothers Supportive Housing Program Volunteers Needed

Spirit Valley Young Mothers Supportive Housing Program (YWCA) is thriving and making wonderful strides in helping young mothers get their feet on the ground and move forward. We have a new mentoring program to work directly with the young mothers and the volunteer community starting in September. This can be at the Center and/or it can be regular email or phone support. There is a broad range of opportunity for service – this list has been compiled with input from the women at Spirit Valley, staff and volunteers. Here are some suggestions for one-on-one mentoring topics/activities:

- parenting (the list is endless)
- quilting
- cooking , sewing , scrap-booking,
- home organization, budgeting (curriculum provided)
- career coaching (career guides/curriculum provided)

Please consider volunteering as a mentor or in any other capacity. One hour a week, two hours twice a month, whatever fits with your schedule.

Volunteers are also needed for the following:

- Child Care – 1 hour on Monday night (Parenting class)
- Child Care – Thursday night starting in Sept (Mentor night)
- Teaching classes
- One-on-one mentoring - Thursday night starting in Sept.
- Give rides on weekdays, week-ends and evenings

Please contact Laura Kenig to volunteer as a mentor. laurack@citlink.net , 218-235-1266

Please contact Tammi Johnson at Spirit Valley to volunteer for child care and giving rides. [tam-mij@ywcaduluth.org](mailto:tammij@ywcaduluth.org) or 624-5451

AUGUST VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 3 Kenji or Stacy Sudoh, Robin Davidson, Lisa Brown
- 10 Andy or Libby Fena, Nicki Seibert or Alisha Blazevic, Jane Rupel
- 17 Jen Murphy, Beth Kinney, Amy Fitzpatrick
- 24 Essie Geiger, Maggie Fink, Britt or Leon Rohrbuagh
- 31 Hannah Carpenter, Monica Liddle, Nam Provost

Greeters

- 3 Viola Brown, Mary Martin
- 10 Molly Stapleton-Clark, Peggy Maske
- 17 Robin Davidson, Brian Eklund
- 24 Lisa Brown, Marge Anderson
- 31 Bob and René Montgomery

Lay Readers

- 3 Betty Greene
- 10 Tanya Jackson
- 17 Steve Coll
- 24 Christine Aas-Larson
- 31 Emily Johnson

8:30 Communion Bread



- 3 Linda Goese
- 10 Liddles
- 17 Susan Kehtel
- 24 Steve Coll
- 31 White family

Damiano Soup Kitchen

We will be taking the summer off and starting up again the second Sunday of September. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!

Monday Meal

at Loaves and Fishes

- 4 Penny Cragun
- 11 John and Lyn Clark Pegg
- 18 Pat Sjoding
- 25 Essie Geiger

Ushers

- 3 Barb Kehtel, Linda Lundberg, Dan and Jane Ward
- 10 Bob and René Montgomery, Cindy Macaulay
- 17 Tanya Jackson, Mary Martin **Volunteers needed**
- 24 Jen Pearson, Craig Peterson, Susan Ranfranz
- 31 Steve Coll, Cheryl Walsh, Julie MacKenzie

NEW COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEES



At the beginning of this year, we divided the congregation into 12 monthly serving groups for our coffee hour and communion volunteers. The **August schedule** is below, as well as the **September Committee list**. Call the office, or the monthly coordinators with questions.

It has been good to see new faces involved in this ministry, and it is a good way to get to know more Peace Church people. **Thanks so much to all who are helping out!** However, this may not work for everyone, so please let us know if you do not feel you can serve, and we will take your name off the list.

We welcome feedback! Have you been involved in the coffee hour serving the last few months? How did it go? Do you have questions or concerns about serving in an upcoming month? Let us know. Call Janell in the office, 724-3637, or Cizzarie, 525-0325.

August Coffee Hour

**Coordinators: Mary Martin,
720-5894**

Elaine Augustad, 525-5984

August 3 — Picnic

Care and Fellowship Team

August 10

Set-up: Stewart & Ginny Cran,
Matt & Carrie Ryan

Serve/Clean-up: Nick & Christine
Mulozzi, Anita Nelson

August 17

Set-up: Tom & Kim Heinitz, Julie
MacKenzie

Serve/Clean-up: Bilin Tsai & Don
Poe, Tony LaDeaux

August 24

Set-up: Jan & Mike Nugent, Lisa
& Nat Brown

Serve/Clean-up: Tom & Kim
Heinitz, Dean & Tammy Fox

August 31

Set-up: Kenji & Stacy Sudoh

Serve/Clean-up: Nelson/Ehlers,
Carl & Pat Sjoding

Coming up — September

**Coordinators: Nick Zeitler &
Essie Geiger, 728-4483
Stan & Jan Burns, 525-9441**

Patty Bambenek, 728-1893

Chris And Mary Bode, 392-7730

Sara & Randy Carlson, 728-5424

Phil And Elsie Cook, 393-3136

Loni Cran-Hovis, 724-5660

Brian Eklund, 728-1840

Denise & Dennis Hamsher, 729-
9198

Hummingbird, 728-2778

Dale Shimmin & Lyn Kaim, 727-
0394

Lynn Lanier, 727-7055

Dennis & Doreen Marciniak, 724-
9371

Pat & Angela O'Connell, 525-0578

Cindy & Mark Poirier, 724-7393

Amy & Jeff Samuel, 320-282-9462

Anne & Kevin Skwira-Brown, 728-
3079

Bob & Kay Stevens, 724-4865

Diane & Mike Swanoski, 729-9643

Bill & Molly Watson, 728-4532

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

PEACE CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Kathy Nelson
Children's Ministries: Cynthia Coffin
Youth Ministries: Jonie Langdon-Larson
Music Director: Jim Pospisil
Small Group Ministries: Paul Van Antwerp
Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth



Office Coordinator: Janell Kohls
Receptionist: Nancy Nelson
Custodians: Brad Larson and Dan Shepard
Gabriel Project: Veronica Gaidelis
Parish Nurse: Cizzarie Schomberg
Pianist: Eric Bigalke

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