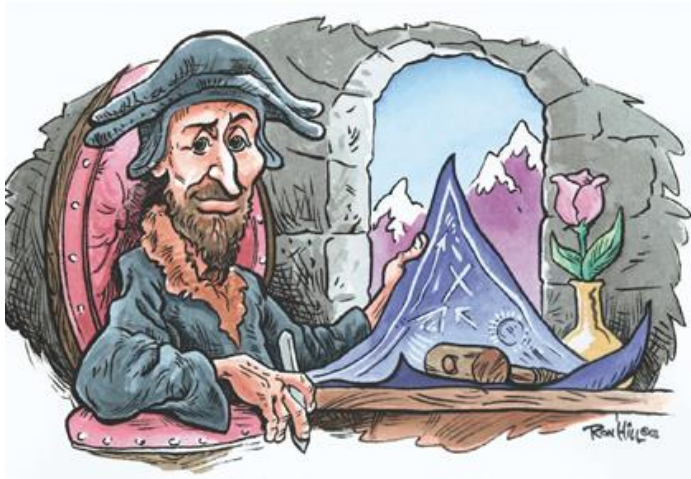




**Mid-Week Update for the week of
August 23 to 30, 2020**
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Calvin For Armchair Theologians

Starting Wednesday, September 2 at 7pm, Heidi and Katrina will be leading a class on Zoom based on the book *Calvin for Armchair Theologians*. This class will teach us about Reformed Theology, and it will also help Katrina meet her Reformed Theology Education requirements for ordination. It is for everyone! There will be four classes and five discussion weeks, counting the introduction.

This book is easy to read, short, and even has pictures if you get the hardcopy! Our first meeting on September 2nd will be an introduction and overview of the class.

September 9th we will have the first class based on the reading from the 1st chapter of the book. All classes will be at 7pm. The schedule is:

Sept. 2nd – Intro & Overview

Sept. 9th – FIRST CLASS

Sept. 16th – Optional Discussion class

Sept. 23rd – SECOND CLASS

Sept. 30th – Optional Discussion class

Oct. 7th – THIRD CLASS

Oct. 14th – Optional Discussion class

Oct. 21st – FOURTH CLASS

Oct. 27th – Optional Discussion & Wrap-up

There are several options available for the book. It comes new for \$16, Audio version for \$10, e-Book for \$14 or you can find it used for around \$6 with shipping (but you will have to wait a little longer for it to arrive). You can follow the link to Amazon to purchase the book.

<https://www.amazon.com/Calvin-Armchair-Theologians-Christopher-Elwood/dp/0664223036/>

The church can also purchase copies as needed. Please let us know at the office, by phone or

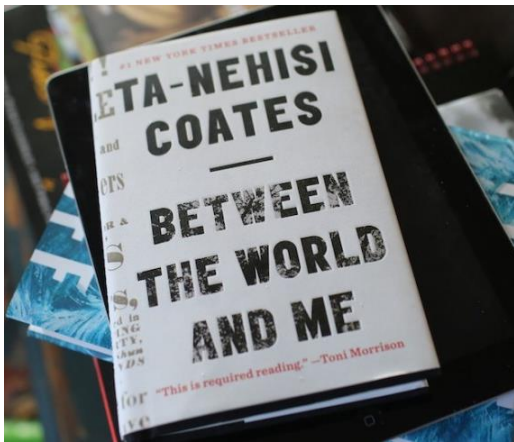
email, if you desire this option. We hope that you can join us!



Update from the Finance Committee

Your finance committee would like to thank all of the people who have continued to contribute to Peace church during this difficult time of covid-19. Your faithfulness has meant a lot.

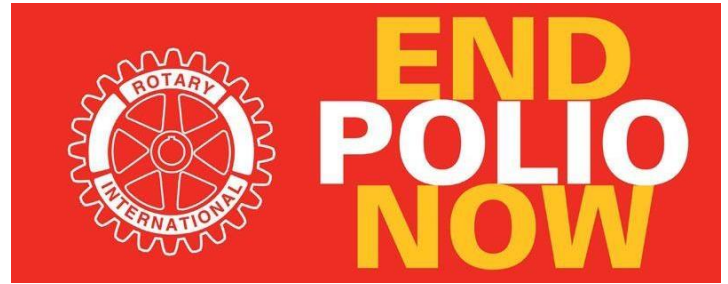
If you are not quite sure how much you have given or where you are with your pledge, please email or call Pat Wilson. I will be glad to send you a statement. You can email me at patwil97900@earthlink.net or call me at 952-544-2907.



Book Club

The August book club is coming up quickly, on August 29th at 10:00 am. There's still time to read and join them! The book club is reading "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. The book, selected by Mary Ann Christenson, is a letter written from a father to his adolescent son. In this work, questions about American history and ideals and the background of our current crisis are addressed. What is it

like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? This is what we learn as Ta-Nehisi shares the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world.



Some Good News!

Some good news today: Polio is officially eradicated from Africa. The World Health Organization called it a "great day" for the world.

When I was a child, I remember summers staying at home because of the Polio Epidemic. We did not go to the circus and did not go to other public events. We stayed home.

When I was nineteen, I spent the Summer working as a Nurses' Aide at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, working on the orthopedic ward with POST-POLIO patients.

Today, this virus, which was once common, and has no treatment or cure, is gone from Africa. There is Good News to Celebrate!

-Mary Ann Christenson

Your chance to say good things about Peace Church!

The Sun Sailor, our local free newspaper, is conducting a Readers' Choice contest—and there's a category for religion, specifically "Place of Worship." Go to <https://apgecm.secondstreetapp.com/St-Louis-Park-2021-RCA/>, click on the category of

religion and vote for Peace Presbyterian. You can vote in each category once a day!



A yearlong anti-racism journey... Am I Called to This Pilgrimage?

Please note: registration for this program ends soon, on August 28.

Are you called to a spiritual pilgrimage against racism? The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area invites you to a Presbytery-wide journey of deepening our engagement with the racial history of Minnesota and Western Wisconsin; using personal reflection and small groups (unique to either people of color or white people) to practice spiritual skills for anti-racist living; and taking action in solidarity with Black, Indigenous and other People of Color who are our neighbors in the community. You can find more information and instructions for registration on the Spiritual Pilgrimage website, <https://anti-racism-ptca.weebly.com/>.

Send us a photo of you as a child!

We are experimenting with having some slide shows during our Zoom/facebook worship services. We ask that you send a photo of a photo to the church e-mail address (peaceprezslp@gmail.com). If you have a smart phone, it's easy to take the photo and send it via e-mail. If you do not have a smart phone, let Pastor Heidi know, maybe she can stop by your house and take a photo of your photo! Call her at 612.296.7878.

Worship Resources

You can click on this link to join the zoom meeting, for Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/5046768135>

To dial in, call 312-626-6799 (long-distance). The meeting ID is 504-676-8135.

To watch previous worship recordings on our YouTube channel, go to

www.youtube.com/channel/UCvOa5jl8xld1VtI105h6ZRA/. They are also on our website at

<https://www.peaceprez.com/worship-recordings/>. We will continue to post Sunday bulletins ahead of the service on our website at

<https://www.peaceprez.com/news/publications/>

Prayers

This week, we pray for:

Jake Hamilton's grandmother, who is undergoing cancer treatment.

Katrina's friend Curt, who suffered a devastating spinal injury and is beginning the long road to recovery.

Nicole (Kubista) Starr's friend Brett and her spouse. Her friend is in a coma.

The family of Frank and Heidi's friend Keith Wishmeier who died from lung cancer this past week.

Kodjo Gagnon and his wife who trying to find a way for her to immigrate from Togo so that she can join Kodjo here in Minnesota.

Teachers, students, parents, and school staff as they try to figure out what is going to take place this upcoming school year.

Front-line workers who risk their own and their family's health as they staff our grocery stores, take care of the elderly, tend to our medical needs and so many other things.

States having Covid surges, particularly Florida, Texas, Arizona, and California. We pray that national politicians get together to help all those who are out of work and help to solve the pandemic.

If you have any prayer requests that you would like printed in the Mid-Week Update, please e-mail them to peaceprezslp@gmail.com or call the church office at 952-545-2586 and leave a message.

Calendar

If you would like to join these meetings but do not have internet access you can:

- Call 312-626-6799 (long-distance) at the meeting time, and enter meeting ID 504-676-8135
- Call the church beforehand at 952-545-2586 and leave a message, and we can set up a phone buddy for you

This Week:

Thursday, August 27

10:30 am – Bible Study, on Zoom:
Matthew 16:21-28

Saturday, August 29

10:00 am – Book Club

Sunday, August 30

10:30 am – Sunday Worship, on Zoom and Facebook

Next Week:

Tuesday, September 1

10:30 am – Morning conversation and prayer, on Zoom

Wednesday, September 2

11:00 am – Mission Group Meeting

7:00 pm – Calvin for Armchair Theologians

Thursday, September 3

10:30 am – Bible Study, on Zoom:
Matthew 18:15-20

10:45 am – Dinner at your Door

Sunday, September 6

10:30 am – Sunday Worship, on Zoom and Facebook



Upcoming Birthdays

Joan Amara	Aug. 26
Elijah Reid	Aug. 29
Marcia Curley	Aug. 30
Bonnie Okronglis	Sept. 2
Donna Taschner	Sept. 7
Wade Danielson	Sept. 8

If You Have Information that needs to be in the weekly update such as meeting dates and times, special events or prayer requests, please get this information to our office manager Beth by Wednesday morning. Please email or call peaceprezSLP@gmail.com or 952-545-2586.