



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell

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

Paul VanAntwerp recommended for Associate Pastor

"Just pick Paul." That was advice that the search committee received from many members of the congregation. It was advice that we listened to, but we didn't literally follow. As a search committee, we felt strongly that we needed to look to see what all our options were for the Associate Pastor.

So we searched. Starting our meetings in March, we put out a national posting and received 18 profiles from interested candidates. Many of them were ministers with tremendous gifts. From those, the committee selected 6 people to have a phone interview with who seemed to have the best potential for being a fit with what our congregation needs at this particular point in time.

From those we interviewed on the phone, two candidates really stood out above all the others, and so the committee issued an invitation to do an in-person interview to both of these candidates. One of the candidates determined that accepting such a position really wasn't possible due to family circumstances, and so declined the interview.

The other candidate, Paul Van Antwerp, continued forward with the process. The committee discussed whether we wanted to bring any of the other candidates in for a face-to-face interview, but felt none of them measured up to the quality we had seen in these two candidates.

So, it is that we recommended with the strongest conviction that Paul Van Antwerp be brought to the congregation as the candidate for Associate Pastor. Paul very much impressed the committee at every step in the process. He has also expressed the awareness that his ministry is young and he has much to learn and sees many ways that his ministry will grow among us.

The search committee didn't just pick Paul. We went through a thorough and diligent process to find the best candidate for what Peace Church needs. It just so happens that Paul turned out to be that candidate. So the search committee made our recommendation to the Council, and based on our work, the council is recommending that the congregation approve him as our next associate pastor.

On November 22, Paul will be preaching and there will be a congregational meeting after the 10:30 service. All members will have the chance to ask questions of the search committee and then vote whether or not to accept the recommendation that was brought to the Coordinating Council. So, in the end, you all have a part to play in deciding whether we pick Paul or not.

by Doug Bowen-Bailey, Search Comm. Co-Chair

Together on the Road with Jesus 2010 Stewardship Drive



A Message from our Stewardship Chair, Mike Swanoski

I am struck by the similarities of our theme "Together on the Road with Jesus" and a recent journey I took with my family. We set our goal of hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back out again, and were well prepared with backpacks filled with essentials of clothes, snacks, and lots of water. As we proceeded down the canyon, we were in awe of God's handiwork all around us. At one point, the heat became nearly unbearable and it was by sharing our load, the privilege of carrying another's backpack for awhile, that we reached our goal.

To provide for the work and worship of Peace Church, we need a well-stocked backpack that includes: the incredible Pastor Kathy, an outstanding staff, mission, wonderful programming, building maintenance, and community outreach. This year we will be adding even more to help us on our way; an associate pastor. What a wonderfully full backpack we will have. We are all needed to share the load along our faith journey to reach our goal of Intentional Community with God and our fellow travelers.

Our Stewardship Drive began Sunday, Oct. 25th. Packets of stewardship materials are being circulated in our neighborhoods and sent out in the mail. Each of you will receive a pledge card and envelope for you to help to "Share the Load" and support Peace Church during the coming year. Also included is an electronic transfer of funds form for your convenience that we encourage you to utilize. If you would like, please write a few words about your spiritual journey to include with your pledge. **Please return your pledge cards by November 15th when we will dedicate our pledges for 2010.**

To account for an associate pastor and other expected increases in expenses, our budget in 2010 will be about \$40,000 more than it was in 2009. For those who pledged last year, I ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your pledge. For those who have not pledged, I ask that you prayerfully consider doing so this year. All of us should consider the question, what percent of our income is God calling us to give?

As Pastor Kathy wrote in her Peace Bell article, "this year we will be going several miles together and it takes each one of us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship." Journey On!

FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

*Walking through dark woods
We drop memories
Like bread crumbs,
as if they could lead us back to a past devoured.*

*We hold what we can of love and grief,
Slowly weave our way toward the clearing
where they will become one.*

*We rest to take deep gulps of sweet pungent air;
We share the bread left over.*

~ Anne Simpson



Anne's poem has helped me center in this month of walking with so many families through the valleys of death, walking through dark woods. In a short time we have as a congregation said goodbye to Tony Ledeaux, Harriet Peterson, Donna Morris, Sandy Hudyma, Joyce Clement, Andrew Messer and Joe Bothwell. Each of them carried the light of the divine, offered their unique gifts to our community. On November 1st, All Saints Day, we will light candles for them and for all the others who have died this year.

They go ahead of us now, they have woven their way to the clearing where love and grief have become one. But each of them have left us so many memories, so many bread crumbs to help us find our way. We join them in finding our way to that clearing, to that place where all love and grief join in the heart of our God. It is so hard to be flesh, incarnate at times. We know such pain, hurt, love and joy, but that is the only way.

It is such an honor to sit with families and listen to the stories of life with someone who has died. Tony cared passionately about justice for all people, especially native people; Harriet wrote beautiful poetry; Donna took walks each lunch hour from her job at the Northland Foundation and as she walked she passed out Hershey kisses to anyone who looked like they could use a smile; Sandy loved animals and especially birds, taking in lots of strays; Joyce worked over 20 years delivering newspapers, but still made time to take great care of her family; Andrew loved to be outdoors – hunting, fishing, working with his dad and brother. Each person a reminder to take time with those we love. All of these memories are bread crumbs for us to follow.

Joe left huge memories for his family and friends. As I sat with his family, I learned about the sculpture near the canal park Dairy Queen. One time Tom and Joe were down at Canal Park watching the ships and feeding the sea gulls. Joe was about 4 years old and really, really wanted to feed a gull. Tom suggested that Joe get on his shoulders so he would be taller. Joe did. Then Joe put popcorn right on his head. And then he waited and waited . . . it was almost a half hour before a gull swooped in for the kernel. Tom felt Joe's legs tighten around him as the gull plucked the popcorn from his head. Later a man with a camera came over. He had taken a picture and was an artist commissioned to make a sculpture for the city of Duluth. Tom and Joe and gull would be his work. And so they were, right down to the details of hair, shoes, and clothes. The sculpture stands outside of Caribou Coffee in Canal Park . . . a memory, a large crumb to remind us of Joe – a reminder to take precious time with those we love . . . take good care of one another, sharing the bread or at least the popcorn left over. This past summer Joe told Tom he wanted a picture of him with his Dad on his shoulders and so it was and is.

We need each other in this journey. At Andrew's service his mother, Deb spoke and used an analogy that I shall never forget. She said, "Someone used the metaphor of God being our life jacket. I really didn't feel like God had put a life jacket on me. I felt betrayed by God. But later in the week, I noticed that God had been laying life jackets at our feet . . . all over the ground . . . thousands of them. And one by one people began to pick them up for us, put them around our necks, tie them tight, buckle them up, and fasten them securely. Andrew often wore a life jacket that we all thought was too small. But now I realize that it was not too small at all; it was just tied so tight with the love of all his family and friends that he overflowed with the greatness of God."

We are on this journey together . . . bread and lifejackets all around . . . Let us make sure all are safe, all are fed, until that day we find ourselves in the clearing where grief and love are one in the heart of our God.

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

SUNDAYS in NOVEMBER

We continue to have two services each Sunday morning. At 8:30 we have a Contemplative Communion Service and at 10:30 we have our regular service with children's time and senior choir. The sermon at both services is the same. Special Music is always needed for our 8:30 service. If you would like to sing or play an instrument for any of these Sunday's call the church office or pastor Kathy.

Sunday, November 1st – All Saints Sunday

Scripture: Ruth 1:8 & Mark 12:28-34

Sermon: "Saints of the Economy of Care", by Dr. Eleazar Fernandez, Professor of Constructive Theology and United Theological Seminary.

Today we will light candles for members of the congregation who have died this past year and remember our partners in the Philippines, especially those church workers martyred for the efforts to help the disenfranchised. The choir and our praise team will be singing at our 10:30 service. There will be an update from one of our Stewardship Journey Guides.

Day Light Savings Time Ends Today – Remember to set your clocks back an hour!

Sunday, November 8th

Scripture: Mark 12: 38 – 44, Ruth 3: 1 – 5; 4: 13 - 17

Sermon: "What Shall We Give . . ." with Pastor Kathy preaching.

Sunday, November 15th – Stewardship Sunday

Scripture: I Samuel 1: 4 – 20

Sermon: "Extravagant Opportunity" with Pastor Kathy preaching

This morning we will dedicate our financial pledges for 2010. The choir and Clear will be singing.

Sunday, November 22nd – Thanksgiving Sunday

Paul Van Antwerp will be preaching his call sermon this day. Following the 10:30 service there will be a congregational meeting to affirm the Search Committees recommendation to call Paul Van Antwerp as our Associate Pastor. There will be a congregational vote by paper ballot.

Sunday, November 29th – First Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Luke 21: 25 – 36

Sermon: "Signs of Things to Come" with Pastor Kathy



Like the Smell of Pine? The Colors of Christmas?

Join us at 9:30 on Sunday, November 29th as we decorate the sanctuary. We will be trimming the trees and making swags for the church and for you to take home. Marion Jensen will again be helping us make a large wreath for our building. We will also be baking cookies and making cards to take to our homebound members. Kids and adults are welcome!

Sale to benefit the Philippines/Liddles

Dave Cave's wood turnings

November 22 after services

Dave Cave will have another sale of his beautiful wood turnings to benefit the Philippine Partnership and our missionaries to East Timor, Tom and Monica Liddle. This is a good time to do some Christmas shopping and contribute to our mission partners.

Sing with the Choir for Cantata!

You're invited to sing with the choir for the annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday December 13. Rehearsals begin at 6:15 on **Weds. Nov. 4** in the Music Room, and continue each Wednesday until the Cantata.



Peace Church October Hayride

Joint Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday, November 24th at 7 pm

At the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 835 W. College St.

Join the members and choirs from St. Paul's Episcopal, Pilgrim Congregational, Unitarian, First UMC, Chester Park United Methodist Church, Glen Avon Presbyterian, Twin Ports Islamic Center, and Temple Israel, for our annual interfaith thanksgiving service. The choirs will be singing a joint anthem.

Our very own Peace Puppets will perform! A soup supper will be served by the UU congregation from 5 – 7. Choir members are encouraged to come and eat before the 6:15 rehearsal!



ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Forums — 9:30 Sunday Mornings — All Are Welcome and the Coffee is On!

Two Options this Month!

In the Fireside Room

**November 1 and 8—Narrative Study of the Gospel of Mark
Led by Jackie Falk**

Join us for two more Sundays of “Mark—The Whole Story”

Notes from seminary intern, Jackie Falk

When Kathy and I were talking recently, in her reflective wisdom, she said to me, “Ministry is about interaction, not information.” She was talking about her ministry with other people, but in my mind her observation jumped from people to the scriptures. It became instead a description of a gift we find when we read the gospel accounts of Jesus from beginning to end, as whole stories. A whole story is more life-like; we have a sense of interacting with the characters, almost like we are part of the story. In life, we get to know other people when we have many chances to watch them in different situations. In the scriptures, we get to know Jesus, when we watch him make his way through many challenges and obstacles.

As the season changes from fall to winter, and before we begin using Luke’s portrayal of Jesus in worship on the first Sunday of Advent, I invite you to pick up the Gospel of Mark, the gospel we read in worship this past year, and read it from beginning to end. It won’t take long; it’s the shortest of the four gospels. Enter it like you would any good short story or pretend it is the gathering place of an interesting group of people you are getting to know. Watch for all the interesting characters, but Jesus at center stage will demand your attention. How does Jesus see the world? What does he hope for? What does he fear? Do his choices sometimes seem foolish rather than wise? Is he ever rude or his behavior confusing? What is Jesus trying to do? Does he do it?

Stories are a universal form of human expression and shape our ethical values and moral sensibilities in powerful and complex ways, and the Gospel of Mark does all of that, but don’t read Mark’s gospel because of that. Read it because Mark’s Gospel is a really good story. For two thousand years, we have loved it, and kept reading it because it is a really good story. ~Jackie Falk

Wednesday Evening Adult Formation

6-7pm in the Fireside Room

In the midst of our busy Wednesdays here at Peace, there is a quiet gathering in the Fireside Room after dinner which offers time for us to connect with God and Scripture. We use the ancient method of Lectio Divina. All are welcome.

Wednesday, November 4 – Lecto Divina Bible Study on Mark 12: 38 – 44 with Pastor Kathy and Paul VanAntwerp

Wednesday, November 11 – Committees and Teams and Bible Study with Paul Van Antwerp on Mark 13: 1 - 8

Wednesday, November 18 – Lecto Divinia Bible Study on John 18: 33 – 37 with Pastor Kathy and Paul

Wednesday, November 25 – No Wednesday Evening Bible Study due to the Thanksgiving Break



In the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 1 – Conversations with Dr. Eleazar Fernandez, Professor of Constructive Theology at United Seminary of the Twin Cities.

Sunday, November 8 – Julia Cheng of Community Action Duluth and past volunteers from CAD’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program share its impact on low and middle income families. Learn how you can help at the VITA site or benefit from free tax preparation next year during tax season.

Sunday, November 15 – Rebecca Hinds of Community Action Duluth and panelists engaged with Circles of Support through CAD’s “Getting Ahead” class invite congregation members to a cross-cultural dialogue. This is a preview to the November 19 “Solutions to Poverty” event at Peace. Panelists will present their assessments of community resources such as education, transportation and housing as related to overcoming poverty, and the whole forum will brainstorm for concrete steps toward ending poverty in Duluth.

Sunday, November 22 – Conversations with Paul VanAntwerp. A chance to ask Paul, our candidate for associate pastor, any of your questions, talk with him about his vision for small group ministries and more!

Sunday, November 29th – Greening of the church. Help to trim the tree and make swags for the church and to take home. There will be advent devotional calendars for use in your homes.

Men’s Bible Study

Tuesdays, November 2 & 16 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>*

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

All Church Party: Rollerskating!

November 22nd, 5 - 7pm

Peace Church is taking over World of Wheels Roller Rink in Superior from 5 – 7pm. We'll have the whole rink to ourselves. Suggested donation is \$4.50. Concession stand available. (Don't want to skate? No problem! Come cheer us on!)

Peace Church Movie Night

Friday, November 20, 7pm — *Chocolat*

Vianne Rocher and her young daughter are drifters who are met with skepticism and resistance when they move to a conservative town in rural France and open a chocolate shop during Lent. As Vianne begins to work her magic and help those around her, the townspeople are soon won-over by her exuberance and her delicious chocolates - except for the mayor, who is determined to shut her down. When a group of river drifters visit the town, Vianne teaches the townspeople something about acceptance, and finds love for herself along the way.

Discussion and treats will follow. Childcare provided if requested! (*Call the office*)

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday November 18 at noon

Benedictine Health Center, 3rd Floor Lounge

This study is facilitated by Cheryl Walsh. Bring a lunch; coffee, dessert and great fellowship always provided!

Soap & Shampoo donations

Remember, when you stay in hotels or motels, collect unopened bottles of shampoo, conditioner and bars of soap for people in poverty. You can bring them to church and place them in the basket under the coat rack. Laura Zahn will collect them and take them to a place where they can be distributed

Reading, Writing, and Reflection Group

November 5th & 19th (1st and 3rd Thursdays)

Come at 6pm to share your love for writing with others in the church. We read a short passage, exercise our writing skills, and share our thoughts and ideas about writing and life with each other. We'll meet in the conference room.

CHUM Family Shelter

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

Peace Church has adopted the CHUM Family Shelter as a church-wide project. If we work together, we can ensure the vitality of this very important service in our community. Please take a moment to review the "Team Sign Up" sheet located in the Narthex, and discern how you can best lend a hand. Questions? Contact Paul.

Peace Church Hootenanny — Folk Music Group

Friday November 20th at 7pm

This month's Hootenanny will be at Mary Nienaber's home: 3809 E. 4th St. Bring your instruments, voices, and favorite folk songs. We're also on for music the following Sunday—any folk songs to share that nourish your faith? All are welcome and **wallflowers are encouraged!** Contact Paul with questions.

Come Help Make Pancakes at CHUM!

November 4 & 18

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

Men's Breakfast—November 12 & 26

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

PALS (Peace Adults Learning & Socializing)

France travelogue on Thursday, November 19, hosted by Joan & Al Peterson.

Mark your calendar!

February 26 – 28 – Winter camp Weekend at Camp DuNord on Burntside Lake near Ely. Everyone welcome! We have room for 90 folks. Cost for the weekend is \$60 per person. Folks will be put into teams to help prepare one meal. Sign up in the entry way. Let Pastor Kathy or Cizzarie Schomberg know if you are interested in helping with the planning of this great weekend

March 18 – 20 – Men's Retreat – If you are interested in helping with the planning let Dick Goese or Paul Van Antwerp know.

Friday, April 23 – 24 Women's Retreat at Caribou Highlands in Lutsen. We will begin with supper on Friday night and end after lunch Saturday. There will be a Saturday night option for those wishing to stay an extra night. Let Pastor Kathy know if you would like to help with the planning or have ideas for themes or focus. Cost is \$45 per night .

June 13-18 – DOOR Workcamp for Senior High Youth— Please Pay \$50 ASAP to hold your spot! (more p.6)

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets

6pm: Adult Study in Fireside Room 6:15pm: Senior Choir 7-8:30pm: Youth Group

7-8:30pm: Confirmation (Confirmation 1st & 3rd Weds.; Make-up classes 2nd and 4th Weds.)

Boards and Committees meet on November 11th at 6 pm

NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES ON NOVEMBER 25



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.

November 4 – Helping our Neighbors

November 11 – Veggie Tales (Need helper)

November 18 – Thanksgiving

November 25 – NO FAITH WEAVERS

Faith Weaver Parents!

Faith Weavers! Need adult helpers and adult volunteers to lead on committee Wednesday nights! (Second Wednesday of the month.)

PEACE PUPPETS

4th & 5th graders—6-7pm in Lakeview Room

Peace Puppets have been asked to perform at the Thanksgiving Service at the Unitarian Church on Tuesday, November 24 at 7pm. The Unitarian Church is at 835 W College St. We have lots of practicing to do before then. Watch for a letter coming to your house with more information.



For the purposes of part assignments, Grownups, please let Cindy know whether or not your puppeteer will be able to be in the show (525-3526 or cindy@peaceucc.org) If your 4th or 5th grader has not yet had a chance to join the Peace Puppets, now is the PERFECT TIME—all are welcome.

We meet every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Lakeview classroom. KIDS, keep coming even if you are not going to be in the show. We are still working on all sorts of other things.

CONFIRMATION

The class will meet on the **first and third Wednesdays of every month from 7 – 8:30 pm**. If you miss a class session, you are expected to make it up on the following Wednesday. Remember to fill out your worship report forms

Wednesday, November 4 – Stories of Faithfulness – the books of Jonah and Ruth

Wednesday, November 18 – Stories of Decisions – the Exodus from Egypt

Children's Choir

All children age 3 - grade 5 are invited to join us for choir practice in the music on Wednesdays from 5 -5:30. Kim Sturtz and Jim Pospisil will be leading the group.

Mark Your Calendars now for this Summer's Senior High Youth Work Camp

June 13 - 18th with DOOR in Chicago (must be 9th grade or up)

The cost of the trip is \$300 per youth. We hope to do fundraising to help lower this. Scholarships are available. If you plan to attend, **please make a deposit of \$50 as soon as possible**. We have reserved 20 spots and can reserve more if more youth are interested.

DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) will help our youth see the face of God in the city as we spend a week listening, volunteering, and reflecting on our experiences. We will learn about urban life through: • Volunteering in the community, • Participating in reflection, • Worshiping together, • Considering how faith shapes our responses to needs in our home community, and • Discovering service as an essential, daily part of living out Christian faith.

All will be tied in by reflection on the message of the Psalmist: "God is in the midst of the city" Psalm 46:5 If we look in faith, we may see God's face in the eyes of another—a man at a soup kitchen, an elderly woman at a nursing facility, a child exiled to a homeless shelter.

YOUTH & PARENTS

Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room

November 1st (Sunday) *For World:*

"Halloween with Heart"

Come join the party and help out with the UNICEF Carnival, 11:30 – 1:00 – the kids will be thankful, and you'll feel better after gorging on so much sugar the night before.

November 4th *For Church:*

"We're All in This Together"

Kim will be leading our crew in Peer Ministry Training. See my note on the other side of this page for more details.

November 8th (Sunday) *For Community*

"Pay it Forward: Damiano"

We're volunteering to help serve a meal at the Damiano center. There are two "time slots" to join: 1:30 and 4:30. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

P.S. It's also Kim's Birthday!

November 11th *For Fun: "FUN DAY"*

Details and location of adventure to be announced...

November 18th *For Church:*

"We're All in This Together, Part II"

Peer Ministry, Part II. We'll be glowing with new wisdom by the end of this evening.

November 22nd (Sunday) *For Fun: "*

All-Church Party! ROLLERSKATING!"

Peace Church is taking over World of Wheels in Superior from 5 – 7pm. We'll have the whole rink to ourselves. Suggested donation is \$4.50. Concession stand is available.

P.S. It's also a big day for Paul at the church—come show your support!

November 25th:

Thanksgiving Break. No Youth Group

Enjoy some time with your family. Collect those "family stories" we talked about a few weeks back—what are the stories that define "your people"?

Parents of Teens "Hang-Out Night"

Wednesday, November 18, 7pm

Raising Teenagers? Want to talk about it? Join other parents for casual conversation about life with teenagers. Jane Ward will be facilitating this group. Questions? Contact Paul.

Hey Youth!

Ok, you've heard us use phrases like "walk the talk" and "pay it forward" when we talk about supporting our community or church, but this month we're taking these phrases to a new level. You also "walk your talk" in everyday life with those around you. You "pay it forward" by using your gifts and talents to be a good friend, to support someone in a hard time, to appreciate the uniqueness of people around you, or to give somebody a simple bit of joy. That's what our upcoming "Peer Ministry" program is all about. On the 8th and 18th, Kim is going share her experience on this topic, to lead us in our own training. Trust me, it's a good thing. Stay tuned!

One more thing: if you are not on the Youth Group email list, please let us know!

See you soon,

Paul

Hey Youth Group

and Confirmation kids!

Thanks for being so awesome and welcoming my first month. You have made me feel very at home. Thanks for being so kind and neighborly!

~ from Kim Sturtz

Hey Senior High!

Senior High (9th -12th)

Sunday Gathering at 9:30.

Vocation: Where the things you enjoy meet the things the world needs. You lead where we go with this. Join us at 9:30 in the conference room and it may just help you make a living doing the things that you love (no promises, but it can't hurt!).



BOWLING FUN!

KIM'S COLUMN

From Kim Sturtz, Children's Minister

"An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all—he is the greatest." Luke 9:46-48

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be seen as the best and the greatest. Many of us have family or friends who do think pretty highly of us and it is great to have support like that. But many times, there are situations where we forgot about other people, and the problems or unhappiness they might be experiencing. It might be an personal illness or a family illness, a death in the family, a loss of a job, or just daily life struggles.

Too many times we become focused on our own lives and we forget to look outward and be a loving neighbor as Jesus has called us to be. In these times of economic uncertainty, I know there are many families who are looking to the upcoming holidays with worry about being able to celebrate or afford to give their families an enjoyable experience. This is your time to stand up and be great to those in need. Volunteer your time with those in nursing homes who don't see family often, look through closets and donate warm, gently worn clothing and blankets for shelters, and donate food to the food shelters and help serve meals there too!

May you be able to give the grace and love of Jesus Christ in this upcoming holiday season. I know you can do it and also ME TOO!!

In God's Grace ~ Kim Sturtz, Children's Minister.

COMMENTARY BY PAUL

From Paul VanAntwerp, Youth/Small Group Minister

"It's not a job, it's a lifestyle..." Pastors and professors like to say that phrase to seminary students as we begin to comprehend the commitments involved in the vocation of ministry. I remember jokes between classmates that this line was really just a sales pitch to help justify going into a field where generally the hours are high and the pay is low. But, as usual, those pastors and profs have proven to be right, and the hinge of understanding doesn't come from lectures or textbooks, but when we finally take to heart what we've known in our heads all along: *God is always with us.*

We believe in God's love, and know that God's grace is abundant, therefore the "lifestyle" of our faith is the act of orienting our lives toward moments when we are in touch with God's love—when we are able to receive it, with hearts stirred, and when we know of no better response than to "pay it forward" to those around us. If dollars per hour is a unit of measurement for a job, perhaps *the presence of love* may be a parallel currency when we consider the work we put toward our faith.

Indeed, it has made me feel rich. I am so happy to be called up by your search committee as candidate for Associate Pastor—not only because Peace is a great church with great people that embody God's love and the teachings of Jesus, but also because it gives me an opportunity to be in a place where I am constantly reminded—where I may consistently engage—that simple truth: God is always with us.

I've been talking with the Senior High youth about discernment of vocation—that is: "the place where your passion meets the world's need". It's a thrill to see the many examples of Christian vocation lived out in this church, and it is an honor, an absolute honor, to be able to walk this road, and share this "Peace Church Lifestyle" with all of you. Thank you, my friends.

Paul

Church School News

No Church School on Nov 29th— For those families who are still around, we'll be gathering informally to make sugar cookies and cards for homebound congregational members. If you are around, stop down in the fellowship hall and participate from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

THE PAGEANT for this year has been SELECTED!! That means it's almost time to start practicing for the Pageant! So start to warm up your singing voice and practice all your favorite Christmas songs.

The Pageant fits right along with our "Together on the Road With Jesus" theme — it is starting from the beginning of Jesus' life! How cool is that?!?

The Pageant is on Dec 20th at the 10:30 Service. On the Saturday before we are going to be having our practice as usual from 9:00 a.m. – noon. (speaking parts 9:00-10:00 a.m. everyone else at 10:00-noon) After the practice we'll celebrate with lunch and a birthday cake for Jesus.

If you are able and willing to help with any part of the pageant, please call Kim Sturtz. Also if you signed up on your child's registration form, you probably will receive a call from a member of the CE Committee to see if you are still interested in helping. We need people to help with Saturday Rehearsal/Lunch and Sunday to make sure everyone is in their place with the right costumes. THANKS!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Fresh from the Koinonia Farm

Economic development remains central to the mission and vision of Koinonia Partners in Americus, Georgia. In the 1950's, local businesses boycotted Koinonia to protest the integrated farming community where blacks and whites lived and worked together. Koinonia had no choice but to try selling its farm produce and pecans outside the state of Georgia, thus marking the start of its mail order business. The business took off, providing employment and job training for local residents.

Homemade and homegrown, the gourmet products taste "heavenly"! Every year Koinonia workers harvest, sort, smoke and roast pecans and peanuts, and then bake them into a delicious assortment of fruitcakes, pies, granola and chocolates. Over the past eight years our Peace community has supported the mission of Koinonia with holiday orders. Catalogs are available at church, or you can go to <http://www.koinoniapartners.org/catalog/index.html> to look at the catalog, print out an order sheet and turn it in to the office by November 29th.

Dismantling Racism Team will meet on November 4 in the Conference Room.



October Hayride Kids

TEAM & COMMITTEE NIGHT

Teams and Committees will meet on **Wednesday, November 11th**. Dinner is served from 5:30 until 6 pm with meetings beginning at 6 pm. Budgets for 2008 are due at the end of this meeting!

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, November 17th** at 7 pm in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

Sanctuary Technology Training

Sunday, November 1st, 11:45am-12:30pm

Sunday, November 8th, 11:45am-12:30pm

As you know, our sanctuary has a great deal of audio and video technology capability. The church technology committee is looking for members that would be interested in volunteering to run sound and video for the Sunday services (mostly the 10:30 service).

We also need to develop a list of people who would be interested in providing sound, video, and lighting technician services for other groups that are using our sanctuary for a special event. Individuals providing these services will be paid a stipend of \$15/hour for their services.

If you are interested in either or both of these opportunities, you will need to participate in technology training. Feel free to come to a training just to learn more (you can decide later if you want to be an "official" technician.)

Notes from the Property Committee

You undoubtedly noticed the absence of our sign. A wind did it in, but plans are for it to be rehabbed soon.

Maintenance requirements have increased with the expansion of our building. We are hoping that members will step in to help when they can. **Taking down the tables after meals is one example.** An indoor plant care committee is also being organized. If you notice something that needs attention, would you consider seeing how you might help? Thanks.

RECYCLING PEACE

Epson Color printer/scanner to give away – If you are interested, call Dave Winchester, 525-0139

Needed: Kitchen towels and dish cloths for our church kitchen. If you have any to spare, drop them off in the drawers in the kitchen. Also, ziplock bags, foil and food containers are needed. Thanks!

Baldwin Piano: Free — you pick it up. Call Lori Lind at 624-1982.

Furniture, dishes, linens etc. for a woman who called the church recently. She has a place to live, but needs furnishings—especially a crib, and bed for herself and a child (she has a 5 month old and a 5 year old.) She has been given a couch, so that is not needed.

Christmas Wreaths – Now taking orders for handmade, not mass-produced, Christmas wreaths. The cost is \$20 which can be paid at the time of delivery. They are 27 inch decorated mixed green wreaths. If interested, please email Anita at nelsonanita@hotmail.com or call 218-940-3279.

MEMBERS—NEW AND LONGTIME

Welcome to our New Members!

On Sunday, October 11th we welcomed new members into our congregation. Welcome to **Shalimar Borders, Annette Strom & Tim Everson, Chris Evavold & Ingrid Johnson-Evavold, Gwen Plumb & Dave Gerhart; Bill & Molly Watson.**

Chris Evavold & Ingrid Johnson-Evavold

Family members: Isaac (13), Isabella (11), Amelia (8)

What is your vocation? Chris – Science Teacher in Esko; Ingrid – Math Teacher at WITC in Superior

What are your hobbies/passions? Wilderness camping in all seasons

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? Ingrid is a bee keeper. Chris builds Iditarod dog sleds

Gwen Plumb & Dave Gerhart

Family members: 2 dogs from the pound (Gracie & Kaz)

What is your vocation? Respiratory therapist (retired)

What are your hobbies/passions? Canoeing, cross-country skiing, country life

What brought you to Peace? John and Cathy Ameel; Pastor Kathy's assistance and kindness during my treatment for breast cancer.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? Gwen threw the discus in college; Dave used to raise goats, ducks and geese.

Annette Strom & Tim Everson

Family members: Alyssa (Tim's daughter), Buddy (our dog), Dandelion (Alyssa's dog)

What is your vocation? We both teach at Woodland Middle School; Annette – 7th grade Life Science; Tim – Special Education.

What are your hobbies/passions? Annette – Travel, dance, gardening, cooking; Tim – Biking, reading, grilling, captaining his pontoon boat.

What brought you to Peace? We are looking for an open and welcoming place to be in our faith journey together.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? Annette – Was born in Germany; Tim – Has a private pilot's license.

MARGUERITE "PEGGY" MASKE

In honor of Peggy's 90th birthday, this was written by Bob Stevens, chaplain, for the St. Ann's newsletter.

Peggy was born on Halloween in Solon Springs, Wisconsin, but her family actually lived in Morgan Park, Minnesota. Her father was a traveling salesman who worked for a variety of companies, including a steel company, Banker's Life Insurance and the Maytag Company. This meant a lot of moving around Southern Minnesota for the family. While working for the Maytag Company he carried around a washing machine in his car to demonstrate in people's homes. He tells of spending a whole day washing clothes for a family with 10 children and then they didn't buy the machine.

Peggy started school at 4 years old in St. Paul. By second grade they were in Wabasha, Minnesota, and she attended most of elementary school in Rochester, Minnesota. When she was in 7th grade they moved back to St. Paul. In April of her 8th grade year they returned to Duluth and she graduated from Duluth Central in 1937. Jobs were scarce so Peggy worked for a temp agency doing short term, mostly part time work for a variety of places. A full time job was what she wanted and she applied at many places. Finally she was hired to work for Russ Parker Wholesale Grocery. There she worked for the billing department, made coffee, relieved on the switchboard and got out the mail. In 1941 the grocery closed their doors and Peggy went to work for the old First National Bank. The name changed to First America Bank and to Northwest Bank Corp. while Peggy was there, a total of 39 years. She had a variety of jobs there too but the last 25 years she was in charge of the commercial loan department. In 1980 they got a computer — the changes were frustrating, and at that time you could retire with partial Social Security at 60, so that is what Peggy did. Her husband, George, worked for three more years and then he retired too.

Peggy and George did not have any children but both of their mothers lived with them for about 30 years. They also did a lot of traveling over the years. Often they would take off the month of March and be on the go. They visited most of the U.S. states and most of the Canadian provinces. There were two great trips to Hawaii, one on a tour and another with another couple. Peggy even found some relatives that she had not met before on Prince Edward Island.

Peggy's husband died in 2004 and after about a year she felt that living alone had too many problems, so she sold their house to some friends who had two children that she and George had "adopted" as grandchildren (Bill and Karie Simpson). She moved to St. Ann's in 2006. She can get up late, can still volunteer at her church and she enjoys her apartment.

PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY / BIRTHDAYS

Adult Books, new in the library:

Just Peace : A Message of Hope by Mattie Stepanek with Jimmy Carter
Lost Christianity by Jacob Needleman
Gospel-Centered Spirituality : An Introduction to Our Spiritual Journey by Allan H Sager
I Tell You a Mystery : Life, Death and Eternity by Johann Christoph Arnold
Keeping Your Personal Journal by George F Simons
Parentips for Effective, Enjoyable Parenting by Marilyn Heins
If the Battle Is Over, Why Am I Still in Uniform by Brenda El-sagher
A Cup of Tea : A Novel of 1917 by Amy Ephron
Stiller's Pond : New Fiction from the Upper Midwest by Jonis Agee, Roger Blakely, and Susan Welch
Chicken Soup for the Soul at Work by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hanson

Children's Books, new in the library:

Hatchet by Gary Paulson
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Town Mouse, Country Mouse by Jan Brett
Let's Find Out about Ice Cream by Mary Ebeltoft Reid
Understand and Care by Cheri J Meiners

While looking for books on racial justice we discovered that several books were missing. *Race* by Studs Terkel, *The Lynchings in Duluth* by Michael Fedo, *Race Relations* by John Howard Griffin and *Racism* by Martin Luther King Jr. If you have borrowed any of these books, please return! Also, we would be happy to receive donations of these books or other books on this topic.

Worship Services Online

We now have a link available on our website to a podcast of our Sunday Service. Look for the link along the right-hand column under "Worship Services" at our website www.peaceucc.org

Travel south next February for a "people to people experience!"

Witness for Peace is organizing a delegation to Colombia, "Living with Hope in a Culture of Violence,," February 11 - 21. Talk to Lyn Clark Pegg at church or call 727-3770 for details, or go to www.witnessforpeace.org.



*Gracie Pearson & Zoe Simpson
at the hayride*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Lara Hamsher
 Kate Hawley Augusta
 2 Kyoshi Sudoh
 3 Virginia Maki
 Alisa Persons
 4 Joan Hatlestad
 6 Marlys Phillips
 8 Jonie Langdon-Larson
 Frost Bowen-Bailey
 Kathy Dowell
 9 Sarah Nelson
 11 Gordon Beier
 Russ Miller
 Brenda Butterfield
 12 Clara Aas
 Kaelene Arvidson-Hicks
 Janell Kohls
 Kierra Heazlett
 Robin Davidson



12 Matt Ryan
 13 Denise Hamsher
 14 Mike Swanoski
 Daniel Pospisil
 Nancy Nelson
 15 Rick Morgan
 Kirby Wood
 Andre Good
 17 Kenji Sudoh
 Benjamin Blazevic-Seibert
 Shalimar Borders
 18 Abby Ham
 19 Bret Friday
 Samantha Kohlts
 20 Nicholas Netland
 Peter Good
 21 Fred Hendrickson
 Peter Hystead
 22 Jules Ameel



22 Sydney Samborski
 Matthew Morris
 Sam Clark
 24 Joan Severson
 Emily Richey
 Anika Pfau
 25 Dennis Marciniak
 Sophie Finch-Newkirk
 27 Jennifer Ameel
 Gary Carlsness
 Carrie Plamann
 Ezra Schomberg
 28 Stacy Crawford
 29 Melanie Shepard
 Jessica Swanoski
 Grace Ryan
 Josephine Ryan
 30 Craig Bublitz
 Ahna DeWitt



PEACE PEOPLE — Thank you!

➤ **To all who helped with the four funerals this past month.** We have needed many hands to bake bars and serve lunch to the grieving families and friends. It was so wonderful the way so many helped us host these luncheons. The gathering after services is such an important time of community. Thanks to all who helped us welcome our doors to those who were truly hurting. Your willingness to serve says so much about your commitment to our mission of “reaching out in healing love.”

➤ Thank you to Nettie for coordinating and calling volunteers. To Marsha & Tom Hystead, Susan Goltz, Essie Geiger, Cheryl Walsh, Marge Anderson and Jerry Cleveland, Victor and Whitney Adams and Preston, Deb Messer, Daina Rosen Cathy Ameel, Carrie Plamann, Holly Bowen-Bailey, Claire Smith, Kelly Peterson, Marlis Cran, Craig Kvale, Janell Kohls and to anyone who helped or brought food whose name was not mentioned. More names follow:

➤ From Jen and Mike Hudyma: Wow! Peace Church is such an incredible church! Thank you to Kathy, Beth, Janell and Nancy for helping us put together a beautiful memorial service for Mike's Mom, Sandy. Thank you to Peter Provost and Dave Winchester for their amazing gift of music! And thank you to Nettie Bothwell and her "crew" - Denise Perry, Shalimar Borders, Vickie Barnes, Penny Bothwell, Cizzarie Schomberg, Pat Sjoding, Joanne Guilliame, Cindy Macaulay, Jen Murphy, Peggy Skylondz, Sarah Nelson, Terese Tomanek, Bev Zengel, Beth Bartlett, Barb Forrest, Sharon Crosby, Lyn Pegg, Colette Knudsen, Lynette Boyko, and Mary Martin, for baking bars or helping in the kitchen. Many people commented on how welcoming our church felt, on how powerful the music was, and how caring the people serving the meal were. Thank you Peace people!!!! We are so blessed to be a part of this community!

➤ From Joan Severson: “The family of Joyce Clement would like to thank everyone who helped to make her memorial service so beautiful—Jim Pospisil, pianist Seulgee Lee, the choir and Pastor Kathy; the ladies serving our coffee hour—Elaine Augustad, Lori Thompson, Mary Martin, Sharon Crosby and Cathy Wood, and to all who brought goodies.”

➤ To all who have worked on this year's stewardship drive: Janell Kohls (getting all the materials ready), Denise Perry for helping Janell; Dennis Hamsher, Mike and Diane Swanoski for putting them all together, to our Journey guides, to Holly Bowen-Bailey for her creativity — go Hollywood; to Doug Bowen-Bailey for once again creating a video, to Julie Flotten and Kirby Woods for agreeing to speak at mission moments for this journey we are on together. We truly do go the mile and share the load.

➤ To Mary Martin and Denise Perry for all they do in keeping our building running. . . Mary has been working with Brad our custodian and Denise cleans our grease trap, refinished our cabinets and so much more. Brad has new hours now, —noon – 4 to clean the church. These are less busy times and hopefully it will be easier for him to work at that time.

➤ To our Search Committee for all their amazing work in bringing us an Associate Candidate! Pastor Kathy loved working with them and is very grateful to have candidate that will be a great partner in this amazing ministry we share at Peace Church.

Dear United Peace Church,

I can't even begin to explain how both honored and grateful I am to have received the Reverend Arthur Foy Memorial Scholarship. Your generous giving is amazing to me and is truly a blessing in my life.

I am now registering for the spring semester at UWS and very excited for classes to start. The scholarship has attributed greatly with registration and I know it will be even more beneficial in the future. I've recently been lined up with an advisor and she has been very helpful ensuring that I have everything I need to get started. I've also been in contact with the UWS track coach, who kept a close eye on me during high school, and both of us are excited for me to start running there. Although I haven't been training as much as I should be, I'm ecstatic about running for a college team.

Entering in as an English major, I've sought advice from people who have chosen the same path and have received only positive feedback and encouraging words. I plan on taking many writing classes to sharpen every type of writing I specialize in—but most importantly with my music writing ability.

Music has been going very well. We've been investigating with all different styles and have written a collection of songs this summer, including one about living in the Northland country called "Headin' Out to the Cuts"—an anthem song for a lot of kids in our area. We strive to write songs that are generally positive and sometimes a little bit of humor here and there.

On October 10th, my brothers and I have the opportunity to travel to Sacramento, California to record and promote a new album. It is the first time that the three of us, (Elijah, Jacob, Erik), have decided to come together to form a group. With family being the foundation, I feel that we will be stronger with each other. We've spent a lot of time saving money and planning our stay for such a timely process. We plan to return December 21st with a solid product and new knowledge about the music industry. When I return, I'd like to come visit Peace Church again to share some of our music and experiences with you all.

I truly feel that God has his hand on my life and will be with me wherever I go. He continues to open many doors and windows of opportunity, and assures me every day that I am his son.

I will keep Peace Church in my prayers. Please keep me in yours as well.

Sincerely, Elijah Bell

MORE PEACE PEOPLE

Dear Pastor Kathy Nelson and Congregation,

I want to thank all of you for your generous gift to Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers. We received your annual gift for 2009 in the amount of \$250.00. We truly appreciate your support and are confident that our ministry fits your beliefs about peacemaking and international mutuality.

At a time when some church-wide expressions are making the hard choice of reducing their financial commitments to ministry partners, we especially appreciate the strong support you and your members have offered. It is our hope that you will keep us in your 2010 budget as a mission partner.

We are happy to report that our ministry continues to address some of the real needs and vocational challenges of seafarers: isolation from society during long contracts on the ships, separation from loved ones and their homes, and job stress in exacting and sometimes dangerous tasks. We respond to these needs by providing internet and telephones, transportation off the ship, and a friendship ministry that responds to personal, social, spiritual, and vocational needs.

And of course, we are always open to new volunteers who would like to join us. We are grateful for our board member, Rev. John Pegg, currently representing the United Church of Christ.

Again, we thank God for your generosity and pray God's blessings on members, ministers, fall ministry offerings and God's plans for Peace Church.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Tom Anderson

CONGRATULATIONS

➤ To Dana Lavamaki and Neal Kreger who were married on October 10th. Dana grew up in Peace Church and participated in many youth trips. Pastor Kathy officiated at their ceremony which was in Siren, Wisconsin

➤ To Patrick and Jennifer Boyle on the birth of their daughter, Clare.

➤ To Karie Simpson, who received a Northland News Center Women in Leadership award

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

➤ Kathy Tate, Gwen Plumb, Hummingbird and others dealing with cancer

➤ Mary, Leslie Williamson White's mother, who had to have her leg amputated due to a bad break and poor circulation.

➤ All those looking for work in this tough economic time.

SYMPATHY

➤ To the family of Andrew Messer, a memorial service was held at Peace Church on October 10th. Andrew's family has been attending our church since Andrew's brother's wedding last Spring. Andrew worked with his father, Randy and brother Zach in the family landscaping business. Andrew knew what was important in life — friends, family and having fun together.

➤ To the family of Joyce Clement, whose memorial service was held at Peace Church on October 25th. Joyce was a life long member of our congregation. She was the wife of Rodney Clement and sister of Joan Severson and Mary Wergeland. Joyce had worked for many years distributing newspapers for the Star Tribune. She and Rodney have three children, Steven, Keith and Julie.

➤ To the family of Joe Bothwell, a memorial service was held at Peace Church on October 24th. Joe had been a regular attendee of our congregation for the past 6 months. Joe was the youngest DTA bus driver ever, was an adventurer, creator of art and poetry. One of his pieces of sculpture is on permanent display at Lake Superior College. It speaks of the interconnections between humans and creation and contains over 500 endangered species.

➤ To the family of Sandy Hudyma, a memorial service was held at Peace Church on October 8th. Sandy was the mother of Mike Hudyma of our congregation.

➤ To Sharon Kirtley on the death of her father.

➤ To John Hawley on the death of his mother.

➤ To Sam Cook on the death of his mother.

MEMORIALS

Memorials for Harriet Peterson: From Elaine Augustad, the Wergelands and Joan and Wes Severson; and to the library fund from Harrietts' Book Club: Trudy Schwerdt, Linda Goese, Maxine Proetz, Joan Peterson, Janell Kohls, Denise Hamsher and Marge Anderson.

From Robbinsdale UCC: "Because we are covenant partners in the ministry of the Minnesota Conference, United Church of Christ, each week we pray for one of our partner congregations as they spread light, plant seeds, follow the spirit, sing hymns and spiritual songs, serve Christ, and worship God. We, the members of Robbinsdale United Church of Christ, lift up in prayer your ministry and members. Many blessings on all the folks at Peace UCC Duluth."

November Acolytes

November 1 – Davis Provost, Rachel Skwira-Brown

November 8 – Zoe Simpson, Milly Timm

November 15 – Peter Tomhave, Gabriel Zaun

November 22 – Axel Aas, Hans Aas-Larson

November 29 – NO ACOLYTES, NO CHURCH SCHOOL

JACK NELSON PALLMEYER

Will speak at CHUM Fall Community Assembly
at Peace United Church of Christ

Social at 6:30 PM Presentation at 7 PM

Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer is a professor at the University of St. Thomas. He is a stimulating speaker who has explored and modeled — through numerous books, a long teaching career, and engagement with the justice issues of our day — what it means to live faithfully in our often confusing and conflict filled world. He was born and raised in Minnesota, graduated from St. Olaf College and Union Theological Seminary, is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and is active in the faith-based Community of St. Martin in Minneapolis. All are welcome!

CHUM Food Shelf Items Most Needed

Drop them off in the bin near downstairs door.

*Canned meals (stews,chili,hash)

*Peanut butter

*Ramen noodles

*Vegetable/chicken noodle/cream soup

*Canned tuna/chicken

*Spam

*Spaghetti sauce

*Canned juice

*Canned peas/peaches/pears/corn/green beans

Save the Date!

CHUM's 14th Annual Holiday Concert

7 PM, Saturday, December 5th

at Mitchell Auditorium

on the Campus of the College of St. Scholastica

All My Life's a Circle

Harmony Works presents

The Echoes of Peace Choir FALL CONCERT

Directed by Sara Thomsen

Sunday, November 8, 2009

Weber Music Hall at UMD

With Special Guests

Lyz Jaakola, The Anishinaabe Youth Chorus and
Oshkiigiizhik Singers

7:30pm Admission: Free will donation*

*Proceeds to benefit Mending the Sacred Hoop

Duluth-Rania Friendship Exchange Project

"Building Relationships in Rania"

With Michele Naar-Obed

Monday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

Michele, a member of Christian Peacemaker Teams, has made numerous trips to Iraq and Iraqi Kurdistan. She is the inspiration for a Duluth-area citizen-based trip to Rania, Iraq. That trip took place in May, 2009.

Michele will provide an update on the developments in the Duluth-Rania connection and will talk about her recent visit to a camp for internally displaced people.

There will be a short video presentation of the children at the IDP camp. "This friendship exchange project will offer hope to those kids and they, as well as our kids, are our future and our chance for a better world". This event will be held at Zinema 2 Theaters at 222 E. Superior St.

Members of the May trip to Iraq will join Michele in her presentation. This event is free and open to the public. A social hour in the Zinema atrium will follow Michele's presentation. Beverages will be available for purchase from the Zinema. With special support from: The Alworth Center for the Study of Peace & Justice at CSS and from Zeitgeist Arts.

Dr. Nancy English Memorial 5K Walk/Run

Saturday November 14 at 10am

Sky Harbor Airport on Park Point

Info & Registration: nancyenglishmemorial5k.com

or 8:30-9:30 on race day

Proceeds go to scholarships for women.

SINGING FROM THE HEART! Due to scheduling changes, **PuzzlePEACE**, Northland Youth Chorus for all singers, ages preK-gr.5, and **MANY STRONG & BEAUTIFUL VOICES**, an intergenerational ensemble of female voices for young women in Middle and High school and women of all ages, will begin regular rehearsals in January. If you are interested in SINGING in December for a collaborative concert at **SACRED HEART MUSIC CENTER**, there will be 4 rehearsals set in late November-early December to sing "Just One Candle" (PuzzlePEACE), "Eidelweiss" and "Sleigh Ride" (Many Strong & Beautiful Voices) and a combined number "Winter Wonderland". More info—Contact director-coordinator Cyndi Gritzmacher at 728-9774

Volunteers needed for the information desk at the Benedictine Health Center, located on the St. Scholastica campus. Duties include greeting visitors and answering the phone. Volunteers are needed on Monday morning, Weds. afternoon, or to fill in occasionally. More info call Cheryl at 723-6405

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 1 Sudohs, Funk/Schutz, Hannah Carpenter
- 8 Fenas, Seibert/Blazevics, Jen Hudyma
- 15 Jill Pospisil, Beth Kinney, Amy Fitzpatrick
- 22 Jessica Olson, Alison Wood, Rohrbaughs
- 29 Sophie Wilkowske, ChristinaMarie Langdon-Larson, Molly Stapleton-Clark

Ushers

- 1 Chris Campbell & Jill Hess, John Moeller, Vicki Barnes
- 8 Mary Martin, Dan Peterson, Laurie & Mariah Berner
- 15 Daniel & Jane Ward, Sam & Phyllis Cook
- 22 Matt Johnson, susan Ranfranz, Marcus & Barbara Lovejoy
- 29 Sheryl Filby Williams, Jayme Hennen, Essie Geiger, Cindy Macaulay

Greeters

- 1 Phil & Elsie Cook
- 8 Bob & Rene Montgomery
- 15 Sharon Kirtley, Peggy Maske
- 22 Chris Campbell & Jill Hess
- 29 Seversons

Lay Readers

- 1 Holly Bowen-Bailey
- 8 Marsha Hystead
- 15 Phil Cook
- 22 Betty Greene
- 29 John Clark Pegg



8:30 Communion Bread

- 1 Robin Davidson
- 8 Arvolds
- 15 Julie Flotten
- 22 Bilin Tsai
- 29 Susan Goltz

Damiano Soup Kitchen

November 8

- 1:30 - Youth
- 4:30 - Youth

Monday Meal

at Loaves and Fishes

- 2 Maddy Carpenter
- 9 Beth Bartlett
- 16 Daina Rosen
- 23 Meal Angel Respite
- 30 Linda Goese

Wednesday Dinner Helpers

If you enjoy our Wednesday meals, please sign up to help with prep or clean-up! Nadine does a great job, but **she needs your help!**

4:30 prep

- 4 Cathy and John Ameel
- 11 **Volunteers needed**
- 18 **Volunteers needed**
- 25 No Weds Meal

Clean-up

- Sarah Nelson, **Volunteers needed**
- Girl Scout Troop 4188
- Schombergs, Shalimar, Carla L-L

COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEES

November Coffee Hour

Coordinators:
Laurie Berner, 525-3670
Jim Johnson & Barb Hanka,
724-6352

November 1

Set up: Aaron Molina
 Serve & Clean up: Carolyn Harris;
 Dennis Crumb

November 8:

Set up: Aaron Molina; Jan & Dick
 Eschbach

Serve & Clean up: Mary & Ken
 Wergeland; Beth Wallin
 and Warren Post

November 15:

Set up: Aaron Molina; Peggy
 Skylondz

Serve & Clean up: Jim Soderberg;
 Beth Bartlett & Dave Winchester

November 22:

Set up: Julia Cheng; Charlie & Pat
 Kendell

Serve & Clean up: Jen & Mike
 Hudyma

November 29:

Set up: Alison Wood/Julie Flotten
 Serve & Clean up Marge Johnson;
 Jean Thoennes

Coming up — December

Coordinators:
Laurie Berner, 525-3670
Jim Johnson & Barb Hanka,
724-6352

Christine & Kris Aas-Larson,
 728-1480

Lynette Boyko, 728-1815

Patty Beech, 525-6638

Mark Chumich, 724-3338

Linda & Tom Curran, 722-7828

Carl Etter, 525-2081

Ann & Bob Feyen, 727-0352

Bret & Louise Friday, 525-4681

Peter Good & Deanna Notaro,
 464-0614

Bill & Barb Kehtel, 525-3982

Jim & Sally Larson, 724-9252

Tracy Mayer, 724-5946

Bob & René Montgomery,
 525-5400

Dan & Kelly Peterson, 206-0296

Ed & Max Proetz, 728-6542

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

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Childrens Ministries: Kim Sturtz

Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth



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