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August 2021

WE ARE BACK TOGETHER IN WORSHIP AGAIN! That's the exciting news that so many of us have been waiting and wanting to share. It has been 18 months since we last worshiped together in the sanctuary! BUT – WE MADE IT!

Beginning Sunday, August 1 @ 9:00a we will begin our Sunday morning IN-PERSON worship services. We will continue to gather IN-PERSON for worship in the sanctuary every Sunday @ 9a from August 1 through September 5.

ON Sunday, September 12, we will begin our regular/familiar Sunday morning schedule:

8:30a Traditional Worship

9:45a Fellowship Time

9:45a Faith Formation (for children/teens)

10:00a Faith Formation (adult)

11:00a Contemporary Worship

(There will be no Sunday lunches until further notice)

To provide as much COVID safety as possible for our reopening, we will be implementing the following procedures:

- We are requesting/encouraging MASKS to be worn by all people when in the building. Our hope is, that in time, we will be able to lessen this protocol.
- For worship, we are asking that you respect social distancing and sit with your "POD"
- We will be serving communion;
 - Pastor Paul will serve the bread
 - Individual cups will be given to each person
 - If persons prefer, we will have the pre-packaged cups/wafers available
- We will be holding our Fellowship Time outside (when possible). We will provide a safe serving process. This will allow for interaction to occur more effectively.

At this point, we will not be offering our Sunday morning, nor Wednesday evening meals. We will continue to seek guidance when it would be advisable to serve food. The Church Council will continually monitor our COVID protocol and make necessary adjustments as needed.

I give thanks for your patience and your on-going support of the ministry of Peace Church over these past 18 months. I also want to lift up the incredible guidance and leadership of our Church Council, the technical work that our Tech Team provided to make our services accessible, and especially to our never-firing staff who did everything possible to keep our ministry alive and vibrant during this unique period. While we are not finished with COVID, we are pushing through it, and are excited about our continued journey together!

Peace, Pastor Paul



Image Left: Teens and their chaperones pose for their 'sending off' to their mission trip in Duluth.
Image Right: Pastor Winston shows the great stacking for all the luggage.
Image Bottom Left: One final check before heading out!



Special thanks to our chaperones:
 Jerry Locula, Carrie Wieland,
 Tracy Walton & Pastor Winston

Teens (6th – 12th Grade):

- Aug 1: Share mission trip experiences with the congregation, 9a
- Aug 11: Wellbeing Wednesday, 5:30p
- Aug 22: Teen and Family Picnic, 5p

Faith Formation Update

It's hard to think that fall is just around the corner! We have been busy with plans for our September faith formation kick-off.

We still are in need of teachers and shepherds to make our program successful. Teams are being created so that the responsibilities can be shared and you aren't committed to every single Sunday. Please reach out to Pastor Winston if you can help so that our schedules can be pulled together. Below are important dates/events:

Teacher and Shepherd Training: For those who will be providing this important leadership during our faith formation season, orientation is scheduled for:

Sunday, August 8 from 10:15—11:30a OR

Monday, August 9 from 6:30—7:45p

Can't make those dates/times? Reach out to Pastor Winston (ypastor@peacechurchucc.org) to arrange another way to get the information.

Faith Formation Classroom Readiness: We will be looking for volunteers during the week of August 23 to help us get our rooms ready for some fun this fall. Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/vrmRKVU>

Questions? Contact Pastor Winston (ypastor@peacechurchucc.org)

Rally Day will be Sunday, September 12! Mark your calendars!!

FEATURED EVENTS

Regather for In-Person Worship

AUGUST SUNDAYS, 9a: It's finally here! We are re-gathering inside for our worship services starting Sunday, August 1. We will be following CDC guidelines and ask that everyone wear a mask while in doors. There will also be a time for fellowship after service.

Orpington Acres

AUGUST SUNDAYS, 10:30a: Orpington Acres has returned to the Peace south parking lot with their organic farm-fresh produce, breads, eggs, jams, jellies, canned goods and creative wares! For farm-fresh eggs, make a reservation by calling 507-884-1314. See their web site for more information: <https://orpingtonacres.org/>

Monday Morning Meditation

MONDAYS, 7:30—8:00a: What better way to start your week than with brief group meditation? Join us for a 10-20 minute meditation followed by some time to connect/ ask questions. Experience the benefits of meditation for mind and body. Beginners welcome! Join us through this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85093176093> Questions? Contact Pastor Winston.

Transgender Parent Support Group

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 6:30—8:00p: Spend some time with us as we prepare for a new week through a 30-minute meditation to help center our minds and body. Join through this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85093176093> Questions? Contact Pastor Winston.

Weekly Summer Picnics

WEDNESDAYS, 5:30—7p: We are wrapping up our weekly picnics this month—but still it's not too late to join us to reconnect again. Come, relax and enjoy the fellowship of others as we gather at local parks. Everyone is welcomed. Bring your own meal, beverage, and a chair (in case we run out of picnic tables). We'll post a message on our web site if we need to cancel due to inclement weather Questions? Contact Debby

- Aug 4 ~ Castle Park (800-970 George Gibbs Dr SW)
- Aug 11 ~ The Gardens (4329 Garden Court SE)
- Aug 18 ~ 3 Links Park (840 7th Street NE)
- Aug 25 ~ Oxbow Park & Zoo (5731 County Road 105 NW, Byron)

Peace Quilters

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 10a: The Peace quilters are making diapers for the hospitals in Haiti and reviewing their preparations for the return of the annual Bazaar in October. Questions? Contact Marie Wilson (mawilso@charter.net)

Berne Pizza & Fun Event

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11 - We are hoping for better weather and inviting Peace friends and members to consider gathering together on Wednesday, August 11 in Berne for entertainment and pizza! Berne Zwingli UCC (about 35-40 min away from Rochester) has been making wood-fired pizzas and providing entertainment for the past 10 summers. All proceeds go to fund the church and a specific charity which is chosen by Berne Zwingli UCC each November.

- Things are a bit different due to COVID:
- you must bring your own chair(s)
 - you must bring your own napkins and plates
 - ALL garbage must be carried out when you leave
 - To help with the long ordering pizza lines, you can order in advance through Event brite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/d/mn-pine-island/berne-wood-fired-pizza/>)

This weekly summer outing has become very popular. Hours are 5 - 8p; you can arrive early to find your 'spot.' To learn more about Berne Wood-Fired Pizza and other details, click here: <https://www.bernepizza.org/>

Yoga in Peace Church Garden

Peace is excited to welcome Purple Elephant Yoga to our space! Nickole Brown is a registered 200-hour yoga instructor. She is offering slow flow yoga from 10—11a on Saturdays. While the weather is nice, yoga will be practiced outdoors on 2nd Ave NE. Classes are \$12/per person. Nickole asks that everyone bring their own mat, but she does have a few extras. Sign up via her web site: www.thepurpleelephantyoga.com

CALENDAR

August Events

SUNDAY 1: In-Person Worship, 9a; Godfather's Pizza Booth, 11a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p

WEDNESDAY 4: All Ages Picnic (Castle Park), 5:30p

SATURDAY 7: Peace Quilters, 10a;

SUNDAY 8: In-Person Worship, 9a; FF Leader Meeting, 10:15a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p

MONDAY 9: FF Leader Meeting, 6:30p

WEDNESDAY 11: All Ages Picnic (The Gardens Park), 5:30p; Teen Wellbeing Wednesday, 5:30p; Berne Pizza Outing, 5:30p

SUNDAY 15: In-Person Worship, 9a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p

WEDNESDAY 14: All Ages Picnic (3 Links Park), 5:30p; Church Council, 7p

SUNDAY 22: In-Person Worship, 9a; Council Retreat, 10:30a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p; Teen Family Picnic, 5p

MONDAY 23: Faith Formation Classroom Prep

TUESDAY 24: Faith Formation Classroom Prep

WEDNESDAY 25: Faith Formation Classroom Prep; All Ages Picnic (Oxbow Park & Zoo), 5:30p

THURSDAY 26: Faith Formation Classroom Prep

FRIDAY 27: Faith Formation Classroom Prep

SUNDAY 29: In-Person Worship, 9a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p



RECURRING

MONDAY MORNING MEDITATION
Every Monday*, 7:30a (ZOOM)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Every Tuesday, 7a (Peace Rm)

BEVERAGE AND BIBLE
Every Tuesday, 5p (Glynnner's Pub)

ORPINGTON ACRES
Every Sunday*, 10:30a (South Parking Lot)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(taking a break during August—watch for new date/times starting in September)



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Moments from volunteering at the Godfather's pizza booth. Special thanks to Steve Giere for allowing us to help and to the other volunteers who braved the extreme heat! :-)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are at the halfway point of the year:

* YTD pledges are down -\$39,635 from budget; -\$21,418 compared to last year

* YTD Net income is down -\$2,521 from budget; -\$35,736 compared to last year, but those monies were received from the government PPP loan.

Our pledge gifts bounced back nicely from May which is very positive. Normally we see a drop in June. We continue to keep our expense control in check. We are looking forward to seeing how things go once we return to in-person worship starting August 1. Questions? Contact Tom DeYoung (ltdeyoung@msn.com).

	JUN 2021	Budgeted	Diff	JUN 2020
Pledges	\$31,730	\$35,167	-\$3,437	\$35,422
Total Income	\$35,144	\$40,800	-\$5,656	\$40,287
Total Expenses	\$42,833	\$44,391	\$1,558	\$45,327
Net Income	-\$7,688	-\$3,591	-\$4,098	-\$5,040

Hand Bell Choir: Can you imagine coming to church with no music? Many of us have favorite hymns or songs and have experienced the power of music on Sunday morning.



If you love music, feel called to help us keep music in our services, and want to be a part of a special group, Peace Church has an opportunity for you! We are looking for people to be a part of our adult handbell choir. Being able to read music is a plus, but we encourage ANYONE who is interested to give it a try!

We'll be rehearsing on Wednesday evenings and perform at the 8:30a service approximately once a month. If you are unsure, you are welcome to come and try it out with no commitment to join.



If you or someone you know is interested, please email me. Let's keep the music flowing!

Jenny Langholz
(choirs@peacechurchucc.org)

PS...we are putting our voice choir rehearsals on hold for a while.

August Birthdays

We celebrate with those in our church family who have birthdays in August.

- 01 Jody Morbeck
- 02 Cheryl Dirksmeyer
- 03 Deb Arneson
- 06 Micaela Buda
- 07 Jacob Trachsel, Robert Werner
- 08 Gavin Hollar, Anne Lilleskov
- 09 Kari Siewert, Amanda Theuer
- 10 Melinda Basballe
- 11 Zach Nevala
- 12 Renee Bjork
- 14 Jaden Barker, Paul Bauch, Aaron Wells
- 15 Amy Kuth
- 18 Erland Karlstad, Grant Kesselring, Will Sadler
- 19 Michele Hanenberger, Terry Miller
- 20 Glenn Eichhorn, Jill Savage
- 21 Nadine Christie, Lilly Poterucha, Joanne Roeber
- 22 Anika Labinski, Rosalie Poterucha, Laura Potts
- 23 Tamryn Hall, Sarahjane Hamilton, Laurie Klein
- 24 Shawn Davis
- 25 Buck Lenz
- 26 Sheila Boss, DeAnn Hines, Michelle Jerabek, Gloria Liebenow, Reed Peterson
- 27 Emily Schmitt
- 28 Jeff Poterucha, Marcella Swan,
- 29 Kendra Laughlin
- 30 Dianne Barker, Brody Lenz, Maxine Pfeifer, Nicole Ramaker
- 31 Emma Allen



Broadway Avenue Reconstruction Project

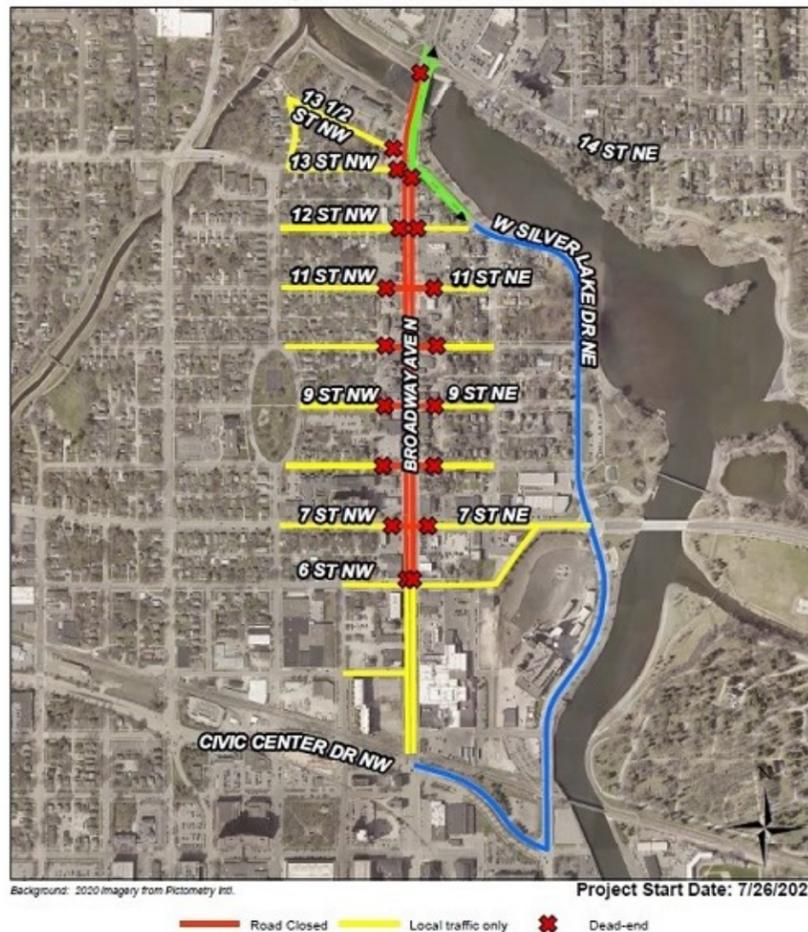
<https://clients.bolton-menk.com/reconstructbroadway/construction/>

TIMELINE: CLOSE & REOPEN TO LOCAL TRAFFIC



Detour and road closures related to North Broadway construction project:

North Broadway Avenue Road Closure Extension



The 7th Street and Broadway Avenue intersection is now completely closed and is expected to last through August 2021 (weather permitting).

Elton Hills Drive Bridge Replacement

UPDATE

Additional details can be found here:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/ceba2b5386ca4027aca7d83b3f820284?item=2>

Good News!! The Elton Hills Bridge Replacement work has been **postponed** until October of 2021 and will last through June of 2022. We'll send out reminders in September to make everyone aware.



Images from Teen Mission Trip 2021 — Duluth, Minnesota

