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10 The Top 10 Reasons to Teach Sunday School

By Holly Bowen-Bailey,

Sunday School Teacher Since 2001

I'm sure that many of you, in your spare time, have wondered why someone would teach Sunday School at Peace Church for the better part of the last 10 years? Well, here my top 10 reasons. If some of them appeal to you, contact Kim Sturtz or myself, and join the ranks of the few, the proud, the faithful ... the Sunday School Teachers!

10. Those fun songs we sing at opening.
9. Crafts: Paper, foam, markers, stickers, felt, you name it. If it is sticky, you can find a way to incorporate it into a lesson at least once.
8. Making more connections to the great families at Peace Church.
7. Practice your crowd-control skills.
6. Learn more about the Bible and the weekly liturgy.
5. Collaborating with other Sunday School teachers. We're a fun bunch!
4. An opportunity to give back to this great church community.
3. A front row seat at the Christmas Pageant. Talk about an over-abundance of C-U-T-E!
2. Sharing your faith and what matters to you with young people.
1. The great kids who come to Peace! They are fun, smart, and they need you!



Easter Saturday Vigil

Hannah Carpenter and Ella Brown preparing for communion at the vigil on the lakeshore. More pictures page 5.

Annual Spring Rummage Sale, Saturday May 14, 9am-2pm

We're getting ready....are you? Our annual rummage sale is fast approaching, and we need your help in many ways. Proceeds will go to our scholarship fund, to help us include all who want to take part in special events and retreats.

- **Clean out your closets and basements and set things aside** that you would like to contribute, including indoor plants and outdoor annuals – nothing is too big or too small.

- **How can you help?** We need people to help set up on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, and to work on the day of the sale, which runs from 9 till 2. Please sign up to help. **We especially need help with clean up – do you have a truck or van?** There are sign up sheets by the office – please find a way to share your time and energy!

A note about how we get all this set up ~ on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, May 12 & 13, we will have clearly marked tables/areas in the fellowship hall, and we ask that when you bring your 'stuff' you take it directly to the appropriate area. (You can also get a sneak preview of all the good stuff that has come in—early trading is allowed!) Please call Nettie @ 940-2733 or Cindy @ 722-3432 with questions.

Please do not bring rummage to the church until Thursday, May 12!



From Pastor Kathy Nelson



We are now in the season of Eastertide. A time to reflect on the many meanings of resurrection in our lives. How does the Easter story live in you?

This was the question we pondered in both of our confirmation classes the week before Easter. We read many of the resurrection stories from scripture and then talked about how the story wasn't just a one time event but an ongoing narrative for our lives. The youth were asked to answer this question: resurrection means?

Here are some of their responses:

- * *A second chance at something. It means there is forgiveness.*
- * *Resurrection is a new lease on life, to me it is Jesus being able to live on and spread his word.*
- * *It is like a ticket to a concert that everyone thought was sold out. Once you get it, you can go to the concert and then share the music with others.*
- * *One more chance to complete your bucket list. In your lifetime your heart is like your brain, we only use 10%, resurrection give us a chance to activate the other 90%.*
- * *Resurrection means new life. A new beginning and also an end. When I think of resurrection I usually think of something improving. Moving from life on earth to the afterlife or just resurrection in terms of a new way of thinking or looking at things.*
- * *Resurrection means a rebirth of ideas, bringing back old notions from the past. It is also a restarting, a new beginning.*
- * *Resurrection means coming back to life, a rebirth. A person coming back to life or a second chance in life, like God giving you a second life. A rebirth of a different life . . .It is the moon rising after the sun sets.*
- * *Resurrection could be finding something you've lost or thought was lost or maybe you didn't even know it was lost. Also it's a new start or beginning of something, a new chapter in your life, a loss and then finding something new.*
- * *Resurrection means to be born again, starting over with a clean slate.*
- * *Coming back, being reborn. It also means having all the feelings, hates and judgments about you disappear.*
- * *Resurrection means Jesus coming back to us. He will always be with us no matter what.*
- * *Resurrection is finding something you've lost, even if you don't know you've lost it. Keeping a memory alive even after the moment is gone and relighting one of the candles of life long after it's been blown out.*
- * *Resurrection means one more chance. With God there is always another chance. A new life out of one's past residing within oneself. Rebirth.*



What role does the ongoing story of resurrection have in your life? May you know the presence of the risen one with you as you journey.

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

Shared Ministry Forms

Fill them out online! www.peaceucc.org

There are so many ways to be a part of Peace Church. We need one another as we care for this community and wider world. Our shared ministry form is now available online, which should be more convenient for many of you to fill out. It is also available in paper form on the sign-up table in the Narthex, and will be distributed in worship on May 8 & 15.

Please take the time to think about how you would like to be involved with this community and sign up. We need one another! Thank you in advance. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Kathy.

TEAM & COMMITTEE NIGHT

Most committees & teams will meet on **Wednesday, May 11**. Dinner is served at 5:30 with meetings beginning at 6 pm. Remember your Annual Reports are due in the office by May 15th. Also, please let Pastor Kathy or the office know who will be continuing on your team.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, May 17 at 7pm** in the Conference Room. Visitors are always welcome.

Sundays in May

We continue to have two services each Sunday morning.

At 8:30 we have a quiet communion Service, and at 10:30 our service includes children's time and 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, May 1

Sermon: "Driven out of the Garden of Eden, again and again..."

Preached by Jackie Falk and Dr. Phil Cook in honor of Earth Day.

Our worship team and choir will provide music. We will also celebrate communion at both of our services.

Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day

Scripture: Luke 24: 13 – 35

Sermon: "Bread Broken, Eyes Opened" by Pastor Kathy

This morning we will celebrate the baptism of Jonah Greensmith. Special music will be provided by his grandfather, Terrence Smith.

Our shared ministry forms will be distributed today. This is a crucial way to sign up to volunteer in the life of this community.

Sunday, May 15

Scripture: Psalm 23 and Acts 2: 42-47

Sermon: "Powerful Witness" by Pastor Kathy

Special music by Leon Rohrbaugh and others, and our choir. Again the shared ministry forms will be distributed.

Today we will be receiving new members into Peace Church. If you would like to join our congregation at this time, please let Pastor Kathy know by calling the office.

Sunday, May 22 Confirmation Sunday

Our 2011 Confirmands will lead both our worship services this morning. Come and hear what they believe and affirm their presence with us.

Sunday, May 29 Memorial Day Sunday

Scripture: John 14: 15 – 21

Sermon: "Pray Like John" by Paul Van Antwerp

Important Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 5th following the 10:30 service

We will: 1. Receive Reports of Committees, Teams and Staff

2. Elect our Coordinating Council and Affirm Committee and Team Members

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

Also if you would like to serve on a specific committee or team, please let the office or Pastor Kathy know. We want to make sure to include everyone who wants to be involved in the life of the church!

Volunteer Ministry forms are available at the church. We will be distributing them in worship on Sundays May 8th and 15th, and they can also be filled out online. There are lots of ways to volunteer! We need one another.

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates

We will honor you in worship on June 12, and there will be a special breakfast for you and your families in the fellowship hall at 9:30. Please get your photos and forms in as soon as possible. Questions? Talk with Pastor Kathy.

Our graduates are: Keely Shrake, Emily Punyko, Maddy Carpenter, Kai Sandal, Erik Rupert, Molly Peterson, Ella Fox and Paige McClain.



Bishop Eliezer M. Pascua from the UCC in the Philippines preaching on June 19

A dinner will be held in his honor at Pastor Kathy's home on June 18th. If you would like to attend the dinner, please rsvp to the church office.

A Brief Introduction: Bishop Pascua is the immediate past General Secretary of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) and is presently staying in the Chicago area. He served for 18 years as bishop — 14 years as bishop of one of the seven Jurisdictional Areas, then for 4 years as General Secretary.

As a prophetic Episcopal leader of the Church in the Philippines, he has been a tireless advocate for peace and justice, which brought him to many centers of powers including before the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee chaired by Senator Barbara Boxer in 2007. Bishop Pascua together with a delegation from the Ecumenical Voice for Peace and Human Rights in the Philippines, testified before the US Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee about the human rights abuses and extra judicial killings in the Philippines believed to have been perpetrated or supported by the Philippine Military and police. The United States has been providing military funding to the Philippines, and Bishop Pascua and his group would like the US to help insure that its financial aid to the Philippines is not being used to violate human rights.

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!

Environment and Energy Adult Forum Spring Series

May 1 — Mining Issues: Join Bob Tammen, a retired Iron Range miner and activist, and Marc Fink, attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity, for a discussion about sulfide mining in Minnesota.

May 8 — The Just Food Group will lead this discussion on food, climate, and sustainability, with a video segment from the "RENEWAL" movie, looking at Muslim traditions and sustainable farms.

May 15 — Dr. Phil Cook will lead a discussion on climate change.

Small Groups Update

We're well on our way into Spring book conversations on "The Powers that Be" by Walter Wink (2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30pm), "The First Paul" by John Crossan and Marcus Borg (1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm), and "Take This Bread" by Sara Miles (2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7pm). As we wrap up these groups, we'll take a break for the summer. However, we're exploring groups for next fall. Some ideas floating around are a Spiritual Direction Group, Writing Group, and Adult Confirmation classes. Interested? Other ideas? Send a note to Paul.

"Bring it to the Table"

Conversations on Faith for Men

Monday evenings at 6:30pm

1st and 3rd Mondays—May 2 & 16

*Join other men of the congregation as we share
the experience of walking our faith in everyday life.*

May 2 — "Don't you Get It?" *There are parts of our faith that took a long time to understand and accept... and for that matter, there are parts we are still working on.*

May 16 — "Jesus, by John" *Toward the end of the Gospel of John, we have a lot of words from the mouth of Jesus. What's Jesus telling us? What is John telling us?*

Men's Breakfast—May 5 & 19

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

Women's Brown Bag Study



Gathered for a recent Brown Bag: front row (left to right) Mary Martin, Elaine Augustad, Elrose Norfolk, Peggy Maske. Standing: Sharon Crosby, Barb Forrest, Caroline Harris, Marg Paulson, Lynette Boyko, Lori Thompson, Joan Severson, Marian Jensen and Cheryl Walsh.

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday May 25 at noon at the Benedictine Health Center—3rd Floor Lounge

Bring your lunch; beverages and dessert are provided. This is a time of fellowship, sharing our stories, studying various topics, and supporting one another. Facilitated by Cheryl Walsh.

Activities and Opportunities



Intergenerational Event: Hike at Hartley! Sunday May 29th, 1pm

Let's meet in the parking lot of Hartley Nature Center and take a wander. By the time we meet, Spring might have arrived in the Northland.

Peace Church Hootenanny (Folk Music Gathering)

Friday, May 20th, 7pm, at Paul's house

Bring your voices, instruments, and spirits for an evening of singing our favorite folk songs. Have a song you'd like to share? Send Paul a note and he'll print out lyrics and chords. You don't have to be a great musician to enjoy singing your heart out. All are welcome, and wallflowers encouraged!



Easter Saturday Vigil

It's Softball Time!

Join the Peace Church Team in the YMCA Recreational/Family League. Ages 10 and up. Games are on Tuesday evenings through the summer. Cost is \$25/person, \$50/family (scholarships available). Sign up in the Narthex. (Hey creative folks! We need a name and a mascot!) Questions? Contact Paul.

PALS

"Peace Adults Learning and Socializing"

The May PALS event will be a **wildflower hike** at **Hartley Nature Center** led by Hartley naturalist Joy Dunham. This will take place **Thursday May 19**, one week earlier than our usual 4th Thursday meeting date. We will start with a **5 p.m.** outdoor potluck picnic; plug-ins are available. We can eat inside if necessary. The hike is scheduled for **6:00-8:00 p.m.** The cost is \$4 for Hartley members and \$6 for non-Hartley members. Beth Ruark, Marge Anderson, and Jerry Cleveland are coordinating this event, but since Jerry and Marge will be out of town, please contact Beth (724-0301) with any questions you may have.

Come Help Make Pancakes at CHUM!

May 4 & 18

Pastor Kathy & crew can be found every other Wednesday at 9am at the Chum Drop-In Center flipping pancakes for the guests. Join them any time you can—you'll meet new folks and have fun!

Church School News

Last Few days of Church School

May 1 — Regular Church School

May 8 — Regular Church School

May 15 — Regular Church School

May 22 — End of the year church school Party in the

sanctuary :) Parachute games and fun :)
Give Teachers their gifts during Church School :)

*Teachers: At end of the year please empty your bins and put markers, glue sticks, and scissors, etc. into the craft closet. Leave your bins outside Kim's office with the curriculum in the bin. Thank you So MUCH.

Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Picnic

May 22, 4:30-6pm in Chester Park

The time will be 4:30-6pm. Food will be provided so no one needs to bring anything. Children and spouses are welcome!



Celebrating communion and remembering our baptisms at the Easter Saturday vigil on the shore of Lake Superior.



Easter Saturday Vigil

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 May 11 at 6pm)

(Inquirers Class meets on May 4 at 6pm in Fireside)

6pm: Financial Peace University in sanctuary
(last class May 4)

6:15: Adult Choir in Music Room

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

NOTE: May 25 is the last night of Wednesday Activities!

First Year Confirmation – 9th Graders

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

May 4 at 6:30 – And then what? What happened after the resurrection appearances of Jesus? A look together at the beginnings of the Christian Church.

May 18 at 6:30 – Final Class of the year. A time for pizza and review. Don't eat dinner before you come – We will have pizza and soda. **Still try to learn the books of the Bible in order!**

Second Year Confirmation – 10th Graders

Meets the Second and Fourth Wednesday from 6:30 – 8 pm

Friday, May 6th – 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.

Home Visits – Pastor Kathy or Paul will visit with each confirmand to talk over their confirmation experiences and decision. Sign up on Pastor Kathy's door or call the office to make an appointment. Visits are Saturdays, May 14th and 21st or Sunday, May 15th.

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

Help Us Cut Baby Blankets

May 4 at 6pm in the baby nursery

We'll be getting 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). We'd love to have YOU join us! **Please email or call Jen Hudyma with questions, or just show up on May 4.** 624-1512 or email jhudyma@charter.net

Faith Weavers!

Kindergarten—3rd Grade

Wednesdays 6-7pm in Mindanao Room

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 Plan Performances **6-7pm in the Lakeview Classroom**

The Peace Puppets have been working on their own shows. Groups of three kids have written the scripts, selected the characters and chosen music. They will be putting on their skits for the Faith-Weavers and parents on May 4 at 7:30 in the puppet room. This is totally kid created and directed.



The Peace Puppets will also be doing children's time at the 10:30 service in late May. Puppeteers and parents — it is important to get to the practices on May 11 and 18.

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.

Inquirer's Classes

2nd session is Wednesday, May 4
6 – 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room

*Come to learn more about Peace UCC.
Pastor Paul will be talking about our
Shared Ministry here at Peace.*

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

Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm in the Youth Room

May 2nd: “Care and Frolic”

Earth Day fell on Good Friday this year. We won't let it slip through the cracks. We'll start by taking some time to care for the land around the church, then head down to Grant Park to celebrate.

May 11th: “Recipes for Christianity?”

Here's the deal: different people and different churches “cook” their faith in different ways. What's our recipe here at Peace? Your own? (*Here's a hint: is your faith slowly stewing in the crock-pot? Layered with your favorite toppings like a pizza? Stabbed with a stick and put on a fire? Hmm.*)

May 18th: “ConGRADulations”

We have a group of seniors on their way into new and exciting adventures. It's a tradition that we honor them by tying “graduation blankets”... plus, we'll ask them how this church has made an impact in their lives.

May 22nd (Sunday): Confirmation

A big day. The product of two years of discernment and a lot of thinking and prayer (we hope!). Let's show up to honor our Confirmads in the second service.

May 25th:

“That's a Wrap! On to the Next Season!”

This evening's youth group marks the end of our school-year youth group programs. More importantly, **this is the day that we welcome the new Sixth Graders!** Let's introduce our new members to our program. *After this evening, we'll take a few weeks off before we begin summer activities. What are we doing this summer? Your call! We'll talk about that tonight.*

May 29th (Sunday):

“Intergenerational Event: Hike at Hartley”

Meet in the Hartley Nature Center parking lot at 1pm. The fresh air will do you good.

High School “Lived Theology”

Sunday Mornings at 9:30

Meet in Paul's Office

I know you like to sleep in... I know you're sick of thinking... but we've been slacking in our gatherings and—frankly—your parents make you eat your vegetables so your pastor is going to make you push your faith and connect it to the world around us. It's good for you. I'll bring treats. Let me know what you want.

~Paul

Hey Youth Group!

Math: Graduation

+ Confirmation

+ End of School Year

+ Welcoming Next Year's 6th Graders to our Youth Group

+ Planning summer activities

May. Be here.

Love, Paul and Kim

“Middle School at Mount Royal”

Mondays 3-4:30pm

Join us every Monday at 3pm in the eating area of Mount Royal Fine Foods for snacks, conversation, and Paul's weekly “News of the Weird” update. **On the last week of school, we'll close with a pizza party at Bulldog** (donations appreciated--cost is about \$7/person).

Kim's Column

“Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained.” ~ Marie Curie

We are a beautiful and beloved people, filled with gifts of all shapes and sizes. Peace Church just had its annual Kid's Cabaret and we got to see the light and life of God's people lifted up in some of our smallest members.

At the Kids Cabaret we saw a variety of acts performed. Numerous beautiful piano solos filled the Sanctuary Space as little fingers tickled the ivories. Aidan Fitzpatrick sang and played, “Stairway to Heaven.” We had a few variations of karate shown and performed. Gabriel Ehlers-Nelson showed different moves that he had learned in his karate classes, while some of the Langdon-Larson girls (who are Justin Bieber enthusiasts) sang “Never Say Never,” from the newest version of Karate Kid. Hannah Feyen, Aggie Pokrzywinski, Abbie Amundsen, and Izzie Schomberg sang “How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria,” and Evan Ehrhardt sang a beautiful solo of “The River is Wide.” A few of our youth group kids, Sylvie Bowen-Bailey, Andrea Brown, and Frost Bowen-Bailey, got together and did little commercials between acts for specialized products, one being the DOUGGS... boots made with real Doug Bowen-Bailey beard hair. Better save your pennies because they are very rare and very expensive. Paul and I were Masters of Ceremony for the event with funny dumb jokes before introducing the real talent!

Afterwards we headed down to Sammy's Downtown to celebrate with pizza. All had fun, and it was a great event. Thank you to all our talented kids and families who help nourish the talents and gifts that our children have.

Every now and then, while reading, I throw the book across the room. I'm left brow-knitted and empty-handed, staring at the bound pages that just landed in the corner. Problem is: they are good books. They are books that I have chosen to read, *want* to read—good books that goad me, anger or hurt me, books that sweep the rug of my faith out from under me, or force me to face repentance, books that become literary projectiles when my body reacts to the manner in which my mind is being rung out like a towel. William Stringfellow awakens me to the presence of evil in the empire among us—(There he goes across the room!) Joel Bageant shines a bright light in my face on the issue of class in my own life—(Whoop! Look out! That's a hardcover). Jane Hamilton breaks my heart, just like she intended to, with a story all-to-real and happening all around us—(Aargh! Sorry, my dear wife, I didn't mean to startle you!) St. Thomas Aquinas... ok, that's different... I just want to throw ol' Tom across the room, (some deliberation still in order on that one). There are words that I don't want to hear, issues I don't want to face. There are questions that I am not ready to answer and like most folks I hate to admit that I've been wrong all this time... or misguided... slow-witted, nearsighted. When I finally admit that I'm not all grown up yet, I throw a tantrum.

Selections from our Gospel for the month of May: on the Second Sunday of Easter, Jesus asks *"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those that have not seen and yet have come to believe."* The Third Sunday of Easter *"Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe...."* On the Fourth Sunday we read *...but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them...* Fifth Sunday: *"Have I been with you all this time and you still do not know me?"* Sixth: *"This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him."*

Disclaimer: to the best of my knowledge, I have never thrown the Bible across the room, but perhaps only because that HarperCollins Study Bible of mine is a pretty heavy book. I have, however, thrown my faith across the room... and friends, I recommend it. "Don't you get it?" Jesus asks. No, we don't, and it drives us crazy. I mean, we know the story, know the concept, but when the rubber meets the road on these days after Easter, living *into* resurrection isn't easy because it forces us, also, to live *into* the ongoing crucifixions happening around us. Where do we turn our backs from Jesus? Where do we ignore his call to ministry? Turn a blind eye to death and suffering? Friends, as I think about it, I am constantly throwing my faith across the room—constantly growing up in my faith, constantly challenged by the texts of our tradition and the prophetic witness of our congregation. I am constantly humbled... and it's a good thing. It reminds me that my life of faith must always focus on speaking *to* God, not speaking *for* God.

So I invite you, each of you, as we enter these weeks after Easter, as we read and study and share in small groups, forums, fellowship, as we pray with and for one another and listen to each other's prayers, to give one another permission to throw a little tantrum when we feel our faith maturing. Let us hurl our faith across the room! Yell at God if you need to! (I promise you, God can take it). It is the Holy act of repentance. We are all, God bless it, still growing up.

*...But if you sit fenced off in your apathy, says God,
If you sit entrenched in: "I don't give a hang," says God,
If you look at the stars and yawn,
If you see suffering and don't cry out,
If you don't praise and you don't revile,
Then I created you in vain, says God.*

(From) Aaron Zeitlin / "If You Look at the Stars"

The April meeting of the Coordinating Council was once again filled with discussion and reports highlighting all the good work occurring at Peace UCC. Alan Peterson reported that the Human Resources Committee will soon be conducting annual reviews for all staff. The Council will be evaluating Pastor Kathy's performance.

Our treasurer, Dick Goese, presented the financial report indicating we are behind in both non-pledged and pledged income resulting in a deficit of about \$8000 year to date. Dick reported this is about the same as last year at this time.

The Nominating Committee is busy contacting members willing to serve on boards and committees for the upcoming year who will be elected at the annual meeting on June 5 after the 10:30 service.

Matt Johnson of the Christian Education Committee reported that Vacation Bible School is already being planned. Church school teachers are being recruited for the Fall and there will be an article in the Peace Bell entitled, "Top Ten Reasons to be a Sunday School Teacher." Read it and be inspired!

Cindy Macaulay of Worship and Arts Committee made note of Gail Blum's wonderful altar work during Lent and Easter. Thank you Gail, the altar area is beautiful.

Penny Cragun of the Just Peace Committee asked for the Coordinating Council's endorsement of a resolution calling for re-ordering of priorities that has been introduced in the MN Legislature. It calls the MN Legislature to call our Congressional delegation and the President to shift federal funding priorities from war and the interests of the few, to meeting the essential needs of all. The Council voted to support the resolution. (see page 10)

Progress continues on the multi-purpose/chapel space. Discussion was held on setting a date for the dedication of the space, which will likely occur sometime this summer.

~ Mike Swanoski, Moderator

Summer Opportunities

Baobab Blast! God's Great Get Together Vacation Bible School — July 25-29 (a week earlier than usual)



Calling everyone from East to West... mark your calendars and grab your gear. This VBS is filled with rocking music, energy packed games, stellar crafts and snacks, and amazing bible stories that will help you learn more about GOD.

VBS will be held here at Peace United Church of Christ in Collaboration with Pilgrim Congregational Church.

The great baobab (bay-o-bab) tree in the expansive African Savannah is the setting for this year's VBS. This exciting get together has something for everyone to *LOVE*. Kids will be creating, running, jumping, and *FOLLOWing* with action packed games; singing songs, and *SHARE*-ing the good news with everyone they meet. *TRUST* us this VBS you don't want to miss because it's all about *CARE*-ing for others, learning about the Bible and having fun, of course!

Interested in being an **Adult Volunteer or Youth Team Leader**? Talk to Kim Sturtz and we'll find you a place to share your talent!



Calling all Runners!

Are you looking for a way to get involved with the excitement of Grandma's Marathon? If so, we have opportunities for you!! Whether you are a runner, or you'd like to donate money or time, we could use your help! The CHUM Gabriel Fund is holding their 10th annual marathon fundraiser "Running to help keep people on their feet" and we are looking for all who want to get involved.

The Gabriel Fund is a small discretionary fund that assists low income families in our community with needs such as medication co-pays, transportation assistance and utility bills.

If you are planning on running, would like to volunteer at the water station or would like to sponsor a runner, please sign up next to the Gabriel Fund display board which will be available in May. Last year we had 60 runners, 50 volunteers and raised over \$3000...let's see if we can't beat those numbers so that we can continue serving families in need in our community! If you have further questions, please contact Veronica at vgaidelis@chumduluth.org or 218-720-6521.

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. Activities include swimming, hiking, S'more making/eating, sleeping in tents, and just getting to know each other better. They have a wonderful swimming beach, fishing pier and camp sites.

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.

We will leave after worship on Sunday and return on Tuesday afternoon. Cost is \$25 with scholarships available. See Kim for more information!

Youth Urban Immersion Trip Sunday evening June 19 – Friday June 24 with Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches

Youth going into 9 – 12th grade and chaperones—Pastors Kathy and Paul, Jim McLean and Jen Tomhave

Cost is \$200 with scholarships available. We will stay in Minneapolis at a Retreat Center on Chicago and Lake Street. It is a working/reflecting trip.

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

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

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. Cost is \$300 with scholarships available.

Resolution on Federal Spending Priorities endorsed

The Just Peace Committee and the Coordinating Council of Peace Church have both endorsed the following Resolution on federal spending priorities, which is being introduced to the Minnesota State Legislature:

Whereas Minnesota is faced with a \$5 billion budget shortfall; and,

Whereas past budget cuts have resulted in painful reductions in essential services and future cuts would further erode the quality of life for and, in fact, endanger the lives of many citizens; and,

Whereas many cities and communities in Minnesota are laying off police, firefighters, teachers and other essential employees; and,

Whereas past budgets have been balanced by cutting social services, under-investment in essential infrastructure, and other measures that push the crisis onto local governments and the poor; and,

Whereas Minnesota taxpayers even during these times of economic crisis and fiscal austerity are poised to pay approximately \$26 billion over the next two years, for their share of the Defense Budget of the Federal government; and,

Whereas Minnesota taxpayers alone have already spent more than \$27.5 billion, and will spend \$8.4 billion more over the next two years for the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and,

Whereas 58 cents of every dollar of federal discretionary spending is devoted to military purposes; and,

Whereas military spending priorities at the national level negatively impact budgets and quality of life at all levels of government and society; and,

Whereas our nation desperately needs to better balance its approach to security to go beyond military defense and include the economic, social, and environmental needs of our communities, state, and nation;



Therefore be it resolved that we, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota call on Senators Klobuchar and Franken, and Representatives Walz, Kline, Paulsen, McCollum, Ellison, Bachman, Peterson and Cravaack as well as President Barack Obama, to shift federal funding priorities from war and the interests of the few, to meeting the essential needs of us all.

Summary of Just Peace survey results

The Just Peace Committee wants to thank everyone who completed our survey. There were a total of 31 responses. In summary, most participants agreed with the statements that Peace Church is effectively addressing and engaging in action on topics relevant to peace and justice.

Respondents indicated that the phrase “Just Peace” represents both recognition of and action toward respect for others, nonviolence, and equality and interconnectedness with others. When asked to identify criteria that are most important for peace, “no war”, “equal rights”, “end to economic disparity”, and “no hunger” received the most endorsement from highest to lowest. However, it was noted that many of the response choices provided could be considered subtopics under the larger concern of inequality.

Survey participants indicated that taking local peace and justice action within the surrounding community as well as political and legislative engagement at the local, state, and federal level were the steps they would most likely take to achieve their given vision of peace. When asked to report what just peace activities supported by Peace Church participants have attended, the most common responses (from most to least) were 1) local justice, hunger, housing programs (CHUM family shelter), 2) topic relevant adult forums, 3) national and international programs addressing social justice issues (e.g. Witness for Peace).

The survey ended with an opportunity for respondents to write in ideas for further exploration by the Just Peace Committee. These included: engaging Peace Church youth more directly on topics of social justice, more opportunities for self-reflective inner work on topics of social justice, more emphasis on economic exploitation, more emphasis on current US military conflicts, more emphasis on sexism and violence against women, more emphasis on economic foundations of injustice such as energy and environmental issues.

If you would like to contribute more ideas or become more involved with the Just Peace committee please contact Penny Cragun (727-2972) or Colette Knudsen (724-4361), Just Peace co-chairs.

ONA—MN United for Love and Justice

Remember that glorious Valentine Heart from Duluth? We are at it again! This time, we plan to see celebrations honoring Marriage Equality in 100 communities throughout Minnesota. The project is called Minnesota United for Love and Justice--and it is time for action. **The Duluth event will be held on the 4th of July at the Pavilion at Park Point.**

In addition to showing our support for marriage equality, this will also be an anniversary party celebrating *all* marriages.

The first planning meeting for the event will be held in the sanctuary at Peace Church on May 11, at 7:00 p.m. We hope to have representatives from a wide range of community groups involved with the planning and the actual event. Please join us on the 11th!

A Word from our Mission Partners in Japan

Jeffrey Mensendiek serves the UCC Council on Cooperative Mission where he is assigned to the Emmaus Center in Sendai as director of youth activities. We support him through our One Great Hour of Sharing offerings. Here is a letter he wrote:

Monday, April 18, 2011

The cherry blossoms are in full bloom. Exquisite! We have entered our fifth week of hosting and coordinating volunteers at the Emmaus Center. They come from all over Japan. Each morning we have a meeting at 8:30 am before sending the volunteers out on their bicycles heading for Shichigo. Today we only had 35 bicycles for about 45 people. Each day new people join us. There is tremendous energy in the air. Young people are at the center of the planning and organizing. Today, around the dinner table, I sat with three men in their fifties. Each shared with me how impressed they were by the young people. They told me they had nearly given up on young people—on their own children. But here before their eyes were young people so active, dependable, and full of enthusiasm. They told me how encouraging it was to witness the young people gathered here at the Emmaus Center.

I think the disaster has provided a window of opportunity for the youth. Needs abound before our eyes, and the youth are able to reach out and help. The adults who witness the youth are filled with hope. I believe this indeed is the work of the church! The Emmaus Center was started 60 years ago by missionaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church (one of the precursors of the United Church of Christ). Then for 30 years the Methodist Church also was committed to supporting this ministry. During these years we have been committed to serving young people in Sendai. Now when a disaster like this happens, our history and continued commitment have given life to the local community. The church is able to mobilize the youth for relief efforts. The youth are filled with a new spirit that will change their lives forever. I want our churches in the US to know that the seeds we planted in faith have taken root in so many young people in this country. God is alive in each of them - whether they know it or not. And we are blessed to be a sign of HOPE to the world.

You may donate to Japan by following the link on our website www.peaceucc.org.

Letter from Philippine Partnership

Dear Friends, Peace greetings! I met the beautiful people of Minnesota led by Rev Ely Fernandez and Associate Conference Minister Rev. Elena. I wish you were in this group and we could have visited Surigao.

Anyway, we wish you a challenging new year and a meaningful ministry this year. We in the Surigao District Conference are busy with our programs and are preparing for our annual continuing theological education which will happen next month and then the annual conference on April 7-10 at Union, Dapa, one of our pilot partner churches. We hope you and perhaps a delegation can join us in that gathering.

I am sending some souvenirs from the Philippines: A table runner made by the women of Cotabato and Baguio; and some scarves made by Muslim women and a magic wallet which when you open, it becomes a handy bag. It will be great if Rev. Elena and/or Rev. Ely can visit you and share with you the things they experienced here with the people.

We wish you the best this 2011 both for your personal family life and the whole household of Peace Church.

*Shaolm,
Rev. Juanita D. Paniamogan
Conference Minister, Surigao District Conference*

Pastor Kathy's response:

Dear Rev. Juanita D. Paniamogan,

It was such a joy on Sunday to have Rev. Elena Larssen with us to bring greetings from you and the members of Surigao District Conference. She shared photos and stories with our congregation and we were moved by your joyful witness to Christ. I am so glad she was able to be with you.

We are grateful for the table runner made by the women of Cotabato and Baguio, it is now on our communion table and will remain there throughout Lent, reminding us of our connections to you as we share Christ's cup and bread. We are going to use the scarves to create banners for our worship space and the magic bag will go with us on our youth immersion trip into Minneapolis to carry forms and first aid kit and food. Thank you so much.

We will be holding you in prayer this April 7th – 10th as you gather and the Union Church. Your theme is inspiring, "Discerning and Obeying God's will in these Critical Times". It is critical times as we pray and work for peace in Libya, hear of the stories in Japan and send aid and work also in our local state for a more just budget that does not leave the most vulnerable and our children without basic food, housing and education. We have been doing lots of organizing around our Minnesota Budget.

We are sorry not to be with you this April, but will be praying for you and especially for the ordination that will take place. Prayers of blessing to our partner churches and their pastors Rev. Lino Magpatoc Ptr. Rey Vitor and Ptr. Jurly Rana. We hope next year to be with you. It would be such a blessing to have a delegation travel and share time with you.

This June we will have Conference Minister Bishop Pascua with us. It will be such an honor. He was the one of many bishops Global Ministries and the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries brought to Washington DC, Toronto and Geneva in a national ecumenical delegation (2007). Bishop Pascua was the one willing to give his testimony at the Senate hearing for the Foreign Relations (continued on following page)

Peace People

Thank You!

- To all who participated in our Holy Week and Easter Services: Jim Pospisil, Wendy Olson and our choir, Emily Ramsey and Jennifer Boyle for music on Maundy Thursday, Tony Watson for being Jesus and to all our other Tenebrae readers. Jill Pospisil, Dale Shimmin and Joe Campbell for playing in our brass section for the Easter Service. Thanks to our youth who led the early Easter Service and for the breakfast.
- To Gail Blum for creating our worship space for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday—thank you for sharing your gifts and your time.
- To all who participated and helped with this year's women's retreat. Special thanks to Cindy McLean, our story teller; Sarah Lund, Kim Sturtz and Jane Rupel our music leaders; and to Heather Marie Bloom who led our mirror and glass creation. Also thank you to Lisa Pomroy for the housing arrangements – as always Caribou Highlands was a wonderful venue.
- From the Duluth Community Garden Program: "We appreciate being able to hold our events in the Fellowship Hall. It provides a great space for both the Spring Fling and the Harvest Dinner. Your staff are generously helpful and accommodating. Thank you for making your community space available to so many of us."
- From Jack and Sharon Kemp: "We are so thankful for friends and family who have surrounded us in our loss. Your kind gift of the peace lilies added so much beauty at David's memorial service and now in our home, and reminds us of enduring friendships with so many in the Peace Church family, of which we'll always feel a part."
- From the Minnesota Conference of the UCC: "The Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Team of the Minnesota Conference thanks you for your gift of \$21,000 to OCWM basic support. Truly, God is still speaking through you... OCWM connects us to a global village; it enables us to address injustice, transform systems, and impact the world. 65% of what you give to basic support stays in the MN Conference, and 35% sustains the ministry of the national church... Thank you also for your gifts to our OCWM special offerings: which help people move out of poverty and despair, and cope with disaster and conflict. They meet the needs of retired clergy who are struggling financially, and allow our church to grow in innovative and faithful ways... We rejoice with you in the recognition that you are changing lives!"
- Thank you to those who donated new &/or gently used dish towels to the kitchen. We presently have enough towels, but are in need of clean dish cloths. Please bring them to the kitchen, marked for Peace Church.
- Thank you for all the prayers, encouragement and cards after my hip surgery. I am feeling so much better! Cathy Ameen
- Hello Pastor Kathy! This is Megan Eng from the Pucks Against Poverty group that was at Peace Church on Sunday. We wanted to extend a HUGE thank you to you and your parish for helping us on our mission. We had a very successful day and were able to raise \$400 in puck sales and donations.

Philippine letter continued from previous page:

Subcommittee on SE Asia. As one of our members, Kaelene Arvidson-Hicks wrote, "For days he labored with a lawyer I found to help prepare his written testimony. Then on the day of the Senate hearing I watched him shake in fear and yet find again voice and strength to give witness. His witness there is not the only reason he would end up targeted, but certainly was within the list of things that would put him on the "elimination lists" and result in his migration to the USA." We shall learn much from his time in our pulpit and over the meals we hope to share with him. Rev. Eleazar Fernandez and the group that traveled with him will be gathering this Saturday to share their stories and learnings with the whole of the Minnesota Conference. I am excited to be with them in Minneapolis. Blessings on your Annual conference meeting. May God keep you safe and make your witness heard. Peace to you. Rev. Kathryn Nelson, Peace UCC, Duluth

Hold in your Prayers

- Sharon Kirtley, recovering at Chris Jensen Nursing Home from a stroke
- 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 Liddle, our missionaries in East Timor
- The people of Japan, donations to One Great Hour of Sharing for Relief efforts can be made on our web site

Congratulations

- Jane and Ryan Van Slooten on the birth of their daughter.
- Melissa Anderson and Matt Anderson who were married at our church on Saturday, April 16th. Pastor Kathy officiated.



Library / Birthdays

Peace Church Library Check it out!

New adult books:

Living Toward a Vision : Biblical Reflections on Shalom
by Walter Brueggemann

Coming Out Through Fire : Surviving the Trauma of Homophobia by Leanne McCall Tigert

Hard Living People & Mainstream Christians
by Tex Sample

Ecology of Everyday Life : Rethinking the Desire for Nature by Chaia Heller

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards

Graham Crackers & Milk : Food for the Heart & Soul
by John K Graham

Violence and Nonviolence in South Africa : Jesus' Third Way by Walter Wink

Who Killed Jesus? by John Dominic Crossan

Finding Peace : God's Promise of a Life Free from Regret, Anxiety and Fear by Charles Stanley

The Wheel of Life : A Memoir of Living and Dying by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross



New children's books:

Mountain Born by Elizabeth Yates

The Night There Was Thunder and Stuff by Cynthia

The Bully Brothers Trick the Tooth Fairy by Mike Thaler

Puppies Are Like That by Jan Pfloog

Working Hard with the Mighty Dump Truck by Justine Korman

Recycling Peace

Household items needed: Jaslyn Adams plans to move from Bayshore to an apartment and can use pots, pans, dishes, full or queen sized bed, king or queen sized bed linens, towels, rugs, table and chairs, dresser, couch or large chair, TV and computer. If you have any of these things, call Jaslyn at 727-8651.

May Birthdays

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



- 10 Louise Hawley
Madison Beal
- 11 Angie O'Connell
Steve Coll
Dan Neby
Jazzelle Waxvik
Seth Feralin
- 12 River Fena
Stan Burns
- 14 Marion Caven
Sylvia Bowen-Bailey
Sarah Jessico
Erik Rupert
Tim Everson
- 15 Ruth Olson
Bjorn Aas-Larson
- 16 Eric Larson
Samuel Ramsey-Coffin
Jim McLean
- 17 Peter Kendall
Samuel Kendall
Kierra Sipila
- 18 Leon Rohrbaugh
- 19 Stephen Pestalozzi
- 20 Scott Lundberg
Wyatt Carlson
Jayden Samuel
- 21 Beth Bartlett

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

*Happy
Birthday!*



Support the Duluth Diaper Drive

Drop off size 3-5 diapers at CHUM by May 1!

CHUM Volunter Appreciation Luncheon

Annually, Minnesotans contribute \$3.6 billion in volunteer assistance. And 1.5 million Minnesota Residents dedicate 171.1 million volunteer hours annually.

Last year at CHUM, hundreds of volunteers donated over **16,000 hours of volunteer time.**

In appreciation **Chum invites you to A Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon!**

When: Monday, May 2nd, 2011

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church
4831 Grand Ave

Time: 11:30-1:00pm

11:30am– Social Time and Music by
Marshal High School Singers

Noon– Lunch and Prize Drawings

Please RSVP: 740-2496 or
eolson@chumduluth.org

Letter Carriers Food Drive will be held May 14, 2011

Volunteers are needed. Contact Meg at 218-727-2391 if you or your group would like to help!

It Takes A Community to Cover the Uninsured

A community-wide effort in the Duluth area is raising awareness of services available to help those who are uninsured.

Some people do not realize they may be eligible for existing Minnesota Health Care programs, such as MinnesotaCare and Medical Assistance. There are also programs available for those needing medications or eye glasses, seniors with expenses not covered by Medicare and those with existing medical bills.

The Health Care Access Office serves as a clearinghouse for anyone who is uninsured or under-insured. Staff can quickly connect eligible individuals or families to existing programs. Just one call, 218-722-9650 can begin the process of getting health coverage or locating lower-cost health care.

Planning for the CHUM Rhubarb Festival in June has begun!

Anyone interested in planning or volunteering, give CHUM a call at 720-6521.

June UCC Quilt Retreat

3pm June 16 until 11 am June 19

At Linden Hill in Little Falls

Sponsored by First Congregational UCC of Fairmont and Jan Shaffer will be the director. For more info, see the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex, or call Jan at 507-526-3979. Cost is \$125. Come and bring a friend!

40th Ordination Anniversary for Peter Bagley Sunday May 22 at 2pm, reception following.

United Protestant Church of Morgan Park, Duluth, MN Invites you To attend the 40th anniversary of the ordination and service to the Lord of their minister, Rev. Dr. Peter D. Bagley. If you have something about Peter that you wish to share please send your ideas, pictures or stories to: Bagley's 40th Anniversary, PO Box 7274, Duluth, MN 55807 or Upoffice@cpinternet.com

Church Address:

830-88th Ave West, Duluth, MN 55808

Jim Stellmaker Tribute Concert Sunday May 8 at 7pm

Central High School Auditorium

Three great bands join forces to pay tribute to the teaching and music of Jim Stellmaker—Duluth Central Jazz Ensemble, North Shore Big Band, and the Big Time Jazz Orchestra. (Kim Hayes of our congregation is a daughter of Jim.) Free-will donations can be made out to Big Time Jazz Orchestra (a tax deductible 5013c corp.)

Free Hatha Yoga Class!

On Tues. May 3rd you are invited to a Student Appreciation Day. This is a THANK YOU to all who practice and support yoga and well being in the community. Come and enjoy a Hatha Yoga class free of charge **Tues. May 3, from 5:15 to 6:30** in the Fireside Room with certified Hatha Instructor Sharon Dawson. Bring a friend and have fun!

If yard work and gardening are calling your name, there is a **new eight week class session beginning Tues. May 10th** that will help you get in shape! For information on joining the yoga class contact Sharon redrootyoga@aol.com or call 218-349-6092

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.

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!

May Volunteer Schedules

Greeters

- 1 Bob & Rene Montgomery
- 8 Todd & Lori Lind
- 15 Marc & Maggie Fink
- 22 Julie MacKenzie, Cindy Macaulay
- 29 Peggy Skylondz, Jayme Hennen

Lay Readers

- 1 **Volunteer needed**
- 8 Jonie Langdon
- 15 John Ameal
- 22 Betty Greene
- 29 Julie Flotten

8:30 Communion Bread



- 1 Robin Davidson
- 8 Grace Gee
- 15 Arvolds
- 22 Julie Flotten
- 29 Bilin Tsai

Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday May 8

- 1:30: Cindy Poirier family, Tom & Kim Heinitz, Jayme Hennen
- 4:00: Bill & Lisa Pomroy, Lisa Brown family

Monday Meals at Olive Branch (1614 Jefferson)

- 2 **Volunteer needed**
- 9 Doug Bowen-Bailey
- 16 Gary Boelhower
- 23 Laura Greensmith
- 30 Lyn and John Clark-Pegg

Acolyte Schedule



- May 1:** Cayden Stegmann, Andrea Torrego
- May 8:** Ahna Webster, Eli Beech-Brown
- May 15:** Coulter Holden, Gabriella Johnson
- May 22: Volunteer needed**
Last day of Church School

Nursery

- 1 Alison Wood, Kristina Green, Jessica Olson
- 8 Ellie Hoffman, Mary Adams, Emily Ramsey
- 15 Lisa Fitzpatrick, Sylvie Bowen-Bailey, Patty Beech
- 22 Andrea Brown, Aaron Molina, Tavis or Amy Westbrook
- 29 Susan K or Amy G, Sophie Wilkowske, Laretta Shrake

Ushers

- 1 John & Lyn Pegg, Jen Pearson, Susan Ranfranz
- 8 Matt Johnson, Essie Geiger, Guy & Nadine Hubert
- 15 Laurie & Mariah Berner, Mary Martin, John Moeller
- 22 Mike & Diane Swanoski, John & Lyn Pegg
- 29 Bob & Rene Montgomery, Annette Strom, Robin Davidson

Early Service Ushers

- 1 Bob & Kay Stevens
- 8 & 29 Barb Kehtel, Linda Lundberg
- 15 Marge Anderson & Jerry Cleveland
- 22 Hamshers

Coffee Hour Committees

May Coffee Hour

- Coordinators:**
Barb Forrest, 727-5399
Cindy Macaulay, 722-3432
Alison Wood & Julie Flotten, 724-5690
- May 1 (Julie & Alison)**
Communion Set-up: Cindy & Barb
Set-up: Bergerons
Serve/Clean-up: Marc & Maggie Fink, Christa Knudsen
- May 8 (Julie & Alison)**
Set-up: Goltz family
Serve/Clean-up: Bill DeRoche, John & Ellen Lindgren
- May 15 (Cindy & Barb)**
Set-up: Sam & Phyllis Cook
Serve/Clean-up: Patty & Matt Johnson, Wayne & Peggy Pearson
- May 22 (Cindy & Barb)**
Set-up: Craig & Jeanie Peterson
Serve/Clean-up: Phyllis & Scott Mead, Jon & Tabitha Devlin
- May 29 (Julie, Alison, Cindy, Barb)**
Set-up: Laretta Shrake, Eve Stein
Serve/Clean-up: Al Netland & Melanie Shepard, Dustin & Stacy Holden

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

Coming up — June

- Coordinators:**
Cizzarie Schomberg, 525-0325
Janell Kohls, 728-9756
Judy & Dave Arvold, 724-8734
Martha Minchak & Craig Bublitz, 628-3462
Penny Cragun, 727-2972
Andrew Webster & Erin Dewitt, 724-4970
Amy & Dan Fitzpatrick, 724-3721
Melissa Kadlec & Dan Green, 724-7888
Steve & Lisa Horner, 525-1798
Raquel & Bryan Jensen, 727-7725
Tadd & Emily Johnson, 724-2350
Bill & Darlene Kohlts, 525-2548
Kate & Frank Nicoletti, 724-0758
Beth Ruark, 724-0301
Bill & Karie Simpson, 728-4971
Annette Strom & Tim Everson, 728-9057
Scott & Charlotte Studden, 525-9951
Leanne Ventrella, 728-6562

Needed: Coffee Coordinators for August! Please call Janell in the office if you are willing!

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