



MARCH 2025

The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sundays at a Glance

March 2nd

Transfiguration Sunday

Sermon by Rev. Sara Olson Dean

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: A Day Without Childcare

10:30am Childcare Available

10:30am Intergenerational Service with Holy Communion

11:30am Coffee Hour

5:00pm OWL

March 9th

First Sunday in Lent

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Open & Affirming

10:30am Childcare Available

10:30am Worship with New Members Joining Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

5:00pm OWL

March 16th

Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Prayer Chain

10:30am Childcare Available

10:30am Worship with Baptism of Chet Janke Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

5:00pm OWL

March 23rd

Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Speed Friending

10:30am Childcare Available

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

5:00pm OWL

March 30th

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Braver Angels

10:30am Childcare Available

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

5:00pm OWL

Forums in March

March 2nd - A Day Without Childcare

Childcare is essential for families and businesses to thrive, but as you've likely heard or experienced, it's a challenge to find good, safe, and reliable childcare. Recently we lost about 10% of our childcare slots in Duluth due to center closures. The Duluth Childcare Task Force reports that we are in need of over 1,000 childcare slots to meet the true need here in our city. On March 3rd, three childcare centers in Duluth are closing their doors so we can feel the impact of the need for childcare in the Northland. Come to the forum on March 2nd to hear about A Day Without Childcare and what you can do to raise awareness and support the cause. Mackenzie Foley from ISAIAH and Bri Dornbush from Peace Church will be facilitating.

March 9th - Open & Affirming: Nearly 30 Years, What's Next?

A coalition of open and affirming congregations in Duluth is gathering to build energy around support for the LGBTQ+ community in the wake of recent legislation and anticipated threats. Peace UCC began conversations around the O&A process in 1995 and took our affirmative vote in 1997. The fight looks different, but our role in it hasn't changed: proclaiming love, justice, safety, and hope to all people of every gender identity and sexual orientation. Come to discuss what the future holds for us in our O&A work.

March 16th - Prayer Chain

This adult forum will explore ways to pray and intercede for the needs happening around us. Come share your insights and consider different ways prayer connects us to one another and God.

March 23rd - Peace Church Speed Friending!

After our first round of 1:1 conversations, we are eager for a chance to connect with one another. Come for 4 10-minute conversations (a little less speedy than typical!) with fellow churchgoers, organized around questions to help you build trust and get to know each other.

March 30th - Braver Angels

Braver Angels is a volunteer lead organization founded in 2016 and devoted to supporting bi-partisan conversations that lead the participants to deeper understandings of each other. During the March 30th forum, Mary Adams and Alan Finifrack, members of a local Braver Angel's Alliance, will outline the various workshops, forums, and projects that Braver Angels provides and engages in to meet their mission.

Pastor's Report

What is Lent? It's a season of intention and reflection, 40 days mirroring Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, leading to Holy Week and Easter. It's a season when different types of fasts are often undertaken. If you grew up Catholic, you may have abstained from meat on Fridays. Our Orthodox siblings in faith keep a mostly vegan diet for most of Lent, among other fasting practices. I struggle with fasting involving restriction of food because of the tie this often has to disordered eating and harmful diet culture, but I appreciate the spirit behind it: a mindful, intentional approach to the ways we seek comfort and pleasure, especially if those things separate us from God and community.



Another approach to Lent is to add a practice to your daily or weekly routine, to invite a more regular, visceral living of your Christian faith. Some like to read a daily devotional, others want to try out a meditation or prayer practice, for others it's an opportunity to connect in community in a different way.

I'm trying out a combination of these approaches: abstaining and adding. This year, I will wear the same dress each day for the duration of Lent: technically 46 consecutive days, since Sundays are "little Easters" but will be part of this practice I'm taking on. A merino wool company started promoting 100 day dress challenges and I hopped on the marketing gimmick when I was six months postpartum with my son. 100 days in a dress, with photographic proof, equals \$100 toward a new piece of merino wool clothing. Trying to fit clothes to a postpartum body without rebuilding my wardrobe from scratch or resorting to fast fashion was a challenge. This gave me an option to invest in a piece of clothing that was ethically made and would last me a long time.

Three years later, that dress is still in the regular rotation, with some intentional mending and TLC. I have added another three wool dresses, two wool shirts, and three pairs of wool leggings to the mix. With these wardrobe items, plus items like scarves and cardigans that I've had for years and the occasional pair of pants when they wear out, I have a pretty simple wardrobe! But that doesn't mean that advertising and trends and envy don't get under my skin. I have more than enough - but I find myself still wanting more. Committing to a single dress for the duration of Lent is a way of pushing back against a culture that tells us we are what we possess. It's also a way for me to grapple with my own personal entanglement with that culture.

If you take on a Lenten fast, practice, or discipline, I would love to hear about it! Looking forward to this season with all of you.

With Love, Pastor Corinne

Moderator's Report

Dear members and friends of Peace Church,

The Coordinating Council met on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025. We received, reviewed, and approved reports from committees and Pastor Corinne.

You may have noticed that certain areas of the church have been uncomfortably cold, especially the offices, during our recent arctic type weather. The council discussed and approved the repair and maintenance of Peace church's HVAC (heating ventilation, and air conditioning) system which is not operating properly. Once the system is repaired our church building should offer a more comfortable environment than has recently been the case.

We welcome and appreciate any feedback you may have for us and ask that you keep us in your prayers. Given the long cold spell that we've recently experienced, I'll end with quote from Charles Dickens. "Nature gives to every time and season unique beauty; from morning to night, as from the cradle to the grave, it's just a succession of changes so soft and comfortable that we hardly notice the progress."

Mike Swanoski, Moderator, Coordinating Council

Peace News

Uplifting Peace – Mission Possible!

There's a new and fun event coming to Peace on **Friday, May 16th** from 6:30-8:30 pm. We are holding a Silent Auction "Uplifting Peace – Mission Possible!" to raise funds to fulfill our mission giving to organizations like CHUM, Damiano, and Bob Tavani House.

AND, we need your help! We're looking for auction items from Peace members and friends. Not sure what you could donate? Here's some ideas to get you thinking:

- Are you a creative artist? Donate one of your pieces!
- Performance artist? How about a house concert?
- Provide a gourmet dinner for a group!
- Themed gift basket – Gardening, Coffee Lovers, Wine or Beer Lovers
- Peace Youth – offer your services for things like lawn mowing, spring cleanup
- Lessons – music, golfing, curling, kayaking
- Solicit a gift certificate from your favorite restaurant
- Offer a weekend at your lake place

The possibilities are endless! We'll be sharing information about the auction items as they start coming in – you'll find them posted on the glass wall of the sanctuary in the narthex. One exciting offer so far – A Dinner Cruise for 6 on Lake Superior with the Witrak's. When you're ready to share your donation information, please email it to PeaceUCCAuction@gmail.com

Thanks for your participation and support in making "Uplifting Peace – Mission Possible!" successful!

Community Resource Cards

Check out the Welcome Table in the Narthex – there you will find **Community Resource** cards put together by staff. Take one or two to keep at home and in your car, or to share with a friend. The idea is to create agency among Peace members, so that if you find someone needing help while out and about in the Northland, you will have organizations to contact at your fingertips. You can also always reach out to the church office with questions!

All Peace Bell articles for April need to be submitted by March 19th to office@peaceucc.org.

Peace Summer Day Camp Save the dates!

June 9th–13th, from 9-12pm.

We will be collaborating again with Pilgrim Congregational and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth. More details about the camp are coming this month in an email!

Custodial Substitute Needed

Dan will be taking a well-deserved vacation and we're looking to hire a temporary substitute for custodial work while he is away from March 28th-April 7th. A few days of work should be enough to cover the basic cleaning needs such as setting up for coffee hour, vacuuming, taking out garbage, sweeping and mopping, doing dishes, and cleaning bathrooms. Please contact the office if you're interested in this work.

League of Women Voters of Duluth Saturday, March 8th 10:00am at Peace Church

Henry Banks, a community leader, organizer, and a racial and social activist residing in the Twin Ports, will be a guest speaker at Peace Church. Henry will be discussing *Duluth, Minnesota at a Crossroads: Solutions for Becoming a Beloved Community of the North*. There will be a opportunity for a Q&A along with refreshments after his presentations. If you are interested in coming to the event, please email lwvduluth@lwvmn.org.

Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing



One Great Hour of Sharing supports our UCC disaster relief, refugee aid, and development

ministries. This offering provides support in the immediate aftermath of natural and human caused disasters.

Peace Church Activities

Monday Book Group

Monday, March 10th at 3:00pm

The Peace Book Club will be meeting March 10th at 3:00pm to discuss Part III (Chapters 16-22) of *The War on Normal People* by Andrew Yang. Below is a description of the book.

Andrew Yang explains how the rapid technological change and automation that we are experiencing will take over the work of millions of Americans and that the consequences of this massive job loss will amplify the political unrest, drug use, and other social ills that we see today. He proposes a new economy where we can prosper and find fulfillment in spite of this wave of automation. He calls this new economy "Human Capitalism", and its core is a Universal Basic Income.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Adams at maryadams924@gmail.com.

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy

Monday, March 24th at 5:00pm

If you or a loved one have had cancer (in the past or currently) and would like to connect with others, you are invited to join our Making Meaning Out of Malignancy group. The group meets monthly in a "Room and Zoom" and in the Fireside Room. For more information, please contact Monica Liddle, monimliddle@gmail.com.

Tea and Talk

Wednesday, March 26th at 3pm

Tea & Talk will be back on at 3:00pm in the Fireside Room. Join our Pastoral Care Chaplain, Rev. Laurie Crelly, for conversation and reflection. If you have any questions please email Laurie at laurie@peaceucc.org

Peace Bell folding at 2:00pm and Tea and Talk at 3:00pm. Come for one or the other or both!

Men's Breakfast

Every other Thursday, 8:00am

Join us for breakfast and conversation! We meet every other Thursday at 8:00am at Perkins on London Rd. We will meet Thursday, March 6th and 20th.

PALS

Thursday, March 20th

Duckpin bowling is back! We had so much fun last year, we're doing it again. No experience necessary. Come join us on Thursday, March 20th at 4:00pm at Skyline Social & Games, 3894 Miller Trunk Highway in Hermantown. We will bowl from 4-5:45 and can then order food from their menu. The cost for bowling is \$13 p/person plus whatever you order for food and beverages. Please contact Diane Swanoski 218-213-8001 or mdswanoski@aol.com for any questions and to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

Save the Date:

April 24th - Game night

May 15th - Avoiding Scams & Fraud: Smart Financial Safety Online

June - Baseball game

July - Picnic and planning session

Choir Rehearsals

6:15pm every Wednesday

No auditions, just a willingness to sing!
Newcomers welcome!

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 5:45pm in the Fireside Room and Zoom

For the Lent Season Pastor Corinne will be joining the weekly bible study on a special Lent Series. For more information please go to page 7. Please, come join us in the Fireside room or on Zoom.

Therapeutic SomaYoga

Mondays 9:00-10:15am

Fireside Room



Therapeutic SomaYoga for healthy aging. Taught by Robin Davidson, PT, RYT, yoga therapist in training. This 75 minute class focuses on different aspects of the body, mind, and spirit that will support you in increased wellness as you age. It is very gentle and offers modifications for all levels of participants. Free will donations for the class (suggested \$10) will be given to the church. Come in person or contact Robin at roblee91@msn.com for the Zoom link.

Community News

Out of This World Friday, March 7th Greysolon Plaza Ballroom

The Greysolon Plaza Ballroom will be transformed into an otherworldly universe for the Out of This World Masquerade Ball. The event includes performances, dancing, Cosmic Cuisine bites, a photo booth, a raffle, a silent auction, a gravitational wine pull and complimentary lunar libations.

Attendees are invited to explore their creative take on Quasar Couture, Martian Maximalism or Extraterrestrial Elegance by sporting "Galactic Gala Attire." Be an interstellar icon; show up serving Jedi astro-core or M.I.B. realness.

Tickets are \$40 and are available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). All proceeds benefit **Choice Unlimited's arts program** and **Bold-choice Theatre**.

Parents Supporting **Day Without Childcare**

Monday, March 3rd

Why a day without childcare? Because childcare is the foundation of every community. **Childcare** makes it possible for businesses to find employees. **Childcare** enables parents to make choices about their careers and education. **Childcare** guides children during the years when brain building is most important. **Childcare** is a public good that needs public funding. To get the public funding we need to make childcare affordable and pay teachers the wages they deserve, we need our elected officials to prioritize kids from zero to five. =Taking action on A Day Without Childcare shows our elected leaders how vital childcare is and what happens when it disappears!

Events of the Day:

- 9:00am** - Family Focused Event at the Duluth Children's Museum - Share your story, let the kids run around, and help make signs for the rally and press conference.
- 10:00am** - *Labor of Love* Movie showing at Young Minds Learning Center (1115)
- 11:30am** - Press conference at Young Minds Learning Center
- 1:00pm** - Rally/ Peaceful Protest at MN Power Plaza and the corner by Coppertop Church

AICHO's Waaseyaa Cultural Teachings 2024-25 Series

Uncle Biik Learns to Sew



Sharing Boarding School Stories Along
Our Mending and Healing Journey
Told by Linda LeGarde Grover

March 5, 2025
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Dr. Robert Powless Cultural Center
212 W. 2nd Street, Duluth, MN

Linda LeGarde Grover will share some of her family's boarding school stories and how they are interwoven with generations past and generations to come as we walk our lifelong paths to knowledge, wisdom and healing, Mino-Bimaadiziwin. Community feast provided. Free and open to the public.

Questions? Contact Ivy Vainio
iyyv@aicho.org
AICHO Traditional Healing
Grant Coordinator



The DSSO Presents *Façade*; an Entertainment March 15th at 7:30pm The Depot Theatre

The DSSO will present an extraordinary evening of chamber music and poetry by Sir William Walton and Dame Edith Sitwell. Members of the Duluth Superior Symphony will be joined by local legends, Vicky Fingalson and Calland Metts, in a performance of *Façade; an Entertainment*. This rarely-performed work features a chamber ensemble of diverse instruments and the recitation of poetry in rhythm - a sort of pre-rap if you will. Join us in breathless attention!

Treasures of the Earth

Local art & gift fair
Natural and Recycled Creations.
March 22 Peace Church.
10AM-3PM
1111 N. 11th Ave. E.
www.wendyupnorth.com

Lent 2025



everything [in] between

Meeting God in the midst of extremes

Our Lenten series from A Sanctified Art, *Everything In Between*, allows the Gospel of Luke to guide us through Lent. Beginning with Jesus setting his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51), the series flows through several familiar stories—the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the fruitless fig tree, the Lost Sheep, Zacchaeus, and more. Many of these stories are well-known in both sacred and secular imagination, carrying cultural relevance and lore. For example, have you ever identified yourself as either a “Mary” or a “Martha?” The “Good Samaritan” title alone could reference a hospital, a charitable organization, a type of law, or a good deed. Perhaps you grew up singing “Zacchaeus was a wee little man” in Sunday School. So many of these scriptures hold significance in pop culture, church history, politics, and everything in between.

The creative team from A Sanctified Art writes, “As we studied these scriptures, we were struck by how Jesus’ ministry was rooted in relationships that disrupted the established social, political, and religious divides of his time. As modern readers, we sometimes lose the “shock factor” behind Jesus’ words, as his teaching tactics likely felt extreme for those in his context. He described a stigmatized Samaritan as a good neighbor. He emphasized the value of 1 sheep in a herd of 100. He dined with a tax collector who amassed wealth through extortion. While dying on the cross, he told a convicted criminal he would soon find paradise. Jesus intentionally highlighted the cultural and political polarities of his time to emphasize the radical, inclusive, and surprising love of God. When we study these stories in their historical and cultural context, we see how they mirror the cultural and political divides many of us experience in our families, churches, and communities today.

“This series is an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Each weekly sub-theme explores two supposed binaries, like “faith & works” or “rest & growth,” or “grief & hope.” We often consider these ideas to be opposing. However, as we explore these concepts within the scriptures, we find nuance and complexity. We find that these dichotomies are false. We might begin to see a full spectrum instead of black and white. We might find that God is present in between.

“And so, this season, we invite you to look beyond black and white binaries and easy answers. We encourage you to notice the dichotomies that define our lives, but also imagine where God might be meeting us beyond the categories we create. This theme may resonate with anyone who is in discernment or trying to find their way through an undefined space. It will speak to anyone who feels as if they are living in a divided world. It is for those who seek a spiritual life that engages with complexity instead of avoiding it. This Lent, we’re trusting that God shows up in shades of gray, rainbow hues, and everywhere in between.”

Special Lenten Worship Services

Ash Wednesday:

Wednesday, March 5th, 7pm

On this Ash Wednesday, we join Jesus as he “sets his face toward Jerusalem.” As Jesus makes his way toward Jerusalem, he is approached by people from local towns who promise to follow him. Jesus’ response is harsh, but urgent. He needs real commitment. He needs disciples who are willing to be rejected and persecuted - and who will embody hope, compassion, and peace along the way. It becomes apparent that these potential disciples aren’t quite ready for the task at hand. And so, as Lent begins, let us also ask ourselves: are we ready? Are we willing to be transformed? Will our

Palm Sunday:

Sunday, April 13th 8:30am and 10:30am

Jesus doesn’t instigate his own parade. Instead, just his quiet presence alone inspires the multitude to shout out and praise God. When the religious leaders try to silence the crowd, Jesus tells them that the noise level isn’t the point—

Maundy Thursday:

Thursday, April 17th, 7pm

In his final hours, Jesus redefines power through acts of humility, including sharing a final meal with his closest friends and those who will soon betray him. After breaking bread, the disciples argue about who is the greatest, but Jesus tells them that the greatest must be the least and the leader must be the servant, turning their hierarchy on its head. According to Jesus, humility is powerful, and real power is shown through humility. This service will look a little different than years past, as we gather around tables for handwashing and a more robust

Good Friday:

Friday, April 18th, 7pm

Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2310 E 4th St

We will celebrate a collaborative Good Friday service with our friends from Pilgrim Congregational Church and Glen Avon Presbyterian Church.

Beach Vigil:

Saturday, April 19th, 5pm Park Point

Come join us for an Easter Eve beach service on Park Point. We’ll gather at the Tot Lot beach area at 5:00pm. Enjoy a bonfire - there’s usually 15-20 of us, all ages welcome. Singing, scripture, prayer, communion. After the service, we roast marshmallows and eat s’mores.

Easter Sunday:

**Sunday, April 20th, 8:30am and 10:30am,
Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30am**

Grief is a healthy response to Jesus’ death and a valid way to enter worship on Easter morning. And yet, the women at the empty tomb are given hope amidst their mourning. The other disciples don’t believe the women’s message, but Peter, living in the in-between of grief and hope, runs to the tomb to see for himself. Grieving doesn’t have to make us hopeless. Hope can compel us to take action when we are deep in grief. Celebrate the hope and promise of the resurrection with us on Easter morning, and join us for a breakfast and Easter egg hunt at 9:30am between services!

Lenten Faith Formation Opportunities

Daily Devotional Cards

We will have sets of daily devotional cards available in the Narthex beginning on Ash Wednesday. You are invited to use these cards to deepen your own Lenten practice at home: on your own, with family, or with friends or spiritual companions.

Journey for Justice

See page 9 for more information

Bible Study:

**Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45pm in the
Fireside Room, March 12th -April 9th**

Pastor Corinne will lead the Bible Study in this season, using the *Everything In Between* devotional books to explore the coming Sunday’s scripture reading. We will use the art and poetry in the devotional books to deepen our conversations, and in each session, we will reflect on the binary being explored that week and place ourselves somewhere on the spectrum before and after our conversation.

Children, Youth and Families

Hello Peace Families,

The liturgical seasons of the year have often been a comfort to my life. Maybe they feel that way to you too!

Many times, they've felt like containers that I can pour the circumstances of my life into, giving me time to reflect and process the nuances of my own story and the stories of folks around me.

I like to imagine that in taking that time to reflect and process, I am wayfinding. I am engaged in a pilgrimage. At the end of pilgrimage most people find that our stories are bound up with the unfolding of a larger story - a story of, well ...everything.

We are about to enter the season of Lent, which is probably my favorite liturgical season (though not my favorite weather season in Duluth!). I was trying to think recently why Lent is my favorite season. It's not just because I'm a little bit emo (as the kids might say, lol) though that is also true. I think it's because it is the season where we dig into who Jesus was, as a human living on this planet. It feels real to me as we journey with Jesus on a pilgrimage that leads to the cross. There are big stakes at play. It's a *Choose Your Own Adventure* story, in which you consider "what would I do in times such as these?"

I am excited to explore these questions with our young folks in Children's Church. The curriculum we are using for Lent summarized the theme like this:

"As we study these (Lukan) scriptures, we are struck by how Jesus' ministry disrupted the established social, political, and religious divides of his time. Jesus intentionally pointed out cultural and political extremes to emphasize the radical, inclusive, and surprising love of God. When we study these stories in their historical and cultural context, we see how they mirror the divisions many of us experience in our families, churches, and communities today. Our theme, "Everything In Between," invites us to navigate the polarities in our lives with more ... openness to be transformed ... to look beyond black and white binaries and easy answers ... [we're encouraged] to notice the dichotomies that define our lives but also imagine where God might be meeting us beyond the categories we create. This Lent, we're trusting that God shows up in shades of gray, rainbow hues, and everywhere in between."

If we can help our young people to see where God shows up for us, in the everywhere in between, we can help them to know their belovedness. We can help them to commit fully to this project of living a "wild and precious" life. I hope in these tenuous times, your family will find space at Peace Church both, to pour into comfortable containers and break out of limiting categories. To know your belovedness, to be depended upon and to be supported by your spiritual family.

Below are some weekly activities that might help your family connect at Peace and some fun opportunities coming up. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to work with our children and youth. We are always happy to see you whenever you can be here! I encourage you to reach out to me at amanda@peaceucc.org with any questions, feedback, or ideas.

Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda

Acolyte training, March 23rd at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary.

Any kiddo Grade 3 through 8 can be trained to be an acolyte! This is a great way for your child to have a role with some responsibility within the service. Please let Amanda know if your child is interested in being a part of this meaningful tradition within the larger history of the church!

Nursery available for babies through Children aged 5.

Childcare is available in the nursery on Sunday mornings during the 10:30am service. We also offer childcare in the nursery on Wednesday nights, from 5:30-6:30pm. The Nursery is now located downstairs in the Sun Room, by the elevator.

Children's Church on Sunday mornings, during the 10:30am service.

After the "Story for All Ages," children pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Church in the Fireside Room.

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers who want to help during Children's Church are always welcome too!

If your child would prefer to remain with you in worship, we have self-guided activities available to you and your children in our Pray-Ground spaces, located in the Sanctuary and just outside of the Sanctuary near the Fireside Room. These spaces offer quiet activities where parents and kiddos can engage in play and creativity while still participating in worship.

Wednesday Night Programming Let us cook dinner for your family!

Please join us for a simple supper at 5pm.

Hungry Hippos Kids' Club (grades K- 2) and the **Garfield's Lasagna Kids' Club (grades 3-5)** meet from 5:30-6:15pm in the East Timor Room. Our Winter theme in Kids Club is exploring stories through Visual Art making! On March 5th we will be working with clay. March 12th and 19th we will be exploring fiber art and weaving. March 26th we wrap up our Visual Art unit with nature collages!

Middle School Youth (grades 6-8) meet from 6-7pm. Even if it is your youth member's first time attending, don't worry, they will be able to jump right in! Meetings this month will be a time for your youth to share about their week, build friendships, have fun, learn about the Bible, engage in spiritual practices and engage in service to our community.

Confirmation 1 (10th grade) and **Confirmation 2 (11th grade)** classes will meet this month on **March 5th (with mentors)** and **March 19th (no mentors)**. Confirmation classes will be attending the **Ash Wednesday Service** together on March 5th, so meet up in the Sanctuary a little before 7pm.

High School Youth Group LOCKIN is **March 22nd**! The first hour will be a Parent and Youth retreat, where we will discuss the results of the High School Youth Group Survey, have some dinner and make plans. Once parents take off, youth and chaperones will be locked-in for fun and fellowship! Look for the email with more details or reach out to Amanda with any questions.

Current OWL Classes meet from 5-6:30pm at UUCD March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

Questions about Our Whole Lives? Reach out to Amanda!

Do you want to be trained to be an **Our Whole Lives Facilitator**? This work is more relevant than ever. Every young person who goes through OWL also becomes a resource for their peers for accurate information about consent, bodily autonomy, reproductive health, empathy and equity. We particularly need male-identifying facilitators. If you would like to volunteer to be a facilitator for OWL please reach out to Amanda and we will find training for you!

Journey for Justice:

A 5-week series for Personal Growth and Reflection

Lent is a time for reflection, sacrifice and spiritual growth. If you are looking for a different experience during this Lenten season, consider *Journey for Justice*. Peace's Dismantling Racism Team worked to curate a list of anti-racism podcasts and videos to share with those interested in taking a personal growth journey for justice.

Journey for Justice, is a 5-week series broken up into a variety of anti-racism themes including Whiteness, White Privilege, Race and Identity and Stories of the Black Diaspora each with featured podcasts or videos that can be explored at your own pace. If you find small spaces in your day when listening is easier than reading, *Journey for Justice* might fit your lifestyle or provide you and your family with something different to do together this season.

For those interested in talking through *Journey for Justice* with others, we will offer two gatherings, one for introduction/orientation and a second gathering to discuss your responses, reflections and questions.

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025

Introduction: *Journey for Justice* 5:30-6:15pm, Music Room

Wednesday, April 9th, 2025

Discussion: *Journey for Justice* 5:30-7:00pm, Music Room

(Both sessions will be available for in-person or ZOOM participation.)

The *Journey for Justice* curated listening and viewing list can be found [here](#), or scan the QR code at the end of the article. We encourage you to explore this media and choose the order and selections that are most interesting to you. A list of reflection questions is provided for your consideration and you are encouraged to jot down your thoughts and bring them to the group discussion. **We welcome members of all ages to help us grow this body of media by share your own favorite podcasts or videos to expand our Justice Journey.**

Journey for Justice will be featured in weekly emails throughout the Lenten season. Thank you for your consideration as we make this journey through lent together.



CHUM News



CHUM is “People of faith working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community.”



Join the Chum bus to the Capitol!

Come join fellow Duluthians as we head to the State Capitol to speak to lawmakers about Duluth's need for funding of shelter and housing solutions and sufficient support to address mental illness and addiction.

Two ways to register: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5164424>



OR use the QR code

The CHUM Assembly took place on Tuesday, February 18th at Gloria Dei Church. Here are the highlights:

- Specific Food Shelf Need Assignment - Laurie Berner officially signed us up to be given a specific donation item that CHUM needs for the Food Shelf. We can still donate what we want above and beyond, but we will have a specific item. Laurie will communicate what that is as soon as she knows. Thank you to all who donate food and other items! There is a basket across from the office for donations.
- Two new congregations joined the CHUM family of churches: Duluth Bible Church and The Vineyard. We are now up to 44 congregations.
- Pam Kramer was officially voted in to begin a regular term on the Board. She has been an intermediary taking the place of someone who needed to resign. Thank you Pam for your service!
- CHUM made some changes in their Constitution that will be voted on in April.
- John Cole shared that the expansion project is underway. The third floor of the Damiano Center has been under demolition for six weeks. It is predicted that CHUM will be able to move into that space in June. The construction on the existing building will then begin. The project will take at least a 12-18 months.

Peace People



Peace Prayer Chain

Please call the church office (218-724-3637) or Linda Goese (218-341-0918) with your prayer concerns. You can let us know whether or not to share your concern with the pastor for inclusion in Sunday morning prayers.

Would you like to participate in our Prayer Chain? Contact Lynn Devlin or Linda

Keep in Your Prayers

- All our members living in long-term care facilities: Joyce Riggle at Park Point, Mike Nugent at the Silver Bay Veterans Home, Steve Coll at St. Anne's, Amanda Cran at Bishop Woods, Sharon Kirtley at Viewcrest, Marlis Cran at Aftenro, Ellyn Wiens at Keystone Bluffs, and others.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Stephen Dando, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Phyllis Cook, Laura Tonkin, and others.

Change Your Clocks!



Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00am, Sunday, March 9th. Set your clock one hour ahead!

Photographers needed! No experience or special equipment required!



Our growing and busy faith family needs more photographers. Mostly it would be for special events.....if we could put you on an 'on call' list we would say THANK YOU. Let Bri in the office know if you're interested.

Peace Church Cookbook still Available!



If you missed out on your chance to get your copy of the Peace Church Cookbook don't worry we still have plenty available. Please stop by the Church Office on Sundays 8am - Noon and Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm. The cookbooks are \$10 per book.

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Volunteer Schedules

Monday Meals for Loaves and Fishes

Peace volunteers make and deliver meals for **Loaves and Fishes Dorothy Day House** on Monday evenings. Usually meals need to serve 10-15 persons. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, email office@peaceucc.org or access the schedule on our website under the menu "for volunteers."

March 3rd - Open **March 10th - Open**
March 17th - Open **March 24th - Open**
March 31st - Open

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Every Sunday our 11:30 Coffee Hour is brought to you by our Coffee Hour Volunteers.

March 2nd
Cathy Ameal, Pam Kramer, Lori Williams, & Glenn Merrick

March 9th
Jen Pearson & Laura Greensmith

March 16th
Stacey Stark

March 23rd **March 30th**
Open **Open**

Wednesday Night Meals

Every Wednesday Peace Church has our Wednesday night meals whether its soup or a special meal. We look for volunteers to help set up, bring soup, or serve and clean up.

March 5th
Set - Up - **2 Spots Open**
Soup - **5 Spots Open**
Vegetarian Soup - **2 Spots Open**
Bread - **4 Spots Open**
GF Bread - **2 Spots Open**
Clean up - **3 Spots Open**

March 12th
Set - Up - **2 Spots Open**
Soup - **5 Spots Open**
Vegetarian Soup - **2 Spots Open**
Bread - **4 Spot Open**
GF Bread - **2 Spots Open**
Clean up - **3 Spots Open**

March 19th
Set - Up - **2 Spots Open**
Soup - **5 Spots Open**
Vegetarian Soup - **2 Spots Open**
Bread - **4 Spot Open**
GF Bread - **2 Spots Open**
Clean up - **3 Spots Open**

March 26th
Set - Up - **2 Spots Open**
Soup - **5 Spots Open**
Vegetarian Soup - **2 Spots Open**
Bread - **4 Spot Open**
GF Bread - **2 Spots Open**
Clean up - **3 Spots Open**

Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers

Sunday morning hospitality is an important ministry at Peace. If interested in being a lay reader contact Bri at office@peaceucc.org.

8:30 Ushering

March 2nd
Ushers - Cyndi Brown
1 Spot open
Lay Reader - **Open**

March 9th
Ushers - **2 Spots open**
Lay Reader - **Open**

March 16th
Ushers - Tom & Monica Liddle
Lay Reader - Monica Liddle

March 23rd
Ushers - Gayle & Jack Kelly
Lay Reader - **Open**

March 30th
Usher - Cyndi Brown & Deb McLeod
Lay Reader - **Open**

10:30 Ushering

March 2nd
Greeters - **2 Spots open**
Ushers - **3 Spots open**
Head Usher - Laurie Berner
Lay Reader - **Open**

March 9th
Greeters - **2 Spots open**
Ushers - **3 Spots open**
Head Usher - Phyllis Cook
Lay Reader - **Open**

March 16th
Greeters - **2 Spots open**
Ushers - **3 Spots open**
Head Usher - Phyllis Cook
Lay Reader - **Open**

March 23rd
Greeters - **2 Spots open**
Ushers - **3 Spots open**
Head Usher - Phyllis Cook
Lay Reader - **Open**

March 30th
Greeters - **2 Spots open**
Ushers - **3 Spots open**
Head Ushers - Phyllis Cook
Lay Reader - **Open**

Damiano Community Kitchen

Peace volunteers help prepare and serve a meal at Damiano Community Kitchen twice a month. Each shift needs 2-3 volunteers, bring a friend or a youth, 16 and up! To sign up email the office at office@peaceucc.org.

Sunday, March 9th
1:30-3:30pm - Diane & Mike Swanoski
1 Spot Open

4:30-6:30pm - Robin Davidson
2 Spots Open

Saturday, March 22nd
8:30-10:30am - **3 Spots Open**
11:00-1:00pm - Peggy Skylondz
1 Spot Open
1:30-3:30pm - **3 Spots Open**
4:30-6:30pm - **3 Spots Open**



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Welcome to worship with Peace Church, every Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am

If you would like to be on our email list to receive notices of church events, please send an email request to the church office: office@peaceucc.org

PEACE CHURCH STAFF

Lead Pastor: Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis
 Music Director: Jim Pospisil
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 Pastoral Care Chaplain: Rev. Laurie Crelly

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