

# News at Peace

December 5, 2010

**Sunday Education Hour:** Join us at 10am for Adult Education Hour. Our topic this morning - **Wrestling with Christmas:** For many, Christmas is a beloved season of the year, but it is mixed with frustrations. We want the season to be spiritually meaningful but, in the midst of the hectic pace and spending pressures, our perspective gets lost. Join us this morning as we remind ourselves of some of the historical realities of this time of year and then discuss ways in which we can make the Christmas season a reflection of our values, desires, affections, and traditions. Led by Pastor Mark Nelson.

Our hospitality this morning is provided by the Thorvig and Truhlar families.

**Sunday Morning Hospitality:** Fellowship is an important part of our Sunday morning ministry here at Peace. If you would be willing to host and provide Sunday morning treats, please sign up at the information desk.

**Offering Envelopes:** Please pick up your 2011 offering envelopes today in the Narthex.

**Giving tree:** Peace will once again sponsor the giving tree. Pull a tag off the tree & purchase what is written on it. Gifts will help parents of low-income families provide stable and positive holiday memories. **Deadline is December 10.** VEAP is requesting no gift be more than \$15-20.

Congratulation to Cindy House, winner of the Christmas quilt drawing, which was held during the Advent Festival. Thank you to all Peace members who supported the fundraiser!

**Play a Role in Peace's Social Scene:** Do you like to plan social events? Greet visitors? Decorate for parties? Find speakers? Create invitations? If you like to do any or all of the above, the Relational Ministries Committee could use your help! We are searching for men and women who could work on one project or many events.

The premise behind Relational Ministries is that building a community through fellowship and developing social connections with other Peace members will help us all become stronger in our faith. Turn this motto into action by joining the team that creates social activities, welcomes visitors and new members, and sponsors small group ministries. Contact Denise Thoen at 942-5936 or Verla Bayard at 943-1465 if you would like to learn more.

## Peace on Wednesdays (POW)

**Come to POW!** Dinner is served from 5:30-6:30pm. This week we will have dinner hosted by John Lee! Cost is \$4/adults, \$3/12 and under, family \$10. **Nursery care is also provided at 6:30pm.**

**Confirmation** begins at 6:15.

**Adult Education** 6:30pm. Come for lively postprandial discussion on timely topics that delve into key issues of the Christian faith. Led by Evan Hansen.

**Joyful Noise** is an exciting new program for kindergarten-4th graders being offered at Peace from 6:30-7:30. MaryLynn Mennicke will lead music, theatre, and art activities all centered on the Gospel! ! Any questions, email MaryLynn at marylynn.mennicke@gmail.com.

**JAM** at 6:30pm-Peace House. JAM is for 5th & 6th graders-bring your friends!

## Children and Youth

**Sunday School Corner: Bible Story:** Mary Visits Elizabeth **Bible Text:** Luke 1:39-56 **Big Idea:** God Brings Joy!

**7th-12th Graders:** Head on up to the Peace House at 10am for coffee!

**Wee Singers:** Meet at 10am in the fireside room for music magic!

**Ski Trip:** Let it snow! 9th-12th graders, we are going to Spirit Mountain in Duluth. We leave Tuesday, Dec. 28, in the late morning/early afternoon. We will ski Tuesday night, all day Wednesday/Thursday and Friday morning and return Friday night, Dec. 31. We are staying at Spirit Mountain Inn. Cost is \$250.00 for lodging (includes breakfast), lift tickets, van and dinners. You should bring spending money for lunches/snacks. Space is limited to 2 chaperones and 9 youth. The first 9 youth to get a check for \$250 to the church have the spots.

**9th & 10th Graders!:** Come and join us at the Peace House on Sundays from 4-7 pm for a time of fun and fellowship! We will meet this week (5th) and the following week (12th) before the Christmas season. It's a "come and go as you please" sort of thing, but dinner will be provided at 6 pm. This week we will watch a movie followed by a devotional time relating to the movie. Contact Miranda with any questions: 605.254.3281.

**The Band is Back:** Calling all High School Youth: We are gettin' the band together! If you have an interest in playing or singing in the high school youth band, please plan to attend an information meeting **tonight at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.** At this meeting will be just going to see-

ing who is interested, what a schedule might look like and discuss how to proceed so no instruments are necessary. Thanks!

## Mission and Service

**Loaves and Fishes:** We will next serve **Tuesday, December 21** at Creekside Community Center, 98th and Penn Ave So. Arrive at 5:15pm and serve at 5:30. Sign up at the information desk. Contact Dave Dynneson for more information—952-829-9317.

## Fellowship

**Journey Stories:** On **Wednesday, January 12**, join us as we head to the see *Journey Stories*, a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution, at the Carver County Historical Society in Waconia. *Journey Stories* is the tale of mobility in American history. Be it the story of the Native Americans who first inhabited the land, or the recent waves of immigrants, everyone has a story to tell. Meet at Peace at 10:30am. We will have lunch at Lola's Lakehouse on Lake Waconia at 11:15am. We will tour the exhibit at 12:45pm and return to Peace by 3:15pm. Tour is free. More details are available on the sign-up sheet at the information desk.

**Book Club:** Our next book is *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave, a book about an unlikely friendship. The Hennepin County library has several paperback (2010) copies. We will meet from 7 – 8:30 pm **Thursday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** at church. Feel free to join us when you can! For questions, please contact Jane Sandenss at 952-944-8471. New members welcome!

**Kitchen Windows:** We had so much fun we are doing this activity again! Is taking a gourmet cooking class on your list of "things to do?" Are you looking for a unique gift to give your spouse for Christmas? Then sign up with other Peace adults to cook a dinner on **Thursday, Jan. 27**. Our private class will be taught by a chef at the Kitchen Window in Minneapolis. We will work together to prepare the meal and then enjoy the result while seated at linen covered tables. You'll also get copies of the recipes and a 10% coupon to shop at the "Kitchen Window." Cost will be \$85. Complete menu is available at the information desk as well as a sign-up sheet. Sign-up deadline is **January 9**.

**And the Oscar Goes To.....:** The Academy Award nominations will be announced in January. So what better time than February to go to the movies?!?! At noon on Tuesday, Feb. 8, join other Peace adults for an afternoon at the Eden Prairie Movie Theater. We'll meet at Peace around noon, enjoy lunch at the mall food court, and then break into a

couple of groups to see "the movie you're itching to see" at the theater. More detailed information about times and movies will be provided the first week of February.

## **This Week at Peace**

### **◆ Sunday: December 5-Second Sunday of Advent**

8:45am	Worship
10:00am	Education Hour
11:00am	Worship
4:00pm	9th and 10th grade Group-Peace House
4:30pm	IG Choir
5:30pm	Band meeting for youth

### **◆ Tuesday: December 7**

9:30am	Quilters
7:00pm	Bible Study

### **◆ Wednesday: December 8**

7:00am	Bible Study
9:15am	Women's Bible Study
11:00am	Women's Faith and Life
2:00pm	Staff Meeting
5:30pm	Dinner
6:15pm	Confirmation
6:30pm	Joyful Noise
6:30pm	JAM
6:30pm	Adult Discussion
7:15pm	Peace Choir

### **◆ Friday: December 10**

10:00am	Folders
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### **◆ Sunday: December 12-Third Sunday of Advent**

8:45am	Worship
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***Order your Poinsettia Flowers today!***

***Deadline is December 12!***

