

Peace Bell



Peace

United Church of Christ

April & May 2026

Sundays in April

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Easter Brunch

10:00am Egg Hunt

10:00am Childcare Available in Nursery

10:30am Worship

11:30am Coffee Hour

2:00pm Transforming Families

Sunday, April 12

Confirmation Sunday

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: North Star Alliance

10:00am Childcare Available in Nursery

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

Sunday, April 19

Sermon by Rev. Laurie Crelly

8:30am Worship

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Iona Pilgrimage Report by Peace Church youth Lorelie Schwensohn,

9:30am New Member Orientation in the Music Room

10:00am Childcare Available in Nursery

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Swing into Spring Festival

Sunday, April 26

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Worship with Holy Communion

8:30am 9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Personal Health Records with Shokria Ebadi

10:00am Childcare Available in Nursery

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

11:30am New Member Orientation

11:30am Grounds Team Evacuation Work Day (depending on weather)

Sundays in May

Sunday, May 3

Sermon by Amanda McElray Hunter

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Church Center Orientation

10:00am Childcare Available in Nursery

10:30am Intergenerational Worship with Holy Communion

11:30am Coffee Hour

11:30am Church Center Orientation

Sunday, May 10

Joining Sunday

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Congregations as Democracy Hubs

10:00am Childcare Available in Nursery

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 17

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Cody Sanders

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

9:30am Forum: Feral Hope with Rev. Dr. Cody Sanders

10:00am Childcare Available in Nursery

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

11:30am Grounds Team Evacuation Work Day (depending on weather)

Sunday, May 24

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

10:00am Childcare Available in Nursery

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 31

Graduation Sunday

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee

10:00am Childcare Available in Nursery

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour

11:30am Spring Plant Sale

April & May Adult Forums

Forums in April

Sunday, April 5

No Forum - Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12 - North Star Alliance

Learn about legislative initiatives designed to keep all Minnesotans safe from federal over-reach. The North Star Alliance, a coalition of immigrant led groups and immigration advocates, has been organizing for several years. The largest bill, STAR (Safety, Trust and Respect) was introduced to a Senate committee in March. In addition, there are more focused pieces of legislation the coalition has been working on. ICMJ is part of this alliance. Betty Preus and Charlotte Frantz will lead an adult forum on April 12 so that you can track this legislation, make comments on it, and become a community advocate on behalf of Minnesota's new neighbors. This effort aligns well with ISAIAH's Peoples Agenda focus on dignity.

Sunday, April 19 - Iona Pilgrimage Report

Peace Church youth member Lorelie Schwensohn traveled with a Minnesota Conference UCC delegation to Iona Abbey in Scotland in August 2025. It was a transformational spiritual pilgrimage for Lorelie and her fellow travelers. Come to hear about her trip and their experience at the International Youth Festival at the abbey.

Sunday, April 26 - Personal Health Records with Shokria Ebadi

Join Shokria Ebadi, a Computer Information system and Health Informatics student at St. Scholastica, for a short presentation on how to easily manage your Personal Health Records and navigate patient portals. We will enjoy a special brunch with tea and traditional Afghan desserts while learning how to take charge of our health information together!

Forums in May

Sunday, May 3 - Church Center Orientation

Our new church directory is called Church Center – it's an online directory that is replacing Instant Church Directory and in addition to being able to access through a website, it also has a mobile app, making it very convenient! Join for a hands-on training. Bring your smartphone, tablet, or laptop if you have it, or receive written materials to help you set up the directory at home.

Sunday, May 10 - Congregations as Democracy Hubs

Faith communities have a long history of serving as nonpartisan centers of democracy. During the Civil Rights Movement, faith leaders registered voters, organized rides to polling places, and provided security for those polling places on election day. In recent weeks, faith communities have served as essential locations for mutual aid, connection, and resilience. As threats to our democracy build, ISAIAH MN is rolling out a Democracy Hub program, encouraging congregations to embrace nonpartisan democratic values as part of our Christian witness. Learn more about this effort and how Peace Church can be part of the work.

Sunday, May 17 - Feral Hope with Rev. Dr. Cody Sanders

Cody J. Sanders (he/him) is an ordained Baptist minister (Alliance of Baptists and American Baptist Churches U.S.A.). He teaches at Luther Seminary in St. Paul in the areas of pastoral theology and spiritual care within congregational and community contexts. Pastor Corinne experienced Cody's hopeful theology when he was the keynote speaker at the Conversations senior ministers' conference in Florida this past January. We will get to experience his preaching and teaching about feral hope: the gritty resilience we find in the Gospel and in the faithful living of that Gospel across history.

Sunday, May 24

No Forum - Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday, May 31

No Forum - Summer Schedule Begins

From the Pastor



We live in a future-oriented society. We are encouraged to pursue higher education to secure a brighter future; we are told to save for retirement; we are sold a story that unbridled growth and innovation and technological advancement is unequivocally good. I won't argue with the idea that innovation is good. But what happens when the future is uncertain? When we are priced out of the education we are told will secure our economic future? When our

retirement funds are eaten up by economic crisis? When technological advancements show their downsides?

As it happens, our Christian faith has a response. Our faith is also future-oriented. But it's future-oriented in a very different way than our culture. *Eschatology* is the theological word for the expectations we hold about the faraway future, the great arc of salvation history. It comes from the Greek words *eschatos* – last – and *logy* – the study of. When we talk about eschatology, we aren't necessarily talking about the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse or the end times, but these themes are related. When we look at the world we can see, it's easy to go to those dark, scary places. But when we think about God's promises to us and the future God imagines for us, this great arc of salvation history actually looks profoundly hopeful.

Our future-oriented society hinges upon our own human actions. We have to do the right things, have the right kind of luck, be in the right place at the right time. But our Christian eschatology only relies on God's action. And God's action is resurrection: the continual renewal of all things, even us.

In this Easter season, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, this earth-shattering, supernatural, perhaps unbelievable event. We are invited to live as resurrection people - which is to say, not striving for an ever-improving future, but trusting in the renewal God brings here and now. Where are you seeing resurrection today? I'm seeing it in our increased connection with one another, our growing relationship with Myers-Wilkins, and our interconnectedness with other faith communities here in the Northland. I'm witnessing it in our confirmation students' groundedness and growth, our children's passion for community, and our elders' abundant care for one another. It's easy to spiral out about the future. This Eastertide, I invite us to remain present, entrusting the future to God's care.

With Love, Pastor Corinne

From our Food Hospitality Team

Food Hospitality Tidbits: Caring for One Another with Food Allergies & Special Dietary Needs

Did you know that many people in our Peace Church congregation live with food allergies, sensitivities, or specific dietary needs? For some, even a small amount of the wrong ingredient can cause a serious reaction. Others follow certain diets for health or ethical reasons. When we take simple steps to understand these differences, we help ensure that everyone can feel safe, welcomed, and fully included at all Peace events that include food. Thank you for helping make Coffee Hour, Wednesday Night Suppers, and special events hospitable for all.

Understanding Common Dietary Terms

Gluten-Free—does not contain wheat, barley, or rye. This is a medical necessity for people with celiac disease or gluten intolerance—not a preference. Even tiny amounts of gluten from cross-contact (shared utensils or surfaces) can be harmful. When offering gluten-free items, clear labeling and separate serving utensils are especially important.

Dairy Free—does not contain any milk protein or milk derived ingredients such as butter, cheese, cream, yogurt, or whey. Lactose free DOES NOT mean dairy free.

Vegan—contains no animal products: no meat, fish, dairy, eggs, or honey.

Vegetarian—does not contain meat, poultry, or fish, but may include dairy and eggs.

How to Make Your Peace Food Related Event Safe and Inviting for Everyone

If your group provides food, please consider both allergies and dietary needs. Ingredient lists or simple labels go a long way, and store-bought items with clear packaging can be especially helpful. When setting up Coffee Hour or another special food event, be sure to include and label treats or snacks that would be safe for gluten free AND vegan special diets. Laminated labels can be found with the Coffee Hour supplies or in the drawer below the coffee maker.

There is a bin of Allergen Friendly Treats in the storage room freezer for everyone to use. Check the labels carefully, some are gluten free, some are vegan or some may be both. Ask Carrie or Melissa if you need help or don't see what you need.

Bringing soup for Wednesday night or homemade treats for Coffee Hour or a potluck? Use the handy check-off cards (found in the Food Labelling Bin in the kitchen or drawer below the coffee maker) to write down any allergens your item may have. When unsure about ingredients, it's okay to say 'I'm not sure' rather than guessing. And keep serving utensils with their original dishes to prevent cross-contamination.

Offering at least one clearly labeled gluten-free item and one vegan item is a meaningful way to make sure everyone feels included. Your care and awareness help ensure that everyone can gather, eat, and connect with confidence—thank you for helping Peace extend thoughtful hospitality.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday: The Power of Love, Sunday, March 29, 3:00-5:00pm, First Lutheran Church, Duluth

Since September, Christian clergy across the country have been planning for Palm Sunday as a meaningful moment to live our faith in public. Who is this Jesus who walked into Jerusalem and eventually to the cross? The Gospels depict him as a leader who stirred up an obvious contrast between the power of domination and the power of love. Together with Christians across the Northland, representing over a dozen congregations and counting, we will gather for worship, hospitality, and mutual aid, not just proclaiming but also living Jesus's call to love and care for our neighbors.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00-8:00pm

Join us in remembering Jesus's last supper with his disciples and his command to us to love one another.



Good Friday, April 3, 7:00pm, Glen Avon Presbyterian Church, Duluth

We partner with Pilgrim Congregational UCC and Glen Avon Presbyterian for this service, which will include choirs, scripture readings, and time for reflection.



Holy Saturday Beach Vigil, April 4, 5:00-6:00pm, Tot Lot

Join for a casual worship service with communion and rituals of fire and water, details forthcoming depending on weather.

Easter Sunday, April 5

Join us at 8:30am or 10:30am for festive Easter Sunday worship with communion at both services! Between services, come to the Fellowship Hall for Easter Brunch prepared by our youth and members of our Food Hospitality Team. All children are invited to participate in the indoor egg hunt, starting in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am.



Still **Uplifting Peace**



A Silent Auction for Mission and Justice

Mark Your Calendars for Friday, May 1st. Watch for your invitation in the mail for event details.

We are looking for donations!

Things like excursions, cabin stays, original artwork, gourmet dinners, gift certificates, theme baskets, baked goods, musical offerings - use your imagination! No donation is too big or too small!

Email PeaceUCCAuction@gmail.com and describe your donation. Please let us know by April 19th.



Team and Committee Updates

2026 Graduation Forms

Last summer, we sent packets to families with rising high school seniors to help us plan for Graduation Sunday. Please submit that paperwork to the office by April 1 to allow for enough time to make blankets before we recognize our graduates. If you don't know your post-high school plans yet, that's okay! Still submit the paperwork and we'll follow up with the details as it gets closer.

High School Graduation Blankets

If you volunteered to make a graduation blanket for a high school senior, please drop them to the office on May 1st. If you are making a blanket and have not yet notified the office, please email Bri at office@peaceucc.org.

LGBTQIA+ Board Game Nights Monday, April 13, 6:30pm

Now that the snow is past it is time to gather again for a fun game night for all. Come make a friend, have some fun and offer a new game for others to try. Friends are also welcomed. All ages and identities welcome. Snacks welcomed too.

Meet in the Fireside Room at Peace Church at 6:30pm. Stay as long as you like (we wrap up by 8pm).

Upcoming dates:

Monday, May 11

Upcoming PALS Event

Thursday, April 16. Tour PBS North studio. Starting at 3:00pm. Supper to follow at Tavern on the Hill.

May remains work in progress.

June is tailgate party/baseball game. Date will be set when schedule is available.

July will be planning and picnic.

All Church Rummage Sale Saturday, May 16

Here's your heads up for this years rummage sale! The date of the sale will be Saturday May 16 with set up beginning Thursday afternoon and Friday all day. The proceeds this year will be going towards Peace's financial needs (ALWAYS a great cause). More information in the weeks to come, but here's your invitation to start setting aside what you want to donate. Also, this takes a lot of volunteer time and energy, so consider how you can help with that too (hint...its a lot of fun AND a chance to pre-sale shop) For more information please contact Cindy Macaulay at macaulay@cpinternert.com.

Spring Maintenance at the Memorial Prairie

As spring returns and the prairie begins to wake up, we're planning a spring maintenance day at the Peace Church Memorial Prairie. The work day will tentatively take place sometime in mid to late April. Please stay tuned for the exact date and time as we wait to see how the prairie responds to the warming weather. During this work day, volunteers will help plant a variety of dormant native flowers to enhance the prairie's diversity and beauty. We may also do some light maintenance, including selectively cutting back certain plants and removing weeds to help the native species thrive.

The memorial prairie is a meaningful space for reflection and remembrance, and these seasonal efforts help keep it healthy and vibrant. Thank you to everyone who supports and cares for this special landscape. We look forward to working together this spring! Contact Jen Stenersen if you have questions or are interested in helping.

Get Your Garden Growing Peace Church Plant Sale May 31

Healthy vegetables, beautiful flowers, and container-friendly plants—all supporting Peace Church.

Mark your calendars for the Peace Church Plant Sale on Sunday, May 31! All proceeds from the sale will support Peace Church. Last year we raised \$500, and this year we hope to double that amount with your help.

All of the plants are grown by Jen Stenersen, who admits she can't grow just a few—so expect plenty of healthy plants to choose from!

A wide variety of vegetable starts will be available, including several kinds of broccoli (featuring last year's popular sprouting broccoli), cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, peppers, and tomatoes. There will be tomatoes and peppers that grow well in containers, perfect for patios, decks, or small garden spaces.

You'll also find beautiful, easy-to-grow flowers such as zinnias, marigolds, calendula, sunflowers, and more. Come early for the best selection and help us reach our goal of raising \$1,000 for Peace Church.

Stay tuned for updates as the sale approaches.

Questions? Contact Jen Stenersen
218-340-3670 or jen.stenersen@gmail.com

June and July Peace Bell articles are due
Wednesday, May 20.

Send articles to office@peaceucc.org

Children and Youth Corner

Hello Peace Families,

I am writing to you as we are in the last weeks of journeying through Lent, just around the corner from the promise of Resurrection. Entering Lent, I thought my spiritual practice for this season was going to be transforming my social media use – oh, I had plans! For sure, my use has shifted. I have been more mindful to log out and create space for spirit-feeding pursuits: reading, artmaking, cooking, spending time with loved ones.

In other ways, I will admit, I failed spectacularly, lol!

Feeling rebellious to my own intentions, usually after long days where I had little time to myself, I sometimes found myself pushing bedtime later to catch up with friends who live distantly and then doom-scrolling worrisome news I had avoided earlier in the day! I lost hours here or there reading and responding to rapid response notifications – a reasonable and necessary social media use on one hand, that still felt unbalancing on the other. Then there are the realities that come with limiting technology use in this age – missing occasional notifications/texts/messages that are important and need a timelier response.

Of course, that's why *spiritual practice requires practice*. And as I tell our kiddos, *failure is how you learn*.

There was a new spiritual practice that kept rising to the top during this time, maybe linked to making space in my day. In almost every program, class and conversation I had over the last couple of months – both with young people and adults – a different sort of checking-in has been happening – a *processing and listening that is needful, urgent, and cuts to the chase*. I wonder if this is both a reflection of our fraught times and my building trust with all of you as I have been in this role for almost 3 years.

One of the important things that I think we do in children and youth ministry at Peace is to listen. We work to create a safe space for our young people to process what is happening in their worlds day-to-day: to feel heard, to belong to a community of peers and to understand they are valued.

When you really think about it, there aren't many spaces where young people can go to be *listened to*. There are lots of spaces where they can go to be talked at. Some of those spaces, I am the one talking at them!

But increasingly there have been moments where it became so obvious that the need in the room was to put aside the lesson, to put aside the program and do a long check-in. Listening to each other share our roses, buds and thorns: (rose) something that gives us hope, (bud) something we are looking forward to, (thorn) something we are finding difficult. To learn about each other. To take time to process the toxic "isms" and cruelty encountered in their schools, extracurriculars, and the wider community/world. To have a space, metaphorically and literally, to be able to say "wtf"- followed by giggling and a "whoops."

Sometimes, we just need to vent a little about the messed-up-ness of the world, in a space that also acknowledges the world as beautiful and sacred. A chance to express the difficulty of living in a pluralistic society within a space grounded in commitment to remembering Jesus's call to a life lived in community. A call to find amazement and wonder in the kindness and resilience of our neighbors, reminding us that we are not alone. That in fact, in God's kingdom, each person, is loved, valued, and belongs. I can not tell you, how delightful it is to hear these young people talk about their realities and experiences – even the hard and confusing parts. Each one is truly a beacon of hope, thoughtfulness and goodness in our world!

I encourage you, as you journey into a new season of Resurrection and melting snow, to take the time each day to slow down and listen – to whoever is put in your path – especially if they are a young person. Allow them to process this wondrous and challenging life with you. Allow them to delight you with their daily anecdotes, their verve and wit. Allow them to make you laugh and cry and feel proud.

Please mark the following events on your calendar, and keep an eye out for weekly emails for specific details:

Looking for Volunteers! Easter Brunch prep and Easter egg stuffing and hiding – Saturday, April 4, 10:00am-12:00pm. This is always a super fun and lively event!

Confirmation 2 Breakfast – Sunday, April 12 at 9:30am (for Confirmands, their families and mentors).

Confirmation Service is at 10:30am, please join us to celebrate the faith of our young people!

Forum with Lorelie Schwensohn, April 19, at 9:30am – Lorelie will be discussing her amazing trip over the summer to Iona Abbey for YouthFest – an international, ecumenical Christian movement working for justice and peace, the rebuilding of community, and the renewal of worship.

Join the **Duluth East Student Government at the Swing into Spring Festival on April 19 from 11:30am-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**. This community centered event will offer family-friendly activities: live music, swing dancing, face painting, bracelet making, yard games, and free lemonade and cookies. Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on baskets donated by local businesses. All proceeds will go directly to non-profits present at this event, such as The Depot Foundation, The League of Women Voters Duluth, The Damiano Center and more. We will also be collecting canned food and gently used clothing items to be distributed in our community.

Spring Fling – Maypole and Contra dancing with Terrance Smith in the Fellowship Hall – Sunday, May 3, beginning at 11:30am!

Kids Club – this Spring we are wondering together about Neighborism.

We are building a life size cardboard Peace Neighborhood, creating Immigration Welcome Quilts, and presenting our **Spring puppet play on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary**.

Join us for an **Intergenerational Welcome Quilt Event on Wednesday, April 29**, following dinner.

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Middle School Lock-in is Saturday, May 2!

We are looking forward to another fun nights of building friendships and church-wide hide and seek!

KidsConnect Camp 2026! June 15 through June 19, 9:00am-12:00pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church.

KidsConnect is where children use their brain power as they connect with Jesus, family, and friends of all ages! As children learn and create together, they will find a place of belonging, make new friends, and follow Jesus's example of making room for all and loving one another. This half day camp is our version of Vacation Bible School. **Please email Amanda to register your kiddo!**

Minnesota Conference Trip to Washington DC (for High School Youth, current grades 9-12), July 11-17.

Minnesota Conference Fresh Water Faithworks (for Middle School youth, current grades 6-8), July 29-August 2, exploring intersections of our faith, deep ecology and environmental advocacy in the Mississippi River Watershed. Please keep youth and trip leaders in your prayers as they prepare.

OWL meets on April 12, 19 (this is a double session!), 26 and May 3, 10 and 17.

If you are not on the mailing list for weekly Children and Youth activities or if you would like to volunteer, reach out to Amanda at amanda@peaceucc.org!

Wishing you Love in Action,
Amanda



Youth Painting
Power of Love
Banner



High School
Lock-In



DULUTH EAST STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESENTS:

The Swing into Spring Festival

Outdoor games | Face painting | Live music | Silent auction

ON SUNDAY
April 19th

11:30 AM TO 3:00 PM

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

@ Peace Church
1111 N 11th Ave, E. Duluth, MN, 55805

Community Events



BAD FAITH
Christian Nationalism's *Unholy* War on Democracy
"A GREAT AND POWERFUL AND TIMELY FILM."
—KEN BURNS

Film Screening & Virtual Q&A
Saturday, April 11th 2 - 4:30pm
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth
835 W. College St.

BAD FAITH is an award winning feature length documentary that explores the dangerous rise of Christian Nationalism in the United States. The film exposes how a covert political system has worked to undermine American democracy to support its authoritarian agenda. Stay after the screening for a virtual Q&A with one of the filmmakers.

Free & open to the public
Event co-sponsored by LWV Duluth and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DULUTH

Film website: badfaithdocumentary.com

Homegrown Music Festival Support Peace Church Musicians!



The Homegrown Music Festival is an annual community celebration of the original and diverse music of Duluth, MN and its surrounding communities. What started in 1999 with ten acts has matured to an eight-day community-wide local music, arts and cultural extravaganza.

Owls Club Big Band - Wednesday, April 29, 7:15pm, The West Theatre

Featuring Peace Church member Darin Bergsven

A Band Called Truman! - Wednesday, April 29, 9:00pm, Mr. D's Bar & Grill

Featuring Peace Church members Ian Connell, Jim Pospisil, Kelli Hallsten-Erickson, Jessica Lilja Olson, and Dale Shimmin

Breanne Marie and the Front Porch Sinners - Friday, May 1, 9:30pm, The Moorish Room

Featuring friend of Peace Church Kailyn Pelerin



FROM FEAR TO FIRE
IGNITING COMMUNITY FOR A PLANET IN PERIL

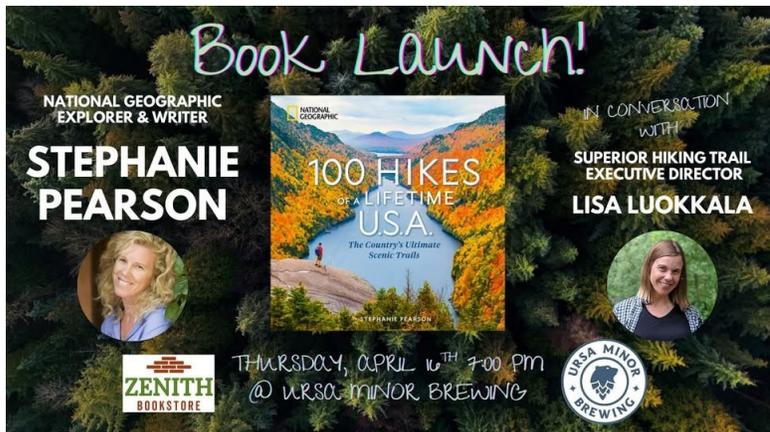
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Soldiers and Kings: Survival, Hope, and Empathy in the World of Human Smuggling Thursday, April 16, 7:30 – 9:00pm At Mitchell Auditorium



Jason de León presents on his National Book Award-winning project *Soldiers and Kings*. In 2015, de León began a long-term ethnographic

project focused on understanding the daily lives of Honduran smugglers who profit from transporting migrants across the length of Mexico. In this talk, he presents stories from his recent book and examines the complicated relationship among transnational gangs, the human smuggling industry, and migrant desires for



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100 HIKES OF A LIFETIME USA
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THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH 7:00 PM
@ URSAMINOR BREWING

ZENITH BOOKSTORE

URSA MINOR BREWING

Our Stories

An educational series hosted by St. Mark AME Church

Each session includes a presentation and meal connected to the culture being celebrated.

\$30/person per session or attend all 3 for \$75

Proceeds benefit St. Mark AME Church



Sat, April 11 4:30 p.m.

Our Stories: Hispanic American

Susana Pelayo-Woodward
Director, University of Minnesota Duluth Office of Equity and Inclusion



Sat, April 18 4:30 p.m.

Our Stories: African American

Rev. Anthony Galloway
Partner, Dendros Group
Pastor, Wayman AME Church



Sat, May 2 4:30 p.m.

Our Stories: Native American

Dr. Linda LeGarde Grover
Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota Duluth
Multi-award winning author

To register, visit stmark-ame.org or scan this QR code

Please register by 1 week prior to session



Judge Rules in Favor of Faith Leaders

Beloved of the Minnesota Conference UCC,

We joyfully write today to say that the court has ruled in favor of the Minnesota Conference UCC, the ELCA, and Father Christopher Collins, SJ (a Jesuit priest) to allow clergy to enter the Whipple Building to minister to those detained by ICE. We are grateful for the work of Groundwork Legal and Saul Ewing Law Firm, as well as to our clergy and clergy of other denominations and faiths who have tirelessly called out this just and faithful issue.

As your Board, we are proud to have stood with all who claim God's call to minister in all places, and especially in places of fear, despair, and pain. Please read the press release below from Groundworks Legal to learn more about the ruling and next steps.

— Minnesota Conference UCC Board of Directors

Wish List

The Chum Wish List is where we keep what we need most for each program.

For non-food, in-kind donation drop-offs:

21 W 1st Street, Duluth, MN 55802

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm

For food, in-kind donation drop-offs:

120 N 1st Avenue W (Chum Food Shelf), Duluth, MN 55802

Monday-Friday, 7:00am-3:00pm

(Door in the alley is labeled for food drop offs with a door bell)

For mailing (except for Amazon deliveries):

102 W 2nd Street, Duluth, MN 55802

For Amazon deliveries:

21 W 1st Street, Duluth, MN 55802

We do not accept miscellaneous clothing items; kindly take miscellaneous clothing items to the Damiano Center or the Salvation Army. Thank you so much for partnering with us and supporting our mission!

Peace Church Chum Donations

In the Narthex we have 2 bins for Chum donations. One is for Non-Perishable food items and the other one is for Non-Food items. Below are the most requested items.

Non-Perishable Food Items

- Canned Fruits and Vegetable
- Juice
- White or Brown rice
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Tuna and Chicken
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Soups (not Creamed)
- Canned Pasta

Non-Food items

- Monthly bus passes
- Gift cards for grocery stores, dollar stores, pharmacies, etc.
- Quart-size Ziplock bags
- Can openers
- Cleaning supplies
- Dish soap
- Bleach kitchen cleaner
- Tide pods/Laundry detergent
- Window cleaning solution
- Disinfectant wipes
- Scrubbing bubbles fresh gel toilet cleaning stamp or Clorox toilet cleaning wand
- Towels of all kinds
- Regular light bulbs
- Toilet paper
- Paper towel

For More information on what they need visit <https://www.chumduluth.org/wishlist>

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: Mike Nugent at the Silver Bay Veterans Home, Steve Coll at St. Ann'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: Laura Tonkin, Terry Wasnick, and others.

Our Condolences

This year we have had a lot of passings. We want to send our condolences to Laurie Berner on her cousin Rich and brother Chris, Bri Dornbush, Office Coordinator, on her Grandma Carolyn Ernest Sr, Gwen Plumb on her mom, and Molly Watson on her mom Barb. We have also lost members and friends of the church, Winona Gillespie and Harriet Crofts both members of Peace and Julie Soderberg a friend of Peace Church.



Pastor Corinne and Ori representing Peace Church at the Together Northland Event

Warren Post at the High School Lock-In



Regular Opportunities for Engagement & Volunteering

Recurring Meetings

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

- 6:30am **Property Team** Second Tuesdays

Wednesdays

- 8:30am **CHUM Breakfast Making** Every Other Wednesday
- 3:00pm **Tea & Talk** Last Wednesdays
- 5:30pm **Acting for Justice Hub** First Wednesdays
- 4:00pm **Listen, Reflect, & Connect Group** First Wednesdays
- 5:45pm **Bible Study** Every Wednesday

Thursdays

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

Recurring Volunteer Opportunities

Mondays

- Loaves & Fishes** Every Monday Night

Saturdays

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

Sundays

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

*Sunrise at Peace Church
on the first day of
Daylight Savings Time*



*Children's Church
Using domino experiments
to see kindness chain
reactions*



*Youth Service Project -
making sandwiches for the
Chum Warming Center*



Men's Retreat 2026



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*Winners of the 3rd annual PALS Duckpin
bowling: (from left to right Cathy Wood
and Leanne Ventrella 3rd place tie, Rolf
Hagberg, 1st place, and Christine Day
2nd place.*



*Ash Wednesday
Palm Bonfire*

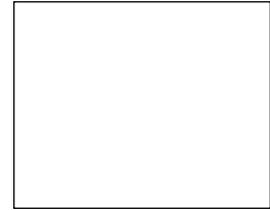


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