



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sundays at a glance

June 2nd

Graduation Sunday

Sermon by **Amanda McElray Hunter**
and the Graduates

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee in the Narthex

9:30am Breakfast for Graduates and their families

10:30am Childcare Available in the Nursery

10:30am Worship with Holy Communion

Recognition of Graduates

Children's Church

Baptism of Iggy Hamel

11:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

June 9th

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sermon by **Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis**

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30am Self-Serve Coffee in the Narthex

10:30am Childcare available in the Nursery

10:30am Worship with Sermon

Children's Church

11:30am Coffee Hour in the Narthex

11:45am Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary

June 16th

Outdoor service

Sermon by **Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis**

9:30am Worship with Sermon

Baptism of Emmett Midge

Children's Church

10:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

June 23rd

Sermon by **Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis**

9:30am Worship with Sermon

10:30am Coffee Hour in the Narthex

June 30th

Sermon by **Rev. Tom Liddle, Monica Liddle,**
Constantino Pino, and Inge Lempp of the
Good Crocodile Foundation

9:30am Worship with Sermon

10:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall

Conversation with Constantino Pino, and Inge
Lempp of the Good Crocodile Foundation

Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 9th, 11:30am

Annual Meeting Agenda Items

We are excited to celebrate the 2023-2024 program year! Annual meeting will be held June 9th. The agenda will include:

- Receiving Annual Reports from staff, council and teams
- Election of Coordinating Council for 2024-2025
- Update on the budget
- Update from Stepping On Up

Many thanks to Jessica Olson, Moderator, Joan Peterson, Past Moderator, and Mike Swanoski, Vice Moderator for their steady and joyful leadership this year.

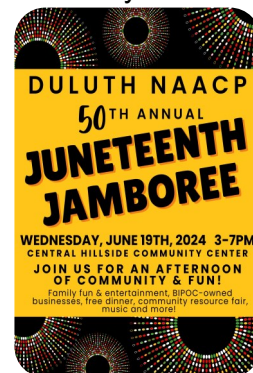
Summer Schedule:

One Service at 9:30 Starting June 16th

We are taking it easy this summer and moving to one service at 9:30am starting June 16th. We will worship outdoors under the tent, weather permitting, on **June 16th, July 14th, and August 18th**. Livestream will be available on all Sundays except the three outdoor worship services. Coffee hour will be held in the Fellowship Hall, and you can always bring your cup of coffee outside if you'd like to socialize under the tent.

Juneteenth Service on Sunday, June 16th.

Peace Church will gather with St Mark AME for a Juneteenth Gospel Brunch at 11:00am on June 16th at the Central Hillside Sport Court, 408 E 8th St. We will honor the Foy Scholars that morning.



From Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Dear Peace Church Community,

June is a joyful month in Duluth for so many reasons: we get to see the sun a truly absurd number of hours each day (nearly 16 hours at its peak on June 20th this year!), Grandma's Marathon brings energy and chaos to town, and the weather is so gorgeous that we spend more time outdoors than inside. But June is extra-joyful at Peace this year: we get to celebrate two baptisms! June 9th and June 16th, we will baptize two almost-one-year-olds, reminding of their belovedness by this community and by God.

I am often asked what baptism means to us here at Peace Church, and my first answer is that it means as many different things as there are people in our congregation! But we do have some shared theology in our worship services and through our denomination. The United Church of Christ describes baptism this way: "The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Through baptism a person is joined with the universal church, the body of Christ. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal of the spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always." This is why we typically celebrate baptisms as part of Sunday worship, or if they happen at another time and place, in community with people from the church: it is a communal ritual where the local church symbolizes the universal church; our piece of the body of Christ symbolizes the worldwide, historic body of Christ.

We baptize babies, children, and adults here at Peace Church and in the UCC. I have had the privilege of baptizing an hours-old infant in the NICU, a young adult who read the Bible in 90 days with a church group and decided it was time, and a precocious 6-year-old for whom we modified the questions because she wanted to answer some of them herself. A person can only be baptized once because God's grace has no expiration date, but renewal of baptism can be a beautiful ceremony. We co-created a powerful renewal of baptism and renaming ceremony for a transgender young adult at a church I served. There are so many ways the sacrament of baptism can be meaningful and I feel fortunate that we can adapt it to honor our identities and faith commitments together.

In worship we sometimes say, "Remember your baptism!" This is meant to be a spiritual invitation to remember our belovedness by God and community, but I also like to invite folks to take it literally. If you remember being baptized, what was it like for you? If not, are there people who do remember and can share stories with you? When I asked my parents, I found out that I was baptized at a small, scrappy Presbyterian church in the Chicago neighborhood where we lived, and the whole congregation formed a circle around the font to bless the water together and support our little family. Please share your stories with me - I would love to hear them and celebrate with you!

With Love, Pastor Corinne

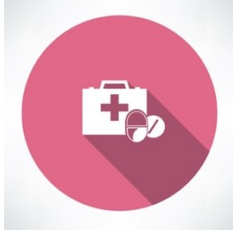
From the Moderator

Greetings! The Coordinating Council met on May 20th this month and received reports from committees and teams. We approved a new safety plan for the church with clear guidelines for all groups who use our space. Stay tuned for more news on that in the coming months. We reviewed a draft agenda for the June 9th congregational meeting, and look forward to seeing many of you in the sanctuary after the 10:30 service to elect council members for the coming year and receive the annual report. This fall, members of the council and other volunteers will begin the process of reviewing and updating our by-laws; if you have interest in getting involved in this process, please let the office know!

We look forward to a more relaxed summer pace: one service on Sundays, once/month worship in the tent, gardening (at home or at Peace!), and long hours of sunshine.

With gratitude for all of you, Jessica

Peace News



Peace Church Safety Plan

The Church Council approved of a new safety plan for Peace Church at the May 20th meeting. This plan is based on prototypes from several churches and was a priority for

Bridge Pastor Budd Friend-Jones. The plan is to address medical emergencies, building emergencies, active shooters, intruders, concerns with possible protests outside of the building, etc. The plan is meant for ushers, staff, leaders and the congregation to keep everyone safe. Peace is used by many groups in our community so all groups will be provided with a plan for safety as well. There are many exits to the outside or to downstairs from the sanctuary and you might want to take note of them as you sit in church or while at a meeting or event. There will be new first aid kits located in the kitchen and the cupboard near the coat room in the narthex. They will be equipped with CPR masks, a blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, gloves, and first aid items. Several physicians were consulted about items to be used in emergencies.

If you are a health care provider and want to put your name on a list of people who could be available if needed while you are in the building, please send your name to office@peaceucc.org. Also please note the emergency exit maps are located on every room door and exit. The safety plan can be provided to you from the office if you are interested.

Compassion Camp Summer Day Camp (Formerly VBS!)

Be Kind. Be Loved. Be You.

June 10th - 14th, from 9 - 12pm at Peace UCC. Explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. This day camp will focus on a connection to nature, creative play, movement, compassion in action, and FUN!
Ages: Age 4/Entering K - 5th Grade
Cost: Free! Donations to support the program can be made payable to Peace Church. Please put "Compassion Camp" in the memo line of your check. Contact Amanda ASAP to register your child.

How Shall We Gather?

A Congregational Covenant Update

As we embark on this new season in the life of Peace Church, we are seeking your feedback on our covenant: the agreements we make with one another about how we want to engage with each other to foster the healthiest, most resilient community.

For the month of June, we are asking the question: What does Beloved Community mean to you?

Mark your calendar for June 16th after worship for an in-person conversation and check your weekly email for opportunities to share your thoughts on paper and virtually.

Children's Library

The Children's Library has been moved. It is now near the main entry of the Church. Please take a look at the new location. Hopefully it will see increased use. Check out cards may be placed in any of the three available boxes, There is one box near the children's Picture Books, one on the Display Shelves and one in the Fireside Room.

Looking for Bread for Communion



Are you a bread maker? We are looking for volunteers to sign up to bring 2 ROUND loaves of bread for Communion the first Sundays of the month. If you don't bake bread, you could sign up to bring a loaf from Great Harvest or another bread outlet. These loaves will be the ones that Pastor Corinne and the celebrant will break during the Words of Institution. You can sign up with Bri in the office. If you have any questions, email Gudrun Witrak at gwitrak@gmail.com.

Thanks so much!

RECIPES NEEDED!

Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share? If so, it's your lucky day. The Peace Church Cookbook is being updated and your contribution is needed. Please submit your recipe(s) to Bri by June 30th. Thank you!

Intergenerational Family Fun

Peace will be taking a group to volunteer and participate at the Juneteenth Jamboree on Wednesday, June 19th! Look for more info in upcoming church emails or contact Amanda.

Peace Activities and Groups

Making Meaning Out Of Malignancy

Monday, June 24th 5:30pm

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 "Room and Zoom" and in the Fireside Room. For more information, please contact Monica Liddle, monimliddle@gmail.com.

Welcome to Wednesday Night Bible study! Wednesdays, 6:00pm

Did you know that Peace Church has an ongoing Bible study every Wednesday evening, and we welcome anyone who is interested to join us? We welcome a wide variety of questions and comments. The group decides what we will study each week, and cover a variety of both Old and New Testament readings. Please, come join us in the Fireside room or on Zoom.

Tea and Talk

Tea & Talk will decide at their May meeting whether they will meet over the summer. Pastor Corinne will be in touch with anyone not present at the May meeting to confirm the plan.

PALS

HUSKIES/TAILGATE PARTY

WHEN: Thursday, June 13th, 5pm. The game starts at 6:35 pm.

WHERE: Wade Stadium Parking Lot

COST: \$15.50/person, includes box-seat ticket, brat, pop/water.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring your own favorite beverage, a dish to share (with serving utensil) and lawn chair.

DEADLINE: Friday, June 7th to receive the group ticket rate.

RSVP to Lynn/Pat Devlin
(lpdev4455@gmail.com)

PAYMENT must be received by Monday, June 10th. Make check payable to Patrick Devlin. Mail to 4455 Sugar Maple Drive, Hermantown, MN 55811.

QUESTIONS?

Lynn: 218-343-4110 Pat: 218-349-5443

Men's Breakfast

Every other Thursday, 8:00am

Join us for breakfast and conversation! We meet every other Thursday at 8:00am at Perkins on London Rd. We will meet Thursday, June 13th and 27th.

Monday Book Group

Peace Church Monday Book group will be taking a summer break.

Choir Rehearsals

Choir will be taking a break during the summer!

A Message from Shared Ministry

We have all been a "newbie" at some point in our lives, so we know that it can feel lonely and confusing. At Peace UCC we want to avoid that for our newest members (actually for all members).

So, our ask of you is that you consider being a mentor to someone who needs a guide to get them through those initial months and maybe into the first few years if needed.

Here is what a mentor does. First, a mentor introduces the new member to the congregation on the Sunday that they join, giving some helpful information so the seasoned members can get to know them. They may spend a bit of time getting to know this newer person/persons if needed, before the service of welcome. After they are members, the mentor might introduce them to friends, members, and other Peace Church attendees. You could sit with them, guide them through some of our special events, answer their questions, and check in with them to see how their experience at Peace UCC is going. This can be done informally at church or by inviting them over if that seems comfortable. Guiding someone through the newest stages of joining a church could make you a lifetime friend, so ask someone on Shared Ministry if you have questions about how and when to provide this important support.

New Members

Jan Ashmore

Family: I have 5 grown children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Job: Retired Social Worker, Duluth Human Rights Commission member.

Hobbies: Amateur photography, light gardening, family, LGBTQIA2S+ ally, socializing with others, walking, and community service. I sell Paparazzi Jewelry – mostly for the social/ fun aspect at venter shows and a consignment shop (Razzy Farm Consignment in Moose Lake)

What brought you to Peace: Looking for a place of worship that aligns with values, welcoming, social justice, diversity initiatives, etc.

Fun Important Fact: I'm a 'Momma Ally' in the Gay Community, especially with the drag community. I enjoy their amazing talents and have been a planner with DSP for 7+ years. I am one of the original founders of Northland Allies.



Glenn Merrick

Job: Biology and Environmental Science Professor.

Hobbies: Traveling and camping with Lori Williams. Fishing, canoeing, hunting, hockey, incline skating, cross country skiing, hiking, cooking, and going to concerts.



What brought you to Peace: The people and Lori Williams.

Interesting Facts: I did lake trout research in arctic Alaska!

Jen and Jason Bushmaker

Family: No Kids. Sebastian, Belle, Blueberry and Ceder (cats), Dude and Pumpkin (rabbits)

Job: Jen, Director of Forest Education. Jason is a Forester.

Hobbies: Jen likes to garden, hiking, backpacking, canoeing, reading, sewing, traveling and cross-country skiing. Jason likes to hunt, woodcutting/ logging, miscellaneous outdoor projects, hiking and skiing.

What brought you to Peace: Looking for an open-minded church and community where we can be involved.

Interesting Fact: Haven't been to a movie theater in over ten years. We can about 300+ cans a year (salsa, sauces, etc.). We have a goal to hike and camp in all the Natural Parks. We have had season Gopher Football tickets for 30 years.



Tom and Molly Deschenes

Family: Tom (husband), Molly (wife), Lyla and Asa Deschenes (daughters)

Job: Tom is self employed (video production) and Molly is a stay at home mom.

Hobbies: Tom likes cliché Duluth stuff – mountain biking, skiing, hiking, surfing, camping, fishing, and canoeing.

What Brought you to Peace: Lake Superior Baptism.

Interesting Facts: We have backyard chickens.



Congratulations, Confirmands!

On April 28th, we welcomed 8 confirmands to our congregation. Sophia Farell, Bergen Hubley, Henry Schwensohn, Seiji Sudoh, and Noah Westrum felt ready to answer the confirmation questions authentically and chose to confirm their baptisms. Cai Karstens, Callan Pfau, and Elise Westbrook chose to join the church without confirming their baptism – they felt they could answer the new member questions authentically. We are grateful for each one of these young people, their parents, and their mentors!

Peace Bell articles for July are due Wednesday, June 19th. Send articles to bri@peaceucc.org

Children, Youth and Families

Hello Families,

Three cheers for Summer!

I don't know about you, but I am ready for: warmer days spent swimming in Lake Superior, the rushing of rivers and creeks along the hiking trails, the peals of laughter of neighborhood kids playing outside of my open window, long sunny days that stretch into balmy nights, the smells of bar-b-ques, bonfires and sweet grasses wafting on the wind (even if the latter make me sneeze!), the bouncy buzz of bumble bees around the garden and the need each morning to quickly replant the violets that our resident chipmunk will dig up before we wake.

I am ready for those occasional, magical sightings of all the nature-babies – fledglings, bunnies, fawns and kits – that are hidden around us, just out of sight.

The abundance of summer and the return to a slightly slower pace lends itself to noticing and practicing gratitude.

This summer I am renewing my own practice of daily gratitude. Each evening, I will try to be mindful to ask myself, my partner, and my kids – what's one thing you are grateful for today?

Maybe you would like to try this within your family too!

At the Peace office, this slower pace will mean that we can indulge in extra planning time for children and youth ministries in preparation for new programming in the fall on Wednesday nights and during Children's Church. I am also grateful for this time to envision and explore possibilities for a new year of ministry!

Wishing you Love in Action, Amanda

Here's what's happening this month in the life of our children and youth ministries at Peace! Please reach out to amanda@peaceucc.org with any questions, feedback, or ideas, or if you want to become more involved with children and youth ministry!

Nursery

The Nursery is now located downstairs in the Sun Room, by the elevator. We will continue to provide nursery care for our young children through June 9th. Staff will be available there during the 10:30 service. After June 9th, the nursery will still be available to parents, but we will not have nursery staff available until fall. Parents, please make sure to fill out the sign in/sign out sheet with your information before you drop off/pick up your children. Please let us know about any questions/concerns that you have as parents, or if there are other times on Sunday mornings or at church events that it would be helpful for your child to have nursery services. Thanks!

If you would prefer to have your child with you in worship, feel free to utilize one of our **Pray-Ground spaces**, located in the Sanctuary and just outside of the Sanctuary near the Fireside Room. These spaces offer quiet activities where parents and kiddos can engage in play and creativity while still participating in worship.

Incoming 6th graders

Calling all incoming 6th graders! Now that you are entering middle school, we want to welcome you to our middle school youth group. If you're an incoming 6th grader and want to join any of our middle school youth activities in the summer, we would love to have you.

Children's Church

During the Summer, Children's Church will be available during 9:30 am worship on June 16th, July 14th, and August 18th. On these Sundays, worship will be in the tent (weather permitting) and CC will be in the Fellowship Hall.

On Sundays when we do not have Children's Church, we will have self-guided activities available to you and your children in our Pray-Ground spaces.

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group

Weekly meetings are on break until the Fall. Amanda will be sending an email to middle school families about garden workdays and a couple of times through the summer that youth will gather to keep connections strong and have some fun!

OWL (for incoming 9th graders)

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is our amazing comprehensive sexuality curriculum that starts in the fall. There's nothing that parents need to do this summer, but one of our leaders will be reaching out in the future to make sure you know about the program and to answer any initial questions you have about it. Looking forward to another great year of quality education for our youth!

Class of 2024!

River Fena

River is graduating from Duluth East High School. River likes biathlons, dance, the wilderness, travel, and adventure. She is a part of the National Honor Society, Houndpack, Boundless, and Sherlock Holmes Club.

River will be backpacking in Gates of the Arctic National Park in Alaska this summer and then attending Montana State University-Bozeman where she'll study Environmental Engineering and participate in cross-country skiing.



Lydia Kraker

Lydia is graduating from Duluth East High School. She is a member of National Honor Society, supply manager for Student Government, cellist and section leader of multiple school and community orchestras. She is also manager of the Duluth East Orchestras, Regional Director of The Back To Bach Project, reporter for the high school newspaper, Captain of the Nordic Ski team, and member of the Duluth East track team and soccer team.



She will be attending Colby College in Waterville, Maine in the fall, where she will be a member of their Division 1 Nordic ski team. She plans to major in biochemistry and hope to pursue a career in health care.

Gus Olson

Gus is graduating from Duluth East High School. Gus ran cross country and track at East and has been an avid downhill skier since he was three years old. He worked at Chester Bowl the past three winters as a ski instructor, lift operator, and setting up the terrain park. Gus plays French horn in the EHS band and plays electric and bass guitar at home.



Gus will be traveling to Thailand as a Rotary Youth Exchange student this fall. He'll attend a high school in Thailand and return to the U.S. next summer. When he returns, he is interested in attending a university where he can study to become a Physician Assistant.

Joran Mittlefehldt

Joran is graduating from Duluth East High School. He loves outdoor activities, especially fishing.

He will be attending Lake Superior College to pursue an AAS degree in the Commercial and Residential Wiring Electrician program.



Mary Boyle

Mary is graduating from Duluth East High School. Mary is involved in National Honor Society, Student Government, Key Club, Junior Rotarians, Hound Pack (freshman orientation leader), Track and Field, and Cross Country.

Mary is Attending UW-Madison in the Fall, undecided major.



Maeve Clark

Maeve is graduating from Harbor City International School. She Loves music and plays the violin and flute.

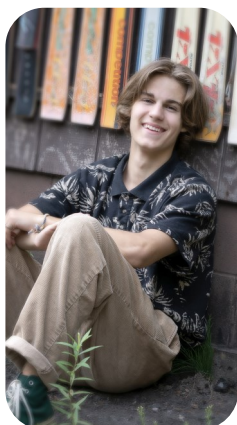
Next year Maeve plans on going to Lake Superior College where she is interested in computers.



Daniel Pospisil

Daniel is graduating from Duluth Marshall High School. He enjoys writing/producing songs and boxing. He spent the last two winters as a Chester Bowl ski instructor and lift operator.

In the fall he'll attend University of MN Twin Cities (College of Liberal Arts).



Oscar Lundell

Oscar is graduating from Duluth East High School. He enjoys playing guitar, hockey and basketball.

Oscar is taking a gap year. He'll be leaving soon to work in Skagway, Alaska through the fall and then hopes to do some traveling overseas after the holidays.





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

Super Rhubarb Festival 2024

See you Saturday, June 29th!!



<https://www.chumduluth.org/rhubarbfestival>

A major focus for CHUM is the upcoming Rhubarb Festival. If you have not attended or volunteered in the past, you may want to check it out. It is a great deal of fun for the whole family.

For more information check out this link. <https://www.chumduluth.org/rhubarbfestival>

There is an established group of volunteers helping with rhubarb crisp preparation at Peace UCC on June 28th. However, there are many more volunteering opportunities, click on the link: <https://www.chumduluth.org/rhubarbfestival#:~:text=Sign%20Up%20To%20Volunteer>

Food and financial donations are always needed. Food can be left in the baskets across from the office. You can either go to the CHUM website, or Peace UCC's to make a monetary donation as well.

On behalf of CHUM:
Thank you for your support!

Have lots of rhubarb?

CHUM can use it for the CHUM Rhubarb Festival happening on JUNE 29th at Stella Maris/ Holy Rosary Campus .

Pease do not drop off your rhubarb at Peace.

You can drop off rhubarb at the West Super One Store (5300 Bristol Street) beginning **JUNE 1st**.

Take the rhubarb to the produce department cooler. Do not leave it at the counter.

The first day of summer is a few weeks away, but this year it feels like it's already been here awhile. If the weather was just 'different' on this one instance, we'd not have concerns, but the continued changes in our weather patterns have become quite obvious. In this summer season, we will change our focus to artistic expressions about our changing climate, before we get back into climate actions in the fall political season. This month we focus on poetry; the poem below is one that, even though it is not from our St Louis County, seems to share similar observations.

Some Effects of Global Warming in Lackawanna County, Jay Parini

**The maples sweat now, out of season.
Buds pop eyes in wintry bushes
as the birds arrive, not having checked
the calendars or clocks. They scramble
in the frost for seeds, while underground
a sobbing starts in roots and tubers.
Ice cracks easily along the bank.
It slides in gullies where a bear, still
groggy,
steps through coiled wire of the weeds.
Kids in T-shirts run to school, unaware
that summer is a long way off.
Their teachers flirt with off-the-wall
assignments,
drum their fingers on the sweaty
desktops.
As for me, my heart leaps high—
a deer escaping from the crosshairs,
skipping over barely frozen water
as the surface bends and splinters
underfoot.**

From New and Collected Poems: 1975-2015, Jay Parini (Beacon Press, 2016).

Now we would like to challenge our creative congregation members to write their own and to share their poems about the climate changes that they are experiencing and their feelings about those changes. We are especially looking for those with mention of Lake Superior for July as it is Lake Superior Day July 21st. Please email your poems to annettestrom@aol.com by June 18th. We look forward to hearing from our Peace poets!

Acting for Justice

Thinking Globally - Responding Locally

June 20th is World Refugee Day and the Interfaith Committee for Migrant Justice invites you to learn about the current global refugee situation as we celebrate with our local asylum seekers through music and art. World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe by celebrating the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

Since 2020 members of the ICMJ community, which includes Peace Church, have sponsored and hosted over twenty asylum seekers. Currently there are six asylum seekers living with ICMJ host families in Duluth. Others have been granted their asylum and are contributing their gifts and talents in our community. Several of our local asylum seekers will be showcasing their art at this World Refugee Day commemoration, which will also feature the flag and anthem of The Refugee Nation. This event is free and open to the public.

Where: Mitchell Auditorium The College of St. Scholastica, 1200 Kenwood Ave.

When: Thursday, June 20th, 2024

Time: 5:30-6:00pm Viewing of art by local asylum seekers

6:00-7:00pm Music and Speakers

7:00-7:30pm Snacks and refreshments; continued viewing of displays

Free and open to the public



Juneteenth Celebrations

The Twin Ports Juneteenth celebration will be Saturday, June 15th, from noon to 6pm at Harrison Park, 3002 West 3rd St. in Lincoln Park. The NAACP Juneteenth celebration will be Wednesday, June 19th, from 3-7pm at the Central Hillside Community Center park, Lake and 4th Street downtown.

MN-Duluth-Wear Orange Lift Bridge Walk

Friday, June 7th, at 6:00pm

Canal Park, Aerial Lift Bridge
601 S Lake Ave
Duluth, MN 55802

Join Duluth Moms Demand Action, Protect Minnesota and Brady volunteers for a family-friendly community event on June 7th. Help raise awareness about gun violence and prevention in our city. We will take a group photo followed by an inaugural walk across the lift bridge in solidarity with survivors. Make sure to wear orange! All are welcome!

Gun violence is now the leading cause of death for our children. Wear Orange weekend was started by the family of Hadiye Pendleton, a 15 year old girl who was shot in the back and killed in 2013 at a park near her school. You can find more information on the Wear Orange Website- <https://wearorange.org/>

Trans Joy Fest

Sunday, June 9th

11:00am - 7:00pm

Come join us at Park Point Rec area on Sunday, June 9th for our Trans Joy Fest. There will be a free clothing exchange, bouncy house, kids activities, food trucks, vendor fair and much more! Please go to their website <https://tcpide.org/event/trans-joy-fest-2/> for more information.

Annual Day of Remembrance

June 13th, noon

Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial will hold its annual Day of Remembrance at noon on Thursday, June 13th, at the CJMM site downtown. They will hold a gravesite remembrance at 5:30pm on Friday, June 14th.

<https://www.facebook.com/cjmmduluth>



Volunteers

Damiano Community Kitchen

Peace volunteers help prepare and serve a meal at Damiano Community Kitchen twice a month. Each shift needs 2-3 volunteers, bring a friend or a youth, 16 and up! [Click here](#) to sign up or email the office at office@peaceucc.org.

June 9th

1:30-3:30pm - Tom and Christine Day
1 open spot

4:30-6:30pm - 3 open spots

June 22nd

8:30-10:30am - 3 open spots

11:00-1:00pm - Laurie Berner
2 open spots

1:30-3:30 - 3 open spots

4:30-6:30pm - 3 open spots

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."

June 3rd - Tom and Christine Day

June 10th - Judy Derauf

June 17th - open

June 24th - open

Grandma's Marathon Volunteer Opportunity

Peace has agreed to work the Water Station at **Mile 23** on Marathon day, June 22nd. We are hoping to have at least 25 volunteers. The hours are 5:45am to 2:00pm, but each volunteer could work 2-3 hours. Every volunteer receives a t-shirt, socks and two tickets to the after event at Bayfront. Please contact the office if you would like to sign up.

5:45am - 7am	Marsha Hystead Leanne Ventrella	Tom Hystead 7 open spots
7am - 9am	Marsha Hystead Susan Goltz Melissa Boyle	Terese Tomanek Laurie Berner Jen Stenersen 4 open spots
9am - 11am	Phyllis Cook Cindy Macaulay Pam Kramer	Sam Cook Louise Hawley 5 open spots
11am - 1pm	Charlotte Frantz	Cathy Ameel 8 open spots
1pm - 2pm	Marsha Hystead	Cathy Ameel 8 open spots

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 pastor for inclusion in Sunday morning prayers.

Would you like to participate in our Prayer Chain? Contact Lynn Devlin or Linda Goese!

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, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Kim Kruger, Pat Nelson, Sam Peterson and others.

In Sympathy

Our condolences go out to the Pearson and Hoffman Family on the passing of Judy Pearson. Judy's memorial service was held at Peace on May 19th.

Thank yous

The Pearson and Hoffman families would like to thank Peace Church for their enormous support in celebrating the life of Judy Pearson on May 19th. The beautiful words of Pastor Corinne and Kathy Nelson and life-affirming music of Jim Pospisil and the string quartet (Emily Ramsey, Eli Bissonnett, Ron Kari, and Byron Klimek) will be with us for a long while. And none of it would have been possible without all of the behind-the-scenes prep from Bri in the office, ushers Geoff Witrak and Dennis and Sue Isernhagen, and the kitchen crew led by Cathy Ameel. This service proves once again that it takes a village, especially in a time of grief. With love and deep gratitude.

Volunteers

Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers

Sunday morning hospitality is an important ministry at Peace. If interested in being a lay reader contact Bri at office@peaceucc.org.

June 2nd

8:30: Pat and Lynn Devlin, ushering
Stephanie Pearson, lay reader

10:30: 4 Ushers needed
1 greeter needed

June 9th

8:30: Tom and Monica Liddle, ushers
Monica Liddle, lay reader

10:30: 4 ushers needed
Mike Swanoski, lay reader
1 greeter needed

June 16th

9:30: 4 ushers needed
Cathy Ameel, lay reader
2 greeters needed

June 23rd

9:30: Cyndi Brown, usher
3 ushers needed
1 lay reader needed
2 greeters needed

June 30th

9:30: Cyndi Brown, usher
3 ushers needed
Cindy Macaulay, lay reader
2 greeters needed

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Every Sunday our 11:30 Coffee Hour is brought to you by our Coffee Hour Volunteers. Starting on June 16th we will be having one service at 9:30 and coffee hour will be at 10:30.

June 2nd

Jo Johnson, Pam Kramer and Penny Cragun

June 9th

Cindy Macaulay, Leanne Ventrella, Martha and Craig Marciniak

June 16th

Cathy Ameel and Bridget Reistad

June 23rd

Sharon Crosby, Lynn Devlin and Bill Kohlts

June 30th

Janell Kohls and Kate Nicoletti

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!

We ask every member of Peace to volunteer to help with coffee hour at least once during the calendar year. We're happy to have you choose the month in which you'd be willing to help out!

On that one Sunday, we ask you to bring treats (2 - 3 dozen), set up coffee hour items, serve and clean up.

Coffee Hour is a vital part of Sunday Morning Hospitality. If you are not assigned to a month you can contact Bri at office@peaceucc.org.

May Events





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 Music Director: Jim Pospisil
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Office Coordinator: Bri Dornbush
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PEACE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm

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