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June/July 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JULY 27-30

Members of the Vision Team, Church Council, and your Peace Church staff are excited to announce that our Vision/Planning Consultant, John Pavlovitz, will make the first of several visits with us at Peace Church July 27-30.

We announced at our April 22 OPEN (**O**ur **P**eace **E**fforts **N**ow) Dinner that John Pavlovitz would be our visioning consultant. This is BIG, EXCITING NEWS! We also celebrated our reopening by having a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the building after rebuilding from the fire. To begin rebuilding our ministries and programs, we engaged our members by connecting with one of our ministry teams:

Faith Formation Membership/Vitality Social Action Worship

Now that we have a structure in place to help us vision and plan for what Peace Church – United Church of Christ will be as we move to the future, we are calling on all members and friends of Peace Church to fully engage in our visioning process. Every member will have numerous opportunities over the next year to be a part of this process... so be on the look-out for specific dates/times when you can lift up your gifts and passion for the ministry of Peace Church.

As we begin visioning for the future, we are also calling on our members and friends of Peace Church to utilize your gifts to assist in the current ministries of Peace Church. From assisting in various aspects of Sunday morning worship, participating in our social action ministries, being a part of our social groups, or assisting with faith formation every member is being encouraged to find one new way of being a part of this incredible faith community.

If you would like to explore more how you can use your gifts to be a part of the Peace Church ministries, please contact me. I would love to explore with each of you how best your gifts can be utilized!

This is an amazing time for us. A time to reflect, dream, and implement how we as Peace Church can continue our bold and inclusive ministries! Be OPEN to how God is calling you to use your gifts!

Peace

Pastor Paul

CALENDAR

June Events

THURSDAY 1: Women's Fellowship, 8a, Peace Room

FRIDAY 2: Channel One Volunteer Group, Channel One HQ 9a

SATURDAY 3: Wedding at Peace 11a, Sanctuary

SUNDAY 4: Teen Carwash 9:30a North Parking Lot; Communion Sunday with Special Guest—the Rochester Flute Choir 10a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

MONDAY 5: Social Action 6p, Peace Room

TUESDAY 6: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible, 5p

THURSDAY 8: Women's Fellowship, 8a, Narthex

SATURDAY 10 : Christway Wedding 4p, Sanctuary

SUNDAY 11: Traditional Service 10a; ONEVOICE Rehearsal 11:15a Sanctuary; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

TUESDAY 13: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible, 5p

THURSDAY 15: Women's Fellowship, 8a, Peace Room; Card Sharks 6:30p, Narthex

SATURDAY 17: Juneteenth 12p, MLK Park

SUNDAY 18: Contemporary Service 10a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

MONDAY 19: Teen Mission Trip Departs 12p

TUESDAY 20: PUCO OFFICE IS CLOSED Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible, 5p

WEDNESDAY 21: PUCO OFFICE IS CLOSED

THURSDAY 22: PUCO OFFICE IS CLOSED; Women's Fellowship, 8a, Narthex

SUNDAY 25: Contemporary Service, 10a; Faith Formation, 11:15a, F-Hall; Christway Full Gospel, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

MONDAY 26: Teens return from Mission Trip to Peace Church at 11:15p

TUESDAY 27: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible, 5p

THURSDAY 29: Women's Fellowship, 8a, Narthex

July Events

SUNDAY 2: Traditional Service with Communion 10a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

MONDAY 3: Social Action 6p, Peace Room

TUESDAY 4: Men's Fellowship, 7a, Peace Rm

THURSDAY 6: Women's Fellowship, 8a, Narthex

SUNDAY 9: Traditional Worship, 10a; ONEVOICE Rehearsal 11:15, Sanctuary; Christway Full Gospel, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

TUESDAY 11: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible, 5p

THURSDAY 13: Women's Fellowship, 8a, Narthex

SUNDAY 16: Outdoor Worship at Chester Woods 10a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

TUESDAY 18: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible, 5p

THURSDAY 20: Women's Fellowship, 8a, Narthex; Card Sharks 6:30p, Narthex

SUNDAY 23: Special Service 10a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

TUESDAY 25: Men's Fellowship, 7a, F-Hall; Knitters Group 10a, Peace Room; Beverage and Bible, 5p

SUNDAY 30: Traditional Service with Special Guest John Pavlovitz 10a; Christway Full Gospel Ministry, 1p; La Senda Antigua Church, 3p

MONDAY 31: Strike Point Handbell Choir 6p, Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD

AUGUST:

5: Pride Prom at Peace Church 5p
13: Outdoor Worship/ Blessing of the Animals
19: Listos Preschool Butterfly Festival
26: Dueling Pianos 7p

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	APR 2023	YEAR-TO-DATE	APR 2022
Pledges budgeted	\$32,500	\$130,500	\$35,167
Pledges received	\$24,737	\$117,170	\$35,590
Difference	-\$ 7,763	-\$ 13,330	\$ 423

We continue to struggle with our monthly pledges as we were down **-\$7,763**. We were also down from last year's April by **-\$10,854**. YTD we are down **-\$13,330** from budget, but still ahead of last year by \$760. Non-pledge dollars have us ahead of last year by \$1,873 and ahead of this year's budget by \$517.

Total income was down **-\$10,473** from budget, and YTD down by **-\$15,294**; \$8,000 of that is from non payment of Listos rent for the year. We are hopeful as all the bills from the fire are getting paid that we will receive our loss income from the insurance company coming to us soon. TYD income is down **-\$30** from last year.

April expenses were over budget by \$2,875, but YTD we are still ahead of last year by \$15,660.

Going into the summer months we all should be concerned about our pledged dollars. If we continue, as we have the past 2 months, having an approximate pledged shortfall of \$7,500+ each month we will have serious cash flow problems by this fall.

Please contact Tom DeYoung (LTDEYOUNG@msn.com) if you have any questions.



June/July Birthdays

We celebrate with those in our church family who have birthdays in:

JUNE

- 02 Elyse LeQuire, David Paul
- 04 Cheryl Winters
- 05 Julie Timmerman
- 06 Bob Beaulieu
- 08 Linda Frost
- 10 Ida Brakke
- 11 Bennett Bedard, Dede Bushman, David Froehling
- 12 Haylee Carlson, Jude Smith
- 13 Sarah Allen
- 15 Robyn Smith
- 16 Judi Hensel, Marlys Peterson
- 17 Orion Ressie
- 19 Teresa Waldof
- 20 Joe Hensel
- 23 June Franks
- 26 Lynn Alcock, Nate Basballe
- 29 Garrett Johnson, Brian Trachsel
- 30 Brian Winters

JULY

- 01 Sarah Wilder, Collin Winters
- 02 Lou Anne Meyer
- 04 Diezel Siewert, Bruce Tointon
- 05 Meg McCamish
- 06 Nick Giere
- 07 Beverly Gauthier
- 08 Rebecca Kruezfeldt
- 10 Steve Kloempken, Mabel Wagner
- 11 Cindy Bluhm, Katie Lenz, Tracy Walton
- 12 Ruth Bakken
- 13 Darren Knoepke, Jerry Locula
- 15 Griffin Ramaker
- 17 Ann Vangalis
- 19 Jerry Floden, Diane Pollock
- 21 Clair Ewert, Ann Lenington, Jenna Schroeder, Emma Theuer
- 22 Dawn Bradley
- 23 Ione Kloempken
- 24 Morgan Soto
- 25 Rudy Ramaker
- 28 Nancy Knoepke, Owen Wilder
- 31 Adele Bauch, Megan Page

FEATURED EVENTS

OUTDOOR
WORSHIP & PICNIC
AT CHESTER WOODS
8378 14 HIGHWAY SE, EYOTA, MN 55934

WORSHIP | FOOD | OUTDOOR GAMES | BEACH
SUN. 7/16 | FROM 10A
Families are encouraged to stay and play all day

Now playing at Z-Theater, Zombrota
[title of show]
JUNE 2, 3, 9, 10 at 7p
JUNE 4 & 11 at 2p

PERFORMANCES JUNE 2-11:
Be sure to get tickets to see our very own Dylan Starr in this intelligent, playful, and lovable new musical!
Peace Church members can get free tickets to the June 4th performance, sign up at the Welcome Desk or call 507-282-6117



MAY MOMENTS



Teen Carwash Fundraiser
SUNDAY JUNE 4, 9:30a — Support the Peace Teens Summer Mission Trip to Biloxi Mississippi by getting your car washed in our North parking lot (Listos doors). This will take place during service.
Questions? Contact [Tracy Walton](#)



Juneteenth Event at MLK Park
Juneteenth SATURDAY, JUNE 17 12-5p: Peace Church Social Action group has organized to have a Peace Church booth at the Juneteenth festival at MLK park this year on Saturday, June 17th. They are looking for volunteers to help with manning the booth for one to two hours at a time.
If you are able/ interested, please sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/uBrETPw>

Peace Church Channel One Volunteers
FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH* 9-11a:
The Peace Church Channel One team is back in action! Join the team on the first Friday of each month to volunteer at Channel One Food Bank.
A July or November date has not been decided yet



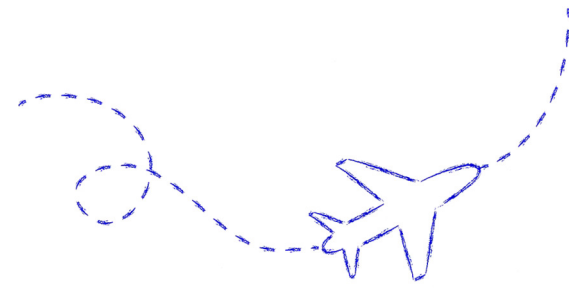
Each volunteer will need to sign up online and complete the necessary requirements (short video and waiver) before they can volunteer.
To sign up please contact Linda Bradley or Jody Morbeck

Outdoor Service at Chester Woods!
SUNDAY, JULY 10, 10a: Bring a chair, and a mind for beautiful weather! Peace will provide hot dogs, chips, bottled water, and ice cream. Plan to spend a morning outdoors with your Peace Family and friends .
Weather permitting, we will start with an outdoor worship at Pavilion #6 at Chester Woods Park and encourage you to stick around for the afternoon and enjoy all of the fun that Chester Woods has to offer! A change of clothes and swimwear for the beach is encouraged!
Kayaks, Canoes and paddleboards are all first come first serve rentals. The beach is a great place to get your feet wet, and the walking trails are a well maintained and labeled.
Please bring a lawn chair.
Camping and park info: <https://bit.ly/42gHdDF>
Address of Chester Woods: 8378 14 Highway Southeast, Eyota, MN 55934

Strikepoint Handbell Choir
MONDAY, JULY 31 6p: Don't miss your chance to see the incredible Strikepoint handbell Choir at Peace! Strikepoint is an eleven-member handbell ensemble from Duluth, MN. Since 1984 they have performed as a directorless ensemble, traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada, as well as overseas to England, Scotland, Wales, Sweden, Japan and Hong Kong. Watch the eNews for more info!



African Unity Day Meal on May 24th



On Monday June 19th, our Peace Teens and their fearless adult leaders will depart from Minneapolis , Minnesota to set out on a great adventure to the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi!
 You have probably noticed that the teens have been fundraising as much as they can to help offset the cost of such a big trip! Thank you to all who have donated time, talents and treasures to get them to this exciting point.

If you are still hoping to donate, here are a couple of ways that you can do just that!

- Designate your donation to be used toward something FUN that the teens can do together while they are on their trip (think Alligator airboat tour, or New Orleans beignets)
- Designate your donation to go toward leaving a "love gift" or a seal envelope of donations to be left at Back Bay mission upon departure from Peace Church and Peace Teens as a thank you to Back Bay Mission for their hospitality.

Here is a little information on the Back Bay Mission that will be hosting our teens and empowering them to use their gifts to do great work!

Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives.

We **strengthen neighborhoods** through ministries like our education and empowerment programs and our housing rehabilitation program. These vital ministries help the people we serve be a part of, and build, their communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. As volunteers take what they learn at Back Bay Mission home with them, they have the opportunity to strengthen their own neighborhoods.

We **seek justice** by helping the people we serve become more involved in their communities, educating people about the realities of poverty, and advocating on behalf of marginalized people in our community.

All of our programs **transform lives**. Whether we're helping a homeowner keep their home, mentoring a single mother as she plans her path out of poverty, or working with an intern who is thinking about a career in social work, we're making the lives of the people we serve better.

For more information on Back Bay Mission, check out their website: thebackbaymission.org

THANK YOU! FAITH FORMATION

A **HUGE** thank you Stacy Beyer- Groth for organizing and leading the Faith Formation Program this year at Peace Church. Your leadership has been much appreciated. Thank you to all who have donated their time, talents and treasures to this program. The future of this church remains bright because of all that you do!



Above left: Rock-climbing at ROCA
 Above Middle and right: Faith Formation activities



Above right: Stacy and Isaiah Beyer-Groth
 Left Rally Day Faith Formation closing prayer

THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL

PEACE CHURCH LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Little Free Pantry

YOU CAN HELP— Provide basic food items to neighbors experiencing hunger this summer. Our little free pantry is always in need of donations! As summer approaches please check out the list of items that can withstand the summer heat! **(items in red are needed most)**

[Questions? Contact Dawn Bradley.](#)

Ramen	Fruit cups	Water	Toothpaste, brushes
Rice	Pudding cups	Nuts	Socks (new)
Ravioli*	Juice boxes or pouches	Cereal (single serve box)	Baby wipes
Spaghetti	Oatmeal packs	Vienna sausages*	Band-aids
Tuna pouches	Peanut butter	Jelly	Soup (not condensed)*
Chili*	Jerky	Pasta	Shelf stable milk
EZ mac	Crackers	Pasta sauce	Deodorant
Applesauce cups	Pretzels	Tampons, pads	*Easy open containers

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for ways to get involved? We have many volunteer opportunities at Peace! You don't need to be an expert, just a willing volunteer.

As we continue to strengthen our programs and work to build new programs, we need help from willing volunteers. Check out the volunteer opportunities by scanning the QR code or going to: bit.ly/3kFEfc0

Current Sign ups:

HOSPITALITY TEAMS

[Sunday Fellowship Hosts](#)- setting up fellowship coffee and snacks

[Sunday Greeters](#)- welcoming people as they arrive

[Sunday Offering Attendants \(Ushers\)](#)- Help out on Sundays with getting the offering plates passed around and collected.

[Friday Welcome Desk Volunteer](#)- Help with answering the office phone on Fridays

TECH TEAM AND WORSHIP

[PowerPoint Volunteer](#) - Advance the PowerPoint through Sunday Service

[Children's Message Volunteer](#)- Reading or presenting the Children's Message

Questions? Contact Clare (aoffice@peacechurchucc.org)

