

News at Peace

January 2, 2011

Sunday Education Hour: There is no Adult Education Hour this morning. We will resume on January 9.

Our hospitality this morning is provided by the Ashton-Piper Family

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.

Mission and Service

Food Pack-a-thon: We were snowed out in November so we have rescheduled this activity! 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. Children under the age of 10 are not allowed to operate the heat sealers, but can certainly help package the food. 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.

Peace on Wednesday (POW)

Start 2011 off with a POW! Dinner is served from 5:30-6:30pm. This week we will have a surprise from Lori and Sue! Cost is \$4/adults, \$3/12 and under, family \$10. **Nursery care is also provided at 6:30pm.**

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 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

No Sunday School this morning, Sunday School will resume on January 9.

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. We will be starting up again **January 9**, so join us for our belated Christmas party! Please bring a white elephant gift (questions, ask Miranda) and wear an ugly Christmas sweater! Dinner will be provided, but please bring your own drink and a Christmas goodie to share. Tentative plans for January: ice skating and game night (XBOX, board games, etc.). Questions? Contact Miranda (605) 254-3281.

Generation Change is a financial literacy workshop with a Christian perspective for teens. In this 4-week series taught by Dave Ramsey of Financial Peace University, students will learn sound financial principles, deconstruct the lure of consumer debt and explore the value of giving. Each week begins with a 1-hour video followed by 30 minutes of discussion.

Karen and John Noltner will be hosting the series at their home in Bloomington for **10-12 graders** on Wednesday nights beginning January 12. Join us at 5:15 for pizza. Video starts at 6pm and we should be done by 7:30. Come join us for this series and learn how to control your money so it doesn't wind up controlling you!

Cost will be \$5 per student. The fee includes course materials and a t-shirt. Please sign up with Lori Thomson so we know how many are interested, and tell her your shirt-size for ordering. Please sign up no later than 1/2/2011 to reserve your spot. Call John Noltner with questions: 612-865-9519.

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 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, by phone (605.254.3281) or look for her on Sundays or Wednesdays.

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 6th**, at church. Feel free to join us when you can! For questions, please contact Jane Sandness at 952-944-8471. New members welcome!

Ya, Ya, Yarn Sisters: Have a interest in knitting or crocheting? Come to Peace House on **Saturday, January 15**, for an open house from 1-5pm and join other Peace members and friends and share your skills and projects! If you have always wanted to learn to knit or crochet now is your chance. Contact Joy Kjeldahl with any questions you may have at 952-943-1146.

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?" 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**.

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, please 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 2**

9:30am *Worship-Carol Sing and Holy Communion*

◆ **Tuesday: January 4**

9:30am Quilters

7:00pm Worship and Music Team Meeting

◆ **Wednesday: January 5**

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 Adult Discussion

6:30pm Joyful Noise

6:30pm JAM

7:15pm Peace Choir

◆ **Thursday: January 6**

7:00pm Book Club

◆ **Friday: January 7**

7:00pm Scrapbooking

◆ **Sunday: January 9 Baptism of Our Lord**

8:45am Worship

10:00am Education Hour

11:00am Worship

4:00pm SNAP