



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sundays in November

November 6

8:30 and 10:30

All Saints Remembrance with Holy Communion
Bring photographs and place them in the chancel
for either or both services

Commissioning of Search Committee

Imagine Peace Possibilities: Spiritual Legacies

Pastor Jim Mituski, preaching

5:00 Taize worship

November 13

8:30 and 10:30

Imagine Peace Possibilities: Music and the Arts

Procession of Pledges and Prayers

Pastor Charlotte Frantz, preaching

12:00 Stewardship Celebration Chili Lunch

4:30 Peace and Praise Service with sandwiches
afterwards

November 20

8:30 and 10:30

Thanksgiving Sunday/Christ the King Sunday

Trans Day of Remembrance

Pastor Jim Mitulski, preaching

November 27

8:30 and 10:30

First Sunday in Advent

Holy Communion at both services

Reflecting the Sacred: Sacred Time

9:30 Advent Workshop

The 10:30 service is livestreamed each Sunday.

Links are available at www.peaceucc.org.



Thanksgiving Day

Service

At Peace and on

Livestream

9:30 a.m.

Pastor Jim Mitulski, Preaching

November Forums and Intergenerational Conversation: Settlers on Indigenous Lands

Sunday, November 6, 9:30 Forum: Tracing our Bloodlines and Landlines

Most of us call this land home because our ancestors immigrated to this "new world" and took over land that was previously home and held sacred by native peoples. One of the important ways of approaching issues of indigenous rights and repairing our relationships is through the lens of our own story. Who were your ancestral immigrants (bloodlines)? When did they come to this country? What land did they occupy (landlines)? How did they get the land? What places/land have you called home? We will explore our stories of our bloodlines and landlines. Led by Dr. Gary Boelhower.

Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 Together Here: The Blanket Exercise

On Wednesday, November 9th, youth group, high school students and adults are invited for pizza at 6:30pm. At 7:00 we will participate together in the Blanket Exercise, a moving and interactive dramatization of white settlement on indigenous land in the U.S. It takes about an hour and a half and includes a talking circle at the end. Here's a link to a video that explains the exercise and its importance: <https://vimeo.com/129161339>. If possible, please rsvp to Nathan Holst at nathan@peaceucc.org or call the church office.

Sunday, November 13, 9:30 Forum: Local History and Land

Learn about the history and relationship between settlers and Indigenous peoples in Minnesota. Professor Joseph Bauerkemper will share stories about local treaty history—how treaties were formed and broken and what that means for our understanding of the land around us our relationship with local Indigenous peoples. This is an opportunity to know more about the land we are living on and how we might be better guests, able to respect the peoples who have been here before us. Professor Bauerkemper is an associate professor in the department of American Indian Studies at UMD.

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Sundays at Peace

Settlers on Indigenous Lands

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Sunday, November 20, 9:30 Forum: Repair and Reparations

How can we repair relationships between white settlers and Indigenous people's? How can we move toward collective healing? Deacon Coleen Bernu will share some of the ways our Lutheran neighbors in the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, have been engaging land back and reparations with local Indigenous communities. Coleen Bernu is a Minister of Word and Service in the ELCA and currently works as the Director for Evangelical Mission and Synod Minister for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.



Interfaith Service

Sunday, Nov. 20

7:00 pm

**Spirit of God
Lutheran Church**

New Members

Have you considered becoming a member of Peace Church? We'd love to receive you into "official" membership at either service on November 20. Church membership is a way of claiming your place in our congregation. Church membership is recognition of our common desire to praise God, follow in the way of Jesus, and work together to build a beloved community. Church members will vote on several important issues in the next several months, including the 2023 budget and the programs it supports. Sometime late winter or early spring we will vote to call a new settled pastor. Please contact one of the pastors, Jim, Charlotte or Nathan if you'd like to be received into membership on November 20. We receive members by baptism, letter of transfer from another congregation or re-affirmation of faith.

From Nancy Nelson

Thanks to everyone who sent cards and gifts in honor of my retirement! I am overwhelmed by all the kind words I received. It's been a pleasure to be part of Peace Church for the past 16 years, and I am very grateful for the many friends I have made over the years. Now I'm looking forward to spending time sharing some awesome outdoor Northland adventures with those friends!

Peace Staff

Peace Staff Under Construction!

Please be patient with us! With two support positions open, the Human Resources Committee and Pastors Jim and Charlotte worked to re-configure job descriptions and responsibilities. We expect the transition to take some time. An Office Coordinator will work Sundays-Thursdays and will often be your primary point of contact via phone or in person. The Office Coordinator will handle publications, preparations for Sunday morning, volunteer scheduling, and general office services. A Business Manager will take care of building schedules, oversee maintenance issues, provide office support to the Stewardship Team, Finance and Human Resources Committees, Search Committee and Council. The person in this position will work Mondays-Thursdays. The two will work together and share some responsibilities as needed. We are excited to have found persons for both these positions: Bri Dornbush and Jerry Paquette. Charlotte is assisting with some tasks during their initial months here. Please note that Bri will be on maternity leave most of November and December. By mid-January, we hope to have implemented this new staffing pattern.

Introducing...

Bri Dornbush, Office Co-Ordinator

True born Duluthian. I grew up in this neighborhood, went to Grant Elementary School, and would go to 8th St. Video almost every weekend for an ice cream cone. I have known of the Peace Church and what it stands for and what it does for its community, and I am so excited to be part of the team. I appreciate everyone's patience during this time and I can't wait to be able to help where I can.

Jerry Paquette, Business Manager

I was born and raised in Duluth, and I am the youngest of 4. Graduated from UMD. Lived in Minneapolis for 16 years. Moved back in 2015. Previous experience includes fundraising for a non profit, executive assistant with a telecommunications company, and facility and security management.

My hobbies are classic movies and the actors and actresses who starred in them. I love local unsolved mysteries, missing person cases and old cold cases. I have participated in several podcasts regarding Minnesota and certain cold cases. I also blog on pop culture and subjects that others refer to as "useless information."

I am very excited and thankful to be in this role at Peace United Church of Christ!

Interim Time



At long last the Coordinating Council feels that Peace is ready for a Search Committee that will look for a new settled pastor! More than 28 members of the congregation applied for, or were nominated, or were asked to apply, to serve! The Council considered carefully each person's qualifications and interests. The following were selected and represent a diversity of age groups, sexual preference, length of membership and involvement in the church. As a group, they have a variety of skills and experiences to bring to the committee. We are so glad they agreed to serve. Here are the members in their own words:

Mike Swanoski-Chair "I am a member and past chair of the Stewardship committee. I served on the Coordinating Council and was moderator twice. Priorities during my two separate terms on the council included capital campaigns, both successful. I have been a grateful and proud member of Peace church for ~35 years. ...I believe we should continue to be challenged in our faith and what we are called to do. Peace is an amazing place with amazing members, and there is more work to be done and different ways to do it."

Betty Greene-Secretary "I especially value the social justice focus of Peace Church. Many people first come here for that reason. I appreciate the focus on a variety of music in worship and the connection we have with each other, supporting people in time of need.... I also hope we will nurture Peace children and families and be an attractive church for people of all ages."

Stephen Dando-Council member and Chaplain for the team "I am trained as a minister. I have studied both Pastoral Care, and Ethics and Church Growth at two different seminaries. I am familiar with a variety of theologies and cultural settings for worship. I have experience in hospital chaplaincy. I have worked as a counselor in substance abuse and have experience in diagnoses and interviewing."

Ron Deters "Inclusivity, humble, intellectualism, compassion. Hoping we can be a welcome resting place for everyone and anyone- a place that touches hearts and inspires us to be our best selves and to strive to be closer to God.... I have a unique experience as a lay musician/non-professional. I have appreciated watching how volunteers and professionals and staff and pastors work together to make this all happen."

Amy Galarowicz "Peace goes beyond the initial welcome. They remember. They remember your face, your name, your story. They remember your struggles and know when to ask the question, "How are you?" with all the sincerity in the world. Being seen and feeling heard – offering that kindness to all who come through the doors – that is what I hope continues for the future."

Laura Hamel "I value the people. The way the staff and congregation live into the spirit of love, welcome, social justice, generosity, and integrity. I hope that Peace Church congregants can work together to envision a beautiful bold future that focuses on building on the great foundation that has been built during these last few decades. As Heraclitus famously said, 'change is the only constant in life'."

Mary Junnila "I appreciate that Peace Church defines and understands diversity across many different dimensions. In other organizations, I have sometimes heard people argue that if the group is inclusive according to one dimension, that it may not be important to embrace diversity and inclusion along other dimensions. By contrast, I believe Peace has tried to see and embrace many, many dimensions of diversity (race, sexual orientation, disability status, income/class, and much more)."

Veronica Gaidelis-Langer "I bring a voice of a member that has been here for less than 10 years but has been involved during that time. I have three kids and can bring the perspective of a younger voice (personally and from my children/family). I bring my passion for social justice and anti-racism work, along with the desire to bring these passions to life and live out our faith. I have worked in the non-profit and mental health fields, and believe these areas add to what I contribute and the lens in which I see things through."

Warren Post "As I have gotten older, I realize that my world view and my approach to my faith have become more and more traditional. At the same time, I have been challenged to learn and grow in ways that are not traditional. Striking a balance between these two mind sets is where my faith has a chance to grow, while still honoring the spiritual place where I come from."

In addition, three youth will be involved in the final interviews: River Fena, Kate Dean and Lorelie Schensohn.

This group will be dedicating much time and talent over the next 4-5 months as they work as a team to select our next settled pastor. Among their initial tasks will be learning from the Holy Cow survey and using the results to fill out our church profile. You will see and hear more from this team as they communicate their progress towards the end goal.

Members of the Search Committee will be commissioned at services on November 6.

History Corner

Memories of Peace by Pastor Kathy Nelson



What Tim and I find ourselves most grateful for over our 30 years at Peace Church are the people. Peace Church has had so many amazing, faithful people who created and kept re-creating this congregation. I knew this from my very first week on the job when Trudy Schwerdt walked in my office and handed me a green recipe box. I opened the little tin box and inside were not recipes, but note cards each with a name, enough cards for every member and friend of the congregation. The cards were in her meticulous handwriting, and they were all in alphabetical order. On the note cards were pertinent information, not gossip but things a young pastor might need to know like who people were related too, how long they had been part of the church, what they were involved in.

I kept those cards in my top desk drawer for a long time, often going through them. When new folks joined the church, Trudy would make sure to give me a new card for them. She wanted to make sure no one was ever forgotten. She helped me know the stories of this people, and she made sure I took the time to listen to everyone's story.

Listening to people's stories was always an important and sacred part of my work as Peace's pastor. I got to listen often as people prepared for baptisms, confirmation, weddings, and memorial services. Often the stories would pour out over cups of coffee at kitchen tables, in circles of kids in confirmation or at bedsides in homes or hospitals.

I loved sharing in the rite of baptism during worship and got to do this over 400 times. Being a mom, I knew babies like being held upright and so only rarely had a baby cry as the water ran down their forehead. One of my favorite baptism memories happened on a confirmation retreat.

We had gone to Camp Amnicon for the night so the youth could think through their decisions and have time together. As we began the retreat I said that confirmation is the affirmation of their baptism. Milo then said, "I want to be baptized." "When?" I asked. "Now" he replied. So I got him to call his mom and she agreed. Then we all went down to the Amnicon river in the rain. I remember slipping on the muddy paths with all 23 youth, Nathan, Holly and I. The river bank was steep; the water muddy from the rain but we made it and Milo was baptized. Afterward the youth burst out singing, "Happy Birthday to you." Time spent with youth always was often like that moment – surprising and joyful.

There are so many memories from the 25 youth work camps, none of which would have been possible without our incredible adult volunteers -Dan Green, Warren Post, Jim McLean and others. We traveled by van or bus to San Antonio, West Virginia, Boston, Denver, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, and the Cheyenne River Reservation. We often worked on building projects but also found ourselves in food shelves, daycares and shelter programs. I think for all our youth this expanded their world view by doing service work but as importantly by looking at some of the root causes of poverty and injustice.

I am also grateful to have served in a congregation where my young daughters would ask when I let them know I had a wedding that day, "Is it for a bride and a groom, two brides or two grooms?" This congregation worked for marriage equality for a very long time through the Opening Our Doors Conferences and marriage legislation. I truly enjoyed working with over 300 couples as they planned their worship services and more importantly their ongoing life together. Many of these weddings took place in Peace's beautiful sanctuary, but others were on beaches, at dawn on Rock Hill, or livestreamed all the way to family in India. I will always remember Betsy who insisted on being bare foot for her wedding. I reminded her mom that like Moses she should take off her shoes for this truly was holy ground.

Holy ground too as I sat with people making the most sacred transition of all- from death to new life.

History Corner (continued)

As a congregation you have always opened your hearts and doors to anyone or family needing a space to hold a funeral or memorial service. This congregation has created amazing meals on short notice for families in deep grief.

Again I felt honored as I sat with over 350 families and listened to the stories of people's lives, some of them far too short. We created memorial services that honored the lives they lived. I will always be so grateful to Jim Pospisil for his flexibility and creativity with the music for these worship services. For example, he was able to get the brass band that Xavier Bell's family wanted for the closing hymn, "O When the Saints Go Marching In" or a bag piper playing "Amazing Grace" for Steve O'Neil's service.

Jayme Hennen's memorial service ended with a chorus of duck calls. He was an avid hunter and collected over 50 duck whistles. We blew hard and called him home. And we knew together as he always said in worship, "God Bless us All this Week".

Peace Church has been blessed by so many incredible people who have been and are part of this congregation. I have always liked the thought that the pastor's role is to stand in the wings and help people remember their lines. And for this congregation the lines have always been from Micah 6:8, "Do Justice, Love Kindness and Walk Humbly with your God". Luckily for me, you never had much trouble remembering this.

Special Events in November

Stewardship Celebration November 13

Sometime this week you should receive a mailing from the Stewardship Team with information to stimulate your imagination about what Peace can be—and how you can be supportive of Peace's becoming! Imagine our youth and children's programs! Imagine our social justice and service outreach into the community! Imagine our individual and collective spiritual legacies! Imagine music and the arts! Imagine what you can give to support Peace.

Fill out your pledge card and return it by mail, in person, or, best of all, bring it with you on November 13. Both services will feature a Procession of Pledges and Prayers as together we dedicate our financial intentions for 2023. Plan to stay following the 10:30 service for a Chili Lunch provided by the Stewardship Team.

If, by some chance, you did not receive your Stewardship Packet in the mail, stop in the church office. We will have a few extra waiting to be picked up!!!

Advent Begins November 27 Sacred Time, Sacred People, Sacred Space, Sacred Knowing

Advent begins on November 27th. We will mark the beginning of this holy season with Communion at both the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services. Each week, the 8:30 service will include traditional Advent hymns and Scriptures. The 10:30 service will include some new elements as well as our traditional special events—a Cantata on December 11th and Youth and Children's Pageant on December 18th.

An Intergenerational Advent workshop will be held at 9:30 on November 27th. Make an Advent wreath for use in your home, make a Christmas ornament for your tree, or make cards with holiday greetings. If you have a craft idea you'd like to share during the Advent workshop, contact Nathan at nathan@peaceucc.org.

Christmas Eve there will be services at 4:00 and 10:00. Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year and we will have services at both 8:30 and 10:30.



Reminder: Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6

Turn your clocks back before heading to bed Saturday evening!

150th Celebration

“God is still speaking at Peace Church” by Marsha Hystead

As we wind down our anniversary celebration, the 150th Committee is very proud of the work and believe the celebration was a huge success. When we started all of this last January, we had one goal: *“The 150th year is an accurate representation of who Peace Church is and what makes us unique. Our mission is front and center in everything.” We believe we achieved that goal.*



At each of the three major events, we saw people we hadn't seen since COVID. We heard laughter and saw hugs all around at the **Bell Tower Lighting Festival**. The next morning, we worshiped outside under the bell tower with Rev. Kathy Nelson preaching for the first time since she retired. And now every night our Bell Tower lights up the neighborhood.

The Rally for Peace was probably the largest event ever staged by Peace Church. From keynote speaker, David Hogg, to amazing words from six others, the event was inspirational and empowering. We believe we had over 300 people attend and great news coverage. Peace Church was well represented that day. Over 40 members from Peace volunteered, all wearing their teal t-shirts. Many others asked about our church and were witness to our mission of peace and justice for all.

And finally, the **150th Celebration Dinner and Program** brought almost 150 people to Peace the evening of Saturday, October 8th. What a celebration it was! Our host, Justin Olson, dazzled us with his magic, Pastor Jim's words put us in the celebratory spirit and the Peace Players were magnificent telling the story of our 150 year history. We are grateful for the many members who shared their Peace Church stories and shared their “one word” in the closing Video “A Word on Peace.”

The German dinner following the program was such fun. Many, many thanks to the Dinner Team and to the Swanoskis and Jim Pospisil for the German music during the dinner. And, finally, we heard about our future from our dinner keynote, Kelly Grgas. Her words of “feeling safe and welcome at Peace” were inspirational and sent us off with one goal—spread the word about this place and continue being who we have been over the last 150 years.

History Videos

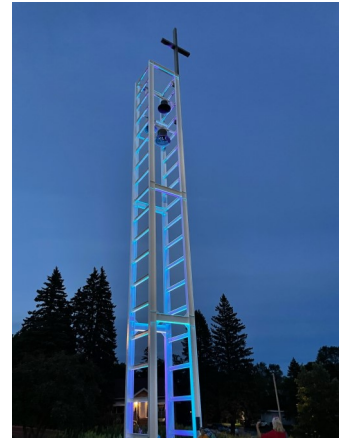
Our interview team—Laurie Berner, Janell Kohls, Linda Goese, Lynn Devlin, Susan Isernhagen and Marsha Hystead—videotaped 28 longtime members, including three former pastors. These are being edited by Lauren Hystead and will be placed on peaceucc.org very soon, along with “A Word on Peace,” the compilation video. We also have beautiful photos from each event, thanks to Betty Greene and John Ameel, many of them shared with this article.

There are so many people to thank who made this a great success. We attempted to list everyone, but we ran out of room! Please know that your involvement is what made this year a success. We couldn't have pulled this off without everyone single one of you!

“No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!”



Peace @ 150




Peace
Celebrating 150 Years

Peace Church Groups

Sharing Our Spiritual Journey Group

Monday, November 7 and 21

7:00pm via Zoom

The "Sharing Our Spiritual Journey" group meets the first and third Mondays each month from 7-8pm via zoom. We provide space to reflect and share our calling, our spiritual journey, our joys and challenges. We use check in, poetry, journaling, and any other gifts people bring to the group. If you have questions or would like to rsvp for the zoom link, please contact Gary Boelhower at gboelhower@msn.com.

Monday Book Group

The Monday Book Group will meet November 7 and 21 at 3:00 p.m. We will be reading *Unbound: My Story of Liberation and the Birth of the Me Too Movement* by Tarana Burke. Burke is the founder of the Me Too Movement and works to "dismantle the cycle of sexual violence and other systematic issues that disproportionately affect marginalized people." You can join us even if you have not read the entire book. If you would like more information please contact Sally Larson or Penny Cragun.

Choir

Wednesdays at 6:15pm in the sanctuary

Please join choir in the sanctuary for choir practice. Choir also meets on Zoom each Thursday at 4:30pm. See you there!



Therapeutic SomaYoga

Mondays 9:00-10:15am

Fireside Room

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

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy

Monday, November 28, 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 every month on the fourth Monday. Please email the office for the Zoom link.

Virtual Bible Study

Wednesdays at 5:30pm via zoom

The Narrative lectionary moves through portions of Bible, giving readers a comprehensive overview of the Biblical message. Our virtual Bible study, led by Tom Liddle and Bob Stevens, uses this lectionary. Readings this fall are primarily from the Gospel of Matthew and Genesis. No prior Biblical knowledge is necessary to participate in this group. Watch the weekly emails for the texts and zoom link. At the end of our conversation, we close with prayer.



Women's Tea and Talk

Wednesday, November 2

3:00 pm

"Our Own Saints"

Join the conversation and share some stories about the saints in your life: those folks who influenced you and whom you still hold dear in your heart. Bring pictures if you like. Charlotte will talk a little about Day of the Dead traditions in Guatemala.

PALS

(Peace Adults Learning and Socializing)

November 17 6:00 pm

On November 17, PALS will gather in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall to repack food for the CHUM Foodshelf. We buy bulk supplies and repackage them for distribution to families. About 7:15, we enjoy pizza together. For repacking, please bring a 1 cup measuring cup and at least one box that we can use to transport our repackaged goods. (Liquor store boxes are sturdy and the right size.) For supper, bring your own beverage and \$5.00 for the pizza. Please rsvp to Maxine Proetz 218.728.6542 or preferred maxproetz@gmail.com.

PALS is seeking financial gifts to purchase bulk supplies. Contributions can be made through the church office or put into offering plate on Sunday. Please put "PALS" in the memo line of your check. You do not need to be a PALS group participant to make a donation; all donations are welcome!

If you are interested in being added to our PALS email list, please contact the church office (218-724-3637) or Dick or Linda Goese (218-525-3412).

Men's Breakfast

Every other Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Join us once again 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, November 3 and 17.

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 Youth Group

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm

After some time to breathe out this last month, we are now starting to brainstorm as a group what we want to do together on Wednesday nights. You can be a part of determining what we do together—share your voice and opinion and make youth group an awesome time together. Come join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00 in the fellowship hall for gaga ball, hang out time, and a chance to build some great friendships!

High School Youth Gathering

Sunday, November 13, 12:30 pm

Incline Station

This is our monthly space for high school youth to come hang out and have fun together. We had a great time hiking in Chester last month and this month we are planning to **bowl at the Incline Station on Nov 20th at 12:30pm**. Come bowl, have pizza together, and hang out. If you can, rsvp to Nathan at nathan@peaceucc.org.

Note: Middle and High School Youth are invited to participate in an Intergenerational Blanket Exercise on Nov. 9. This is part of a series entitled "Settlers on Indigenous Land" (see p. 1 for more details).



October Peace and Praise Worship under the tent.

Nursery for Little Ones

We continue to have our 3-5 year old nursery room open during the 10:30 worship service (10:00 am to 12:00 pm). Follow the circular hallway in front of the office windows to get to the nursery rooms. Parents, please make sure to fill out the sign in/out sheet with your information before you drop off/pick up your kids. We are looking for parent feedback to help us know the best way to serve our Peace parents. Please let us know if there are needs we are missing or any questions/concerns that you have as parents. Thanks!

Children's Church

Come join us for Children's Church each Sunday during the 10:30 service! We've consistently had a group of 20 kids, youth, and adults and it's a ton of fun. Kids stay for the service until Story for all Ages. Then we leave for Children's Church for 20-30 minutes. We might sing, do art, or tell stories with puppets, We'll come back with the adults near the end of the service. All kids (ages 3 and up) are welcome to join. And if there are any middle or high school youth that want to come join as helpers, you're welcome to join too!

Children's Choir

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

Children will sing in worship November 20 under the direction of Susan Larson Kidd.

A Call for Pageant Parts

Want to be a part of the awesome Pageant that we're writing this year? We've got space for younger kiddos and middle and high school youth! If you missed being a part of the initial writing we did on Oct 30th, get in contact with Nathan Holst (nathan@peaceucc.org) for more information. The pageant practice will be on Saturday, Dec 17th from 9am-12pm and the actual pageant will take place on the 10:30 service on Sunday, Dec 18th.

Peace and Praise Family Worship

November 13, 4:30 pm

Based on parent feedback from this last year, we are trying out a new kind of gathering/ worship. What if we combined camp and church? What if parents could let kids be kids while enjoying a worship experience with them? Think open to all ages and created with energetic kids in mind. We'll have prayer, a psalm, interactive songs, and a moment of gratitude. If this sounds like something you've been looking for, **we'll have our next gathering on Sunday, November 13 at 4:30pm in Fellowship Hall**. Worship for 20-30 min and then we'll provide a picnic with sandwiches after--just bring yourselves. Optional rsvp to Nathan at nathan@peaceucc.org.

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



Peace Church Meals for the CHUM Drop In Center

(located at 125 North 1st Ave West)

Please note that all food is prepared at Peace Church, dropped off at Chum, and served by Chum staff.

Wednesday Chum Breakfast: November 2, 16 and 30

Thursday Chum Dinner October 20

Donations of food for the dinner 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 .

Chum Fall Assembly

November 29 6:30 pm

Eastridge Community Church

Assemblies are open to anyone interested in CHUM's ministry. For more information, contact Peace's delegates, Louise Hawley and Annette Strom.

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."

Ann Schepers is the contact person for Dorothy Day House. Please text Anne at 218-341-2223 when you need to drop off your meal. Thanks!

PEACE BELL ARTICLES

are due **Monday, November 21**

Send to charlotte@peaceucc.org

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Donations to PALS for CHUM

The PALS group (Peace adults learning and socializing) plan to gather on Thursday, November 17 to repackage flour, sugar and coffee to be distributed by the CHUM food in their Thanksgiving boxes. In the past we have repackaged over a half ton of supplies. Nearly \$1,800 has been raised to buy the supplies with half of this amount donated to the food shelf as cash. PALS are glad to accept donations to this project, whether or not you attend PALS events. Put your contribution in the offering or mail to the church office with PALS in the memo line on your check.

All are welcome to join the PALS gatherings. Contact the church office to get your name on the email list. Contact Dick or Linda Goese 218-525-3412 if you have questions.

Second Saturdays of Support

Each month CHUM gathers volunteers on the Second Saturday from 9 AM - noon. Join us at **First Lutheran Church on November 12th** in the kitchen as we prepare ham & pea soup with vegetables, chicken soup with vegetables, and chili crockpot meals-in-a-bag for folks at CHUM's St. Francis Apartments. Come when you are able, when you want to hang out with some really cool people, or when you want to learn a new skill! We welcome youth (middle and high school) and adults of any age to participate. Sign up or call Rev. Patricia Benson at 218.724.3535 Ext 206. **Mark your calendar for December 10th, when we'll be making Christmas cookies as a holiday treat, along with a Grab 'n Go breakfast for folks at the Warming Center.**



Stepping On Up: Community Education Series

There are two more sessions in this Fall Series

November 3: Substance Use Recovery and Harm Reduction, Twelve Holy Apostles

November 17: Understanding and De-Escalating Conflict, Twelve Holy Apostles

**Go to <https://www.tfaforms.com/5004629> to register. Once registered, you will receive reminders for each session.

Volunteer Schedules

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Coffee Hour volunteers will help set up, serve and clean up after coffee hour. Additionally, please bring 2-3 dozen

November Coordinators are Janelle Kohls and Loni Crani-Hovis,

November 6: Loni and Janell, Laurie Berner (set-up), Gayle and Jack Kelly, Marge Johnson

November 13: Loni & Janell, Judy Derauf (Stewardship Chili Lunch)

November 20: Loni, Warren and Beth Post, Cathy and Jerry Carlson

November 27: Janell, Peggy Skylondz, Aryn Bergsven family

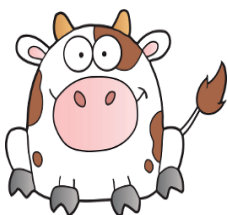
Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers

Many thanks to those of you who attended the Forum on Sunday, October 23. You gave us helpful feedback which we are trying to implement. Your assistance in both readying space and cleaning up afterwards will be much appreciated. We are in the process of creating a sign-up genius for the next three months. Watch for an announcement in the weekly emails and then select the Sundays and service times where you can help. If you've never been an usher or greeter but would like to give it a try, please sign up and someone more experienced can help orient you. Or, if you have a friend you'd like to invite into this volunteer ministry, please do so. You make a world of difference on Sunday mornings! Thank you so much.

Thank You

- Linda and Dick Goese for the displays in wooden planters by the front door of the church.
- Terese Tomanek & Steve Davis for Challah bread on October 2.
- Our Peace Bell Folders: Doreen Mascinick, Marion Jensen, Lorraine Anderson, Sharon Crosby, Loni Cran-Hovis, Marlis Cran, Janell Kohls, and Laura Tonkin. Thank you to Sharon Crosby for delivering the Peace Bells to the Post Office.
- Kay Stevens and Cyndi Brown for bringing food for the staff!
- Elliott Dean for reading the Gospel in German on October 9.
- Guest preacher, the Rev. Shari Prestemon, UCC Minnesota Conference Minister.
- Rev. Holly Pederson, UCC Chaplain for visiting some of our members in assisted living.
- Tres Commer for his willingness to share his talented guitar playing and singing with a variety of ensembles this past two months.
- Eric McEuen, guest musician from Washington Park UCC in Denver, Colorado.
- The amazing children and youth who have been singing for us including Luka and Lachlin Grgas, Andrew Holmstrom, Alyia Flotten, Francis Langer, Evelyn and Ingrid Henkel.
- Susan Larson Kidd, the Children's Choir and others who helped celebrate Pastor Jim Mitulski's one year anniversary at Peace.
- Human Resource Committee members who have worked so hard in re-designing the office positions and interviewing candidates.

Thank you from the Transition Team



Thank you to the 200 members and active participants at Peace who filled out the Holy Cow survey. And a big thanks to the Transition Team in their persistence in gathering information that will be used to create Peace's profile. Watch for information about the results of the survey and this "snapshot" of Peace Church

Peace People

Baptismal Blessings

- Owen George Hamel, son of Laura and Ellen Hamel was baptized October 16 by Pastor Jim Mitulski.

Keep in Your Prayers

- Jan Eschbach is recovering from electrical burns from her accident three years ago. She is dealing with every day challenges and appreciates the prayers from her church family.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Stephen Dando, Terrie Shannon, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Marg Paulson, Sam Peterson and others.
- All our members living in long-term care facilities: Joyce Riggles at Park Point; Mike Nugent at the Silver Bay Veterans Home; Steve Coll at St. Anne's; Amanda Cran at Bishop Woods and Sharon Kirtley at Viewcrest.

In Sympathy

- The friends and family of Plevna Hall, Jr. whose memorial service was held at Peace on October 27. Nathan Holst officiated.

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.



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