

# News at Peace

January 16, 2011

**Adult Education Hour:** Join us at 10am for Adult Education in the Parish Hall. Our topic this morning: “Making Real Change in Your Life (Ephesians 4:17-24)”, Part 1. Led by Evan Hansen.

**Our hospitality** this morning is provided by Jon and Anita Young.

**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, sign up at the information desk.

**What They Think of Us:** We have just concluded the Christmas Season and for the next eight weeks, the Church celebrates the Season of Epiphany. God has come in the flesh as Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior, and now that Good News is for all the world. The Season of Epiphany is about the Church witnessing to the light of God that now shines brightly in our midst.

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.

For the next six weeks, we will have a sermon series 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. Come join us for this Epiphany Season!

January 16	When Christians are Not Christ-like
January 23	Incompatible with Science and Fused to Politics
January 30	When Talking about Other Religions
February 6	When Bad Things Happen
February 13	Responding to Homosexuality
February 20	When Christians are Christ-like

**Congregational Annual Meeting:** Our annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 30 at 10am. We will review our year as a congregation, rejoicing in God’s blessings to us. We will also look forward to 2011 and pray for God’s Spirit to guide us for ministry in this place.

**Handbell choir:** We’re organizing a handbell choir to play for both worship services on Sunday, February 13. Rehearsals will be Wednesday, 1/26, 2/2, and 2/9 at 5:30. Anyone who can read music is welcome, whether you’ve played handbells before or would like to try something

new. Please contact Anita Young, at 952-941-3465 if you're interested.

**Adult Education Handouts:** Curious about what we do during Adult Education on Wednesday nights and Sundays?? Evan Hansen has posted discussion notes on some of the topics we have covered this fall on our web pages (links are on the web front page). We encourage you to come in person soon!

**PLEASE:** If you have not already done so, pick up your 2011 offering envelopes today in the Narthex.

## **Peace on Wednesday (POW)**

**Start 2011 off with a POW!** Dinner is served from 5:30-6:30pm. This week we will have ham and potatoes! Cost is \$4/adults, \$3/12 and 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 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!

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

## **Children and Youth**

**Sunday School corner Bible Story:** The Lord is My Shepherd **Bible Text:** Psalm 23. **Big Idea:** God provides comfort and safety.

**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. Any “special” trips will be publicized at least a week in advance. This week we will have a game night –XBOX, board game,etc. Meet in the **Parish Hall** this week! Questions? Contact Miranda (605) 254-3281. January schedule:

**January 23--Movie Night**

**January 30--Ice Skating (tentative)**

### **Summer Trips**

It's hard to believe with all of this snow, but it's already time to look at summer trips for the youth. We have two trips planned this summer for students (currently in) grades 7-12. **Registration deadline is January 23 for both trips.**

**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**. Campers will get to choose between staying onsite (only one night away from camp) or participating in a backpack session where the whole week is spent away. Cost is \$425.

Friends are welcome for both trips! But please limit one friend per Peace member. Any questions? Interested? Contact Miranda at [miranda.andersen@peacebloomington.org](mailto:miranda.andersen@peacebloomington.org), by phone (605.254.3281) or look for her on Sundays or Wednesdays.

## Mission and Service

**Food Pack-a-thon:** We need 55 people to help us package food on **Saturday, February 5, from 9-11am**, with the Kids Against Hunger organization. Meals will be shipped to Haiti where over 1-million remain homeless and in desperate need. **This is our chance to make a difference.** We'll car pool from Peace at 8:20am to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Excelsior. **A GREAT FAMILY ACTIVITY!!!** Sign up at the information desk or call Dave Dynneson for more information, 952-829-9317. We'll return by 11:30am.

**Loaves and Fishes:** We will next serve **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

**Kitchen Windows:** We are still taking reservations for the Kitchen Windows outing on Thursday, January 27. Sign up and details are at the information desk. Cost is \$85. Enjoy cooking and fellowship with other Peace members!

**Women's Retreat:** Peace Church Women, please join us on **February 12, 2011** for an uplifting half-day retreat. The retreat will be held at Minnesota Valley Country Club from 8:15 - 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch and materials. This mini-retreat is a wonderful combination of music, prayer, laughter, small-group discussion and quiet reflection. Give your spirit time to rejuvenate. Information about Jane Leyden Cavanaugh, who will be leading the retreat, is available at

www.thevineyardforwomen.com. Sign up at the information booth, located in the narthex. If you are interested in childcare, call the church office.

**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: January 16**

- 8:45am Worship
- 10:00am Education Hour
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:00pm SNAP-Parish Hall
- 6:00pm Let's Hotdish

### ◆ **Tuesday: January 18**

- 9:30am Quilters
- 7:00pm Council

### ◆ **Wednesday: January 19**

- 7:00am Bible Study
- 9:15am Women's Bible Study
- 11:15am Women's Faith and Life
- 5:00pm Generation Change
- 5:30pm Dinner
- 6:15pm Confirmation 7th & 8th grade only
- 6:30pm Adult Discussion
- 6:30pm Joyful Noise
- 6:30pm JAM
- 7:15pm Peace Choir

### ◆ **Friday: January 21**

- 10:00am Folders
- 11:00am Staff Meeting

### ◆ **Sunday: January 23**

- 8:45am Worship
- 10:00am Education Hour
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:00pm SNAP