



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell

DULUTH MN ~ REV. KATHRYN NELSON , PASTOR ~ MAY 2009

Sunday, May 31st ~ Pentecost ~ Confirmation Sunday ~ Annual Meeting Sunday Celebrating Our High School Graduates ~ UCC Strengthen the Church Offering

On May 31st, Confirmation Sunday, our confirmands will lead us in worship. Come and hear what they believe and pray with and for them as they reaffirm their baptismal promises.

This year's confirmands are: Tony Squillace, Anya White, Kai Sandal, Maddy Carpenter, Emily Punyko, Ella Fox, Molly Peterson, Paige McClain, Erik Rupert and Keely Shrake.



We will also honor our high school graduates in worship on May 31st and with a special breakfast in the fellowship hall at 9:30 along with this years confirmands. Our graduates are: Rorie Arnold, Mattie Fox, Ben Hlina, Julia Horner, Mariah Kirsh, Cameron Mitchell, Rachel Peterson and Mia Vaydich,

At 9:30 am, there will be a special breakfast in the Fellowship Hall for all of our graduates and confirmands and their families. Please RSVP to the office with the number attending.

Important Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 31st following the 10:30 service

- Agenda: 1. Receive Reports of Committees, Teams and Staff
 2. Elect our Coordinating Council and Affirm Committee Members
 3. Vote on a resolution to begin the process as a congregation to become a multi-racial, multi-cultural church. There will be an adult forum on May 17 to present information on this topic.

Committee and Board Reports are due in the office by May 15th

If you would like to serve on a specific committee, please let Linda Lundberg or Pastor Kathy know. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to be involved in the life of the church is! Volunteer Ministry forms will be filled out in worship on Sunday, May 10th. We'd like everyone to fill one out, even if you aren't able to volunteer at this time. There are lots of ways to volunteer!

Annual Spring Rummage Sale, Saturday May 16, 9am-2pm

We're getting ready....are you? Our annual fun community event that just so happens to include rummage is fast approaching, and we need your help in many ways.



- **Start setting things aside** that you would like to contribute, including indoor plants and outdoor annuals – nothing is too big or too small.
- **Start thinking about how you can help**...we need people to help set up on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, and to work on the day of the sale which runs from 9 till 2.
- **We need help with clean up** – people with trucks or vans especially. There will be sign up sheets by the office – please find a way to include your time and energy!

This year the proceeds will go towards paying for a seminary student, which we all will benefit from.

A note about how we get all this set up ~ by Thursday afternoon, May 14, we will have clearly marked tables/ areas in the fellowship hall, and we ask that when you bring your 'stuff' you put it directly where it will go – that way the rummage sale volunteers won't have to go through bags and boxes of things to sort through and deliver. In addition to helping get things ready, it gives you a chance to peek at what is already there – it's OK for the trading to begin before the door opens on Saturday! Please call Nettie @ 218-940-2733 or Cindy @ 722-3432 with questions.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING RUMMAGE TO CHURCH BEFORE THURSDAY MAY 14!

FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

On May 31st we will celebrate the rite of confirmation with 10 of our young adults and honor our graduating high school seniors. It is also the day of Pentecost. Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is that breath, wind, and courageous love that allowed them to carry on the faith and work that God had started in the life of Jesus Christ. Those first followers of Jesus dared to move out into the world because God was with them in a new way. This is our hope for our youth, that they can move out into the world because they know they are deeply loved by God and by this community. Our daughter Maddy, will be one of those confirmands, and we are so grateful for this community which formed and blessed her in so many ways.

But according to the Pentecost story, before you can move out, you have to come together. Luke tells us ‘that when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.’ It is significant that the empowerment of the Holy Spirit took place only after the followers of Jesus, men and women, were all together. The disciples had come together in part out of fear and grief. They had isolated themselves in a house in Jerusalem. They gathered there in sorrow to grieve Jesus’ death and to try to figure out what they were going to do next.

The Spirit of God fills the house, and flames of passion and compassion dance on their heads. They move out into the streets of Jerusalem and tell of God’s love in languages they didn’t even know they could speak. The disciples had been heart broken on Good Friday, they had wandered off not knowing how to go on. At Pentecost they got their answer — joy and wind, fire and spirit. They knew again within themselves that they were God’s, each and every one of them. They belonged to God and in belonging to God they belonged to each other. Belonging to God and one another gave them the boldness to move out, to witness, to redeem and heal the world that was still broken in so many ways. And this extravagant love and power was poured out and into all people.



Peter quotes the prophet Joel saying, ‘*And it shall happen in the last days, says God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh so that your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, so that your young men shall see visions, so that your old men shall dream dreams; even upon my slaves, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit so they shall prophesy.*’

We build an inclusive community here at Peace through our gathering together for worship and learning, praising and praying. We build upon the foundation Jesus Christ began. And with the help of the Holy Spirit we can stand together, without fear of our differences

May the winds of God blow among us this Pentecost as we celebrate with so many of our young adults. Gathered and worshipping in one place as a people working together, speaking together, in order to understand and be understood. For this is the truly new space that the winds of Pentecost calls us to give witness to.

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

Congratulations Peace Church, for being a Red Covenant Keeper congregation!

Red Covenant Keeper churches contribute between 1% and 9.9% of their current operating expenses to Our Church’s Wider Mission and increased their giving by at least 1% in the past year.

We received a certificate and a letter of thanks from John Thomas, the President of the UCC. “Your church can be proud of your giving to Our Church’s Wider Mission. In these challenging economic times...we commend you for your commitment.”

COMMITTEE NIGHT

Committees will meet on **Wednesday, May 13th**.
Dinner will be served at 5:30 with meetings beginning at 6:00. Childcare is provided.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, May 26th at 7pm**.
Visitors are always welcome.

SUNDAYS IN MAY

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

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

Sunday, May 3rd – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 4: 5 – 12 and John 10: 11 - 18

Sermon: Enfolded by Love

This morning we will celebrate Communion at both of our worship services. At our 10:30 service we will celebrate the baptism of Sam, son of Emily Ramsey and Cynthia Coffin and of Samantha, daughter of Brandon and Leah Kohlts. There will be great special music by our Praise Team and others, and the commissioning of our Search Committee.

There will be a meeting after our 10:30 service for all those planning to go on the Work Camp to Biloxi.

Sunday, May 10th – Festival of the Christian Home

Scripture: I John 4: 7 – 21 and John 15: 1 - 8

Sermon: "Abiding in Love"

At our 10:30 service Annie Rupert will sing a song she wrote for her mother. We will fill out volunteer ministry forms during our worship services today.

Sunday, May 17th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 10:44 – 48, I John 5: 1 - 6 and John 15: 9 - 17

This morning during our 10:30 worship time we will celebrate the baptism of Heidi, daughter of Justin and Jessica Olson and welcome new members into our congregation. The Praise Team will provide special music.

Sunday, May 24th – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scripture: I John 5: 9 – 13 and John 17: 6 – 19

Paul VanAntwerp will be our preacher this morning for both our services. At our 10:30 service we will celebrate the baptism of Anya, daughter of Eric and Rebecca Holmstrom.

Sunday, May 31st – Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday, Annual Meeting, and Celebrating Our High School Graduates

Scripture: Acts 2:1 - 21

Sermon: "I Believe . . ."

This morning our confirmands will lead us in worship. Come and hear what they believe and pray with and for them as they reaffirm their baptismal promises. This morning we will also celebrate our High School Graduates. There will be a breakfast for confirmands and seniors and their families at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

We will also receive our UCC Strengthen the Church Offering (see page 4 for more information.)

Our Annual Program meeting will follow our 10:30 service.
Reports by Committee and Team leaders are due in the office by May 15th.

Sunday Adult Forums

Join us at 9:30

in the Fireside Room

All Are Welcome

Grab your Coffee in the Entry Way!

Sundays, May 3rd and 10th – *"What Must I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?"*

This will be an opportunity to explore together what it means to be "saved". We will read many of the biblical passages that speak of salvation and explore their deep meanings for ourselves. Pastor Kathy also has the Questions of Faith DVD, "Remembering Sin and Salvation" so that we can listen to how other theologians have answered that question.

Sunday, May 17 – *Exploring what it means to be a "Multi-Cultural, Multi-Racial Congregation"*

Our Dismantling Racism Team will offer some history of this effort and the next steps for us along this path. After many years of study, reflection and action it is time to formally declare Peace UCC as a multi-racial/multi-cultural church. We have become a church that celebrates and appreciates world peoples and cultures and has been working toward a climate of non-dominance by any one cultural group within the church.

This Adult Forum will be preparation for the Dismantling Racism Team's resolution, to be voted on at the May 31st Annual Meeting, declaring Peace UCC as a Multi-racial/Multi-cultural Church. Everyone is invited to join the Dismantling Racism Team at the Adult Forum to review the church's journey in becoming more inclusive and culturally sensitive and to brainstorm together additional steps and actions that will demonstrate our church's commitment to be a place where people of all races and cultures are valued and welcomed.

Time to sign up for summer music!

Special music is needed for both services all summer. Share your talents!

ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

INQUIRER'S CLASSES

Wednesday Evenings

May 6 and 13 — 6-7:30pm

in the Fireside Room (dinner at 5:30)

Come meet other who are new to Peace United Church of Christ and learn more about this congregation and the United Church of Christ. This is an important class for folks who are considering joining the congregation.

We will welcome new members on May 17th during worship. Let Pastor Kathy know if you are interested in joining.

Questions Along the Way

every Monday at noon

Six years and still going! Simply a space for people to gather and share their thoughts. Open discussion. All are welcome!

Men's Bible Study

Mondays, May 11 & 25 at 6:30pm

Join us in the Fireside Room as we focus on the upcoming week's lectionary passages. Paul Van Antwerp facilitates this group. *Note: if you'd like to receive the lectionary passages early for review, please send a note to Paul to be put on the mailing list.* <paulvanantwerp@gmail.com>

Reading, Writing, Reflection Group

NOTE: We will be taking a break for the month of May.

Any questions, call Paul, 349-0143.

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday May 27 at noon

Benedictine Health Center

Third Floor Lounge

Facilitated by Cheryl Walsh

Bring a lunch;

coffee and dessert provided.



Making Mandelas at the Peace Church Women's Retreat



Friday Night Movie - Milk

May 1st at 7pm in the Fireside Room

The Open and Affirming committee will sponsor a showing of the film *Milk*, for which Sean Penn won an Oscar® for his portrayal of the first out gay man to be elected to major public office in this country. It communicates an excellent sense of what culture and politics were like during the time of rising consciousness for gay men and lesbians, as well as women and people of color. It also won an Oscar for best original screenplay this year.

Peace Church Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 in the Fireside Room. All are invited. Please join us!

May 21 - *The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A Hat: And Other Clinical Tales* by Oliver Sacks

Oliver Sacks explores neurological disorders with respect and compassion.

NOTE: The Sunday May 3rd study of **Bishop John Shelby Spong's book, *Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism*** has been postponed until a later date.



Strengthen the Church

UCC Offering May 31th

On Sunday May 31— Pentecost— We will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering builds the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders, and it will aid the God is Still Speaking Ministry and its message of inclusivity. Your gifts to this special offering will help to create vibrant church communities of extravagant welcome. Spread the Love. Strengthen the Church. God is still speaking!

Sacred Conversations on Race:

Tuesday May 12—Begins with soup supper at 5:30

All the details are on page 11...

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

It's Softball Sign-up Time!

It is time for anyone interested in playing softball to sign up. We play 10 games starting in June and ending usually the first week of August. Most games are on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. All games are at the UMD softball fields. We play in the YMCA Family division. It is open to men and women and kids 10 years old and up. The cost is \$25.00 per person or \$50.00 per family. If you have any questions please call Dave Winchester at 525-6111 or email at dwin43@earthlink.net.

Child Care Position

Peace Church is looking for a child-care worker beginning on June 7th. Hours are 8 - 12 every Sunday. Please contact Cynthia if you are interested.

Parents of Teenagers "Hang-out Night"

May 6, 7:30 - 8:30

Raising teenagers? Want to talk about it? Join us on the first Wednesday of each month in the Fireside Room for casual conversation and to share your thoughts with others in the same boat. A group facilitator will be present (to keep conversation flowing, or in case you all get rowdy).

Help Pastor Kathy Make Pancakes!

May 6 & 20

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.

Church School Teacher Picnic

Sunday May 17 at 4pm

Pastor Kathy will host a picnic for all our Church School Teachers and their families on Sunday, May 17th beginning at 4 pm at her home. Join us as we say thanks to you. Address: 2111 East Third Street. All food provided! Please RSVP to the church office so we can get an approximate count.

Peace Church Women's Basketball

Tuesdays at 7pm in the Grant School Gym

All skill levels welcome. No small children please, for safety reasons. Call Karie S. with questions, 341-5528. Please use the doors by the cafeteria off the playground to enter the school as the side doors are locked at 7pm.



Empowering Lay Ministry Committee

May 24th, 11:30, Conference Room.

Paul is currently studying a variety of volunteer ministry models. He'd like to share this exploratory process with interested members of the church. Please join for a discussion on concepts of lay ministry and visions for our church's future.

CHUM Family Shelter Mission Planning

May 13th, 4:30 - 5:30 Fellowship Hall

Staff from CHUM will be here to help us brainstorm our church's ministry with CHUM's Family Transitional Housing Unit. Bring all those great ideas!

Shares! Shares! Shares!



It's that time again when the youth start selling shares after Church. Help the youth get to Mississippi this summer —purchase a share!

One Share costs \$10

One Share = a handwritten postcard from the youth during their trip describing their experience.

Game Night

Monday May 18, Fellowship Hall, 7 pm

Does spring fever bring out your competitive side? Bring your favorite game and a snack to share! There are ongoing Trivia, Scrabble and Cribbage groups seeking more participants. Contact Paul Van Antwerp with questions (or to help set up a group to play your favorite game).

Peace Church Hootenanny

(Folk Music Group) Friday May 22

Bring your instruments, voices, percussion, and songbooks to sing out your favorite folk songs. All skill levels welcome.



PALS — Thursday May 28

(Peace Adults Learning & Socializing)

Program to be announced. All adults are welcome.

Men's Breakfast—May 14 & 28

Join us at Duluth Grill (27th Ave. W.) every other Thursday at 7am for breakfast and casual conversation.

Parents and Youth Mentors

As we take our youth ministry into the community more often, we're in need of increased help with rides. If you can help drive for any of these events, please call or email Paul: 349-0143 paulvanantwerp@gmail.com
Thanks!

Peace Bell Deadline is the 20th of the month.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. I lay down my life for the sheep." John 10:14

Can you believe that it's almost time to wrap up another year of Sunday school? On May 17th we will have our annual Sunday School Party in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 – 10:20AM. Following this year's theme of "extravagant welcome" our party theme is "Extravagant Farewell!" We have had a great year of learning and fun during our education hour here at Peace. We made tent squares for the people of Darfur, collected pennies to help build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan, donated children's books to Domino Soup Kitchen, learned tons of Bible stories, played games, drank hot cocoa, made lots of arts and crafts, munched on Sarah's baking, sang songs with Jim, and performed a great Christmas Pageant.

As part of our farewell party, our teachers will receive a HUGE thank you. They have been our children's "good shepherds" this year. They have guided them through the Bible stories and lessons, helping them make sense and meaning of their lives. They have cared for them and made them feel part of the Christian body. Without our 20 teachers who have volunteered their time and energy, our children would have been like lost sheep!

May is the time we recruit and build our teacher teams for next fall. We like to have two teachers for each grade level so that you don't have to commit to every Sunday. Some teachers teach by months and others rotate every week. It has worked well here at Peace so that we do not burn out our volunteers. I want to encourage you all to consider taking a leap of faith and joining our "good shepherds" for next year! You don't have to lay down your entire life, but just a few Sundays out the year. You would have the chance to really get to know a handful of our kids...and they would get to know you! If you are the slightest bit interested, please send a note or stop me at church sometime. Or find one of the people below and ask them how they have enjoyed the year!

Thank you to all our "good shepherds" this past year! Amy Fitzpatrick, Beth Kinney, Jonie Langdon-Larson, Amy Larson, Ellen Lindgren, Robin Davidson, Rachel Peterson, Jen Pearson, Sarah Nelson, Molly Watson, Ingrid Nisswandt, Amy Galarowicz, Diane Swanoski, Pat O'Connell, Tanya Jackson, Carla Landgon-Larson, Jesse Schomberg, Cindy Macaulay, Mary Adams, Sarah Jessico, and Paul VanAntwerp.

Blessings, Cynthia

May Acolyte Schedule

- May 3** Katherine Skwira-Brown, Connor Friday
- May 10** Aggie Pokizywinski, Nathan Radke
- May 17** Brita Larsen, Gracie Pearson
- May 24** volunteers needed

With only 2 more regular classes left, we have a lot of learning to do...these last 2 lessons help us learn and think about what happened after Easter...and how we respond to the good news!

May 3 - Regular Classes

May 10 - Last day of Regular Classes

May 17- Church School PARTY! 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall *There will be awards, games, activities, and FUN.* Join us in an "Extravagant Farewell" and grand celebration of a marvelous year of Church School...and hey, bring a friend.

NO CHURCH SCHOOL MAY 24th until next fall! Enjoy the summer!

KIDS: Take some time to thank your Sunday school teachers! Write a note, draw a picture, or bring a special gift!

Would you like to be a Church School teacher next year?

As this church school year winds down, we're already looking ahead to the fall. Join a group of dedicated and enthusiastic folks who help kids develop and grow in their faith. You don't need to have a Master's in Theology or even have taught Sunday School before!

We need teachers for preschool, grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Junior and Senior High. Contact Cynthia to let her know. First to "commit" get to pick the grade/age!

TEACHERS: Some items for you:

- ◆ ONLY 2 days of regular class left...yikes! If you have questions, comments or concerns, talk to Cynthia. Otherwise enjoy these last few sessions with your students. Get outside, be inspired, enjoy yourself, have fun!
- ◆ After May 10th PLEASE, PLEASE empty and clean out your bin and leave it in the Church School Supply Closet downstairs across from the Music Room. If there are salvageable supplies for next year, please put them away in the closet as well. Also, please leave all curriculum books in your bin. Thank you!
- ◆ May 17th—please plan on joining us for teacher recognition during the 10:30 service. And don't forget the BBQ at Pastor Kathy's house from 4-6pm! We so appreciate all your work and commitment this year.

Thanks to all the acolytes for your dedication this year! You all did a wonderful job with a big responsibility. Thank you to parents for helping get your kids here on time and ready by the sanctuary. **May 24th is the last day of acolyting.** Thanks again!



Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room

May 2nd (Saturday) For Church:

Mother's Day Fundraiser 12:00 – 4:00

Molly, Sarah, and Loni have put together a series of crafts for us to create, package, and sell as fundraisers before Mother's Day. Come for as long as you can and leave when you need to! (Crafts include soap-making, bath "fizzies", and card making.) I'll have hot dogs and chips available.

May 6th For World: "Family Values"

Evangelical politicians tend to claim this phrase, but each one of our families have unique values that help define who we are. Let's explore.

ALSO: Parents of Teens "Hang-Out" Night. 7pm, Fireside Room

May 9th (Saturday) For Fun:

Middle School Road Tour 9:30 – 3:00

The UCC Minnesota conference has sprung for a day of music and fun for local youth groups! Invite your friends! Lunch provided.

May 13th For Community:

Painting at CHUM's Family Shelter

Come help us make those transitional housing units more comfortable for those staying there.

ALSO: 4:30 Family Shelter Brainstorming Session with CHUM staff in Fellowship Hall

May 15th –16th: Confirmation Retreat

May 17th (Sunday) For Church: Welcome!

We'll duck out of the second service to have a party and welcome the new class of students to our Youth Group!

May 20th For Fun: Memorial Day Wander

We're heading to the lakewalk...with ice cream... and our memories.

May 24th (Sunday) For Paul!: Paul's leading worship and preaching. Get to church and support him!

May 27th For Church:

Creative Genius at Work, Part II

We'll continue the next two portions of our Youth Group banner project with Holly.

May 31 (Sunday) For Church:

Confirmation and Honoring of Seniors

Big day in the church. Be there! Seniors: This is a must-attend!

Youth Group Event

UCC MN Conference "Middle School Road Tour"

Featuring the music of:

Bryan Sirchio & Sheltered Reality

Saturday, May 9th, 9:30 – 3:00pm

(day includes food, games and worship)

Peace UCC is hosting this conference event and will be inviting local churches to be included. If you are interested in volunteering or attending, please contact Paul Van Antwerp.

SENIORS—YOU'RE GRADUATING!!

Hooray!



We'd like to honor you on **Sunday, May 31 at 9:30am with a family breakfast in the Fellowship Hall**. Please let us know how many of you and your family can come. **RSVP to the church—724-3637**

Please stay for the 10:30 service where you will be recognized and given a gift. Watch for a letter with more information in the mail.

Hey Youth Group!

Whew! What a month! Holy Week and Easter service and egg bake, cleaning the Family Shelter, discussing racial language in our schools, roller skating, bowling... was it just one month? We engaged the most important season of our faith, we reached out to share our ministry with others in the community, we shared our thoughts on relevant issues in our lives, we had (well, minus my sore ankle from roller skating) a lot of fun!

Ok here's what I'm thinking: I love my ministry. I love being with the group. Not just enjoying each other's company roller skating or bowling, but in good conversation, or the way we can team up when we find a place we can support our community like the family shelter, or the Easter service, and make a lot of work go really easy. I love that. One thing I've learned about Christianity is that it is no solo event. The more I engage the faith, the Bible, the theology, the more I'm reminded that Jesus was all about seeing all people equally, and sharing life and caring for one another in that lowest common denominator: love. Youth Group's a place where we live that out. We're all equal, we care for one another, and engage our faith, church, community, and world with that as our core value. When we see work to be done, we do it. When there's fun to be had, we dive in. Now THAT's a ministry that I can be proud of! *Paul*

We had a small, but hard working group that met in April and made many decisions

Finance reported that March had been a good month – thank you to all for keeping up on your pledges. We have secured a \$703,000 mortgage at 5% interest. We will begin planning our next capital drive which will occur in mid 2010.

The Search Committee has been hard at work – thank you for your time. The associate pastor's job description is quite clear and now the committee is working on the church profile. Jacqueline Falk will be joining as our seminary intern for next year. The nominating committee has new candidates for the council.

Christian Education is busy planning the year's end as spring and summer approach.

Christian Service has been busy – ASDIC, Sacred Conversations, A Force more Powerful series, and ONA had the big weekend of Opening our Doors with Bishop Spong speaking.

Christian Stewardship is discussing possible expansion of our parking area and it sounds like our refrigeration system may need attention from the pros.

A Technology Team has been created to advise and think about all the computer and hi-tech issues that confront the church.

A request for money from the Jubilee Fund was accepted for the Back Bay Mission trip.

Kathy was at a Lead Pastors Gathering at the UCC Mission House in Cleveland.

All three of our seminary students (Joanie, Cynthia, and Paul) have been accepted to In Care Status and the students and their 3 member teams will be learning more about In Care Status from Rick Wagner on May 13th.

Tom Liddle, Paul VanAntwerp, and Kathy Dowell will be representing Peace Church at the Minnesota Conference. Our Annual Congregational meeting will be Sunday May 31st. The next Council meeting has been postponed one week to May 26th.

Tom Curran, Moderator

Six Easy Steps to a Greener Spring and Summer

1. Plant your organic garden - both to decrease the amount of pesticides you and your family consume, and to help protect the environment from overloading with toxic chemicals. Have fresh herbs at your fingertips from your own herb garden.

2. Grow your own fresh air indoors - Three common houseplants—Areca Palm, Mother-in-Law's Tongue, and Money Plant—have shown to remove carbon dioxide, formaldehyde, and other volatile organic compounds in buildings while increasing oxygen levels. Studies show many health benefits including increased blood-oxygen levels, increased worker productivity, and decreased health complaints when these plants grow in people's living and working spaces.

3. Put up a clothesline - indoors or out, you can save money and achieve the scent that every detergent company is trying to capture. Air-drying your clothes reduces energy consumption, which means money savings for you and has the added benefit of extending the life of the laundered materials. Sunshine is a natural brightener and makes whites whiter!

4. Use natural materials for spring cleaning such as lemon juice, borax, and vinegar. Clearing away dirt and dust build-up from the winter months will reduce allergens and toxins in your home. Citrus products can remove greasy build-up without adding toxins to your home.

5. Use cloth napkins - in your kitchen and at work. You can save money and reduce waste by not purchasing paper napkins. Enjoy the elegance of cloth napkins for yourself and your guests by adding this simple addition to your eco-friendly kitchen.

6. Support green businesses in our community so you can continue to have local access to earth-friendly, non-toxic materials for your home and family. Shopping locally has the added benefit of keeping dollars in the local economy - giving us all a boost!

Our thanks to ECO, which opened in Duluth on April 22nd at 400 W, Superior St, Duluth, for this list of helpful and timely suggestions!

Care for your Bird Feeders!

It is spring, and migratory birds are on the move, and will be stopping at your feeders. Remember that birds are highly susceptible to bacterial and viral infections. To avoid the spread of disease among birds, clean your feeders frequently, with care not to use cleaners which could be toxic to the birds, and keep a fresh supply of bird seed, removing any moldy residue left over from the winter. Clean also in the areas below the feeders, as birds will drop to the ground to pick up seeds that have been spilled there.

Place your feeders near bushes and trees, where song birds can fly for cover from predators. Once you start putting out seed, it is good to continue the practice regularly, as some birds will come to rely on your feeder. With spring coming so late, natural sources of food are scarce, and feeders can be an important life-saver for returning song birds.

~ Thanks to Rachel Scott



THANK YOU for the following MEMORIAL to Peace Church

From Wes and Joan Severson to the
Transportation Fund, in memory of
Rose Marie Ekeroth,.

From Marian Jensen and family to the
Building Fund in memory of Marian's brother,
Dr. Robert Campaigne.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers
6pm: Bible Study in the Fireside Room 6:15pm: Senior Choir
7-8:30pm: Youth Group / Confirmation (Confirmation —May 6 and 27)

Committee and Team Meetings on May 13th at 6pm

LAST Wednesday Activities for the year on May 20th

Join us before we head into summer!

Faith Weavers

Kindergarten—3rd Grade

Wednesdays 6-7pm

We are fast approaching the season of SUMMER..so during Faith Weavers in May we are heading outside a lot! Don't forget a jacket! We hope you'll join us from 6-7pm on Wednesdays:

May 6: Strong and Courageous

May 13: Spread the word!

May 20: PARTY! – the BEST of Faith Weavers

May 27: NO FW until September



Children's Choir
every Wednesday

5 - 5:30pm in the Music Room.

Keep coming to Wednesday night rehearsals 5 – 5:30pm. May 20th is our last rehearsal for the season. We dance, we sing, we move! Sunday May 10th is our last time to sing in church at the 10:30 am service... then we are done until next fall.

Wednesday Evening Bible
Study

6-7pm in the Fireside Room

*Fellowship, Prayer and
Learning Together*

Led by Pastor Kathy and Paul Van Antwerp using the Lecto Divina method of reading the Hebrew scripture and Gospel lesson for the coming Sunday.

Peace Puppets

A big thank you to Cindy McLean and her Peace Puppets for their amazing performances throughout the year. You have worked hard, and also earned some publicity in our national UCC Newspaper. Congratulations!

CONFIRMATION

The class will meet in the Music Room from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

2nd Year Confirmands: Be sure to turn in your God, Jesus and Holy Spirit papers NOW!

Wednesday, May 6th – Working for Justice and Peace – All the Confirmands

Friday, May 15th – Confirmation Final Retreat for our Second Year Confirmands. We will leave from Peace Church Parking Lot at 4 pm and head up to a cabin at Larson Cottages for an evening of reflection, play and planning. We will return to the church by 11 am on Saturday. This is a required retreat for Confirmation Sunday on May 31st.

Wednesday, May 27th – Final Class of this Year – Time of final preparation for worship on May 31st and celebration of our time together. Both Classes are to attend.

Confirmands, please schedule home visits!

Pastor Kathy would like to visit the home of each confirmand. Parents and confirmands, please schedule these visits by signing up on Pastor Kathy's office door, or call her at 724-3637. Available times are **Sat. May 2 at 1, 2, or 3pm; Tues. May 5 at 6, 7, 8, or 9pm; Thursday May 7 at 6, 7, 8, or 9pm.**



Peace Church takes over World of Wheels!



For a Duluthian transplant as myself, this whole “*Is it Spring? Well... hmm.*” thing can be a bit challenging. Forty degree temperature fluxes aside, there’s one part of this season that lifts my spirits no matter which latitude I’ve lived: when I hear the first night-hawk of the season, on some unsuspecting evening in the dusky sky, I’m drawn to build a fire, and pray. I’ve done this for years now, even when the best I could muster was a few twigs in a “smoky joe” behind the apartment in the Cities. It marks the season for me, a point of reference through the year like a birthday, or the new year, and makes me take stock of how life has been during this last turn of the wheel. It also prompts hope. Like the acolyte years of my childhood, I build this simple backyard fire to light the way for something new to happen.

Why does a simple backyard fire, such simple combustion, seem so aesthetically beautiful? We are drawn into the coals as we draw inward to ourselves. We witness our distinctive lives in the rhythm and light of the flame, and take stock of where we are going as the smoke dissipates around us. This year, of course, I’m taking stock my ministry here at Peace. Friends, the Christian Church is like that fire. Dr. Eleazar Fernandez, Professor of Constructive Theology at United Theological Seminary, once described the church to me as a place with “a burning center, and porous borders”. The center we can easily understand, for our faith burns strong at the core in our worship and fellowship here, but we also know that to keep those doors open is to keep us burning brightly. I’m always encouraged, when I read or hear our announcements, how much of our ministry engages the world around us—be it our local community, or our world. Our faith is nurtured—our flame brightened—as we step out and join our world and live our ministry with those lowest common denominators of equality, respect, and love. I am told often that Peace is a well-respected institution in our community. It is no accident. We shine brightly and attract others to join us because our doors are open and we fuel our flame with our engagement in our world. Keep up the good work, friends! Paul

Have you discovered Peace Church Library?

We would love to see more people using this great resource we have in our Fireside Room, Narthex, and Nursery Hallway.

Check out these new books available for you to read! Thanks to all who have donated books to our library, as it has helped us immensely to stretch our budget.

Adult Books: *Liberating the Gospels* by John Shelby Spong

Neither Wolf nor Dog—On Forgotten Roads with an Indian Elder by Kent Nerburn

Audubon Field Guide to North American Trees

Please Understand Me—Character & Temperament Types by David Keirse and Marilyn Bates

The Shack — Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity by William P. Young

Someday Grace—Having Hope, Finding Forgiveness, and Making Miracles by Marianne Williamson

Simplicity—Notes, Stories and Exercises for Developing Unimaginable Wealth by Mark A. Burch

A Cup of Coffee at the Soul Café by Leonard Sweet

The Sunday Philosophy Club by Alexander McCall Smith

Pilgrims in their Own Land—500 Years of Religion in America by Martin Marty

Story—Recapture the Mystery by Steven James

Children’s Books:

Bradley and the Great Swamp Mystery by Ruth Lerner Perle

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel

Bob the Builder—Scoop Saves the Day by Diane Redmond

The Popcorn Book by Tomie de Paola

Grandfather Twilight by Barbara Berger



Roller Skating!

We had a great time last Sunday. We hope to do more intergenerational activities in the coming months.

Any ideas?

Let us know!

RECYCLING PEACE

- ◆ **Looking for a musician for your special occasion?** Contact Paul Winchester, versatile musician offering piano, vocals, and guitar in a wide range of styles from classical to popular. Can perform covers, original material, and requests. Available 5/15/09-8/15/09, and 12/15/09-1/10/10. Phone: 218-341-6141. Email: pwinchester11@wooster.edu.
- ◆ **Missing a favorite pan?** Please check the box in the kitchen next to the refrigerator for items that have been left behind—one of them might be yours!
- ◆ **Looking for glass pint or quart size reusable jars** with caps (glass juice bottles work well) for bottling maple syrup. Call Phil Cook at 529-5202.
- ◆ **Needed: Any old Peace Church cookbooks**—for our historical archives. We recently received a request for from a seminarian for a recipe reflecting our historical and cultural background, and realized that we hadn't archived any old cookbooks.
- ◆ **Missing files**—Does anyone know where we might find a 3 ring notebook holding information regarding the kitchen remodeling done several years ago? Since the office was moved out of its space and then back into the new space, it has gone missing. It includes manuals and warranties for kitchen equipment as well as the building plans. Please let the office know if you even have some vague ideas about it and we will follow up to see if we can find it.—Property Committee
- ◆ **Set of keys found in prairie**—many keys on the key ring. There is an "S" with Mickey Mouse on the key ring.

Need Summer Child Care?

I am available to do child care during the summer while you are at work. I am a certified babysitter through the Red Cross. My rates are: 1 child \$4.00 per hour or \$30.00 for a full day (8 hours), 2 children \$5.00 per hour or \$35.00 for a fully day (8 hours). If you are interested or would like more information, call Mariah Berner at (218)-525-3670. References available, upon request.

Peace UCC is looking for people out of work but looking for work!

If you or someone you love is out of work and looking for work in these tough economic times, please complete a questionnaire (which can be picked up from the table near the office - they're bright red) for the **Peace People Ready to Work** brochure.

The brochure will contain information such as the skill sets you have, what type of work you're looking for, and your contact information. The brochure will then be available to share with others who may have work available either at home or in a business.

So if you, or someone you love is looking for work and ready to work, fill out a questionnaire and place it in the work out basket on the table near the office. For more information or questions, contact Chris Campbell (218-251-2385) or Jill Hess (218-251-3466).

Sacred Conversations on Race:

What Does Racial Justice Look Like?

The Dismantling Racism Team at Peace church has offered a series of gatherings on Tuesday evenings throughout this year. We have explored how racism has impacted us personally and spiritually, how it is embedded in the history of our community, and how it is experienced in our everyday lives.

On April 21st, a panel of three people of color, who are leaders in our community, shared with us their experienced reality of racism and white privilege.

At our concluding session on **Tuesday, May 12th**, we will determine what steps we can take as individuals and as a church to make racial justice a reality in our community.

The gathering will meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 with a soup supper, and ending at 8:00 p.m. Please call the office if you need childcare. It is not necessary for participants to have attended the previous sessions. All are welcome!

Calling All Runners!

The Gabriel Fund is holding their 9th annual marathon fundraiser, "Running to help keep people on their feet". The



Gabriel Fund is a small discretionary fund available to help low income people in our community make ends meet. This is THE fund raising event of the year to ensure that assistance is available to those who need it most in our community. If you are running Grandma's

Marathon (or 1/2) sign up to help promote this fundraiser. There will be sign-up sheets available for runners and for pledgers. For more info – Elizabeth Olson, 740-2496 or eolson@chumduluth.org.

Don't forget 'Peace Works' bulletin board!

In this tough economy, don't forget to use the Peace Works bulletin board downstairs. Post your business cards, resume or job openings there. Members and friends of Peace can help each other by supporting those in business or networking as part of the job hunt.

*Vacation Bible School
is August 3-7th!*



Mark your calendars! All children pre-school through 5th grade are welcome to attend.

VBS will be held here at Peace.

We gather from 9 to noon each day and pack in the fun! Crafts, singing, outside games, Bible stories, and science adventures are all part of each day.

For this great event, we are looking for adults to team lead activity stations. It's a great way to get to know the kids of our congregation. Please let Cynthia know if you are interested.

Jr and Sr High Leaders:

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

**Summer Work Camp to Back Bay Mission,
Biloxi, Mississippi — June 6 - June 14**

**Important Planning Meeting Sunday May 3
After the 10:30 Service.**

All those planning to go with us to Biloxi, Mississippi June 6 – 13 to work on rehabbing homes ruined by Hurricane Katrina are strongly encouraged to come to a meeting on Sunday, May 3rd after our 10:30 worship service.

This will be a great chance to go over travel and lodging arrangements, get to know one another and hear again of the work of Back Bay Mission. The vision of Back Bay Mission is “. . . shall embody with integrity and truth the prophetic mandate of Micah: ‘to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.’” Its mission is to serve the Gulf coast by faithful witness for social justice and compassionate service to the poor.

There are 24 adults and 16 youth going to Biloxi:

Adults – Mike Swanoski, Diane Swanoski, Alison Wood, Scott Mead, Phyllis Mead, Barb Rupert, Mary Adams, Jeff Adams, Gary Anderson, Dan Green, Kathy Nelson, Jim McLean, Cindy McLean, Guy Hubert, Peg Pearson, John Thoenes, Melissa Boyle, Marge Anderson, Jerry Cleveland, Denise Perry, Molly Watson, Kap Wilkes, Cindy Macaulay, Loni Cran Hovis.

Youth – TJ Lind, Annie Rupert, Erik Rupert, Tony Squillace, Parker Adams, Kristina Green, Anya White, Nathan Hubert, Kate Thoennes, Tony Watson, Kai Sandal, Emily Youngstrand, Christina Marie Larson, Mia Vyadich, Peter Kvale, Cam Mitchell.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Levi Shrake
Cayden Stegmann
Jen Hudyma
- 2 Laurie Linder
Ian Thoennes
Anna Imes
- 3 Sarah Engebretson
Eve Moors
- 4 Laura Squillace
John Moeller
Jim Pospisil
Kellen O'Connell
Coulter Holden
Joseph Gutierrez
Aggie Pokrzywinski
- 5 Julie Flotten
Daniel Ward
- 6 Bill Hardesty
Quillan Geiger Zeitler
- 7 Don Beichler
John Goltz
Emily Sandomierski
Sylvie Deters
Claire Barlass

- 8 Gracie Pearson
Rachel Skwira-Brown
- 10 Louise Hawley
- 11 Angie O'Connell
Steve Coll
- 12 River Fena
Stan Burns
- 14 Marion Caven
Sylvia Bowen-Bailey
Sarah Jessico
Erik Rupert
- 15 Ruth Olson
Bjorn Aas-Larson
- 16 Eric Larson
Samuel Dahy
Jim McLean
- 17 Peter Kendall
Samuel Kendall
- 17 Kierra McKinnon
- 18 Leon Rohrbaugh
Stephen Pestalozzi
- 20 Scott Lundberg
Wyatt Carlson
Jayden Samuel

- 21 Beth Bartlett
Julie Carlsness
Lowell Oseland
- 23 Barbara Stretchberry
Danny Johnson
Alex Jackson
- 24 Alan Peterson
Claira Poirier
- 25 Doug Zaun
Bob Feyen
- 26 Brandon Kohlts
Georgette Sarkela
Reed Kendall
Maxwell Kozelka
- 27 Jan Eschbach
- 28 Mike Lundberg
Leslie Williamson White
Callan Pfau
- 29 Parker Bambenek
Mary Bode
- 30 Amy Galarowicz
Joe Ehlers
Raquel Jensen
- 31 Sarah Engebretson

PEACE PEOPLE

THANK YOU !

- To Colette Knudsen and Penny Cragun for organizing the outstanding adult forum series, "A Force More Powerful". The conversations we had after viewing each of these 30 minute segments were outstanding.
- To all those who were a part of this year's Holy Week and Easter worship services. We offer a special thanks to Jim, Eric and our choir for their wonderful music.
- Thanks to Cindy McLean and our Peace Puppets for being part of this year's Celebration of Community Peacemakers on April 26th. Cindy and our puppets were featured in the UCC News!
- Rev. Marma Urbano for being our guest preacher on April 19th. She gave powerful witness to the courage and faith of our Philippine Partners. We were blessed to have her with us.
- To all who helped to lead this year's women's retreat: Cindy McLean, Lisa Pomroy, Amy Fitzpatrick, Susan Ranfranz, Erin Dewitt, Claire Smith and Mary Nienaber.
- Hats off to our Food and Fellowship Committee for another great Peace Prom. We love the hat awards!
- From Elsie Cook: "Dear Friends, Thank you for all the beautiful get well cards I received after my back surgery. It really helped knowing you were thinking of me. I am on the mend now and hope to see you all soon."
- To Nancy Nelson, our receptionist, for all her work in setting up a new database for the office.
- To Tim Carpenter for all of his work setting up our new computers, and responding to our SOS calls when problems arise. Also for all he has done with our sound and lighting in the new sanctuary.
- From Deb Montgomery at Lincoln Park School: "Thank you for your donations of soap, shampoos, toothpaste, and toothbrushes for our families at Lincoln Park School."

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- For those hospitalized in April: Joyce Clement, Kim Squillace and Virgil Paulson – hold them all your prayers as they grow stronger each day.
- For those in our congregation dealing with cancer: Beuhler Bongey, Hummingbird, Gwen Plumb, Bill Staubs and Kathy Tate.
- Dorrie Godden at home dealing with heart issues.
- All those looking for work in these difficult economic times

CONGRATULATIONS

- To Josephine and Grace Ryan, daughters of Matt and Carrie Ryan, who were baptized during our worship on April 5th
- To Adam and Meghan Stermer Daniluk, children of Susan and Steve, who were baptized during our worship on Sunday, April 26th
- To Cindy McLean and her Puppeteers who were part of an article in our national UCC newspaper, the United Church News. There's a great picture of our puppeteers. If you didn't see it, you can go online to www.ucc.org and search for puppet ministry to read the article. Thanks Cindy and kids!
- To Jonie Langdon Larson and Cynthia Coffin graduating from United Theological Seminary on May 17th. Both are receiving their Master's in Divinity Degrees. Jonie, Cynthia and Paul VanAntwerp are all recently in care of our congregation as they each discern their call to ordained ministry.

SYMPATHY TO

- Dan Green on the death of his mother, Betty O'Cordan. Betty's memorial service was held at our church on April 14th
- The family of Louise Grams. Louise, a long time member of our congregation, died on April 20th. Her service was at Peace Church on April 25.
- Cassy Hartwig, on the stillbirth of her son Skylar, a memorial service was held at our church on April 11th
- Jayme Hennen on the death of his Grandmother,

THANK YOU FOR THE APRIL 20TH MEMORIAL TO COLUMBINE VICTIMS

Thank you to all from Peace Church who were involved in the beautiful memorial service to victims of the Columbine and other shooting victims held on April 20th at Peace Church. The music of "Clear" was so appropriate for the service and all just loved it. Thanks to Tom Wilkowske, Steve Horner, Leon Rohrbaugh, Dave Winchester and Peter Provost. Our Deputy Police Chief, John Beyer, couldn't get enough of the music. He sat at the back until the very end to just listen. Thanks also to Paul Van Antwerp who did a lot of "heavy lifting" with carrying things around and making arrangements—a great help. Thanks to Doug Bowen-Bailey for taping the service and helping with audio visual and to Tim Carpenter who helped me set up the power point. And thanks, too, to Sarah Jessico and Emily Watson who rang the bell for the victims. Also thanks to all who attended the service from Peace Church. Dr. David Bard from First Methodist and Rev. Charlotte Franz from Pilgrim were so amazing and powerful in their messages. It was a moving service and should have been heard by everyone for the message it sent. Using our sand table for a candle lighting for the victims was the best part of the service. There were more than a few wet eyes. Peace Church was the perfect setting for this. I am proud to call Peace Church my church. There are so many talented people and so many giving people here. I am thankful for all of them. **Joan Peterson** on behalf of the Northland Million Mom Chapter

COMMUNITY / CHUM

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Cloquet is offering a free film series open to the public in their beautiful theater called, "Movies That Make You Think". The films will be shown at 6:30-9:00 p.m. in room 195 with refreshments and thoughtful conversation afterward. The series includes: **May 7- White Man's World-** Director Jason Page is sure he's a visionary genius and is doing his best to become famous. This film follows him and his comrades onto the reservation in this outrageous look at low-budget, high-concept filmmaking. **May 14- Born on the 4th of July-** Based on the memoir of combat veteran Ron Kovic, whose gunshot wound in Vietnam left him paralyzed, this film sheds light on the struggles facing our men and women in the armed forces who come home injured.

**Whole Birth Pre-natal Yoga & Support—
Monday 7-9 pm at the Coppertop.** All stages of pregnancy welcome. No experience necessary.

**MOTHERSONG. Tuesday Mornings 10:30-11:30
at the Coppertop.** Join other families and children in song, dance and spirit.

Call Stacy Holden 715-364-8509
or e-mail circlingwomen@aol.com
or check out www.womencirclingwomen.com.

Together for Youth Benefit

Unitarian Church—Saturday May 16, 5:30-8pm
Thai Food by Chefs Rita B and Carla B
Music by Terrol and Jane, Rachel Kilgour & Adeline,
Kim Curtis-Monson, Lisa Kane & Together Youth;
Poetry by Gary Boelhower...and more!
Silent Eco-Auction
Tickets \$20 at Chester Creek Café and Jitters
Call 529-2233 for more info
www.togetherforyouth.org

AmeriCorps Program Now Accepting Applications

It's like the Peace Corps right in our own community! True North AmeriCorps is increasing the number of positive adults in children's lives through tutoring, mentoring and after-school programs. Members receive benefits during their year of service, which include a living allowance paid twice per month, educational award paid after completion of service, deferment of qualified student loans, interest paid on qualified student loans, and professional and service related trainings. Qualified full time members also receive medical insurance and child care assistance.

Apply today to start Sept. 1, 2009. For more info—
www.truenorthamericorps.org, or contact Melissa at 722-4745 ext. 107 or mjohnst@duluthymca.org

Saturday May 9: Letter Carriers Food Drive

Put non-perishable food items in a bag and place it by your mailbox **by 9 AM Saturday morning**. Your letter carrier will pick up donations and distribute to local food shelves for our friends and neighbors in need.

Minnesota FoodShare March Food Drive

CHUM's Food Shelf collected food and cash donations over and above expectations. Contributions from Individuals, Congregations, Schools, Businesses and Civic Groups have overwhelmed us! We are truly touched by the generosity of the CHUM Member Congregations and the Duluth Community!

The 2009 Campaign surpassed 2008 by a 120% increase in pounds and an 11% increase in monetary contributions!

CHUM Needs...

The Nurse Clinic could use contributions of NEW ONLY women's underwear size 5 and up. We can also use gently used, clean bras.

Food Shelf is seeking a person to Pick Up Food Donations at local grocery stores one Thursday each month. Truck or large vehicle is needed. Packers & Interviewers to work at the East Food Shelf (120 N. 1st Ave. W.) Monday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. or Friday from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. If interested, contact Meg at 727.2391 or chumfs@chumduluth.org.

Family Shelter could use dish soap, laundromat certificates/gift cards, all purpose household cleaners, baby hygiene products, laundry supplies, hair conditioner in family size bottles.

CHUM's WEBSITE www.chumduluth.org has been updated BUT, we are looking for a volunteer who can help us keep it up to date! If you have talent to share contact Mary at mmschmitz@chumduluth.org

CHUM Church is looking for a volunteer to present a 30-minute program for CHUM Church members on Sunday, June 14 OR July 12, at 3:00 p.m. at Peace Church. The program could be singing, instrumental music, drama, puppets, games, dance... If you have a talent to share please contact Meg Kearns @ megkearns@chumduluth.org or 727-2391. CHUM Church also needs lanyards!

Save the date! CHUM Rhubarb Festival
June 27, 2009

Thank you from Grant School 4th Grade

"Thanks for helping us get to Wolf Ridge! We won't forget it! Thanks so much for the use of the church for our fundraising functions—we appreciated it!"

MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 3 Kenji or Stacy Sudoh, Echo Funk or Nick Schutz, **Volunteer needed**
- 10 Jessica Olson, Nicki Seibert or Alisha Blazevic, Jane Rupel
- 17 Robin Davidson, Beth Kinney, Amy Fitzpatrick
- 24 Andy or Libby Fena, Maggie Fink, Britt or Leon Rohrbaugh
- 31 Grace Richey, Monica Liddle, **Volunteer needed**

Greeters

- 3 **Volunteers Needed**
- 10 Sarah Jessico, Susan Ranfranz
- 17 Lisa Brown, Viola Brown
- 24 Bob and Rene Montgomery
- 31 Robin Davidson, Julie MacKenzie

Lay Readers

- 3 Tanya Jackson
- 10 Jerry Cleveland
- 17 Rene Montgomery
- 24 Cindy McLean
- 31 Marsha Hystead

8:30 Communion Bread



- 3 Jerry Cleveland
- 10 Janell Kohls
- 17 McLeans
- 24 Linda Goese
- 31 Liddles

Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday May 10

- 1:30 pm: Jayme Hennen, Nadine Hubert, Laurie/Mariah Berner
- 4:30 pm: Pat Sjoding, Brenda Butterfield and Gracie Pearson,

Monday Meal

at Loaves and Fishes

- 4 Kay Stevens
- 11 Ginny and Marlis Cran
- 18 Daina Rosen
- 15 Meal Angel Respite

Ushers

- 3 Cheryl Walsh, Craig Peterson, Simpsons
- 10 Bob & Rene Montgomery, Nettie Bothwell, John Moeller
- 17 Cindy Macaulay, Marsha Hystead, Marcus Lovejoy & Barbara Pestalozzi
- 24 Lyn & John Pegg, Mary Martin, Sandra Moore
- 31 Huberts, Jen Pearson, Essie Geiger

COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEES

THANKS SO MUCH to everyone who has taken a turn helping out with our Sunday coffee hour. It is going very well. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

2009 COFFEE COMMITTEES: Unless you requested a change, you are likely on the same month as last year. New members have been added to the lists. Copies of the monthly committees are in the narthex. Please let us know if you are not able to be on a committee.

MONTHLY COORDINATORS: Thanks to all of you. **We need another coordinator for September—Please call the office if you can help.**

Any questions? Call Janell in the office, 724-3637, or Cizzarie, 525-0325.



May Coffee Hour

Coordinators:
Barb Forrest, 727-5399

Cindy Macaulay, 722-3432

May 3

Coffee Set-up: Melanie Shepard & Al Netland, Eve Stein

Serve/Clean-up: John & Ellen Lindgren, Peggy & Wayne Pearson

May 10

Coffee Set-up: Christa Knudsen, Cindy Macaulay

Serve/Clean-up: Matt & Patty Johnson, Maggie & Marc Fink

May 17

Set-up: Brian & Sandra Graff, Barb Forrest

Serve/Clean-up: Sam & Phyllis Cook, Phyllis & Scott Mead

May 24

Set-up: Stacy & Dustin Holden, Kathy Dowell

Serve/Clean-up: Craig & Jeanie Peterson

May 31

Set-up: Susan & Stan Goltz

Serve/Clean-up: Laretta & Brad Shrake, Sheri & Brian Bergeron

Please bring 3 dozen cookies on the Sunday you help out.

Coming up — June

Coordinators:
Cizzarie Schomberg, 525-0325

Janell Kohls, 728-9756

Judy & Dave Arvold, 724-8734

Martha Minchak & Craig Bublitz,
628-3462

Penny Cragun, 727-2972

Andrew Webster & Erin Dewitt,
724-4970

Amy & Dan Fitzpatrick, 724-3721

Melissa Kadlec & Dan Green,
724-7888

Steve & Lisa Horner, 525-1798

Raquel & Bryan Jensen,
727-7725

Tadd & Emily Johnson, 724-2350

Bill & Darlene Kohlts, 525-2548

Tim & Melanie Lundell, 525-4929

Kate & Frank Nicoletti, 724-0758

Beth Ruark, 724-0301

Bill & Karie Simpson, 728-4971

Leanne Ventrella, 728-6562

Jennifer Zoretich, 724-1245

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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 and Small Group Ministries: Paul Van Antwerp

Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth



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Pianist: Eric Bigalke

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