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An Open and
Affirming (ONA)
Congregation

**Vision: A safe and
inclusive church
living God's radical
message**

Communion the first
Sunday of the month

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:45am Faith Formation
11am Contemporary Worship

Nursery care available from
8:30 to 12pm on Sundays

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of the Olive Branch to see
pictures of our October
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Olive Branch

November 2017

Ponderings of Pastor Beth ...

Last month, I attended a training by ISAIAH, training people on how to conduct small group meetings, conversations really, on some hard issues. It was a wonderful training truly and a good indicator of how to begin the resurgence of conversation in our modern lives. One of the hardest conversations we can have is about the big issues, the painful experiences of our lives, and to do that specifically from a perspective of engaging in the political process, even more challenging. One piece the presenter came back to was that very often we compartmentalize our lives to such a degree that it would be off limits to tell your life story in most places of your life. And yet we do need a place to tell our story. To express the pain and joy of our daily lives to a small group of people we feel we can trust. As I came out of the training, I was emboldened to continue this work in our lives as a congregation. The church is a unique place where the rebirth of conversation and connection can take hold because our faith story highlights stories as a primary means of learning and living the faith. This week I listened to a podcast which ended with this statement. "We don't always have to tell ourselves the right story. Sometimes we can just listen to someone else's story, until we find our own story and our own words."

So this fall, I invite you to start thinking about your story. What has framed your life? What is calling you into deeper connection? And start listening to it. As we look to the new year, and a rebuilding of our small group networks in the church, our stories are really what will hold us together as we highlight the fellowship, and spiritual connection of being in small intentional groups. What is your story?

Peace,

Rev. Beth Rogers

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THANKSGIVING DRIVE
MONTH OF NOVEM-
BER**

Collection Bin in Coat Hallway
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Just so you know...

You can check our website for updates: www.peacechurchucc.org

Please submit all articles for the next issue of the Olive Branch by the **15th of the month** to the Church Office or email to office@peacechurchucc.org.

The deadline for the bulletin is Wed at **9am every week.**

The deadline for PowerPoint announcements is **Thursdays at Noon.**



REMINDER....

Daylight Savings Time
ENDS
Sunday, November 5th

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Listos Fundraising Dinner DAY of the DEAD

Friday, November 3rd ~ 6-9pm

Savor authentic Mexican food and be enveloped in the magic of this mystical celebration. Live music, silent auction, arts and culture. Proceeds support Listos Preschool and Childcare.

Tickets: \$30, table of 8 \$200.

Contact Director@listoskiss.org for information.

Tickets can be purchased at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).



Annual Fall Bazaar Fundraising

Saturday, November 11th @ 9am ~ 2pm

Fellowship Hall

Time again for the Peace annual fall bazaar. This event draws large crowds. To prepare, we are seeking help. We will need folks on Thursday (11/9), Friday (11/10) and Saturday (11/11) to help set up tables, organize items and assist in the kitchen and the dish room during the event.

Along with attending the event, we are still looking for donations! All items donated must be clean and in good, usable shape. They can be dropped off at church starting Sunday, November 5th through Friday, November 10th.

Examples of items that are accepted are: baked goods, nicely-potted house plants, household items, all holiday items, small furniture, books, small appliances and freshly-cleaned clothes that are not stained or ripped. Exercise equipment is also accepted, but any unsold must be picked up by the owner after the bazaar to avoid disposal fees to the church.

Items we cannot accept: outdoor garden plants, tires, large pieces of furniture, open bottles of perfume or lotions, no electronics or appliances or items that do not work. Call the church office (282-6117) or check at the Welcome Desk for additional information.



Sunday Morning Book Study

October 22- November 12

9:45am in Room 215

You are invited to join us for a 5-week Adult Book Study on Sunday mornings (9:45 - 10:45am) in Rm 215 on the Parables of Jesus. We will be discussing the book "Re-Imagine the World" by Bernard Brandon Scott. Cost of the book is \$12.50. This study is being led by David Rebstock.





Coming Home Concert

Friday, November 17
 6 pm Silent Auction
 7:30 pm Concert (Choir of Peace will be performing)
 All Are Invited · Free Will Offering
 Bethel Lutheran Church - 810 3rd Ave SE, Rochester



Sunday, November 19th
INVITE A GUEST
 to Worship & join us for our
 Thanksgiving Meal

The member who brings the most
 guests receives a free turkey!



Free Community Thanksgiving Meal All Welcome

Sunday, November 19th ~ 12pm ~ Fellowship Hall
 Free will offering to support Emergency Fund.
 Looking for volunteers to assist with set-up, clean up, kitchen, pie/
 dessert. Sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A49A5AE2FA1FE3-peace2 .



Invite a friend

Hawthorne Helps Thanksgiving Drive
 Month of November

Donations of: lotion, baby & kleenex. Collection bin in Narthex.



Birthdays

1	Sarah Xu, Jackson Esau, Bryce Bjork, Robert Lee
2	Ramona Trachsel, Chloe Regal
3	Diane Shanks, Trey Peterson
4	Leah Bauch, Isabella Bjork, Kaleb Siewert, Killian Bennett
6	Jean Schafer, Harriet Pfeifer
4	Mary Kalstad, Elena Kesselring, Zachary Siewert, Tim Liebenow, Anna Thompson
8	Aurora Miller
9	Yvonne Rust
11	Nicole Liazuk, Bryan Johnson
13	Ann Gerlach, Olivia Regal
14	Dana Molitor, Eleanor Ryg
15	Alyssa Nodtveit
16	Kelly Streff, Zach Halverson
17	Thomas McLaurin
18	Tracy Doffing
19	Harry Esau, Ben Jensen, Jacob Savage
20	Olivia Schmitt, Morgan Cozik
21	Kathy Markee, Kaila Edmonds
23	Kaia Harmon
25	Lucas Diekvoss
27	Dale Corffits, Matt Knoepke, Aggie Salzwedel
28	Crystal Stoppel, Caleb Burkhard
29	Gerald Bentz, Alex Sunnock

November SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	MUSIC	FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
5 with Communion	8:30am 11:00am	Matt Siewert Matt Siewert	Choir of Peace Peace ONEVOICE	Schmitt Team
12	8:30am 11:00am	Matt Siewert Matt Siewert	Bells of Peace Joy ONEVOICE	Team Awesome
19 INVITE A FRIEND	8:30am 11:00am	Matt Siewert Matt Siewert	Special Music Special Music	Community Thanksgiving Meal
26	8:30am 11:00am	Matt Siewert Matt Siewert	Special Music Joy ONEVOICE	No lunch

Financial Update

September was a pretty good month as our pledges were pretty close to our budget. However, overall, year to date we continue to have quite a deficit. Pledge statements came out in early October. Are you on track to meet the pledge you made for 2017? Thank you for giving what you are able.
Thanks, Lynn

	September	YTD
Pledges Budgeted	\$35,417	\$318,750
Actual Pledges received	\$34,806	\$291,338
Difference	-\$611	-\$27,412

HAWTHORNE HELPS
 THANKSGIVING DRIVE MONTH
 OF NOVEMBER
 Details in Coat of Arms
 Collection Bin in Coat Hallway

Ongoing Peace Groups

Tuesday Morning Men of Peace Group @ 7am - Peace Room

(All men are invited to join us for fellowship and discussion which generally focuses on the upcoming worship scriptures.)



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study @ 10am - Peace Room

(All women are invited to join us for fellowship and discussion, meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 10am. For additional information contact Sheila Boss)

Tuesday Beverage & Bible @ 5pm - Glynner's Pub

(Tuesdays, from 5-6pm at Glynner's Pub [1643 Broadway Ave N] & we'll gather for fellowship and discussion.)

Tuesday Knitter/Crocheter Groups - ALL are welcome to join us for every Tuesday at 10:30am &/or 7pm in Rm 105.

Thursday Morning Women's Group @ 7am - Peace Room

(Reading and discussing "Clip In: Risking Hospitality in Your Church" by Jim Ozier and Fiona Haworth. For additional information contact Anna Froehling)

Twice Monthly Race Forward - In the Dwelling @ 7pm

(Everyone is welcome to attend this group as we explore our blind spots and open up the uncomfortable discussion of race and privilege. For additional information contact Ruth Larson.)

Miriam Ministry @ 9:30am - (ALL WOMEN are welcome to join us for our monthly gatherings ; in the Peace Room. Special date for November—11/15/17.

Quilter's Group - Thursdays @ 10am-3pm & 1st Saturday of Month 10am-11:30am in Room 104 (For additional information contact Marie Wilson)

Family Play Dates - Join us monthly for family play dates for kids of all ages! For more information contact the Welcome Desk.

Fellowship Lunches - Weekly, after the 2nd Service, Teams provide and prepare Fellowship luncheons for anyone wishing to stay for lunch. For more information on being a part of assisting on a Team, visit the Welcome Desk.

Family & Friends Fellowship - Join us Wednesdays 5:30—7:30pm for midweek Fellowship; meet at Church.

YOUTH RELATED DATES:

- 11/4: ALL YOUTH We will gather for a fun time for all with games and more.
- 11/5: Confirmation After Lunch
- 11/12: Confirmation After Lunch
- 11/19: Community Thanksgiving Dinner, join in the clean up or prep crews with other members!
- 11/26: No Faith Formation for Thanksgiving
- 12/2: Youth Parent/Leader meeting (9am to noon)

COMING IN DECEMBER

The Sharing Tree

Month of December

Celebrate the spirit of giving this Christmas and purchase items for those in need. Organizations receiving donations will be identified in the middle of November. Take an ornament (or several) off the tree and bring back the wrapped item along with the tag and place presents in the boxes next to the tree.



Poinsettia Sale

Help decorate Peace Sanctuary with poinsettias. \$12 each
Order deadline November 26, 2017 (See enclosed form)
Proceeds raised will support Middle/High Youth Service Work Trips



CPR/AED Red Cross Training

Saturday, December 16th ~ 1 to 4 pm

Cost \$65 per person. Check at Welcome Desk if interested.

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 17th

10am ONE SERVICE

The Choir of Peace invites you to celebrate the spirit of the season with music. Please contact John if you would like to join the choir for this event.



All Church Caroling at Samaritan Bethany

Sunday, December 17th ~ 12:30pm

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24th

This Holiday season we will be having three Christmas Eve services that are open to the public. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the Christmas spirit.

10:00am Children's Program

4:00pm Traditional Lesson: Carols, Candlelight Communion

6:30pm Contemporary Service with Candlelight Communion

8:00pm Acoustic Service with Candlelight Communion



One Service

Sunday, December 31st 10am

We will introduce you to the new 3rd Service format, starting in January.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
++++ Every Sunday Worship (8:30am & 11:00am) 9:45am - 10:45am Faith Formation (Classrooms) 12pm Fellowship Lunch (F-Hall) 6:30-8:30pm OV Rehearsal (Sanc)		*** Every Tuesday 7am Men of Peace (Peace Rm) 10am: Women's Bible Study (Peace Rm) 5pm: Beverage & Bible (Glynners) 10:30am & 7pm Knitter/Crochet Group (Rm 115)	1 ** Every Wednesday 5:30-7:30pm Family & Friends Fellowship (F-Hall) 6pm Adult Bell Choir 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)	2 * Every Thursday 7-8am Women's Fellowship (Peace Rm) 10am - 3pm Quilting Group (Rm 104)	3 6pm Listos Fundraiser (F-Hall)	4 9-11am Quilters Group (Rm 104) 5pm MS/HS Youth Lock In (SRH & Dwelling)
5++++ 9:45am - 10:45am Journey (Peace Rm) 9:45am - 10:45am Book Study (Rm215)	6 6:00pm - 7:00pm Social Action Mtg. (Peace Rm)	7 ***	8 **	9 * 12pm - 6pm Church Bazaar Set Up (F-Hall)	10 10am - 10pm Church Bazaar Set Up (F-Hall)	11 9am - 2pm Church Bazaar (F-Hall/Narthex)
12++++ 9:45am - 10:45am Journey (Peace Rm) 9:45am - 10:45am Book Study (Rm215)	13 6:00pm - 7:00pm Stephen's Ministry (Peace Rm & Rm 215)	14 *** 7-8pm Race Forward (Dwelling)	15 ** 9:30am Miriam Ministry (Peace Rm) 7-9pm Church Council (Dwelling)	16 * 9-11am Channel One Volunteer Team (Channel One HO)	17 7:30pm Family Promise Concert (Bethel Lutheran)	18 12-4pm Wagner 65th Wedding Anniversary Open House (F-Hall)
19++++ INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY 12pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner (F-Hall)	20	21 *** 12:30pm - 4pm Sr Card Players (Peace Rm)	22** Starting at 12pm OFFICE CLOSED	23 * OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
26++++ 9:45am - 10:45am Journey (Peace Rm) NO FAITH FORMATION NO FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NO OV REHEARSAL	27	28 ***	29 **	30 *		

Family Promise Buddy Week



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