



APRIL 2023

The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Holy Week at Peace

April 2 Palm Sunday

Meditations: Peter, Mary and John
 8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
 9:30am and 11:40am Stepping on Up presentations
 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion
 Ballet by Minnesota Ballet students
 5:00 Taize Worship

April 6 Maundy Thursday

6:00pm Soup Supper
 7:00pm Worship with Hand/Foot washing and Holy Communion

April 7 Good Friday

7:00pm Good Friday Service
 Glen Avon Presbyterian Church
 2105 Woodland Avenue, Duluth

April 8 Holy Saturday

5:00pm Holy Saturday Beach Service
 Tot Lot off Minnesota Avenue, Duluth
 7:00pm Holy Saturday Vigil
 (gather in the lower parking lot)

April 9 Easter Sunday

Sermon by Pastor Budd Friend-Jones
 8:30am Worship
 9:30am Breakfast and Egg Hunt
 10:30 Worship
 (No coffee hour following the 10:30)



Tree of Life by Leah Yellowbird hangs in Peace's sanctuary. The Tree of Life represents the connectness of all forms of creation, the sacredness of all forms of life. Yellowbird, an Anishinaabe artist blends traditional motifs with a modern style— one that looks like the traditional beadwork she has done for years. With her permission, this image will guide our Easter worship.

Sundays of Easter

April 16 Second Sunday of Easter Orthodox Easter

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion,
 Sermon by Pastor Budd Friend-Jones
 9:30am Forum: Bob Tavani House
 10:30am Service of the Word
 Sermon by Pastor Budd Friend-Jones
 11:30am Coffee Hour

April 23 Third Sunday of Easter

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
 Sermon by Gudrun Witrak, Chaplain
 9:30am Forum: One Roof Community Housing
 10:30am Service of the Word
 Sermon by Gudrun Witrak, Chaplain
 11:30am Coffee Hour

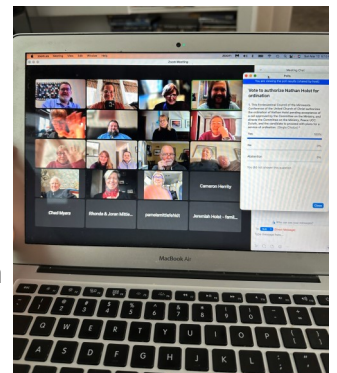
April 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
 Sermon by Pastor Budd Friend-Jones
 9:30am Forum: Loaves and Fishes Community
 10:30am Service of the Word
 Sermon by Pastor Budd Friend-Jones
 11:30 Spring Fling (Intergenerational Spring Event)

Congratulations, Nathan!

On a cold, snowy Sunday afternoon, Zoom made it possible for Nathan's Ecclesiastical Council to go on as scheduled. After his presentation and then questions and answers, the Council unanimously approved him "eligible for ordination pending a call to an ordained position in the United Church of Christ.

Nathan is the first candidate in the Minnesota Conference to reach this by way of an alternative path to ordination, meaning a self-directed, Committee on Ministry-approved, combination of classroom education and practical experience. You can hear Nathan's presentation on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KmeWLUQqAk>



Faith Formation at Peace

Sunday 9:30am Forums

Faith and Service

"I was without a home, and you sheltered me."
Faith Forums during April focus on ministries of hospitality and shelter.

April 2 Stepping On Up Joel Kilgour (repeated at 11:40)

Shelter Next provides safe and supportive housing on the way to a more permanent home. Residents live in a small community with support services on site 24/7. Shelter Next is one piece of a larger plan called Stepping On Up, a collaborative effort among Duluth's shelter providers, the City of Duluth, St. Louis County, and various service providers. This forum provides information about a possible partnership with Peace. Joel Kilgour is Project Organizer.

April 9 Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

April 16 Bob Tavani Medical Respite House

Opened in 2018 in the vacant parsonage that belongs to First Covenant Church, this house provides respite care for homeless individuals who are released from the hospital and in need of a place to continue recovering. Care is provided by volunteers working alongside staff from Loaves and Fishes. Monica Liddle has been involved in the establishment of the house and Mike Swanoski is on the Board of Directors.

April 23 One Roof Community Housing

Everyone deserves a home. One Roof has made it possible for folks with limited resources to become home owners. They offer education, housing counseling, affordable home purchase, rental options and more. They are partners in Stepping On Up and will help provide a Shelter Next facility. Jeff Corey, Executive Director, will lead this forum.

April 30 Loaves and Fishes:

Loaves and Fishes is a community inspired by the Catholic Worker Movement. They offer family-style hospitality to people experiencing homelessness. It is an entirely volunteer organization. Tone Lanzillo has been a member of the community for more than five years and staffed the Dorothy Day House much of that time. Tone will present information and answer questions about the ways in which this vibrant community engages in justice and merciful ministries.

Spiritual Journey Group Mondays, April 3rd and 17th 7:00pm via Zoom

We meet on Zoom the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00pm to reflect on our spiritual journeys and how life is calling us. We use a poem or short reading to center our reflection, followed by a few minutes of journaling and the opportunity to share. Email Gary Boelhower for the Zoom link at gboelhower@msn.com. Newcomers welcome.

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 5:00pm

Our Bible study, led by Tom Liddle and Bob Stevens, has met in a "room and zoom" during Lent. We're reconsidering our format—let Kay Stevens know your preference!



Maundy Thursday, April 6 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Worship

"A new commandment I give to you, that you should love one another as I have loved you." On this night we remember Jesus' humble act of washing his disciples feet and his mandate that we, too, should serve each other.

Monday Book Group April 3 and 17 3:00pm

Is Christ simply Jesus's last name? How is Christ's function or role different from Jesus's? In his book, *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe*, Richard Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world.

"God loves things by becoming them," he writes, and Jesus's life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God, and more about learning to recognize the Creator's presence all around us and in everyone we meet.

We will meet at 3:00pm on April 3rd and 17th. For our first discussion we will focus on the introduction and chapters 1-3. There are several copies of the book available in the church office. Contact pcragun@d.umn.edu if you would like the Zoom link.

Peace Activities

Tea and Talk April 5th, 3:00pm

Tea and Talk falls during Holy Week and it seems a good time to explore various understandings of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. What does this central story of our faith mean to you? What questions does it raise? What are some of the different (though all Christian) meanings of this important event? Talk with Pastor Charlotte and others as we explore the meanings of this Holy Week.

Annie's House

Peace is partnering with Annie's House, a home for young mothers and their children, to provide childcare during a weekly course for the mothers. We are looking for 3-4 volunteers each Thursday, with a special invitation for members of our youth group to sign-up!

When: April 13, 20, 27
May 4, 11, 18
3:45-6:15pm

Where: Annie's House on Woodland Avenue
Contact Ellen Hamel, 651-757-7415, for more information.

All volunteers will need a background check. Plans are underway for an orientation in April.

PALS Railroad Museum and Dinner April 27

The April PALS event is a visit to the Railroad Museum at the Depot. Ken Buehler, the museum director, will be our guide on the tour. The date is Thursday, April 27. The start time is 3:30. Admission to the museum is \$14. If we have 20 in our group the price drops to \$11. More detail will follow in early April.

The folks at Grandma's Restaurant are expecting us for supper after the museum visit.

Future events:

May 31 — visit to the Langer farm
June 22 — Huskie's baseball game

Prayer Care "Pray for One Another."

Would you like to be participate in our Prayer Chain? Peace members are notified when one of us has a need for prayers for family members or friends. The Prayer Chain joins us in great Circle of Caring! Contact Gudrun Witrak (gwitrak@gmail.com), Lynn Devlin, or Linda Goese!

Intergenerational Event

Spring Fling April 30 11:30-1:30

Partly Earth Day, partly May Day, partly Welcome, Spring—Stay after worship on April 30 and join the fun! Food and Fellowship will provide lunch. Activities for children and families, maybe some work on the church gardens, maybe some music and dancing! If you'd like to help organize this fun event, or if you have ideas to share, come to a planning meeting on Thursday, April 13, 4:00pm. Or contact Nathan, (nathan@peaceucc.org).

Men's Breakfast

Every other Thursday 8:00am

Join us for breakfast and conversation! We meet every other Thursday at 8:00am at The New London Cafe on East Superior Street. We will meet Thursday, April 6th and 20th

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy Monday, April 24th, 5:00-6:00pm

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 virtual group. The group meets monthly. Please email the office for the Zoom link.



Taizé Worship Sunday, April 2 5:00pm

Quiet, contemplative worship the first Sunday each month. Begin Holy Week with candlelight and quiet moments.

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 8 7:00pm

Gather in the lower parking lot around the fire and join in retelling the creation story. From there we move inside for readings that remind us of the long wait for the Messiah's coming. Chant with us in the tunnel and then gather in the sanctuary around the baptismal font for stories of rebirth and renewal.

Children, Youth and Families



*"Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in."
~Leonard Cohen*

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth April Plans

After all the Lent suppers together, we're shifting back into the usual youth group rhythm in April. Come join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00 in the fellowship hall food, hang out time, and a chance to build some great friendships!

Children's Church in the Spring

Come join us for Children's Church each Sunday during the 10:30 service! We've consistently had a group of about 10-15 kids, youth, and adults and it's a ton of fun. The basic idea is that kids stay for the service until Story for All Ages, leave for Children's Church for 20-30 min (where we might sing, do art, or tell stories with puppets), and then come back with the adults for communion/offering. All kids and youth (and parents!) are welcome to join.

Nursery

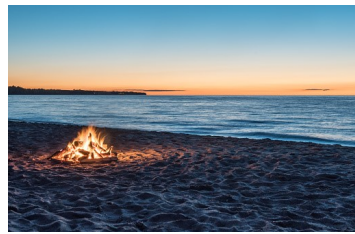
We offer nursery for our children at Peace Church. Based on feedback from parents, we will have staff in our nursery rooms (past our church office and back through the children's library). Staff will be available there during the 10:30 service. Parents, please make sure to fill out the sign in/out sheet with your information before you drop off/pick up your kids. Please let us know if there are needs we are missing or any questions/concerns that you have as parents. Thanks!



Parents of Nursery Age
Children ate breakfast together
Sunday, March 26

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

Come eat breakfast with Peace families! Join us for breakfast at 9:30 on Easter morning, Sunday, April 9th, in the Fellowship Hall. At 10:00am, we'll hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt (also in the fellowship hall). We'll have lots of eggs filled with goodies—it's always a lot of fun! Middle school youth (and parents!) will prepare for the breakfast and egg hunt on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am in the fellowship hall. We'll do some prep for the breakfast and fill the eggs with goodies! (No forum at 9:30).



Easter Eve Worship on the Beach

Come join us for an Easter Eve beach service on Park Point. We'll gather the Tot Lot beach area at 5:00pm. Enjoy a bonfire—there's usually 15-20 of us. We often have families with kids join us and we have some who come specifically to this very special service next to Lake Superior. There's singing with guitar leading us, scripture reading, prayer, communion, and a ritual connecting to the lake. After the service, we roast marshmallows and eat s'mores.



Summer Plans

Peace Village Summer Day Camp (formerly known as VBS!)

When: June 12 - 16 from 9am - 12:30pm

Where: Peace Church

Ages: Entering Grades K - 5

Cost: Free (And we mean it!) *Donations to support the program can be made payable to Peace Church with "Peace Village" in the memo line.*

The philosophy of Peace Village begins with the belief that collaboration within our communities is essential to peacemaking. Therefore, this camp is a joint offering between Peace Church and UUUCD with the goal of increasing congregational involvement in the coming years. Peace Village is a multicultural day camp with the mission to provide a fun, educational environment in which children can learn the messages and practices of non-violence and peacemaking from various world traditions. All activities encourage respect for racial and cultural diversity. The Peace Village curriculum focuses on using Mindful Movement, Connecting to Nature, and Media Literacy to prepare campers for the development of real skill in Conflict Resolution.

Core values of Peace Village:

- We recognize and encourage each human being's inherent potential for inner peace.
- We believe a connection to nature inspires and sustains human beings as they strive to cultivate a sense of peacefulness.
- We believe creating an awareness of the media's impact on society is necessary for the promotion of peace within the individual and the community.
- We know that cultivating inner strength gives each of us the best chance to succeed at resolving conflict.

In studying international peacemakers, we give our campers real models for creating a peaceful world. Acknowledging that we all encounter the challenge of conflict, often in our daily lives, Peace Village integrates its core curriculum with music and the arts to inspire and empower campers to make significant changes in the world. Peace Village is a place to make friends, to learn, to grow, and to practice peacebuilding.

Parents are invited to join us on Friday, June 16 at 12:15pm for our closing circle and a picnic lunch.

Volunteers Needed for Peace Village Summer Camp

Do you love working with kids and youth? Do you love the idea of helping to build a peaceful planet? If so, consider volunteering to be a Peace Village camp counselor. We're looking for adults and youth (ages 11 - 17) to help in a variety of camp leadership roles. Camp will be held June 12 - 16 from 9 am - 12:30 at Peace Church with a volunteer orientation shortly before the week. Reach out to Nathan Holst to learn more at nathan@peaceucc.org.

Summer High School Trip Room for One More

If you missed the deadline for our high school trip to Washington DC, we have good news—we have one more spot open! The **Peace high school summer youth group trip to Washington DC is from July 21-28**. We'll be joining the MN conference for this trip, which mean we'll join a whole bunch of other youth from other congregations around the state. We'll be doing some training and lobbying on capital hill with legislators. If you're interested, contact Nathan at nathan@peaceucc.org.

Middle School Camping Trip Friday – Sunday, August 11– 13

We're headed to Camp Amnicon for a few days of fun in the outdoors. Middle school youth (incoming 6th graders to incoming 8th graders) —join us for our camping trip in August! Activities include swimming, hiking, S'more making/eating, sleeping in tents, and just getting to know each other better. This has often been the trip that starts great new friendships that last throughout the year. We leave early afternoon on Friday, August 11 and return before lunch on Sunday, August 13. See Nathan for more information or contact him to sign up at nathan@peaceucc.org.

New Members

William 'Tres' Commer

Tres' wife is named Eleanor and they have two cats, Myka and Leena. He is a registered nurse and enjoys playing the guitar, lifting weights, and baking. Tres took seven years of Latin but did not go to Catholic school! When he first came to Peace, he was looking for an open, supportive, and progressive spiritual community and he found one with us.



Lisa Ronnquist and Sage Matthews

Lisa and Sage are a mother and daughter duo, and they also have a dog named Belle. Lisa and Sage started to come to Peace with their really good friend Louise Guggisberg and stayed because of the sense of togetherness, the people, and the acceptance of the church and the congregation. Lisa enjoys being an advocate for those who don't have a voice and making them happy. Sage enjoys being active, playing sports and becoming closer to God.



Andrew 'Andy' Cragun

Andrew has come to Peace since he was a teenager with his family Roger & Penny Cragun. He works in Media production and enjoys spending time with his cat Lulu. He also likes to listen to music as well as playing the violin.



John and Maria Sheldrake

John and Maria have three adult children, Susie, Matthew, and Sapphire. They also have 2 cats, White Scruff and Merp, a rabbit named Marshmellow, and a bearded dragon named Solaria. John's career is in fine arts and Maria is an optometrist. John likes the outdoors, hiking, bicycling, and rock climbing along with painting and drawing; he would like to get into woodworking. Maria likes to dance, read, and listen to music; she also likes to hike and dabble in knitting and crocheting. They both came to Peace to be a part of a Christian community who welcomed all



LGBTQ, does what Jesus preached: love God, and love your neighbor. They both feel a sense of belonging at Peace,

Louise Guggisberg

Louise has a son, Alex, and she is an IT Project Manager. She enjoys gardening, hiking, and baking. She came to Peace with Lisa and Sage because of the great music, the caring community and the fact that we are involved with social justice issues. She loves helping out our community and is looking forward to volunteering with CHUM and Damiano.



Susan 'Sue' North

Sue is married to Mike who belongs to First Congregational Church in Brainard and they have two adult children, Jennifer who lives in Denver and Thomas who lives in Brainard. She also has a dog that she loves to walk, especially on the weekends



when her husband comes to visit, and a cat, Angel. Sue is a dietician at Ecumen Lakeshore and for a time she lived in Alaska. Sue loves playing Rummikub and gardening in her spare time. She came to Peace because of the hands on activisms of Peace, commitment to justice, and engagement in the community.

Susie Sheldrake

Susie is the daughter of Maria and John. Susie was born on a military base in California and is half Mexican on her mom's side. She enjoys the outdoors, hiking and skiing, and she also enjoys arts and crafts, jewelry making, drawing, and painting. She has felt very welcomed here and is excited to be a part of an amazing community. Susie is getting ready to begin a career in the Navy, and wants to stay in touch while she's gone.

A Word for Justice

Foy Scholarships

Applications are now being received for Foy Scholarships, given in honor of Rev. Arthur Foy. Pastor Foy died in a car accident in 2004 while he was serving St. Mark AME. Application and recommendation forms can be found at <https://www.peaceucc.org/rev-arthur-foy-iii-scholarship/>. Deadline for applications is April 21. If you know students of color, please encourage them to apply. We hope to announce awards at the 29:11 concert, May 6.

From Immigrant Welcoming Initiative

Maria Villasmil is available to do occasional house cleaning. If you are interested, contact Mary Adams (maryadams924@gmail.com).

Halima Amiri is looking for a summer internship in IT or computer technology. She is a student at St. Scholastica working toward a degree in Computer Information Systems. If you have a helpful information for her, please contact Pastor Charlotte (charlotte@peaceucc.org) or Gary Boelhower (gboelhower@msn.com).

Never Again

If you have a copy of this book by David Hogg and would like to recycle it, drop it by the church office. Students at East are reading it as they process the continuing news of school shootings.

Earth Day April 22	"If speaking kindly to plants helps them grow. Imagine what speaking kindly to humans can do."
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National UCC Earth Day Summit

Saturday, April 22 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

National UCC **Summit** (virtual on Zoom) featuring renowned climate activist, theologian, and author Jim Antal as the keynote speaker and a panel of expert Minnesota organizers

[REGISTER](#)

Saturday 1:30 - 3:00 PM CST

A program held at Mayflower Church, both in person and live-streamed

Music, prayer, a call to Action and a Readers' Theatre presentation "Hope From the Front

Lines," personal stories of courage and hope from rural, small town and urban Minnesota. It's possible that **St. Mark Giving Garden** might be on of the "Front Line" stories of hope!

[REGISTER](#)

Survey for Audit of Duluth Police Department

Zeitgeist's Healthy Hillside Leadership team is working to create awareness of an opportunity to report on interactions with police in Duluth. An independent organization has been hired by the City of Duluth to conduct a racial bias audit of the Duluth Police Dept. One of their steps in that process is an anonymous survey of Duluth citizens (And those who work in Duluth). Please share this survey link. It would be really helpful for Hillside residents to have a loud voice in this survey. Go to: https://surveys.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8hKGzwooljhTlaO

Special Offering April 16 and 23

Bob Tavani House

Each month we seek to raise funds to support the Christian Service portion of our church budget. We hope to raise \$900 for the Bob Tavani House. Any funds over and above will given to similar organizations included in Peace's budget.



Stepping On Up: Shelter Next Forums on April 2

On Sunday, April 2, Joel Kilgrou will make a presentation to Peace members and friends at 9:30 and again at 11:40. Peace has the opportunity to partner with Stepping on Up in responding to the lack of affordable housing in Duluth and the need for shelter. The Property subcommittee is exploring this possibility and the Coordinating Council recently heard Joel's presentation. Stepping On Up is an exciting and innovative collaboration among shelters, human services and faith communities. Please make an effort to attend, ask questions, and learn more.

News from the Church Council

From Joan Peterson, Moderator

As always, the Council has discussed interesting and challenging issues on behalf of the congregation. The financial health of the church is at the top of the list of concerns given that, in January, we passed a budget with a significant deficit. Thanks to Pastor Charlotte's diligence as she poured over pledging units and those who have continued to give to the church but have not pledged, the numbers look less onerous. That is a relief but still a concern. COVID, plus some difficult transitions during the past 2 years have affected Peace Church in many ways. The Council is working very hard both on the financials and on finding ways to welcome members back to church and to welcome new members.

Part of our budget deficit is due to lack of rent for our educational wing after the daycare closed. The Council heard a presentation from Joel Kilgour about Stepping On Up, a program that would house homeless people for 6-12 months while they look for more permanent housing. We were intrigued with this idea as it certainly fits with the mission of Peace Church. We want the congregation to also hear about this collaboration because it would be a very different way of using our space. We want to make sure that it would be both financially and operationally sound before any final decisions are made.

We need your help and your input. Joel will make a presentation on April 2nd during the 9:30 forum and after church at 11:40 so as many members as possible can hear about the possibilities.

Pastor Budd has been providing the Council with his insights into our church and is focused on inviting people to be engaged and connected with Peace as we prepare for a new settled pastor. We appreciate his quiet but stable presence at meetings as he observes Peace from the perspective of someone bridging a gap in pastoral leadership. If March 26th was any indication of a new energy and commitment to Peace, we are going in the right direction. The pews were full. Coffee hour felt energetic with lots of laughter, conversations and connecting with each other. Maybe it was the spring-like weather that added a spring to our togetherness.

Some members of the Council were privileged to be voting members to approve of Pastor Nathan's ordination status pending a call. It was an emotional time for Nathan and his family and a time of celebration as Peace has sponsored Nathan during this time of education and preparation for his eventual ordination.

McLeAnd last, I can't say enough about the office staff as they have worked together to improve our data bases and helping with new ways of doing things. One of these is the integration of a QR code with our e-giving platform. I hope you will try it and use it. If you don't have cash or don't carry a check book, but you do have a cell phone, it's now easier to donate or add to your pledge while sitting in the pews. Council member Melissa Boyle and Stewardship committee member Kelli Halston- Erickson designed the blue cards now in the pew racks. Office staff is also working on improving the program that tracks members and, with the help of Janell Kohls and Cindy an, updating our website. Thanks to Business Manager Rachel Obed, Office Coordinator Bri Dornbush and bookkeeper Mali Lorentz for their diligence in moving Peace forward into a changing world. And to Pastor Charlotte for supervising these changes.

**Peace Church
Annual Rummage Sale
Sale May 20**

Clean out your closets and plan to bring your "stuff" to church
May 18 and 19

Proceeds to Peace Church

Giving is Easier than Ever!

Check out the QR code! It will take you to www.myvanco.com and you'll find several categories for your giving. You can give electronically to the general budget of the church by using the Regular Offering button. You can support local groups like CHUM, Bob Tavani House, or others by clicking on Local. Community Funds. More changes may be coming. Thank you, Mali, Cindy McLean, Melissa Boyle and others who have worked to make giving more convenient!





Highlights from CHUM’s Winter Assembly

By Rev. Patricia Benson, Organizer

In 1996, when CHUM moved to its present location, the shelter provided for 30 individuals. In the years since, homelessness and Duluth’s unsheltered population has grown considerably and CHUM continues to find ways to meet the need. The following announcements were shared at the February 28th Winter Assembly:

SafeBay In a few weeks' time we will begin serving another segment of the unsheltered population that has never had service before. In the first phase of the Stepping On Up program, Chum will provide shelter to persons experiencing homelessness and living in vehicles.

Chum Refresh - Shelter Upgrade We are going to complete the upgrade of the Chum Shelter Center facility -- dorms have been repainted; new lockers will be introduced for storage of guest belongings, the walls and floors will be resurfaced, and the entrance upgraded.

Authorized Outdoor Living Zones During the summer, we will be establishing authorized outdoor living zones (AOLZ), that will provide safe secured spaces for those who currently utilize the Warming Center in winter time, to reside.

Shelter Expansion We have outgrown our present building on 2nd Street. We need space to shelter more people and staff. Congress has given us \$2M to do this, and we are hoping to get another \$2.5M from the state. By 2025, we expect to see new and expanding facilities dominating the 2nd Street landscape.

Staff Growth When we moved to the current building in 1996, we provided shelter for about 30 individuals. We had 30 staff members then. Today we have 108 and will need more to support the increased numbers of persons we hope to serve in our expanded facility and via Stepping On Up.

CHUM is hiring!

Currently CHUM has twelve open positions. If you know someone interested, please pass this word along. They need support staff, family coaches, youth advocates, early childhood teachers, a project developer, and many other positions to be filled. All of their open positions can be found here: <https://www.chumduluth.org/employment>

Thursday Night Meals

On the third Thursday of each month, Peace provides a hot meal for the Drop In Center. If you are willing to provide some of the ingredients for the meals, contact Bri in the church office and ask to be put on the email distribution list. She'll email you when we get the list of needed items and you can choose what you'd like to bring. We also make peanut butter sandwiches which are distributed as an evening snack.

Peace Delegates to CHUM

Each congregation that belongs to CHUM is entitled to two delegates who serve as a liaison between the congregation and CHUM. Delegates attend meetings about once a quarter to learn about CHUM and receive updates via emails. Our delegates relate to the Acting for Social Justice Hub which, in turn, helps figure out how Peace can respond to CHUM requests and initiatives.

If you are interested in serving as a CHUM delegate or you would like to recommend someone, please contact Monica Liddle (monimiddle@gmail.com) or Pastor Charlotte (charlotte@peaceucc.org). Current delegates are Louise Hawley and Annette Strom.



Thank you for your gifts to the food shelf during Minnesota Food Share month!

Volunteer Schedules

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Coffee Hour volunteers help set up, serve and clean up after coffee hour. Additionally, please bring 2-3 dozen cookies or bars or an equivalent veggie or fruit.

If you are willing to help out one Sunday in April, please contact Kelli Connell (fennyness@gmail.com).

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."

Damiano Community Kitchen

Peace volunteers help prepare and serve a meal at Damiano Community Kitchen on the second Sunday and fourth Saturday of each month.

April 9

1:30-3:30 meal prep

Tom and Christine Day, and April Knight

4:30-6:30 meal serving and clean up

Pam Kramer, and Mike and Diane Swanoski

April 22

Sign up through our website if you are interested in helping!

Thursday Chum Dinner April 20th

Peace makes dinner for the drop in center on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Cathy Carlson keeps us apprised of the menu and needed items—Donations of food are always welcome! Let us know if you'd like to be on the email list to provide food and/or help make sandwiches or deliver food to Chum. Contact the church office at 218-724-3637.

Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers

Sunday morning hospitality is an important ministry at Peace. Your welcoming presence and assistance during worship makes a huge difference. If you are willing to serve as an usher, greeter or lay reader, let us know by sending an email to office@peaceucc.org.

Wanted

Marcie Tuggle is looking for large piece puzzles (with all the pieces). If you have one or two to give her, please bring them to office.

Peace People

Keep in Your Prayers

- All our members living in long-term care facilities: Joyce Riggles at Park Point; Mike Nugent at the Silver Bay Veterans Home; Steve Coll at St. Anne's; Amanda Cran at Bishop Woods and Sharon Kirtley at Viewcrest.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Stephen Dando, Terrie Shannon, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Marg Paulson, Sam Peterson, Geof Witrak and others.

Thank You

- Halima Amiri for the presentation on personal health records March 5.
- Dan Shepard, Cathy and Kirby Wood, and Cathy Ameel for helping set up coffee hour on March 5th
- Jim Pospisil, Janell Kohls, Tim Peters, Bud Trnka, Pam Kramer, Laurie Berner, and Louise Hawley for sponsoring new members
- Everyone who donated coats for Cats for Jail
- Choir, Youth Group, Council, Bible Study, and Worship & Arts for providing soup for the Lenten Soup Suppers
- "Dear Staff at Peace, Thanks for everything you do!"- Barbara Hanka, Mark, & Crystal
- Gary Boelhower for preaching March 19, leading the Lenten meditation on March 22, and playing the part of Lazarus on March 26.



Gary Boelhower played the part of Lazarus on March 26th. Script by Pastor Charlotte who preached on "Resurrection in the Present Tense." A copy of her manuscript is available on the Peace website.

Our Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dave Cave on the occasion of Bev's death on February 1st. Bev and Dave were members of Peace. [Click here](https://www.hartleyfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Beverly-Cave), or go to <https://www.hartleyfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Beverly-Cave>.

Bob Sullivan died March 24. We hold Amy and Liam as well as Bob's family in our hearts and prayers. Arrangements are being made for a celebration of his life in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Nominations

Easter Flowers

Nominations for Church Council

Are you interested in learning more about what goes on "behind the scenes" at Peace Church? Do you like being involved in deep discussions and decision-making? Do you value Peace Church and its mission in our community? If any of these ring true for you, please know that the Coordinating Council is currently seeking nominations for the 2023-2024 council. You can contact any of the council members for more information. Additionally, prospective council members are encouraged to attend a council meeting prior to the June congregational meeting when the new council is elected. The next council meetings are scheduled for April 18th and May 16th at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room.

Please [click here](#) to access the nomination form and submit nominations via email or on paper form to the office by Sunday, May 7. The open positions for the coming year are: Vice Moderator (3-year commitment, as the Vice Moderator moves into the Moderator role, then serves a final year as Past Moderator), Spiritual Life Chair, Education Chair, Secretary, Treasurer (2-year commitments). If you wish to nominate someone, please contact them first to confirm they are willing to serve in this way. Note that because there are only 5 positions open, not all nominated names will be elected to the council.

Council members generally sign on for a two-year term, and commit to meeting at least monthly to conduct the business of the church. Monthly meeting agendas include reviews of monthly financials, committee reports, and pastoral reports. The council will also be engaged in the coming year in supporting the transition team and pastoral search committee.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



Help us beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

If you wish to have a lily placed in memory or honor of someone, please complete the form below and return it in the offering or to the office by Monday April 3rd.

The price per plant is \$20.

I would like to order _____ Lilies at a cost of \$20/plant.

Total cost: \$_____

Checks should be made out to Peace Church and marked "Lilies"

From: _____

In Memory of _____

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Welcome to worship at Peace Church—Sunday Worship at 8:30am & 10:30am

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