



Peace

United Church of Christ

Sundays in June

Sunday, June 7

Annual Meeting Sunday

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

9:30am Indoor Worship with Communion
Children's Church

10:30am Annual Meeting

11:15am Potluck Lunch

Sunday, June 14

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

9:30am Indoor Worship
NO Children's Church

10:30am Coffee Hour

Forum: Capital Campaign Projects

Sunday, June 21

**Sermon by Rev. Kathryn Tiede, Lutheran Social
Service of Minnesota**

9:30am Indoor Worship
Children's Church

10:30am Coffee Hour

11:00am St. Mark AME Father's Day Brunch & Foy
Scholarship Award Ceremony

Sunday, June 28

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

9:30am Indoor Worship with Communion
NO Children's Church

10:30am Coffee Hour

Liturgies for Resisting Empire Discussion

Sundays in July

Sunday, July 5

Sermon by Rev. Kayla Coffee-Prose

9:30am Outdoor Worship
Children's Church

10:30am Coffee Hour

Liturgies for Resisting Empire Discussion

Sunday, July 12

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

9:30am Indoor Worship with Communion
NO Children's Church

10:30am Coffee Hour

Liturgies for Resisting Empire Discussion

Sunday, July 19

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

9:30am Indoor Worship with Communion
NO Children's Church

10:30am Coffee Hour

Liturgies for Resisting Empire Discussion

Sunday, July 26

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

9:30am Outdoor Worship
Children's Church

10:30am Coffee Hour

Liturgies for Resisting Empire Discussion

A Message from the Pastor

Our mission statement involves 3 distinct components:

1. Praising God
2. Living the way of Jesus
3. Building the Beloved Community

Numbers 1 and 3 are pretty straightforward and we talk about them often. But what about living the way of Jesus? What does it really mean to be disciples of Jesus Christ not just on Sunday mornings or at organized community gatherings, but in all our living?

It starts with knowing the stories and teachings of Jesus. Our progressive Christian tradition has long held the Bible with considerable suspicion – understandably, given its power to harm – but it's led to generations of less Biblical literacy than is ideal in a community seeking to follow Jesus. This summer, we'll be digging into a number of the essential Jesus texts, growing our understanding of what it means to be a disciple. We'll be working with the book *Liturgies for Resisting Empire* by Kat Armas as a study and a worship supplement to connect those Jesus stories with our contemporary world. And we'll be co-leading, with several other Duluth congregations, a Public Discipleship curriculum that will directly connect Jesus's public ministry with our public ministry today

If you are a product of the progressive church, as I am, this is a wonderful opportunity to build your foundation of Biblical knowledge at a time when God and scripture are increasingly weaponized. If you are coming from a tradition that has inspired you to do some faith deconstruction, this summer will be an opportunity to reconstruct a theology that is life-giving for you today. If you are someone who wants to go deeper in your faith or deeper in knowledge and love of one another, this will be a fantastic opportunity for that as well

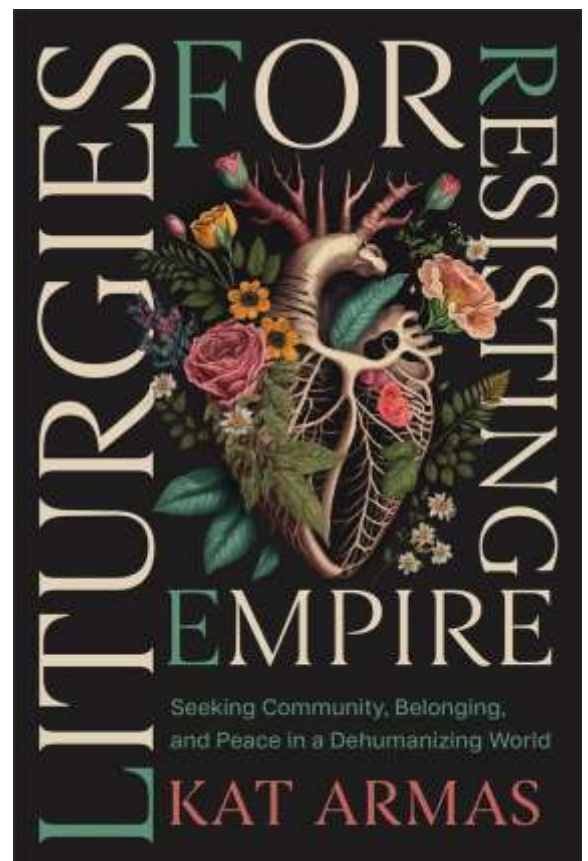
Even as life slows down for summer and we enjoy our beautiful outdoor months here in Duluth, we hope you'll join us for our summer of discipleship. We can't wait to learn and grow with you!

Summer Worship Series: *Liturgies for Resisting Empire* by Kat Armas

In *Liturgies for Resisting Empire*, Cuban American theologian and writer Kat Armas provides a roadmap for Christians seeking a countercultural way of living that prioritizes community and humanity over dominance and power.

Armas combines spiritual practices and biblical theology to help us create authentic belonging to God, ourselves, each other, and creation. She begins by examining how empire affects us daily through its pervasive ideologies and systems of control. Drawing from decolonial and postcolonial biblical interpretation, she explores how the New Testament church resisted Roman imperial power while building communities centered on God's kingdom values rather than worldly dominance.

Pastor Corinne, Pastor Laurie, and Amanda selected this book to guide our summer worship and after-worship discussions. It speaks to themes we've been hearing from many folks at Peace Church: they are hungry for a deep Christian faith that speaks to the hard stuff going on in our world, or they are deconstructing from faith traditions that harmed them and seeking a path toward reconstruction. Join us June 28-August 30 for worship and table conversation at coffee hour, and buy a copy of the book at bookshop.org or one of our local bookstores!



A Message from the Moderator

Hi Folks,

Council had a full meeting in April with discussions over recommendations for the timing as well as prioritizing projects for our upcoming capital campaign and how to fund the initial steps. Look for things to kick off this fall. In May we approved a new slate of candidates for open Council positions; Cindy Macaulay as Vice-Moderator, Nathan Langer as Treasurer, Jen Stenersen as Stewardship Representative, Maggie Lilja as Spiritual Life Representative and Jeff Mortimore and Carrie Plamann in the two open At-Large positions. Their names will be presented to you at our annual meeting on June 7th for your approval. We also approved a pay schedule for the consultant we hired to help us design and implement our capital campaign. Most of the funding for these early steps in our capital campaign will be covered through the building reserve fund we established last year. I'm pleased to be able to report that our finances are healthy, we have new members joining and our staff is working well together.

I remain eternally grateful for the hard work and dedication by our pastor and staff and all the teams and committees who do the unheralded tasks necessary keep this place working. If you have questions about what Council's up to or concerns you feel Council should address, please seek me out.

Thank you,
Mike Schrage, Moderator

Sunday Schedule for June 7

9:30am ONE SERVICE ONLY

10:30am Annual Congregational Meeting

Our agenda includes:

- Receiving Annual Reports from staff, council, and teams
- Election of Coordinating Council for 2026-27

(* indicates new members/roles)

Moderator – Laura Hamel

***Vice-Moderator** – Cindy Macaulay

Past Moderator – Mike Schrage

Secretary – Liz Fifield

***Treasurer** – Nathan Langer

Christian Education Rep – Kelly Grgas

***Christian Spiritual Life Rep** – Maggie Lilja

***Christian Stewardship Rep** – Jen Stenersen

At-Large – Cheong Soon Gan

***At-Large** – Jeff Mortimore

At-Large – Jan Nugent

***At-Large** – Carrie Plamann

Several important items are on the agenda and we hope this schedule gives us the time we need to be a thoughtful, discerning community.

Many thanks to Mike Swanoski, Past Moderator, Mike Schrage, Moderator, and Laura Hamel, Vice-Moderator, for their steady and joyful leadership this year.

Annual Meeting Potluck

Everyone is invited to a potluck following the June 7 annual meeting. We will provide mini chicken salad sandwiches and vegan chicken salad sandwiches. Gluten-free buns will be available. If your last name starts with A to M please bring a salad or side dish. Last name starting with N through Z please bring a dessert or snack.

Please drop off your potluck dish in the kitchen before the 9:30am worship. There is plenty of space in the refrigerator to keep things cold and we will have the oven on low to keep anything warm. No need to bring serving utensils, but please bring a list of ingredients so we can label items that have common allergens.



Team and Committee Updates

Trans Joy Fest
Sunday, June 7 11:00am – 4:00pm
at Park Point Rec Area

Show your support for our transgender community by visiting Park Point on Sunday, June 7 after the Annual Meeting. A few volunteers are also needed to help staff the Spiritual Communities Booth. Contact Pastor Laurie if you are able to help out at laurie@peaceucc.org.

LGBTQIA+ Board Game Nights
Monday, June 15, 6:30pm

Come make a friend, have some fun and offer a new game for others to try. Friends are also welcomed. All ages and identities welcome. Snacks welcomed too. Meet in the Fireside Room at Peace Church at 6:30pm. Stay as long as you like (we wrap up by 8:00pm).

Upcoming Dates:
No game night in July
August 17

Tea and Talk

Every month a group of members get together to have tea and conversation with Rev. Laurie Creilly. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming dates:
June NO MEETING
July 29
August NO MEETING
September 30

Visitation Ministry Training Meeting

Are you interested in visiting a church member who is unable to attend church regularly, in elder care facilities, or recovering at home? Do you have 1-2 hours a month to visit, play a game or share a meal with someone? Then I invite you to attend our training meeting on Sunday June 21 following coffee hour (12 noon) in the Fireside Room.

Please sign up by emailing Pastor Laurie Creilly at laurie@peaceucc.org

PALS Huskies/Tailgate Party

When: Thursday, June 25, 5:00pm (game starts at 6:35pm)

Where: Wade Stadium Parking Lot

Cost: \$15.00/person, includes box-seat ticket, brat, pop/water

What to Bring: Your own favorite beverage, a dish to share (with serving utensil), and lawn chair.

RSVP to Pat/Lynn Devlin: lpdev4455@gmail.com by Monday, June 15 to receive group ticket rate.

Payment must be received by Friday, June 19. Make check payable to Patrick Devlin. Mail to:

4455 Sugar Maple Drive, Hermantown, MN 55811.

Questions?

Lynn: 218-343-4110 or Pat: 218-349-5443

Upcoming PALS Event

July will be planning and picnic.

Sanctuary School Group Food Drive
Myers-Wilkins

The Sanctuary School group for Myers-Wilkins and Sanctuary Now group informed us that during the summer the need for food pantry items doubles. The school needs fewer snacks with classes out but does face the increased need in food pantry items. During the summer we will keep up with the food pantry drive in the Narthex. Please check out the table in the Narthex for a list of items.

Thank you,
Sanctuary Now Team and the Sanctuary School Group for Myers-Wilkins.

Children and Youth Corner

As we moved through the Gospel of John in worship services this past March, April, and May, I've been thinking about the significant influence it has had on my spiritual journey and in the development of my theology. This gospel is a mystical storytelling centered in *original goodness* and waking up to *union with God*, the eternal life that already exists all around us and within us. John takes an embodied (incarnational) view of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Words become flesh and God indwells in all of creation. In this framing, all of creation is sacramental – an outward sign of inward grace – all creation is holy. To discover union and connection, we only need to listen for the heartbeat of God within this good earth, within each other and within ourselves.

In revisiting John I began to revisit many of my old books on Christian mystics (and mystics of other faith and spiritual traditions too). Mystics are a good crew of folks to hang out with in difficult times. These folks, much like prophets, seem to show up when reality feels a bit apocalyptic – when it feels like we are all heading toward doom! They practice creativity in the way they understand reality and have an openness to discovery. I have found personally, that if you are looking to find an encounter with God, developing those impulses of creativity and openness is a fairly direct route. One impulse broadens your imagination of who/what God can be and the other helps you to be awake to when the divine shows up. Mystics have a way of looking at brokenness and still seeing beauty, wonder and potential in the mix. Their way of thinking often got them in trouble with protectors of orthodoxy during the times in which they lived – but their way of thinking also opened possibilities for faith to move into the future. Take for instance, the Dominican monk, Meister Eckhart living in the profound tumult of the 13th and 14th centuries – famine, war, an era that created the conditions of the black death/plague – who was himself tried during the Medieval Inquisition:

*When I was the stream, when I was the
forest, when I was still the field,
when I was every hoof, foot,
fin and wing, when I
was the sky
itself,*

*no one ever asked me did I have a purpose, no one ever
wondered was there anything I might need,
for there was nothing
I could not
love.*

*It was when I left all we once were that
the agony began, the fear and questions came,
and I wept, I wept. And tears
I had never known
before.*

*So I returned to the river, I returned to
the mountains. I asked for their hand in marriage again,
I begged – I begged to wed every object
and creature,*

*and when they accepted,
God was ever present in my arms.
And God did not say,
“Where have you
Been?”*

*For then I knew my soul – every soul –
has always held
Him.*

Cont...

The Gospel of John and the mystics among us, remind us of a hope and wonder that come from knowing profound kinship exists, not only within our Peace community but across time and space. Across wide experiences of expression and articulation of faith – there is a connection to God that we don't just talk about, or think about but that we can feel. This connection is present, we can nurture it and develop the mystic within ourselves. It is a gift to know that each of us has a place within the unfolding mystery of God's embodied work in this world. To know that the things we don't yet understand; happenings we can't yet wrap our minds, hearts or arms around, still hold unlimited possibility for wholeness, not just fear and uncertainty – in the reality of God's redeeming love. These stories from the past are there to remind us of that, to guide us as we journey and for us to pass onto our young people who will carry the future.

This summer my spiritual practice will be to practice these impulses of creativity and openness. To listen for that Heartbeat of God – in this good earth, in other people and in myself. To notice wonder, hope, and to imagine what is possible even as some things seem impossible! To focus on what I am *for* and continue to work toward that future. In the pray-ground we will be putting up a Wonder Wall on the bulletin board. Below it are post-its and markers. We invite you to contribute to our Wonder Wall when you are at Peace! What has amazed you, surprised you or made you curious? Write it on a post-it and stick it on the wall! By the end of the summer, we will be able to look at our Wonder Wall and see all the possibilities!

Please mark the following events on your calendar and keep an eye out for weekly emails for specific details. You can reach me at amanda@peaceucc.org for questions and to get connected:

Kids' Club and Youth Groups are on Break until fall.

Children's Church happens 2x a month during summer: June 7 and 21, July 5 and 26, August 9 and 30.

KidsConnect Camp 2026! June 15 through June 19, 9:00am to 12:00pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church. KidsConnect is where children use their brain power as they connect with Jesus, family, and friends of all ages! As children learn and create together, they will find a place of belonging, make new friends, and follow Jesus's example of making room for all and loving one another. This half day camp is our version of Vacation Bible School. **Please check the weekly church email for the registration link or email Amanda!**

Volunteers needed!

Juneteenth Celebration at the Central Hillside Community Center and Park

June 19, 1:00-6:00pm. The Family Freedom Center has asked Peace to volunteer. This will be our 3 year in a row showing up and helping out! This is a fun way to celebrate and support our wider Duluth Community! We need folks to help during the second shift starting at 3:00pm and with the cleanup shift starting at 6:00pm!

Contact Amanda so we know to look for you!

Summer Youth Trips! Please keep youth and trip leaders in your prayers! **Minnesota Conference Trip to Washington DC (for High School Youth, current grades 9-12)**, July 11 through 17. This July, a team of 7 youth and 2 adults are traveling to Washington DC with the Minnesota and Wisconsin UCC Conferences for *Youth Voices: Bold Faith*. This week-long immersion in faith-based advocacy, justice, and community explores how our faith calls us to speak truth to power, stand up for what's right, and work toward a world where all can thrive. Participants will: engage with leaders making change on Capitol Hill and beyond; learn practical tools for organizing, advocacy, and public witness; engage in Youth Leadership Development; and build deep connections with peers who share their passion for justice and hope for the world.

Minnesota Conference FreshWater Faithworks (for Middle School youth, current grades 6-8), July 29 through August 2, exploring intersections of our faith, deep ecology and environmental advocacy in the Mississippi River Watershed. **Registration is still open – reach out to Amanda ASAP!**

If you have a rising 9 grader interested in **Our Whole Lives (OWL)**, or rising 10 and 11 graders interested in **Confirmation**, it's not too early to get them on the class list. **Email Amanda!**

Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda

New Members

Sara Beahler

Family: Blake (husband), adult children (Jack, Josie, Emma, Grant, a new grandchild in May) and 2 dogs (Annie and Zoey).

Job: Preschool Teacher at Hermantown YMCA

Hobbies/Passions: Reading, walking, gardening, and looking for agates.

What brought you to Peace? The focus on community engagement and the accepting, welcoming atmosphere.

Random Fact: She has lived in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota. Their goal was to finally live on the North Shore. They are very excited to have achieved that goal!



Jarrett & Shannon Brookhouser

Family: Hugh (6), George (4), Bridget (dog), and Winston (cat).

Job: Jarrett is an Engineer at Altec and Shannon is a UC and ED Physician Assistant.

Hobbies/Passions: As a family they enjoy biking, hiking, skiing, gardening, building things (Jarrett is working on a sauna), visiting family, and traveling. Their boys enjoy pretend play, t-ball, and trying new things.

What brought you to Peace? They were looking for a home church that values genuine goodness and is not afraid to tackle the toughest issues of the days, head on. They also appreciate the sense of community.

Random fact? Between Jarrett and Shannon they have lived in: Twin Cities, Germany, Vermont, Zanzibar, Chicago, and Kansas.



Ed DeGroot & Cathy Cieri DeGroot

Family: Allison (daughter), Kathy & Allison (daughter and daughter-in-law), Jasper and Arlo (dogs)

Job: Ed is retired, he previously worked as a construction superintendent mostly in health care.

Hobbies/Passions: Ed likes working around the house on projects, likes to spend time outdoors especially in the woods, and he likes sports, especially the Green Bay Packers.

What brought you to Peace? When out in the community they kept hearing about what a wonderful church Peace is, and talked to its members.

Random Fact: Ed grew up in Green Bay, WI, and the whole town shut down on every Packer Game.



Jeff Mortimore & Connie Cummins

Family: Jeff has 2 sons (Ryan, 44 and Jordan, 42). Connie has a daughter, Andrea (39) and a son Tim (35).

Job: Jeff is a Community Connector at RSI and Connie is retired from the US Forest Service.

Hobbies/Passions: Art, writing, traveling, biking, hiking, running, camping, skiing, fishing hunting, and helping and connecting with others.

What brought you to Peace? They feel at home here. They love the fact that this church is committed to love, justice, and the pursuit of freedom for all.

Random fact: Jeff owned a ski business for over 20 years. Connie worked as a forester for the US government for 45 years.



Deb Peterson

Family: Gary (husband) and Baxter, an 11-year-old blue nose pitbull.

Job: Retired

Hobbies/Passions: Baking, fishing, camping, cooking, organizing, cleaning, and word games of any type. She pretty much likes to do anything that feels productive.

What brought you to Peace? Looking for a church community with the same views of what Christianity is, and a church that is actively working in the community in which we live. She is very happy to be here.

Random fact: She is a bit OCD and is okay with that.



Jennifer & Gordon Gelo

Family: Bella their pet.

Job: Retired - Previous owners of a year-round resort for 25 years. Prior to that Gordon was a large animal vet and Jennifer ran an environmental non-profit.

Hobbies/Passions: Gordon – fishing, gardening, reading, history of US and World. Jennifer - Gardening, sailing, art, music, cooking, and real estate.

What brought you to Peace? Charlotte Frantz, Jennifer's mom, and her son-in-law.

Random fact? Ran the Valley Fair roller-coaster (the second year in operation).



Lauren, Caleb, and Lumen Langworthy

Family Members (including pets): Lauren, Caleb, Lumen, and Millie (dog)

Job: Lauren - A national organizer working in climate and clean energy sector. Caleb - Teaches landowners and conservation professionals about agroforestry and sustainable land management

Hobbies/passions: Their family likes to spend time outdoors: farming, hiking, and exploring. We also enjoy art, music, enjoying local events, and being helpers in their community.

What brought you to Peace? They recently moved to the area and were looking for a community and faith home that acts and serves in strong alignment with their beliefs. They have found such wonderful community of people - of all generations - here at Peace and they are so glad to be part of a faith community that welcomes and supports each other - coming to the table just as they are while striving to make the world a better place.

Random fact? Caleb and Lauren both spent time volunteering at Holden Village in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State and are always pleased to find others who have intersected with that amazing place!



Austin, Emily, and Denver Pickup

Family Members: Austin, Emily, Denver, and dog Jenga.

Job: Austin is a Family Medicine Physician at Essentia Health Lakewalk Clinic. Emily is a Physical Therapist Inpatient at Essentia St. Mary's Hospital.

Hobbies/Passions: Austin likes running, snowboarding, hiking, and board games. Emily likes cooking, gardening, and hiking.

What brought you to Peace? Looking for a place to give back to the community.

Random fact: Austin once went skydiving with his brother's ID because he wasn't old enough. Emily has done wine tastings in 4 different countries and still can't tell the difference between cheap and fancy wines.



Mike Seely

Family: Kim (Mom), Jessica (sister), Jayce (nephew), and Smokey (dog).

Job: Currently unemployed.

Hobbies/Passions: Minnesota sports, politics, volunteering, and spending time with family.

What brought you to Peace? Hearing Pastor Corinne speak about rent relief for people affected by the ICE raids in Minnesota at City Council. Also Ronda Redmond invited him to join a group here which he has really enjoyed being a part of. Also have learned a lot from and been lucky to have Charlotte Frantz lead the Sanctuary Now group and other immigration centered work.

Random Fact: Mike loves cheese in all its various forms.



Gunnar & Jenna Wagoner

Family: Children - Greta (8) and Turner (6)

Job: Gunnar is a Hospitalist at Essentia Health - St. Mary's Medical Center. Jenna is an administrative specialist at the Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation.

What brought you to Peace? Community and introducing our kids to a spiritual option.



2026 Confirmands

Nora Good

Family: Dad (Peter), Mom (Deanna), Brother (Andre), and Dog (Tischer).

Hobbies/Passions: Hockey, being outside, and tennis.

What brought you to Peace? Her family.

Random fact: She can juggle.

Isaiah Langer

Family: Simon, Frances, Nathan & Veronica

Hobbies/Passions: He likes to ski, bike, and run.

Random Fact: He has participated in the Ragnar relay from Minneapolis to Duluth.

Heidi Olson

Family: Jessica (Mom), Justin (Dad), Gus (brother), and Nigel (our dog).

Hobbies/Passions: She likes to ski, snowboard, and swim in the lake.

What brought you to Peace? She grew up here.

Random Fact: She likes chocolate ice cream and cake but she doesn't really like straight up chocolate/chocolate bars.

Scarlett Romberg

Family: Anne, Jacob, Silvee, Tallula, Solleil, Buddy, Oliver, Poppy, Cece.

Hobbies/Passions: Karate, baking, drawing/painting, and skiing.

What brought you to Peace? She has been coming to Peace Church with her parents since she was six years old.

Random Fact: She was born in Milwaukee, WI

Grace Ryan

Family: Carrie, Matt, Elsie, and Josie, and two dogs Clover and Evie.

Hobbies/Passions: She loves riding horses at the barn, hanging out with friends, and taking care of all of their pets!

What brought you to Peace? She has been at Peace since she was born!

Random Fact: She has a twin sister!



Back: Nora Good, Isaiah Langer, Heidi Olson
Front: Josie Ryan, Scarlett Romberg, Grace Ryan, Adeline Seele

Josie Ryan

Family: Sisters Grace and Elsie, parents Matt and Carrie, and Dogs Clover and Evie.

Hobbies/Passions: Anything outside.

What brought you to Peace? Family.

Random Fact: She has a twin sister.

Adeline Seele

Family: Lori, Micah, Wes, Katie, Daniel, Thomas, Gloria, Raymond, Francis, Smokey, Patches, and Moonbeam.

Hobbies/Passions: Nordic Skiing, running, lifting, sewing, crocheting, singing, hunting, throwing discs.

Random Fact: She has a business selling homemade goods, order something! And follow her at [@seele_handmade](#).

2026 Graduates

Kate Dean

Duluth East High School

Kate will be attending St. Olaf College with the intent to study economics and political science. She also plans to study abroad and pursue internship opportunities. She will also continue dancing.



Ryan Mittlefehldt

Duluth East High School

Ryan is planning on attending UMD in the fall and working part-time.



Savi Holden

Homeschool

Savi's plan is to travel for the next year and learn as much as she can. She plans on experiencing life in the fullest way, while immersing herself in educational experiences. She aims to be of service to communities and people in any way she can.

Bridger Oestreich

Denfeld High School

Bridger is graduating with academic and athletic honors. He is planning on attending University of Manitoba in Winnipeg for Pre-med and chemistry degree.



Anya Holmstrom

Duluth East High School

Anya plans to attend Colorado Mesa University next year to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.



Lorelie Schwensohn

Denfeld High School

Lorelie plans to attend UMD in the fall to major in Biochemistry and minor in Spanish. She hopes to continue on to medical school and study neurology.



Katie Kehtel

Duluth East High School

Katie plans to attend St. Kate's University to study nursing.



Community Events



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 BENEFITING LAKE COUNTY RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES
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TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND 5 – 8PM
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2026 Dates
 Thursday, June 4, from 3 PM to 7 PM
 Friday, June 5, from 8 AM to 4 PM
 Saturday, June 6, from 8 AM to 1 PM

HUGE Church RUMMAGE SALE

Books Furniture Household Goods
 Fabrics, Linens and Yarns Antiques & Collectibles Games and Puzzles
 Tools Gardening Supplies & Pots Sporting Goods

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth
 835 West College Street (between UMD and St. Scholastica)

SAVE THE DATE! NATIVE PLANT & POLLINATOR EVENT



DULUTH MONARCH BUDDIES
Pollinator Marketplace
Sat. June 6, 2026
10 am – Noon

- Native Plant Sale by Shoreview Natives
- Monarch-themed Merchandise
- Experts for your Questions
- Pollinator and Butterfly Resources
- Hartley Native Gardens Tour
- Free Event, Donations Appreciated

Hartley Nature Center
 3001 Woodland Avenue, Duluth, MN

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JUNE 12TH & 13TH

DULUTH-STAMMAN
 NORDIC FOLK MUSIC & DANCE

PERFORMANCES DANCING JAM CIRCLES WORKSHOPS



FREE PARK DAYS
 Free entrance to all Minnesota state parks and recreation areas.

Ready, Set, Grow!
 Read, Talk, Write, Sing, & Play Together



The Every Child Ready Duluth Coalition is bringing early childhood learning to a different community location every month. Play and learn with your little ones, meet other families, and connect with community resources. Light snacks will be provided. Activities are geared to children ages five and younger but the whole family is welcome to participate.

All sessions run 4:30-6:00 p.m. Drop in any time!

- Wednesday, June 3, at the Lincoln Park Playground**
 Lincoln Park Dr, Duluth, MN 55806
- Wednesday, July 22, at Playfront (Bayfront Festival Park)**
 700 Bayfront Dr, Duluth, MN 55802
- Wednesday, August 20, at the Playground for Every BODY**
 242-268 Park Dr, Portland, MN 55802
- Wednesday, November 4, at the Duluth Children's Museum**
 2121 W Superior St, Duluth, MN 55806

EveryChildReadyDuluth.org 



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Grandma's Marathon
 June 20, 2026



SAVE THE DATE
TWO HARBORS
PRIDE
JULY 25
2026
AT BANDSHELL PARK
FOOD, FUN, AND FESTIVITIES

Summer Parking Lot Concert with Sara Thomsen and Paula Pedersen Monday June 29, 5:30pm at First United Methodist Church

After a bit of a break, Summer Parking Lot Concerts are back at the Coppertop Church. Singer, songwriter and composer Sara Thomsen is joined by her musical partner and spouse, Paula Pedersen, for this night of soft tunes on the top of the hill. Chairs are available, but attendees are invited to bring their own. Funds from the concession stand and freewill donations are split between Chum and First United Methodist Church.

A Word for Justice

Special Offering:
Foy Scholarship
June 21

Rev. Arthur Foy III was pastor at St. Mark AME and died in an auto accident in 2004. He was passionate about opening educational opportunities for young people. St. Mark, Peace, and other congregations support the Scholarship Fund in his name. You can donate by writing a check to Peace Church with Foy Scholarship in the memo, put cash in an offering envelope and label it Foy Scholarship, or donate online with Foy Scholarship in the notes.

2026 Foy Scholars

The 2026 Foy Scholars will be recognized on June 21, 10:00am, at St. Mark AME's Juneteenth/Father's Day Brunch and Worship Service. Three of the scholars are 2026 high school graduates: Max Edmunds from East High School, Latasaija Garner from Denfeld High School, and Hank Kettelhut from Marshall School. Annika Nikoi, currently attending Loyola University, and Larisa Miller, of Howard University, are also 2026 Foy Scholars.

Max Edmunds served as Student Manager for the East High School Varsity Hockey program and will begin his college career with a significant number of credits earned at UMD through the Post Secondary Enrollment Option.

Latasaija Garner hopes to study journalism and political science at Loyola University. She served as a Student Representative on ISD 709 School Board and was captain of Denfeld's cheerleading team.

Han Kettelhut will attend Carthage College and major in education - he hopes to become an elementary school teacher. While at Marshall, he served as captain of both the basketball and track teams.

Peace members are invited to the Juneteenth/Father's Day celebration to meet and support the 2026 Foy Scholars. Gifts to the Foy Scholarship Fund, held by Peace Church are always welcome and will be used for 2027 Scholarships.

Clayton Jackson McGhie Remembrance Events

Annual events to remember Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson and Isaac McGhie, the three young men lynched in Duluth in 1920:

- Sunday, June 14 at 5:30pm - Gravesite Gathering at Park Hill Cemetery, 2500 Vermilion Rd
- Monday, June 15 at 12:00pm - Annual Day of Remembrance, CJM Memorial, E First St & N 2nd Ave E



Volunteers needed!

Juneteenth Celebration at the Central Hillside Community Center and Park
June 19, 1:00-6:00pm.

The Family Freedom Center has asked Peace to volunteer. This will be our third year in a row showing up and helping out! This is a fun way to celebrate and support our wider Duluth Community! We need folks to help during the second shift starting at 3:00pm and with the cleanup shift starting at 6pm! Contact Amanda at amanda@peaceucc.org so we know to look for you!

Peace People



Peace Prayer Chain

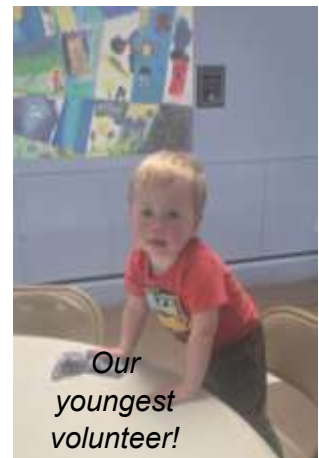
Please call the church office (218-724-3637) or Linda Goese (218-341-0918) with your prayer concerns. You can let us know whether or not to share your concern with the pastors for inclusion in Sunday morning prayers.



Pi(e) Day Fundraiser with the Liddles.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Laura Tonkin's family, Alician Grogan's family, and Margie Ballew's family on their passing.



Our youngest volunteer!

Regular Opportunities for Engagement & Volunteering

Recurring Meetings

Mondays

9:00am **Yoga with Robin** Every Monday
5:00pm **Making Meaning Out of Malignancy**
Fourth Mondays

Tuesdays

6:00pm **Property Team** Second Tuesdays

Wednesdays

8:30am **CHUM Breakfast Making** Every Other Wednesday
3:00pm **Tea & Talk** Last Wednesdays
5:30pm **Acting for Justice Hub** First Wednesdays
4:00pm **Listen, Reflect, & Connect Group** First Wednesdays
5:00pm **Bible Study** Every Wednesday

Thursdays

8:00am **Men's Breakfast** Every Other Thursday
2:00pm **Belonging & Community Team** Second Thursdays
3:00pm **Dismantling Racism Team** Second Thursdays
5:30pm **Worship & Arts Team** Second Thursdays

Recurring Volunteer Opportunities

Mondays

Loaves & Fishes Every Monday Night

Saturdays

8:30-10:30am **Damiano Community Kitchen**
Fourth Saturdays
11:00-1pm **Damiano Community Kitchen**
Fourth Saturdays
1:30-3:30pm **Damiano Community Kitchen**
Fourth Saturdays
4:30-6:30pm **Damiano Community Kitchen**
Fourth Saturdays

Sundays

9:30am **Ushering and Lay Reading** Every Sunday
10:30am **Coffee Hour Volunteering** Every Sunday
1:30-3:30pm **Damiano Community Kitchen**
Second Sundays
4:30-6:30pm **Damiano Community Kitchen**
Second Sundays



New air source heat pump HVAC system, installed in early May.



Alison Wood, Annette Strom, Tim Everson, and Kirby & Cathy Wood in Athens, Greece



Building Box City at Kids' Club



Easter Sunday



2nd Annual Silent Auction

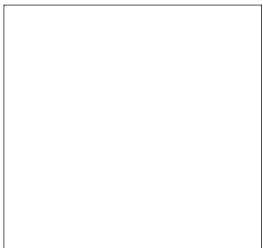
We raised \$10,800 to support our Christian Service giving and over \$6,000 to support our children and youth programs. Thank you to the Silent Auction Team!





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Welcome to worship with Peace Church, every Sunday at 9:30am

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