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# October 2025 Peacepipe

## Peaceful Ponderings...

It was 2012 or 2013. We had moved to New Hampshire and John was working at Dartmouth College. There weren't lots of Lutheran congregations there, and I had the fun of connecting with St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hanover. I served as the Assisting Priest, and as the Episcopal Chaplain at the hospital there. One of my favorite memories centers around Reformation Day. I discovered that Episcopalians don't do Reformation Day. (Their "reformation" had more to do with King Henry VIII's succession concerns than problems in the church.)

When I asked about celebrating Reformation Day at St. Thomas, the rector got on board. It would have been a bit much to do my Katie Luther sermon (complete with costume). I didn't want to scare them off. But I did preach about the Lutheran Reformation. And, yes, we sang "A Mighty Fortress." It was a lot of fun, and my impression was that people learned a lot. For them, Luther was someone new and different.

The celebration of Reformation Day in our Lutheran tradition is important in many ways. It reminds us of our identity - as descendants of a radical understanding of grace. It reminds us, as well, of our call. To continue living in that grace.

Luther nailed the 95 Theses on the wall of the Castle Church in Wittenberg in 1517. They were a call to discussion of things in the church that he believed were unfaithful understandings of God's work in Christ. The ensuing reformation was a radical transformation of the Church.

Is the church again—or still—in need of transformation? Is each one of us again—or still—in need of transformation? The answer is a hearty "yes!" Reformation of the church was not completed with the nails pounded in the door in 1517. Nor was it complete with Luther's death in 1546. Reformation is ongoing. It is something to which we are still called, today, as we wrestle with what it is to be a faithful expression of God's love in Christ in the midst of a changing and challenging world.

Luther "nailed it." I think we are called to continue the Reformation. Let's "nail it!", siblings in Christ.

(Reminder: one of my other favorite church festival days, All Saints, follows on the heels of Reformation Day. You'll hear more next month, but be reminded that you are invited to bring a photograph of a beloved 'saint' to display. Also, following worship, we will have a time for those who have lost loved ones to share thoughts, stories and grief.)

Peace,  
Pastor Carol



## Peace Lights and Peacepipe Deadline Dates

Please have all information and/or articles emailed to [peacelca@gmail.com](mailto:peacelca@gmail.com) by the following dates and times:

- Peace Lights information for the bulletin emailed by Tuesdays at 5:00 pm
- Peacepipe articles for November are due on Saturday, October 18.



## Pastor Carol's Office Hours

Pastor Carol's office hours are Wednesdays from 9am to noon. Feel free to stop in and say "Hello!"



## The Chosen

Our viewing of "The Chosen" Season 5 of continues most Sundays in the narthex following worship. Whether or not you've been watching from the beginning, you're likely to enjoy this wonderful production. Please consider checking it out! (DVDs of previous seasons are available to borrow, if interested)



## Growing Relationships

Contact Renee Knapton by phone at 262-492-0718 or by e-mail at [reneeknapton@gmail.com](mailto:reneeknapton@gmail.com) with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members.





## Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
<b>August 2025</b>	<b>9,310.00</b>	<b>5,025.83</b>	<b>4,284.17</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>67,686.00</b>	<b>53,588.04</b>	<b>14,097.96</b>

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Worship Assistants for October

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Fellowship Snacks	Counter
<b>Oct 5</b>	Bev Stobber	Carol Chaffee	Renee Knapton	open	Pam Mueller
<b>Oct 12</b>	Ken Christensen	Marilyn Hart	Elaine Sherry	McGintys	Janet McGinty
<b>Oct 19</b>	Bev Stobber	Pam Mueller	Elsie Goulding	Monsens	John Monsen
<b>Oct 26</b>	Marilyn Hart	Sharon Ryd	Bev Stobber	open	Sharon Ryd

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## October Anniversaries

Dan & Renee Knapton—October 4

Kerry & Matt Bieneman—October 8

Sean & Janet McGinty—October 21

Tom & Linda Myers—October 26



## October Birthdays

Tom Erhardt—October 9

Marilyn Hart—October 10

Jeanne Rateike—October 12

Kiara Watson—October 16



## Burlington Library Food Cupboard

For the month of November we would like to donate a collection of socks and mittens for the cupboard at the library. A line will be hung up at church to display these donations. Carol will deliver them on December 1. Keep in mind children as well as adults.



## TLC Giving Baskets

TLC is in need of bleach, toilet paper, Kleenex, cleaning supplies, paper towels, dish detergent and laundry soap. We will collect these items in October to be delivered November 1st.

The holidays are fast approaching and we have asked for a family for Christmas from TLC. We will receive our family information by October 15th.

We are also in contact with Love Inc. to see their need for the Thanksgiving food boxes.

John 6:28-29 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."



Transitional Living Center

THANK YOU

August 2025

Peace Lutheran Church,

Your gift of pool passes for the TLC families is greatly appreciated especially on those hot days of summer! Thank you for your kindness!

Sincerely,  
Julie Glockner, Board member



## Outreach For Hope

The Synod's Outreach for Hope events took place on September 27th. In the past, members of the McGinty & Knapton families have participated in person as bike riders or walkers. This year none of us did that.

HOWEVER, this remains a very worthy cause that benefits the poor and outcast in the inner cities of our synod and many of you have monetarily supported us over the years.

If you would like to continue financially aiding this cause, you can donate directly online - go to [outreachforhope.org](https://outreachforhope.org), click on "learn more" and the donate option will be off on the left side of the page.

If you prefer not to donate online, you can give a check at church to Peace and designate that you want these funds to go towards the Outreach for Hope project.



## Thursday Morning Bible Study

This group will be meeting every other Thursday morning at 9:30 am, beginning October 9<sup>th</sup>.

We will be using a book "The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World, by" Adam Hamilton.

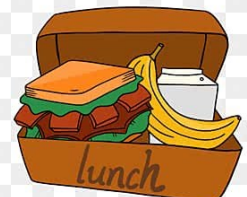
All are welcome to join in!



## Women's Mid-Day Gathering

The Mid-Day Women's Gathering will meet Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM, at the Pine Street Café (141 N. Pine Street, Burlington).

Join us as we continue to plan the year's activities.





## 2025-2026 Church Council Members

President --- Marilyn Hart

Secretary --- Sharon Ryd

Vice-President --- Ken Christensen

Treasurer --- Sean McGinty

Nurturing the Faith (Worship) --- Bev Stobber

Nurturing the Faith (Education) --- Chris Monsen

Growing Relationships --- Renee Knapton

Inviting People In --- Carol Chaffee

Caring for the Community --- Carol Chaffee

Property --- open

## Burlington Senior Activity Center

**Come “Connect & Thrive” with us**

BSAC is open for active Seniors. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. There is BINGO on Tuesdays at 10:30 am and Strength & Flex on Thursdays at 1:30 pm.

Phone 262-716-0329.

Email: [bsac@burlingtonseniorcenter.com](mailto:bsac@burlingtonseniorcenter.com)

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## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Church Council Meeting, August 10, 2025

Council Members Present: Carol Chaffee, Ken Christensen, Pastor Carol Jeunnette, Renee Knapton, Chris Monsen, Sharon Ryd, Bev Stobber.

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Vice President Ken Christensen

**Opening Prayer:** Chris Monsen led us in prayer.

**Additions to Agenda:** Add Council Retreat to New Business.

**Approval of agenda:** Motion by B. Stobber, seconded C. Monsen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- Thanks to Marilyn and Renee for leading worship while Pastor was on vacation. Pastor Carol would like to contact Pr. Adam Miller-Stubbendick from Carthage as possible regular fill-in.
- Pastor Afi is available for Installation service on September 7.
- Pastor would like to use the church for a retreat for the staff of a congregation in Milwaukee some Monday in September. Jim R. to clean after the retreat instead of his normal Monday morning. A freewill donation will be collected.
- Cost for Pastor to attend the Synod Fall Leadership Conference is included in the budget.

**Secretary's Report (Sharon Ryd)** Motion by C. Monsen, seconded by R. Knapton, to approve the minutes of the July 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty)** Deposits for July were \$5,994.00, expenses were \$8,052.95 leaving a \$2,058.95 deficit for the month. There were no extraordinary expenses.

**Motion by R. Knapton seconded by B. Stobber, to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.**

#### **Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Bev Stobber)**

- Will meet with Pastor to work on services through Advent.
- Knaptons and Sue Koch will be the banner committee. Elsie and Elaine will be available to consult.

#### **Faith Nurturing – Education (Chris Monsen)**

- New season of The Chosen is coming, and Homily Hash continues most Sundays.

#### **Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton)**

- Notified congregation of John's surgery update.
- Dan & Renee meeting to review details of banner procedures and will talk to Pastor about less common events.

#### **Caring for the Community (Carol Chaffee)**

- Sent birthday and thinking of you cards.
- Collection is growing for Library Food Cupboard.
- TLC looking for cash donations for September. Received thank you note from them for food and pool passes.

#### **Inviting Folks In (Carol Chaffee)**

- Library collection mentions our name and may plant a seed with someone.

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting, August 10, 2025, continued

### Property Report – Open

- Sanctuary was especially warm in worship this morning. Not sure if there is an issue with fan.
- Gas was purchased to last until September
- Need to purchase Kwik Trip cards as current ones will be losing their value.

**Vice-President's Report (Ken Christensen)** No report

**President's Report (Marilyn Hart)** Will assist Ken in preparing to preside over August meeting.

### Unfinished Business

- Ken mentioned the possibility of having Bibles available in the sanctuary. Our readings currently use NRSVue.

### New Business

- Rally Sunday and Installation will be September 7 with Pastor Afi.
- Pastor would like to have a Council retreat to look at goals. Will set date at next meeting. Probably 4 hours on a Saturday.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2025

**Motion to adjourn made by C. Monsen, seconded by C. Chaffee. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am.

**The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Ryd  
Council secretary

## Sunday Worship Live Stream

If you are unable to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00, join our live stream worship here:  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81030134191>.**

For listening to the service over your phone, dial (312) 626-6799,  
Meeting ID #810 3013 4191 and wait to be let into the meeting.

We also upload our Worship Service to our website for a later viewing option.  
**<https://peacelutheranburlington.org/>.**

