

# News at Peace

January 30, 2011

**Education Hour:** Join us for the annual congregational meeting in the Sanctuary. There is no Sunday School today. All children and non-confirmed youth can join Miranda Anderson in the Parish Hall for activities during the annual meeting.

**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 30	When Talking about Other Religions
February 6	When Bad Things Happen
February 13	Responding to Homosexuality
February 20	Fused to Politics

**Children and Youth Ministry Update:** Since the departure last summer and fall of our Youth Director, Christopher Richmann, and our Children's Ministry, Jenifer Brolin, their staff positions have remained unfilled. The timing of those resignations and the difficulty in finding the right person for Peace kept us from filling these important ministries. The Children and Youth team has resumed discussion about these vacancies. Following study and conversation, the previous job descriptions for the two positions have been reduced to one full-time position. And, with the approval of a job description and the 2011 church budget, the team will resume its search for additional staffing immediately.

In the meantime, our thanks to those who continue to minister to youth at Peace; teachers and parents. And we are grateful to those who have stepped in to lead ministry: the many volunteers in ministry to youth—Kim Gehant, Lisa Betlock, John and Karen Noltner, Jeremy Churchill, Kathy Peterson, Dale Dramstad, Lori Thomson, and Beth Lee—and to added staff; Children, Youth and Family intern, Miranda Andersen and MaryLynn Mennicke. Our thanks.



**Valentine's Day Bake Sale:** Come support our Peace Youth on Sunday, Feb. 13th 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. **Calling all bakers!!!**

Pull out your favorite recipes, your heart-shaped cookie cutter, your **red** food coloring and do some baking!! Our congregation loves treats so we need a lot of bakers!!

Please package them individually, as a half dozen or a dozen. Bring your cookies, bars, pies, snack mixes, or other sorts of goodies to church on Sunday, Feb 13th as soon as you get to church. Please call Sharon Kaare at 952-937-5333 if you have any questions. Thank you!!

**Hospitality** this morning is provided by Marc Hanson and Leslie Pratt.

**Peace Small Groups:** Sign-ups continue in the Narthex. **We have added a 2nd Young couples group.**

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

**POWERful stuff!** Dinner is served from 5:30-6:30pm. This week we will have turkey breast & mashed potatoes! 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 for kindergarten-4th graders being offered from 6:30-7:30.

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

## **Children and Youth**

**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. This week we will go ice skating at Centennial Lakes Plaza—Cost is \$5 for skate rental, skating is free. Meet at Peace at 4pm. Questions? Contact Miranda (605) 254-3281. **February 5th**—Baking at Peace House!

### **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](mailto: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

**Food Pack-a-thon: This Saturday, February 5, from 9-11am**, with the Kids Against Hunger organization. We'll car pool from Peace at 8:20am to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Excelsior Sign up at the information desk or call Dave Dynneson for more information, 952-829-9317. We'll return by 11:30am. **Sign up today!!!**

**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

**Women's Retreat:** Please join us on **February 12** 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, payable the day of the retreat. Sign up at the information booth. **Deadline to register is February 5.**

**And the Oscar Goes To.....:** The Academy Award nominations have been announced! So what better time to go to the movies?!?! At noon on **Tuesday, February 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 enjoy "the movie you're itching to see." More detailed information about times and movies will be provided the first week of February.

**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. After the tour, we'll explore other parts of the Guthrie on our own. We'll eat lunch at "Sea Change," the Guthrie's primary dining location. Meet at Peace at 9am and we will return by 1:30. Sign-up at the information desk.

**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.

## **This Week at Peace**

### ◆ **Sunday: January 30**

- 8:45am Worship
- 10:00am Annual Meeting
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:00pm SNAP--Ice Skating!

### ◆ **Tuesday: February 1**

- 9:30am Quilters

### ◆ **Wednesday: February 2**

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

### ◆ **Friday: February 4**

- 10:00am Folders
- 7:00pm Scrapbooking

### ◆ **Saturday: February 5**

- 8:20am Kids Against Hunger outing

### ◆ **Sunday: February 6**

- 8:45am Worship
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship
- 4:00pm SNAP-Baking at Peace House!!!