

MARCH 2023



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sundays at a Glance

March 5th Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 and 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion;

Psalm 121 and John 3: 1-17

“The Intensivist” by Pastor Budd Friend-Jones at both services

9:30 am Forum: Personal Health Records

11:30 am Coffee Hour

11:45 am Inquirers’ Gathering

5:00 pm Taizé Service

March 12th, Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am Service of the Word

Exodus 17:1-7 and John 4:5-15

Sermon by Gary Boelhower at both services

9:30 am Forum: Stepping On Up

11:30 am Coffee hour

11:45 am Forum repeated: Stepping On Up

1:00 pm Hillside Gospel Choir Rehearsal

3:30 pm Ecclesiastical Council for Nathan Holst

March 19th, Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am Service of the Word

Psalm 23 and Samuel 16:1-13

“On Nags and Ministers” by Pastor Budd Friend-Jones at both services

Reception of New Members

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

9:30 am Forum: Mental Wellness

11:30 am Coffee hour

March 26th, Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am Service of the Word

Psalm 130 and Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon by Pastor Charlotte Frantz at both services

9:30 am Forum: Spiritual Wellness

11:30 am Coffee Hour

Children’s Church and Child Care are available each Sunday during the 10:30 service.

Wednesdays in Lent

Soup Supper and Meditation

The Word and the Way, 5:45-6:45pm



“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” Thus John begins the story of Jesus, the Word and wisdom of God come in human form. For centuries, Christians have set aside the period before Easter to focus on Jesus and his teachings.

Jesus is recognized by adherents of other religions as well. Pastor Budd Friend-Jones is intrigued by world religions and is currently working on a book about the how the Word has been heard in the context of various spiritual traditions.

Join us Wednesday evenings for a simple meal starting at 5:45. Meditation and presentation by Pastor Budd, 6:00-6:30. If you would like child care, please contact Nathan Holst (nathan@peaceucc.org).

- March 1 Jesus and Judaism
- March 8 Jesus and Islam
- March 15 Jesus and Asia
- March 22 Jesus and Christianity
(Dr. Gary Boelhower)
- March 29 The Word (Logos)
and the Way (Tao)

One Great Hour of Sharing

March 19



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.

Faith Formation at Peace

Sundays 9:30am Forums A Month of Wellness

March 5 Health Literacy Today Halima Amiri

Halima Amiri, one of the Afghan women Peace Church sponsored, will discuss health records, patient portals, and the importance of creating a personal health record. A personal health record is very important because all critical health information is in one place and can be easily shared with physicians, other care providers and family members. Halima is majoring in Computer Information Systems with a minor in Health Informatics at The College of St. Scholastica. Please come to support Halima and increase your knowledge of health records.

March 12 Stepping On Up Joel Kilgour

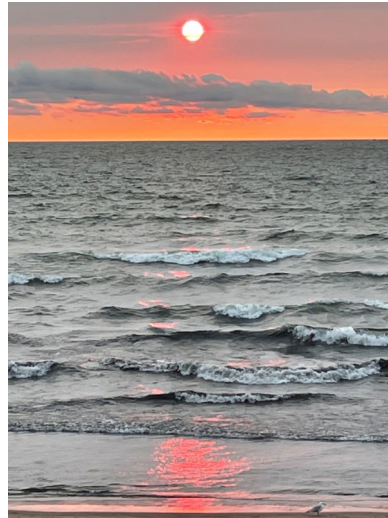
Shelter Next provides safe and supportive housing on the way to a more permanent home. Residents live in a small community with support services on site 24/7. Shelter Next is one piece of a larger plan called Stepping On Up, a collaborative effort among Duluth's shelter providers, the City of Duluth,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

March 19 Mental Health Panel Discussion

A panel discussion of mental health/wellness practitioners will talk about resources in our community that can assist in finding and maintaining mental health. The panel includes representative from college health centers, private therapy providers, and NAMI.

March 26 Spiritual Wellness Marilyn Mayry and Sister Lois Eckes

How would you describe spiritual wellness? Why is it important to nurture our spiritual well-being? What are the ways we can do this? Come and be part of the conversation with Sister Lois Eckes, OSB and Marilyn Mayry as we explore these questions together. Sister Lois is a Benedictine sister at St. Scholastic monastery where she is a former prioress and currently, a spiritual director.



Sunset over Lake Superior

Photo by
Aimee Brown

May your spirit find
health and healing
during this season of
Lent.

Spiritual Journey Group Mondays, March 6 and 20 7:00pm via Zoom

We meet on Zoom the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00pm to reflect on how our spiritual journeys is going 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.

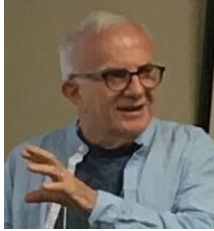
Virtual Bible Study Wednesdays at 5:00pm via Zoom

Our virtual Bible study, led by Tom Liddle and Bob Stevens, will meet in a "room and zoom" during the month of March. If you'd like to participate in the Lenten series at 6:00 each week, come to Peace for Bible study at 5:00. We'll meet together and zoom in the folks who would rather come from a distance. On Wednesday, March 8, our group will be providing soup for the Wednesday evening Soup Suppers. We're looking forward to seeing each other in person! But we don't want to lose those for whom zoom is a preferable way to connect.

An Invitation to Join Peace Church March 19

If you've considered joining Peace, take advantage of this invitation! On March 19, new members will be received during worship. Please contact one of the pastors if you are interested.

Peace Staff Under Construction



Arriving in the Tundra

Pastor Budd Friend-Jones

A huge sign greeted me when I walked into my office. WELCOME TO THE TUNDRA! Nothing could be farther from the truth. Of course, it's a bit chilly outside, and a few flakes of snow fall now and then, but the warmth of your welcome overcame my misgivings about leaving the sunny clime of Florida. The denomination talks of "extravagant welcome." You embody it. I have never been so abundantly welcomed and provisioned in any other church. I can only bow and say thank you. My big problem is that I don't know whom to thank. Some cleaned. Some shopped. Some cooked. Some provided gift cards and cash to introduce me to the larger city. Some have taken enormous amounts of time to teach me basics of Microsoft Outlook and other church procedures. I truly am humbled by your generosity. I only hope I don't disappoint you while I am here, as we seek together to remember our calling and re-member our church. Thank you. Thank you all!

Welcome Mali Lorenz!

Mali is the newest addition to Peace's support staff. She is our bookkeeper and plans to be in the office most Monday afternoons, Wednesdays and Friday mornings. We are delighted to have her!



Hello! I have known of Peace Church since I was involved in local peace and justice work 20+ years ago. Since then, I spent years living and working at a small Buddhist retreat center in the Southwest, where I became the bookkeeper. I went on to gain administrative and financial experience with several different nonprofits and small businesses. I met my spouse Katie in Tucson, where she was a steady part of border-justice work. We moved (back) to Duluth last summer to be closer to Midwestern family, and because she took a job with CHUM. We have enjoyed exploring the area, nature, and a multitude of festivals. This part-time role at Peace Church fits remarkably well with different pieces of my background and lifestyle. I look forward to learning about and supporting all the ways this community manifests!

Pastoral Search Committee Report

The search committee for our settled lead pastor was commissioned and launched in November, 2022. Members include: Mike Swanoski (chair), Betty Greene (secretary), Stephen Dando (spiritual advisor), Warren Post, Laura Hamel, Veronica Gaidelis-Langer, Amy Galarowicz, Mary Junnila, and Ron Deters. Our youth advisors include: Kate Dean, River Fena, and Lorelie Schwensohn.

The search committee's first task was to prepare a detailed profile of Peace Church. This profile includes a bit of our history, who we are now as a church, our mission and vision, and what we hope to be in the future. The Holy Cow survey provided important information which was included in the profile such as: demographic data of our members and pastoral qualities that are most important to us. The profile was posted on the UCC conference website in early January for potential applicants to review. In addition, an ad was placed for our open position in the *Christian Century* magazine and on their website. To this date we have received six applicant profiles to review prayerfully and confidentially. The next step in our process is to hold initial interviews over Zoom.

The search committee was chosen to be representative of the congregation. We take our responsibility seriously to ultimately identify one candidate to present to the congregation for final approval. Unlike other job searches, there is not a deadline for candidates to apply and thus an opportunity to review all the candidates at one time. Candidate profiles come to us a little at a time. A pastoral search is a discernment process by both the search committee and ministerial candidates to find the right fit. Please pray both for the search committee and for ministerial candidates during this process.

Still Searching . . . For a Worship Tech

Peace is still looking for a worship technician to livestream one service each Sunday and to work with our tech assistants. 6-8 hours/week. Compensation dependent on experience. Please pass the word along or contact Rachel Obed (Rachel@peaceuccorg.)

Ecclesiastical Council for Nathan Holst

March 12, 3:30pm

In the United Church of Christ, a Committee on Ministry oversees the process of discernment of one's call to ordained ministry. A person meets periodically with the Committee to review progress toward ordination. Generally this is a several years-long process.

Once the Committee on Ministry is satisfied that a candidate is ready for ordination, the Committee hosts an Ecclesiastical Council. The candidate presents their ordination paper and those who attend the Council can ask questions. At the end of the Council, delegates from UCC congregations vote on whether the candidate is ready for a call to ordained ministry. Ordination happens when a church issues a call and the candidate accepts that call.

The Committee on Ministry of the Minnesota Conference will host an Ecclesiastical Council for **Nathan Holst** on Sunday, March 12, at 3:30 pm. You can attend in person (St. Mark AME, 530 N 5th Avenue E) or via Zoom. St. Mark's technology will better accommodate an interactive zoom.



Nathan preaching February 26

What about the Daycare Space?

A subcommittee of a revitalized Property Team has met weekly to explore potential use of the daycare wing. One of the first tasks was to determine criteria for any recommendation to the Coordinating Council.

- The space needs to produce a consistent revenue stream
- The cost of renovating the space needs to be borne by the entity renting it.
- We need a long term contract for use of the space, minimum 5 years. Could be longer.
- We would consider the 2,400 square feet which was used by the daycare. We will also consider, for a higher rental amount, the three classrooms adjacent to the daycare area.
- The values of a renter need to align with the values of Peace Church.

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(Daycare, continued from previous column)

Here is some of what we learned:

We are zoned R-1, limited to residential units. Repurposing for office space would require re-zoning. We talked to a commercial realtor who was not optimistic about the prospects of listing the property for anything other than residential use.

We circulated information about the available space among not-for-profit agencies and organizations, but the R-1 zoning appears to be a significant deterrent to use as office space. Despite the need for daycare, operational costs and staff shortages make it unlikely that we can find a long-term renter. One turnkey daycare space has been on the market for a year.

The subcommittee is exploring possible collaboration with Stepping On Up, a collaborative effort to expand supportive housing. Seven shelter providers, the City of Duluth, St. Louis County and service providers have been working together for more than a year and are looking for space in which to build "Shelter Next Indoor Villages." These supportive living spaces could house 12-20 individuals and are staffed with support services 24/7. Persons would live there for 6-12 months while waiting for permanent housing. Joel Kilgour is the Project Organizer for Stepping on Up and recently made presentations to the subcommittee and the Church Council.

On March 12 Joel will present Stepping on Up at the 9:30 Forum. His presentation will be repeated at 11:45. Both presentations will be in the Fireside Room. This is an opportunity to learn more about the program, ask questions, and be a part of these exploratory conversations.

Subcommittee members: Jessica Olson, Dennis Isernhagen, Paul O'Brien, Monica Liddle, Melissa Boyle, Pam Kramer, Susan Goltz, Tim Peters, Rachel Obed, Pastors Charlotte Frantz and Budd Friend-Jones



Peace Church Activities

Tea and Talk

March 1, 3:00pm

This month we have the opportunity to get to know our Bridge Minister, The Rev. Dr. Budd Friend-Jones. His home is Sarasota, Florida and he has found a retirement calling in serving congregations during their search for a settled minister. He has a long standing interest in world religions and interfaith dialogue. He has traveled widely and has published some of his sermons. He is a poet, philosopher and theologian, as well as a pastor. Come for tea and conversation.

Some of us will be folding the Peace Bell at 1:30—help us fold if you like and stay for refreshments and a visit with Pastor Budd.

PALS (Peace Adults Learning and Socializing)

TWEED AND TAVERN

DATE: March 28

TIME: 5-7 guided tour at Tweed Museum...UMD

Dinner as a group Tavern on the Hill at 7:30pm

RSVP: For numbers at Tweed and Restaurant

COST: \$5 DONATION per person suggested for the Tweed Museum. Collected at the Tweed.

CONTACT: Tom and Christine Day if any questions 218-590-0518 or to RSVP

Save these dates for future PALS events

April 27 — visit the Railroad Museum with Ken Buehler as our guide. He has promised seeing exhibits not open to the public.

May 31 — behind the scene visit to Sweet Land, the farm of Veronica and Nathan Langer

Monday Book Club

March 6, 3:00pm on Zoom

Monday Book Club will meet at 3:00 on zoom March 6th. We will discuss Arthur C Brooks' book, "Love Your Enemies". We'll focus the discussion on Chapter 8: "Please Disagree With Me" and the Conclusion: "5 Rules to Subvert the Culture of Contempt". How do we have challenging but respectful, view-expanding discussions of today's political issues and what can each of us do about the "culture of contempt" that has a grip on our national psyche?

"As an old African proverb has it, 'When elephants fight, it's the grass that suffers.' The weak get hurt in conflicts between the powerful. Americans at the bottom of the income scale are always the ones who lose when contempt crowds out cooperation at the top. The politics of contempt never hurts the rich very much. It hurts people in poverty." Arthur C. Brooks, *Love Your Enemies*. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88019364804>

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. Our next breakfast gatherings are Thursday, March 9 and 23

Orientation to Peace

March 5, 11:45am

Meet in the Fireside Room following the 10:30 service on March 5 for an orientation to Peace Church—its people, theology, spirituality, community involvement, history, and wider church connections. Lunch provided. RSVP through the church office.

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy

Monday, March 27, 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.

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 Group March Plans

March kicks off another chapter in middle school youth group at Peace. This month, we'll be joining the Lenten soup suppers, stay for some or all of the programming, and then head back to the youth room to finish our time together. 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 Winter

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. If you haven't heard about it yet, 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.



Tubing at Mont du Lac

Nursery in the New Year

We continue to experiment with the best configuration for nursery staff on Sunday mornings. Based on feedback from parents, we will have nursery 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!

Breakfast for Parents of Nursery Age Kids

March 26, 9:30am



Peace will be gathering parents of nursery age kids on Sunday, March 26, for a breakfast/snack potluck. Parents meet in the Lakeview Room (right next to the nursery) at 9:30am and we will have child care staff next door in the nursery to be with the kids. This is an opportunity for parents to get to know one another and connect. If you have any questions or to rsvp, you can contact Nathan at nathan@peaceucc.org.

Peace World of Wheels Roller Skating Event

Come join us for a **roller skating** event at World of Wheels in Superior. We'll meet on **Sunday, March 5th at from 2:00-4:00pm** for some fun on roller skates—all ages are invited to participate. Peace Church will cover the cost of everyone for the event so it's easy for everyone to join in (if you want to donate to Peace to help us continue to offer these events for free, the actual cost per person is \$8.99). Please **rspv** to **Nathan** at nathan@peaceucc.org by **Monday, Feb 27**.

A Word for Justice

Peace Out in the Community

On Valentines Day, a group of Peace Church folks attended the 8th Annual Memorial March for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women at AICHO. In the two hours before the march, there were speakers from local nonprofits raising awareness about the importance of protecting Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people. There was also many moving and tragic stories given by family and friends of loved ones who had been missing and murdered in the past many years. Before the march, there was a round dance with singing and drumming, a welcome movement of togetherness after grappling with the heaviness of this pervasive problem in our community.



Family stories and a Red Shawl Round Dance at the Memorial March for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women



Annie's House

Annie's House shelters up to five young mothers and their children as they move "from homelessness to homeownership." Deyona Kirk is an amazing woman who knows first hand the difficulties of being a young mother and is living out her calling to surround young BIPOC mothers with the support they need. Deyona has been in conversation with Peace's Dismantling Racism Team, Acting for Social Justice Hub, and on February 26, spoke at the 9:30 Forum. Gayle Kelly, Monica Liddle and Ellen Hamel are working with Dee to find ways for Peace to partner with Annie's House and several other nearby congregations.

You'll hear more in coming months. In the meantime, if you'd like to make a donation to Annie's House, put a check in the offering plate or mail it to the office. Make it out to Peace and write "Annie's House" in the memo.



Deyona Kirk spoke to a well-attended Forum on February 26

NANA'S PORCH

March 11, 6:45pm at Zinema

New Film by Daniel Oyinloye

Nana's Porch is a short film about a young man, Jerome, that unfolds as he reflects on his childhood and the moments of joy, happiness, connection and pain. This story speaks to a fraction of the black experience through the lens of relationships.

A must-see film written by Aj Valentine, produced by Daniel Oyinloye, and directed by Ashawnti Ford.

The event begins with a red carpet and food & press interviews in the lobby at 5 p.m. Screens open at 6:45pm and a talk back at 8pm

Get tickets at dansancreativies.org

Hillside Gospel Choir

March 12, 1:00 pm

Hillside Gospel Choir rehearses the 2nd Sunday of each month at St. Mark AME, 530 N. 5th Avenue, Duluth. Join this spirited group of singers under the direction of Alanna Galloway. All music is taught by rote. The group is preparing for a concert with South African Choir, 29:11. They will be visiting Duluth May 5-7.



CHUM is “People of faith working together to provide basic necessities,

foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community.”



All Non-Perishable Food Is Welcome
Most Needed Items

- Rice
- Spaghettios/ravioli
- Canned beef stew
- Canned baked beans
- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned chunky soup/ chicken noodle soup
- Spam
- Peanut butter



Wednesday Chum Breakfast
March 8 and 22

Volunteers make “breakfast bags” every other Wednesday morning to be distributed by the CHUM staff. Let the church office know if you’d like to be alerted when there is a need for food donations or volunteer help. Call 218-724-3637 or email office@peaceucc.org.

Donations of peanut butter, jelly and granola bars would be most welcome!

CHUM News

CHUM March FoodShare Campaign

During 2022, the CHUM Food Shelf distributed 572,349 pounds of food (123,996 more pounds than 2021) to 15,691 people in Duluth. Thank you to all of you who donated! However, the need continues to be great. A record-breaking 5.5 million visits were made to food shelves during 2022 in Minnesota, up nearly 50% from 3.7 million visits in 2021. 47% of food shelf visitors in 2022 were seeking food assistance for the first time. Please join us in collecting food and cash for the work of CHUM Food Shelf in the month of March. Food can be brought to Peace and placed on the donation shelves in the entry area. Checks and cash can be put in our church offering earmarked CHUM Food Shelf.

Mn Homeless Day on the Hill
Wednesday, March 8

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. Shelter saves lives. Housing ends homeless. Meet at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar Street, St Paul. Doors open at 8am, Orientation begins at 9am. Legislative visits will begin after 10am and conclude before 4pm.

Peace to Host
2nd Saturday Volunteering with Chum,
March 11th, 9am-11am

Youth and Adults—come join us for a chance to connect with each other and volunteer to do some good! Chum Duluth holds volunteering opportunities on the second Saturday of each month. This month Peace (yup, that’s us!) is hosting the volunteer event. We are making breakfast bars for people at the Chum drop in center. Contact Nathan at nathan@peaceucc.org with any questions or to rsvp.

Thank You!

More Peace News

From Joan Peterson, Council Moderator

Give Peace a Chance

The Council met for 3 hours on Feb. 21st to grapple with a lot of important issues. First and foremost is the deficit budget that was approved by the congregation in January. We have fewer pledging units than last year and last year we had fewer than the year before. We did not anticipate such a drop in pledging, so we are looking at ways to raise more funds by contacting members who have not pledged yet this year. If you are one of those please consider pledging or giving a gift to Peace Church so we can continue our vision and mission. Pledging is not the only income source for us. There are serious discussions about renting our education wing to a community group who will renovate the space and provide a monthly rental income for us. And we will meet more regularly to find ways to balance expenses with income. Please send your ideas to council@peaceucc.org

Coming soon will be new ways to donate and give to the church. Watch for more information soon about how this will work. The Stewardship Committee is becoming a year around group of volunteers. If you are interested in helping with fundraising, we are going to form a fundraising committee. Send an email to office@peaceucc.org or council@peaceucc.org

There is more to Peace than the budget and finances. We want to make sure you feel welcome and cared for spiritually and in all ways. We know that many are looking for ways to be more involved and want to find some like-minded groups. Please let us know if you have some suggestions. Volunteers are always welcome for many things; ways to volunteer can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex or in the bi-weekly emails and the Peace Bell. Contact Bri, our Office Coordinator or Pastor Charlotte for more information.

The Search Committee and the Human Resources Committee made presentations at our council meeting. Getting regular updates helps the Council understand the work of the committees. These are two very hard-working and important committees.

As you read the report from the Search Committee you will see that the process is moving along with some interviews under way. We want to bring a settled pastor here who can help us build the changed church that we have become. Some of you are waiting to give us a chance again. Some of you are concerned about all the ministerial and staff changes. Some of you got out of the habit of coming to church during Covid and nothing feels the same. With Pastor Budd serving as the bridge, we ask that you give us a chance to be your place of worship, connections, love, hope, solace, celebration and Peace. Without you there is no Peace.

Stewardship Report

Many thanks to all Peace members and friends who made pledges to the 2023 budget. We received 131 pledges totaling \$419,988. We are also grateful to everyone who is continuing to support Peace through regular donations made in person or online.

The budget passed in January anticipates expenses of \$685,473. In addition to pledges, we anticipate some income from rent and interest and there has been a commitment to fund raise through special offerings and fund-raising activities. When all of this is considered, there is still a deficit of almost \$150,000.

Property Team

A newly rejuvenated Property Team meets the 1st Wednesday of the month—on March 1, they will meet at 7:00pm. If you have property management or maintenance experience, Catching the snow melt they'd love to have you on the team. The flat roof over the office spaces will need attention in the spring. We need to attend to the boiler in the near future. Talking with potential renters of the daycare space has raised questions about how we manage split utility costs and possible other improvements. If interested, contact Rachel Obed (rachel@peaceucc.org)



Peace People

Thank You's

- Kay Steven's and Laurie Berner for bringing snacks for the staff.
- Lynn Devlin and Linda Goese for their great work on the prayer chain.
- Marsha and Tom Hystead and Pat and Lynn Devlin for coordinating and hosting February Coffee Hours.
- Paul Kurtz for the lunch on Pastor Budd Friend-Jones' first Sunday.
- Cyndi Brown for her dedication and preparation for the 8:30 service every Sunday.
- Pat Nelson for her faithful support of Children's Church.
- Middle and high school students for all of their help with Children's Church.
- Warren Post and Mariah Kiefer for their help with the children and youth at Mont Du Lac.
- A big thank you to Toni Kasell and Sharee Johnson who helped with the bookkeeping recently.
- Dick Goese, Nathan Langer, Tom Hystead, Kirby Wood, and Joan Peterson for their volunteering during the transition in bookkeepers.
- Ron Deters, Tres Commer, Ian Connell, the choir, Nathan Holst, Gudrun Witrak, Kelli Hallsten, Dale Shimmin, Kirby Wood, Wendy Durrwachter, Melanie Sever, and Cyndi Brown for providing special music in February.
- Thank you to Dan Shepard for setting up coffee in the narthex so that it is available at 9:30.
- Thank you to all our staff who have pitched in during the past six months of transitions. Many of them are doing what needs to be done, even if it outside the scope of their job description.

Congratulations

Eva Reistad (Bridget Reistad's daughter) won an Emmy for her 'mixing' on the album "An Adoption Story"

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 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.
- Our Search Committee and the applicants they are interviewing and the mutual discernment that is part of the process.

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.

Church Directory



Are you listed in Peace's online directory? It's a great tool for locating contact information among our members. If you need assistance, one of the Shared Ministry Team members will be glad to help you download the app and set up your account. After that, you can make changes to your own information and access information about others listed in the directory. Contact Janell Kohls (itkohls@gmail.com) for more information.

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!

Change Your Clocks!

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00am, Sunday, March 12. Set your clock one hour ahead!

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 February, please contact Justin Olson, (jwolson@gmail.com) Jessica Olson, (JCLOlson@gmail.com) or Judy Johnson, (grandmafoof@yahoo.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."

Mar 6: Gary Boelhower

Mar 27: Tom & Christine Day

We are looking for volunteers for March 13 and March 20

Thursday Chum Dinner March 16th

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.

Housing Summit 2003
First Lutheran Church,
1100 E. Superior St.
March 30, 10:00am-3:00pm

Learn from both tenants and landlords about the barriers that contribute to homelessness.
Keynote speaker, October Allen
For more information, contact Karen Hedstrom,
218-355-0680

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. You can also go to our webpage (www.peaceucc.org). Click on the For Volunteers at the top of the page, then scroll down. You'll find a button for 8:30 services and another for 10:30. Thank you so much!

Damiano Soup Kitchen

Peace volunteers help prepare and serve a Sunday meal at Damiano Soup Kitchen on the second Sunday of each month and fourth Saturday of each month. There are two shifts on Sunday, four shifts on Saturday.

March 12:

1:30-3:30 meal prep

Tom and Christine Day

One Open slot

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

Jan Nugent, Pam Kramer, and
Rebecca Holmstrom

March 25:

8:30-10:30 Meal Prep

Three open slots

11:00-1:00pm

Three open slots

1:30-3:30pm meal prep

Three open slots

4:30-6:30pm meal serving and cleaning up

Three open slots

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

If you'd like to know more, check out the bulletin board in the narthex or talk with Tom or Christine Day.

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