



Peace

United Church of Christ

Sundays in October

October 4

World Communion Sunday

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-20

Special Music by The Swanoski Polka Band

8:30am Taizé Worship

9:30am Forum: Washington, DC Youth Trip Report

9:30am New Member Orientation

10:00am Childcare Available

10:30am Intergenerational Worship with Holy Communion and ASL Interpretation

October 11

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14

Special Music by Ron Deters and Friends

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Forum: Faith in Democracy

10:00am Childcare Available

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am New Member Orientation

October 18

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Special Music by The Jazz Trio feat. Matt Prois

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Forum: Human Rights in Guatemala

10:00am Childcare Available

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

October 25

Preparing the Way: Our Community

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46

Special Music by The Tent Show Band

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Forum: A Bible Study on Generosity

10:00am Childcare Available

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

11:30am Fall Fest

Sundays in November

November 1

Preparing the Way: Our Legacy

All Saints Day

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Special Music by Sara Thomsen

8:30am Taizé Worship

9:30am Forum: All Saints Workshop

10:00am Childcare Available

10:30am Intergenerational Worship with Holy Communion and ASL Interpretation

November 8

Preparing the Way: Our Future

Sermon by Amanda McElray Hunter

Special Music by The Peace Church Children's Choir

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Forum: Stewardship & Capital Campaign 101

10:00am Childcare Available

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

November 15

Preparing the Way: Commitment Sunday

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Scripture: Judges 4:1-7

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Forum: Spiritual Practices for Hope and Resilience

10:00am Childcare Available

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

November 22

Thanksgiving Lessons & Carols

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Forum: A Bible Study on Gratitude

10:00am Childcare Available

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

November 29

First Sunday in Advent

Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Scripture: Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 64:1-9

Special Music by Wendy Durrwachter

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Forum: Advent Workshop

10:00am Childcare Available

10:30am Worship with Children's Church

October Forums

October 4: Washington, DC Youth Trip Report

Join us for this October 4, for a 9:30am Forum & 10:30am worship experience with high school youth who traveled to Washington DC in July to talk to their representatives about ensuring safety from ICE for sensitive locations (churches, schools, hospitals) and to request mental health supports for LGBTQIA+ youth.

October 11: Faith in Democracy

In the midst of divisive rhetoric and threats to our civil rights, there is a role for faith communities to play. Join this Sunday to hear about what's ahead this fall, including a Souls to the Polls event, an election night prayer vigil, and other ways for us to show up as nonpartisan people of faith to protect our democracy.

October 18: Human Rights in Guatemala

Peace Church members JT Haines and Maria Corradi Haines traveled to Guatemala with a group from Creekside UCC in Minneapolis this past spring. They will share about their experience around the following question: Guatemala has been brutalized by US-led Western corporate capitalism for decades (and centuries): Why is it important for us to know and think about this? Photos, storytelling, and a robust question and answer time will feature in this conversation.

October 25: A Bible Study on Generosity

As we embark on a season of generosity through our Stewardship and Capital Campaigns, we gather to ground ourselves in the source of our generosity: God's generosity with and for us. The Capital Campaign Spiritual Life Team has prepared a Bible study focused on three texts that lead us to consider generosity as a practice of faith. Come to explore and discern.

November Forums

November 1: All Saints Community Art Project

We are looking forward to creating a community art project that honors our loved ones who have died, brings hope into an uncertain time, and connects us to one another. All are welcome, kids included! Amanda & Corinne will be facilitating this forum.

November 8: Stewardship & Capital Campaign 101

This year, our concurrent Stewardship and Capital Campaign theme is Preparing the Way. Come to the forum to learn more about our budget, get grounded in the practice of generosity, and dream about what God is doing here and what we could do with God's help. Led by the Stewardship and Capital Campaign Teams.

November 15: Spiritual Practices for Hope and Resilience

If you're feeling spiritually adrift, anxious, or unsure how to strengthen your relationship with God, come to hear from Peace Church members about their own spiritual practice and try some yourself. Prayer, meditation, reading scripture, fasting from technology, and other practices increase our resilience and enable us to embody hope even in challenging times.

November 22: A Bible Study on Gratitude

Thanksgiving is about more than turkey, folks! Gratitude is a core Christian practice. Join to learn more about the scriptural basis for gratitude, share your own gratitude, and learn how gratitude practices can transform your own life.

November 29: Advent Workshop

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to make Advent wreaths, Christmas cards, tree ornaments, and other seasonal crafts. Pick up Devotional booklets and Advent calendars. For all ages.

A Message from the Pastor

Our worship series this fall is titled *Belonging in the Realm of God*. In scripture, we read, “the kingdom of heaven is like...” and we are met with parables that turn our understanding of the world upside-down. That phrase, “the kingdom of heaven,” doesn’t always feel tangible and relevant to us. It feels like something imaginary, far away, waiting for us after we die. But the truth is, the realm of God – the reign of God – is here and now, everywhere, and God is calling us to belong to it all the time.

What does it mean to belong? As a still somewhat-recent transplant to Duluth, this is not an academic question for me! Belonging has many facets: being accepted as you are, feeling like your presence is wanted and appreciated, finding an alignment of values, building trust. There is something vibes-based and intangible about belonging that can make it seem out of reach. What is belonging? You’ll know it when you feel it.

But belonging is not accidental. It’s theologically grounded for us as Christians, and it arises out of practices that can be taught and learned. Christine Pohl lays out some of these practices in her book *Living Into Community*, which I’m sure I’ve shared before because her work is brilliant. But just for review, she identifies four practices: gratitude, promise-keeping, truth-telling, and hospitality. Easy to articulate, challenging to live out, but all practices we engage in at Peace Church and work toward as people of faith in a hurting world.

This year, the children of our congregation will be reading *The Book of Belonging* by Mariko Clark, which interprets the entire Biblical narrative through the lens of belonging. These practices of belonging are rooted in God’s whole purpose for us: that we would belong to God and one another, and that this belonging would lead us to abundant life and transformation.

Belonging is related to our capital campaign as well, which you’ll be hearing much more about as we get deeper into the fall. Our building is not our mission, but it makes our mission possible. The belonging that not everyone gets to see, for good reason, is all the different groups that use this space to ensure that people on the margins find community as well. I’ve been told by multiple people that they started coming to Peace Church downstairs – for one of the seven recovery groups that meet in our building every week – years before they came to Peace Church upstairs. We are a safe place for folks in recovery, for trans youth and their families, for families navigating mental illness, and so much more.

I’m looking forward to more opportunities to practice belonging together. This issue of the Peace Bell is full of them. Blessings to you in this fall season!

A Message from the Moderator

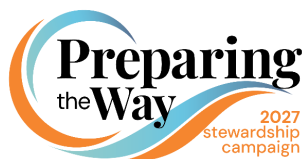
Hello again and happy fall! I just wanted to give a quick update on what has been happening on our Church Council. We had a lovely potluck dinner at a fellow congregant’s lake place for our August meeting. Due to the thorough enjoyment of conversation over dinner, we ran out of time for any potato cannon launching. Next year, we will try to leave ourselves a bit more time for play :). During our September meeting, it felt good to have almost the whole council together to finish up some of the new member orientation items and settle into a more typical council meeting. The reports from the various committee representatives contained a lot of excitement about the start of the programming year. New folks have been signing up for volunteer spots on committees (thanks to the Ministry Fair after church on Gathering Sunday!) and are bringing fresh energy and ideas to the already robust collective work we are all a part of.

Even though it was a difficult task to create a balanced budget for this current operating year, we on the council are feeling confident that we are in a far healthier financial place because we didn’t start out the year with a deficit budget. We are hopeful that we have a strong and solid foundation from which to launch our Preparing the Way capital and stewardship campaigns at the end of October. Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider what your best gift will be to invest in Peace’s future ministry.

Blessings,

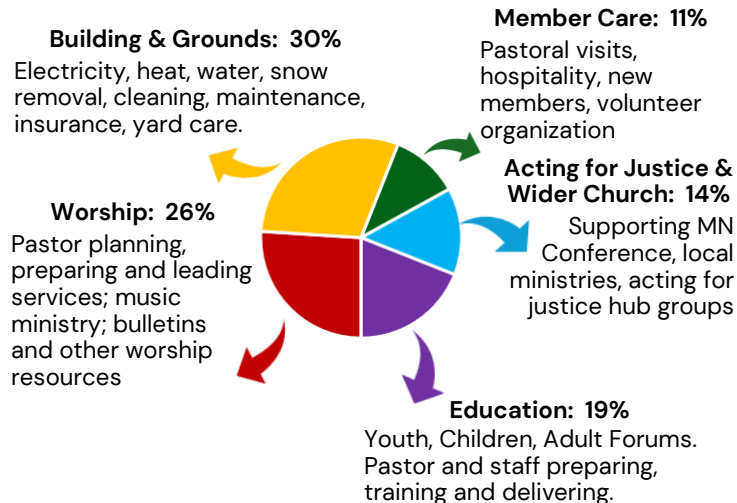
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Peace News



Each year at this time, we ask our members and friends to prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to help fund the work of our church

for the coming year. Your generosity makes the ministry of Peace possible every day. It helps provide worship and faith formation, pastoral care and hospitality, justice work, and a place where recovery groups, the Another Door shelter, community partners, families, and neighbors can find welcome. In fact, Stewardship giving supports more than 85% of Peace's annual budget, which in 2026 was \$729,000. Here's how our budget gets spent:



Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign is kicking off on Saturday, October 10 at 6:00pm with "A Night Together" – our Stewardship Campaign Dinner and Talent Show. Enjoy a complimentary dinner from Valentini's Italian Bistro followed by a Talent Show featuring Peace Church's finest. Childcare will be provided, but children are also welcome for the dinner and talent show. Please RSVP by Sunday, October 4 by calling the office at 218-724-3637 or by emailing office@peaceucc.org

This year the Stewardship Campaign is being integrated with our Capital Campaign. These two separate opportunities allow us to fund the ministries and programs that happen **every day** at Peace and to invest in our **future**.

Thank you for being part of the Peace Church family and helping to Prepare the Way for our congregation's ministry.

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:00–6:00pm – Dinner

By using crock pots and heating devices, we will keep food hot and ready until 6:00pm so folks coming from work and school will have time to eat.

5:30–7:00pm – 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.

5:45–6:45pm – Bible Study

6:15–8:00pm – Choir

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.

7:15–8:15pm – Confirmation 2

Second-year confirmands in 11th grade meet in the Chapel for a deep dive into our faith and practices.

7:30–8:30pm – Confirmation 1

First-year confirmands in 10th grade meet in the Fireside Room to learn about the Bible and the core stories of our faith.

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.

Using the Church iPad?

If you are using the church iPad, please have it plugged in and charging while you are using it. That will ensure the next user isn't left with a dead battery when they need to use it.

Office Closed

Thursday, November 26

The office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26. Staff will be back on Monday, November 30.

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New Member Orientation

October 4 at 9:30am and October 18 at 11:45am

We welcome all who are interested in learning more about Peace, what we believe, how we engage the community, and how we're structured to join us for one of these orientation sessions.

We will have one Orientation on October 4 at 9:30am in the Music Room where we will provide bagels, coffee, and fruit. We will have a second orientation on October 18 at 11:45am in the Fireside Room where we will provide a light lunch. If you need childcare for any of the orientation classes please email Bri ASAP.

Please RSVP to Bri in the church office via email or phone (office@peaceucc.org or 218-724-3637). Just popping in is great too. Looking forward to meeting with you!

New members will be received into the church on November 1. Save the date if you are interested in joining Peace.

Fall Fest Capital Campaign Kick-Off Extravaganza & 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off October 25 from 11:30-1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for this family friendly event celebrating all things Capital Campaign and all things autumnal, with carnival games, a cakewalk, arts and crafts, good things to eat, and our 4th Annual Chili Cook Off! Last year our first-place winners were Lisa, Ross, and Sabine Feikema. Who will it be this year? The winner receives a ribbon! Look for a link to register for the Cook-Off in Peace's weekly email. Wear your Halloween Costume (non-violent imagery only please)! This year we are collecting gently used costumes to contribute to the Damiano Center's Kids Costume Drive, so bring all those costumes that your kiddos have outgrown!



Youth Report of the 2026 UCC Youth Voices: **Bold Faith Lobby Day in Washington DC**

Join us for this October 4, for a 9:30am Forum & 10:30am worship experience with high school youth who traveled to Washington DC in July to talk to their representatives about ensuring safety from ICE for sensitive locations (churches, schools, hospitals) and to request mental health supports for LGBTQIA+ youth.

Women's Retreat: October 23-25

All female-identifying folk at Peace Church are invited to a retreat at Eagle Lodge at Clearwater Forest Presbyterian Camp in Deerwood, MN. Programs are still being planned but are sure to include time in the outdoors, reflection, and relaxation. Accommodations are disability-accessible and you are welcome to stay for one or two nights. Interested? Email the office (office@peaceucc.org) for the sign-up form.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

We are in conversation with our interfaith partners about what this service will look like and when it will take place this year. Stay tuned for more plans to come!

November 1

All Saints Day Photo Slideshow

Every year we honor our loved ones who died over the past year. If you would like to submit your loved one to be honored during the service please email Bri at office@peaceucc.org by Sunday, October 25. Please submit a photo, their name, their birthdate and date of death, and how they are connected to you.

Teams and Committees

Taizé is returning to Peace!



The first Sunday of each month, beginning Sunday, October 4, 2026 and continuing through May 2027, we will have the opportunity to practice Taizé, musical centering prayer, together at the 8:30am service. To assist the sense of quiet, we will not celebrate communion on Taizé Sundays at the 8:30am service, but the 10:30am service will continue the tradition of communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Book Group Discussions

Liturgies for Resisting Empire

1st and 3rd Sundays, 11:30am in the Music Room

The group that gathered to discuss *Liturgies for Resisting Empire* has decided to meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month at 11:30am to engage in book discussions that will help us more deeply understand the themes in Kat Armas's book and/or that will guide us as we move out to avoid and resist the ways of empire in our work, ministries, and daily living.

Queer Connections Board Game Night

Monday, October 12 and November 16 at 6:30pm

in the Fireside Room

Queer Connections is a LGBTQIA Social Group for all ages open to all. Join us for board games and making new connections.

Queer Connections will be meeting October 12 at 6:30pm and November 16 at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room.

Sunday Morning Usher Rotation

Do you like ushering? Ushering on Sunday mornings is a very important part of Sunday morning hospitality. We are looking for new people to join our rotation for both the 8:30am and 10:30am service. If you would like more information and training on how to be an usher please reach out to Bri at office@peaceucc.org.

Prayer Chain Gathering

Sunday, October 25 at 11:30am

in the Music Room

All Prayer Chain participants are invited to a gathering on Sunday, October 25 at 11:30am in the Music Room. Come check in and meet your other prayer companions. We will also have a discussion about Prayer and share some ideas.

If you are interested in being part of the Prayer Chain, please email Lynn Devlin, lpdev4455@gmail.com, for details.

Grounds Update

Our grounds have been busy this summer! On the garden side of the property, we filled the space with gravel to level the area for four beautiful new tamarack garden boxes. We're looking forward to seeing them in use when we're ready to plant in 2027!

Thanks to a generous **\$1,000 grant from the Loretto Carbon Reduction Fund**, we'll also be able to install a robust, deer-proof fence. This will help protect our future gardens and make the space more sustainable for years to come.

Speaking of fence, the playground fence and old playground equipment have all been removed as we make way for a new playscape in 2027. The old playground space now has loose, even soil. While it is safer than before, please use caution as the dirt settles.

And there's more to come! A new rain garden is in the works. You may notice black fabric as you enter the lower door. We have a great plan in place, but we're holding off on action until we have more details about the needs of our new HVAC system. In the meantime, we hope you can get out and enjoy our grounds!

Property Team Thank You

Thank you to all of the Property Team members and volunteers who have worked on many building repair projects this summer, including LED lighting replacements, insulation repairs, ceiling tile replacements, new building numbers, bathroom sink handle repairs, new door handles, painting, and replacement carpet tiles. A special thank you to Alex Dean, Geof Wittrak, Gwen Plumb, Jacob Romberg, Jessica Olson, Matt Ryan, Paul and Deb O'Brien, and Stacey Stark! If you'd like to volunteer for an upcoming work night, please contact office@peaceucc.org to join our volunteer list.



Dear Peace Family,

Over the past several months, the Capital Campaign Team has been prayerfully meeting to discuss, evaluate, and prioritize the needs of our church. As we look to the future, we are reminded that every generation of members at Peace has made faithful investments to ensure that this church remains a place where people can gather, grow in faith, serve others, and share the love of Christ.

Today, we have been entrusted with that same responsibility.

Those who came before us faithfully prepared the way, providing a strong foundation for ministry and community outreach. Because of their generosity and vision, Peace has remained a welcoming place where lives are touched, faith is nurtured, and Christ's love is shared. Now it is our turn to continue that legacy and help Prepare the Way for future generations.

Many of you are aware that our aging boiler system has needed replacement for several years. What was once a future concern has now become an immediate necessity. Upgrading our HVAC system, along with addressing several other important facility needs, will help ensure that Peace remains a comfortable, safe, and welcoming place for worship, fellowship, education, and ministry throughout the year.

In the coming weeks, we will invite every member of our congregation to prayerfully consider how they can support this effort. This year, we will ask for two separate commitments: one for our annual stewardship campaign and one for the capital campaign.

These commitments serve different purposes.

- Annual stewardship gifts support the day-to-day ministries and operations of Peace, helping us carry out the work we are called to do every day.
- Capital campaign gifts, on the other hand, will fund significant projects and improvements that cannot be covered through our regular operating budget.

Together, these gifts help sustain both our current ministry and our future mission.

Our capital campaign will span the next three years, and we encourage each person or family to participate in the way that works best for them. Whether through a one-time gift or ongoing weekly, monthly, or annual contributions, every gift is a meaningful expression of faith and commitment to the ministry of Peace.

We believe God is at work through the ministries of Peace, and we see that work every day in the lives of our members, neighbors, and community. As you prayerfully consider your contribution, we invite you to join us in this important effort. Together, through faith, generosity, and God's guidance, we can continue to Prepare the Way for ministry today and for generations to come.

God's Blessings,

The Capital Campaign Team

Children and Youth Corner

"You make God happy, just by being you. Before we did anything or said anything, God was delighted with us. But we often forget, and it trips us up! So the Bible is full of stories of God reminding people that they don't need to earn God's delight or hide when they make a mistake. They just have to trust God says that they Belong, they are Beloved, and they are Delightful."

This excerpt from the Introduction of *The Book of Belonging*, exemplifies the spirit of the new children's Bible, written by Mariko Clark, that we are working with this year in Kids' Club, Children's Church, and worship.

I am so thankful to be working with young people in a community that sees the beauty in and necessity of cultivating an expansive and robust faith like this in the lives of our children and youth. This is a resilient kind of faith. One that has a heart of inclusion, a heart to make God's realm bigger and more accessible – a faith with a full heart of belonging.

Like many of you, I recently watched the PBS documentary, *Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World* about the poet and modern-day mystic. Oliver often seems to capture the intangible essence of what it means to belong in her poems. At one point in the film one of the commentators, Stephen Colbert says,

"What I got from her poetry was a sense that you belong here in this world. And the evidence is how you are compelled by the beauty of it. That beauty of the world is an accusation that you are withholding your own beauty by being 'good' as opposed to being yourself."

Reading through *The Book of Belonging*, one is reminded again and again, that in God's estimation, we are already GOOD, and beautiful, precisely because we are ourselves!

This is the thing I want our young people to know without doubt or reservation – they belong here at Peace, and they belong in this family of God – just as they are, they are loved. What else is grace! We are loved and given a place to belong just for being ourselves.

I invite you to step into belonging and follow along as we retell the old stories who remind us who we are.

Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda

Questions? Please reach out to Amanda at amanda@peaceucc.org or 218-724-3637.

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 Sundays, 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 engage in social emotional learning and creative practices that are fun and help us to understand the story in a new way. Youth are invited to help 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 as to what is happening each Sunday! If you're not on Amanda's regular email list for families, please contact her at amanda@peaceucc.org to be included.

On **November 22**, we will have our yearly **Truthsgiving Children's Church** to celebrate our indigenous siblings and decolonize the holiday.

Wednesday Nights this Fall!

Kids' Club: Fun, creativity, and exploration of values through story for elementary age children. 5:45-6:30pm in the Wildwoods Room.

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8): Building friendships, Biblical and Faith literacy, eating snacks, and monthly service projects. 6:30-7:30pm in the Youth Room.

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12): Building friendships, eating snacks, and monthly service projects. 6:30-7:30pm in the Wildwoods Room.

Confirmation 1: 7:30-8:30pm in the Fireside Room.

Confirmation 2: 7:15-8:30pm in the Chapel.

Sun Room Nursery Care Children through Age 5

Childcare is in the nursery on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:45am and Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Sun Room (downstairs by the elevator).

**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 doorbell)

The Chum Wish List is where they keep what they need the most for each program. For more information on what is needed where please visit <https://www.chumduluth.org/wishlist>.

Steve O'Neil Apartments

High Priority:

- Shelf-stable food
- Sponges
- Mops
- Brooms
- Laundry baskets
- All purpose cleaner
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Lysol wipes
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Lice kits
- Garbage cans

Family Shelter

High Priority:

- Bath towels
- Hand towels
- Washcloths
- Twin sized fitted sheet
- Dishes
- Pots and pans
- Cups
- Silverware
- Laundry soap

Living Outside

- Two person tents preferably with a rain fly
- 0 Degree sleeping bags
- Rain tarps
- Winter gear: socks, hats, mittens, and handwarmers

St. Francis Apartments

High Priority:

- Furniture
- We're running out of "nonessential" furniture for tenants, especially the ones just moving in.
 - Comfy chairs
 - Bookshelves
 - Small dressers
 - Tables
- 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 towels

Who Are Hungry

- 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

Our Shelter

- Hygiene products
- Combs
- Sewing kits
- Socks
- New underwear (men's and women's)
- Towels
- Washcloths
- Fitted single sheets
- Adult coloring books and markers

Community Events

Duluth Shape Note Singers host all-day shape note singing on October 10

An all-day shape note singing event will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth, 835 W College Street, on Saturday October 10, 2026 from 10:00am-3:00pm, with pitch-in dinner at noon.

Shape note music is an early American folk music tradition. A form of hymn-singing in four-part harmony, it is sung unaccompanied and with great feeling.

The all-day singing is free and open to the public. Modest freewill donations are accepted. The event is non-sectarian and non-political.

Everyone is welcome, even if you've never sung before. Come for an hour or stay all day!

For more information, contact duluthshapenote@gmail.com or John Bankson at banksonjohn08@gmail.com.

Learning from Place:

Anishinaabe Duluth/Misaabekong

Saturday, October 10 from 1:00-4:00pm

Duluth Art Institute 130 W. Superior Street

Suite 400. \$35

Experience Duluth/Misaabekong through Ojibwe/Anishinaabe perspectives, exploring the



stories, histories, and relationships to place that have shaped the city and continue to resonate today.

Curated and facilitated by Christina Woods (Bois Forte Nation), the experience features Carl Gawboy (Bois Forte Nation), Michelle DeFoe (Red Cliff Anishinaabe Nation), Linda LeGarde Grover (Bois Forte Nation), and Wendy Savage (Fond du Lac Nation). Through storytelling, conversation, and visits to sites throughout Duluth/Misaabekong, participants will explore Ojibwe history, oral history and traditional knowledge, and relationships to land and water.

All are welcome. K-12 educators can earn 3 clock hours.

Visit www.mnhum.org/events/ for more information and to purchase tickets.



Our Faith, Our Vote, Our Voice

In one of the most consequential elections of our lifetime, every vote counts. Make sure your voice gets heard! Consider what our faith has to say about issues of justice, compassion, and wealth distribution. Pray about these things. Then cast your ballot!

Here are steps you can take to insure that your vote counts:

- Check your voter registration. Go to <https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/> to make sure you are registered to vote. Update your information if needed.
- Go to <https://myballotmn.sos.mn.gov/> to find a sample ballot. This will also tell you where to vote if you choose to vote on November 3.
- Want to vote early? You can vote on
 - Saturday, October 31, 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Sunday, November 1, 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Monday, November 2, until 5:00pm

In Duluth, early voting takes place at City Hall.

Have a neighbor or friend who is hesitant to vote?

Reach out and offer a ride, plan to go with them, or pass on this information.

Technology Classes

Join us for FREE technology classes.

LNPK Community Hub
2014 W 3rd St. Duluth, MN

Register with the QR code or online at:
form-usa.keela.co/eco3-senior-planet
Or call: 218-206-6867



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
1:00 - 2:00 PM

Everyday Uses for AI

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
1:00 - 2:00 PM

Tech Tips for Disaster Preparedness

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
1:00 - 2:00 PM

Online Health Resources at a Glance

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
3:00 - 4:00 PM

Getting to Know Your iPhone

MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS
2:00 - 3:00 PM, 12 OCT - 10 NOV

Using Your iPhone

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Digital Tools for Brain Health

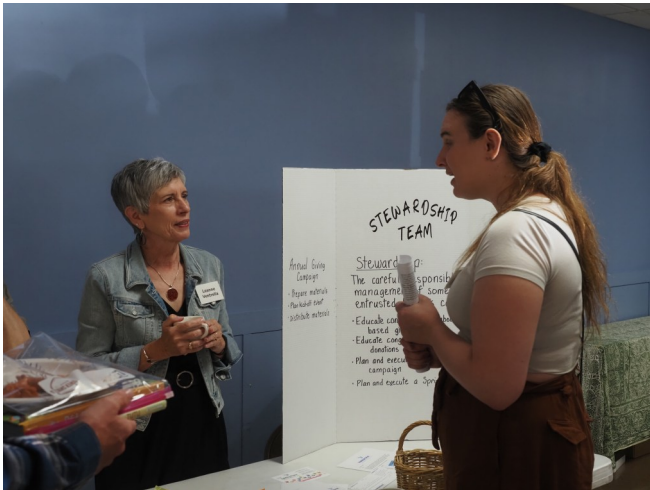
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Peace People



**September 13
Bible Presentations and
Ministry Fair!**



**Our lovely volunteers
making our new raised
garden beds for the
new garden.**

**Bud Trnka working
on leveling out the
playground for
our work next
year!**



**Bell Tower Photo
Courtesy of Rev.
Laurie Crelly**





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