



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sundays at a Glance

May 7th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sermon by the Rev. Tom Liddle
8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am Forum: How does Peace work?
10:30 Worship with Holy Communion
11:30 Coffee Hour
5:00 Taizé Worship

May 14th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Special offering: Loaves and Fishes

Sermon by the Rev. Budd Friend-Jones
8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am Forum: Peace Finances
10:30 Service of the Word
11:30 Coffee Hour

May 21st Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sermon by the Rev. Budd Friend-Jones
8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am Forum: Search Committee Update
10:30am Service of the Word
11:30am Coffee Hour

May 28th Pentecost Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend

Strengthen the Church offering

Sermon by the Rev. Budd Friend-Jones
8:30am Worship with Holy Communion
9:30am Forum: Waging Peace
10:30am Service of the Word
11:30am Coffee Hour



Taizé Prayer First Sunday of each Month, 5:00pm

Taizé Prayer is a distinctive style of meditative prayer developed by an ecumenical community in rural France. A typical Taizé prayer service incorporates silence with readings from Scripture, prayers of praise and intercession, and the frequent repetition of simple, contemporary chants. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God.

Sunday 9:30am Forums

What's Happening at Peace?

There's a lot happening in our congregation. The Forums in May provide an opportunity to learn more and participate in current conversations.

May 7 How does Peace work?

Learn about the work of the Coordinating Council and its members' visions for Peace Church. Members of the Council are elected by the congregation and serve two-year terms.

May 14 Peace Finances

Peace seems to be in a better financial situation than it appeared some months ago. We also have some challenges ahead as we re-think our congregation's financial health. Come for an update from some congregational leaders.

May 21 Search Committee update

What's the latest news from the Search Committee? What are they learning about candidates interested in Peace? What are they learning about Peace as they answer candidates' questions? Once the committee has a candidate to recommend, what happens?

May 28 Memorial Day: Waging Peace

Reflections from Army vet and peace activist Diane Oestreich, member of Peace Church. She recently wrote an op-ed piece advocating that the Army's rules related to firearms might be a framework for reducing civilian gun violence.

June 4 Stepping on UP

A working group from Stepping on Up, Lutheran Social Services and Peace are working out the details of a proposed partnership to provide Shelter Next for young adults, ages 18-24. Peace would serve as landlord and good neighbor; Stepping on Up would rent the educational wing and remodel it to suit Shelter Next needs, Lutheran Social Services would provide programming, case management and supervision for residents. Learn more details about this evolving project.

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Peace Activities and Groups

Spiritual Journey Group **Mondays, May 1st and 15th** **7:00pm via Zoom**

We meet on Zoom the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00pm to reflect on our spiritual journeys and how life is calling us. We use a poem or short reading to center our reflection, followed by a few minutes of journaling and the opportunity to share. Email Gary Boelhower for the Zoom link at gboelhower@msn.com. Newcomers welcome.

Monday Book Group **May 1st and 15th 3:00pm**

The Monday Book Group will continue to read and discuss *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe* by Richard Rohr. Thought provoking, practical, and full of deep hope and vision, *The Universal Christ* is a landmark book and an invitation to contemplate how God liberates and loves all that is. You are invited to join us in our discussions on May 1st and 15th at 3:00 pm. Books available in the church office. Email pcragun@d.umn.edu for more information and/or the Zoom link.

Bible Study **Wednesdays at 5:00pm**

Our Bible study is led by Tom Liddle and Bob Stevens. We will be having a "Room and Zoom" or in the Fireside Room. Watch the weekly emails for information on the text we will talk about each week.



Therapeutic SomaYoga **Mondays 9:00-10:15am**

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) will be given to the church. Come in person or contact Robin at roblee91@msn.com for the Zoom link.

Tea and Talk **May 3rd, 3:00pm**



We missed a few get-togethers thanks to snowstorms! Now that spring seems more likely, plan to come for afternoon tea and a bit of conversation. What's your favorite spring flower? Bring a picture, a poem, or a story about your favorite floral sign of spring!

Men's Breakfast **Every other Thursday 8:00am**

Join us for breakfast and conversation! We meet every other Thursday at 8:00am at The New London Cafe on East Superior Street. We will meet Thursday, May 4 and May 18.

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy **Monday, May 22nd, 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 group. The group meets monthly in a "zoom and room" format. For more information, please contact Monica Liddle, monimiddle@gmail.com.

PALS

Sweet Land Farm Visit

The May PALS event is a visit to Sweet Land Farm., the Langer's blueberry farm in Cloquet. The event will be on Wednesday, May 31st starting at 3:00 pm. Church members Veronica, Nathan and their children will be there to give a tour of the blueberry field. If we are lucky the blueberries will be in bloom. More details to follow in the weekly emails.

Future events:
June 22 — Huskie's baseball game
August 10 — picnic and planing (date is tentative so make note in pencil)

Prayer Care **"Pray for One Another."**

Would you like to participate in our Prayer Chain? Peace members are notified when one of us has a need for prayers for family members or friends. The Prayer Chain joins us in great Circle of Caring! Contact Gudrun Witrak (gwitrak@gmail.com), Lynn Devlin, or Linda

Watch for more details in our weekly emails!

Stewardship Summit: Peace Finances, Post-Covid May 18th, 3:00-6:00

It's time to re-think giving at Peace Church. Like almost every aspect of our lives, the past several years have changed our habits and our routines. In addition to covid which changed our patterns of church attendance, the rise in electronic giving has changed our giving patterns. We also know that various generations respond to appeals in different ways. The Stewardship leaders at Peace invite our members to an open discussion around several important questions:

What have we learned in the past two years about stewardship appeals?

Does the language we use need to be updated?

Are there changes we should make because of the increase in electronic giving?

What should our budgeting process look like?

What is a reasonable budget for our congregation? How much of it should be supported by current member giving?

How might we supplement member giving to support Peace's mission and ministry?

What can we learn and share about the spiritual practice of generosity?

Peace Church Annual Rummage Sale Sale May 20 9:00-2:30

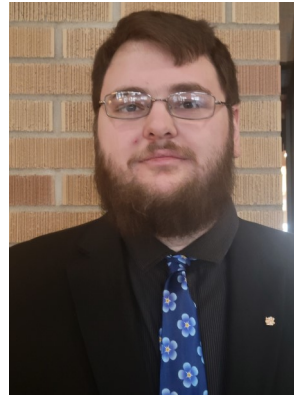
Clean out your closets and plan to bring your "stuff" to church Thursday, May 18, 12:00pm-6:00pm or Friday, May 19, 10:00am-6:00pm.

Watch the weekly emails for a link to sign up and let us know when you can help!

We need volunteers Thursday, 12:00pm-6:00pm; Friday, 10:00pm-6:00pm, and Saturday, 8:30-1:30pm. We will need additional help Saturday afternoon, 2:30-4:00 to pack up and deliver unsold items and clean up Fellowship Hall. Come when you can, leave when you need to!

Proceeds to Peace Church

Welcome Back, Livestream! Alex Nelson, Worship Tech



Alex Nelson began as Peace's worship tech on Easter Sunday. He is a lifelong resident of the Twin Ports and loves Lake Superior.

He is a dedicated Freemason--serving last year as Master of Superior Lodge #236 (over in Superior, WI) ; a member of AAD Shriners (in Hermantown, MN), and the Eau Claire

Valley of the Scottish Rite (in Eau Claire, WI). Additionally, Alex is a part-time photographer, and an amateur musician--influenced by a wide range of music, such as: Blood Ceremony, Siouxsie & the Banshees, Monolord, Sleep, and Merciful Fate. Alex is excited to work with Peace Church, continuing to provide a digital bridge for the faithful who are unable to attend services in person

First Quarter Giving Statements

Our book keeper, Mali Lorenz, is sending out first quarter giving statements via email. Please check your statement (we were in staff transition during this quarter and want to make sure donations to Peace are accurately recorded.) If you do not have access to email or you prefer a hard copy, please contact Mali by calling the office, 218-724-3637. Mali works Monday afternoons, Wednesdays and Friday morning.

Stepping on Up/Peace Partnership Next Steps to Next Shelter

No final decisions have been made, but the Coordinating Council voted to continue exploring a potential lease arrangement with Stepping on Up for a Shelter Next facility. If you are interested in serving on a Working Group to help us proceed, please contact Rachel Obed (rachel@peaceucc.org) or Jessica Olson (jcolson@gmail.com). The Working Group will work out details related to a potential lease, be involved in discussions about architectural plans and programming needs, and will begin what could be an ongoing relationship between Peace Church, Stepping on UP, and Lutheran Social Services.

Children, Youth and Families



*"Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in."
~Leonard Cohen*

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group in May

We've only got a few Wednesdays left in May before we wind youth group down for the school year. Our last official Wednesday night youth group before summer will be May 17th. Then we'll keep you updated with plans for gathering in the summer to stay connected. Come join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00 in the fellowship hall for food/snacks, hang out time, and a chance to build some great friendships!

Children's Church in the Spring

Come join us for Children's Church each Sunday during the 10:30 service! We've consistently had a group of about 10-15 kids, youth, and adults and it's a ton of fun. The basic idea is that kids stay for the service until Story for All Ages, leave for Children's Church for 20-30 min (where we might sing, do art, or tell stories with puppets), and then come back with the adults for communion/offering. All kids and youth (and parents!) are welcome to join.

Nursery

We offer nursery for our children at Peace Church. Based on feedback from parents, we will have staff in our nursery rooms (past our church office and back through the children's library). Staff will be available there during the 10:30 service. Parents, please make sure to fill out the sign in/out sheet with your information before you drop off/pick up your kids. Please let us know if there are needs we are missing or any questions/concerns that you have as parents. Thanks!

Summer High School Trip Room for One More

If you missed the deadline for our high school trip to Washington DC, we have good news—we have one more spot open! The **Peace high school summer youth group trip to Washington DC is from July 21-28**. We'll be joining the MN conference for this trip, which means we'll join a whole bunch of other youth from other congregations around the state. We'll be doing some training and lobbying on capital hill with legislators. If you're interested, contact Nathan at nathan@peaceucc.org.

Middle School Camping Trip Friday – Sunday, August 11– 13

Middle school youth (incoming 6th graders to incoming 8th graders)—join us for our camping trip in August! We'll be at Camp Amnicon. Activities include swimming, hiking, eating S'mores, sleeping in tents, and just getting to know each other better. This has often been the trip that starts great new friendships that last throughout the year. We leave early afternoon on Friday, August 11 and return before lunch on Sunday, August 13. See Nathan for more information or contact him to sign up at nathan@peaceucc.org.

Peace Village Summer Day Camp (formerly known as VBS!)

When: June 12 - 16 from 9am - 12:30pm

Ages: Entering Grades K - 5

Cost: Free (And we mean it!) *Donations to support the program can be made payable to Peace Church. Please put "Peace Village" in the memo line of your check.*

Peace Village is a multicultural day camp with the mission to provide a fun, educational environment in which children can learn non-violence and peacemaking from various world traditions. Basic tenets of the curriculum are:

- We recognize and encourage each human being's inherent potential for inner peace.
- We believe a connection to nature inspires and sustains human beings as they strive to cultivate a sense of peacefulness.
- We believe creating an awareness of the media's impact on society is necessary for the promotion of peace within the individual and the community.
- We know that cultivating inner strength gives each of us the best chance to succeed at resolving conflict.

Parents are invited to join us on Friday, June 16 at 12:15pm for our closing circle and a picnic lunch.

Volunteers Needed for Peace Village

Do you enjoy kids and youth? Do you want to help build a peaceful planet? Volunteer to help with Peace Village. We're looking for adults and youth (ages 11 - 17) to help in a variety of camp leadership roles. A volunteer orientation will be held shortly before camp. Contact Nathan Holst to learn more at nathan@peaceucc.org.

Doing Justice



South African Choir 29:11

May 6, 6:00pm

Peace will host a concert by the South African choral group, 29:11.

The concert will benefit the Foy Scholarship fund. This energetic choir is on tour in Minnesota and combines music and racial reconciliation ministry.

First United Methodist Church will host a choral workshop led by the choir on Friday evening, May 5. Cost of the workshop is \$50, waived for anyone willing to host a singer in his or her home. [Register for the workshop here.](#)

Refreshments after the concert will be provided by Peace's Dismantling Racism Team. If you'd like to help or donate refreshments, contact Pastor Charlotte (charlotte@peaceucc.org)

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May 5th, 2023
11 AM - 5 PM

Rally & March

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* Red Dress Displays
* Lighting Enger Tower
Red for MMIWR

* Twin Ports City
Proclamations

* Red Shawl Round Dance

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National Day of Awareness for
MMIWG
Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
Two Spirit People and Relatives

Twin Ports - No More MMIWG2S - MMIWR Great Lakes 5/5/2023

Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting June 10 and 11

College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN

Peace Church is entitled to four delegates. If you are interested in attending on our behalf, please contact the church office. Worship, keynote speakers, workshops, networking and conversations. [Click here for more information.](#)

Special Offering May 14

Each month we receive a special offering for an organization supported in Peace's budget. This month the special offering is for Loaves and Fishes, an intentional community that offers hospitality and shelter to its guests.

Annie's House

Peace is partnering with Annie's House, a home for young mothers and their children, to provide childcare during a weekly course for the mothers. We are looking for 3-4 volunteers each Thursday, with a special invitation for members of our youth group to sign-up!

When: May 4, 11, 18; 3:45-6:15pm

Where: Annie's House on Woodland Avenue
Contact Ellen Hamel, 651-757-7415, for more information. All volunteers will need a background check.

Foy Scholarships

Applications are now being received for Foy Scholarships, given in honor of Rev. Arthur Foy. Pastor Foy died in a car accident in 2004 while he was serving St. Mark AME.

Application and recommendation forms can be found at <https://www.peaceucc.org/rev-arthur-foy-iii-scholarship/>. Deadline for applications is extended to May 10. If you know students of color, please encourage them to apply.

From the Immigrant Welcoming Team

Antonio, Maria and Xavier are relocating to the Twin Cities where they have made connections. Many thanks to all, especially Mary and Jeff Adams who hosted them for about eight months.

Rick and Karen Morgan, members of Peace, and the **Updegraff family** are interested in sponsoring a refugee family. Persons with refugee status have access to some benefits and have permission to work soon after arrival. A new program, Welcome Corps, is much like the program that enabled groups like Peace to sponsor Afghan newcomers. If you are interested in helping with a refugee family, contact Charlotte (charlotte@peaceucc.org) or Rick Morgan (Rlmorgan508@gmail.com) or Dave Updegraff (dbu@toimi.com)



Thank you, Peace Church, for your donation of \$1,415.00 given to the Food Shelf as

part of the Minnesota March Food Share month.

Plans are underway for CHUM's annual Rhubarb Festival. If you'd like to help chop rhubarb or bake crisp, please contact Linda Goese (lrgoese@gmail.com.)

News from the Church Council

From Joan Peterson, Moderator

The April coordinating council meeting was full of weighty things for consideration. One of these was reviewing an amended budget that finds us with a significantly lower deficit than originally approved by the congregation in January. Thanks to Pastor Charlotte, our bookkeeper Mali Lorenz and our Business Manager, Rachel Obed, the financial information was examined with new eyes. The biggest discovery was that there are a good number of members who continue their automatic payments through Vanco who do not necessarily make a pledge. As a result, our income is higher than we had projected in January. Another is that the personnel costs were lowered due to gaps in hiring new employees, some changes in insurance numbers, and changes in salary figures for our lead pastor based on member numbers and years of experience. Also discussed were different ways to think about stewardship -ways of giving to the church to reflect current technology, apps and financial programs.

The next big thing to consider was our decision to appoint a working committee for the Stepping On Up program. This committee will be composed of some who have served on the education wing rental space and others who have some interest and expertise to offer. After a long discussion and lots of questions, we voted to move forward to the next step. This will involve hiring an attorney to help with a lease, working with Joel Kilgour on the concerns raised by the congregation, reviewing architectural plans, and many other details. We were both excited and a bit anxious about this next step. This will be a big change for Peace Church but also an opportunity for us to house a safe place for homeless youth in Duluth. We will be providing more information and opportunities for more input to and from the congregation.

In the end, we moved forward because other options for our space were considered and did not work for various reasons; because the rental income is very important for our budget and because the program fits with our mission and is so needed in the community. I wish we could predict everything that could go sideways. With a working committee and another committee to work with the neighbors, program managers, tenant and the residents, we will be diligent and determined to make this work considering the best interests of Peace Church. Many of the questions and concerns raised will find their way into a lease agreement.

The Council is also looking at different scenarios for pastoral staffing with the hope of a settled pastor joining us without knowing when. There are quite a few "known unknowns" but we want to be ready for what could come and change in the next few months. There is no doubt that more change is coming. Since COVID and the retirement of Pastor Kathy, Peace has experienced a lot of change and even some turmoil. We are not the only congregation in that position. We have persevered thanks to all our faithful members, lay leaders and pastors along with some spiritual guidance.

It is the people that keep us coming together to worship, sing, eat, volunteer, do justice and practice our faith according to our vision and mission.

Nominations Sought for Church Council

The Coordinating Council is currently seeking nominations for the 2023-2024 council. You can contact any of the council members for more information. Additionally, prospective council members are encouraged to attend the council meeting May 16th at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room.

Please [click here](#) to access the nomination form and submit nominations via email or on paper form to the office by Sunday, May 7. The open positions for the coming year are: Vice Moderator (3-year commitment, as the Vice Moderator moves into the Moderator role, then serves a final year as Past Moderator), Spiritual Life Chair, Education Chair, Secretary, Treasurer (2-year commitments). If you wish to nominate someone, please contact them first to confirm they are willing to serve in this way. Note that because there are only 5 positions open, not all nominated names will be elected to the council.

Council members generally sign on for a two-year term, and commit to meeting at least monthly to conduct the business of the church. Monthly meeting agendas include reviews of monthly financials, committee reports, and pastoral reports. The council will also be engaged in the coming year in supporting the transition team and pastoral search committee.

Volunteer Schedules

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Coffee Hour volunteers help set up, serve and clean up after coffee hour. Additionally, please bring 2-3 dozen cookies or bars or an equivalent veggie or fruit. If you are willing to help out one Sunday in May, please contact Cindy Macaulay (macaulay@cpinternet.com), Alison Wood & Julie Flotten (flotwood@gmail.com).

May 7th set up - Phyllis Cook
serve & clean up - volunteer needed

May 14th set up - Susan Goltz
serve & clean up - Meads & Netland/ Shepard

May 21st setup - Craig and Jeannie Peterson
serve & clean up - Holmstrom's

May 28th set up - volunteer needed
serve & clean up - Holdens

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."

May 1st Gayle & Jack Kelly

May 8th Robin Davidson

May 15th Gary Boelhower

May 22nd Tom & Christine Day

May 29th Open

Damiano Community Kitchen

Peace volunteers help prepare and serve a meal at Damiano Community Kitchen twice a month. [Click here](#) to sign up.

May 14th

1:30-3:30pm- Tom & Christine Day

4:30-6:30pm- Open Slot

May 27th

All Slots Open

Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers

Sunday morning hospitality is an important ministry at Peace. Your welcoming presence and assistance during worship makes a huge difference. If you are willing to serve as an usher, greeter or lay reader, let us know by sending an email to office@peaceucc.org.

June Peace Bell articles are due Monday, May 22. Send articles to charlotte@peaceucc.org

Peace People

Keep in Your Prayers

- All our members living in long-term care facilities: Joyce Riggle at Park Point; Mike Nugent at the Silver Bay Veterans Home; Steve Coll at St. Anne's; Amanda Cran at Bishop Woods and Sharon Kirtley at Viewcrest.
- All those undergoing treatment for cancer: Stephen Dando, Terrie Shannon, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Marg Paulson, Sam Peterson and others.

Thank You

- "Peace Church-Thank you for your donation. Your donation helps us teach young mothers and provide them with new experiences. Thank you and God Bless" **Deyona Kirk, Annie's House**
- "Dear Friends in Christ, Being with your beautiful parishioners was the gift beyond offering! As I told the group who gathered to reflect on Spiritual Wellness last Sunday, I feel such a warm and special "heart connection" with your faith community and feel deeply grateful for the beautiful way you bear witness to the Gospel! Your inclusion welcome and care for all God's people is so inspiring and reflective of God's own heart! You bring hope to our city and beyond and certainly joy to God's heart! !" With loving gratitude & prayers always, Sister Lois
- "Dear Peace Church, We are deeply grateful to all of you for thinking of us during our sad time. Thank you for your comfort and compassion. You are blessings to both of us." **Amy & Liam Sullivan**

Our Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of **John Moeller** who passed away in his Arizona home on Sunday, April 16th. A memorial service will be held here at Peace on May 5th at 3:00pm with visitation at 2:00pm.

Our sympathy is with **Lori Williams** on the death of her sister, Debbie Isabell Nelson. A memorial service was held April 30 in Morgan Park.

We also send Peace love and prayers to Danny O'Neill at the death of his brother Johnny, a Vietnam era vet.

Many thanks to all our volunteers!



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Welcome to worship at Peace Church—Sunday Worship at 8:30am & 10:30am

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Our vision is to be an accessible, open and affirming community growing in Christian faith, committed to peace and justice, and reaching out in healing love to all of creation, including all people, respecting and valuing the diversity of people's sexual orientation, race, culture, gender identity, age, opinions, and physical and mental abilities. *Visitors are always welcome!*