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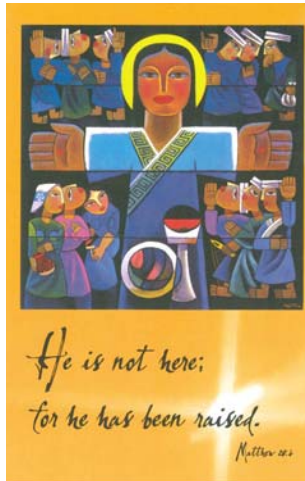
The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship Prayers Around the Cross 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

This meditative worship includes quiet singing, silence, prayer and the lighting of candles. Take time each week for reflection and prayer as we journey toward Easter. This service will continue each Wednesday until Easter. The liturgy lasts between 20 and 30 minutes, based on each participants need for silence and prayer. Thank you to Patty Beech, Susan Larson Kidd and Jane Rupel for their leadership on this service.



Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 21st at 7:30 pm

This service will include a symbolic foot or hand washing, dramatic reading and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Join us as we remember the final meal Jesus shared and continues to share with his disciples. The choir and Jennifer Boyle will be singing.

Joint Good Friday Service on April 22nd at Peace Church at 7:30 pm

The choirs of Pilgrim UCC, Glen Avon Presbyterian Church and Peace UCC will be joining their voices together in the singing three anthems, and we will worship together as we listen to the Passion Narrative. The offering will go to the work of CHUM.

Holy Saturday Vigil on April 23rd at 6:00 pm

at the Tot Lot (14th and Minnesota Avenue
on the Lake side of Park Point)

Gather on the beach of Lake Superior for a fire, singing, scripture and readings that use the elements to tell the story of God's ongoing work of salvation for all creation. Service will include communion and the tossing of stones into the lake as part of our time of confession. After the service we will roast marshmallows. Feel free to bring a chair, and dress for the cool lake weather. Children are welcome!

Easter Sunday April 24th

8:30 am Worship led by our Youth.
This service will include a dramatic reading, communion and lots of special music by our youth including a string orchestra, and band.

9:30- 10:30 Easter Breakfast Fundraiser by our Youth There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for kids at 10 am.

10:30 Traditional Easter Service including Choir Anthems, Children's Choir, sermon by Pastor Kathy and brass accompaniment on hymns and anthems.

Women's Retreat

April 15-16

"Created in the Image of God"

*(See more info on time,
place and cost on page 5.)*

"Long hours Pecola stood in front of the mirror, trying to discover the secret of the ugliness" ~Toni Morrison, The Bluest Eye

"In the image of God, God created them. Male and female God created them."

~ Genesis 1: 27

This is a great way to get to know other women from the congregation. We begin with supper on Friday night at 7 pm. We will have time for discussion on what it means for us as women to be created in the image of God. What do you say to yourself when you stand in front of a mirror? What do you hear God whispering to you? We will be creating a mural out of broken mirrors and colored glass. There will also be singing, swimming, prayer and great eating. We will end after lunch on Saturday. Those who would like to are invited to hike Oberg Mountain after lunch.

An organizational meeting will be Sunday, April 10th after 10:30 worship in the Fireside Room We will set up carpools and meal and room assignments at that time.

From Pastor Kathy Nelson



Last April Rabbi Amy Bernstein graciously invited me and my family to join her for the first night of Passover in her home. We gathered with several others in her living room around three tables. The tables were set with symbols of the Passover story – the liberation of the Hebrew people from their slavery in Egypt. There was Matzoh – the bread made in a hurry, no time to rise; parsley – a sign of new life to be dipped in salt water, a reminder of tears; horseradish to eat as a reminder of the bitterness of slavery, and wine. In the middle of the table was the Elijah cup, a cup for the hoped for guest, the one who would return to bring the reign of peace. It was this meal that Jesus sat to eat with the ones he loved just hours before his death. It was the matzah, the bread of affliction that he took and blessed and broke and gave them to eat. Bread broken as his body would be. It was perhaps the Elijah cup, the cup of hoped for peace that he lifted up and shared around a table.

Throughout the Passover meal the door of the home is left open. It is open so Elijah can come. The door is left open to new possibilities. The Seder or Passover meal takes awhile, even at Rabbi Amy's who had a half hour Haggadah, Seder booklet. It took us two and half hours. It was such a sacred meal. In the midst of the meal I got up to go to the kitchen for something and without thinking I closed the front door – the breeze was cold. I got what I went for and then in the midst of returning realized what I had done. . . I had closed the door on Elijah, on peace, on possibility. I hadn't even thought about it. I had just closed the door instinctively. I quickly opened it before anyone could notice. But as I sat at table that night I realized I wasn't the only one to do it. Several more folks also did without thinking. Each time I quietly went to open it. Toward the end of the evening the children are sent to the door to look for Elijah and while they are gone the oldest member of the family drinks the cup. Elijah was here! There is hope among us.

Yes it was the Passover Seder, the sacred meal, that Jesus was sharing with those he loved just hours before he died. A meal of remembrance, a meal of liberation, but already many of them had closed the door too. And far too soon it would all be over, Jesus would pray in the garden that the cup would pass, and yet he raised it to his lips and drank. Vinegar would be the next taste on his lips, wine gone sour. Most certainly then all the doors of hope seemed closed and locked.

I know that this Spring has been a time of deep sadness, worry, grief. The earthquake in Japan, war in Libya, the budget crisis in our state and nation that cut out programs for so many vulnerable people. What is the word of hope we will speak to one another? Will we hear it? Feel it? Will we be able to go on and live and act in hope?

We need to leave the doors of possibility open, even when we instinctively close them. Leave the door open, our hearts open. . . We must dare to walk out of the tombs we make for ourselves, dare to walk together out of the tombs of oppression that we make for our world. Trust that the God made known to us in Christ is taking us into the future, calling our names, bidding us rise and follow – follow him fully into the presence of God, who is ahead of us every step of the way.

The stone was rolled away from the tomb. Mary found the door left open. Yes, dawn came in that deepest of nights, and love leads us still. May we follow.

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

Moderator's Report

Work is well underway on the multipurpose/chapel space. If all goes according to plan, work should be completed in about another month and a half on this wonderful project.

The finance committee reported that pledged income for the year is about \$4,000 behind our budget. Although pledged income is behind, it is better than it has been historically at this time of the year.

Cindy Macaulay of Christian Spiritual Life committee reported that we continue to be blessed with new members. Both Cindy as well as Justin Olson do a great job of welcoming new members into the church.

Doug Bowen-Bailey of the Property Committee reported that the boiler was broken but is now fixed. Doug also reported that we now have a new insurance carrier which is providing more comprehensive coverage, but is saving us about \$2500 per year. Many thanks to Doug and the rest of the property committee for keeping the building running, and for also working though insurance contracts.

In fact, thanks to all those involved on boards, committees, and other volunteer activities. All of your work is a large part of what makes Peace an amazing place. ~Mike Swanoski, Moderator

Sundays in April

We continue to have two services each Sunday morning.

At 8:30 we have a quiet communion Service and at 10:30 our service includes children's time and an anthem by the 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, let Jim Pospisil or Pastor Kathy know.

Sunday, April 3

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Psalm 23 and John 9: 1 - 4

Sermon: "Restored"

This morning we will celebrate Communion together at both our worship celebrations. Our worship team and choir will provide our special music at 10:30. Pastor Kathy will be the preacher. This morning we will also receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

Sunday, April 10

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scripture: John 11: 1 – 45

Sermon: "Breath of Hope"

Pastor Kathy preaching. This morning we will celebrate the baptisms of Victoria Moses and Lyra Tennis Luoma.

Women's Retreat meeting at 11:30 in the Fireside Room

Sunday, April 17 – Palm Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 21: 1 – 11

Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118 1-2,
19-29

Sermon: "Oh Jesus... When?"

Paul Van Antwerp will be our preacher this morning.

There will be regular Church School at 9:30. The children will process with palms at the 10:30 service.

Sunday, April 24—Easter Sunday

8:30 - Worship led by our Youth.

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9:30- 10:30- Easter Breakfast

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One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Sunday, April 3

A note from Monica Liddle, whose missionary position with Global Ministries is 100% supported by the OGHS offering.

As you make your One Great Hour of Sharing offering on April 3rd, please keep in mind some thoughts from someone "on the ground".

I write to you from Southeast Asia, where I have been assigned by Global Ministries to work as a medical missionary. Your One Great Hour of Sharing offering fully supports the work I do. So, first I want to say, Thank You, sincerely. I also want to share with you some of the work I have been doing the past 18 months.

I work as a doctor in a primary care clinic in Lospalos, East Timor. Immanuel Clinic is a ministry of the Protestant Church of East Timor, our partners here in Timor. Right now, the rainy season is upon us, and the clinic has been very busy. Over 1400 patients visited the clinic in March. 17 came for tuberculosis treatment. We served over 100 plates of home-cooked nutritious food to malnourished patients. Our lab diagnosed over 100 cases of malaria, and we had 9 cases of pneumonia.

The vast majority of people who come to Immanuel Clinic have more mundane problems, like worms, common colds, a dog bite here and there. Many adults suffer from the aches and pains that come from carrying water long distances to use for cooking and drinking, and also from sleeping on the ground, or on a bamboo bed that has no mattress. Everyone who comes to the clinic, no matter the complaint, wants mostly, though, to be heard.

This past month, we drove Marilia, a 14 year old girl, to Dili, the capital city, to get advanced care for a large abdominal tumor. It takes over 5 hours to drive to Dili, but, we were on our way and sometimes providing patients with simple transportation solutions is the difference between them getting the care they need, or not. A \$7 one-way bus ticket to Dili is a substantial amount of money to every Timorese person I know in Lospalos. It's simply too much for some. Seven dollars.

As I work each day in the clinic, Tom keeps busy with pastoral visitation, bible study and worship leadership, as well as attending to the odd jobs constantly arising at the clinic. We are blessed to have three young women helping us to care for Hannah, 7, and Simon, 1.

Your prayers are important to us, so please keep them coming! It gets lonely out here sometimes, but Tom and I wouldn't trade this for anything. From this perspective, it is very easy to know just how very much we are indeed in God's hands. Peace, Friends, Monica Liddle

Inquirer's Classes

Wednesdays, May 4 & 11

6 – 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room

We will welcome new members on May 15th during worship.

Adult Enrichment Opportunities

Between the Worship

Learning and discussion to help us live our faith

9:30 Sunday Mornings — Fireside Room
All Are Welcome and the Coffee is On!

Just Peace Series

From King of the Mountain to the "Kingdom" of God

April 3: Joel Kilgour and John Pegg "The Costs of War and Militarization" — Do you know the US will spend more than \$1.4 trillion on its military and military debt this year? Meanwhile, one in six US citizens lives in poverty and 46 million of us don't have health insurance. The costs of war effect us all.

April 10: Associate Pastor Paul Van Antwerp "How Will Living the Gospel of Jesus Lead Us to the Kingdom of God?"

April 17: Pastor Kathy Nelson: "The Last Week", a look at the passion stories using excerpts from the movie, "Jesus of Montreal" and some of the teachings of John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg.

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday April 27 at noon

Benedictine Health Center—3rd Floor Lounge

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!!

"Bring it to the Table"

Conversations on Faith for Men

Monday evenings at 6:30

1st and 3rd Mondays—April 4 & 18

"Tuesday Books"

7pm in the Fireside Room

All are welcome to join in these ongoing discussions. Talk to Paul if you'd like more info, 349-0143.

Take this Bread by Sara Miles

First and Third Tuesdays, April 5 & 19

(from reviews): "Converted at age 46 when she impulsively walked into a church and received communion for the first time, the former war correspondent suddenly understood her life's mission: to feed the hungry." [Sara Miles] "Loves Jesus...and is critical of 'the sappy, Jesus-and-cookies tone of mild-mannered liberal Christianity.'" Mild-mannered she is not. \$12/book

The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan

Second and Fourth Tuesdays, April 12 & 26

(from reviews): Christian scholars [Crossan and Borg] once again shake up the status quo by arguing that the message of the apostle Paul, considered by many to be the second most important figure in Christianity, has been domesticated by the church. Borg and Crossan turn the common perception of Paul on its head, revealing him as a radical follower of Jesus whose core message is still relevant today. \$10/book

The Powers that Be: Theology for a New Millenium by Walter Wink

2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30
April 11 & 25

(from reviews): "Wink helps us reformulate our ancient religious concepts—such as God and Satan, angels and demons, principalities and powers—in light of what we now know. Wink's theology is shaped as much by his study of the Bible as by his involvement in the civil rights movement." \$6/book

Men's Breakfast—April 8 & 22

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



Peace Church Men at the recent Men's Retreat

Activities and Opportunities

Details on the Women's Retreat

Join us for our Women's Spring Retreat at Caribou Highlands Resort in Lutsen on Friday, April 15th until Saturday Afternoon. Cost will be \$45 with scholarships available. This includes your own bed with linens. We will be responsible for our meals. We will break into three teams for dinner, breakfast and lunch. Sign up in the Entry-way! **More info on front page.**

Help Needed Cutting Baby Blankets May 4 at 6pm

Do You Like to Chat and Play with Scissors?

Hello Peace Church members! I am looking for some wonderful people who would like to get together to cut and prep all the fleece baby blankets our church gives to the new babies born and adopted at our church (just cutting, no tying). This will be a one time commitment and you will feel so productive!

Our last crew of 6 people prepared 16 blankets in about an hour and half — that was in March of 2009! We have welcomed 16 new babies into our church family since then, so it is time to come together again! The church staff was so appreciative that these blankets were all set, ready to be tied by the congregation when a new baby arrived.

Please email or call Jen Hudyma if you are interested in helping. Thanks! call 624-1512 or email jhudyma@charter.net.

Rummage Sale Alert!

The date is set — **Saturday May 14.** Start sorting, bagging and thinking about how you can help, because we need both your stuff AND your assistance! Please wait until Thursday and Friday, May 12 & 13, before bringing your rummage to the church, as we have no room to store it.

Under Construction



Looking from the Youth Room toward the History Room with the wall removed. This will be the new Youth Room.

Youth and Children's Cabaret

April 2, 3-5pm

This is a great time to support our kids as we lift up the gifts and talents of our young people! Free will donation for the Youth Work Camp.

Join us afterwards for Pizza at Sammy's. For more info please contact Kim Sturtz @ kimsturtz@gmail.com

PALS

"Peace Adults Learning and Socializing"
Watch your email for the April gathering

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

Come Help Make Pancakes at CHUM!

April 6 & 20

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!



Update on Weekly Reminders

You may have noticed some changes in our email Weekly Reminders—in fact you may have noticed that recently it has changed in some way almost every week! The office staff and the Technology Committee have been working on ways to eliminate duplication of efforts as we do weekly emails, weekly bulletin announcements, a monthly newsletter and updates to our webpage. We are experimenting with different ways of doing this, so the weekly email has been a "work in progress".

Currently we are finding that linking the weekly reminder email to our website calendar is the best way for you to have up-to-date information, and for us to save time. We strongly encourage you to open the link and see how user-friendly the calendar is (thanks to Cindy McLean for setting this up). You are able to click on any event and see more information about it. Staff members are all able to make additions and changes to this calendar so it is generally very up-to-date.

One of our goals is to keep you informed, but not overwhelmed with an excess of information. The Technology Committee will continue to work on guidelines as to what can be included in the weekly emails. We welcome your feedback on the Weekly email and how well it works for you.

The Chapel/Youth Room area downstairs is taking shape. When done we will have a classroom, a youth room, an archive room, 3 storage rooms, and of course a chapel. This project is expected to be finished by mid-May. Many thanks to all who contributed to the last capital campaign and especially Peggy (and George) Maske. Next project will be the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Activities

Wednesday Schedule

5-5:30: Kids Choir in Music Room

5:30-6: Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6-7: Faith Weavers in the Mindanao Room,

Puppets in Lakeview Classroom

Bible Study in the Fireside Room

(Committees and Teams meet on April 13 at 6pm)

6pm: Financial Peace University in sanctuary

6:15: Adult Choir in Music Room

7:30: Prayers Around the Cross in Sanctuary

6:30-8: Youth Group and Confirmation in Fellowship Hall

NOTE: There will be Wednesday activities on Wednesday April 20, Easter week.

First Year Confirmation – 9th Graders

Meets the First and Third Wednesday from 6:30 – 8 pm

We start by gathering in the Fellowship Hall. During Lent the class will participate in the Prayers Around the Cross from 7:30 – 8 pm.

Wednesday, April 6 – Gospel of Mark, Chapters 11 and 12

Wednesday, April 20 – Gospel of Mark, Chapters 14 – 16
Resurrection Means! Preparing for the Easter Service

Second Year Confirmation – 10th Graders

Meets the Second and Fourth Wednesday from 6:30 – 8 pm
Gather in the Fellowship Hall. During Lent the class will participate in the Prayers Around the Cross from 7:30 – 8 pm.

Jesus, and Holy Spirit Papers Due !!

Wednesday, April 13 – The Easter Story Revisited...
Resurrection Now

Wednesday, April 27 – The UCC Statement of Faith...
Where Do You Fit?

Friday, May 6 – Confirmation Retreat — This is a required event for all. We are done by noon on Saturday. We will be leaving from church at 4 pm and driving to Camp Amnicon. This is an overnight event. You will need sleeping bag, pj's, outdoor shoes and clothing. Plan on having a great time. Food provided by the camp.

Sunday, May 22 – Confirmation Sunday at 10:30
Breakfast for confirmands and families at 9:30

Children's Choir

5-5:30pm Wednesdays in the Music Room

Learn fun new songs and meet friends.

We usually perform once a month in Church. If your child loves singing and wants to get to know some new friends, bring the family to children's choir!

Faith Weavers!

Kindergarten—3rd Grade

Wednesdays 6-7pm in Mindanao

Fun, Games, Crafts all while learning about our faith and learning how to weave it into our daily lives. **Adult Volunteer helpers are needed! Let Kim know if you can help.**

Peace Puppets

Welcome back Peace Puppeteers!

New puppeteers welcome!

Peace Puppets are reconvening on April 6, after our break for OWLS. We will be practicing for our final show.

We meet every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Lakeview classroom. All **4th and 5th graders** are welcome. So come have fun and learn how to put on a show for our church family and in the community.



Wednesday Evening

Bible Study

Join Pastor Kathy and Bob Stevens using Lectio Divina method of reading the Gospel lesson for the next Sunday.

Wednesdays, 6 pm, Fireside Room

Lectio divina is listening to scripture. We are listening for the still, small voice of God that will speak to us. We read slowly, attentively, gently listening to hear a word or phrase that is God's word for us this day. No prior biblical knowledge needed! We close with prayer, each praying for the person on his or her right. Join us on Wednesdays at 6 pm as we practice this ancient and yet very relevant method of Bible study.

TEAM & COMMITTEE NIGHT

Most committees & teams will meet on **Wednesday, April 13**. Dinner is served from 5:30 until 6 pm with meetings beginning at 6 pm. Prayers Around the Cross Service will follow the meetings at 7:30.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, April 19 at 7pm** in the Conference Room.

Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm in the Youth Room

April 2nd (Saturday) “That Kid’s Got Talent”

There’s a lot of talented folks in this church—and I don’t just mean the adults! Come support the Peace Church kids as they strut their stuff at the **Kid’s Cabaret, 3-5pm** in the Sanctuary.

April 6th “Movie Night!—Take One”

You’re suddenly loaded with cash—what do you do with it? Here’s a hint: it brings out the best and the worst in people. Come enjoy the movie—and bring a snack to share.

April 13th “Movie Night!—Take Two”

The plot thickens... we know who we’re rooting for—but it’s not as simple as that. (Am I talking about the movie, or the season of Lent?) Sit back and enjoy part two of the movie. Oh, and bring a different snack this eve—just to shake things up a bit!

April 20th “That’s a Wrap!”

We’ll wrap up our movie, and our exploration into our season of Lent, with a good brain-stretching conversation about “thinking in abundance”. Oh, and we’ll get ourselves ready for Holy Week. (Musicians! Bring your instruments for practice between 7:30 and 8:30.)

April 22nd (Friday)

“Good Friday Service, Peace Church, 7:30”

A number of churches are gathering at Peace for prayer, song, and soul. Be there. **Senior High!—“Bring ‘Em All In”: The Good Friday Overnight.** See details in the next column →

April 23rd (Saturday)

10:00am – Noon: “Pay it Forward: Easter, Part I”

Meet in the Fellowship Hall to prepare for Easter morning: we’ll make Easter breakfast, hide Easter eggs, and practice for tomorrow’s service (music and spoken parts).

6:00 – 7:00 “Christ on the Big Pond”

Annual Intergenerational Easter Vigil. Gather at the beach on Park Point, across from the Tot Lot. One of Paul’s favorite worship experiences, ever.

April 24th (Sunday) “Pay it Forward: Easter, Part II”

We have the 8:30 service. Be here at 8am.

April 27th “John 20:19-31”

Jesus appears to the disciples: “*Peace be with you... Receive the Holy Spirit*” So: what do you do with the Holy Spirit? Stay tuned.

Hey Parents!

It’s a big month in our faith—we want to give your children our very best. If you can lend a hand with any part of Holy Week (including our adventures with the Senior High on the Good Friday Overnight), we’d love your support! Keep in touch! ~Paul

Hey Youth Group!

There’s a lot going on this month—and for good reason! It ain’t every month that the hinge of our religion swings wide open and Jesus becomes Christ. So here’s the deal: we’ll take it easy on Wednesday evenings—sit back and watch a movie—then we’ll be ready to “*show up*” for Holy Week. Friends, we’re on for the the **early service on Easter morning**. Musicians? We need you! And just like an orchestra, each and every one of us plays a part, and the more people show up, the better the experience is. Stay tuned.

~Paul

Hey Middle School!

Hey guys! We’ll be watching a movie on April 6 & 13 in Youth Group. It’s a movie called *Millions*. Here is a little break down of what the film is about. Starting anew after the death of their mother, 9-year-old Anthony is ever practical, while his 7-year-old brother Damian uses imagination, fantasy, and faith to make sense of his confusing world. When a suitcase full of money falls out of a moving train at Damian’s feet, it sets the brothers the minds going about what is truly important in life.

Remember to bring a snack for yourself when you come those days. ~Kim

Hey Senior High!

You asked for it, here it is. “**Bring ‘em all in”: The Good Friday Overnight.** It begins with Good Friday Worship at 7:30pm and wanders through Duluth (note that I said “overnight”, not “lock-in”) until we meet the rest of the youth group to prepare for Easter the next morning (pick up Saturday at Noon). Dress in layers. Be ready both to be outside and to run around indoors. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow (we’ll get *some* sleep, I promise). RSVP with Paul.

~Paul

High School “Lived Theology” Sunday Mornings at 9:30

There’s a lot going on in the world. Wake up. Let’s talk. I’ll bring breakfast (taking requests). ~Paul

“Middle School at Mount Royal” Mondays 3-4:30pm

Meet Paul in the dining area of Mount Royal Fine Foods. End the first day of the school week with friends and snacks.

Paul's Commentary

[T]he waters rise without any plot upon history, or even geography. Whatever power of the earth rampages, we turn to it dazed but anonymous eyes; whatever the name of the catastrophe, it is never the opposite of love. – Mary Oliver, from "Shadows" (Dream Work, 1986)

Mary Oliver's words return...whispered under my breath as I listen to the news from Japan. They are whispered as a prayer of comfort, for lost lives, lost people, lost hope. They are whispered to comfort myself, as I bear witness to devastation. The words still seem fresh in my head...last spoken only fourteen months ago. And I remember:

Supplies had arrived throughout the week... soap, combs, toothpaste and toothbrushes, one by one, dropped on the folding tables in the Fellowship Hall.

By Wednesday evening, the tables were overflowing... ready to be neatly packed into hygiene kits and shipped to the shelters in Haiti.

And I was excited... excited to see the generosity of my people, excited for the upcoming evening, for the youth to put their hands where their hearts were and pack these kits.

Then something unexpected happened: we gathered for our Wednesday meal, and in the middle of dinner people got up from their tables and began packing. "No no, this is for the YOUTH GROUP" — but the dinner crowd kept coming... hungry to use their hands, hungry for some physical action to embrace their hurt at the sights and sounds of the devastation in Haiti.

We packed 140 kits that evening, we also had sewn and painted eighty small dolls, so the children of Haiti would have something of comfort to hold in their arms during this difficult time.



It is never the opposite of love... I am reminded so often in our shared ministry how readily the stirring of the heart reaches the fingertips. My prayer for this season of Lent—my deepest prayer for your Holy Week—is that each of your hearts be stirred, that by the time our Easter hearts reach the summer green of Ordinary Time, we find our hands at work in extraordinary ministry.



A Word from our Mission Partners in Japan

Global Ministries, the combined world mission of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), has three mission personnel serving in Japan. Martha Mensendiek and Casilda Luzares are professors at Doshisha University in Kyoto. Jeffrey Mensendiek, Martha's brother, and his family are in hard-hit Sendai where he works as the youth director at the Emmaus Center. Martha wrote Friday afternoon saying they felt the quake in Kyoto but damage was light in the area. Mensendiek also assured staff that her brother was safe but without electricity or gas.

Sanders also received an email from Luzares Tuesday morning in which she says, "The enormity of the crisis is truly overwhelming." Luzares continues, "This morning I woke up, logged on to Facebook and clicked on a link that my daughter sent me — a sung prayer for Japan from someone from Serbia, I think, and I could not stop but let the tears flow. Just a few minutes ago as I was eating a bowl of noodles for lunch I remembered all those without food and water in this land of plenty and I could hardly continue. A few drops of tears blended with the soup." Expressing gratitude for the "outpouring of sympathy and expressions of caring from the world," Luzares concludes, "God is still speaking ... my heart needs to listen. Closely."

You may donate to Japan through our One Great Hour of Sharing offering (April 3) or follow the link on our website to donate on-line.

Prophetic Ministries

Celebration Send-Off for the Witness for Peace delegation to Colombia

“Women Leading the Way
to Justice & Peace”

Sunday, April 3rd, 4 to 6 pm

At Peace Church

-- Featuring music by Pastor Gabriel Green and
the Praise Team of the Church of Restoration,
and Peace church musicians

-- Colombia Slide Show

-- Multicultural Silent Auction (preview 3:30pm)

Suggested donation: \$5 More if you can!!

Help support our delegation scholarship fund.

Sponsors: Witness for Peace – Upper Midwest,
Church of Restoration, St Mark AME, and Peace
Church UCC

Just Food Event!

Will Allen at UMD on April 22

Interested in sustainability? Healthy food? Economic
justice? You'll want to hear Will Allen!

On Friday, April 22, Will Allen from Growing Power

(<http://www.growingpower.org/>) in Milwaukee, WI will be
speaking in UMD's Kirby Ballroom at 7 pm. Growing
Power is a national nonprofit organization and land trust
supporting people from diverse backgrounds, and the
environments in which they live, by helping to provide
equal access to healthy, high-quality, safe and affordable
food for people in all communities.

Join others from Peace at this great event, then meet
us at Sara's Table afterwards for a sip or a bite and great
conversation about FOOD! Sign up in the narthex so we
know how many, and let us know if you need a
ride! More info? Contact Jesse: 525-0325

Summer Opportunities

Youth Urban Immersion Trip

Sunday evening, June 19 – Friday June 24

with Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches

(For 9-12th grade youth and chaperones—Pastors Kathy and Paul,
Jim McLean and Lyn Clark Pegg)

The cost is \$200 with scholarships available. We will stay in
Minneapolis at a 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. We will
also have time for lots of fun in the Twin Cities!

Intergenerational Trip to Back Bay Mission

August 27 - September 4 in Biloxi, Mississippi

Cost \$400, scholarships available

We will take a Coach Bus down or possibly fly to Biloxi and
then stay at Seashore United Methodist Camp—right across
from the Gulf.

Anyone from the congregation age 14 and up is welcome to
come! Folks with construction skills are especially encouraged.

**Dan Green will be the leader of this trip with back up
from Pastors Kathy and Paul.**

The Work Camp program is one of Back Bay Mission's
trademarks within the United Church of Christ. Back Bay Mission has
developed a successful style of work camping based on experiential learning.

Middle School Camping Trip

Fenske Lake Campground

Sunday - Tuesday, July 17-19

Join Pastor Kathy and Kim
Sturtz for a great trip into the
BWCA! We will stay at Fenske
Lake Campground on the Echo
Trail.

They have a wonderful
swimming beach, fishing pier and
camp sites. We will leave after
worship on Sunday and return on
Tuesday afternoon.

On Monday we will venture into
the BWCA to see the pictographs
on Lake Hegman and take time for
swimming and fishing. We will visit
the Wolf Center too. Cost is \$25
with scholarships available. See
Kim for more information!

Biloxi 2009



Vacation Bible School
July 25-29

Peace People

Thank You!

- To Dan Green and Dan Shepherd for discovering the sump pump that was out in the old elevator shaft and fixing it before we were flooded.
- To the Food and Fellowship Team for a fantastic Birthday Lunch!
- Thank you to the anonymous donor for the generous gifts. The money was shared with the ministry of Tom and Monica Little in East Timor, and to support a family in need. ~ Pastors Kathy and Paul
- To Jim McLean and Tom Hystead for their work chairing the building project of the multi-purpose space and chapel. The work has begun — take a peek downstairs and see the progress. Work should be done in 60 days.
- To Cindy McLean and Beth Chelseth for updating our website, Check out the new Calendar feature on the home page.
- From Western Lake Superior Habitat for Humanity: Thank you for your generous gift of \$275. In 2010 we helped very low income neighbors in our area repair and maintain their existing homes. Your support will help us build and repair more homes in 2011 and make safe decent shelter a matter of conscience and action for all God's children across Western Lake Superior. Thank you for your support and commitment to compassion!
- From African Soul, American Heart: Thank you for your gift in 2010 of \$395. Your support is deeply appreciated. Your generosity will help us meet the needs of orphans of Duk Payuel, Southern Sudan.

Hold in your Prayers

- Sharon Kirtley, recovering from heart surgery and a stroke that left her paralyzed on her left side. She has moved to Viewcrest Health Center, 3111 Church Place (55811) Surround her in your healing prayers. Visitors and cards are welcome!
- Cathy Ameel recovering at home from hip replacement surgery.
- Trudy Schwerdt who was hospitalized in March due to an eye infection and has lost her sight. She is back at the Benedictine Health Center now.
- Jaslyn Adams who was hospitalized after surgery. She is recovering well and back at Bay Shore Nursing Home.
- Kay Stevens going through preventative chemotherapy.
- Kathy Tate being treated for metastatic breast cancer.
- Zach Graves serving as a firefighter in Oman, and for his family Anne and Chase while he is away.
- Tom and Monica Little, our missionaries in East Timor. They had a recent visit from Herb Sellin, the "Christmas Tree Guy", who helped them build a garage. (see Monica's note on page 3)

Sympathy

- To Denise Hamsher whose father died.

Congratulations

- Lila Dalen, daughter of Rick and Karoloa Dalen who was baptized on March 6th.
- Aliya Wood Flotten, daughter of Julie Flotten and Alison Wood who was baptized on March 6th.
- Lillian Mae Guidinger was born Sunday morning, March 13th at 8:51am, 6lbs 7oz & 20" long. She's the daughter of Lyndsay and Kurt Guidinger.
- Sydney Ryan Messer was born last Thursday March 3. She weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces and was 19 inches long and is the daughter of Jacque and Zach Messer, granddaughter of Deb and Randy Messer.



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

ON EASTER SUNDAY, WE WILL FILL THE ALTAR WITH A MEMORIAL GARDEN OF LILIES.

If you wish to have a lily placed in memory or honor of someone, please complete the form below and return it in the offering or to the office by Wednesday April 20th. The price per plant is \$ 15.

I would like to order _____ Lilies at a cost of \$15 per plant.

Please enclose check made out to Peace Church and mark it "Lilies"

From: _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



Library / Birthdays

Peace Church Library Check it out!

New adult books:

- Reclaiming Spirituality* by Diarmuid O Murchu
Weaving the Visions : New Patterns in Feminist Spirituality edited by Judith Plaskow and Carol P Christ
Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer : An Approach to Life in Fullness by Brother David Steindl-Rast
A Cafecito Story by Julia Alvarez
'Tis : A Memoir by Frank McCourt
When the Drummers Were Women : A Spiritual History of Rhythm by Layne Redmond
In Love and Trouble : Stories of Black Women by Alice Walker
Every Day with the Savior : Daily Devotions By Rudolph F Norden (Large Print Edition)
The River Beyond the World : A Novel by Janet Peery
Toujours Provence by Peter Mayle



New children's books:

- What Is Easter?* By Lillie James
My Happy Easter Book by Gloria A Truitt
The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin by Beatrix Potter
The Usborne Book of Prehistoric Facts by Annabel Craig
The View from Saturday by E L Konigsburg

Recycling Peace

Housecleaning jobs wanted. Call Lynette Boyko, 728-1815.

Memorials/in Honor

Thank you for donations to Peace Church Library Fund from Trudy Schwerdt's Book group, in honor of her birthday.

April Birthdays

2	Melissa Kadlec Nore Heinitz Judith Arvold	10	Patty Johnson Lyn Kaim	22	Justin Olson Brad Larson
3	Jason Proetz Adrianna Hudyma Simon Davidson Monica Jensen	12	Mary Christensen Madison McConnell Kyra Hovis	23	Cylar Stegmann Maggie Fink
4	Kristina Green Sophie Wilkowske Davis Provost Carl Sjoding	13	Isabella Evavold	24	Ave Steffes
6	Marge Johnson Laura Greensmith Ali Kruger	14	Bud Trnka Nicki Seibert	25	Jasper Timm Sarah Kvale Alden Whittaker
7	Tom Heinitz Kai Soderberg Nadine Hubert Steve Horner	15	Keely Shrake Kelly Larson Lundberg	26	Marge Anderson Mary Nienaber Ingrid Nisswandt Grace Gee Cole Kerttula
8	Julia Finch-Newkirk Michael Poe Cooper Carlson	16	Bo Brown	27	Kurt Guidinger Lucas Finch
9	Lyle Staubs Todd Landon	17	Cindy Macaulay Lillian Day Todd Hayes Bill Pearson	28	Lylah Anderson-Messel
10	Matt Hlina	18	Linda Curran	30	Lyn Clark Pegg Mike Schrage Bryan Jensen Ben Bergeron Madeline Johnson Joanna Neby Shannon Studden
		19	David Sipila Brita Larsen Ryan Mittlefehldt		
		20	Grace Richey Rachel Scott		
		21	Sophie Netland Lee Kruger Alex Horner		

Happy Birthday!

Big View Forums by Xavier Bell

Big View Solution Forums bring people together across race and class lines, in order to find solutions to problems that impact people in poverty. We are connected and if one person is struggling we all struggle. When we work to find solutions to poverty, we find solutions to the problems that face each of us.

Big View Solution Forums are held monthly. **Meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month at Peace Church. (5:30-8:00 p.m.)** A meal and childcare is provided. A community outreach complements the process. Solutions to End Poverty are posed by people with low incomes during our "Solutions to End Poverty Forum" presentation held quarterly. We take action! Action Teams meet monthly to work together resolve issues that matter!. The Big View action teams have decided that future Big View meetings will focus on eight specific issue areas:

1. Housing
2. Financial Literacy / Credit
3. Childcare
4. Transportation
5. Education
6. Jobs and Wages
7. Social Safety Net
8. Leadership - Public policy focus on the Ladders Out of Poverty bill

We invite you to Take Action with us!

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Join the Rally in St. Paul, April 14th

It may interest you to know that some members and friends of Peace UCC are being denied the rights, responsibilities and respect that accompany legal marriage! Currently, the Minnesota Family Council is raising 4.7 million dollars to fund an amendment making it illegal for same sex partners to marry in Minnesota. This amendment will make it nearly impossible for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender people to gain marriage rights in our state.

Those of us who believe in equality are massing in St. Paul on Thursday, April 14th, to show our strong support for our LGBT friends and neighbors. A bus leaves UMD at 7:30 a.m. (from Tweed Circle) and will return at 5:30.p.m. The cost is \$20 per person (or whatever you can afford). If you absolutely cannot go, please consider a donation to help cover cost of the bus. Please sign up at the table in the Narthex if you would like to ride the bus for justice! For more information contact Gary Anderson at garyoga@cpinternet.com or call 218-391-7404.

Pastures of Plenty

Echoes of Peace Choir Concert

Sunday April 3 at 7pm

Sacred Heart Music Center

Free will donation (\$10-15)

Proceeds to Latino Voices (Duluth) and Minnesota Immigrant Freedom Network (Minneapolis)

Fiber Rummage Sale

April 2, 2011 / 10 am—1 pm

Lincoln Building – 2229 W. 2nd St., Duluth

Sponsored by Duluth Fiber Handcrafters Guild
Both Sellers & Buyers Welcome!

Sell: yarn, fiber, weaving material, books, equipment, supplies, etc. Contact Debbie (218-834-5242) or Katie (218-834-8052) for details

Buy: show up and take advantage of all the wonderful bargains 10% of sales are returned to the Fiber Guild.

Hatha Yoga Class

Come enjoy a rejuvenating Hatha Yoga Class **Saturday morning, April 9th at 9am in the Fireside Room!** Your donations for the class will help to provide much needed yoga mats, blankets and pillows to individuals in our community with developmental disabilities. These supplies will help make practicing yoga more comfortable and supportive for the students participating in the Choice Unlimited's Yoga Program. All donations will go directly for supplies. Suggested donation between \$10 to \$15. Come, enjoy, and support health and wellness for yourself and others. Thank you!

Sharon Dawson, Redrootyoga, 218.349.6092

redrootyoga@aol.com

Needs at CHUM

As those who stay in the Family Shelter find housing, they need a few items for their babies like **baby shampoo, body wash and lotion**. Family-size hair conditioner is needed, too.

Volunteer Office Help needed at the Food Shelf. It includes data entry and tracking & recording of service statistics. Flexible schedule, preferably a.m. Contact Meg Kearns at 727-2391.

Reading glasses (cheaters), denture tablets & denture adhesive are needed in the CHUM Nurses Clinic.

Any unused pots in your cupboard? Some of our neighbors who use the Food Shelf have nothing to cook their meals in so we often give out pots and pans. BUT, we have none to give. **Please check your cupboard.** We have neighbors who can use them!

April Volunteer Schedules

Greeters

- 3 Joan Severson, Mary Martin
- 10 Kim & Lee Kruger
- 17 Heidi Severson, Essie Geiger
- 24 (Easter) Laurie & Mariah Berner

Lay Readers

- 3 Cheryl Walsh
- 10 John Clark Pegg
- 17 Jane Rupel
- 24 Mike Swanoski

8:30 Communion Bread



- 3 Bob Stevens
- 10 White Family
- 17 Annette Strom
- 24 Janell Kohls

Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday April 10

- 1:30: Denise Perry, Jennifer & Patrick Boyle, Kathy Dowell
- 4:00: Jesse Schomberg, Jeanie Peterson family, Betty Greene

Monday Meals at Olive Branch (1614 Jefferson)

- 4 Linda Goese
- 11 J & J Olson
- 18 Robin Davidson
- 25 Jen Stenersen

Acolyte Schedule



- April 3:** Elena Davidson, Aiden Erickson
- April 10:** Coulter Holden, Gabriella Johnson
- April 17:** Brennen Larson, Katrina Lindgren
- April 24:** Easter, no acolytes

Nursery

- 3 Kim Landon, Sophie Wilkowske, Essie Geiger
- 10 Hannah Carpenter, Carla Larson, Matt/Patty Johnson
- 17 Lisa Fitzpatrick, Kelly Punyko, Deanna Notaro/Peter Good
- 24 (Easter) Mariah Berner, Jessica Olson, Loni Cran-Hovis, Annie Rupert

Ushers

- 3 Eric & Jane Rudd, Mike & Diane Swanoski
- 10 Bob & Rene Montgomery, Guy & Nadine Hubert
- 17 Annette Strom, Cindy Macaulay, Joan Severson, John Moeller
- 24 (Easter) Julie MacKenzie, Robin Davidson, Todd & Lori Lind

Early Service Ushers

- 3 Bob & Kay Stevens
- 10 Barb Kehtel, Linda Lundberg
- 17 Marge Anderson & Jerry Cleveland
- 24 (Easter) Hamshers

Coffee Hour Committees

April Coffee Hour

Coordinators:

Holly & Doug Bowen-Bailey, 722-7166

Britt & Leon Rohrbaugh, 728-1277

April 3 (Holly)

Communion & Coffee Hour Set-up:
Julie & Ron Deters, Sue Maras, Jen Pearson

Serve/Clean-up: Joan & Alan Peterson, Kim & Lee Kruger

April 10 (Holly)

Set-up: Daina Rosen, Teri Benton
Serve/Clean-up: Jim & Jennie Tomhave, Carla Larson

April 17 (Britt)

Set-up: Diana & Joe Machones
Serve/Clean-up: Gary A. & Gary B.

April 24—Easter—no coffee hour

Cookies: Pease bring 2-3 dozen cookies on your Sunday. THANK YOU!

Coming up — May

Coordinators:

Barb Forrest, 727-5399

Cindy Macaulay, 722-3432

Alison Wood & Julie Flotten, 724-5690

Sheri & Brian Bergeron,
729-4632

Sam & Phyllis Cook, 728-6332

Bill DeRoche, 834-5885

Jon & Tabitha Devlin, 724-7087

Maggie & Marc Fink, 729-6669

Susan & Stan Goltz, 525-9478

Stacy & Dustin Holden,
715-364-8509

Matt & Patty Johnson, 724-2840

Christa Knudsen, 728-1370

John & Ellen Lindgren, 525-3754

Phyllis & Scott Mead, 848-2051

Melanie Shepard & Al Netland,
724-4960

Peggy & Wayne Pearson,
721-5051

Craig & Jeanie Peterson,
724-6313

Earl Rosenwinkel, 728-0356

Lauretta & Brad Shrake,
728-1737

Eve Stein, 390-3185

**Peace Bell articles
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***Even earlier this month would
be much appreciated!***

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