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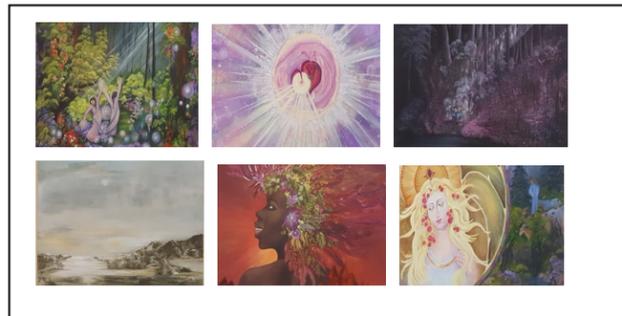
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Just so you know...

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.

Thank you to Lavone Lovstad for sharing her artwork and her inspiration in creating them!



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

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

REMINDERS!!

JOIN US FOR **ONE SERVICE**
September 3rd @ 10:30am

Join in for Fellowship Time

RALLY DAY
September 10th

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
September 24th @ 9:45am



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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
11am Contemporary Worship

NOTE
September 3rd - ONE service at 10:30am

Nursery care available during the 8:30 & 11am worship services

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Olive Branch

September 2017

Ponderings of Pastor Beth...

It is now September. Can you believe it has been three months since Paul went out on sabbatical? This time of renewal and revitalization for all of us has been productive, engaging, and a wonderful change of pattern. As my first summer here in Minnesota, I can say the weather didn't scare me off. I've been through a winter and a summer now. I'm sure many will say I haven't really experienced a true season, and the real winter or summer weather is still out there for another year. But for a west-coast-humidity-and-snow-averse person, this was a good enough entry. I am grateful every day for the people who stopped into the church to help in Paul's absence. I'm grateful for a time away with the youth and some of our leaders to get to understand what makes them all tick, and how creative and caring they are. And I'm grateful to have had this time of continuous worship leadership to really understand the flow of worship here at Peace. For all of you and everything you do, I want to say thank you.

So now we head back to "real life", and all that the school year brings: a return to many ministries on hiatus, an intentional invitation to new areas of interest, and a reinvigorated faith formation program. All of these ways of being the people of Peace begin as we start to hear from Paul's point of view. All that he hopes to bring to Peace from his time of Renewal and the ideas he saw at other places that might build us up more and more,; challenging and filling our spirits.

In the coming months, we will continue this journey of renewal and revitalization as new ideas, new members, new ways of worshipping are born into our community. So grab hold of something and see what is ready for your passions, gifts and interests as we continue to build this inclusive community living God's Radical Message.

Peace,

Rev. Beth Rogers

Pastor Karl Rist ~ Affirmation of Ordination

Sunday, September 24th from 3~4pm

Save the Date! You are invited to an Affirmation of Ordination service for Pastor Karl Rist on Sunday, September 24th at 3:00pm as we celebrate the renewal of his call to pastoral ministry. Refreshments to follow.

Paul Bauch, Senior Pastor
<http://www.facebook.com/paul.bauch>

Beth Rogers, Associate Pastor
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Check the on-line version of the Olive Branch to see pictures of our August events!

NOTE: SUNDAY, September 3rd ~ ONE SERVICE ~ 10:30am (with Communion)

Sock Hop
Saturday, September 9
6:30 - 9pm
Fellowship Hall

Join us on Saturday as we 'kick' off our fall programming with a music-filled sock hop! Dance to familiar tunes and have fun!
Adults \$10; School Age to—18 \$5; Families: \$25 (Nursery available)



Rally Day
Sunday, September 10
8:30 & 11am Worship
9:45am Faith Formation Begins!
12pm Fellowship Lunch Returns!



Mall Find a Friend
Sunday, September 10 @ 4:30pm
Meet at Apache Food Court
All Church Activity - adults, couples, families willing to be 'found' by the youth while wandering Apache Mall, contact Pastor Beth.

Opportunity Fair
Sunday, September 17
9:45 - 10:45am
Fellowship Hall
Come and learn about all the fun ways you can get involved in the exciting ministries here at Peace.



Friday Night at the Movies
Friday, September 15
7pm - in Fellowship Hall (Discussion following)
As It Is In Heaven is a Swedish film (English subtitles) about a respected international conductor who interrupts his career following a heart attack and returns to the village where he grew up. Engaged to lead the church choir he becomes involved in social issues of the community. A remarkable story about living life, pursuing one's dreams and daring to be who you are.



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) Resuming Tuesday, September 5th.

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.)

Thursday Morning Women's Group @ 7am - Peace Room
(Reading and discussing "Walking with God" by John Eldridge. For additional information contact Anna Froehling)

Twice Monthly Race Forward - The Dwelling
(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.) Resuming Tuesday, September 26th at 7pm.

Miriam Ministry @ 9:30am - *(ALL WOMEN are welcome to join us for our monthly gatherings - the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Peace Room.*

Quilter's Group - Thursday @ 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. Next scheduled playdate: Saturday, **October 7th ~ 9:30am to 12pm**

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. Weather directed, we will gather inside the church or at a local park. Meet at Church.

YOUTH RELATED DATES:

- September 9th Faith Formation Teacher Training 1-3pm in Fellowship Hall
- September 10th Welcome Back Sunday: Faith Formation Starts
Youth Mission Trip Sermon
Mall Find a Friend in the afternoon
- September 17th Confirmation Family Meeting: following Fellowship Lunch
- October 8th Confirmation Starts: following Fellowship lunch
- October 8th K-1st grade Our Whole Lives (OWL) Parent Meeting (during Faith Formation)

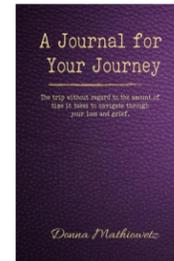
SEPTEMBER

COMING IN OCTOBER

AUTHOR PRESENTATION & SIGNING

Sunday, October 8th ~ 6pm ~ Fellowship Hall

"A Journal for Your Journey" shares stories from the author's own life experiences after the death of her son. Dispersed among the stories are questions and quotes that will help the reader to work through their own grief at their own pace. The journal has provided many with a way to contemplate and process the many facets of grief and discover ways to become whole again. (Free will offering.)



SAMARITAN BETHANY

SUNDAY ASSISTANCE

Month of October

Each Sunday in October we are being asked to assist the residents at Samaritan Bethany to their Sunday morning Services (8:30am & 9:30am). See the Office with your questions. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or use the following link: <https://goo.gl/UVEZDx>



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, October 20th @ 6:30pm

In Fellowship Hall

Join us for fellowship and family friendly movie.

Cost \$5 per family for pizza and pop.

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HALLOWEEN BINGO

Circle Saturday evening October 28th in ORANGE on your calendar – **DRAG QUEEN BINGO** is returning to the Peace Church Fellowship Hall! For just \$10 admission (cash only) you can see 10 lip-synch performances by Rochester's best female impersonators as well as play 10 games of Bingo for a chance at over \$500 in cash prizes! Doors open at 6:30pm, games start at 7pm sharp. Costumes encouraged – prizes for the best child Halloween costume and the best adult Halloween costume. Bring your family and friends – as the attendance increases, so does the prize money. All proceeds go to help pay off the church debt. Volunteers needed to help with set-up, clean-up, and to bring cookies/bars and bottled pop/water. To volunteer or for more info contact rjwerner@charter.net. See you Saturday October 28th!



Peace Friends,
August 7, 2017

It has been a year since we returned to Lospalos, East Timor; life has been an interesting ride. We have had highs and lows, for sure; some expected challenges, some unexpected. Coming back to a community that we knew and loved has been a tremendous blessing. Readjusting to the tropical climate has also been quite easy! On the other hand, we've had more sick days as a family than ever in the past. And we have re-entered the world of the "very young Southeast Asian country trying to figure its way in the world of economics, politics, and development" that is East Timor.

A recap of the year, in brief, for you: Our experience as a family was very difficult during our first six months here. Simon couldn't connect with friends because he had completely forgotten Tetum language, even though he only spoke Tetum for his first 3 years of life. Hannah was surrounded by her old friends. But despite her language skills returning quickly, the cultural bridge had grown very wide since she had last been with them, in 2012. Tom and I were asking ourselves, is this going to work? Did we do the right thing for the kids, for our family? Fortunately at Christmastime, something magical happened, and Hannah and Simon suddenly landed: they found home again, here in Lospalos. Tom's pastoral and leadership work in the local community began right away, and has continued to develop to include the implementation of new programs, including monthly clergy gatherings in the different districts around the country, and a survey of a rural junior high school that Global Ministries supports. Our church partner here, the Igreja Protestante in Timor Leste, or IPTL, is very happy to have Tom back as a pastor.

Clinic Immanuel staff and I feel mutually blessed to be working together again. Amena Cristovao is here with me. She is responsible for the clinic's laboratory and TB program, as well as serving as community health education coordinator. In Lospalos, lab resources like reagents and rapid tests are never plentiful; this means we are constantly in want and need of supplies to do the most basic tests: HIV, basic blood count, hemoglobin to check for anemia in pregnant women. A perhaps even bigger challenge for the clinic, though, is its relationship to IPTL and the church leaders in Dili. Deep-seated issues with intra-organizational lack of trust, poor communication, and undefined sense of mission exist which erode morale for the clinic staff. In naturopathic medicine, finding and treating the cause of illness is critical to true healing of the person. For our church partners, dealing with these core issues, especially related to trust, is critical to the viability of IPTL and the clinic as well. For me, I would much rather work with a sick individual than work with a sick organization.

Alas, such is mission work, whether here in East Timor, or in Duluth, Minnesota, or anywhere else in the world. Tom and I remain hopeful that our presence here can in some way facilitate healing in our small community in Lospalos. Our friends here have much fewer resources and much fewer opportunities than we do. And yet, their generosity is abundant, and we feel surrounded by people who truly care for us. So, in a way, it is a little bit like being at Peace, with you. Endless thanks for your prayers for our work and for our partners. We hope that we may actually welcome a few of you to our life here, next year!

With love and gratitude,
Monica, Tom, Hannah & Simon

Sanctuary/Immigration

ALL Church Discussion

Monday, Sept 18th ~ 6:30pm

Fellowship Hall

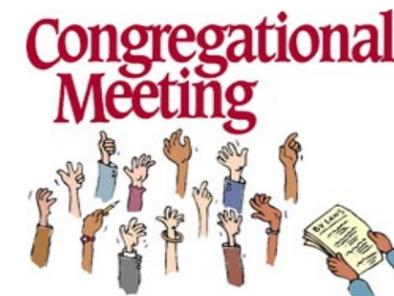
Prep Team Meeting in Peace Room:

Sunday, Sept 17th ~ 12:15pm

Wednesday, Sept 20th ~ 6pm

At our May 7, 2017 special congregational meeting, we voted and approved "...our intent to move forward to becoming a sanctuary or sanctuary-supporting Church..." Throughout the summer the Sanctuary Education team has been sharing information on what the Sanctuary movement is about.

On Monday September 18 you are invited to attend an immigration discussion in our Fellowship Hall and hear an update on Sanctuary.



SEMI - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

September 24th

9:45am in Fellowship

Hall

World of Wonders Magic

Show in Dwelling for Youth

Birthdays

2	Noah Winter, Cody Aney Jacob Pettit, Jacey Roeber Riley Melmer
3	Bill Meinhardt, Dale McCamish
6	Wendy Nevala, Jerry Barnhart , April Oelkers
7	Evelyn Stiller
8	Kaylene Geiger, Aubrey Burkhard
9	Mike Hawkins, Nate Barker, Erick Rist
10	Bethanie Bentz, Richard Holloway Tamara Haack, Ken Fritz
11	Shelley Schmitt, Vivien LeQuire
13	Krista Miller
14	Margie Barrows
15	Ernie Roeber
16	Carlton Swan, David Arns, Margo Oeliker
17	Mary Bennett, Thomas Winters
18	Joan Bietz, Becca Schliep, Anya Theuer
19	Lennon Jahnz
21	Jennifer Newton
22	Judy Berg, Steve Beilby
23	Betsy Jorgensen, Quintin Dykes, Carrie Wieland
24	Sarah Barrows, Sharon Franklin
25	Grant Johnson, Cassidy Harmon
28	Bruce Franklin, Duane Rich
29	Jesse Wilder, Karla Hamilton, Kim Tande
30	Judith Bjork, Kristin Pollock, Melissa McLaurin

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY	SERVICE	COUNCIL IN CHARGE	MUSIC	FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TEAM
3 with Communion	10:30am ONE SERVICE	Jessica Haug/ Craig Bentz	Special Music	No Lunch
10 Rally Day	8:30am	Jessica Haug	Choir of Peace	Team Awesome
17 Opportunity Fair	11:00am	Craig Bentz	Peace ONEVOICE	
24 Semi-Annual Mtg.	8:30am	Jessica Haug	Bells of Peace	TBD
	11:00am	Craig Bentz	Joy ONEVOICE	
	8:30am	Jessica Haug	Special Music	Amber Carlson
	11:00am	Craig Bentz	Peace ONEVOICE	

Financial Update

Our deficit is growing. Be sure to check your individual giving and stay on top of what you pledged for 2017. A good way to do this is by using [eGive](#). This is also the preferred method of payment for the office, Contact the office for assistance. Anything extra is certainly welcomed to help cover our deficit. Thanks, Lynn

	July	YTD
Pledges Budgeted	\$35,417	\$247,917
Actual Pledges received	\$34,448	\$225,052
Difference	-\$969	-\$22,865

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:30am - 11:30am ONE SERVICE ONLY (Sanc)	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  Labor Day	5 *** *** Every Tuesday 7am Men of Peace (Peace Rm) 10am: Women's Bible Study (Peace Rm) 5pm: Beverage & Bible (Glymer's)	6 ** 6pm Adult Bell Choir (Rm115) 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)	7 * * Every Thursday 7-8am Women's Fellowship (Peace Rm) 10 am - 3 pm Quilting Group (Rm 104)	8 FAMILY PROMISE BUDDY WEEK	9 9-11am Quilters Group (Rm 104) 1pm Faith Formation Teacher Training (F-Hall) 3pm Sock Hop Set-Up (F-Hall) 6:30 - 9pm Sock Hop (F-Hall)
10 Worship (8:30am & 11) 9:45am -10:45am Faith Formation (Classrooms) 12pm Fellowship Lunch (F-Hall) 4:30pm Mall Friend Find (Apache food court)	11 6:00pm - 7:00pm Stephen's Ministry (Peace Rm & F-Hall) 6:00pm - 7:00pm Social Action Committee (Peace Rm)	12 ***	13 ** 6pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanc) 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)	14 * 15 7 - 9:30pm Adult Gathering Movie Night & Discussion (F-Hall)	15 7 - 9:30pm Adult Gathering Movie Night & Discussion (F-Hall)	16
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24 Worship (8:30am & 11) 9:45am -10:45am Faith Formation—Megic Show (Dwelling) 9:45am -10:45am SEMI ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING (F-Hall) 12pm Fellowship Lunch (F-Hall)3-4pm Karl Rist Ordination Renewal (Sanc)	25	26 *** 7pm Race Forward (Dwelling)	27 ** 9:30am Miriam Ministry (Peace Rm) 6pm Adult Bell Choir (Rm115); 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)	28 * 9-11am Channel One Volunteer Team (Channel 1 HQ) 6-7pm Worship Planning Mtg. (Paul's office)	29	30

