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# The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

## Awesome Artist's Cabaret

on Saturday, January 29 at 7 PM

*Please tell your friends and family about a great night of entertainment at Peace Church.*

Suggested donation of \$10 (adults).  
Refreshments served

Join us for an evening of wonderful entertainment as Peace members and friends share with us their wide range of talents. Great appetizers by the Food and Fellowship Committee.



## Next Level Congregation

Yeah! Now what does that mean?

We have been selected by the Minnesota Conference to participate in an exciting program that is part of Phase II of their Vitality Initiative!

*Overview: After evaluating the first phase of the Vitality Initiative, your Conference staff took the evaluator's information and made the decision to choose a small group of growing, healthy congregations and put them in connection with one another under the leadership of Mike Piazza of the Center for Progressive Renewal (CPR, [www.growthecc.org](http://www.growthecc.org)). The goal is to support proven leadership congregations to increase the momentum and take their vitality to the "next level!"*

*Then, the conference chose to ask four congregations: Peace Rochester, Mayflower Minneapolis, Spirit of the Lakes/Minnehaha Minneapolis, and Peace Duluth. We have heard everything from, "Yes, we are interested" to "Yes, we're growing so fast we can't keep up with it!"*

*Next Level: As a Next Level congregation, CPR intends to provide leadership coaching and ongoing consulting for you, our four conference-selected churches: Michael Piazza will serve as a resource to the four congregations selected by the Conference. He will participate in a kickoff community-building event on March 10 that Paul and Pastor Kathy will attend, followed by one site visit to each church. He will also serve as a direct coach for the pastors of these churches with regular phone and email access. All leaders involved in the conference renewal project will have discounted access to renewal courses offered by the Center for Progressive Renewal for the contract period.*

This is so exciting for us as it give us resources to build on our Long Range Plan that focused on Missional Outreach and Small Groups. As Mike Piazza has said, folks need two things from their church in addition to a place to worship — a job and a friend. May God bless us as we begin this next step of our journey together as a community of faith.

## Winter Camp

at Wolf Ridge

February 18-20

There are still openings! Call the office (724-3637) if you'd like to sign up.

We are lucky in Minnesota to have lots of wonderful sites to choose from, and this year we are returning to a favorite, Wolf Ridge. Winter camp is a wonderful time to relax and get to know some of the other folks from church, while we explore the wonder of the outdoors. At Wolf Ridge, we have time outside with the chickadees, snow shoes and the HIGH ROPES COURSE as well as time for small group activities that help us connect with each other.

We have reserved space for 90 folks, and we usually have no difficulty filling up the space. Accommodations are dorm style (8 bunks/one bath per room) and food is provided by the camp. Cost for this year's camp will be \$100 per person, with scholarships available. It is more than some of the other camps we have been at, but the cost of food is included at Wolf Ridge. If you are interested in attending, but have financial concerns, please contact Cizzarie or Kathy. It is a great time to get away and refresh yourself.



Questions? Ask Cizzarie 525-0325.

## From Pastor Kathy Nelson

Last Wednesday night in the first year confirmation class we were reading the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Mark's Gospel together. It is a chapter filled with healings—a word, a touch, and lives were healed and transformed. We talked about how healings still happen, harder to notice perhaps, not as immediate but healing still. I handed out pieces of paper and markers and asked them to draw a picture of themselves in the middle and then to think of two or three crises or hurts they had experienced in their lives – physical, emotional or spiritual hurts – and to put each of these hurts in a circle on their paper. The circle was to be close or on top of you if it is a current hurt or crisis, farther away if the pain or crisis had diminished. We shared these. Healings had happened even for them in their young lives. Where would the circles be for you?

Crises of various sorts are something we all experience at some point in our lives. Everyone has a story that includes some pain, some crisis—deaths, cancer, job changes, divorces. I am reminded of this each time we share communion together. It is such an honor to break off the bread and hand each of you a piece, bread of life, and to some of that life, some of what you have been through. It is grace for me to whisper “bread of life, cup of blessing” in the midst of the wonderful, messy lives we live together.



Jesus ministry begins at a crisis point. John the Baptist has been arrested and killed by Herod Antipas. We can imagine that this would have had a powerful impact on Jesus. His cousin, his friend, his mentor in many ways has been killed.

*O Earth, wrap me  
in your leaves,  
heal me.*

*Refresh me  
with springs  
and living waters.*

*Draw me down  
deep into your well  
of rebirth and*

*Let my wounds  
open  
and empty*

*Into your wonderful  
compost  
heap.*

*Then fill me  
with your fruit  
and bread, start over,*

*Let my wounds  
become fertile  
gardens and*

*Let me be,  
let me live  
again.*

~Alla Renee Bozarth

(Poem sent to Kathy by Leigh McMullen when Kathy was

This would have been a time of shadow, of night for Jesus. But both Matthew and Mark begin Jesus' ministry with this event. This time of trial is a turning point. Jesus initially withdraws to Galilee, perhaps in fear, but then he moves into action, a new action, a new way of being, relocating in Capernaum. He knows enough not to go it alone. He seeks out others to share his life, his fears, his love and his work. He knows he will need a community—people to help him through.

The crisis of John's death moved Jesus to create a community of new life, but not necessarily in a new place. Given the relatively small size of Lower Galilee and close proximity of the Galilean places named in the Gospel, there is no need to assume that those who supposedly followed Jesus never returned home again. It is likely that the group gathered around Jesus would be out on the road for a day or two and then return back home. Family relationships were not denied but transformed—Andrew and Simon remained brothers; James and John were still the sons of Zebedee. Wives and children were part of this ministry. But the net was cast larger—others were dragged in so to speak—caught in the love they shared for one another, a community of concern. And it was God's community, God's kingdom.

Through the centuries people have still heard the original call of Jesus – “Come follow me” Follow me and love God and your neighbor, all your neighbors. And we try here at Peace Church, as our vision statement reads, “to reach out in healing love to all people”. That love catches us and holds us in our times of fear.

On Wednesday night in confirmation I drew a picture of myself – a green stick figure, not many curves on me, but the circle marked cancer has moved almost off the page. It has been 9 years since my diagnosis of breast cancer. And Wednesday in confirmation there was another drawing of a stick person who also had a circle marked cancer – also near the corner of her page. Mariah Berner was only 2 when she was diagnosed with bone cancer. Her spirit continues to inspire me. I will always remember the Friday night before my surgery. We were at winter camp and Laurie and Mariah were sharing a room with our family. As we crawled into our sleeping bags Mariah, who was 5 at the time, handed me a card she had made me – It was a picture of me holding her up. “Kathy you are strong—you held me up” She said. “We hold one another up.”

We hold one another as we follow Christ, follow him in this life and into the next.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation . . . whom shall I fear . . . the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 27:1

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

## Sundays in February

Worship each Sunday is at 8:30 and 10:30am. Childcare is available during both!

Our Early Service is always a communion service with times of quiet. Special music is often a part of this worship time. Our 10:30 am service has communion the first Sunday of each month and includes a children's time and singing by our choir. The sermon and prayers are the same for each service.

### Sunday, January 30

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1 – 12

Sermon: "Blessed Vision"

Rev. Xavier Bell, from Circles of Support, a program of Community Action Duluth, will be our guest preacher at both services this day.

### Sunday, February 6

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 58: 1 – 12  
and Mathew 5: 13 – 20

Sermon: "Restoring Beauty"  
Pastor Kathy preaching

This morning we will celebrate communion at both our services. The Worship Team and our Choir will provide our music.

### Sunday, February 13

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30: 15 – 20  
and Matthew 5: 21 - 37

Sermon: "From the Heart"

Special music by our choir and Ryan Van Slooten.

### Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture : Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon: "Reality Shows"  
Paul VanAntwerp preaching

Special Music by the Choir and Leon Rohrbach, Ron Deters, Dave Winchester, Dan Fitzpatrick and others.

### Sunday, February 27

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Matthew 6:24-34

Sermon: "For the Birds"  
Paul VanAntwerp preaching

### March Musicians Meeting

Anyone interested in helping provide special music for our worship is invited to a meeting on **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** at Sir Ben's. Bring your calendars and your ideas!

### 2nd Inquirer's Class

Wednesday February 2nd

6 – 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room

We'd like to invite you to the next Inquirers class! This is the second of two sessions to give you a better sense of who we are as a denomination and as a local congregation. Though attending all both is not 'required', it is a good opportunity to meet others who worship here, ask questions, and see where you might fit in with all that goes on in and around here. Children are welcome—childcare is provided. You are welcome to eat dinner between 5:30 and 6 pm downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, then gather upstairs in the Fireside Room from 6:00-7:00 pm.

**Wednesday, February 2** – A brief overview of our local history and roots. We will also have information about our mission statement, church structure, building project, and annual stewardship drive. Stay if you'd like for a tour of the church at 7 pm.

**We will welcome new members on February 13th during worship.** Let Pastor Kathy know if you are interested in joining.

There will be an important follow-up meeting with Associate Pastor Paul VanAntwerp on **Wednesday February 16:**

"Engaging our Faith":

An Exploration of Spiritual Gifts.

Wednesday, February 16th, 6pm Fireside Room

***New members? Wallflowers? Those of you bored by the routines of your faith? This is for you!*** We'll explore what experiences best support your style of spirituality, and discover new examples of ways you can engage your faith in the work of the church.

### Worship and Arts Committee

The worship team will meet on **Tuesday, February 8th at 4:30** in the Conference Room at the Church. New folks are always welcome as we work on planning worship together.

### Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

Sunday February 13 at 11:30

A planning meeting will be held in the fireside room on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Bring your ideas for theme, art, meditations! Let Pastor Kathy know if you would like to help, but can't make the meeting. The Retreat will be at Caribou Highlands in Lutsen, April 15-16.

## 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!

**January 30**—the last in the series on Marriage Equality : The Legal Status of Marriage Equality State Senator Roger Reinert will discuss current and future legislation relating to marriage equality in Minnesota. All are invited to this informative and lively discussion.

### Co-Creators With God

Our Peace Church family is blessed with many creative artists, engaged in a wide range of disciplines and forms, who worship with us. Each Sunday in February "Between the Worship" (Adult Forum) session will be devoted to conversations with artists in a particular field.

**February 6: Visual Artists**--the Visual Arts with Steve Coll, Elsie Cook and Lisa Horner and others

**February 13: Writers** including Gary Boelhower, Pamela Mittlefehldt, Beth Bartlett, Susan Larson Kidd and others

**February 20: Musicians** with Ryan Van Slooten, Jim Pospisil, Ella Fox and others

**February 27: Artisans** working with fabric, wood, jewelry, or pottery including Holly Jorde, Dave Cave, Leslie White and others.

Each session's conversation and dialogue will center on three questions:

1. The discipline involved in the process of creating.
2. The holiness involved in this medium of creating.
3. Sparks of creativity that inspire one during the process.

All Peace Church adults are encouraged to attend these "Between the Worship" sessions to celebrate and be inspired in conversation and dialogue with the creative artists in our midst.

*Save the Date:*

### Men's Retreat, March 4 – 6

For this year's retreat, we'll return to "Whippoorwill Hill" and the Isernhagen Cabin (near Gordon, WI) for three days of feast, fellowship, and recreation. It's Transfiguration Sunday (Matthew 17)—like Peter we'll declare: "It is good for us to be here" and in the midst of our celebration, we'll explore how we too "build dwellings for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus". Cost is roughly \$50 per person for the weekend—adjusted for part-time visitors. Scholarships and rides are available. Dietary needs and special assistance accommodated. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Paul

### "Bring it to the Table"

*Conversations on Faith for Men*

Monday evenings at 6:30

There's a shortage of opportunities for men to have conversation of substance in our lives. Please join us as we share the weekly walk of faith in our lives.

### "Tuesday Books"

*Read, Explore, and Share*

(1st and 3rd Tuesdays) We're about halfway through our exploration of Wayne Muller's "Sabbath: Restoring the Sacred Rhythm of Rest." Such great conversation! You're welcome to "catch up" with the book and join us. Contact Paul if interested.

(2nd and 4th Tuesdays) This month, we'll be wrapping up our study of Marcus Borg's "The Heart of Christianity" (having put a new spark into familiar themes for many of us). New book beginning in March! Stay tuned.

### "And on the Seventh Day"

*Sabbath Discussion Group*

February 17th at 6:30, Fireside Room

Join us on the third Thursday of each month as build off of Wayne Muller's "Sabbath" book we engage the wisdom and experience of inviting Sabbath time into our lives.

### Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday February 23 at noon

Benedictine Health Center—3rd Floor Lounge

Facilitated by Cheryl Walsh.

Bring your lunch; beverages and dessert are provided. This is a time of fellowship, sharing our stories, studying various topics, and supporting one another. All women are welcome. Please join us!!

### TEAM & COMMITTEE NIGHT

Most committees & teams will meet on **Wednesday, February 9**. Dinner will be served at 5:30 with meetings beginning at 6:00.

### COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, February 15 at 7pm** in the Conference Room

## Activities and Opportunities

### Intergenerational Events

Sleigh Ride and Snacks  
at Countryside Rides!  
January 30 at 1pm

Meet us after worship for a winter frolic up at Countryside Rides. 4888 Lismore Rd. –head north on Rice Lake Road, approx. 8.5 miles north of Arrowhead. Right on Lismore to the end of the road. The horses will glide us through the snowy trails, then we'll gather in the warming house afterward for hot cider, cocoa, and a "snack potluck" (bring your favorite winter snack to share!). Hopefully, we'll also get to meet the horses up close again! A donation of \$8/person is appreciated, but nobody will be turned away!



Another Day of TUBING!  
Sunday February 6 at 12:30pm  
*See page 7 for more info!*

### **CHUM Annual Meeting**

Thursday February 3  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
4831 Grand Avenue  
Speaker—Bishop Brian Prior  
6:30 Social, 7p meeting & worship

### **Come Help Make Pancakes at CHUM!**

February 9 & 23  
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!

### **Men's Breakfast—February 3 & 17**

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

### **Just Peace Movie Night**

Sunday February 20 at 7pm

**Sophie Scholl: The Final Days** will be the Peace and Justice Movie Night offering for February. The movie was nominated for best foreign film at the Academy Awards for 2005. This inspiring film tells the story of the anti-fascist Munich-based student resistance movement of 1942 - 1943 called The White Rose. The title character's motivation to oppose Hitler's wars - knowing that antiwar resistance was a capital crime in Nazi Germany - came partly out of her commitment to the teachings of Jesus to resist evil but

### **Women's Retreat — Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

We are planning a Spring Retreat at Caribou Highlands Resort on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. (Only One Night this Year) Program will run through Saturday afternoon around 3 pm. Cost will be \$45 per person with scholarships available. This includes your own bed with linens. We will be responsible for our meals. Sign up in the Entryway!

**A planning meeting will be held in the fireside room on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Bring your ideas for theme, art, meditations! Let Pastor Kathy know if you would like to help, but can't make the meeting.**

### **PALS**

"Peace Adults Learning and Socializing"  
Thursday, February 24

February 24th we will meet at the Isernhagen home where the Goeses will talk about their journey to Malaysia and Australia. *Stay tuned for more details.*

On March 31 we will meet at the Devlin home where a wine connoisseur colleague of Lynn's will teach us how to select good but inexpensive wines.

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

Please contact office@peaceucc.org  
or call the church at 724-3637  
to be added to the email list.

### **Financial Peace University**

Starts February 2, Wednesdays 6 - 7:30  
*See article on page 6*

### **Gallery Wall(s)**

Our new artist on the gallery wall near the stairway is Leslie Williamson White, sharing her fabric art. Watercolors of Duluth waterfalls by Tim Larson are now in the back wall of the sanctuary. A painting by Steve Coll, painted at Solvay House the day before Hummingbird's death, is above the mantle in the Fireside Room. Thanks to these artists for enhancing our spiritual journeys with their creativity.

### **Winter Camping Trip to BWCA**

February 4th -6th.

A group of Peace Church folks will be spending three days on Daniels Lake in the BWCA. However luck finds us with weather and fishing, we'll enjoy each others company, some time away from the hustle of everyday life, and the gifts that this season has to offer. Peace would like to do more of these events throughout the year—perhaps seasonal outings? Interested? Ideas? Contact Paul.



# Wednesday Activities

## Wednesday Schedule

**5-5:30: Kids Choir** 5:30-6: **Dinner** in Fellowship Hall

**6-7: Faith Weavers** in the Mindanao Room,

**OWLS** in Cornerstone,

**Bible Study** in the Fireside Room

**Inquirers Class** on February 2

(Committees and Teams meet on February 9 at 6pm)

**6:15: Adult Choir**

**6:30-8: Youth Group** (Youth Room)

## Financial Peace University

Starts February 2, Wednesdays 6 – 7:30

Beth and Kevin Kinney of our congregation, have graciously offered to facilitate a class based on the work of David Ramsey, "The Total Money Makeover". This 13 week class, on DVD and in person, will cover how to begin paying down your debt and be better stewards of God's gracious gifts to each of us.

This class is for everyone, no matter how little or how much you earn. Beth and Kevin will share their journey with money, and how Financial Peace works in their lives. Cost is \$100 per family, which covers the price of materials. There are scholarships available. Classes will run January through April on Wednesday evenings, from 6-7:30. Free childcare.

## First Year Confirmation – 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

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

**Wednesday, February 2** – The Gospel of Mark, chapters 5 and 6

**Wednesday, February 16** – The Gospel of Mark, chapters 7 and 8

## Second Year Confirmation – 10<sup>th</sup> Graders

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

**Wednesday, February 9** – Discussion about The United Church of Christ

**Wednesday, February 23** – No Class Due to the Spring Break

## Wednesday dinner menu

**February 2:** Meatloaf & veggie loaf, baked potatoes, green beans

**February 9:** Soup and salad

**February 16:** Mexican Fiesta

**February 23:** Papa Murphy's Pizza, Veggie tray

## Faith Weavers!

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

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

## Peace Puppets

On Break for OWLS

4th & 5th Graders

Peace Puppets will be taking a break so that fourth and fifth graders can attend OWLS. OWLS begins on February 2 and will continue for 8 weeks. **We will begin Peace Puppets again on March 30.**

Peace Puppets have been invited to do a show for the Men as Peacemakers award service in the Spring and of course, we will be working on our next Children's Time! Lots going on as soon as we get back together on March 30! See you then!



## 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.

## Children's Choir

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

## Youth and Parents

### Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm in the Youth Room

#### **February 2nd: “Epiphany Party, Part II”**

Wishing you a Merry Piphmass! Join us in celebrating what Paul calls: “the season of the Holy Dope-slap!” Ever sang a “piphmass” carol? Know who this season’s version of Santa Claus is? Join us! Bring your creative energy.

#### **February 9th: “Money Talks”**

The crew from Financial Peace University will be here to help us take a hard look at our relationship with money and it’s influence on our lives. Bring your credit cards... wait... well, bring your open minds!

#### **February 13th (Sunday): “Giving Back: Youth Group Hosts Damiano”**

It’s our turn to support the mission at the Damiano Center. Two opportunities: Show up at 1:30 to cook, or 4:30 to serve. Reserve your space—sign up sheet is on the door of Paul’s office.

#### **February 16th: “The Be Attitudes”**

Listen: Jesus gives us nine points of reference on how to be Christians. They are both remarkably simple and endlessly challenging. We promise, by the end of this evening, you will KNOW them. (Again, bring your creative energy!)

#### **February 23rd “Winter Break: No Youth Group”**

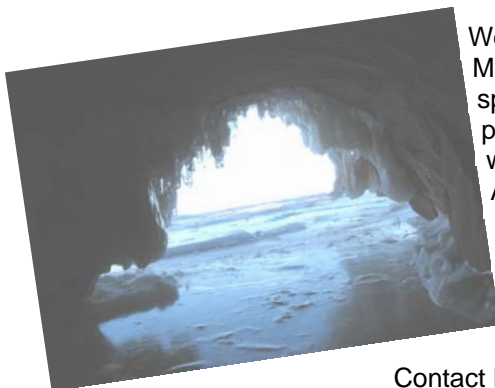
You have the blessing of your Youth Ministers to take this evening for a well deserved time of rest. A word of warning: we may be checking in to see if you took our advice.

### **“Middle School at Mount Royal”**

Gather with Paul and other Peace Middle Schoolers on Mondays at 3pm.

### **Senior High! Apostle Island Ice Caves!**

Saturday, February 26th  
(lake conditions permitting)



We’ll drive out to Myer’s Beach and spend a day exploring the winter wonder of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. Bring money for a lunch stop!

Contact Paul to RSVP.

### **Hey Parents!**

In a recent email, we attached a copy of our new “Peace Church Youth Group Covenant”. Please take a moment and review this with your child and let us know that we’re on the same page. Also, a reminder that parents are gathering on Wednesday evenings in the Narthex during Youth Group/Confirmation time. It’s a great opportunity to relate with others the joys and challenges of parenting.  
~Paul

### **Hey Youth Group!**

So, as you know by now, I’m really into this Season of Epiphany, because I think this is the time when God’s saying “Here it is!, Do you get it?” This month in Youth Group we’ll be taking some time to address some things that Kim and I really want you to “get”. But don’t assume we’ll be lecturing you. It will be your job figure out the best ways to help one another “get it”. Bring your creative energy! Jump in! ~Paul

### **Hey Senior High!**

Ok, we put together a list of ideas that we’d like to do in the next three months (Polar Bear Plunge... really?) In my office are copies of the list. Take a moment and “rate” each event—then we’ll get together Sunday mornings (9:30, conference room) to figure out how we can fit them into our busy lives! See you soon, ~Paul

### **Hey Middle School!**

#### **Another Day of TUBING!**

For those of you that didn’t get to go tubing last month because of the OWLs program, we have rescheduled another day for you and your family. Only two differences: 1) We are going on a Sunday after church, 2) because it’s a weekend, the price is higher to go. SO, if you are interested, we are going on **Sunday Feb 6th, to Mont Du Lac, @ 12:30 p.m.** after church. Cost is \$13. ~Kim



About the time you're reading this, I'll be in the Boundary Waters with a group of folks from our church. We're skiing out to Daniel's lake for a week-



end of exploring and fishing and celebrating the season.

Any trip to a wilderness area is an immersion—which is to say it necessitates

engagement of the mind and body in a way other “vacations” don’t. Perhaps more so in winter, when weather cannot be assumed, and certain values must be taken very seriously (warmth, dryness, etc.). The challenges of the environment surrounding such an immersion demand one’s full attention, but the product of silence and the beauty of a wild winter are worth it.

Here in weeks five through eight of Epiphany, we bear witness to Jesus preaching and teaching. As I read chapters five and six of Matthew, I feel I am reading *Jesus’s own* understanding of his mission. There is so much to explore in these two chapters. Jesus speaks on relationships, reconciliation, lust, piety, honesty, clarity, nonviolence, charity, inclusiveness, humility, prayer, service, abundance—and these are no mere spiritual exercises—what is at stake is no mere intellectual or theological bragging rights. What Jesus is sharing is no political or social ideology—but a complete reorientation of life. Jesus is not on “vacation” here, he is immersing himself in his ministry.

... *Our* ministry.

It helps—be it exploring the boundary waters of our state or the boundary questions of our faith—to ask ourselves “what is at stake?” Is the engagement of my faith a *vacation from*, or an *immersion into* your everyday life. One thing is certain: the beauty is worth it.

## Middle Schoolers—We’re going to Camp!

This summer we are going to "GET TO THE POINT!" Along with the Wayzata Community Church we are going to go to Pilgrim Point Camp in Alexandria, MN, the week of June 18-23, 2011. This is a beautiful and exciting place for all of you to learn more about God. Kim will be going along too to partake in the fun! If you are interested registration is coming up soon. Cost will be \$459 if we register early. Scholarships will be available to those who need them. Camp is a beautiful thing, so start talking about it with your parents and friends!

### ***Important Meeting on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.***

*We will need \$100 deposit at this time will secure your space for one or both of the following trips!*

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

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

The retreat features interactive exercises about the survival choices homeless and working-poor families must make each month. Pay the heating bill or feed the kids? Forgo health insurance to pay the rent and pray no one gets sick? Participants also learn what roles self-worth, chemical dependency, racism, the economy and domestic violence play in poverty and what is being done to break the cycle. We are challenged to reflect on what we, as people of faith, can do. We will also volunteer in Twin Cities homeless shelters, domestic violence centers, food shelves and affordable housing projects. Finally, the retreat encourages volunteers to apply what they have learned and set tangible goals to affect poverty back home in our communities.

### **Intergenerational Trip to Back Bay Mission** August 27 - September 4<sup>th</sup> in Biloxi, Mississippi

Cost \$400 with scholarships available .

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

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

The program has grown to hosting 40 teams as the Mission, along with many other organizations, responds to the overwhelming need for housing restoration. Work teams perform a wide range of tasks – from mold abatement to roofing to installing dry wall to electrical and plumbing work. When a Mission selects a home to restore, it commits to completing the project. The effort frequently requires many weeks’ work by several different work teams. Grants from the cities of Biloxi and Gulfport for home restoration have helped the Mission give back houses to homeowners who lack the financial resources to complete the projects on their own.

## Kim's Column / Church School News

This past month, I headed to my second set of intensives for my Seminary Education at Wartburg Theological Seminary, in Dubuque, Iowa. I was enrolled in two classes: Justification and Justice and Spiritual Practices. Out of these, I learned that God finds different ways of reaching out to us, but we have to be listening and not let daily life get to the best of us. We have to allow for times of reflection, even if only for a few minutes.

In Justification and Justice we began by talking about the separation from the Catholic church in the early 1600's. We looked at the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification and Justice between Catholics and Lutherans (protestants). It was originally written in the time that Martin Luther was alive and hadn't been updated for 400 hundred years. In 1989 Catholics and Protestants sat down to show unification on the doctrine as well as point out how we worship differently but yet still up hold the values of the Christian Church. (Isn't it crazy how long it sometimes takes us to sit down and resolve our issues?)

In my Spiritual Practices class, we talked about our Myer's Briggs personality types, as well as our Spirituality Types, and how this will help us in our spiritual growth to work in congregations currently and in our future ministry. We talked about taking time for ourselves and learned different ways to pray and refill our spiritual gas tanks. Some of the ways include: centering prayer, Lectio Divina, labyrinth meditation, taking retreats, making a day of Sabbath, learning to be silent and listen to God, and also listening for God when we feel we have nothing.

We had about six books on our reading list, and three stood out as books that I found enjoyable and helpful. *When God is Silent* by Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg, and *Contemplative Prayer: Praying When the Well Runs Dry* by Joann Nesser. In these books, I found myself looking into my heart and my faith, trying to understand who I am as Christian and what I can do to hear God when it is difficult.

I found myself reading Nesser's book on contemplative prayer for reassurance on the one year anniversary of the Haiti earthquake, which took one of my good friends, Ben Larson. This past year has been a year of grieving with days of joys and sorrows. To lose someone so tragically and terribly and to also think of the thousands of poor poverty stricken people who were killed or are left to fight for life, is almost too much

to bear. Nesser talks of the Holy Spirit being our life journey tour guide, helping us in the best and worst times. Nesser is quoted in saying, "The spiritual journey takes place within the soul, in the deepest center of our personal being. It is not about gaining intellectual knowledge, but rather the knowledge that comes from the love of God and of self...As we relate in prayer to God who loves us and calls us beloved, and as we are honest about our hurts and brokenness, we find healing for our many wounds."

I had an epiphany during this time also, when our class took a trip to the New Melleray Abbey Monastery in Peosta, IA. We worshiped with the monks 4 times while we were there in a form called, The Liturgy of the Hours, or the "Opus Dei." They chanted the psalms so serenely. We were told by our professor to spend the day in reflection and silence, as much as we could, to listen for the voice of God and to find peace in the day. Through journaling I found myself quite happy and at ease with the day. Monks believe that the heart is directly connected to the tongue and its sharpness, and by keeping silent the heart dispells the pain or hurt that could have been used. We were given a tour of their casket making company, which is where many of the brothers work. Watching their careful precision and focus for every piece carefully being put together, you could see God's love, even though they knew their creation was going to be used for a sorrowful event. We also later found out the monks of the New Melleray Abbey had donated a casket to the family of the 9 year old girl, who was killed in the shooting in Tuscon, Arizona shooting. Brother Felix, a 85 year old monk, quietly spoke to us about how heartbroken the monks were to hear of this little child's tragic passing, so they felt obligated to send her family the casket to reassure them there was some good in this world. Our class, and I am sure the world, and this little girl's family, are grateful for the monks kindness during this time when we can't hear God's still small voice.

In my learning at Wartburg, as well as the Abbey, I delved down into my soul more than I had ever, I found a different form of trust in my faith. I believe it has made me a better person, a better worker, and a better spiritual leader. If you are looking for some different ways of finding yourself spiritually, these books I have mentioned are good heart soothing and mending books. Give God some time in your busy life and listen to what our Creator is saying in your life.

Kim Sturtz –Children's Minister

### Sunday School Info

Sunday School Starts @ 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary with a large group opener. We sing songs, celebrate birthdays, take our offering, and have an introduction to the lesson for the day. Then kids go to their classrooms by grade.

Church School Schedules are located on the table by the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary.



### Sunday School Teachers!

Meeting will be held @ **8:30 in the Fireside Room Feb 6th.** Also if you are needing any supplies for your classrooms, let Kim Sturtz know. We are

We have cause to celebrate as we ended 2010 financially with a balance between income and expenses. Our budget for 2011 is also balanced due to increases in pledged income. Our budget for 2011 includes a 2% raise for our staff and Pastor Paul, and finally brings Pastor Kathy to conference guidelines.

Work continues on the multipurpose space as requests for proposals have been sent out to contractors. Thank you to Tom Hystead and Jim McLean for their continued efforts in moving this project forward. Thank you also to Doug Zahn who donated his preliminary work on the project. We hope to have work completed by Easter.

Work is also moving forward on sprucing up the Fellowship Hall with the first order of duty being to solve the water seepage issue. The most cost effective solution appears to be installing a drain between the floor and the wall. Water will drain to a sump pump and then be pumped out of the building.

Lastly, it is worth noting that we have been invited to be a "Next Level" congregation. As such we will work with a consultant who would provide leadership coaching and ongoing consulting for the challenges and opportunities we face as a vibrant growing church.

~ Mike Swanoski, Moderator

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on January 23, 2011 following the second service. The proposed budget, which is balanced, was presented to the members in attendance and was approved unanimously. Included in the budget are 2 percent wage increases for staff and an increase for Pastor Kathy which brings her up to conference guidelines. Members were updated on the progress with the multipurpose space and the Fellowship hall. Pastor Kathy discussed being invited to be a "Next Level" congregation. As such we will work with a consultant who will provide leadership coaching and ongoing consulting for the challenges and opportunities we face as a growing congregation.

~ Mike Swanoski, Moderator

Stewardship Drive Update  
202 pledges for \$333,400

## Under Construction — Please Excuse the Mess!



Many people are aware that Peggy Maske has made a very generous gift to the church in honor of her late husband George. The Maske's living bequest will allow us to improve two lower level areas of the building.

The first area is one of the Peace Church's most utilized rooms, the Fellowship Hall. Each spring and early summer the Fellowship Hall is inundated with ground water from snowmelt and heavy rains. The water seeps in from the top of the interior wall and at the floor. January 27th through February 3rd Northern States Basement Systems will install a drain, sump pump and wall panel system that will remove water as it comes into the building and before it seeps across the floor. The water-resistant wall panels will replace the warped paneling that currently covers the inside wall.

Note: Northern States Basement Systems is a local company. They have been in business for several years. It is their policy to donate \$100.00 to the church whenever a congregation member installs a basement system into their home.

The second area in the lower level that will be renovated through the Maske's generosity is the unfinished space below the sanctuary addition. This space will become a small chapel, a meeting room and an archive room. The current youth room will be reconfigured. Three separate storage areas will also be created.

Four contractors have been invited to bid the chapel/youth room project. We hope to recommend one of them to the Coordinating Council at its February meeting. The renovation work will begin in late February and be completed in the spring.

These two projects will add better and more useable space in the lower level of the church. We are excited to finish these well-used community spaces. Please excuse the temporary mess and inconveniences as this work progresses.

## Peace Church Library Check it out!

### New Adult Books

*Long Walk to Freedom*, by Nelson Mandela

*Days of Grace*, by Arthur Ashe

*Bait and Switch*, by Barbara Ehrenreich

*The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*,  
by Sherman Alexie

*My Child Has Autism, Now What?* by Susan Larson Kidd

*Brick Lane*, by Monica Ali

*Acedia & Me: a Marriage, Monks, and a Writer's Life*, by Kathleen  
Norris

*The Art of Racing in the Rain*, by Garth Stein

*Olive Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout

*Emotional Intelligence*, by Daniel Goleman

*A Mercy*, by Toni Morrison

### New Children's Books

*Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to my Daughters*, by Barack Obama

*Noah's Mittens*, by Lise Lunge-Larsen

*Julie and Julie's Wolf Pack*, by Jean Craighead George

*Apt. 3*, by Ezra Jack Keats

*What's Happening to Grandpa*, by Maria Shriver



## Dismantling Racism Team

### **Immigration: Possibilities and Challenges *People, Communities, Jobs, Trade, Policies, and Butterflies***



"Monarch and Mexican Migration:  
Global Citizens Meet their Neighbors"

**Monday, February 7 at 7pm**  
Peace Church Sanctuary

An exciting two month series on Immigration Reform will begin with "Monarch and Mexican Migration: Global Citizens Meet their Neighbors" presented by Kristin Stuchis and Michael Gabler, Marshall School Spanish and Science teachers. They traveled to the Monarch butterfly wintering grounds in the mountains of central Mexico in February 2010. They experienced the wonders of Monarch migration; heard migration stories of the Mexican people; and connected the dots between globalization and the migration of butterflies and people. A fascinating story!

"Ciudad Juárez: The Definitive Neoliberal City"  
Verónica Leyva and Tony Nelson,  
Mexico-US Solidarity Network  
**Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**  
at UMD, Kirby Ballroom

"March for America:  
Immigration Reform Today"  
Rev. John Guttermann  
**Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, noon,**  
Center for Economic Development in the  
Technology Center,  
and 4 pm, at UMD, Kirby Ballroom C

"Truth and Reconciliation:  
Having the Courageous Discussions"  
Summit on Equity, Diversity,  
and Multiculturalism  
Featured speakers, Wing Young Huie (noon)  
and Dr. Karina Walters (4 pm).  
**Thursday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 8 am to 5:30 pm,**  
at UMD, Kirby Ballroom  
Register online:

[www.d.umn.edu/um/doeo/diversity/](http://www.d.umn.edu/um/doeo/diversity/)

"Roots of Migration"  
film and discussion facilitated by  
Witness for Peace – Upper Midwest-  
**Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3 – 5 pm**—  
UWS, Multicultural Center

"Women, Global Migration  
and Human Rights,"  
Cathi Tactaquin, National Network for  
Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm,**  
at UMD, Kirby Ballroom

"Public Policy and Immigration  
Reform: How Effective is our  
Current Immigration System?"

Panelists: Latino Voices, MN Chamber of Commerce, MN Immigration Law Office, and Duluth Police Dept. ~ Facilitated by LWVMN.  
**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm,** College of St Scholastica, Somers Lounge

#### Films at the Zinema2:

"The Visitor"

**Monday, February 14, 7 pm**

"Children in No Man's Land"

**Monday, February 21, 7 pm**

"The Other Side/From the Other Side"  
**Monday, March 14, 7 pm**

#### Sponsors of the Immigration Series

~ League of Women Voters Duluth ~ Witness for Peace  
- Upper Midwest~ University of MN Duluth, Office of  
Cultural Diversity, Latino/Chicana Student Programs,

#### Witness for Peace delegation to Colombia in April

The theme of this upcoming Witness for Peace delegation to Colombia (April 10 - 20) is "Women Leading the Way to Justice and Peace," and will be of particular interest to women leaders and activists. Learn about how campesina, indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities are resisting nonviolently the various forms of economic and political violence that surround them. Colombia is a wonderful, inspiring, amazing country and I am always eager to share what I know! Also, you can learn more about Witness for Peace at [www.witnessforpeace.org](http://www.witnessforpeace.org). Or, email Lyn Clark Pegg ([carolynpegg@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynpegg@yahoo.com)) for more info.

## Peace People

### Thank You!

- To Dick Goese, our treasurer, for all his work on our 2011 budget. Thanks to all who helped make it possible to have a balanced budget for this year!
- To Jim McLean and Tom Hystead for all their work on getting the completed plans, and getting the bids for our chapel/multi-purpose space. Thanks to Doug Zaun our architect! The plans and color palettes are in the narthex for folks to look at.
- To Tom Hystead for all his time coordinating the water abatement project in the Fellowship Hall, and his work moving and covering things—thanks to property committee folks also.
- To Steve Coll, Steve Horner and Susan Ranfranz for organizing the Artist's Cabaret and to our Food and Fellowship Team for providing the refreshments.
- From Tom and Monica Liddle: "Dear Peace Church Community, We are on our way back to East Timor and wanted to say once again thank you for our wonderful visit in December! We were in Duluth for about 4 days and they were all FULL. I think we stayed up till at least midnight every night chatting and catching up with many of you! It's such an amazing blessing to have so many good friends and people who care about us. We will carry the spirit and energy of the visit back with us to Timor and it will no doubt help sustain us over the next year and a half. God's peace be with you all."
- From David & Lorene Liddle, Minneapolis: "Our personal thanks to all at Peace Church who helped Tom, Monica, Hannah & Simon come home for a visit - it was wonderful to have them with us and their time in Duluth was invigorating and filled with love, support and renewal for them - thank you, thank you!!".
- From the UCC: "Thank you for your generous gift! The UCC Wider Church Ministries annual appeal focuses on hope and justice—precious gifts of God made real in Jesus and now shared with more of God's children through your gift. We recorded your gift of \$1600 on 12/21/10 to support the continuing work of Tom and Monica Liddle in East Timor... Thank you again for your faithful support of Wider Church Ministries.
- From Lutheran Social Services Visits program: "Thanks for your support of our families and program."
- From Carol Barto: "Myself and my partner recently benefited from a sale of some books at Peace Church, through Nadine Hubert. We received \$95 which we needed to take a trip to Bemidji...for an appointment for an interview for a training program through MNDOT... she was awarded one of the 50 spots available in the training... This is the first good thing that's happened for her for awhile, and she really needed it! Thank you Peace Church!"
- From United Theological Seminary: Thank you for your total contribution of \$945 to United Theological Seminary received in 2010. Bless you Kathy, Paul and members of Peace UCC! We couldn't do what we do without your faithful, generous support. Many blessings."
- A heartfelt thank you to everyone for all the hugs, comforting words, lovely cards and beautiful peace lily given to me when my mom died. It all means so very much to me. In love and peace, Janell Kohls
- To Mike Schrage for painting the trim in the downstairs bathrooms—it looks great.

### Hold in your Prayers

- Nettie Bothwell at home now but still recovering from a broken femur. **Please call Nettie (940-2733) if you can provide a meal for her!** Nettie would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and visits while she was at Bayshore—she could really feel the support of the prayers!
- Zach Graves who was deployed at Christmas Time to serve in Oman as a firefighter. He will be gone 4 to 5 months. Also remember his wife Anne and son Chase.
- Tom, Monica, Hannah and Simon Liddle who have returned to East Timor to continue their important work there at the Immanuel Clinic and Church. We were so blessed to have them with us in December.
- Bill DeRoche awaiting surgery for compression fractures in his neck.
- Trudy Schwerdt dealing with a significant eye infection.
- Bill Hardesty dealing with low hemoglobin.

### Sympathy

- To the family of Richard Horvatic. His funeral was held here at our church on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Jim Pospisil and Peter Provost for assisting Pastor Kathy with this service. Thanks to Cindy Macaulay, Barb Forrest, Spice Schomberg and Bob and Kay Stevens for helping with the reception following.
- To Janell Kohls following the death of her mother, Doris Taylor.
- To John Erickson on the death of his father.

### Congratulations

- Brooke Waseen, daughter of Amber and Symeon Waseen who was baptized during worship on December 26.
- To Holly Jorde on being named Vice President of the CHUM Board of Directors for 2011. Thank you for your service!
- To Max Proetz on her retirement from CHUM, after 20 years!

### Memorials

To the Peace Church Library Fund from Elaine Augustad, Sharon Crosby and Janell and Gary Kohls, in memory of Doris Taylor.

## Open and Affirming / Recycling Peace / Birthdays

### The Rainbow Flag Hanging In Our Narthex

The rainbow flag was originally created by Gilbert Baker in San Francisco in 1978. For years he had been making banners that were used in protest marches. Amongst Baker's many reasons for making the original flag is that he wanted to create a powerful political symbol for the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender movement that would replace the pink triangle which was in common use and had been put **on** us by Hitler. The Flag came **from** us and is a joyful symbol.



Today, the rainbow is seen as a symbol of the great diversity of humanity and the whole spectrum of human sexuality which is a wondrous, magical and sacred part of our experience. Flags are flown in front of homes and in businesses, rainbow bumper stickers are displayed on cars as symbols of identity and support. I can feel in my body today the shock and awe I felt when in the early 80's I was visiting in Duluth and saw a rainbow flag hanging in the tiny narthex of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

In a 2008 interview Gilbert Baker said this about the lgbt movement- "We've come along way- but the movement is a flower and will die tomorrow is we don't stay vigilant, stay visible, and empower ourselves." His statement is proving true today as politicians in our state capital are moving toward initiating a constitutional amendment to ban lgbt marriage equality in our state.

Flying the flag in our narthex is a powerful statement about who we are as a congregation. Making this statement requires us to stay active in the political, social, and yes, spiritual discussions of our time. As it says on the UCC marriage equality web site: "may our conversations venture in humility and prayer."

Gary Anderson, member of Peace Church Open and Affirming Committee

### Recycling Peace

➤Kitchen equipment missing!  
If you have borrowed any big stainless steel bowls, oval ceramic bowls or serving trays, please call the office or return them ASAP, otherwise we will need to purchase more.

➤Book exchange Did anyone borrow the book *A Beautiful Mind*? If so, could you give Sharon Kirtley a call, 722-8497, or return it to the book exchange. Thanks.

➤Melissa Boyle always needs your old wooly or other thick winter socks to reincarnate as darn!sock mice cat toys. Please no thin dress or athletic socks. I'll also recycle your all wool sweaters that shrunk or are too 1980s. Leave them in the box on the shelf above the basement coat rack. Questions? Call 728-0419.

## February Birthdays

- 1 Kate Nicoletti
- Earl Rosenwinkel
- Lydia Peterson
- 3 Ben Hlina
- Sandy Sandomierski
- Megan Manthey
- Nic Zeitler
- Rowan Lundell
- Shannon Neby
- 4 Teran Lind
- Melanie Lundell
- Walter Lundell
- 5 Gail Blum
- Peggy Skylondz
- Ryan Fralich
- 6 Ann Sudoh
- 7 Colby Larson
- 8 Jim Filby Williams
- 9 Andrew Webster



- 10 Douglas Cran
- Trudy Schwerdt
- Oliver Farell
- Kathryn Torrago
- 11 Chris Larsen
- 12 Joseph Perry-Spears
- 13 Kai Sandal
- Hannah Everett
- 14 Meg Petra
- 15 Laurie Walker
- Hannah Liddle
- 17 Jill Valerius
- 19 Inez Rindal
- Matt Johnson
- Grant Cook
- Ben Tomhave
- 20 Christina Marie
- Langdon-Larson
- Christina Mulozzi
- Connor Friday



- 21 Azalea Steffes
- Annette Strom
- 22 Tom Wilkowske
- 23 Elrose Norfolk
- Brian Timm
- 24 Jessica Olson
- Zachary Murphy
- Ingrid Johnson-Evavold
- Gabe Krieg
- 25 Diana (Soland) Machones
- Matthew Swanoski
- Caroline Harris
- Tom Curran
- 26 Will Mitchell
- Cindy Martins
- Haley Montgomery
- 27 Phyllis Mead
- Martha Minchak
- Marisa Krueger
- 28 Marian Jensen



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Peace Bell articles due February 20!**



### Peace Projects with the Chum Shelter

In 2010 we started a relationship with CHUM to support their mission with the Family Shelter. In the year since this partnership began we have used \$4000 of a \$6000 grant from the Peace Church Jubilee Fund to renovate the building. 5 Project days brought out dozens of Peace Church volunteers to replace light fixtures, lay new carpeting or laminate flooring, paint, clean and remove debris. We also dug and planted a garden to brighten the exterior views.

More recently we have been helping the families when they move out of the shelter. Not only have Peace members volunteered time and labor to help move furniture from the shelter to families' new apartments, but many have generously donated furnishings that were needed by these families that are often moving into unfurnished apartments with very few personal belongings. Common needs are beds, dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, and living room furniture.

If you are interested in helping with these projects there is always a need for volunteers. There is especially a need for someone to coordinate some of the projects. Contact Jim McLean (mcleanbarrslake@gmail.com or 525-3526) if you are interested in coordinating or donating items. Keep an eye on the weekly announcements for future project days where you can lend a hand to move or remodel.

### Candle Light Yoga in the Fireside Room

**Tuesday evenings from 5:15 to 6:30** with certified instructor Sharon Dawson. There will be a few spots opening in class during Feb. You are welcome to come to the first class free of charge and see if the class is a good match for you. For more information call Sharon at 218-349-6092 or redrootyoga@aol.com.

### Latin Jazz Concert

Thursday, February 3rd, 7:30 pm  
Clyde Park 2920 W Michigan St.

Tickets are \$8 at the door. \$5 for seniors/students.  
Benefit for Community Action Duluth Circles of Support "Pucks Against Poverty"

### Please continue to bring toiletries in

When you travel, please bring home your unopened soap, shampoo, conditioner and hand lotion. We collect them in a basket under the coat rack. In December, no more were needed for the LifeHouse street outreach to homeless kids ages 14-20, so a very heavy and much appreciated box went to the CHUM (Churches United in Ministry) drop-in center. Where there is poverty, there is a need for hygiene supplies. Thank you for bringing home and sharing the items that you are entitled to in your hotel room rate. Many of these items are expensive brand names!

### CHUM/Joint Religious Legislative Coalition

Sunday Jan. 30 at 2pm at the Coppertop

JRLC staff, Brian Rusche and Alison Kelleen will give an overview of the 2011 JRLC Legislative Agenda, including what has happened since the opening of the session.

### JRLC Day on the Hill—Thursday Feb. 17

Join Pastor Kathy and others to travel to the State Capital. Participants are briefed on critical social justice issues and then visit with their legislators. Go to [www.jrlc.org](http://www.jrlc.org) to register, and call 740-2496 or [eolson@chumduluth.org](mailto:eolson@chumduluth.org) to reserve a spot on the bus. (Bus will depart from Holy Family Catholic Church, 2430 W 3rd St., at 6:15am and return at 5pm)

### Freedom to Marry Day rally

February 10th, noon-1pm

Location: State Capitol Rotunda, St Paul

Will Minnesota pass a constitutional ban on marriage and *all* recognition of same sex couples? Or will we once again hold back this discrimination by demanding equality for all couples? Organized by OutFront Minnesota and led by our faith leaders, this rally is your chance to speak out for justice, equality and freedom for all families. This year's activities include a photo booth and delivery of valentines to legislators – so bring a couple cards with your name, address, a note about your family, and a note asking your representatives to speak out against discrimination. Register at: <http://www.outfront.org/takeaction/marriage/freedomtomarry>

### Workshop—Claiming your Inner Wisdom

On **Saturday, February 12, 9a.m.- 4p.m.** Gary Anderson and Gary Boelhower will lead a workshop "Claiming your Inner Wisdom: Yoga and the Labyrinth as Ways to Wisdom." Through gentle movement, reflection, journaling and dialogue, you will learn to listen deeply to the inner teacher and gain clarity about your priorities, what brings you alive and what may be roadblocks to your fullest well-being. No yoga experience is necessary- great opportunity for individuals or couples.

Visit [www.deepeaceeduluth.com](http://www.deepeaceeduluth.com) or call the Garys at 218-724-4985 for more information or to register (\$90 pre-registration by Feb.7, \$100 at the door, partial scholarships available).

### Book Signing for Dr. Susan Larson Kidd

*My Child Has Autism, Now What?*  
*10 Steps to Get You Started*

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 pm  
The Depot in the Great Hall

## February Volunteer Schedules

### Greeters

- 6 Marc & Maggie Fink
- 13 Bill & Lisa Pomroy
- 20 Julie MacKenzie, Jayme Hennen
- 27 Todd & Lori Lind

### Lay Readers

- 6 Jerry Cleveland
- 13 Julie Flotten
- 20 Rene Montgomery
- 27 Cindy McLean

### 8:30 Communion Bread

- 6 McLeans
- 13 Linda Lundberg
- 20 Linda Goese
- 27 Denise Hamsher



### Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday February 13

- 1:30: Peace Youth
- 4:00: Peace Youth

### Monday Meals at Olive Branch (1614 Jefferson)

- 7 Sandy Moore
- 14 Marlis Cran
- 21 Kim Squillace
- 28 Sarah Nelson

### Acolyte Schedule

- 6 – Cayden Stegman, Andrea Torrego
- 13 – Ahna Webster, Eli Beech-Brown
- 20 – Elena Davidson, Aiden Erickson
- 27 – Coulter Holden, Gabriella Johnson

### Nursery

- 6 Hannah Carpenter, Sarah Nelson, Deanna Notaro/Peter Good
- 13 Jessica Olson, Kelly Punyko, Loni Cran-Hovis
- 20 Mariah Berner, Alison Wood, Andy/Libby Fena
- 27 Mary Adams, Annie Rupert, Nick Schutz /Echo Funk

### Ushers

- 6 Julie MacKenzie, Robin Davidson, Joan Severson, John Moeller
- 13 Laurie & Mariah Berner, Mary Martin, Matt Johnson
- 20 John & Lyn Clark Pegg, Jen Pearson, Susan Ranfranz
- 27 Guy & Nadine Hubert, Mike & Diane Swanoski

### Early Service Ushers

- 6 Bob & Kay Stevens
- 13 Barb Kehtel, Linda Lundberg
- 20 Marge Anderson, Jerry Cleveland
- 27 Hamshers

### Coffee Hour Committees

#### February Coffee Hour

##### **Coordinators:**

**Marsha & Tom Hystead,  
728-3152**

**Pat & Lynn Devlin, 728-2592**

##### **February 6—Lynn**

Communion Set-up: Devlin  
Set-up: McLeans  
Serve: Erickson/Blum  
Clean-up: Ameel  
Cookies: McLean, Erickson/Blum,  
Ameel

##### **February 13—Marsha**

Set-up: Barry  
Serve: Morgan  
Clean-up: Farell  
Cookies: Morgan, Barry, Witrak

##### **February 20—Lynn**

Set-up: Gee  
Serve: Kinney  
Clean-up: Manthey/Ranfranz  
Cookies: Gee, Campbell/Hess,  
Ramsey

##### **February 27—Marsha**

Set-up: Stenerson/Boyle  
Serve: Denise Perry, Colette Knudsen  
Clean-up: Heidi Severson  
Cookies: Stackland, Knudsen

**Cookies: Please bring 5 dozen**

#### Coming up — March

##### **Coordinators:**

**Lisa & Bill Pomroy, 525-1091**

**Marge Paulson, 464-0561**

John And Kathy Bray, 525-4220  
Steve Coll, 726-0694

Karola & Rick Dalen, 384-9779

Andy & Libby Fena, 525-1356

Dick & Linda Goese, 525-3412

Laura Greensmith, 340-9110

Paul & Judy Hlina, 398-5453

Jonie Langdon & Cynthia Coffin  
260-3114

Doug Zaun & Emily Larson, 728-  
3375

Todd And Lori Lind, 624-1982

Deborah McLeod, 393-1517

John Moeller, 628-3286

Barbara Pestalozzi & Marcus  
Lovejoy, 728-6420

Wes & Joan Severson, 728-4104

Dave & Stacey Stark, 525-7284

Steve Davis & Terese Tomanek,  
724-1363



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

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Associate Pastor: Paul Van Antwerp

Music Director: Jim Pospisil

Childrens Ministries: Kim Sturtz

Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth



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