

News at Peace

February 13, 2011

Education Hour: During the five Sundays between February 6 and the beginning of Lent, join Evan Hansen at 10 AM in the Parish Hall for a series on "*Getting Back to Biblical Basics*," covering some key themes and faith concepts that emerge from the Bible--things Christians need to review once in a while to keep our discipleship focused and purposeful. This series will feature memorable teaching graphics from Crossways International's "The Divine Drama" Bible study curriculum. **This morning our topic is "The Holy Spirit, Sacraments & Gifts of the Spirit."**

Hospitality this morning is provided by the Children and Youth Ministry Team.

What They Think of Us: Many Christians around the world are celebrating the Season of Epiphany. Prior to Epiphany, we celebrated Christmas; God coming in the flesh in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Epiphany focuses on sharing that Good News for all the world.

But some of the world is not listening—especially young adults. As one author said, "*They like Jesus, they're just not too fond of his followers.*" Many have serious questions about Christianity and the Christians they have known. And, as a result, many stay away from the church.

This six week sermon series is entitled, "What They Think of Us." In it, we will describe what surveys tell us are the major struggles that people have with the church, respond to their sincere questions about Christianity, and in so doing help us grow in our own Christian understanding and faith.

February 13 Responding to Homosexuality

February 20 Fused to Politics

Lenten Devotional Booklet: To assist us through the season we will again this year be producing a congregational daily devotional booklet which will be available to you for your walk through Lent. We invite congregational members to sign up for a day and the assigned scripture, prayerfully consider the reading, and write a brief reflection. Sign-up begins in the narthex on **today** and concludes on **Sunday, February 20**. We do ask that devotions be not more than 300 words and that they be submitted to the Church Office by **Sunday, February 27** so the devotional booklet can be available to the congregation by **Ash Wednesday, March 9**.

Valentine's Day Bake Sale Today!: Come support our Peace youth this morning and treat your **Valentine** at the same time. We'll be in the narthex between services. Help us raise money for upcoming youth activities and mission trips. Thank you for your support!!

Peace on Wednesday (POW)

POWERful stuff! Dinner is served from 5:30-6:30pm. This week we will have a special surprise! Cost is \$4/adults, \$3/12 –under, family \$10.

Confirmation begins at 6:15 for 7th & 8th grade, 6:30pm for 9th grade.

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 a program designed for kindergarten-4th graders being offered from 6:30-7:30.

Children and Youth

Sunday School today: Bible Story: Followers of Jesus **Bible Text:** Luke 5:1-11; 8:1-3 **Big Idea:** Jesus' call to come with Him changes our lives

Make Sundays a SNAP!: Students in **grades 9—12** are invited to come to Sunday Nights at Peace for a time of fellowship. Most nights we will meet at the **Peace House** from 4—7pm, but some weeks will include off campus activities. Questions? Contact Miranda (605) 254-3281.

This Sunday-Movie night!

February 20th-Lazer tag (tentative)

Youth Band Practice: Peace Youth band will hold practices on Sunday, February 20 and 27 from 3-4pm at Peace. Come and make beautiful music!

Youth Ash Wednesday Service: All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to a community-wide morning Ash Wednesday service at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, (Penn and Old Shakopee Road) at 6:30 am on **March 9**. Parents are invited as well, and parent drivers will be needed to transport students to school from Oak Grove. Contact Miranda Andersen if you are interested in helping out, or if you have any questions.

Summer Trips

If you haven't gotten your child's registration forms in for summer trips, please do this as soon as possible. Friends are welcome for both trips! But please limit one friend per Peace member. Any questions? Interested? Contact Miranda at miranda.andersen@peacebloomington.org, by phone (605.254.3281) or look for her on Sundays or Wednesdays.

7th & 8th graders will be taking a trip down to Kansas City, MO through YouthWorks **July 24-29**. While there we will get the opportunity to help out with children's programs, visit individuals in nursing homes, serve at soup kitchens or homeless shelters and help at thrift stores. Cost is \$325.

High schoolers (9-12) have the opportunity to attend Christikon Bible Camp, an adventure camp located in beautiful Montana. Dates are **July 13-19**. Cost is \$425.

Mission and Service

Loaves and Fishes: We will serve this **Tuesday, February 15** 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

Ya, Ya Yarn Sisters: We had so much fun we are meeting again! Come to Peace House on **Saturday, February 26**, anytime from 1-5pm! Share your projects with others or learn to knit or crochet - now is your chance! Contact Joy Kjeldahl with any questions you may have at 952-943-1146.

Book Club: Our March book is “The Glass Castle”, a memoir, by Jeannette Walls, It is available through Hennepin County Library. We will meet on **Thursday, March 10 7 -8:30 at church**. “It’s probably the most thoughtful and sensitive memoir I can ever remember reading - - told with such grace, kindness and fabulous sense of humor,” writes one reviewer of the book. New members are welcome. Feel free to join us when you can! For questions, please contact Jane Sandness at 952-944-8471.

Small Groups: Thanks to all who are taking part in our new small groups! We still have 3 spots open in the men’s group and 2 spots in our Women and Finance group. Contact Verla Bayard 952-943-1465 or Lisa Flugstad 952-897-0082 to register.

Behind The Scenes at the Guthrie: Join us for a backstage tour and dining at the Guthrie Theatre on **Friday, March 18**. The backstage tour offers a behind-the-scenes look at how Guthrie shows are taken from script to stage. In 45 minutes, you'll visit the Guthrie's signature thrust and proscenium stages; enter the expansive scene shop where sets are built and painted, and learn how they're transported to each stage; visit the shop where costumes are expertly stitched, fabrics dyed and wigs constructed; and explore the rehearsal rooms where company members prepare for performance. After the tour, we'll explore other parts of the Guthrie on our own and take in the spectacular views of downtown Minneapolis from the building's 9th floor. Before we leave, we'll eat lunch at "Sea Change," the Guthrie's primary dining location, known for its seafood, Asian and Brazilian fare.

9:00am Meet at Peace

10:00 Backstage tour

10:45 View downtown from 9th floor & tour on your own

11:30 Lunch at Sea Change

1:30 Return to Peace

This Week at Peace

◆ **Sunday: February 13**

- 8:45am Worship
- 10:00am Education Hour
- 10:00am Bake Sale
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:00pm SNAP-Movie Night

◆ **Tuesday: February 15**

- 9:30am Quilters
- 5:15pm Loaves and Fishes
- 7:00pm Council

◆ **Wednesday: February 16**

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

◆ **Friday: February 18**

- 10:00am Folders

◆ **Sunday: February 20**

- 8:45am Worship
- 10:00am Education Hour
- 11:00am Worship
- 3:00pm Youth Band practice
- 4:00pm SNAP