



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DULUTH, MN ~ REV. KATHRYN NELSON, LEAD PASTOR ~ PAUL VANANTWERP, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

"For Where Your Treasure is, There Your Heart will Be Also. . ." Matthew 6

On **Sunday, November 14th** during our worship services we will dedicate our pledges for our 2011 budget. This will be a celebration of our commitment to God and one another. We are able to have a vibrant ministry together because of the generous sharing of our gifts, talents and financial resources. Our budget is almost completely dependent on the financial contributions of members and friends. Your stewardship materials will be mailed to you the first week of November.

On Sunday the 14th we will have a video celebrating what people treasure about Peace Church, great music and a free lunch of lasagna, salad and more at 11:30. Pastor Kathy and Lisa Pomroy will be the preachers this day. We hope to have fun as we talk about giving. Money is a hard thing to talk about . . . Here is a fun quiz from the wider UCC.

Are You Ready to Talk About Money in Church?

Money is pervasive in our lives, yet talking about it in church—or even among family and friends—is not so common. Maybe we need to lighten up about it. Take this quick quiz to find out if you're ready to talk about money in church . . .

- 1) Jesus talked about money a good deal because:
 - a. He grew up during the Great Depression.
 - b. He got tired of talking about God all the time.
 - c. He recognized that how we use money says a lot about what we value.
 - d. He wanted a raise.
- 2) When the preacher begins a sermon on stewardship, your first thought is . . .
 - a. "Did I leave the oven on?"
 - b. "I'm so glad my shallow, materialistic neighbor is here to hear this."
 - c. "I wonder what God might have to say to me today about my own finances?"
 - d. "Ok, hit me with your best shot, hot stuff."
- 3) People with healthy attitudes toward money . . .
 - a. Never talk about it.
 - b. Never stop talking about it.
 - c. Talk naturally about money as an integral part of discipleship.
 - d. Are soooo glad this quiz is over.

If you answered "c" to these questions, you are ready to talk about money in your church.

Joint Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, Nov. 23rd at 7 pm

At Pilgrim Congregational UCC, 2310 E 4th St.



Join the members and choirs from St. Paul's Episcopal, First Unitarian Church, First UMC, Glen Avon Presbyterian, Twin Ports Islamic Center, and Temple Israel, for our annual interfaith thanksgiving service. The choirs will be singing three joint anthems. The Interfaith Choir rehearsal will be at 6 pm that night at Pilgrim Church.

The preacher will be Rabbi David Steinberg. And our very own **Peace Puppets** will perform!

Intergenerational Event Roller-Skating at World of Wheels Sunday November 21, 5-7pm

We had a great hayride last month at Countryside Rides, and we're looking toward a sleigh ride over winter. **This month: Roller-skating!** On Sunday November 21st, Peace Church is renting out World of Wheels in Superior from 5-7pm. Cost is \$4.50 per person. Interested in helping plan future events? Contact Paul.



Save the Date! February 18-20, 2011 Winter Camp will be at Wolf Ridge again!

Winter camp this year will see us returning to Wolf Ridge for time outside with the chickadees, snow shoes and the HIGH ROPES COURSE!! It has been a while since we have been there, and we're excited to be going back. We are planning on about 90 folks, so talk amongst yourselves and save the date. We usually fill up fast, first come first serve. If you haven't been there, accommodations are dorm style (8 bunks/one bath per room) and food is provided by the camp.

We have quite a few Wolf Ridge veterans among us, so feel free to ask questions. Immediate questions? Ask me, Cizzarie 525-0325. We don't yet have a price per person, but all that will be coming!

FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

It is November already, the month in which many of us gather with family and friends around tables for Thanksgiving meals. I love this holiday and this tradition of sitting at tables with no other agenda than being together. Together at tables, what tables have you sat at? What tables have held the food and conversations that have fed you?

Growing up, our family table was a white formica with chairs that swiveled—to the dismay of my parents. We each had our place and we often managed to be there together for supper. My father was a meat cutter with Red Owl and so meat was a staple. He got good deals on stuff that was near its expiration date. I don't think I will ever be a vegetarian, meat is such a part of my story. Around that white formica table—I learned about the coming of a baby brother, listened as my dad did his bible study over cups of coffee early in the morning, and around that table we talked about his cancer. Until he was too sick, Dad was also the one who did most of the cooking—a favorite was ring bologna and macaroni slathered in butter, truly comfort food.

Comfort comes from food and time shared around our tables. Around the table we hear the stories of the day, the stories of our family, the stories of our faith—even if it is just a simple grace—God is great, God, let us thank God. Around the tables our stories come together.



Rachel Naomi Remen in her book *Kitchen Table Wisdom* says it well when she writes, “Everybody is a story. When I was a child, people sat around kitchen tables and told their stories. We don't do that so much anymore. Sitting around the table telling stories is not just a way of passing time. It is the way wisdom gets passed along, the stuff that helps us to live a life worth remembering. Despite the awesome powers of technology many of us still do not live very well. We need to listen to each other's stories again.”

I am grateful for this place where people listen to one another. We gather so often around tables to eat and talk. We eat each Wednesday night at 5:30 and you are always welcome. We will eat a lasagna lunch together on Sunday, November 14th. And each Sunday we share bread and cup around Christ's table in our sanctuary at our early service. We take in the story of compassion and love poured out in his life, broken open in his death. Hope shared in resurrection meals of bread and fish on the road and over breakfast.

There is hope shared in meals around tables. We need one another. In Annie Lamott's book, *Traveling Mercies*. She has this wonderful piece about her church, a tiny, inner city Presbyterian church that has loved her—loved her when she was an addict, loved her as a single mom, loved her and healed her. Annie's pastor is a woman named Veronica. Lamott writes, “It's the nature of life, said Veronica, that lives and hearts get broken. Sometimes the world feels like the waiting room of the emergency ward, and we who are more or less OK for now need to take the tenderest possible care of the more wounded people in the waiting room until the healer comes. Our job is to sit with people, get them juice, and graham crackers.” (p. 106). It is the work of all of us to reach out in hospitality. Each time you're here, try to meet someone new to you.

In the last week Paul and I have been asked to lead memorial services for 3 community members, folks not part of our congregation, but families who came to us because they knew here they would find help, someone to listen and a little bit of healing for their journey. Thank you for being part of the emergency ward our world needs. The healer does come and sit among us. May you know so, this Thanksgiving season and always, at your tables.

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

New Entry Garden



This past weekend, the Hamshers and Hysteads replanted the entry garden in the parking lot near the front door. We dug out the old garden, harvested the plants we could save and added rich garden soil. Then, we planted!

We added four different tall grasses, day lilies, iris, astilbe, perennial geranium, ladies mantle, liatris, Jacob's Ladder, zinnia and black-eyed susans. We discovered many daffodil bulbs, planted recently by one of our Sunday School classes. We added these back to each end of the garden. I even added evening primrose, the first perennial I ever had which I bought from Mildred Hall at the Peace Church rummage sale, many years ago. Finally, we added fifty multi-colored tulip bulbs. The mulch is northern Minnesota hardwood.

We hope to plant other perennials in the Spring. If you have any you would like to contribute, please let Denise Hamsher or me know. We would like to plant them so that they follow the garden design and don't cover up the bulbs planted this Fall.

We are so excited for all the beautiful blooms we will have in the Spring. We hope you enjoy them, too.

~ Marsha Hystead

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 Sundays call the church office or pastor Kathy.

Sunday, November 7th

Scripture: Luke 20: 27 – 38

Sermon: "Hold On to Faith"

This morning we will celebrate the baptism of Ave Steffes, daughter of Mike and Lindi and share Communion together. Our worship team and choir will provide our music.

Sunday, November 14th – Stewardship Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 65: 17 – 25 and Matthew 6

Sermon: "For Where Your Treasure Is . . ."

This morning we will have music by our choir and by Leon Rohrbaugh, Ron Deters, Tom Wilkowske and Dave Winchester. There will also be a special video presentation of what we treasure about this community of faith. We will dedicate our financial pledges for 2011 at both of our services. Sermon by Lisa Pomroy and Pastor Kathy.

A celebration lunch will follow our 10:30 worship service.

Sunday, November 21st – Thanksgiving Sunday

Scripture: Colossians 1: 11 – 20

Sermon: "Together in Christ"

Today we will have music by our choir, the Hankas and Ryan Van Slooten.

Sunday, November 28th – First Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Matthew 24: 36 – 44

Sermon: "Ready and Waiting" by Paul Van Antwerp

*Daylight Savings ends
November 7—
remember to set your
clocks back an hour!*

Benefit Sales for the Liddles East Timor Ministry

Woodturning Sale – November 14

Dave needs a way to make room for his addiction in turning bowls! Bev too would like some empty shelves in the cabinets where Dave stores his bowls. All proceeds this year will go to Tom and Monica for their ministry in East Timor.

Watercolor Card Sale – November 14

Steve Coll will also be selling his watercolor cards to benefit the Liddle's East Timor ministry..

Like the Smell of Pine?

The Colors of Christmas?



Join us at 9:30 on Sunday, November 28th 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.

Needed: Pine boughs (cedar, red & white pine etc—call the office if you can bring boughs.)

Save these dates!

February 18-20 – Winter camp Weekend at Wolf Ridge. Everyone welcome! We have room for 90 folks. Look for the sign up sheet. Let Pastor Kathy or Cizzarie Schomberg know if you are interested in helping with the planning of this great weekend. (see front page)

March 4 – 6th – Men's Retreat – If you are interested in helping with the planning let Dick Goese or Paul Van Antwerp know.

Friday, April 29th – Women's Retreat at Caribou Highlands in Lutsen. We will begin with supper on Friday night and end after lunch. 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 19-25, 2011 – Youth Urban Immersion Work Camp in Minneapolis (see page 8)

August 27-September 4, 2011 – Intergenerational Work Camp to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi MS. (More info on page 8)



Peace Church Youth walking to help the hungry!
Crop Walk 2010

ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BETWEEN THE WORSHIP

Learning and discussion to help us live our faith

9:30 Sunday Mornings

All Are Welcome and the Coffee is On!

There are two Opportunities each Sunday

1. In the Fellowship Hall:

MENU FOR THE FUTURE

a six-session study course exploring the connection between food and sustainability.

November 7, Session 5: Toward a Just Food System. Discuss issues of hunger equity and Fair Trade and the role governments, communities and individuals play in addressing these issues to create a more just food system.

November 14, Session 6: Choices for Change: Inspiration and practical advice in taking steps to create more sustainable food systems.

For more info, see www.nwei.org or call Jesse at 525-0325.

2. In the Fireside Room

Sunday, October 31 – Conversations about Contemporary Issues A chance to talk about current issues from a faith perspective. Bring your thoughts and questions. Gary Boelhower will help to moderate our discussion.

November 7, 14 and 21 – Equipping Ourselves to be a Caring Community for Our Children and Teens

Come and watch a DVD series on parenting with time for discussion afterward. "Identity questions. Emotional turmoil. Rebellion. Welcome to the teenager's world. And if you're their parent, you're already in that mix. It's a tough job, you know, and you've got to do it. Nowadays, you have to play counselor, cop, and crisis manager all rolled into one. Good parenting means using your head, your heart, and your faith"

The video series features Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, who are founders of RealRelationships.com and the Center for Relationship Development at Seattle Pacific University. Their bestselling books include *Love Talk*, *Your Time Starved Marriage*, and the award-winning *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts*. Their work has been featured in the New York Times and USA Today, and they have appeared on CNN, Good Morning America, and Oprah.

"The Priesthood of all Believers":

An Exploration of our Spiritual Gifts

November 7th at Noon, Fireside Room

(lunch provided)

Faith moves in each of use uniquely, and we all find distinctive ways to express it. Some find relationship with God through silent prayer and some in joyful song. Some engage their faith through political action, some speak publicly, some teach, some wash windows, fold envelopes, do dishes, change light bulbs, change diapers. One thing we know here at Peace Church is that our ministry flourishes by the simple actions each of us perform for the good of our church, and our world. *Our church is defined by the work of its people, not pastors*, and the people's action is defined by how they respond to their relationship with God.

...And you? On Sunday, November, 7th at noon in the Fireside Room, we'll offer a special program to explore how each of us are using our interests and talents (our "spiritual gifts") to respond to our relationship with God.

New members? Wallflowers? Those of you bored by the routines of your faith? This is for you! We'll explore what experiences best suit your style of spirituality, and discover new examples of how you can engage your faith in the work of the church. A light lunch will be provided. No commitment necessary, but a lifetime of change just might be the result. Questions? Contact Paul.

"Bring it to the Table"

Conversations on Faith for Men

Monday evenings at 6:30

A lot of men have been asking for a format in which they can share their thoughts and speak candidly about their faith and life experience. Our gatherings have been rich with wisdom and perspective. Join us Monday evenings and see where the conversation takes us. Questions? Contact Paul.

Tuesday Book Discussions (7pm)

The Heart of Christianity by Marcus Borg

Sabbath by Wayne Muller

We've had a great time reading Marjorie Thompson's exploration of spiritual "patterns", *Soul Feast*... we'll wrap up the book on November 2, and begin a discussion of Marcus Borg's *The Heart of Christianity* on the 16th and 30th (**new members welcome!**) In December we'll begin offering a **second book discussion**: *Sabbath*, by Wayne Muller on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, and continue the Borg text on 2nd and 4th, *Sign up in the narthex. Q's call Paul*

Feminist Theology

On-going Covenant Group

Last two sessions are November 3 & 10 at 7:30 in the Fireside Room.

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

CORNUCOPIA! - FoodShare at Peace Church

At our sustainable food discussion group in church this past Sunday morning, someone observed that many of us have been blessed with an abundance of produce from our harvests. In addition to the farmers in our midst, it would also seem that some of our hunters might have had the good fortune of winding up with an equal abundance of game. It also was noted that some in our church family could use some help with having fresh, healthy, non-processed foods available to their families. With this in mind, we would like to offer an opportunity for those of us with an OVER-abundance of food to share with others.

If you have extra produce from your gardens or game that you would be willing to share, please bring whatever you have to the church kitchen any Sunday morning this month following the 10:30am worship service. Those who would like to benefit from our "cornucopia" of food, can also come to the kitchen at the same time to participate in a distribution of food. For further information, please contact Bill Mittlefehldt (218-525-3693; billmittle@aol.com) or Kelli Farrell (fennyness@gmail.com, 715-392-0272).

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Weds. November 24th at noon

Benedictine Health Center — Third Floor Lounge

Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at noon. Facilitated by Cheryl Walsh. Bring your lunch; beverages and dessert are provided. This is a time of fellowship, sharing our stories, studying various topics, and supporting one another. All women are welcome. Please join us!!

Come Help Make Pancakes at CHUM!

November 3 & 17

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—you'll meet new folks and have fun!

We Reap What We Sow:

The Impact of U.S. Involvement in Colombia

November 3 - St Scholastica, Science Auditorium, 7 pm

November 4 – University of MN-Duluth, Library Rotunda, noon

November 4 - Peace United Church of Christ, 7 pm

Sponsored by Witness for Peace – Upper Midwest

Padre Jesús Alberto Franco is a renowned leader in the Colombian human rights movement. He is a Colombian missionary priest as well as the director of Justicia y Paz, founded in 1988 and a leading community organizing and human rights organization in Colombia.

Padre Alberto has been a featured speaker for the World Council of Churches in front of the UN in NYC 2009, as well as a featured speaker at the School of the Americas Watch protest. In 2007 and 2008, he lobbied in Brussels in front of the European Parliament and the European Commission.

Potluck with the Liddles

Friday December 3 at 5pm

Tom, Monica, Hannah, and Simon Liddle will be in Duluth December 1 through 5. Come join us for a potluck with them on December 3. They will spend some time sharing their mission and experiences. They will also be preaching and leading Adult Forum on Sunday, December 5.

Tom is looking for some easy to pack Sunday School supplies to take back to East Timor. "Old fashioned" type things like Bible story cut outs or coloring books materials would be best.

Financial Peace University

Starts in January 2011

Wednesdays 6 - 7:30

Beth and Kevin Kinney of our congregation, have graciously offered to facilitate a class based on the work of David Ramsey, "The Total Money Makeover". This 13 week class, on DVD and in person, will cover how to begin paying down your debt, and be better stewards of God's gracious gifts to each of us. This class is for everyone, no matter how little or how much you earn. Beth and Kevin will share their journey with money, and how Financial Peace works in their lives. Cost is \$100 per family, which covers the price of materials. There are scholarships available. Classes will run January through April on Wednesday evenings, from 6-7:30. Free childcare.

PALS

"Peace Adults Learning and Socializing"

Thursday, Nov. 18, 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner and discussion led by Sam Cook

Location: Dennis and Denise Hamsher's in Hermantown

All adults welcome even if can join just once or twice during the year!

Please contact office@peaceucc.org or call church at 724-3637 to express interest in receiving emails with details

Men's Breakfast—November 11 & 25

"We'll meet on Thanksgiving morning. Duluth Grill is open."

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

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Schedule

5-5:30: Kids Choir 5:30-6: Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
 6-7: Faith Weavers in the Mindanao Room, Peace Puppets in
 the Lakeview Classroom, Bible Study in the Fireside Room
 (Committees and Teams meet on November 10 at 6pm)
 6:15: Adult Choir 6:30-8: Youth Group (Youth Room)
 and Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6-7pm in the Fireside Room

Join us every Wednesday for a Bible Study in the Fireside Room. We will be using lectio divina, a study method that reads the Gospel lesson 3 times, asking each time, "how does this passage touch my life and invite change." We read the Gospel lesson for the coming Sunday each week. Come for dinner at 5:30 and stay to feed your soul.

First Year Confirmation - 9th Graders

Wednesday, November 3
 Foundations in Remembering: Abraham and Sarah

Wednesday, November 17
 Foundations in Deciding: the Exodus

Wednesday, December 1 – The Giving of the Law at Sinai

Second Year Confirmation - 10th Graders!

Wednesday, November 10 – God Seeks After Us
 Wednesday, November 24 – No Class — Thanksgiving Break
 Wednesday, December 8 – God Papers Due . . .
 Jesus Christ, Human and Divine

FAITH WEAVERS!

If you are between the ages of Kindergarten and 3rd grade, this is a special program just for you to learn more about God and have a craft too! From 6:00-7:00 every Wednesday night, Sarah Nelson, a special awesome adult leader, will be helping you learn more about God through skits, crafts, stories, and games! For more information please contact Children's Minister: Kim Sturtz

Adult Volunteer helpers are needed! Let Kim know if you can help.

PEACE PUPPETS

The next Peace Puppet show is November 23 at the Interfaith Thanksgiving service at Pilgrim church and we have something special planned for Christmas Eve.



We are growing! Peace Puppets meet every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Lakeview classroom. 4th and 5th graders come join us! New puppeteers are always welcome.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Cindy McLean at 525-3526 or cindy@peaceucc.org or call the office.

Parent helpers are always welcome!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Lara Hamsher
 Kate Hawley Augusta
 2 Kyoshi Sudoh
 Molly Watson
 3 Virginia Maki
 4 Joan Hatlestad
 6 Marlys Phillips
 8 Jonie Langdon-Larson
 Frost Bowen-Bailey
 Kathy Dowell
 Kim Sturtz
 9 Sarah Nelson
 Megan Rudd
 10 Lila Dalen
 11 Gordon Beier
 Russ Miller
 Brenda Butterfield
 12 Autumn Doberstein
 Kaelene Arvidson-Hicks
 Janell Kohls
 Kierra Heazlett



12 Robin Davidson
 Matt Ryan
 13 Denise Hamsher
 Fred Taallerud
 14 Mike Swanoski
 Daniel Pospisil
 Nancy Nelson
 15 Rick Morgan
 Kirby Wood
 Andre Good
 16 Jane Aas
 17 Kenji Sudoh
 Benjamin Blazevic-Seibert
 Shalimar Borders
 Sarah Perry Spears
 18 Abby Ham
 19 Bret Friday
 Samantha Kohlts
 Judy Gibbs
 20 Nicholas Netland
 Peter Good
 21 Fred Hendrickson



Peter Hystead
 22 Jules Ameen
 22 Sydney Samborski
 Matthew Morris
 Sam Clark
 23 Rick Dalen
 24 Joan Severson
 Emily Richey
 Anika Pfau
 25 Dennis Marciniak
 Sophie Finch-Newkirk
 27 Jennifer Ameen
 Gary Carlsness
 Carrie Plamann
 Ezra Schomberg
 Anne Thoreson
 29 Melanie Shepard
 Jessica Swanoski
 Grace Ryan
 Josephine Ryan
 30 Craig Bublitz
 Ahna Webster



YOUTH & PARENTS

Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm in the Youth Room

October 30 (Saturday) “Peace Church Youth Carnies”

Each year, PCYG hosts the UNICEF Carnival. We need your help to set up! Meet at the church from 10 – Noon to help set up.

October 31st (Sunday) “UNICEF Carnival”

After church, downstairs. Again, we need your help!

November 3rd: “Collect All 113”

There’s been a request for “PCYG Trading Cards”. We thought it was a cool idea. What statistics would you have on the back? Plus, we’ll revisit “peer ministry” one year later (remember WHEAT?).

November 6th: (Friday) “EPIC ITALIAN!”

Senior High! Time to learn how to make deep dish pizza and cannolis with homemade ricotta. Plus, Paul has a few more of his “research” questions. Stretch your stomach and your brain! Peace Church Kitchen, 3pm – 8pm or so.

November 10th: “Sweet Things for East Timor”

Peace Church members Tom and Monica Little and family are paying us a visit from East Timor this month. Their ministry is phenomenal, but their limitation is money. Let’s do what we can to lend them a hand. We’ll take a closer look at what these great folks are up to, then head to the kitchen to make fudge as a fundraiser for their ministry.

November 14th (Sunday)

“Pay it Forward, Part 1: Our Offering”

The Church Council’s cookin’ up a fine meal for Stewardship Sunday. We can “give” to the church by helping in the kitchen. 11:30 – 12:30.

November 17th: “Pay it Forward, Part 2: Thanksgiving”

Another chance to give back. We’ll be cookin’ up a meal for the CHUM Family Shelter, and makin’ sure we live up to both parts of the word “Thanksgiving”.

PARENTS: *Wade Zick will be here to talk to you during Youth Group! See details under Hey Parents!*

November 21st: (Sunday) “Break Out Your Disco and Leg Warmers”

Intergenerational Event: ROLLERSKATING! Peace Church has rented out World of Wheels in Superior. 5-7pm. For more info, see Front page

November 24th: “Thanksgiving Homework”

Thanksgiving Break. NO YOUTH GROUP. But I have an assignment: come back with a crazy story that your family tells around the table each time they gather for a holiday.

December 1st “World AIDS Day”

Over 25 million have died. Over 33 million are fighting for their lives. Let’s take a closer look.

Hey Parents,

A great opportunity coming up! Wade Zick (Ashley Minister of Youth and Faith Formation for the Minnesota Conference) will be here on November 17th during Youth Group time to talk to you about the connection between home and church as influences on your child’s spiritual foundation. This is really important to the work we do as youth ministers—if I could make your attendance “mandatory”, I would. Please join if you can. I also wanted to share a word of thanks for keeping me posted with “feedback” on our activities. It really does make a difference.

Thanks. Keep in touch.

Hey Youth Group!

Just like your families, November finds PCYG around the table and in the kitchen. Just like your family, we gather with shared stories and values. We may disagree on things but we know there’s something bigger than those petty things that holds us together. Around the table and around the kitchen this month, but also around and around World of Wheels for our Rollerskating Party. Be here. Be a part of the good thing we are. Keep in touch! Paul

Hey Senior High!

I have a lot of fun working with you. It’s been good...it’s been rich... it’s been “epic”—just like a fine Italian meal and good conversation, like the one we have planned on November 6th. The more folks we have, the grander the meal. Really, you add a good flavor to every activity we have with your presence. Ok, enough cooking analogies. Join us Sundays. See you Wednesdays. See you at World of Wheels on the 21st with your legwarmers on! Paul

Hey Middle School

Hey Middle Schoolers! We’ve done a bunch of awesome amazing things already this year! Nooma videos have stirred up some great theological discussions on belief of faith! Glad to see your minds working so well! Thanks again for the great time at the Corn Maze and the UNICEF CARNIVAL! November is going to have some great things too!

Middle School — Sundays with Sarah

9:30 in the Youth Room

“Middle School at Mount Royal”

Middle School is NOT easy (we remember!) Need a break? **Gather with Paul and other Peace Middle Schoolers at Mount Royal on Thursdays at 3pm** for conversation and snacks. Questions? Contact Paul.

A phone call a few days ago, asking for the pastor: "Hi Pastor, I was just wondering... what kind of church is yours?" That's it. No request for fine-point discernment or issue-oriented ideology, just quick and to the point: "what kind of church is yours?"

A fair question... and a good one. How would you answer? Where would you start? See, as a congregation, we're pretty good at the responsive statements—for example, we'd have an answer when asked "how do you view the Bible?" or "does your church welcome gay people? people of color?" or "can I take communion if I haven't been to church in ten years?", but to offer an at-a-glance summary? The Peace Church "Cliff Notes?"

I can't recall the exact words I said in that telephone conversation, but for the sake of interest, let me write it out as if you had asked me. Here goes:

Here at Peace, we embrace our Biblical tradition. We walk our daily lives with Jesus. We welcome all people, lifting them up in the light of Christian love. We care for this world and we refuse to close our eyes to anger, fear, and destruction. We respect the holy journey each of us is on, and understand there are many paths and lenses through which we understand God's holy mystery.

(Ok, I did a little editing, but in general that's what I came up with)...And now, a quick review of our mission statement to see if I covered our bases... yeah, that about covers it.

—Ahh, but there's a word I failed to mention in my at-a-glance description: "community". Good to notice this omission, for this might be the most important word of all! Listen: *Christianity is no solo affair—it is meant to be engaged as a group. We pray together, we sing together, we seek to better understand our community, our world, and our faith...together. That, and we care for each other, lending a hand or lifting a prayer or providing a word of support when needed.*

God's abundance of grace is like a banquet table, and like a Thanksgiving feast, we all lend a hand in the kitchen of Christ to make sure that bread is broken and wine is poured for every single person in our lives. In this month of stewardship, we're exploring not only how we can utilize our financial resources, but also our time and our talents to the ongoing response to the question posed in that phone call. What kind of church is this? A church that loves one another—with all the effort and help and compromise that comes with loving somebody... just as Christ loved us. *You are* this church, friends. I am proud to be here with you.

Paul

Two Summer 2011 Work Camp Options

Youth Urban Immersion Trip — June 19 - 25 with the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (for 9 - 12th grade youth and chaperones)

Cost \$300 with scholarships available. We will stay in Minneapolis at their Retreat Center on Chicago and Lake Street.

The retreat features interactive exercises about the survival choices homeless and working-poor families must make each month. Pay the heating bill or feed the kids? Forgo health insurance to pay the rent and pray no one gets sick?

Participants also learn what roles self-worth, chemical dependency, racism, the economy and domestic violence play in poverty and what is being done to break the cycle. We are challenged to reflect on what we, as people of faith, can do.

We will also volunteer in Twin Cities homeless shelters, domestic violence centers, food shelves and affordable housing projects.

Finally, the retreat encourages volunteers to apply what they have learned and set tangible goals to affect poverty back home in our communities.

Intergenerational Trip to Back Bay Mission

August 27 - September 4th 2011 in Biloxi, Mississippi

Cost \$400 with scholarships available .

We will take a Coach Bus down to Biloxi and then stay at the new Back Bay Mission volunteer housing. Anyone from the congregation age 14 and up is welcome to come! Folks with construction skills are especially encouraged.

The Work Camp program is one of Back Bay Mission's trademarks within the United Church of Christ. Back Bay Mission has developed a highly successful style of work camping based on experiential learning. While the "work" in work camping has become more intense and the term "housing recovery" more appropriate since Hurricane Katrina, BBM's model of work camping is more in demand than ever. It places equal emphasis on productivity (home rehabilitation or construction) and learning, using an action-reflection model. This powerful method helps people internalize their learning at the same time they build cohesive caring groups.

The program has grown to hosting 40 teams as the Mission, along with many other organizations, responds to the overwhelming need for housing restoration. Work teams perform a wide range of tasks – from mold abatement to roofing to installing dry wall to electrical and plumbing work. When a Mission selects a home to restore, it commits to completing the project. The effort frequently requires many weeks' work by several different work teams.

Grants from the cities of Biloxi and Gulfport for home restoration have helped the Mission give back houses to homeowners who lack the financial resources to complete the projects on their own.

KIM, CHURCH SCHOOL

“ People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.” –Mark 10: 13-16

DEAR Wonderful People of Peace Church,

Our beautiful expanding ministry needs your help! Our church has grown by leaps and bounds over the last few years, which is a sign of great ministry, but that also means our numbers for children’s activities have grown and we have a need for additional hands to help us to keep these programs going.

In the last three years we’ve gained many people here at Peace Church — 104 new adult members in 3 years! This doesn’t even take into account those who are worshiping and have their children participating, that haven’t technically joined.

Since the beginning of this year we have seen the involvement in our children’s ministry activities double and even triple in some places. We are excited about this but we are also concerned because we don’t always have enough people wanting to volunteer.

Here are some examples: Last year in Peace Puppets we had on average 10 children attending regularly. This year we’ve topped out at 25 children. In Faith Weavers last year, we had on average 6 participating children. This year we have had 15 children. And in the nursery last year we had about 15 children and families regularly using the Nursery, with 3 adult volunteers helping. This year we’ve topped out at 35 children with 4 adults volunteering.

I am glad as a church we have this many families and children actively participating in the resources we have here at Peace Church. If you have a child taking part in any one of these great offerings on a regular basis, we ask that you commit to helping out and put your hat in the ring.

In previous years with volunteers in the Nursery, we have had a rotating schedule where one’s name would come up once every two and half months. Currently with our increasing need these volunteers often are on the schedule every month. If we get more people to sign up to help, volunteers won’t have to serve as often. The council has also authorized the hiring of another childcare worker in addition to Sarah Adams.

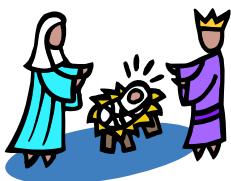
With Peace Puppets and Faith Weavers, there have been a few consistent parents volunteering their time. With the increasing numbers in both groups, we are going to ask parents to sign up for one Wednesday a month to help out in those classrooms.

We want people to have fun in growing in their faith, but we need those extra hands to make this possible. If you can volunteer, please let me know. **Thank you** to all those who do volunteer and help out, I hope you continue to do so.

Sincerely, Kim Sturtz –Children’s Minister



Church School News



NO church school November 28th Those families who are still around can come and help decorate the church for ADVENT.

Pageant Practice is Starting!

We have a new humorous Pageant picked out for this year. That means it’s time to get going on giving out parts and learning songs to sing! Starting November 7th we are going to practice two songs on Sunday morning all the way up to the pageant!

The Pageant is on December 19th during the 10:30 service. The day before, on *Saturday December 18th*, we are going to be having our practice as usual starting at 9:00 a.m. for speaking roles, and 10-Noon for everyone. After the practice is done, and all outfits are given out, we’ll have a birthday party for Jesus in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are able and willing to help with any part of the pageant, please call or email Kim Sturtz. Also, if you signed up on your child’s church school registration form to help out, you will be receiving a call from me or one of the Children’s Education Committee members to see if you can still help. We need people to help with Saturday Rehearsal/Lunch and Sunday to make sure everyone is in their place with the right costumes. THANKS!!! kimsturtz@gmail.com or 218-728-3637.

The Church Council met on October 19, 2010. Human Resources reported that staff overages in hours had lessened and that the office needs more staffing during Peace Bell week. A need was expressed to increase, for safety's sake, staffing in the nursery during worship, to include one more paid position and one volunteer position. Parents should be careful to sign in their children so that the staff know for whom they are responsible. A change in our accompanist for worship services was noted.

The finance committee reported that pledges, after being ahead this summer, are now lagging behind budget, both for the current month and year to date. It is anticipated that the new agreement with Cornerstone will call for no increase in rent, but that Cornerstone will assume responsibility for plowing the parking lots.

Pastors Kathy and Paul gave detailed reports on the variety and quantity of their work which is really amazing and bespeaks energetic and compassionate pastoral leadership.

The Church Council, rolling up its collective sleeves, offered to prep, serve, and do the cleanup for the Stewardship Drive Dinner to be held at church on November 14. Possibly, we will need a rider on our insurance policy to cover the burns, cuts, and other injuries to himself and innocent bystanders that will inevitably occur as a result of having Al Peterson in the kitchen.

Submitted by Vice Moderator, Al Peterson

Phase II Building Costs and Loan Update

The total cost for our new sanctuary was \$1,164,340, very close to the estimate before hand of \$1.2 million. A breakdown of the costs will be distributed at our next congregational meeting. If you are interested, a copy can be obtained at any time from Beth, our bookkeeper.

Thanks to several significant bequests and our successful capital campaign, we needed to borrow "only" \$702,000 in March of 2009. Our loan is for 5 years at an interest rate of 5% with a significant balloon payment at the end which we will need to refinance. Our monthly payment is \$5,580. To the bank we are a small business and this format is standard for such loans. It would be nice to secure a conventional mortgage at the current loan interest rates but, alas, we are not eligible.

We have been able to apply an extra \$119,700 to the principal beyond the monthly payment. Our current balance due is \$533,751. If we pay no more extra toward the principal, the amount we need to refinance would be \$386,600. We should be able to reduce this even further by additional prepayment on the principal.

It is unlikely that a 5% interest rate will be available again in 2014 when we must refinance. The bottom line is that the more we raise and pay now, the less interest we need to pay and the sooner we can celebrate burning the mortgage.

When the building process began, we hoped to be at the point we are at now in another 10 years or so. Thanks to your generosity and dedication, we are already worshiping in our beautiful sanctuary.

~ Dick Goese, Peace Church Treasurer

Reflections from "Between the Worship: When faith and life were conversing about Immigration"

"Where two or three are gathered together, there I am also." – Jesus' promise states the common wisdom, "the whole is greater than the sum of the parts." Social scientist, James Fowler, (<http://jhfwolwer.ucsd.edu/>) has yet more finely honed our ability to see the power of our social connections—to make us fat, or to spread cooperative behavior. Like the social scientist, our faith stories provide an ancient, but sophisticated lens through which we can observe human complexity. I believe our scriptures, especially the stories, make observations as keen as Fowler's on the power of our holy human connectedness, either for ill, or as the full expression of God's holy, healing love.

So what observations did those ancient "social scientists" make about Immigration, during our September sessions? We are to remember we are all made in the image of God. (Genesis 1:26-27) We saw God's face and the human face of forced exile painfully laid, one upon the other in the faces of Rosemary Gonzalez-Nunez and her two daughters when they told their stories of displacement from Colombia due to the political violence there. We cannot turn away.

We are to remember our experience. Moses led the Hebrews out of Egypt and through the wilderness. Out of our ancestral experience of exile, we are called to offer hospitality and support to those who are transitioning in Wilderness, as we may again one day be in need. John Gutterman spoke of the work of Church World Service to care and advocate for refugees and immigrants whose numbers are increasing due to violence, conflict, and climate change.

We are to work towards inclusivity "The community is to have the same rules for you and for the alien living among you; this is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. You and the alien shall be the same before the LORD." (Numbers 15:15) Historian, Jerry Cleveland described the repeated times the U.S. has experienced damaging cycles of immigration. Numbers calls for structured legislation (law) that provides a predictable, transparent way to become a mutually responsible member of the community for those who seek to stay, because the ancient Israelites, living at the meeting point of three continents, knew the need to be able to integrate the alien living among them.

The two eyepieces of binoculars give clearer perspective and greater depth. So too using a modern lens and an ancient lens to examine our current challenges gives us more clarity..

COMMITTEES AND TEAMS

Property Committee



Mary Martin hard at work.
Thank you, Mary & Denise!

The round tables in the Fellowship Hall have taken on a brand new look. The broken plastic outer edges were replaced last spring with sturdier metal rings. Next Mary and I took on the task of really cleaning the deep down dirty grime and stains that had accumulated over many years of use. While a very inquisitive preschool (Cornerstone) audience aboard their mobile scooters and trucks watched from a safe distance, we moved each table outdoors to vigorously scrub the vinyl tops using a variety of hardy cleaning solutions. Note: the graffiti remover was not a good choice. The next step will be to caulk the edges. PLEASE HELP US KEEP THEM CLEAN by adequately covering them if you plan work with paints, colors or anything that might potentially stain the vinyl tops. ~ Denise Perry

Christian Education

What is A2A?

Accessibility to All! This month we'll begin another step in walking our talk of being a radically welcoming church. We open our doors to everyone, but do we provide the resources needed for all people to truly share a meaningful worship experience and sense of inclusive community? Roughly one in five people in the United States have some degree of disability. Directly translated to Peace Church, that's about one hundred and twenty of our members, or roughly fifty people in every service. Indirectly, how many people with disabilities avoid attending church activities because the difficulties in doing so highlight their disability?

Beginning in November, we'll explore what it means to become an "A2A Congregation" in the United Church of Christ. We need your help! Consider joining us on the "A2A Inclusion Taskforce." Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 11th in the conference room. Questions or comments? Please contact Paul

Welcoming Committee

Welcoming AND Embracing

Peace Church is an incredible place to worship, and a glance around the sanctuary on any Sunday morning is heart warming. When I do this, I see people I know well, some who look familiar, and some I would have a hard time putting a name to... sound familiar? People come to Peace for numerous and varied reasons, and many take the step to become members ~ 81 in the past 2 years in fact (counting 16 confirmands) ~ that's amazing! We see them when they stand before us the Sunday they join, and maybe we greet them during coffee afterwards, but how intentional are we in keeping this up in the weeks and months following?

I want to offer a challenge for you to do this, and this comes from a shy person who doesn't do this easily herself! I also am letting you know about two things proposed by the Welcoming committee that might help us embrace and connect with our new faith family members. **Starting around the beginning of November, the nametags of those who have joined in the past 2 years will have a little sticker in a corner**, and hopefully that will encourage more reaching out, more intentional conversations, more links. **The second thing we are proposing is setting aside a table for the coffee hour one Sunday a month for recent new members.** The purpose would be to make the Fellowship Hall less daunting—at least for that Sunday, continue the camaraderie from the Inquirers class, answer questions that you didn't know you wanted to ask when you joined, and provide an opportunity for feedback on how things are going – that's a place to start anyway! Our first go at this will be in December, so stay tuned. (Also, *Shared Ministry committee offers a time for new members to explore their gifts on November 7—see page 4*) Now, greet and chat away, friendly Peace people!

~Cindy Macaulay

Environment and Energy Team

Just how green are we?

Environmental Monitoring at Peace Church

Beginning in November, the Youth Group will be teaming up with the Energy and Environment Committee to begin an environmental audit of our church. Notably, we'll begin monitoring our consumption of electric, gas, and water, as well as keeping track of our garbage and recycling. Small steps to build a better relationship with the world around us. Interested in the project? Contact Bill Mittlefehldt



Dismantling Racism Team

Movie Night on Wed, Nov. 17th,
at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

All are welcome!

Colorblind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equity

Anti-racist activist and author Tim Wise discusses the pitfalls of “colorblindness” in the Obama era and argues for deeper color-consciousness. He argues that we can only begin to move toward authentic social and economic equity by acknowledging the diverse identities that have shaped our perceptions and the role that race continues to play in the maintenance of disparities between whites and people of color in the United States today.

Sponsored by the Peace Church Dismantling Racism Team. Child care will be provided. Please call the office (724-3627) to make arrangements.

ASDIC wins Touchstone Award

Antiracism Study - Dialogue Circles, also known as ASDIC, was awarded a Touchstone Award by the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation on October 25th! The partner organizations, Peace Church, the YWCA and Community Action - Duluth, have sponsored ASDIC circles over the past four years and more than 100 people from our community have participated. We are pleased that our vision for racial understanding, relationship building, and racial justice has been recognized and affirmed.

Just Peace Committee

Friday Film—November 19 at 7pm
Rethinking Afghanistan

The Just Peace Committee has agreed to take over the monthly Friday Video Night at Peace Church. Our intent is to show thought-provoking films throughout the year that challenge us to explore more deeply our faith, theologies, and important historical, societal and political issues. Discussion will follow the films, and all films will be free and open to the public.

December's offering will be the powerful "Joyeux Noel" a powerful French production dramatizing the Christmas Truce of 1914.

On Sunday, October 10th we welcomed the following new members into our congregation — Gayle & Jack Kelly; Zach & Anne Graves (Chase); Bonnie Kolodge; Eric & Jane Rudd (Megan, Katie, Erin, Joey); Kim & Lee Kruger (Ali & Ty); Karen & Gary Sheldon (Gaius); Brandy Hoffman (Dorothea & Loretta); Tim Hantz; Lisa Herthel, Gudrun & Geoffrey Witrak (joined Oct. 31).

Kim and Lee Kruger

Family members: Ali (10), Ty (8), 2 dogs, Jenny and Gracie

What is your vocation? Kim – family physician; Lee – high school social studies teacher

What are your hobbies/passions? Kim – music, movies, bike riding; Lee – fishing, tennis, golf

What brought you to Peace? Recommendation from friends at work who knew we were looking for a change.

Karen and Gary Sheldon

Family members: Gaius (13 months)

What is your vocation? Karen – sign language interpreter; Gary – broadband technician for Charter Communications

What are your hobbies/passions? Karen – travel, reading, socializing with friends and family; Gary – reading, cooking, electronics and gadgets.

What brought you to Peace? Welcoming, energetic congregation; wonderful diverse music!

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? Karen speaks pig latin quite fluently. Gary can read 100 pages in under an hour.

Gayle and Jack Kelly

Family members: Nick (22), Kenzie (19)

What is your vocation? Gayle is a child advocate for MN Head Start; Jack is an ecologist, large lakes and marine.

What are your hobbies/passions? Hiking, cross country skiing, downhill skiing, canoeing, camping.

What brought you to Peace? The welcome feeling members and staff gave to us both.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? Jack was a ski jumper—1969 state bronze medalist. Gayle has a 104 year old grandmother still living in Fergus Falls MN.

Gudrun and Geoffrey Witrak

Family members: Sally, our 7 year old lab/golden mix

What is your vocation? Geof – pathologist; Gudrun - Chaplain

What are your hobbies/passions? Water, boating, swimming, hiking, x-c skiing, reading, family and friends.

What brought you to Peace? We love the open and welcoming atmosphere; plus the energy and joy that abounds here; we love Kathy and Paul; we love the social justice ministries.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? Gudrun was proud to be arrested at a nuclear testing site in 1992.

Look for more new member profiles next month!

PEACE PEOPLE

Thank You!

- To all who helped with this year's Harvest Fest! It was a wonderful feast. Special thanks to our food and fellowship team: Cathy Ameel, Daina Rosen, Cathy and Kirby Wood, Carrie Plamann and Rolf Hagberg, Sarah Nelson and Nadine Hubert. Thank you to all the people who contributed food and volunteered for the Festival, especially the early morning turkey grillers! About \$750 was raised after expenses, and it will be used to purchase new table cloths.
- To all who brought food and helped to serve after Hummingbird's service.
- To Gayle Kelly for leading our adult forum on Children's Sabbath and for her ongoing advocacy for our kids as the Executive Director of Head Start in Minnesota.
- To the great crew who replanted our rain garden in the upper parking lot—Marsha and Tom Hystead and Dennis and Denise Hamsher. It looks great!
- Thank you to anyone who donated and helped out at the UNICEF Carnival. I can't do it without you guys every year! Hope my costume didn't scare anyone too much! Kim
- To Cathy and Kirby Wood for the great job they are doing caring for the plants all around the church.
- To Doug Zaun for architectural consulting for finishing our Chapel/Multipurpose space downstairs. And to Gail Blum, for her original drawings, and for all she does for Peace Church!
- A Kurdish flag was received from the Kurdish delegation recently in Duluth, in honor of our support.
- "Thank you to the congregation for your generous support of us over the past year, and especially for your contributions for our trip home this fall. We're ready for the break! We are looking forward to seeing everyone. Love, Tom and Monica"



Congratulations

- To Elizabeth Day and Aanders Dommer who were married on October 2nd at Chester Park with Pastor Kathy officiating.
- To Susan Larson Kidd on her new book, *My Child has Autism, Now What?: 10 Steps to Get You Started*. It's due to be released in November.

TEAM & COMMITTEE NIGHT

Most committees & teams will meet on Wednesday, **November 10th**, Dinner is served from 5:30 until 6 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 16** at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Visitors are welcome.

Keep in your Prayers

- Kathy Tate dealing with cancer.
- Elsie Cook, Pam Jukubiak, Katie Robinson and Laurie Berner recovering from surgery.
- All those looking for work in this tough economic time.

Sympathy

- To the family and friends of Hummingbird. His memorial service was held at our church on October 2nd with Pastor Kathy and many others from the congregation participating. Special thanks to Gary Anderson, Gary Boelhower, Steve Coll, Beth Bartlett, Dave Winchester, Tim Carpenter, Nick Zeitler, Steve Horner and all those who helped with the luncheon following his service.
- To the family and friends of Cathryn Curley, whose memorial service was held on Sunday, October 24th at Sacred Heart with Pastor Kathy helping to officiate. Cathryn was remembered for championing the fight against domestic violence, co-founding Duluth's first women's shelter and founding the Lake Superior Regional Family Justice Center.

Welcome to the World!

- Nicoli, son of Katey and Ben Fornear, born on October 7.
- Aliya Deja Wood Flotten, daughter of Julie and Alison who came home to them and big brother Ben on October 15th.

Memorials

For Hummingbird from Gary and Janell Kohls.

Recycling Peace

- Wanted: Room to rent. Do you have a spare room? Mark's brother Paul needs a place, preferably not too far from Mt Royal Foods where he works. He has a huskie, who is mellow and enjoys staying outdoors. Paul is a very easy housemate, quiet, considerate and clean. If this is a possibility, please call Leslie Williamson White at 269-7652 or 728-9545.
- Needed: a stroller for a new Peace Church family. If you have an extra, call the office. Thanks!
- Give Away: Women's 10 speed Bike; Full size Captain's bed (no mattress) will need pick-up to transport in 2 pieces. Email jjpospisil@aol.com

COMMUNITY, CHUM

Opportunities for Generosity

Help Christ Temple with Utility Bill

Many area churches are coming to the aid of Christ Temple in West Duluth. Their water and gas have been shut off. Please make donations to Peace UCC with Christ Temple in the memo. All money will be sent directly to Comfort Systems to help restore their gas and water before winter.

Contributions Needed

for Twin Ports Seafarers Ministry

This important ministry does so much to help and welcome the sailors on the crews of the ships that come into our port. Currently, their expenses are greater than their income and contributions, and they would appreciate any help towards gas and repair for their vans, mobile phone contracts, hospitality items, and more, as the number of vessels and ministry with seafarers has increased. Send contributions to Twin Ports Seafarers Center, PO Box 16360, Duluth, MN 55816.

Open the Window *Let the dove fly in* The Echoes of Peace Choir Fall Concert

directed by Sara Thomsen and featuring special guest Elise Witt

7:00pm, Sunday, November 14

Weber Music Hall, UMD

Admission: Free will donation to benefit flood relief in Pakistan—Sponsored in part by the UMD Muslim Student Association

7th annual "farmers take the stove" Local Food made by Local Farmers Dinner & Back-to-the-Basics Local Auction

Tuesday, November 16th

5:30 pm - Reception & Silent Auction

6:00 pm - Dinner, Program and Live Auction

Peace Church Fellowship Hall

Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$5 for Kids 6-10, Under 6 Free

www.lssf.org

SSL/OOD Retreat

November 6, 1-4pm at UUCD

Opening Our Doors/Opening Our Hearts and Standing on the Side of Love have worked for inclusion and faith equality for GLBTA people in our community for a number of years. In spring 2010, OOD planners decided to merge purposes, resources and energy with SSL.

Please join us to plan our combined future keeping the faith element of OOD as well as the activism of SSL. Refreshments served. RSVP if possible to 525-3220 or jmorgan4801@gmail.com.

CHUM Fall Community Assembly

Thursday November 18

Holy Family Catholic Church (2430 W. 3rd St.)

Come together for music, refreshments
and fellowship

6:30pm - Time to Gather-Refreshments
and social time

7-8pm - Time to Listen and Learn

Stories and conversation by CHUM staff around three CHUM programs: employment, family stabilization and community organizing.

Singers needed

for CHUM Holiday Concert Chorus

We are assembling a chorus to sing three anthems for the CHUM Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 4, at Mitchell Auditorium. There will be two rehearsals, on Monday, November 22 at 7:30 PM and Thursday, December 2, at 7 p.m., at Concordia Lutheran Church, 2501 Woodland Avenue. There will also be a pre-concert rehearsal at 6 p.m., December 4, on the stage at Mitchell.

Music will include: **There Shall a Star Come Out** by Jacob Mendelssohn and **Psalm 122** by David Tryggstad. Please call or email Concordia to reserve your place **in the chorus**, at 728-4229 or pastor@concordiaduluth.org. There may be a minimal cost for music.

"Ancient Texts, Modern Life," at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 4 in Somers Lounge
at The College of St. Scholastica.

Local Jewish, Christian and Muslim clergy will discuss the interpretation of religious text in their congregations. The event is free and open to the public. The discussion is a part of the Exploration of Sacred Text Series at The College of St. Scholastica. The panel consists of Rabbi David Steinberg, Temple Israel; the Rev. Lon Weaver, Glen Avon Presbyterian Church; and Kashif Saroya, Islamic Resource Group of the Twin Cities.

Ruby's Pantry-Coppertop Food Distribution

First United Methodist Church

Thursday, November 18.

For a \$15.00 donation you will receive approximately 2 large boxes of food. Cash only, no checks or EBT cards will be accepted. You will need to bring your own boxes. There are no income guidelines. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please call Sarah Maddy at First Methodist Church at 727-5021.

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 7 Annie Rupert, Sarah Nelson, Amy or Tavis Westbrook
- 14 Kristina Green, Susan Kehtel/Amy Galarowicz, Kathy Dowell
- 21 Lauretta Shrake, Essie Geiger, Andrea Brown
- 28 Sophie Wilkowske, Nicki Seibert/Alisha Blazevic, Carla Larson

Greeters

- 7 Bill & Lisa Pomroy
- 14 Peggy Skylondz, Cindy Macaulay
- 21 Julie MacKenzie, Jayme Hennen
- 28 Mike & Diane Swanoski

Lay Readers

- 7 Betty Greene
- 14 Maggie Fink
- 21 John Ameal
- 28 Marge Anderson

8:30 Communion Bread



- 7 White family
- 14 Annette Strom
- 21 Janell Kohls
- 28 Robin Davidson

Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday November 14

- 1:30: Jesse Schomberg, Dave & Beverly Cave, Pat Sjoding
- 4:00: Phyllis & Scott Mead, Robin Davidson, Rhonda Mittlefehldt

Monday Meal

at Loaves and Fishes

- 1 Beth Bartlett
- 8 Daina Rosen
- 15 Linda Goese
- 22 Meal Angel Volunteer
- 29 Jessica & Justin Olson

Acolyte Schedule

- 7 Anna Webster, Eli Beech-Brown
- 14 Elena Davidson
- 21 Aidan Erickson, Lucas Finch
- 28 No Acolyte, No Church School

Ushers

- 7 Todd & Lori Lind, Essie Geiger, Cindy Macaulay
- 14 John & Lyn Pegg, Jen Pearson, Susan Ranfranz
- 21 Laurie & Mariah Berner, Mary Martin, Matt Johnson
- 28 Eric & Jane Rudd, Bob & Rene Montgomery

Early Service Ushers

- 7 Bob & Kay Stevens 14 Barb Kehtel, Linda Lundberg
- 21 Marge Anderson, Jerry Cleveland 28 Hamshers

COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEES

November Coffee Hour

Coordinators:
Loni Cran-Hovis, 590-9255

Barb Hanka, 724-6352

November 7

- Communion Set-up: Karen & Gary Sheldon
- Set-up: Marge Johnson, Jim Soderberg
- Serve: Mary Wergeland, Julia Cheng
- Clean-up: Gail & Jack Kelley, Aaron Molina

November 14—Stewardship Dinner help:

- Set-up: Jan & Dick Eschbach
- Serve: Caroline Harris
- Clean-up: Beth & Warren Post

November 21

- Set-up: Mike & Jen Hudyma, Beth Bartlett & Dave Winchester
- Serve: Charley & Pat Kendall
- Clean-up: Dennis Crumb, Karen & Gary Sheldon

November 28

- Set-up: Laurie Berner, Pat Isbell
- Serve: Cindy Martins, Peggy Skylondz
- Clean-up: Jean Thoennes

THANK YOU!

Coming up — December

Coordinators:

Mike & Linda Lundberg,
525-6804

Susan Kehtel/Amy Galarowicz,
624-1800

Christine & Kris Aas-Larson,
728-1480

Lynette Boyko, 728-1815
Patty Beech, 525-6638

Linda & Tom Curran, 722-7828
Chris and Ingrid Evavold,
715-399-2796

Ann & Bob Feyen, 727-0352

Bret & Louise Friday, 525-4681
Peter Good & Deanna Notaro,
464-0614

Bill & Barb Kehtel, 525-3982

Bonnie Kolodge, 724-6099
Tim & Melanie Lundell, 525-4929
Jim & Sally Larson, 724-9252

Bob & René Montgomery,
525-5400

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Ed & Max Proetz, 728-6542

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