



Peace United Methodist Church  
Pastor Rob Kopp  
303 Ninth Avenue South  
Virginia MN 55792

### **Peace UMC Mission**

Peace in our Communities,  
offering healing and  
wholeness to all in life's  
journey.

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# **The Methodist Messenger**

## **August 2022**

### **Church Office**

Hours: Monday-Friday  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
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### **Worship Schedule**

**10:30 AM** Peace UMC  
303 South 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Virginia, MN 55792

**Note:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month is  
Communion Sunday

### **Our Staff**

Pastor  
PORCH Director  
Administrative Assistant  
Custodian

Rev .Rob Kopp  
Rachel Bodas  
Joan Schriber  
Esa Bay

### **Thought for the month: Colossians 2:6**

So live in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you  
received him.



Dear Peace Church Family,

What a whirlwind! Pastor Michelle and I have received such a gracious welcome since our arrival last month. We are grateful to be serving Peace and Wesley in Hibbing. This was a big move for us, as we have consolidated from two homes in our former parishes to the parsonage here in Virginia. After eighteen years in ministry, it's great to be living in one home.

When I first came to northern Minnesota in 2010, I tried to schedule as many "getting to know the pastor" activities as I could. I really didn't get to meet many people in the congregation until autumn.

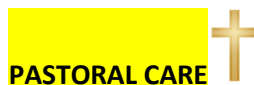
Summers are short here. Family time, time with friends, time at the lake-- these are sacred times as well. I've come to appreciate and be thankful when we have the opportunities for these times. Michelle and I love to spend time at the family cabin on Sand Lake near Isabella.

Having shared that, I am looking for more opportunities to get to know you-- perhaps more informally in this season. I'm open to office visits and I am also open to invitations to meet for coffee-- at a park, at an event... whatever is pleasurable for you.

Among my prayers this month is for this month of summer to be a season of blessing. May your time with each other be relaxing and joyful. May our weather be pleasant. May the arrival of autumn also be a time of celebration and hope.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Rob



Please notify the Church Office (218-741-7739) if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care for illness, hospitalization, surgery or emergency.

Pastoral Calls: 218-766-8744

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## MISSIONS

The missions group has been busy volunteering for Meet Up and Chow Down, a program of the United Way that provides free lunch during the summer for children up to the age of 18. We hand out lunches at the Olcott Park at noon on Thursdays. Contact Terry Hilar if you are interested in helping.

We will meet at noon on August 10th in the library to begin planning for the coming year. We are always looking for new members. Please consider joining us.

Wild blessings,  
Barb, Becky, Betsy, Connie, Terry and Pam

## OFFICE NOTES

**Thank you** to the guys for repairing the handicap doors. As I proof this on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> the sidewalk outside handicap doors is being replaced.

Here are Pastor Mickey's addresses:

For mail: Michelle/Kim Olson

35 2<sup>nd</sup> St # 17

Proctor, MN 55810

Cabin visits: 8247 Stone Lake Road

Forbes, MN

**ELEVATOR-** Doris Knoll has provided an article (see separate page) how the quilters contributed to elevator purchase. Thank you Doris.

And while we are on the elevator...it is checked monthly with the service man stating it has had 63,000 lifetime trips with a trip counted from Fellowship Hall up. So, if you rode the elevator down but walked up the stairs that trip down is not counted.

## FINANCE

The finance committee would like to thank Kay Chapik for the many years she served our church as finance secretary. Her dedication is deeply appreciated.

We wish her the very best as she leaves Minnesota and moves to Texas, to be closer to her daughter, and embarks on a new adventure.

Good bye, Kay, and thank you for serving in this very important position and doing it so well. With Kay's permission here is her new address, she would love hearing from her church family.

Kay Chapik

19445 David Memorial Drive, Apt 1608

Shenendoah, TX 77385

## THANK YOU FROM SPRC

Our congregation has witnessed some huge changes and transitions within a few short weeks as one Pastor retired, and a new one joined us a few weeks later.

The SPRC would like to thank all of you who gave of your time, your talents, and your gifts in making these transitional changes happen smoothly and successfully.

We would like to express our appreciation to all who helped make Pastor Mickey's retirement event a success and special for her. From creating beautiful invitations and programs, decorating the tables, making a banner, contributing your talents for the after-dinner celebration or helping with the clean-up, so many willingly gave of their time and talents.

In addition, the large attendance that day for Pastor Mickey's last service was a wonderful way to honor her. Because of your generosity, your contributions to UMCOR (Ukraine Relief) in honor of her retirement, totaled \$3,314.00.

We would like also to thank those who were readily willing to be a part of the welcoming committee for Pastors Rob and Michelle. We are grateful to the Trustees who oversaw the renovation and updates at the parsonage, along with the cleaning crew and move-in day greeters and helpers, and the group who prepared the brunch for Pastor Rob's first Sunday service and we thank those who attended that first service and helped to make him and Michelle feel welcome.

Thank you again for all of your help and participation during this transitional period at PEACE UMC.

Blessings,

The SPRC (Kathy Rice & Ann Voss Co-chairs, Craig Johnson, Jerry Pfremer, and Chris Hagberg)

## PASTOR MICKEY THANK YOU

Wow! What a send off!. I was awed, grateful and humbled by the fantastic meal, the program, and the gifts. We have the grill all set up at the cabin and are excited to start cooking. What a thoughtful gift. The donation to the Ukraine warms my mission heart. I will terribly miss all of you. Thank you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of my heart. Kim thanks you too. Wild Blessings, Pastor Mickey

## NOISY OFFERING

July 31st is the fifth Sunday of the month. As inflation has caused the price of groceries to keep going up, we will donate our collection to the Quad City Food Shelf to help with the increased demand for help.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Sunday school is just around the corner! All are welcome to join in the fun this year as we find new ways to "Mine" and explore the Bible and learn new ways to form relationships with God and each other. Look for more info in next month's newsletter.

Dates to remember:

Aug. 9th - 6pm: Sunday school/education committee meeting, with special guest Rev Emily Meyer from the Ministry Lab Sept. 11th - Sunday school kick-off (tentative, time TBD)"

## WORSHIP

### HELP WANTED:

The Worship Commission is looking for people willing to be Communion Stewards.

Hourly wage: Zero

Time involved: Approximately an hour and a half of your time once or twice a year Skills needed: Ability to cut bread into tiny squares and pour juice/water into tiny cups Additional benefits: Our undying gratitude and the knowledge that you've helped provide a wonderful service to fellow worshipers No age limit. Training provided. No background check will be done. Sign-up sheet in the library.

## ROCK THE BLOCK

Gethsemane Lutheran and Peace UMC are partnering together again this year to host a neighborhood party.

Rock the Block will be held on Wednesday, August 24th from 4:00 - 7:00 in Gethsemane's parking lot. In case of rain, or like last year when the air was heavy with smoke from fires up north, we will move to Peace's fellowship hall.

The Hutter Bunch will be playing, there will be a bounce house and games for kids, and we will be serving hot dogs, chips, corn on the cob, root beer floats and water.

We will need volunteers from both churches to help with setting up, serving and clean-up. There is a sign up sheet in the library if you would like to sign up for a 2-hour shift. Feel free to sign up for as many shifts as you want.

If you aren't able to help, we hope you will come out and enjoy a fun evening.

If you have any questions, you can ask Lois Lackner or Pam Omersa.

## PORCH-People Offering Relationship Community and Hope

It's time to start thinking about PORCH! This fall we are planning to start PORCH up. There will be a planning meeting Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! I am hoping to keep this meeting to an hour. Please join us to share ideas and have a conversation on making our return to PORCH a great success.

Thank you. Rachel Bodas.

## The Range Loves its Quilts by Doris Knoll

More than 500 people attended the second quilt show at Virginia United Methodist Church in November 2002. There was an enthusiastic response in the 2000 show that a second show was held to raise money for the church elevator and addition to the narthex. The show raised nearly \$4500.00 for the project.

The planning and work sessions for Quilt Show 2002 took nine months. There were 68 exhibitors, from the Going to Pieces group and from the church showing more than 172 items. There were many antique quilts, some with fabric from the mid 1800's and some made in the early 1900's.

Prize winning quilts were as follows: Best of show "9-11" by Clyda Prosen; second place "Light in the Forest" a bargello wall hanging by Carol Kucera; first place in large quilts, "Cabin Under the Stars" by Carol Fox; second place in large quilts, "Blooming 9-patch" by Virginia Peterson; first place in baby quilts, "High Flying Kites" by Marlene Johnson; second place in baby quilts; "Baby Dinos" by Karen Knoll; first place in others category was a chenille jacket by Carrie Andrick and second place was Bubba and Baxter placemats by Linda Bergerson.

On the committee were Doris Knoll and Lois Lackner co-chairwomen, Norma Purkar, Joyce Snyder, Dorothy Bergerson, Char Cremers, Dorothy O'Koren, Jean Rosandich, Myra Lang, and Holly Lundgren.