



Peace

United Church of Christ

August & September 2025

August Sunday Services

August 3rd Indoor Worship

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis
Scripture Reading: Romans 14:1-12
9:30am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30am Coffee Hour

August 10th Outdoor Worship

Sermon by Rev. Laurie Crelly
Scripture Reading: Romans 14:13-23
9:30am Worship
Children's Church
10:30am Coffee Hour

August 17th Indoor Worship

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis
Scripture Reading: Romans 15:1-6
9:30am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30am Coffee Hour

August 24th Outdoor Worship

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis
Scripture Reading: Romans 15:7-13
9:30am Worship
Children's Church
10:30am Coffee Hour

August 31st Pride Sunday

9:30am Pride Service at UUCD
Followed by a light brunch



September Sunday Services

September 7th - Gathering Sunday

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis
8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am Self-serve Coffee
10:30am Intergenerational Worship
with Holy Communion
Children's Church
11:30am Coffee Hour with Gathering Sunday treats

September 14th

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis
8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am Self-serve Coffee
9:30am Forum: House Meetings and The Sum of Us
10:30am Worship with Children's Church
11:30am Coffee Hour

September 21st

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis
8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am Self-serve Coffee
10:30am Worship with Children's Church
11:30am Coffee Hour

September 28th

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis
8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am Self-serve Coffee
10:30am Worship with Children's Church
11:30am Coffee Hour

Fundraising BBQ for the Foy Scholarship

Saturday, September 13th from noon to 4:00pm at Peace Church (under the tent and in the Fellowship Hall). Come for a BBQ meal, music and fellowship! Bring your friends.

From the Pastor

Living into Community

As we have journeyed through the book of Romans this summer, one theme keeps coming up again and again: if we want to live a life as abundant and inclusive and loving as God hopes for us, we have to do things differently than the status quo. That's a hard lesson, but ultimately a hopeful one. There are ways we can reach out, tend our souls, and repair the world that make the resurrection promise real in our community.

We are preparing for the start of a new program year and a new school year. As we organize our schedules and set our calendars for the year ahead, we could consider this a spiritual practice of prioritization. Ordering our lives in a way that matches our values. As part of the ISAIAH Clergy Organizing Cohort I'm participating in this summer and fall, we were invited to count the hours over the previous week when we were acting in line with our deepest values. Of course, we can't always do this – the work that pays the bills isn't always going to be the place where we find our purpose, there are far too many of us who need to work multiple jobs and long hours to make ends meet, and the toilets in our homes still need scrubbing regardless of our high-minded ideals.

But it's still an interesting exercise. If we want connection and community, how often are we making time to get to know our neighbors? If we want to eradicate homelessness in our community, how are we carving out time in our schedule to volunteer or make phone calls? If we want a peaceful, loving home, how can we cultivate that intentionally with the way we schedule our time?

As you consider your fall schedule, I humbly invite you to consider how your involvement at Peace Church might be part of this discernment. Do you love to knit or crochet? Perhaps you could dedicate some time to making a baby blanket, prayer shawl, or graduation blanket, bringing some extra cozy love to our community. Do you find dishes the most satisfying chore? Joining the Wednesday night clean-up crew could be a way to connect with fellow church members and get into that meditative space that only a sponge and suds can offer. Are you a teacher or someone who's not afraid to get up in front of people and talk? We'd love to welcome you as a lay reader! If you have HR experience, love a good spreadsheet, enjoy meeting new people, or find event planning energizing, we have opportunities for you to plug into teams and committees – you're welcome to try these out for one or two meetings without making a commitment.

Romans 12:4-5 reads, "For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." We celebrate all our varied gifts and the strength that brings to our community. Thank you for sharing your gifts with Peace Church!

With blessings in this time of seasonal transition, and with deep resurrection hope,

Pastor Corinne

From the Moderator



Hi. I'm Mike Schrage and it's my privilege to serve as your Council Moderator for this next year. My wife Jen and I live out in the boondocks of west Duluth with our two cats and dog. You'll often find the dog and I hiking the local trails behind our house. I've been attending Peace for about 25 years now. Our Music Director once described me as a member of the Peace Church right wing because I had meat for breakfast and habitually carry a pocket knife. Yup, sounds about right. If you have questions about what Council's up to or concerns you feel Council should address, please seek me out.

Council last met on June 17th. It was a light agenda, providing orientation to new Council members, approving new members of the various standing committees (Finance, HR, Pastoral Relations and Fund Oversight) and the purchase of new data management software. We also reviewed the annual meeting the congregation held on June 8th, especially the questions of membership and baptism in our bylaws that arose during the meeting. We will be continuing that conversation in various formats over the coming weeks with the hope of

bringing something back to the congregation to vote on at a later meeting. Council doesn't have another formal meeting until August, but we will hold a retreat in July to provide further orientation on policies and procedures, our organizational structure as well as just getting to know each other better.

Wednesday Night Suppers are starting again!

Fall will soon be here! Soup Suppers will be back on Wednesday nights so dig out your favorite family recipes for soup and bread.

First, a big THANK YOU to each and every volunteer who made Wednesday nights easy, fun and productive. You know who you are, and we saw what you did, and we celebrate a wonderful collaboration. Volunteers make things happen!

We were nourished in body and spirit. There were conversations. Hopefully we know each other a little better. Joys, concerns and struggles were shared as we did the important work of building the beloved community.

Look for a couple of changes this year. Use the "Sign Up Genius" that is available on our website to volunteer. (or find Carrie Kelsey with a clipboard between services or at coffee hour to sign up in ink.) When you sign up to bring soup, please enter what kind you are bringing and the number of servings. We averaged 50 to 60 people at each meal last year. This will help us ensure that there is enough food on hand for everyone. The room will be set up differently, so we can plug in our roaster ovens and crock pots. This will allow us to extend serving time from 5 - 6pm. Food will be hot until 6! As always, vegetarian and gluten free options will be available and ingredients will be labeled.

Once again, we are following ISD 709 for closures due to extreme weather. There will be some Wednesday nights that we will be closed. Keep an eye on your bulletin for those dates. They will also be reflected in Sign Up Genius.

It has been my joy to serve you in creating these evenings of fellowship together. Is there someone you would like to introduce to the Peace community? Soup suppers are a wonderful opportunity to bring a friend!

In Gratitude, Carrie Kelsey

Staff Vacation

New & Improved Wednesday Night Schedule

Fall 2025

We heard your feedback and are pleased to announce our new Wednesday night schedule!

5-6pm – Dinner

By using Crock Pots and heating devices, we will keep food hot and ready until 6pm so folks coming from work and school will have time to eat.

5-6:30pm – Nursery Open for ages 0-5

Same as last year, with paid and trained nursery staff.

5:45-6:45pm – Bible Study

Keeping things consistent here as well. Feel free to bring your soup to the Fireside Room if you're running late.

5:45-6:30pm – Kids' Club for grades K-5

More overlap with Bible Study so parents can attend, starting a little later so kids and families have time to eat.

6:30-7:30pm – Middle School & High School Youth Group for grades 6-12

The Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers will meet separately most weeks, but their youth groups will meet at the same time to ease transportation challenges for families.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesdays in the fall! If you want to be part of making dinner happen, find Kitchen Manager Carrie Kelsey between services on Sunday mornings, or sign up by Sunday evening via SignUp Genius.

Dan Shepard

Dan, our Custodian, will be out of town on Sunday, August 3rd. We are looking for volunteers to help out Sunday cleaning bathrooms, sweeping and mopping the Fellowship Hall, and setting up the tables and chairs for Coffee Hour. If you are able to volunteer, please email Bri at office@peaceucc.org.

Rachel Obed

Rachel, our Business Manager, will be on her honeymoon from August 7th – September 7th! While she's gone, building requests will go through Bri and all other time-sensitive items will be coordinated by Pastor Corinne.

Pastor Corinne

Pastor Corinne will be taking vacation from August 8th – 12th and August 25th - 27th. Please reach out to Rev. Laurie, our Pastoral Care Chaplain, for your pastoral needs at laurie@peaceucc.org.

Volunteer Visitation Trainings

Rev. Laurie Crelly is developing a visitation team to coordinate ongoing pastoral care and support for members and friends of Peace Church. This team will coordinate visits and phone calls to people who are unable to attend Sunday services or would like home visits. Trainings will be held on Thursday, August 14th, 21st, and 28th at 6pm in the Fireside Room. If you are interested in being part of our visitation and calling pastoral support team, please send a note to Rev. Laurie to register - laurie@peaceucc.org.

Team and Committee Updates

Stepping On Up

The Another Door Shelter housing located at Peace Church is up and running. Thank you to everyone for your support of this important and needed housing for young adults. As many of you know, Peace United Church of Christ received the 2025 Servant of Christ Award from Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota for our work on this project. There are currently nine residents at Another Door who receive housing and meals, as well as assistance in transitioning to permanent housing with the help of case workers.

The Another Door Shelter part of our building is currently being scraped and prepared for a new coat of paint and new gutters installed. Now that the building project is complete and up and running, the Peace Stepping On Up Team is transitioning to a community-based focus to address homelessness in our city. There are many entities partnering on this mission including CHUM, Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army, Damiano Center, One Roof, AICHO, Center City Housing, HDC, Lifehouse, Safe Haven, Loaves and Fishes, and local clergy and congregations. The many entities are working together and looking for folks with skills in the trades, an aptitude for fundraising and event planning, and neighborhood outreach skills. For more information or any questions, contact Melissa Boyle at marvelous.melissa.boyle@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for more information about a screening at Peace Church of the documentary "Under the Bridge", about homelessness. We will watch the film, enjoy a Popcorn Bar, and discuss the film afterwards. Please consider attending this relevant, informational event.

Please consider joining us at the next meeting of the Peace Church Stepping On Up Team, Wednesday, August 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the staff lounge. Also, check out the online wish list for all Chum program needs at <https://www.chumduluth.org/wishlist>. When we all work together, we can do what we cannot do individually.

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:40

PALS Picnic!

Thursday, August 7th at 5:00pm at Goese's, 4730 London Road. We have permission to park on the lakeside of London Road from 5:00-8:00pm. Brats and the fixings provided.

Please bring a dish to share, your favorite beverage and a lawn chair Most importantly ideas for next year.
RSVP lrgoese@gmail.com or text 218-341-0918.

Property Team

The property team meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. Additionally we hold periodic work nights to take care of building and ground maintenance projects. In August, several evenings were spent scraping and painting the front stucco wall. Thank you to all the volunteers who make the worknights happen (an extra shout out to Alex, Matt, and Bud!). Anyone is welcome to drop in for any of these work nights, no experience needed. Please contact Bri in the office if you are interested in getting on our email list.

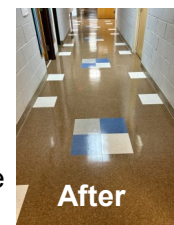
New Chairs! Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Fireside Room chair upgrade at the auction on May 16th. Full chair donors include: Mike and Diane Swanoski, Dennis Hamsher, Tom and Marsha Hystead, Bridget and Tom Reistad, Matt and Carrie Ryan, Leanne Ventrella, Geof and Gudrun Witrak. Half chair donors include: John and Cathy Ameel, Phyllis Cook, Andy and Libby Fena, Jennifer and Gordon Gelo, Susan Goltz, Max and Ed Proetz, Mike Shrage, Stacey and Dave Stark, Allison Wood and Julie Flotten, Kirby and Cathy Wood. Because we actually only needed eight chairs in the Fireside Room, several office staff were also able to order ergonomic and updated office chairs.



At the end of July you may have noticed a new waxless floor coating in the lower level hallway and left bathroom. This project was done without cost to us by Tim and Kim Burnett of Facility Health Solutions, for us to experience a fresh look and to

support a local business with a local application. If you spend time in the kitchen, you may notice that we finally were able to solve the puzzle of getting the oven door fixed!



I also want to give a thank you to our business manager, Rachel Obed, for coordinating all the inspections and licensing needed for our building to keep us compliant. She also dealt with several emergency maintenance projects this spring. Thank you, Rachel.

Up Next!

This fall you will notice gutter replacements on the front wall and rental wing. We are still finalizing quotes and evaluating options to replace the very old and inefficient Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning roof-top unit (HVAC RTU) that serves the Peace offices and narthex. High efficiency and minimal fuel consumption are of utmost importance to the research team. Thank you to our Peace membership for voting to approve a loan of up to \$90k for this purchase. We do not have an installation scheduled at this time.

General Synod Recap

Congratulations to **Rev. Shari Prestemon**, former Minnesota Conference Minister, who was elected to the Associate General Minister, Co-Executive of Global Ministries by delegates to General Synod 35 on Monday, July 14th after serving in that capacity as the acting AGM for 18 months!

Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting



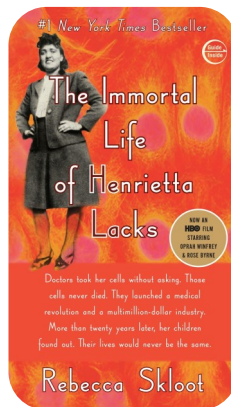
Sue North, Jan Murphy and Charlotte Frantz represented Peace UCC at the Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting, June 13th and 14th. The Many, a musical group, led worship as well as providing impromptu leadership when news of the Hartman's deaths

was confirmed Saturday morning. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, addressed the Conference several times, including one extended Q and A session with Conference clergy. Sue North attended the workshop "Engaging in Difficult Conversations" and Charlotte Frantz attended a presentation by Warren Read, author of *The Lyncher in Me*, the story of his search for the story of his grandfather's role in the 1920 lynching in Duluth. About 40 delegates used an afternoon workshop time to join the "no kings" protest in St. Cloud. The usual reports and business items were part of plenary sessions. Delegates approved two new staff positions: one a "covenant organizer" to relate to local congregations and one for outdoor ministry. The Conference Minister Search Committee made a report and expects to recommend a candidate for Conference Minister sometime this summer.

Monday Book Group

Peace Book Club meets the first Monday of each month September through May. We lean toward non-fiction books that interest the group.

Our first meeting will be Monday September 8th at 3pm in the fireside room and on Zoom. The book we'll be discussing is, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. This book tells the story of how the cells from Henrietta's cervical cancer came to be used in medical research and the effects this had on her family and on medical discoveries. While describing these effects, it delves into the history of ethics in research and racism in medicine.



Queer Connections Social Group

Join us during Coffee hour on Sunday, August 10th to connect and plan monthly Queer Connection events for the coming year. Social activities, group outings and other opportunities to meet other Queer people of all ages.

The Belonging and Community Team

It's time for a new round of Dinners for Several. They will be hosted, potluck dinners (or lunches?, or picnics?) in September and October with the hope of getting small groups of folks together to share commonalities and enjoy each other as multidimensional people, not just someone sitting in the pew in front of you or who serves on a committee with you.

This round will be a little different than previous years as each host will choose a theme for their dinner... something that will draw together people with a common interest. Topics will be chosen by the host and must not be political, community organization related, or even how long you have been a member, but rather something meant to be fun or define unique commonalities. They may include one of the following:

- Photography
- Asian food or Italian food, or vegetarian, or Greek food?
- Living in a specific neighborhood in Duluth or surroundings
- Recent empty nesters
- Living as a single
- First generation immigrants
- Music jam
- Amateur writers who would be willing to share a short reading
- Teachers/Retired teachers
- Collections
- Favorite children's book, or your favorite book when you were a child
- Movie buffs
- Etc.

To begin, we are looking for those who would like to host. Hosts chose date, time, location, and the theme for the dinner and are not limited by the examples given above. As soon as you are inspired and ready, or just have questions, email Bri at office@peaceucc.org.

For those who want to attend but not ready to host, we will be posting the dinners by the first Sunday in September, designating hosts and themes. At that time you can sign up for the one that makes you smile. Attendees can be singles, couples, or families with children. The individual hosts will indicate the parameters.

Queer Connections Board Game Night

Mark your calendar also for Monday, September 15th at 6:30pm for a Board Game Night. All ages are welcome so invite friends and spread the word - Bring a favorite game, and snacks/beverages to share.

Children and Youth Corner

Hello Peace Families,

I am writing to you, just having returned from our Youth Cultural Immersion and Service Trip to Re-Member at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. It was an abundant experience – full of challenge, learning, inspiration, and expansive community.

Our Re-Member Crew (10 youth and 4 adults) built relationships with each other, youth from Kalamazoo, MI and New York City, as well as Oglala Lakota Elders, who shared their experiences, perspectives and spiritual ethos with us. We also had opportunities to meet and interact with folks living on the reservation, sharing meals together.

On our final night journeying back to Duluth, we took some time as a group to process the week of experiences and to recognize that we share a unique bond having created meaningful channels for understanding in a specific time and place.

In many ways, the reflection after the trip is as important as the trip itself – creating space within us to bring a good message home and to embody that goodness – truly an incarnational experience reminding us of who we are and whose we are.

We hope you can join us for the **Forum and 10:30am service on September 21st**, in which our youth and adult travelers to Re-Member will share their reflections and experiences from this formative journey!

I am so thankful for the amazing youth and adult volunteers who traveled to Re-Member, without whom the trip would not have been possible: Warren Post, Katey Fornear, Jacob Romberg, Niko Fornear, Andrew Holmstrom, Anya Holmstrom, Kieran Hunter, Siggy Hunter, Gary Ramsey, Scarlett Romberg, Adeline Seele, Micah Seele and Colin Westbrook. If you see any of these folks around Peace or Duluth, give them a high-five!

In late June/early July we hosted UCC New Brighton and Parkview UCC youth groups for a “Duluth Service at Home” trip. This was also an incredibly formational and abundant week with service-learning day trips to Loaves and Fishes, the Fond du Lac Cultural Center and Museum, AICHO in downtown Duluth, a tour of the Chief Buffalo Murals at Gichi-ode’ Akiing park with artist Michelle Defoe, and the St. Mark’s Giving Garden. During the week we built upon opportunities for relationship and mutual aid that will continue as the school year starts.

I’ll tell you, working with so many stellar young people these last couple of months, and so many adults who care, across multiple states, has made me hopeful.

As we turn this next couple of months to beginning a new year of programming ... the start of a new school year ... changing seasons of life and nature, I continue to process and reflect on these last two months.

Two things are rising to the top: 1) a black sparkly star I received during the first worship service of 2025 with the word “service” written on the back and 2) wisdom shared by Elders at Re-Member, a concept in both Lakota and Anishinaabe traditions, that also finds commonality with the indigenous people who wrote the Hebrew Bible, “we are all related.”

From these things, come questions to ponder:

What are opportunities to live in to all people, beings, the earth itself, being interconnected, relatives?

How can I better notice these opportunities and show up for them?

What are the opportunities for service that are right in front of us – especially the type of service that builds dignity, relationship and a community of mutual aid?

I invite you to take a moment while doing all the summer things, before returning back to the busyness of all the school year things, to search for your own ponderings.

What weighs heavy on your heart?

What brings you hope?

What opportunities show up at that intersection?

I hope you are basking in the beauty that is summertime in Duluth and finding time to rest, recharge and reset!

Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda

Re-Member Sunday!



Join us on Sunday, September 21st for a message from our Youth and Adults who traveled to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in July. Youth will share about their experiences and what they learned during the

6 9:30am Forum and 10:30am worship service.

Children and Youth Corner

Nursery News Children through age 5

Childcare resumes in the nursery on Sunday mornings beginning on September 7th. We are expanding Nursery hours on Sunday mornings to **8:15 -11:45am in the Sun Room** (downstairs by the elevator).

We are also offering childcare in the nursery on **Wednesday nights from 5:30- 6:30pm**, beginning September 10th.

Children's Church this Fall

On the first Sunday of each month, children remain in the service to participate fully in worship and take communion with their families.

On the rest of the Sunday's, Children's Church takes place after the Story for All Ages, during the 10:30am service. In Children's Church we talk about the Bible story for the day and play games, sing songs and make crafts that help us to understand the story in a new way. Youth are invited to help out during Children's Church if they would like to. Once a month we have a Lego-free-for-all so be sure to look for weekly emails updating your family to what we will be learning about that Sunday! If you're not on Amanda's regular email list for families, please contact her at amanda@peaceucc.org to be included.

On September 7th, we will have a shorter Children's Church Sampler after the Story for All Ages, so kiddos can get a view of what's to come, but we will return to have communion during the service.

Bible Presentations to K and 3rd Graders is on Sunday, September 14th, during the 10:30 am service.

Acolyte training is on Sunday, September 28th, for kiddos grades 3 - 8. Contact Amanada if your child is interested.

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Once a month, both Youth Groups will be doing a **service project at Loaves and Fishes Homeless shelter**. This may include making, serving and eating dinner with families at the Olive Branch House or helping out in the Bike Cave. Tentative dates are September 17th, October 8th, and November 19th. In December we will help at their yearly Christmas party. Parents, please contact Amanda (amanda@peaceucc.org) to be on the regular email list for families to get more information about what is happening week to week.

Even if it is your youth member's first time attending, don't worry, they will be able to jump right in!

OWL & Confirmation Information Coming Soon

Confirmation 1 class is for 10th grade students and **Confirmation 2 class** is for 11th grade students. This year there will be adjustments to the day and time of these classes, an email is coming soon to families of 10th, 11th and 12th graders about this change and starting date. Please contact Amanda if you have any questions.

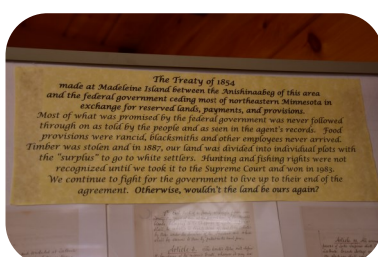
OWL for incoming 9th graders. Our Whole Lives (OWL) is our amazing comprehensive sexuality curriculum that runs on Sunday nights throughout the school year in partnership with Pilgrim Congregational and UUCD. Letters and emails have gone out, please contact Amanda with any additional questions, or if you have not received a letter and have a 9th grader!



Chief Buffalo Murals



AICHO Visit



Fond du Lac Cultural Center and Museum visit



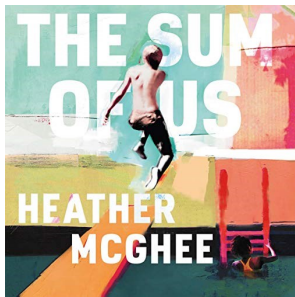
Giving Garden

Fall Book Club

***The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee**

Mondays from 6:30-8pm,

September 22nd-October 13th (4 consecutive weeks)



Heather McGhee's specialty is the American economy—and the mystery of why it so often fails the American public. From the financial crisis of 2008 to rising student debt to collapsing public infrastructure, she found a root problem: racism in our politics and policymaking. But not just in the most obvious indignities for

people of color. Racism has costs for white people, too. It is the common denominator of our most vexing public problems, the core dysfunction of our democracy and constitutive of the spiritual and moral crises that grip us all. But how did this happen? And is there a way out?

Join Peace Church's Dismantling Racism Team to discuss the costs of racism to all of us, the solidarity dividend when we come together for the common good, and concrete actions we can take to build the Beloved Community right here in Duluth.

Celebrate 125 Years



On August 23rd, St. Mark AME will celebrate its 125th Anniversary with an afternoon vendor fair on 5th Avenue, music, a "preach-off" featuring local guests and a dinner (free will offering). St. Mark's basement was constructed in 1900 and the upper level was built in 1913. The building housed fraternal groups in the 1910's, supported the NAACP

in its infancy, and hosted W.E.B. DuBois when he visited Duluth in March 1921. You are invited to help this historic congregation celebrate its 125 years in Duluth!

The Bombing of Nagasaki August 9th,

1945: The Untold Story

Gary G. Kohls, MD

64 years ago, on August 9th, 1945, the second of the only two atomic bombs ever used as instruments of mass destruction was dropped on the defenseless civilian city of Nagasaki, Japan, by an all-Christian bomb crew who had been training for this mission for months. The crew was only "doing it's job," and they did it with military efficiency and precision.

To continue to read this article, go to <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:ef363e72-1139-4d43-90c6-346f03163aef>.

Chum's Rhubarb Fest was a GREAT event. Shown by the following statistics, the new venue was successful, we had beautiful weather, there was an amazing turnout and a terrific group of staff and many volunteers that made that happen. One other important thing to add was Peace UCC's contribution to the success. A number of Peace members in two shifts worked making and baking 75 delicious rhubarb crisps. It was definitely a "it takes a village" mantra all the way around. Congratulations Chum!

Some public numbers from the Rhubarb Festival:

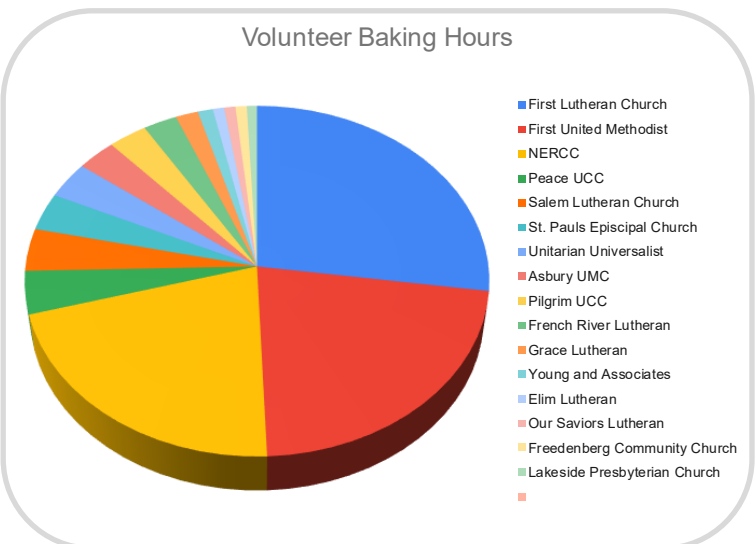
1. **2,000** volunteer baking hours
2. Over **150** volunteers logged **600** volunteer hours at the Festival
3. About **100** hours went into warehouse management
4. An estimated **3,500** people attended the event!

Final numbers are still being sorted, but we can say that we have crossed the net line of **\$50,000** of fundraising for Chum's operating budget

Other things moving forward for Chum:

1. We will be going through a rebranding soon. We are looking for volunteer committee members with strong experience in marketing to help this cause.
2. Stay tuned for any moving needs in August as we transition from the current location to the Damiano Center
3. We'll be developing a plan for Chum member organizations to track volunteer hours. In a world of competing grants, we need to demonstrate to funding sources just how much our area volunteers support Chum!

Volunteer Baking Hours



Community News



Duluth Monarch Waystation Garden Tour
Saturday, August 2, 2025, 10 am - 1 pm

Join the Duluth Monarch Buddies' Waystation Tour featuring gardens with milkweed, nectar and pollinator plants providing habitats for the propagation and growth of Monarch butterflies.

Seven gardens to view: some simple and small and others large and elaborate. Visit all or a few. Hosts are available to show off the gardens and answer questions.

Find inspiration and appreciation for the beauty of native plant gardens!

HOW TO TAKE THE TOUR

- August 2, 2025, 9:30 - 10:30 am. Check in and purchase entry at the Plains United Church of Christ, 1111 N. 11th Ave E.
- Get a brochure provided by Duluth Monarch Buddies (DMB) which includes site names, addresses and descriptions.
- \$10 fee per vehicle is requested to support DMB planting projects and conservation efforts around Duluth.
- 10 am - 1 pm visit gardens at your leisure.

Questions? Email duluthmonarchbuddies@gmail.com

WANT TO GET CERTIFIED? Monarch Watch is a national nonprofit education, conservation and research program at the University of Kansas focusing on the monarch butterfly, its habitat, and growth. For program information visit www.monarchwatch.org to learn more and get certified. There are 100 partner organizations in Duluth.

Duluth Monarch Buddies (DMB) is a nonprofit of Duluthers collaborating to restore Monarch habitat and reduce stressors around the city of Duluth and its suburbs. This is the mission of the Monarch Trust, the Monarch Fund, and the Pollinator Marketplace. Visit their site here.



2025 SPIRIT VALLEY DAYS KIDFEST
AT WHEELER STATE PARK COMPLEX

Sunday, August 3rd
10am-3pm



AGES 18 & UNDER & 60+ RECEIVE \$4 TO SPEND ON FRESH PRODUCE!!!

DOUBLE-OR-DOLLAR EBT MATCH UP TO \$25!

CREDIT, DEBIT, EBT, & CASH ACCEPTED!

2025 SUMMER FARMERS MARKETS

LINCOLN PARK
3-6 PM THURSDAYS
Hudson Community Center
3002 W 3rd St, Duluth, MN 55806
June 12th - September 23rd

CENTRAL HILLSIDE
2-5 PM TUESDAYS
Essentia Health Parking Lot Across From
902 E 3rd St, Duluth, MN 55805
June 10th - September 23rd

Community Action Center, Essentia Health, HUNGER SOLUTIONS, GREEN DENTAL, CO-OP



ART IN BAYFRONT PARK
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**Community Education Forum:
Hiroshima 80 Year Remembrance:**
Why Nuclear Weapons must be eliminated
Hosted by Northland Grandmothers for Peace and Veterans for Peace - Chapter 80
Wednesday Aug 6th 4:30 PM
Superior Public Library




We will have a guest speaker followed by a screening of the powerful anime Barefoot Gen (experience of Hiroshima survivor and artist Keiji Nakazawa) as we honor the victims of the United States nuclear attack on the city of Hiroshima Japan. We are focused on the total elimination of nuclear weapons



YOUR 2025 MOVIES IN THE PARK LINEUP IS...

DOWNTOWN DULUTH MOVIES IN THE PARK

 WICKED JULY 11TH	 THE WILD ROBOT JULY 18TH	 AMESKY TWO JULY 25TH	 MUFASA AUGUST 1ST
 THE WILD ROBOT AUGUST 6TH	 AMESKY TWO AUGUST 15TH	 THE WIZARD OF OZ AUGUST 22ND	 THE HITMAN'S BODYGUARD AUGUST 29TH



SAFE HAVEN SHELTER & RESOURCE CENTER

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Donate supplies, enjoy live music, and support Safe Haven families!

FREE Event

Music By **DAN THE MONKEY MAN**

August 24th **SUNDAY**
1pm - 3pm

at Wussow's Concert Café



Chester Bowl Fall Fest 2025
Sat, Sep 20th 9:30am to 4:30pm
\$5, Chester Bowl Park



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Sat, Aug 30th, 11:00am - 7:00pm,
Bayfront Festival Park



Head of the Lakes UNITED WAY

BABYSITTING TRAINING

Head of the Lakes United Way is proud to offer **FREE** training for youth ages 11 years and older.

Upon completion of class, students will receive a babysitting and pediatric CPR certification.

Scan for more information or go to: hlunitedway.org/babysitting

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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.



Keep in Your Prayers

- All our members living in long-term care facilities: Joyce Riggle at Fransican, Mike Nugent at the Silver Bay Veterans Home, Steve Coll at St. Anne's, Amanda Cran at Bishop Woods, Sharon Kirtley at Viewcrest, Bethel Anderson at Ecumen, Alician Grogan at Bay Shore, and others.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Phyllis Cook, Laura Tonkin, and others.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our hearts go out to Marlis Cran's family on her passing on July 19th. Marlis's funeral was held at Peace Church on July 22nd.

Help weed the upper parking island



Join members to do major weeding & clear drainage slots in the parking island rain garden on Tuesday August 5th.

Come anytime between 9am - noon.

Bring pitchfork, spade, weed digger, work gloves.

Contact Cathy Wood with questions.

Calling all Crocheters and Knitters!



For the next year graduates we are looking at switching up the blankets. Every year we give the Graduates a Tie Blanket, this year we are hoping to do crocheted or knitted blankets.

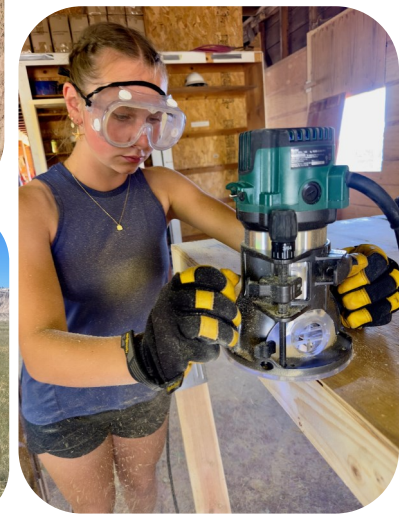
We want the blankets to be unique like our graduates but also represent Peace. We are asking that the blankets be the same size (66' wide x 90' Long), different shades of blues and grays, and medium weighted yarn. If you prefer to donate yarn, you can drop the yarn off on Sunday mornings in a bin outside of the office.



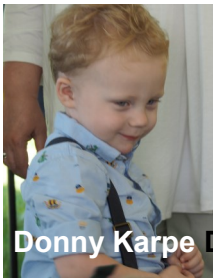
We are thinking about doing a Blanket Making Night, which the date will be announced at a later time. If you have any questions please reach out to Bri 10 at office@peaceucc.org.

Colors we are looking for: *aqua, petrol blue, navy, charcoal, oxford grey, silver, mint.*

Re-Member Youth Trip



2025 Graduation Service



Donny Karpe Dedication

Servant of Christ Award Ceremony

Regular Opportunities for Engagement & Volunteering

Recurring Meetings

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

- 6:30am **Property Team** Second Tuesday
- 6:30pm **Coordinating Council** Third Tuesday

Wednesdays

- 8:30am **CHUM Breakfast Making** Every Other Wednesday
- 2:00pm **Belonging & Community Team** Second Wednesday
- 5:15pm **Acting for Justice Hub** First Wednesday
- 5:45pm **Bible Study** Every Wednesday

Thursdays

- 8:00am **Men's Breakfast** Every Other Thursday
- 3:00pm **Dismantling Racism Team** Second Thursday
- 5:30pm **Worship & Arts Team** Second Thursday
- 7:00pm **Pastoral Relations Committee** Second Thursday

Recurring Volunteer Opportunities

Mondays

- Loaves & Fishes** Every Monday Night

Saturdays

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

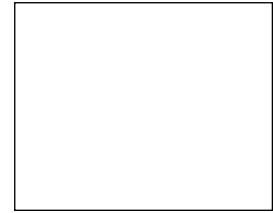
Sundays

- 9:30am **Ushering and Lay Reading** Every Sunday (June 8-August 31)
- 10:30am **Coffee Hour Volunteering** Every Sunday (June 8-August 31)
- 11:30am **Coffee Hour Volunteering** Every Sunday (summer hiatus June 8-August 31)
- 1:30-3:30pm **Damiano Community Kitchen** Second Sundays
- 4:30-6:30pm **Damiano Community Kitchen** Second Sundays



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If you are not interested in receiving the Peace Bell, please call or e-mail the office (see phone # and e-mail address above)

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

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

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