



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

October 2009

CHUM Fall Community Assembly

November 5th, 2009

Peace United Church of Christ

Social at 6:30 PM Presentation at 7 PM

Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, professor at the University of St. Thomas, will be speaking. Jack is a stimulating speaker who has explored and modeled – through numerous books, a long teaching career, and engagement with the justice issues of our day – what it means to **live faithfully** in our often confusing and conflict filled world. He was born and raised in Minnesota, graduated from St. Olaf College and Union Theological Seminary, is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and is active in the faith-based Community of St. Martin in Minneapolis. **Help us extend the invitation to your congregation, friends and family.**

Share Food Drive October 24

Items Most Needed

- *Canned meals (stews, chili, hash)
- *Peanut butter
- *Ramen noodles
- *Vegetable/chicken noodle/ cream soup
- *Canned tuna/chicken
- *Spam
- *Spaghetti sauce
- *Canned juice
- *Canned peas/ peaches /pears/ corn/green beans

The annual **SHARE Community Food Drive** will take place on Saturday, October 24th from 8 AM to 5 PM. Get involved and go home knowing you helped a neighbor!

Thank you to the six area Super One stores, Mount Royal Find Foods, Cub Foods, Paulson's Super Value, Whole Foods Coop, Sam's Club & Homecroft Supervalu for participating! Thanks also to volunteers from church youth groups, Girl & Boy Scouts, and area students. Food collected will be distributed by CHUM, the Salvation Army and the Union Gospel Mission.

Volunteers are still need on October 24th and the week prior. Please contact Meg Kearns or Terri Bunnell at 727-2391 to learn how you can help!

Cuts to General Assistance Medical Affect Us All!

On March 1st 2010 thousands of Minnesota's poorest and most vulnerable will lose their health care coverage due to cuts to General Assistance Medical Care. We all need to work together to make sure this does not happen! Contact your MN legislator now. JOIN US in a listening session to learn more about how the cuts to GAMC will affect our community on Thursday, October 15th, at the CHUM Center at 1 PM. Learn more and watch You Tube videos of CHUM Guests at <http://www.chumduluth.org/getinvolved.htm>

Thank you Dr. LeAnne House & St. Scholastica Students

for Baking & Sell Pumpkin Pies for CHUM and providing a \$840 gift to the Food Shelf plus 30 pies to be distributed at Thanksgiving!!



Upcoming Events/Programs

Save the Date!

CHUM's 14th Annual Holiday Concert
7 PM, December 5th
at Mitchel Auditorium
on the Campus of the College of St. Scholastica

Candidate Forums for 2009 Elections

October 29 Districts 2 and 4 and At-large City Council candidates, Holy Family Church, 2430 W. Third St. **6-8 pm** Co-Sponsors: League of Women Voters, LISC, NHS, CHUM.

October 22 At-Large and District School Board Races, 7-9 PM, Co-sponsors: League of Women Voters, Parent, Teacher Student Association (PTSA).

Webinar on "Autism & Children's Ministry"

November 3 at 2:00 p.m. (EST)

Discover ideas for sharing God's love with children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Offered by Friendship Ministries you will learn the differences among children with ASD, strategies for including them in children's ministry and developing a Spiritual Formation Plan for children with intellectual disabilities.

To sign up, [click here](#).

Tax Season is Coming!

Both CHUM and Community Action Duluth (CAD) are tax sites for our low-income neighbors. Please consider volunteering! There are a variety of volunteer positions so you don't have to be a tax expert to help out! To volunteer at CHUM's Tax Site contact Elizabeth Olson at 218-740-2496.

For more information on Community Action Duluth's program go to www.communityactionduluth.org or call Eric Blomstrom at 726-1665

PROGRAM RESOURCES NEEDED

The CHUM Center is in GREAT NEED of bath towels and a new (energy efficient) heavy duty washer and dryer, a late model microwave, two newer computers and old wall phones. Contact Kim at 720-6521.

Family Shelter is in big need of lotions, deodorant, dish soap, kitchen cloths and towels, bleach, all purpose cleaner, diapers size 4, 5, 6 and wipes and **1 new microwave**.

CHUM Church is seeking someone to videotape the CHUM Church Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 13, from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Meg at 720-6570.

Food Shelf is looking for a new (energy efficient) freezer. Call Meg if you can help.

CHUM is a people of faith working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community.