



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell

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

RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 — EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME!

Fall is just around the corner, which means Church School is too! Join us at **9:30 on Sunday, September 7th**, in the Fellowship Hall to kick off a great new year of Church School! We will begin with our large group gathering (parents and children) with music and the children's offering. Children will leave from the Fellowship Hall to go to their classrooms for their first official day of Church School with their teachers.

PARENTS! You are asked to attend a brief but important meeting in the Fellowship Hall after the children are dismissed to their classes. We'll cover important information regarding the upcoming Church School year, plus you'll need to register your child for Church School. Please plan on staying and spending some time with the Christian Ed. committee. The coffee pot will be on!!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!! Peace Church is growing...we have over **250 young people** 3 years old through 12th grade. There are so many places to volunteer: music, Sunday School, nursery, youth group, FaithWeavers, Peace Puppets, art activities, guest speakers, special events, Christian Education Committee, etc... We need you! Everyone is busy, but if we all help a little, we can make Peace Church a place kids want to be.

Call Cynthia to explore the many ways to get involved.

Special events in September: Sept. 7—Bibles to Kindergarten
September 14—Acolyte Training for 3rd graders
September 21—Tents of Hope – Bibles to 3rd graders



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TENTS OF HOPE will be here on Sunday, September 21st. A refugee tent that will be sent to Darfur will be set-up here at Peace Church. The children will be painting it during the 9:30-10:30 Sunday School hour. Adults are welcome to join the children during this time, and all are welcome to stay and paint after church as well. Don't miss this opportunity to send a message of hope to people in Darfur. For more info on Tents of Hope go to:

<https://www.reliabletent.com/darfur.cfm>

Building Update

The sanctuary is starting to take shape both inside and out so if you get a chance, take a peek. The shell is up and almost enclosed. The stone is almost done on the front and there's lots going on inside. There is still a lot to do, but it's really starting to look like something and you can get a sense of what it'll look like when we're all done. The contractor is on schedule and as of now we are still expecting to be able to use the space by early November. Our contractor is doing an exceptional job of coordinating everything. I personally haven't received any complaints about interruptions at the church. Our crew for moving the pews downstairs was great and I'm sure will be up for the challenge of moving them back upstairs when the time comes (that's a hint). I'll let everyone know when we are getting close to that time. Again, I thank everyone for their patience and as always let us know of any concerns.

Dan Green, Building Committee Chair

Pictured is a steel beam being raised for the new construction, with our bell tower in the background.



FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

Our theme for this year's Rally Sunday is "Extravagant Welcome". There will even be a red carpet as we welcome one another back to the Fall Program year, and celebrate God's love for us all. Our God is a God of extravagant welcome! I love Jesus' parables about how far God will go to find us and welcome us home.



One such parable is the story about the woman who loses a coin and searches long and hard for it. In Palestine the mark of a married woman was a headdress made of 10 silver coins, linked by a silver chain. The lost coin may have come from such a headdress. It would not be difficult to lose a coin in a Palestinian peasant's home, which was very dark, lit only by one small circular window. The floor was beaten earth, covered with dried reeds. Looking for the lost coin would be like looking for a needle in a haystack. She lights a lamp, using expensive oil, not waiting for sunrise. She would not give up, persisting until it was found.

The woman is diligent and unceasing in her search for the one out of many that is lost. The broom is a new image of God's love for many of us. As Jennifer Copeland wrote in a Christian Century, "Nobody ever painted Jesus with a broom in his hand, . . . Luke, however pairs these stories (the lost sheep and the lost coin) in such a way that a broom carries as much weight as a shepherd's staff for symbolizing God's care. The point of both stories, of course, is that God will seek us by any means available until we are found. And we are called to be part of the seeking, the searching for one another when we are lost — lost in our sadness, lost in grief, lost in the evil this world can dish out. We are called to grab our staffs, our brooms, or any thing we need, to search each other out."

We come together here in worship, in bible study, in so many ways, to be renewed in the love of God. Our sanctuary expansion project is part of our extravagant welcome, making it easier for all to see and hear and worship God together. Through our time together we are renewed to go back out into this crazy, broken wonderful world. As Martha P. Sterne wrote, "We gather together here to follow Jesus, then we split up and follow Jesus out of here to seek the lost, the broken, the alone . . . Jesus seems to care inordinately about the ones who aren't here. Jesus came to save the lost — He looks back over his shoulder to see if we are following him. . ."

Let us be a welcome place for all people. . . The red carpet is out, so see you in church, and out there in the world!
Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

INQUIRER'S CLASSES

Thinking about the UCC?

Want to meet others who are new to Peace Church?

Wednesday Evening Study

6 pm in the Fireside Room (dinner at 5:30)

September 24 and October 2

Childcare available

Great for folks considering membership in Peace United Church of Christ, or who just want to learn more about our faith and history.

September 24th – The Theology of the United Church of Christ . . . Who is this Still Speaking God? How are we listening? A chance to explore your spiritual gifts for use in Christ's church.

October 2nd – History of the United Church of Christ, Peace UCC and a tour of our building.

We will welcome new members into our congregation on Sunday, October 12th during the worship services. Plan on attending these classes if you would like to join at that time.

Children's Choir

Beginning Sept 10th — 5 - 5:30pm
in the Music Room.

Are you ready for another fun year of Children's Choir? Drumming, singing, instruments, learning musical notation, and playing games are all in the mix for this year. Cynthia Coffin is back again and wants as many voices as possible. Kindergarten through 5th grade...anyone littler than that needs to be accompanied by a parent. We sing the second Sunday of each month at the 10:30 service.

Choir! Choir! Choir!

Peace Church Choir will practice Wednesdays beginning at 6:15. Everyone is invited to join us for dinner at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall and then go to the Music Room for rehearsal. Practice will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd. Jim Pospisil is our music director.

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

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

Join us for Worship

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

We will have special rugs for kids to sit on up front. This will help us make room for lots of people. Fellowship time after worship will be upstairs in the narthex. We hope to be in the new sanctuary in mid November. Come and take a look at the addition — it is beautiful!

Sunday, September 7th – Rally Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 119: 33 – 40
and Romans 13: 8 – 14
Sermon: "Life in God's Way"

This morning our praise team will help to lead our worship with their great music. Today we will also celebrate communion at both services and give bibles to our kindergartners.

Sunday, September 14th

Scripture: Exodus 14: 19 – 31
Sermon: "Stepping In"

Sunday, September 21st

Scripture: Exodus 16: 2 – 15
and Matthew 20: 1 – 16
Sermon: "Murmur, Murmur"

This morning the Praise team will help to lead our worship and our 3rd graders will receive their bibles.

Sunday, September 28th

Scripture: Exodus 17: 1 – 7
and Matthew 21: 23 - 32

Today we will celebrate the baptism of Jayden Samuels, son of Amy and Jeff Samuels.

Planning Meeting - Haller Tithe

Sunday September 7 at noon

This meeting will be held in the Fireside room for people who are interesting in working on the process for allocating the Haller tithe.

These funds, which came from a generous donation to our church by Herb Haller, were set aside by the Coordinating Council as part of Phase I of the Building Peace Campaign. They are to be used to meet the needs of our wider community.

A congregational survey this spring set priorities for concerns to be addressed with these funds. At the September 7 meeting, we will discuss the process for allocating funds, whether to provide grants or revolving loans, and the timeline for spending the funds.

All who are interested are welcome to join this discussion.

Adult Forums in September

Join us at 9:30 in the Fireside Room

At one of our adult forum planning meetings over the summer, Jerry Cleveland brought a wonderful reading for us from Frederick Buechner entitled "Questions". "On her deathbed, Gertrude Stein is said to have asked, 'what is the answer?' Then after a long silence, 'What is the question?'"

Don't start looking in the Bible for the answers it gives. Start by listening for the questions it asks. There is perhaps no stronger reason for reading the Bible than that somewhere among all those India paper pages there awaits readers, whoever they are, the one question which, though for years they may have been pretending not to hear it, is the central question of their own lives. Here are a few of them:

What is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? (Matthew 16:26)

Am I my brother's keeper? (Genesis 4:9)

If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)

What is Truth? (John 18: 38)

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? (Psalm 139: 7)

Who is my neighbor? (Luke 10: 29)

What shall I do to inherit eternal life? (Luke 10: 25)

When you hear the question that is your question, then you have already begun to hear much. Whether you can accept the Bible's answer or not, you have reached the point where at least you can begin to hear it too.

This year our adult forum time will focus on your questions and how we faithfully wrestle with them together, using the biblical texts and other readings and videos.

Sunday, September 7th — A Gathering of Questions . . . What are some of your core questions of faith? Let us share our questions together and through this create some of the plans for 2008 – 2009 Adult Forum Time.

Sunday, September 14, 21, 28 — We will deal with some of our God questions. For part of this time we will use the DVD "Questions of Faith – Who is God?" and a lesson from Living the Questions, "Evil, Suffering and a God of Love".

Turn the page for more
Adult Education opportunities!

MORE ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6 pm in the Fireside Room Wednesday, September 17th

Come and read together an upcoming text from Matthew (Exodus 16: 2 - 15). We will be using an ancient bible study method Lecto Divina. Each participant has unique insights to offer the group from their hearing of the biblical story.

Women's Spirituality Group - NEW Saturday, September 27th at 9 am in the Fireside Room — Coffee and rolls provide

On the fourth Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m, a newly formed Women's Spirituality Group will meet in the Fireside Room. All women are invited.

Come be with other women of our congregation and explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus' way. At our first meeting we will consider several options for how the group could function. Bring your ideas! Do you want bible study, a book study, reflections on a variety of writings from women? Talk with Pastor Kathy or Cindy McLean if you have more ideas! Please join us for coffee and great discussion with old friends and new.

Friday Night Movies begin again on September 26 at 7pm in the Fireside Room, and continues every 4th Friday September movie — *Juno* Bring a beverage - popcorn provided



This off-beat, coming-of-age comedy addresses a teenager, Juno's, unplanned pregnancy. Juno devises a plan to locate the proverbial perfect parents to adopt her baby and everyone in Juno's world must do a little soul-searching. The movie won the 2008 Oscar for Best Original Screenplay and is also known for its quirky musical score.

Join others in viewing and then talking about this movie that has captured a large audience of teens in part through the great music, relevant themes and junk food—Sunny D, Super Ropes and orange tic tacs are major players. Cizzarie Schomberg will facilitate the discussion. Above junk food will be provided. A special invitation goes out to parents and teenagers to talk about the issues of teen sexuality and pregnancy after the movie. Movie is rated PG-13 — All in that category and above are welcome!

Book Night — Thursday, September 18

Peace Church Book Group begins a new year on September 18 from 6:30 to 8 pm. If you like to read and discuss your reading in a small, friendly group, please join us in the Fireside Room. The group meets the third Thursday of the month.

September book *The Shack* by William P. Young Discussion facilitated by Rev. Bob Stevens and Cindy McLean

A grief-stricken father in mid-life is about to have an extraordinary experience with God. On a weekend camping trip, his 6-year-old daughter, Missy, was murdered. Then, one wintry day, he receives a note in his mailbox inviting him back to the woods, to the shack in which his daughter died. The note, it would seem, is from God. This compelling fantasy explores themes of love, loss, blame and the nature of God.

The path to God is paved with questions—sometimes frightening and deeply painful ones. While reading The Shack I realized the questions unfolding in this captivating novel were questions I was carrying deep within me. True freedom is born from facing those things we feel we don't have the courage or strength to face. The beauty of this book is not that it supplies the reader with easy answers to grueling questions, but that it invites you to come in close to a God of mercy and love, in whom we find hope and healing. Jim Palmer, author of *Divine Nobodies*

October 24th book—*White Like Me* by Tim Wise

Racial privilege shapes the lives of white Americans in every facet of life, from employment and education to housing and criminal justice. Using stories instead of stale statistics, Wise weaves a compelling narrative that assesses the magnitude of racial privilege and is at once readable and scholarly, analytical yet accessible.

Men's Bible Study

Mondays, September 8th & 22nd at 6:30pm

Please join us on the second and fourth Mondays of the month for an informal, but focused look at our lectionary texts for the upcoming week. We tend to center on one text that peaks our interest or curiosity, and work through it, to determine its significance in our faith tradition and our present lives. No experience necessary! Facilitated by Paul VanAntwerp.

Even more opportunities on the next page . . .

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Reading, Writing, Reflecting Group
Thursday September 4
5:30-6:30pm

Come and share your love for writing. We read a short passage, exercise our writing skills, and share our thoughts and ideas about writing and life with each other.

Men's Breakfast—September 4 & 18
Embers Grill in West Duluth (27th Ave. W)
Please join us every other Thursday morning
for casual conversation and company

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study
Wednesday September 24th at noon
Benedictine Health Center
Third Floor Lounge
Facilitated by Cheryl Walsh
Bring a lunch; coffee and dessert provided.

Questions Along the Way
Every Tuesday at noon

Some of the recent questions from Questions Along the Way:

- How does our spirituality influence our friendships?
- How do the biological processes of emotional development influence our spiritual development?
- How do we balance the diversity of religious expression in our congregation with thematic consistency and ritual in Sunday worship?
- How can we respond to someone who calls our favored political candidate "the antichrist"?

And plenty more... Please join us!

Paul Van Antwerp facilitates this group.

PALS
(Peace Adults Learning and Socializing)
Thursday September 25
*Watch the bulletin and e-mails
for this month's program*

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.

BABY PICTURE!

Calling all Peace Church babies born since last September — We want your baby face!

A photo of our Peace Babies will be taken

Sunday September 7 at 11:30

We hope you and your baby can join us!



Game Night Monday September 15
7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Last month's game night brought out some of our congregation's cutthroat Cribbage players (as well as Apples to Apples, Skip-bo, and Jenga). There's also talk about an intense Scrabble competition in the month ahead! Come laugh and chatter with us. Please bring your favorite game snacks to share. We can also order pizza if anybody's interested.

Hayride for people who have
joined Peace Church in the last 2 years!
September 21 at noon—carpool from church

Our hayride starts at Countryside Rides at 1pm with lunch before the ride in their party room. Since we need to plan lunch and let them know how many to plan for, an rsvp would be nice. Pastor Kathy is in charge of the weather!!!

Fall Men's Canoe Trip • Sept. 26th - 28th

We will be going out the Gunflint Trail area in the Eastern BWCA into Duncan Lake. This is an area near the Border. There are trails to the bluffs over Rose and Rat Lakes. We will go in and set up camp and then day trip or hike from camp. No moving of the campsites, so you will also have the option of staying in camp the whole 3 days and enjoying the quiet call of the North.

There will be a cost of \$16 for the permit plus the cost for food. **We will meet on Sunday Sept. 7th to decide on food, equipment needs, and transport.** We have 15 people that have expressed interest, but I'd guess we'll be down to one group (9 people max per group) before we go. Call Jim McLean for more info—525-3526.

Help Pastor Kathy Make Pancakes!
September 10 & 24

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



Peace Church Women's Basketball

Tuesdays at 7pm in the Grant School Gym
Starts September 16

All skill levels welcome. No small children please, for safety reasons. Call Karie S. with questions, 341-5528.





"Extravagant Welcome!"

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me... and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." Matt. 10:40-42

Rally Sunday is just around the corner! Sunday, September 7th will be our kick off for Church School. Our theme this year is "Extravagant Welcome". Peace Church strives to be a place of welcome for all people...that includes our children. Peace continues to grow and the number of children is increasing. We have over 250 young people 3 years old through the 12th grade! We want each one of those kids to feel welcomed here! So many of you have volunteered and given your time in different ways to make Peace Church a place kids love to be. Thank you, thank you, and thank you! I ask for your continued partnership and support in making our programs exciting and meaningful for our children. Everyone has something a child needs...love, a listening ear, and a smile. We need your help to continue welcoming our children as Jesus did and taught. If you can help in any way: making phone calls, leading an activity, being on a team of Sunday School teachers, Youth Group, Faith Weavers, art activities, puppet ministry, Kid's Choir, Christmas Pageant, etc. etc. etc. Please contact me! If you have a crazy idea, call me! If your child feels left out, call me!

Blessings, Cynthia Coffin, Children's Ministry

Sunday School Teacher training on Tuesday
September 2 - 6:30 - 8pm in Music Room

We will go through curriculum, schedule and classrooms. Pastor Kathy will do an orientation on the gospels of Matthew and Mark. Child-care provided.

Church School Teachers

- Infant/Toddler Childcare – Childcare staff & volunteers: **Cornerstone Nursery**
- Preschool – Beth Kinney, Amy Fitzpatrick, and the Senior High Class: **Pre-school Nursery**
- Kindergarten – Amy Larson and Ellen Lindgren: **Lakeside Classroom**
- 1st grade – Robin Davidson and Rachael Peterson: **Infant Nursery**
- 2nd grade – Jen Pearson, Sarah Nelson, and Molly Watson: **Cornerstone**
- 3rd grade – Amy Galarowicz and Ingrid Nisswandt: **Cornerstone**
- 4th grade – Pat O'Connell and Diane Swanoski: **Mindanao Room**
- 5th grade – Carla Langdon-Larson and Jesse Schomberg: **Heritage Room**
- Jr High – Mary Adams, Cindy Macaulay, and Sarah Jessica: **Youth Room**
- Sr.High – Jonie Langdon-Larson: **Burrow**

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"!

Once again, we are going on an adventure in Church School! We will say goodbye to Bible Quest and begin using the UCC curriculum Seasons of the Spirit. Every class will focus on key biblical stories that follow the lectionary and Pastor Kathy's sermons. Each week, all students learn the same story, using musical, artistic, linguistic, kinesthetic, individual and group approaches to reach multiple learning styles.

We will begin Church School in the Fellowship Hall at **9:30am each Sunday morning**, starting September 7th, as a large group. This opening is a time of prayer, singing, collecting offering, celebrating birthdays and visitors and hearing the main theme for the week's lesson. The children will then be dismissed to their classes.

Attention all Kindergartners! We want to give you a Children's Bible on Rally Sunday, September 7th at the 10:30 service. If you can't make it to church, give the office a call, so we can get you a Bible.

Attention 3rd graders! We want to give you a Bible on Sunday, September 21st at the 10:30 service. Pastor Kathy will be picking out a special Bible verse just for you. If you cannot make it to church this Sunday, please let us know!

Acolyte September schedule

- 9-14 Axel Aas, Sannah Arvidson-Hicks
- 9-21 Frost Bowen-Bailey, Autumn Finch
- 9-28 Sophie Fink, Kierra Heazlett

There will be an acolyte training for all 3rd graders on Sunday, September 14th at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare Position Available

We are in urgent need of a childcare worker here at Peace Church. If you, or anyone you know might be interested in this position, please contact Cynthia at 724-3637 or coffin@peaceucc.org

Hours are Wednesdays 5-7:30pm, and Sundays from 8am-12noon. Wages are \$9/hour.

YOUTH

Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP 6th-12th graders



Wednesdays — 7-8:30pm — Youth Room

From Jonie ~ Hey everyone!!! Summer's over, and school has started but don't be so glum chum! Youth group continues all year in full force. We meet every Wednesday night from 7-8:30. We always start with check-in, prayer and worship; then we will always study something amazing in the bible and end with FOOD & games! Connect with me any time.

Email: Jonie@Peaceucc.org or text me at 218-251-4388 (p.s. I Love texting!!)

Sept. 3rd — NO Youth Group ☹️

Sept. 10th

WELCOME Back PARTY!

(Parents invited for 15 min.)

Sept. 17th What does it mean to be a youth group? Team building!

Sept. 24th Team building

PARENTS — Please sign up in youth room to bring snacks for youth group! Help our youth budget stretch to its fullest!

September FUN stuff! Jr. High/Sr. High

September 14th at 12:00-2:00 PYG (Peace Youth Group) is going on the Vista Fleet on the 1 1/2 hour sight seeing tour. During the Sunday School Hour we will make bag lunches for all those who are signed up! SO make sure you sign up to come! \$5.00 a person. Meet and Pick up at church.

Sept. 20th 5:00 PM – Sept. 21st 9:00 AM.
"Night Without A Home" Sleep Out

This is an event to raise awareness of homelessness and poverty within our county, by sleeping outside in cardboard boxes at St. Scholastica. Participants will also raise funds to help END homelessness. Guest speakers will share their personal experiences with homelessness and advocates will discuss solutions currently underway to end homelessness in St. Louis County! Join us and tons of other youth and young adults from around Duluth TO END POVERTY!

Sept. 28, 2pm Crop Walk on the Lake Walk

This is a fundraiser to bring awareness about hunger in Duluth and to raise money that will be used to support those in need! Come walk with us!
See more info on Crop Walk on page 14

CONFIRMATION

for all 9th, 10th and 11th Graders

Class will begin again on Wednesday, September 17th at 7 pm. We will meet on the first and third Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30. We will always worship with the youth group from 7:00 – 7:30 and then go to class until 8:30. Youth group worship is required on nights of confirmation class. This year both the first and second year classes will be combined. If everyone comes there will be 19 or more in confirmation.

We will also have retreats using the Our Whole Lives Sexuality Curriculum, and a Summer Trip to Biloxi Mississippi to work with Back Bay Mission, June 7 – 13th. Back Bay is rehabbing homes that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina. This is an inter-generational trip and we are hoping 30 – 40 folks from our congregation will go. We will possibly charter a bus for our travels.

Part of the class expectation is regular participation in worship and/ or youth group. We are asking that you be in worship or youth group (beyond confirmation class) at least 2 times a month.

Also you need service hours of 4 per month. On **Sunday, September 28th is the Annual CROP Walk** for hunger. We will participate as a group. It starts from First Lutheran Church at 1:30. We will carpool from the church at 1:15. There will be pledge forms available soon. The **Chum Sleep Out at St. Scholastica is on Saturday night September 20th**. This is an overnight sleeping in cardboard boxes to raise awareness and money for homelessness. The Band Sheltered Reality will be part of the evening. It should be lots of fun and will earn you 12 service hours.

Church School—it's not just for the little kids!
Come on Sunday mornings @ 9:30.

Faith Weaver Crew: If you are a **6-8th grader**, you are in the crew that will become **FaithWeaver Specialists** this year. If you have interest in being a leader with the younger kids in the congregation during this VERY FUN time on Wednesday nights, contact Cynthia.

NOTE TO PARENTS: There are no programs or supervision for Jr/Sr High youth from **6 – 7 on Wednesday nights**. This time should be spent in service by volunteering with FaithWeavers, Peace Puppets, or cleaning in the kitchen. If your son/daughter is in the building at this time, please encourage them to do one of these activities or arrive at church for Youth Group from 7 – 8:30 pm. Comments or questions? Please contact Cynthia or Jonie.

YOUTH – SUMMER ADVENTURES!

National Youth Event



In July, 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, attended the National Youth Event in Knoxville Tennessee, where they had a great time with other UCC youth from around the USA. Here are some of their comments about the experience:

I had a lot of awesome times at NYE. One of my favorites was when I went to the forum about the crisis in Sudan. I learned so much information about Sudan that I had no idea was going on. I found his story incredibly touching and inspiring. Hearing his story made me want to travel to a Third World country and make a difference.

I also really enjoyed all of our speakers. They all had wonderful stories and made me question my own journey in life and what I can do to contribute more.

NYE was a blast! I learned so much about people from other places and about myself, and I would go again in a heartbeat! LIVING THE LIFE!

We met amazing people who just wanted to have a good time and get close to God.

National Youth Event was fabulous. One particular memory that I will remember is when Rev. John Thomas gave his sermon. It brought tears to my eyes because it was so moving. He told us about hope and where we can place our hope. He mentioned war in Iraq and in the Middle East and told us how the people live with horror. When we all prayed together for the victims of the war and the family members of victims and for those in the shooting in Tennessee, there was such an overwhelming presence of God listening to our prayers.



The music, and there was definitely lots of it. It was impossible to not get caught up in it; we had no choice but to get up on our feet and clap our hands to the up-beat rhythms or to sway gently together to the calmer melodies. The common thread of worship wound through all 3000-some of us and a collective energy filled the arena. Music is how I most often find myself best connected to God and sharing it with others only makes this feeling stronger. It's experiences like these that I always look back to and hold onto forever.

My favorite part of NYE would have to be making new friends and seeing all the different states come together for this conference. The speakers were amazing also.

My favorite memory from the trip was that Butterfly lady that sat up in the tree. She was really cool, and her story was amazing. Listening to her made me want to get out and do something amazing, but I don't think I could sit in a tree for a couple of years.



Kayakers have fun in the wind at Bayfield!

An adventurous group of Peace kids and adult chaperones braved big winds on Lake Superior, and returned home full of enthusiasm!



WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES — start September 10th!

**WELCOME
BACK!
Sept. 10**

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets
6pm: Adult Study, Inquirers Class (Sept. 24 & Oct. 1) Fireside Room
6:15pm: Senior Choir 7-8:30pm: Youth Group
7-8:30pm: Confirmation (Confirmation 1st & 3rd Weds.)

Faith Weavers



Kindergarten—3rd Grade
Wednesdays 6-7pm

Faith Weavers is an hour of programming on Wednesdays, which focuses on Bible stories through song, crafts, games, creative snack making, drama, journal time, and service. All kindergarten through 3rd grade kids are welcome to join us any time.

Important Parent Information

In order to ensure a safe and effective program, we need one adult helper at each FaithWeaver session. If your child is enrolled in FaithWeavers or Peace Puppets, we will ask you to volunteer to help out on a rotational basis throughout the year. The more parents who are willing to help, the fewer times every one will be assigned. Please call Cynthia with questions or comments. Anyone willing to lead a special activity the second Wednesday of the month, please contact Cynthia.

Peace Puppets — Wednesday 6-7pm

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 to 7.

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 we performed 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 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.

Registration Form: Fill out below to sign your children up for this fall's Faith Weavers/Peace Puppets Program. A \$20 (per year per kid) donation is requested to help cover the cost of supplies. (Scholarships are available.)

FAITH WEAVERS/PEACEFUL PUPPETS REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Child _____ Age _____

Date of Birth _____ School grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Known Allergies (Including food) _____

Special Needs _____

What else would you like us to know about your child? _____

Adult Helpers—are you willing to help lead/co-teach Faith Weavers on a rotational basis?

Check here if interested. _____

MODERATOR'S REPORT by Tom Curran, Moderator

Council met on August 19th and had a fairly busy night. Vacation Bible School, junior high kayak trip and other youth activities have kept our children and staff busy. The sanctuary has gone through many exciting changes in the past week. The stone wall is up to the second floor and the major beam has been removed.

Finance committee reports that we are behind in pledges and it is hoped that people will be able to get caught up soon. A committee has been formed for the Stewardship Drive for 2009. Justin Olson, Tom Hystead, Dick Goese, Tom Curran and Holly Bowen-Bailey are the current members; if you would like to help please contact one of us.

Human Resources Committee has been very busy. A review process has been developed for the Lead Pastor. Minnesota Conference Compensation Guidelines are recommending a significant salary increase for pastors. The old search committee and current HR committee will meet before October to develop clarity as we seek an associate pastor in the future. We also agreed to keep the three interim positions until the end of May 2009.

A thank you to Jonie, Paul and Cynthia for all the work they have done this summer.

Christian Education is busy planning an "Extravagant Welcome" for Rally Sunday, September 7, 2008. Christian Spiritual Life is planning for November 23rd move back to the sanctuary. Christian Service is focusing on poverty for 2009.

Summertime Slowdown!

Reduced attendance in the summer has left us with a deficit—we are about \$23,000 behind in pledges. **Please catch up with your pledge to help us to pay our bills!**

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.

Immediate opening for Peace Church Childcare worker for Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Talk to Cynthia if you know anyone who might be interested!

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COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, September 16** at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Visitors are always welcome.

COMMITTEE NIGHT

Committees and Teams meet on **Wednesday, September 10th**. Dinner is served at 5:30 and meetings begin at 6 pm. This is a very important meeting as we look at calendars and plan for the year together. At 6 pm there will be Faith Weavers for our kids, Peace Puppets for our 4 – 5th graders and nursery for those 3 and under.

Report from the Just Peace Potluck Picnic

The Just Peace Committee held its annual potluck planning meeting on August 11th on the deck at Nick and Essie's house. We had about 12 people attending, and it was a gorgeous night to be outdoors.

We want to focus on the issues of poverty and affordable housing, as our overlying theme for the upcoming year. The Just Peace Co-chairs posed a question, "What kind of activity or program is attainable, to reduce the amount of poverty in Duluth and the surrounding area?" Through discussion we decided that we didn't want to reinvent the wheel. The best way to use our ideas was to tap into existing organizations in the community that work with the issue of poverty in Duluth (Community Action Duluth, CHUM, Damiano Soup Kitchen, etc). One of the 18 ideas was to have an immersion event for families to learn what it is like to be in poverty. Following our meeting we found out that CHUM is having a sleep-out fundraiser event on September 20th. As the Just Peace Committee we challenge you and your family to expand your boundaries and attend... Nick Zeitler, Just Peace Co-Chair

Notes from Paul VanAntwerp

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind on the sea.
(Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness: New Century Hymnal #286)*

Two weeks ago, this song came up in our conversation at Questions Along the Way, and it's been in my head ever since. And with good reason: though this song has a Hawaiian influence, it sure seems to fit these trailing days of summer here in Northern Minnesota. Over and over, I hear people talking about fitting in their favorite summer activities "for the last time" before the return to the school year, and onset of colder weather. People want to feel the spirit "blow through the wilderness" one more time...

...And then there's that upcoming placidness. With the cold winds off the lake, we also know the still and dark days are coming. The more predictable rhythm of the darker season brings with it a need for increased human interaction, community, and fellowship.

Here in our community of faith, we understand this. With our Rally Sunday celebration on September 7th, the pace of our church activities picks up. Many of us, who have spent the summers traveling or gardening or simply taking in the summer weather, find ourselves opening the doors to this church more often. We seek out activities that stimulate and educate us, we seek out people with similar interests, we gather as friends, welcome one another, share our stories, and appreciate our shared community of faith.

If our summer groups have been any indication of how things will be through the winter, I'm very excited about the time ahead. Take a look at our "activities and opportunities" page. I hope you find something there to interest you—something to prompt the spirit of restlessness within you, and stir you from placidness—some way to add light to the darker season, and celebrate the community of faith and fellowship that we are. And, as always, if you have other ideas for interesting groups and activities, we'd love to hear from you! See you soon,

Paul VanAntwerp, Small Group Ministries

Sacred Conversations on Race

As people of faith and as members of the United Church of Christ, we are called to participate in sacred conversations around issues of race and social transformation. This coming year, the Dismantling Racism team of Peace Church will be offering three opportunities to participate in a series of sacred conversations on race. Over the course of the year, we will offer three sessions, each consisting of three or four evening conversations. Throughout the year, we will explore the social reality of racism in this country, study the historical, social, and cultural consequences of racism, and acknowledge our need for truthfulness, forgiveness, transformation, and action.

The first session, "Acknowledging the Legacy of Racism," will examine the cultural and structural impact of racism on us as individuals as well as on our collective society. It will explore the toxic impact that racism has had on us all. The second session, "Acknowledging the Historical Context of Racism," will be held in the winter, followed by the third session, "Acknowledging our Need for Forgiveness and Action," next spring.

The first series of conversations will be held on Tuesday evenings, October 14 and October 28. On Tuesday, November 11, we will join the community-wide conversation on race at Denfeld High School, where Victor Lewis, an African American featured in the documentary *The Color of Fear*, will be speaking. The Tuesday evening conversations at Peace church will begin at 5:30, with a light meal, and will end at 8:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided, with related activities for children.

For further information or to register for the Sacred Conversation on Race, call the church office, 724-3637

Initial planning group members: Jerry Cleveland, Bill Hardesty, Tanya Jackson, Tony LaDeaux, Pamela Middlefehldt, Kathy Nelson, Lyn Clark Pegg, and Herb Perkins



PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY

PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY GLBT Additions to Our Library

The Open and Affirming Committee is working to develop our library's collection of books relating to GLBT issues and experiences, with a particular focus on materials for young adults. Check out the special display of new materials in the Library/Fireside Room.

Included are three picture books for children: the classic *Heather Has Two Mommies*, as well as *And Tango Makes Three* and *Molly's Family*. There are also several young adult novels, including *The God Box*, *Annie on My Mind*, *The Rainbow Boys*, *The Geography Club*, and *Keeping You a Secret*. Each of these tells a story about the challenge, struggle, pain, and joy of being lesbian or gay. Two books explore transgender experiences, the young adult novel, *Luna*, and a memoir, *She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders*. Another memoir, for older readers and adults, is *The Tricky Part*, a powerful reflection on childhood abuse and the years of healing and eventual grace that followed. There is an anthology of poetry, *Bend, Don't Shatter: Poets on the Beginnings of Desire*, as well as two collections of short stories and personal narratives about coming out and being lesbian/gay: *Am I Blue?* and *Hear Me Out: True Stories of Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia*. *GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Queer and Questioning Teens* is an excellent resource offering practical information, strategies, and skills for dealing with issues relating to friends and family, high school, health, dating and sex, religion, college, work, and beyond.

These books share some remarkable stories, provide support and useful information, are courageous and tender, engaging and empowering for us all. Check them out. Share them with someone you love.

RECYCLING PEACE

- Pull-out sofa sleeper and queen sized mattress and box spring to give away. All in good condition. Call Chris Campbell at 218-251-2385.
- Needed: Computer and printer suitable for word processing, email and games, full size couch, rocker/recliner and microwave. Call Net-tie at 525-0071.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY!

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| 3 Maxine Proetz | 20 Eli Beech Brown |
| Aidan Erickson | 21 Naomi Christensen |
| 4 Eponine Schomberg | Stacy Sudoh |
| 5 John Greene | 22 Emily Punyko |
| Lauretta Shrake | Peter Provost |
| Siri Larsen | Grant Provost |
| 7 Jennifer Zoretich | Mattie Fox |
| 8 Sharon Geisert | 23 Lisa Messerer |
| 9 Cameron Mitchell | John Fox |
| Cathy Dziuk | 24 Sergei Hanka |
| 10 Mason Branstrator | Beth Kinney |
| 12 Emily White | 25 Stella Molina |
| 13 John Jordan | Dean Fox |
| Rod Schelin | 26 Nancy Nelson (New Hope) |
| Tom Liddle | Ingrid Nisswandt |
| 14 Anne Beauchamp | Isabelle Schomberg |
| Emily Larson | Anne Simpson |
| Beth Ruark | Joseph Mulozzi |
| Kate Skwira-Brown | Kevin Kinney |
| 16 Jerry Cleveland | 27 Charlie Bray |
| Bonita Schelin | 28 Andy Fena |
| 17 Hans Arvidson-Hicks | Kris Larson |
| 17 Mac Tobin | 30 Chris Bode |
| 19 Todd Kneebone | Sawyer Graff |
| Oscar Lundell | HAPPY BIRTHDAY! |

United Theological Seminary courses in Duluth

Reimagining the Church for Our Contemporary Time

Taught by Eleazar Fernandez, an ordained minister in the UCC in the Philippines, who has spoken several times here at Peace. **Members of the community are invited to participate.**

Classes will meet at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Fridays & Saturdays the weekends of Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5.

The Academy for Vital Christianity—for those seeking a deeper understanding of the Christian tradition *Understanding the New Testament in Today's World*

September 20 & October 11, 9:30am-3:30pm

at Peace UCC, Fireside Room

Taught by Marilyn Salmon,

Professor of New Testament theology at United

For more info on both classes call Ann Nordgren at 525-3136 or go to www.unitedseminary.edu/about/contact.asp

PEACE PEOPLE

THANK YOU

- To all our Special Musicians for August — Rachel Scott, James Moors, Ella Fox, Herb Perkins, and a Men's Quartet—Gary Anderson, John Pegg, Tim Carpenter and Jim Pospisil.
- To all who provided flowers for the altar this summer; thanks for enhancing our downstairs worship space!
- Thank you to all the people who have volunteered in the nursery this summer! Families with young children appreciate you so much.
- Thank you to Beth Chelseth who works hard to make the nursery schedule work each month.
- Thank you to Lara Hamsher, our nursery staff for the summer. Good luck at college! We will miss you!
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered at Vacation Bible School this summer. We had a blast and it was successful due to all your help!
- From Greg at Loaves and Fishes: "Dear Friends, We are very grateful for your recent and steadfast giving. We have 2 families staying with us and 5 interns for the summer. A couple people have said they want to come and explore helping the community, and 3 people are planning to move into Hannah House to be associate members. We are preparing a fund appeal letter because our expenses have been exceeding our income. With Gratitude."
- "THANK YOU for allowing us to use your wonderful facility! I trust all was in order when we left. We had a great time on our trek and all returned home with just minor cuts and bruises. Thank you again, Paul Bogart, Venture Crew Adult Advisor" (Group from Kansas who stayed at Peace the night before a Boundary Waters trip.)
- From the Huberts: Thank-you to all who provided meals for us following Nadine's surgery. They were delicious, and greatly appreciated!
- From Rev. Tom Anderson and the Seafarer's Center: Dear Friends at Peace UCC, Thank you for your recent donation of \$155 to the Seafarer's Center. We appreciate the focus you offered on this ministry when Rev. John Pegg spoke at your worship service. We look forward to what we may do together in the future on behalf of international seafarers. Peace in Christ.
- To Laura Squillace for all her volunteer help in the office this summer! We wish you the best as you venture off to St. Catherine's!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

- Chelsie Livingston and Dale Hovis who were married on August 2nd at Elim Lutheran Church. Pastor Kathy officiated. Dale is Loni Hovis' son and Marlis Cran's grandson.
- Lindi Carlson and Mike Steffes of our congregation who were married at Spirit Mountain on August 8th with Pastor Kathy officiating.
- Jessica Shimmin and John Honerkamp who were married on August 8th at Brighton Beach with Pastor Kathy officiating. Jessica is the daughter of Dale Shimmin.
- Carolyn Nelson and Rick Micahlik who were married on August 15th at Carolyn's parents home, Bev and Dick Zengel, with Pastor Kathy officiating and Steve Horner and Peter Provost providing the music.
- Marie Picache and Ryan Anderson who were married at Enger Park on August 15th with Pastor Kathy and Steve Horner and Peter Provost leading the worship service .
- Bailey Rose Frederickson, daughter of Kalli Frederickson who was baptized on August 2nd.
- Marlis Cran who has a new grandson, Caleb James YoonHo Cran, recently adopted from Korea by Doug and Colleen Cran.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Jay Caven, son of Marion Caven, who is recovering from head injuries received in a motorcycle accident.
- Deloris Thompson and Lowell Osland as they rebuild their home and lives following a house fire.
- Mariah Berner recovering from successful leg surgery.
- Grace Springsteele recovering from surgery.

New Member — Anthony F. LaDeaux

Family members: 3 sons, Anthony Jr, Ryan, Michael, and 4 daughters, Antoinette, Jeanette, Claudette and Jennifer

What is your vocation? Accountant/Mechanic

What are your hobbies/passions? Camping, hiking, traveling, taking in the scenery

What brought you to Peace? The outreach which Pastor Kathy Nelson is very active in.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? I once was a lay reader at Leech Lake Reservation and gave service at 3 different churches (Episcopal)

Comments: I am attracted to spiritual actions of the community that are not self-serving.

From Rev. Tony Clark

Dear members and friends of Peace Church:

I have been called to be the temporary interim at Hazel Park Congregational UCC in St. Paul, while the search committee completes their call process. Thank you for your prayers and well-wishes. Peace and Blessings, Rev. Tony Clark

COMMUNITY

CROP Walk — September 28

Register at 1:30 at First Lutheran
Walk on the Lakewalk at 2pm
HELP CROP STOP HUNGER!

Join our team for the 2008 CROP WALK

Come rain or shine, we are gearing up to join the two mile Head of the Lakes CROP Walk on the Lakewalk.

The CROP WALK is a fundraiser for global initiatives to combat hunger by Church World Service and its inter-faith partners. Additionally, 25% of what is raised will fund the hunger-fighting work of CHUM, the Duluth and Superior Salvation Army, the Damiano Community Kitchen, Loaves and Fishes, and the Union Gospel Mission.

For more information about how to get involved, contact Doug Bowen-Bailey. dbb@digiterp.com/722.7166 or visit www.arrowheadinterfaith.org/CROP.html.

CHUM NEWS

CHUM CHURCH is seeking people who would like to teach (or co-teach) Christian education classes to adults with developmental disabilities, beginning September 14. 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. If you would like to volunteer or to visit CHUM Church, please contact Meg @ 720.6570 or meg-kearns@chumduluth.org

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the **Grandma's Marathon Gabriel Project fundraiser**. Peace Church raised \$224.26, as part of the \$2500 raised overall, and an \$800 matching grant from Thrivent Financial.

Thank you from CHUM to Linda Goese and Peace Church for the gift of 50 rhubarb pies for this summer's **Rhubarb Festival**. **CHUM raised just under \$24,000**, a 50% increase over last year. Thanks to all who donated in any way. There were 21 congregations involved, and more than 200 volunteers involved in planning and working on the Festival. All funds raised go directly to support CHUM programs.

GOD NOT GUNS SABBATH- SEPTEMBER 28

"God Not Guns" is a project of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. The purpose of the coalition is to "raise awareness of gun violence as a spiritual and moral crisis." Faith communities all over the country will be called upon to take action in response to the nearly 30,000 American gun deaths every year. Peace Church has signed on to the "God Not Guns" coalition and joins with other UCC churches in deploring gun violence in our nation.

On Sunday, September 28th, there will be a special mission moment about this issue. There will be *Kids and Guns* brochures available and a chance for anyone who is interested to get information about what can be done about gun injuries and deaths. Jesus calls us to live by non-violence in Matthew 26: 51-52, "And behold one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, ' Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.'"

For more information, please contact Joan Peterson at joan@chartermi.net or 428-6570. Joan is involved with the Northland Million Mom Chapter of the Brady Campaign and the Protect Minnesota campaign to prevent gun injuries and deaths.

Preemptive Peacemaking:

Just Peace vs. Just War

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Campus

What if we lived the vision that the church could turn the world toward peace if every church lived and taught as Jesus lived and taught? Join us in this exploration of preemptive peacemaking through a play about the absurdity and justification of war and through conversations about peacemaking practices.

Friday September 19th 7-9pm *Cirque de Guerre*, a comedic, satirical play about the mayhem of war told in a series of vignettes.

September 20th 9-3pm—Keynote address, Glen Harold Stassen; **Breakout sessions, and Plenary Panel** (includes Dr. Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer)

Sponsored by: Every Church a Peace Church
Featured Speaker: Glen Harold Stassen; Panelist: Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer

Contact: Joan Haan joan@pleromacoaching.com, Rod Olsen 651-228-7224 or Gary Kohls 728-9756.

"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. **Volunteers Needed! Contact Eve Stein at runnski@usfamily.net**

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 7 Grace Richey, Julie Flotten, Emily Richey
- 14 Robin Davidson, Christa Knudsen, Jesse Schomberg
- 21 Emily Youngstrand, Sarah Nelson, Christina Mulozzi
- 28 Carla Langdon-Larson, Patty Beech, Jen Hudyma, Kristina Green

Ushers

- 7 Simpson Family, Robin Davidson
- 14 Nettie Bothwell, Marge Anderson, Nadine Hubert, Cheryl Walsh
- 21 Pat and Lynn Devlin, Lisa Brown, Michael Pfau
- 28 Seversons, Barb Kehtel, Linda Lundberg

Greeters

- 7 Cindy Macaulay, Barb Forrest
- 14 Bill and Lisa Pomroy
- 21 Sarah Jessico and Melissa Kadlec
- 28 Susan Ranfranz and Sandy Moore

Lay Readers

- 7 Cheryl Walsh
- 14 Bob Stevens
- 21 Cindy McLean
- 28 Marsha Hystead

8:30 Communion Bread



- 7 Janell Kohls
- 14 Robin Davidson
- 21 Arvolds
- 28 Julie Flotten

Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday September 14

- 1:30 pm: Tom and Kim Heinitz, Molly Stapleton Clark, Jan Nugent.
- 4:30 pm: Cathy Dziuk, Betty Greene, Laurie and Mariah Berner.

Monday Meal

at Loaves and Fishes

- 1 Meal Angel Respite
- 8 Beth Bartlett
- 15 Linda Goese
- 22 Robin Davidson
- 29 Cathy Dziuk

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 **September schedule** is below, as well as the **October 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.

September Coffee Hour

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

Preliminary Schedule

September 7

Bob & Kay Stevens: Communion Set-up

Skwira-Brown family: Set-up, Serve, Clean-up

Hamshers: Serve, Clean-up, Cookies

September 14

Marciniaks: Serve/Clean-up

Poiriers: Set-up & cookies

Watsons: Clean-up

O'Connells: Set-up, serve, cookies

September 21

Lynn Lanier: Set-up, Serve, Clean-up and Cookies

September 28

Lonnie Cran-Hovis: Set-up

Phil & Elsie Cook: Clean-up

Coming up — September

**Coordinators: Jerry Cleveland & Marge Anderson, 724-4391
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Peter Barnett, 624-7028

Naomi Christensen/Nettie Bothwell, 525-0071

Beverly & Dave Cave, 218-273-4041

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

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Youth Ministries: Jonie Langdon-Larson
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Small Group Ministries: Paul Van Antwerp
Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth



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Gabriel Project: Veronica Gaidelis
Parish Nurse: Cizzarie Schomberg
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