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The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Stewardship Drive for 2012 — *Count Yourself Blessed*

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. Luke 6:38

On Sunday, November 13th during our worship services we will dedicate our pledges for our 2012 budget. This will be a celebration of our commitments to God and one another. We are able to have a vibrant ministry together because of the generous sharing of our gifts, talents and financial resources. Our budget is almost completely dependent on the regular financial contributions of members and friends. We do "Count Ourselves Blessed" in so many ways in this community. Your stewardship materials will be mailed to you the first week of November.

In the weeks leading up to the 13th several folks will bravely and with humor talk about money. Julie Flotten will have skit for us on October 30th, and Doug Bowen-Bailey is preparing a "Count Yourself Blessed" video. On the 13th the choir and Steve Horner will lead our music and Pastor Kathy will be our preacher. There will be a free chili lunch following our 11:30 service. The food and fellowship committee is making a wide variety of chilis—beef, vegan, chicken, vegetarian and more. There will be corn bread and dessert.

If you would like to help serve and/or clean up after the dinner, please contact the church office.



Mission:1
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That they may all be 1

We Are Part of Mission:1

In 11 days, from 11/1/11 to 11/11/11 the United Church of Christ will collect more than 1 MILLION ITEMS OF HEALTHY FOOD and other household items for local food banks and outreach services.

- In 11 days, the United Church of Christ will make an extra-special push to gather online contributions of more than \$111,111 DOLLARS for Neighbors in Need food-related ministries, offerings that will be shared for hunger-action purposes with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the United States.
- In 11 days, the United Church of Christ will offer more than 11,111 LETTERS to Congress asking our government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide, helping to provide a major final push to Bread for the World's 2011 "Offering of Letters" campaign.

Peace Church is part of this effort. We hope to collect 1,111 food items for Chum, collect \$1,111 for Neighbors in Need or the Chum Foodshelf and write 111 letters to congress about the Fair Farm Bill. You can email about this issue at foodandwaterwatch.org



Bring your food to church and place it on our communion table.

Joint Interfaith

Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 22 — 7pm

Glen Avon Presbyterian Church

Join the members and choirs from St. Paul's Episcopal, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, First UMC, Glen Avon Presbyterian, Twin Ports Islamic Center, and Temple Israel, for our annual interfaith Thanksgiving service. The choirs will be singing. There will be one combined choir piece with a rehearsal at 6 pm that night at Glen Avon Church.

Needed! Pre-baked cookies for kids to decorate on November 27

Find out more on page 3...



From Pastor Kathy Nelson

Count Yourself Blessed

"Give and it will be given you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over" Luke 6:38

Count yourself blessed is the theme of this year's stewardship drive. A time for us to pause and consider how much we have been given by our God and how much we can share with one another and our wider world. This year the words "count yourself blessed" have taken on new meaning for me, given the death of Rachel Sandell, but more so in the way she lived and the community of support around her.

Rachel was part of a Girl Scout troop I led with her mom, Katie, back at Chester Park Elementary school. Even then she was such a bright spirit. That light came through in her life and especially in her last Caring Bridge Post. She wrote, *"And you people need not be concerned about my mental and emotional well being. Trust me. I feel totally accepting of all of this. Like really. What happens, happens, and it will when it will. I am living this beautiful life until I'm not anymore, just like all of us."*

Words of blessing for all of us. Words of challenge. Let us live this beautiful life and count ourselves blessed. Blessed to be a community that shares that love with God and others who are part of us and those outside our doors. We make it together as we share the love and all that we have been given by our God.

We count ourselves blessed even in hard times, just as those who went before us in this congregation did. This congregation was begun in 1872 by German Immigrants, many who came to work in the steel mill or for the railroad. They built a little church out in the country, now it is apartments on the corner of 3rd and 10th Ave East. And they kept on keeping on even during the times when the city itself seemed to want to close up. The women funded the church often through ham and sauerkraut suppers. The sauerkraut was made in the Fingers Brewery where many of the men worked.

And some how they made a go of it. They shared the blessings they had been given and shared a faith in God. As the 75th anniversary drew near they realized they would need to build a new church or remodel the existing one. A fund was begun to raise \$7,500 for their 75th anniversary in 1947. If they did so they would build.

They miraculously raised the \$7,500, a large sum for a small working class congregation. They thought of building on 11th and 11th, which literally was a place of rubble. It was the city's gravel pit, purchased for \$5,000. And out of the rubble a church was built, a tool to serve a congregation that had a vision — a vision of welcome, of reaching out in healing love, committed to issues of peace and justice. You can make a lot out good things of gravel and rubble. You just need a vision and a willingness to give.

The vision of welcome and peace and justice continues to guide us, and we do count ourselves blessed. Blessed to share just as those who went before us did. And we give for all the children who are part of us—over 280 kids in our church school and youth group. We need one another, we are part of one another. Please join us on November 13th as we dedicate our pledges for 2012 and share a meal of several kinds of chili and breads.

I count myself blessed to be "living this beautiful life" with God and each of you. Thank you.

Peace Friends ~ Pastor Kathy

The Tree of Life *by Gail Blum*

The concept of a Tree of Life, a many branched tree reaching to the heavens with roots growing deeply into the earth, is a symbol of the interconnectedness of all life and the holy spirit and has been used in science, religion, philosophy, and mythology throughout human history. Since the new sanctuary was built, a challenge has been to design banners for the celebration of Ordinary Time; the time during which our congregation grows, reaches out, deepens its roots, flowers and bears fruit in our community. While the design of long and thin banners depicting the Tree of Life & Water of Life eludes me, the new Communion Table cloth will serve as a place holder for our observance of Ordinary Time. I invite you to go up close to take a look.

Thank you to Gail for her beautiful creation!



Sundays in November

We continue to have two services each Sunday morning. At 8:30 we have a Communion Service and at 10:30 we have our regular service with children's time and senior choir. The sermon at both services is the same. Special Music is always needed for our 8:30 service.

If you would like to sing or play an instrument for any Sundays let Jim Pospisil or Pastor Kathy know.

Sunday, November 6

Scripture: Matthew 25: 1 – 13

Sermon: "Ready to Shine" by Pastor Kathy

This morning we will celebrate Communion together. Our worship team and choir will provide our music. Doug Bowen-Bailey will also have a "Count Yourself Blessed" stewardship video to help us consider our financial commitments to one another and the wider world through this congregation.

Sunday, November 13 – Stewardship Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 25: 14 – 30

Sermon: "Count Yourself Blessed" by Pastor Kathy

This morning we will have music by our choir and Steve Horner. We will dedicate our financial pledges for 2012 at both of our services. A celebration lunch with a variety of chili will follow our 10:30 worship service.

Sunday, November 20 – Thanksgiving Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 25: 31 – 46

Sermon by Paul VanAntwerp

Today we will have music by our choir and Leon Rohrbaugh and others.

Sunday, November 27 – First Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 64: 1 – 9 and Mark 13: 24 – 37

Sermon: "Waking "

This morning we will have special music by Dave Winchester, Beth Bartlett and James Moors.

Prayers Around the Cradle

Wednesdays at 7pm, beginning November 30

Our Advent Vesper services begin on Wednesday, November 30 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Patty Beech, Jane Rupel and Gudrun Witrak will lead us in a quiet time of prayer, singing and candle lighting as we again mark our time of waiting for the birth of the Christ child into our lives.

Benefit Sale for the Liddles East Timor Ministry

Woodturning and Watercolor Card Sale
Sunday, December 4

Two gifted artists from our congregation will be selling their art on Sunday December 4. Dave Cave will feature his woodturnings, and Steve Coll will sell his watercolor cards. All proceeds will go to Tom and Monica for their ministry in East Timor.

Intergenerational Advent Event Sunday November 27 at 9:30am



Like the Smell of Pine? The Colors of Christmas?

Join us at 9:30am on Sunday, November 27 as we decorate the sanctuary. We will be trimming the trees and making swags for the church and for you to take home. Marion Jensen will again be helping us make a large wreath for our building. We will also be decorating cookies and making cards to take to our homebound members. Kids and adults are welcome.

Cookies Needed

This year we are asking for donations of pre-baked cut out cookies, regular cookies, frosting, and sprinkles. On Advent Sunday -November 27- there is no Sunday School, but we will be decorating the church during the 9:30 education hour. Little hands can easily decorate these already baked cookies, and we can bag them up to give to our homebound members for Christmas! Christmas Cards will also be available to make as well as Advent Wreaths and Advent Prayer Books. As always the wreaths will be put up outside and the tree will be decorated in the sanctuary.



Baby Shower for Kim Sturtz our Children's Minister

On Sunday, December 4th at 11:30 we will have a baby shower during the coffee hour for Kim and Eric Sturtz. We hope to purchase them a baby back pack as the gift from the congregation. If you would like to contribute toward this, mark your gift Kim or baby shower. Kim is expecting a baby girl toward the end of December (hopefully after our Children's Pageant!)

Give the 8:30 Service a Try!

Our 10:30 service is getting to be pretty full, as most of you have noticed! Though our 8:30 service has been growing steadily, there is still ample parking, and no problem finding a place to sit in worship. The service is very much the same as the later service, with the same sermon and readings. And this service always includes communion. Try it—we think you'll like it!

Adult Enrichment Opportunities

Adult Forum/Conversations

9:30 Sunday Mornings in Fireside Room

All Are Welcome and the Coffee is On!

November 6 – Mission:1—UCC's focus on Hunger and Politics. Come and learn how you can be part of this denominational effort. We will also view portions of a Shane Claiborne video, "Another Way of Doing Life".

November 13– Duluthians United for All Families
This morning we will have a presentation by our ONA committee about their work on marriage equality for all people.

November 20 – Report back on the recent trip East Timor by Linda and Tom Curran and Pastor Paul. Come and see the photos and hear the stories of our global missionaries Tom and Monica Liddle and their children Hannah and Simon. It was a great week of work and fellowship.

November 27 – Advent Event in the Fellowship Hall. *(Cookies needed! See page 3)*

"Peace Parenting"

Wednesdays at 6pm in the Infant Nursery (during Faith Weavers & Peace Puppets)

*For parents and caregivers of young children
(ages birth to 5th grade)*

Let's get together and talk about raising our children in a peaceful way. Kathy Dowell will be hosting a parent/caregiver group to discuss issues involved in building healthy, peaceful, loving family relationships. For November we will center around the following topics:

November 2: Living family values

November 9: Healthy community, healthy families

November 16: Hopes, fears, and forgiveness

November 30: Gratitude

This is an open group, so you can join when you can and no commitments are necessary. Raising children these days is complicated. Let's support one another. Kathy will bring resources on each of the weekly topics—you bring what is on your mind.

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday November 16 at noon

Please note change of date!

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. All women are welcome. Please join us!!

Consider Your Call

Join us at an informal gathering for those who are considering or are in the process of a call to ministry. **We will meet at the home of Terese Tomanek and Steve Davis, 2807 E 2nd St. on Sunday November 20 at 12:00.** A light brunch will be served. **Please RSVP to Terese at 390-8127.**

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace The Gospel of Matthew

Where: Peace Church, new classroom

When: **Thursday evenings, 5:30 - 7:15pm**
including a soup supper

Dates: November 3 & 10

There are two sessions left in our Matthew study. All are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Small Groups

Small Groups Update: We'll be wrapping up our most recent "Hidden Wholeness" group at the end of November. If you're interested in joining the next one (we'll begin in January if we receive enough interest), please contact Paul.

Also, we're currently in the process of planning other small groups to begin in January. Bible studies, book studies, discussion groups, writing groups, prayer groups—there are a lot of great options! Please let Paul know if you have any particular interests for upcoming groups.

**Mark your calendar:
Beginning in January,
"Wednesday Evening Prayer"
5pm in the Chapel.**

Peace Church Special Session

"Family Values": How to talk about faith with family members of varying opinions. Sunday, November 6, Noon, Fireside Room

For many of us, the holiday season means gathering with extended family for meals and conversation. What do you say when Uncle Lou calls Obama "the anti-christ", your brother-in-law quotes bible passages to justify eliminating welfare, or your Aunt Mildred thinks you're going to hell because of "that church you go to"?

Pastors Rodger Cragun and Paul Van Antwerp will host this special session to help you navigate challenging holiday conversations, articulate your faith and values in the face of negativity, and keep the love of Christ at the center of the table. A light lunch will be served. Questions? Contact Paul.

Activities and Opportunities

Dinners for 8 is looking for YOU!

Enjoy dinner with a small gathering of Peace people at the home of volunteer hosts. Sign up in the church narthex or by calling the church office. There are still openings in the following dinners:

Saturday November 12: hosted by Melissa Kadlec & Dan Green

Sunday November 13: hosted by Eric and Jane Rudd (evening)

Saturday November 19: hosted by Jim & Cindy McLean (5:30pm)

PALS

**“Peace Adults Learning and Socializing”
Tuesday November 15 at 6pm
Food Shelf Service Project**

Meet in the Peace Church kitchen on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 (not our usual Thursday night). We will meet at 6:00 PM and fill bags of sugar and flour. Afterwards we will gather for a meal of pizza. Contact Linda Goese (525-3412) or goese@chartermi.net

September PALS group
at Hawk Ridge



Come Help Make Pancakes at CHUM! November 2, 16 & 30

Pastor Kathy and 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!

Men's Breakfast November 10 & 24

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

Intergenerational Event

**Roller-skating at World of Wheels!
Sunday November 20**

All Church Party!

On Sunday, November 20, Peace Church is renting out World of Wheels in Superior from 5-7pm. Cost is \$4.50/person (scholarships available). Join in the fun! (With your leg warmers on).

Summer 2012 Youth/ Intergenerational Trips

Mark your Calendars now . . .

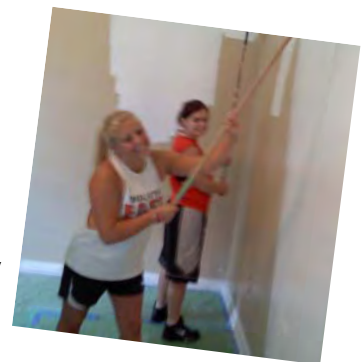
Week of June 11, 2012 — Intergenerational Trip to work with Habitat for Humanity on the Cheyenne River Reservation in Eagle Butte, SD

In the Lakota language, Okiciyapi Tipi means "People Helping People Build Houses"

Over 180 families are waiting for a Habitat home on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation! Habitat for Humanity does not give away houses. We work in partnership with low-income families and volunteers who provide hundreds of hours of labor. As well as sweat equity, families make a down payment and a monthly mortgage payment. Prospective

homeowners attend a series of classes to prepare them for the responsibility of home ownership. The homes are modestly sized and built to keep construction and maintenance costs at a minimum. Habitat sells the homes at no profit, and no-interest loans are arranged.

Cost is \$300 to help with travel, food and building materials. We hope to bring with us much of what we need to work. Open to high school youth and adults. (*please check out page 10 for more info*)



Senior High Youth Summer Trip

**National Youth Event — Purdue University,
W. Lafayette, Indiana—July 10-14, 2012**

The National UCC Youth Event, held every four years, provides an opportunity for over 3000 youth (ages 13 to 18) to gather for worship, workshops, faith, fun and fellowship. It is planned by the collaborative efforts of national staff and an NYE Planning Committee comprised of a diverse group of UCC youth and young adults.

Wednesday Activities

Wednesday Schedule

5-5:30pm: Kids Choir
5:30-6pm: Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6-7pm: Faith Weavers, Peace Puppets, Bible Study
6-7pm: Peace Parenting in baby nursery (see page 4)
6:15: Adult Choir
7-8:30: Youth Group (Youth Room)
and Confirmation (new classroom)



What a fantastic group of boys and girls we have this year in Peace Puppets!

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00. We are just starting to work on our Christmas Eve show so if you would like to be a part of that, now is a great time to start.

Faith Weavers!

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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6 pm in the Fireside Room

Fellowship, Prayer and Learning Together

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

Teams and Committees: Wednesday, November 9

Many of our Committees and Teams (**Food and Fellowship, Property, Finance, Just Peace, Children's Ed.**) will meet on **Wednesday, November 9 at 6 pm**. Dinner is served at 5:30 and meetings begin at 6 pm. Budgets for 2012 are a big part of this nights discussions. Copies of this year's budget will be available.

The Worship and Arts Team will meet in the sanctuary Wednesday Nov. 9 at 4 pm.

The Adult Education Team will meet in the conference room on Wednesday Nov. 2 at 4:30.

Energy & Environment meets Weds. Nov. 2 at 6pm in the Burrow.

Welcoming meets Sunday Nov. 6 at 9:30 in the office.

Dismantling Racism meets Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 5:30 in Mindanao

ONA meets Sunday, Nov. 20 at 11:30 in the Fireside Room

First Year Confirmation Ninth Graders

The class will usually meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month from 7 – 8:30 pm. We will begin with a youth worship service at 7:00 with all the youth and then move to the new class room.

Wednesday, November 9

The Exodus Story

Wednesday, November 23 – No Class due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

Second Year Confirmation Tenth Graders

The second year class will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 7– 8:30 pm.

Wednesday , November 2

Shane Claiborne Video and Discussion

Wednesday, November 16 – God Continues to Seek Us out — “God seeks in Holy Love to save all people from aimlessness and sin”— from the UCC Statement of Faith.

Kids Choir!

All children age 3 - grade 5 are invited to join us for choir practice in the music room on Wednesdays from 5 -5:30. Jim Pospisil leads the group with help from Kim Sturtz.

Join the Choir for the Christmas Cantata!

We will be singing Handel's “Messiah”, and welcome anyone who would like to sing with us.

Rehearsals for the cantata are from 6:45 until 7:30 on Wednesdays, beginning November 2 in the music room.

Special Presentation by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer and David Cobb (former Green Party Presidential candidate), with local community leaders on Wed. evening, 11/9, at 7pm in the Peace Church Sanctuary. Also, music by Rachel Kilgour and renowned Anishinabe poet and author Jim Northrup. For more info, please contact John Pegg at 349-1786.

Youth and Parents

Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Every Wednesday, 7pm — 8:30pm in the Youth Room!

Youth Group Calendar

November 1st (Tuesday) SPECIAL EVENT! “Shane Claiborne at CHUM Community Assembly” 6:30 at St. Scholastica

An incredible speaker who (IMHO) “get’s it”. I’d really love to make this a “required” event for all of you, but since we don’t do that, please, if you can, attend this event. You won’t regret it. (Call if you need a ride!)

November 2nd (For Church) “The Claiborne Connection”

The Youth Group will join the confirmation class to take a closer look at what Shane Claiborne is saying, where it comes from, and how it connects with our lives.

November 9th (For Community) “Mission:1 – Meal for CHUM”

To celebrate the UCC’s “Mission:1” food campaign, we’ll cook up a meal for the CHUM drop and take a look at our Church’s own “Mission 1” goals.

November 11th (Friday)

“111111@111111 Senior High Overnight!”

Senior High—This one’s for you! Meet at the church at 4:00pm, throw down your sleeping bag, and we’re off! Please RSVP to Paul.

November 16th (For Fun) “Youth Group Sabbath”

One of God’s commandments is that we take a day of rest. Tonight will be an evening of games and fun. ‘Nuff said.

November 20th (Sunday) ALL CHURCH PARTY! “Rollerskating!”

Meet at World of Wheels at 5pm. Bring the family! For more information, see page 5.

November 23rd “Thanksgiving Homework”

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

November 30th (For World) “Entering Advent”

On our church calendar, and in our lives of faith, this is the time to enter four weeks of preparation. What’s all that about? How will you prepare?

Hey Senior High!

Exciting month ahead! I do hope you had a chance to see Shane Claiborne at St. Scholastica on the 1st. If not, let’s connect to see this guy again! Also, mark your calendars to be at 1111 N 11th Ave. East (Peace’s address) on 11/11/11. Senior High overnight. Meet at 4pm at the church. Good stuff planned. You know Paul.

Senior High Sundays

Senior High! Meet me in the church conference room (in the office area) Sunday mornings at 9:30. It’s not too early and you know it! Plus, I’ll have snacks and other good things to share. Be there!
~ Paul

Hey Middle School!

Just a reminder that also we gather on Sundays in the Youth Room at 9:30, and Tuesdays at Mt. Royal Shopping Center at 3pm. Oh, and a note: you’ll be seeing some new faces during youth group in the next month. Youth Mentors! Be sure to welcome them with the kind hearts that I know you have! They’re here to help us out. ~ Paul

Hey Parents!

We want to thank you again for your support with our programs. Drivers, chaperones, and small notes make all the difference! Please keep in touch! And a note: If you are not receiving regular emails about youth group activities, please send me a note to get on the list! ~ Paul

Peace Church’s Intergenerational Work Camp to Biloxi last summer.
See pages 5 & insert for next year’s!



"This is my winter song to you, the storm is coming soon, It rolls in from the sea. My love a beacon in the night, my words will be your light, to carry you to me. Is Love Alive? Is Love Alive? I still believe in summer days, the seasons always change, and life will find a way. I'll be your harvester of light and send it out tonight, so we can start again. Is Love Alive?" -

~Sara Bareilles and Ingrid Michaelson

The days are shorter, the air is cooler, and our 6 months of winter are coming faster than we all are expecting or wanting. For me, I will soon be having my first child, in the dead of winter—my due date is December 30th (we will see if that is when I have the baby). For some this might feel like a hard time to have a child. But for me, I am looking forward to it. It's amazing that a little warm bundle of joy will be filling those cold darkened winter days, learning motherhood, cuddled up all snuggled and close. The excitement is making me giddy that I'll be closely experiencing what Mary must have felt like when having Jesus in the stable. She held her little baby and pondered quietly precious things in her heart.

I grew up in Central Wisconsin near farm country... I remember seeing my grandmother with a shirt that said, "Cold Hands, Warm Hearts." And couldn't stop thinking about how much that is true. I keep thinking about heavy snowfalls with big fluffy flakes, Christmas lights glimmering along gutters and porches. Even though it is dark it is a beautiful time of year. Think about all the sledding, and snowpersons, and forts our children can do in the snow. The cross country skiing and snowshoeing that we as adults can do. We often feel as if everything is dead in this chilly season that is approaching. But think about the family gatherings or church celebrations with toasty ciders, treats, and hearty meals, with songs being sung where rosy cheeks abound. Winter isn't always about the doom and gloom, it's about what you make of it.

Christ light is our beacon in our dark days of winter. The hope of the birth of our Savior is like a breath of fresh air to our weary souls. Just like the song lyrics from above, we often wonder if love is alive in the winter and if we can make something grow in ourselves despite the winter's chill. Christ comes to warm our hearts and revive us from our hopelessness. This winter season lets us focus on the warmth that we share with being together, and our loving Creator, who gave the gift of a beautiful baby and Savior to a world with the winter's chill in their hearts. His love is a beacon for all in the world.

Church School News

No Sunday School November 27th. Those families who are going to be around can participate in the Intergenerational Advent event. (See page 3)

Pageant, Pageant, Pageant!

Pageant Parts and Practice will start-November 6th.

Our Children's Minister, Kim, is having a baby around Christmas, so we are getting a head start, so that we are super ready in case she can't be here. We'll know our Pageant inside and out!



The Pageant is December 18th during 10:30 Service

The day before, on *Saturday December 17th*, we are going to be *having our practice* as usual starting at 9:00 a.m. for speaking roles, and 10-Noon for everyone. After the practice is done, and all outfits are given out, we'll have a birthday party for Jesus in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Sunday School will start again on January 8, after the Christmas Break. On Sundays, Lacey Humphrey will be filling in for Kim Sturtz during her maternity leave.

Sunday School Teachers Meetings

NOVEMBER 6: 8:30-9:15 in the Fireside Room
Discuss Pageant Practices and How the year is going so far!

DECEMBER 4: 8:30-9:15 in the Fireside Room
Final Plans for Pageant and Break.

Help is Needed

While Kim is on Maternity Leave

Hi All! I am having a baby sometime around Christmas and need helpers to fill the spots where I will be missing. What I am mostly worried about is the Pageant. If I have the baby early, Holly Bowen-Bailey will need some help that weekend with the practice and the actual pageant! We need some extra parents to step up or help guide kids. On Wednesday nights, Faith Weavers needs a helper to aid Sarah Nelson. If you can show your strength and love to help out in my absence with the children of Peace Church, do please let me know soon! (I wonder if Mary worried about what to do while she was trying to take care of baby Jesus on her way back to Nazareth)

Pastor Paul's Commentary

Thanksgiving... a time when many of us gather around the table with friends and family. A time, in our rather individualized and independent culture, that provides a great opportunity to look around that table and ask: "who are my people?"

I ask our youth group, over Thanksgiving break, to come back with a story that is told over and over every year when their families gather for the holiday. Such stories are a good insight into how a family "defines" who they are.

I've shared in two sermons in the past month where I've told you that I've returned from East Timor with an enhanced calling to follow the work and will of Jesus in my life—both as a pastor and person.

Personally, this means engaging in the ongoing act of repentance to learn where and how I may more effectively honor the statement "I am a disciple of Jesus". I want you to know that my most resounding moments of "Amen" involve times when I am in meaningful relationship with others.

As a pastor—as preacher and teacher—the way I want to help our congregation is to help you define who your people are. Yes... first..."who are your people" – and then we work together on the follow-up inquiry: "Who your people *can be*."

Not "should" be, not "ought to" be, not "want to" be. We point our creative energies toward hope, more specifically to options available that embody hope.

Of all the stories I can share about my visit to East Timor, this is the one that best defines my experience. Our Global Ministers, like Tom and Monica, and the many others sent forth into the world in the name of the partnership between United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ (take a look yourself: globalministries.org), say "can be". They remind the communities they immerse themselves in, through the simple act of living with them (sitting at their own table) of the options available within their own people that embody hope.

When we at Peace Church gather for worship, we gather around another table. And I invite you to ask the same question: "Who are our people?" Tell me our family's stories. When we rallied around Kathy in her courageous fight against cancer. When we mobilized to speak our conscience for the Fond du Lac tribe's right to purchase their own land, when we rallied around Sharon to help her purchase a new wheelchair—there are more, to be certain, but these three quick examples point to the incredible things we can do when we rally together in the spirit of Christian love and justice. In the spirit of followers of Jesus. We've often heard "when two or more are gathered, there is love" and we've seen what can happen when a whole church is gathered.

So that's where I find myself entering the season of holidays, and the energy I bring into our congregation. We begin with learning who are people are and what they stand for. We respond with thanksgiving, which takes us on the following Sunday into advent, which takes us to the new life, and hope, of Jesus. Perfect way to tell a story.



Many of them were in church with their parents to receive their new Bibles last month.

Advent Devotions / Meditations

We are hoping to create a book of short devotions, poems, stories and meditations written by Peace Church members and friends for use during this coming Advent Season. We want lots of people to be part of creating this book. Send to Pastor Kathy your poetry or prose of 300 words or less. Common themes for advent are: hope, promise, Emmanuel (God with Us), waiting and new life. We hope to have copies of this book available by December 1 for people to use every day during Advent. Contributions due ASAP!

FILL THE BUCKET!

The CHUM Family Shelter could use the following cleaning supplies to give to families staying in the shelter and to take with them to their next residence:



10 cleaning buckets,
each filled with:

All Purpose Cleaner

Murphy's Oil Soap (wood floor cleaner)

Dish Soap, Dish Rag, Paper Towels

Bathroom Cleaner, Sponge/Scrubber

Broom & Dust Pan, Mop

Peace Church News

Moderator's Report

By Council Moderator, Alan Peterson

The Church Council met on October 17, 2011. Our financial position is a little weaker than in August in that both pledged and non-pledged income were further behind. Please review your third-quarter statements (recently mailed out) and see if you are up to date on your planned giving to Peace.

As you know, you can arrange for regular, automatic donations through your bank and Toni Kassel, our new bookkeeper, can help with that. More and more members of the church are doing it this way and it is a big help in evening out the flow of income through the year and automatically keeping you up to date on your pledge. We all have many financial commitments (clothing, medicine, housing, Twizzlers, etc.). At the same time, the church's main income is donations. Whatever donation you can afford is the fuel for what we want to do as a congregation.

I raised a concern about the length, number, and political content of the announcements during worship service. Announcements are important. While some people in the congregation like the announcements as they are, others think they are too long, numerous, and political. That's to be expected in a church of our size and diversity. I want to suggest, though, that they should be brief and should have something to do with the specifically religious life of Peace Church.

Alan Peterson, petersoa840@gmail.com

"Kind Souls List"

We get a lot of requests for simple acts of kindness and help from our members here at Peace. A person with a disability in need of help moving something. A homebound in search for a cribbage partner. A ride to a doctor's appointment. Somebody that can help figure out this confusing computer. A lunch date. These only scratch the surface, but it breaks your pastors' hearts when they can't honor each and every one of these requests. That's where you come in. We'd like to keep a "kind souls list" here at the church—a list of folks we can call for help when these simple needs arise. Can we put your name on the list? Call 724-3637 or send a note to office@peaceucc.org.

Church Coordinating Council

will meet on **Tuesday, November 15 at 7 pm** in the Conference Room. Visitors are welcome. Our Dismantling Racism Team will present the UnFair Campaign that we will discuss being a part of.

Welcome to our New Members-

On Sunday, October 9th we welcomed new members into our congregation. Welcome to Gretchen and Mike Karstens and Kathleen Duppler

Kathleen Duppler

Family members: Husband William, 5 month old daughter Elizabeth, and dogs, Oppe and Dexter

What is your vocation? Stay at home mom.

What are your hobbies/passions? Walking, scrapbooking, game nights with friends/family.

What brought you to Peace? The welcoming atmosphere and the number of children in the church.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? I'm scared of birds.

Gretchen Karstens

Family members: Mary (6), Cate (4)

What is your vocation? Pediatrician at St. Luke's.

What are your hobbies/passions? Running, baking, reading, skiing.

What brought you to Peace? A community to share my faith.

Mike Karstens

Family members: Gretchen (wife), Mary (6), Cate (4)

What is your vocation? Stay at home dad/attorney.

What are your hobbies/passions? Running, hiking, camping, cooking.

What brought you to Peace? We have friends and family who attend and have felt very welcome here.

What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy? I once hiked 1000+ miles in 2 ½ months.

Upcoming dates for your 2012 calendar

Winter Camp Weekend – February 10 – 12

at Clearwater Forest near Deerwood, MN. This is a new facility for us but looks wonderful and is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church. Everyone welcome! We have room for 85 folks. Sign up in the entry way. Let Pastor Kathy or Cizzarie Schomberg know if you are interested in helping with the planning of this great weekend .

Men's Retreat – March 2-4 at Turning Point Retreat Center near Floodwood. If you are interested in helping with the planning let Dick Goese or Paul Van Antwerp know.

Women's Retreat – Friday, April 27 at Caribou Highlands in Lutsen. We will begin with supper on Friday night and end after lunch on Saturday. Let Pastor Kathy know if you would like to help with the planning or have ideas for themes or focus. Cost is \$45 with some scholarships available.

by Linda and Tom Curran



East Timor, we have arrived at your exotic, tropical doorstep and find a people of hope and love as you struggle with literacy, decolonization, liberation, and celebration of your cultural identity. We give our minds a time out and pay atten-

tion to the richness of daily life. The reality that most people in the world live preoccupied with survival is not lost on us in East Timor. At the same time we experience spirit, reverence, awe, sacredness, vitality.

Half way around the world, a day and a half on four airplanes crossing the international dateline plus a 5 ½ hour wild drive on a mountainous road - and we have arrived in Lospalos and into the loving arms of the Liddles who graciously welcome us and allow us to walk with them for a week, witnessing God's dream for them.

Together, Tom and Linda, Paul, Tom, Monica, Hannah, and Simon share life: meals that always include rice and veggies, maybe tempeh, and once even a Brazilian chicken; games with Hannah that bring English and Tetum words together; follow the leader with Simon as he explores his world; in-depth discussions involving faith, purpose, literacy, and East Timor challenges; singing and worship at home, in the clinic, and in daily life; shopping for supplies at the local markets. Each day we smile and greet our Timorese brothers and sisters, "Bon Dia!"

Life in East Timor is dialectic. Life and work morph - there is prayer and tea time and a clinic-shared lunch while the various children of the clinic staff slide in and out, greeted by their mothers and by the other mothers who are in the middle of consulting, drawing blood, looking into a microscope, diagnosing TB, malaria, worms. Life, work, school, community, healer, healed - an intoxicating sense of holy, hardship, and worship; offering and opening - transcendence.

We feel so blessed to have shared this walk with the Liddles. We come back to Peace asking ourselves and our Peace community, "What is God's dream for each of us?"

If you want to know what an East Timor tankie is and more - join us on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 during ADULT FORUM for a slide show where we will share with you a slice of East Timor life - the community that nourishes and cherishes the Liddles.

Dear friends at Peace Church,

Not long after Tom and Monica moved to Duluth in mid-2003, they set out looking for a church home. Tom having been reared a Presbyterian (and a P.K. no less!) and Monica in the Roman Catholic tradition, they made a mutual decision to begin by checking out Presbyterian congregations. That search proved fruitless; as Tom explained it to me, "Dad, we just couldn't find one that seemed to fit."

Eventually God led them to Peace UCC, and they were both excited to have found a faith community in which they felt at home. I don't presume to speak for them, but I think they'd agree that their relationship with you since then has nurtured and deepened their spiritual journeys and given them the encouragement they needed to respond to God's call beyond the doors of Peace church.

So it was a joy for us to join you for worship on October 9 to hear Pastor Paul share in his sermon the personal and theological lessons that emerged for him during his recent trip to visit Tom and Monica in East Timor; to reconnect with some of their friends like Pastor Kathy, Eric and Amy Larson and Andy Fena; and to spend time with Tom and Linda Curran over lunch, listening to their stories and seeing pictures of their visit. In each of these experiences, your interest in and support for Tom and Monica were almost palpable. Needless to say, Lorene and I are very proud of them. They are, of course, products of many influences, but we both feel strongly that a huge factor in who and where they are today has been the Christian fellowship and generous personal and financial support you've given them.

So Lorene and I want to thank you for being the church community you are and for what you've meant to Tom and Monica through the many concrete expressions of your love and care for them, Hannah and little Simon. And I would echo Pastor Paul's exhortation to let them know how their ministry has empowered your own ministry beyond the doors of Peace church. Short of an actual visit (which they would love!), that kind of affirmation would be a special gift to them.

You might think that, given his upbringing, I'd be disappointed that Tom didn't find a Presbyterian Church in Duluth to be his spiritual home. But his mother and I tried to bring him up to be a disciple of Jesus, not of a denomination. Besides, you were—and are—the best fit for him and Monica, to which I say, once again, thank you...and thanks be to God!

David Liddle

Thank you for sending so many greetings, hugs and various doodads for the kids with Linda, Tom and Paul. Their visit was truly uplifting and inspiring for us and reminded us of how blessed it is to be part of this great community gathered around Jesus. It is such a privilege to be on the journey with people such as yourselves. The Lospalos community here will not soon forget Tom's help with computer and accounting skills, Linda's joyful laugh and affirming spirit, and the reflections that Paul shared in two of our family worship services.

Paul's testimony was really meaningful for the families. There were some funny moments too, like Paul's experience with boiled bananas and Linda renaming the IPTL "guesthouse" the "bunkhouse," which Monica decided is truly more appropriate, as you must remember to bring your own towel, soap, toilet paper and bed sheet. Not to mention repeated jokes at Paul's expense about Timorese Olympian runners...

A few favorite moments for our part include an evening we shared a meal with Meri and Duarte (see photo), the local pastors,

and some youth. We ate, then we sang. We sang "Amazing Grace" in Tetum, English, and Bahasa Indonesia. Each language had a different version of the song, not a direct translation of what we



sing in English. All were beautiful and poignant, the way Amazing Grace always is. On a different night, the 5 of us with Hannah and Simon pulled out the Salmon Songbook! THAT is a truly musical connection we have carried with us from Peace since we have been in Timor, and to sing it with Peace People was perfect. Finally, having meaningful conversations in English with people other than ourselves out here in Lospalos topped the list of favorites. Thank You Tom and Linda and Paul for taking time in your very busy lives to come here to East Timor.

As the dry season comes to an end here, it is the hottest time of the year and usually hard to connect with the Northern Minnesota fall.

But this year it's different. Having had Tom, Linda and Paul here we are reminded of why we love Duluth and Peace Church so much. As always, Peace Church is in our prayers. We always pray for the many ways you bring Good News to the world.

Shalom,

Tom, Monica, Hannah and Simon

How to rejuvenate your faith: WorkCamp 2012 by Jim McLean

If you are thinking that your faith should mean more than just an hour of church on Sunday mornings, and if you find yourself compelled by the stories of people like Tom and Monica Liddle who are making a difference in the 3rd world, then there is an opportunity you don't want to miss. Pastor Kathy, Dan Green and Jim McLean are organizing an intergenerational workcamp next **June 10-16** to go to the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation in South Dakota for a Habitat for Humanity building project.

Cheyenne River is literally the poorest place in the United States. The people that live there suffer from high levels of unemployment, inadequate housing, poor nutrition, poor health, and crime. Third world conditions exist on this Reservation right here in the middle of our country.

The other night ABC News 20/20* presented a glimpse of life on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Pine Ridge is the sister Reservation to Cheyenne River. In one story on the show a young family was highlighted. The father, mother, and two young girls slept in one bed in a house owned by their grandmother and shared with 14 others. The father who was unemployed, but hoped to be a firefighter, was interviewed and mentioned how much they would like to get a place of their own, but one just wasn't available. There is a major lack of affordable housing on both Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River. Unfortunately, when the show returned 18 months later to follow up with the stories, his had ended. He had died in an alcohol-related traffic accident.

A young Christian activist, Shane Claiborne, shares a story about two guys talking to each other. One says he has a question for God. He wants to ask why God allows all of this poverty and suffering to exist in the world? His friend says, "Well, why don't you ask?" The fellow says he's too scared. When his friend asks why, he mutters, "I'm scared God will ask me the same question." As the Spirit whispers to Shane, "You tell me why this is allowed to happen. You are my body, my hands, and my feet."

Come on Peace Church, let us be the hands of God and build a house on the Cheyenne River Reservation next June.

*To view this episode of 20/20 go to <http://abc.go.com/watch/2020/SH559026/VD55148316/2020-1014-children-of-the-plains>

To learn more about Cheyenne River and the Lakota people go to: <http://www.sioux.org/index.php/>

Open and Affirming

During the month of October the LGBT community and allies celebrated National Coming Out day. The ONA committee had the privilege of hosting a potluck in honor of this day. About 20 LGBT folks and allies showed up for a wonderful meal and sacred time of sharing our stories.

There was a resounding theme of gratefulness for the existence of the supportive community that Peace Church has been and continues to be for so many of us. Many thanks to all who came and participated and to Geof and Gudrun Witrak for hosting.

Unfortunately, October has also brought reminders of the fact that there are many facets of our society that are still unsafe and damaging for LGBT people to be who they were created to be. Although it has been 13 years since Matthew Shephard's brutal murder, LGBT teens are still being targeted, harassed, and bullied daily in our schools. Recently, a student was kicked out of a private school for admitting to being a lesbian, and a teacher used Facebook to publicly spew hatred about LGBT people. This past month I had the opportunity to hear first hand stories from people who survived being bullied for being gay. My hope is that we use these painful reminders and stories as motivation to continue working to create open, affirming, and safe spaces for all our LGBT brothers and sisters.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Nov. 13 — ONA will be facilitating the adult forum. Come hear updates from Duluth United for all Families and Minnesotans United for all Families on the fight against the anti-marriage amendment, and find out how you can join the fight by sharing your story.

Friday, Nov. 18 — One Voice Mixed Chorus Concert at Pilgrim Congregational Church. (see announcement on page 14)

Food Team

Food for Thought (and for the Future!)

October was Peace Church's chance to focus on healthy, sustainable, and locally grown food. Our Adult Forums addressed such topics as local food systems, health and wellness effects of food, sustainability, and environmental issues. We had special guests including Meg Kearns from CHUM Food Shelf, Xavier Bell from Community Action Duluth, Sarah Nelson from Duluth Community Garden Program, Jamie Harvey, Director of the Institute for a Sustainable Future, and David Abazs from Round River Farm and a Senior Fellow at the University of Minnesota. We had two wonderful opportunities to enjoy seasonal and locally grown foods following worship, including our annual Fall Harvest Dinner and our inaugural Fall Food Fair. It has been a great month to enjoy the "fruits" of locally grown and prepared foods!

Now we need to look towards the future and find ways to insure that such healthy and sustainable food options are available to us here in our region. **The SUPERIOR Compact** is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to pursuing the goals of building a regionally based food system that by 2020 produces 20% of our food locally and by 2050 produces 50%. Our local food system is defined as a fifteen county area in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin surrounding the Lake Superior basin. Subscribers to the Compact believe that people working together in this region with a collective vision, communication and collaboration can develop a secure, resilient and just food system that will be sustainable for the future. You can find additional information on this critical regional plan at <http://www.superiorfoodweb.org/superiorcompact.html> and we are hoping that Peace Church as a community of faith along with individual members will sign on to working with the SUPERIOR Compact.

The winning recipes from the Food Fair are available in the Narthex. Thanks to all who brought their creations to share!

Welcoming Committee

Starting in November, the first Sunday each month we will be setting aside a special table in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service for newcomers and new members. Please join us! *Cindy Macaulay, Welcoming Committee Chair*

Report from United Campus Ministry

UCM is working together with Lutheran Campus Ministry and Episcopal Campus Ministry to promote interfaith dialog on campus. We are putting together **an interfaith panel of students on Monday, November 14th at 6:00 pm in the Kirby Rafters** to discuss their faith and hear their stories. You are all invited to come to this event! Any of you that have the read the Duluth News Tribune in the past weeks know how important it is to work for a safe, respectful place for all. Diversity is a value that UCM promotes and supports on campus.

Campus Ministry needs your support and partnership in ministering to students, our future leaders! Your prayers and financial support are necessary in reaching out to our student neighbors, as are your ideas and talents. Contact Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, UCM Campus Minister. tevyjr@aol.com or 218-260-3114.

Peace People

➤ To all who helped with this year's Harvest Fest! It was a wonderful feast. Special thanks to our food and fellowship team: Cathy Ameal, Daina Rosen, Cindy Martins, Cathy and Kirby Wood, Carrie Plamman and Rolf Hagberg, Sarah Nelson and Nadine Hubert. Thank you to all the people who volunteered, especially Kim Landon, Bob Montgomery and the early morning turkey grillers! About \$420 was raised after expenses, and it will be given to our Scholarship Fund.

➤ We've had so many people donate to UNICEF Carnival, we've run out of room to put you all in the Peace Bell. :) This is an excellent problem to have. Thank you SO SO much to everyone who has donated food, money, or your time to helping with the UNICEF Carnival. Extra Special Thanks to Kevin & Ann Skwira-Brown, Holly Bowen-Bailey, Ann Feyen, Jen Pearson, Marc and Maggie Fink and Nick and Chris Mullozzi who were awesome help with games and the kitchen! :) Amazing to see God's love in our hard working hands. Thanks again! ~ Kim

➤ Denise Perry and members of the property committee for dealing with a myriad of electrical and lighting issues this month.

➤ Gail Blum for creating the beautiful tree of life banner for our communion table and for the banners that drape both sides of our crosses.

➤ Sarah Nelson, Jesse Schomberg and Bill Mittlefehldt for organizing an incredible month of food and justice educational forums and the food fair.

➤ From Loni Coppin of the Community Garden Program, to the Peace office staff: "Just a note of appreciation for all the ways in which you offered your help for the garden program Harvest Dinner. I felt so accommodated and assisted whenever I called or stopped by. My appreciation also extends to Peace Church and all the marvelous ways in which it opens its doors to the extending community. Thank you."

➤ From Jayme Hennen's Aunt Patty: "Dear Peace Church, I wanted to sincerely thank all of you who gave blessings or read or spoke or sang or baked or served or prepared the church or cleaned up or prayed or simply were present to honor Jayme's memory. The service was so, so very beautiful and sweet. You blest us all that day! You are such an authentic parish family... really some kind of wonderful. A thousand thank yous!"

➤ From UCC Justice and Witness Ministries: "Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$967 to Neighbors in Need in 2010. Two-thirds of your NIN offering goes to support Justice and Witness Ministries and one-third to support the Council of American Indian Ministry."

➤ From CHUM: On behalf of the neighbors we serve at CHUM, thank you for your gift of toiletries. These items have been put to good use in the Emergency Shelter. Please keep those we serve in your thoughts and prayers as they struggle on their way to stability and independence.



Welcome to the World

Congratulations to Nick and Essie on the birth of Scarlett on October 5th, 2011, weighing 5 lbs 11 oz and 19 inches.

And to Holly and Dave Jorde on the birth of their daughter, Teela Synnøve on October 8, weighing 6 lbs 11 oz and 22 inches long.



Sympathy

- To Mary Martin on the death of her sister Maranda.
- To Shawn Feralin on the death of her father, Walter Wentz.
- To Kim Heinitz on the death of her father .
- To the family of long-time member Peter Rindal. His funeral was held at Peace Church on October 29.

Keep in Your Prayers

- Kathy Tate dealing with metastatic breast cancer
- Elsie Cook recovering at home from shoulder surgery
- Beth Post recovering from a mastectomy that did remove all of her breast cancer so that no further treatment is needed.
- Sharon Kirtley recovering from a stroke at Chris Jensen Nursing Home. **Sharon and Rick, her partner of 17 years, will be married on Saturday, November 26th at 11 am in our sanctuary. The choir and Steve Horner will be providing the special music. Sharon and Rick welcome members and friends of Peace to join them in this celebration.**

Congratulations

- To Erin Van Slooten, daughter of Ryan and Jane Van Slooten, baptized on October 16
- To Lillian Guidinger, daughter of Kurt and Lyndsey, baptized on October 30.
- To Eve Stein for completing the Mount Lemon Half-Marathon in Tucson AZ (while pushing her Father-- uphill!) For news stories, go to www.kold.com/story/15861610/daughter-pushes-father-up-mt-lemmon-in-wheelchair and www.kvoa.com/news/hundreds-of-runners-take-on-mount-lemmon-marathon/



Memorials to Peace Church

From Joan and Wes Severson in memory of Bob Sinclair. From Seversons and Elrose Norfolk in memory of Elrose's sister Elsie.

From Marge Anderson and Jerry Cleveland, Allen & Kathleen Lenzmeier and Patricia Anderson in memory of Jayme Hennen.

Library / Recycling Peace

Peace Church Library Check it out!

New adult books:

Devil in the White City : Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America by Erik Larson

Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul by Jack Canfield and others

Wild Swans : Three Daughters of China by Jung Chana

Cages of Pain by Gordon Aeschliman

Community and Growth by Jean Vanier

The Tending Instinct : How Nurturing Is Essential to Who We Are and How We Live by Shelly E Taylor

To the Last Man : A Novel of the First World War by Jeff Shaara

MacQuarrie Miscellany by Gordon MacQuarrie

The Soul's Religion : Cultivating a Profoundly Spiritual Way of Life by Thomas Moore



New children's books:

The Man Who Loved Clowns by June Rae Wood

Hush, Little One : A Lullaby for God's Children by Anita Reith Stohs

My Shape Book by Ann Montague-Smith

The Prodigal Son by Becky Lockhart Kearns

Don't Know Much About the Pilgrims by Kenneth C Davis

If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620 by Ann McGovern

Recycling Peace

➤ We are looking for a reasonably priced efficiency or one bed room apartment for rent. Our 21 year old, very responsible Foster daughter has a full time job, is extremely neat and prefers a quiet environment. She does have two mature cats that need a home with her, but they are inside cats and well trained. Please, contact Bob or Kay Stevens, 724-4865, if you have or know of an apartment that fits this description. Thank you.

➤ Jaslyn Adams is in need of a DVD player, an electric heater and an electric blanket. Please call her if you have any of these things to spare—269-8151.

➤ Jaslyn does haircuts and natural hair (braiding & dreadlocks); facial, leg and foot scrubs. Call her at 218-269-8151.

November Birthdays

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



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

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



Happy Birthday!

Let's Stock the Foodshelf!

As part of Mission: 1, we hope to collect 1, 111 food items for Chum. Here's the list of current needs of the Chum Food Shelf:

1. Tuna & Spam
2. Peanut butter
3. Spaghetti sauce
4. Boxed potatoes
5. Canned stew, hash, chili, Spaghettios & ravioli
6. Cream of mushroom and chicken noodle soup
7. Fruit cocktail, pears, mandarin oranges & pineapple
8. Macaroni & cheese
9. Green beans and peas
10. Canned [non-frozen] juice or juice concentrate in flip top cans
11. Cold cereal
12. Pastaroni and Ricearoni



Foods not needed at this time due to extensive stock:

Cranberries and Pumpkin

The Food Shelf is looking for donations of **TURKEYS** for the holiday season! Please deliver by Tuesday, November 22nd. Call 727-2391 to arrange delivery

CHUM Holiday Concert Chorus

The CHUM Chorus will be singing at the Holiday Concert on December 3rd.

Rehearsals will be Thursdays, November 10 and 17 at 7pm, at Concordia Lutheran Church, 2501 Woodland Avenue, Duluth. All singers welcome. For more information contact David Tryggestad

Witness for Peace delegation to Colombia

"Women Leading the Way to Justice and Peace" February, 2012

Colombian women have emerged as courageous and enduring leaders who are resisting economic and political violence on personal, community and national levels. These women and their communities rely on international attention for their survival; they are calling U.S. citizens to be in solidarity with them. Join us in this opportunity to accompany them. They will be inspire us and we will be transformed! Contact Lyn Clark Pegg for more information, 218-348-3048, or carolynpegg@yahoo.com

Family Folk Dance

Saturday November 5, 3-5pm
Peace Church Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to join Terrence Smith, Laura Greensmith and the Tamarack Dance Association for a family folk dance, featuring simple children's dances. Admission by donation. More info, call Terrence at 728-1438.

One Voice Mixed Chorus

One Voice Mixed Chorus, Minnesota's GLBTA chorus, will perform a benefit concert **at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 at Pilgrim Church**, 2310 East 4th Street. Minnesotans United for All Families (Minnesotans United) is organizing the benefit to raise funds for the year-long campaign to defeat the ballot referendum in November 2012 that would ban same-sex marriage. Tickets are \$15 in advance and are available online at www.MnUnited.org -\$20 at door.

Entitled *Brave Souls and Dreamers*, the concert celebrates the lives of visionary leaders who have challenged prejudice and violence. One Voice is the largest GLBT chorus in North America, known for its musical excellence, diverse programming, and deep commitment to community outreach.

For more information, contact Gary Anderson at 218-391-7404 or garyoga@cpinternet.com

10th Annual Fiber Fair and Sale

Saturday, November 19

Members of the Duluth Fiber Handcrafters Guild hold this annual event in the Duluth Depot's Great Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You'll find beautiful handwoven, hand-knit and felted items as well as dyed fleece and kits for children. Weaving, spinning, papermaking and felting demonstrations continue throughout the sale. A great event for children and adults.

"Land of Plenty:

How Did You Come to Be Here?"

November 11 and 12, UMD

The UMD Diversity Commission presents a collaboration of campus and community actors, singers, and musicians in "Land of Plenty: How Did You Come to Be Here?" at 7:30pm on Friday November 11 and Saturday November 12. The performance is at Marshall Performing Arts Center, 1215 Ordean Court, on the University of Minnesota Duluth campus. "Land of Plenty" wrestles with the conundrum of ideals of equal opportunity and realities of inequality in our country's past and present.

Written by Sara Thomsen and directed by Tom Isbell, the production portrays a land of welcome and abundance alongside a land of exclusion and forced relocation. Drama, song, and spoken word intertwine to create an odyssey of origins, a quest for equity. Tickets are \$15 suggested donation for Adults and \$5 suggested donation for Students, Children, Seniors or Limited Income. Tickets are available at the UMD Multicultural Center, UMD Kirby Info Desk, At Sara's Table, and online or by phone at Brown Paper Tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006.

November Volunteer Schedules

Greeters

- 6 Katie Robinson, Nettie Bothwell
- 13 Maggie & Marc Fink
- 20 Swanoskis
- 27 Bill DeRoche, Bonnie Kolodge

Lay Readers

- 6 Betty Greene
- 13 Marge Anderson
- 20 Nettie Bothwell
- 27 Cindy McLean

8:30 Communion Bread

- 6 Bilin Tsai
- 13 Jerry Cleveland
- 20 Terese Tomanek
- 27 McLeans



Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday, November 13

- 1:30: Carl & Pat Sjoding, Kathy Dowell, Jesse Schomberg
- 4:00: Penny Cragun, Cindi Butcher, Susan Ranfranz, Annette Strom

Monday Meals at Olive Branch (1614 Jefferson)

- 7 Robin Davidson
- 14 Jen Stenersen
- 21 Meal Angel Volunteer
- 28 Doug Bowen-Bailey

Acolyte Schedule

- November 6** – Ty Kruger, Grace Marshik
- November 13** – Joseph Mullozzi, Maari Rohrbaugh
- November 20** – Joseph Rudd, Ezra Schomberg
- November 27** – No acolyte, no church school

Help is always needed for Wednesday meal prep & clean-up! Please sign up in Fellowship Hall!

Nursery

- 6 Kim Landon, Deanna Notaro/Peter Good, Kristina Green
- 13 Jennifer Jacobs, Sylvie Bowen-Bailey, Jessica/Justin Olson
- 20 Aaron Molina, Alison Wood, Andrea Brown
- 27 Andy/Libby Fena, Hannah Carpenter, Emily Ramsey

10:30 Ushers

- 6 Jesse Schomberg, Marsha Hystead, Lisa, Ella, Andrea Brown
- 13 Joan & Wes Severson, Cindy Macaulay, Katie Robinson
- 20 Huberts, Gary & Karen Sheldon
- 27 Susan & Megan Ranfranz, Marcus & Barbara Lovejoy

8:30 Ushers

- 6 Barb Kehtel & Linda Lundberg
- 13 Marge Anderson & Jerry Cleveland
- 20 Dennis & Denise Hamsher
- 27 Bob & Kay Stevens

Thanks to all our Great Volunteers!

Coffee Hour Committees

November Coffee Hour

**Coordinators: Loni Cran-Hovis, 590-9255
Jim Johnson & Barb Hanka, 724-6352**



November 6

10:30 Communion Set-up: Jim Soderburg & Aaron Molina
Set-up: Jan & Dick Eschbach
Serve: Laurie & Mariah Berner
Clean-up: Caroline Harris, Warren & Beth Post

November 13

Stewardship Dinner: no coffee hour

November 20

Set-up: Mike & Jen Hudyma
Serve: Charlie & Pat Kendall
Clean-up: Mary Wergeland, Gayle & Jack Kelly

November 27

Set-up: Jean & John Thoennes
Serve: Peggy Skylondz, Marge Johnson
Clean-up: Karen & Gary Sheldon

**Please bring 3 dozen treats to the kitchen by 10am on the Sunday that you help out!
THANK YOU!**

Coming up — December

**Coordinators: Mike & Linda Lundberg, 525-6804
Susan Kehtel/Amy Galarowicz, 624-1800**

- Christine & Kris Aas-Larson, 728-1480
- Lynette Boyko, 728-1815
- Patty Beech, 525-6638
- Linda & Tom Curran, 722-7828
- Ron & Nancy Edmunds, 728-1449
- Chris and Ingrid Evavold, 715-399-2796
- Ann & Bob Feyen, 727-0352
- Peter Good & Deanna Notaro, 464-0614
- Bill & Barb Kehtel, 525-3982
- Bonnie Kolodge, 724-6099
- Tim & Melanie Lundell, 525-4929
- Jim & Sally Larson, 724-9252
- Bob & René Montgomery, 525-5400
- Dan & Kelly Peterson, 206-0296
- Ed & Max Proetz, 728-6542
- Mike Schrage, 343-4206
- Lowell Oseland & Deloris Thompson, 721-4454

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