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Peaceful Ponderings...

Being Different Together.

Community is messy. Although we would like to think that faith communities - Christian communities - are different, we are not.

During the Easter season, we have been hearing about the very early followers of Jesus as they tried to figure out what it meant to follow the risen Christ, and then actually do it. Acts 11 tells of how a community of Jewish followers of Jesus encountered and expanded to include Gentile followers of Jesus. Faithful Jews who followed strict purity laws were challenged to welcome, as brothers and sisters in Christ, those who had been considered impure. It was not easy. These folks were different - really different.

What does it mean to live together as fellow followers of Jesus? Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: "love one another as I have loved you." What is that supposed to look like in action? Does it mean everyone will agree with one another? Does it mean a faithful congregation is a 'no conflict' zone? Do we all have to be and think and act alike?

NO! The beauty of community is its diversity and complexity. The goal is to value differences, and to bring them together to see what God will draw out of them. *How* we actually do that - the process - is the challenge. Meeting that challenge takes intentionality. Community is messy, whether family, town, country or congregation. Humans are not spectacular at 'being different together.' In the church, that often gets in the way of mission.

This challenge of 'being different together' is one that I have been studying and thinking about for the past couple decades. I'm no expert at it, but I over the years I have developed some ideas that, in my opinion, are helpful. These are ideas that we will be exploring during June. I hope you will be part of this exploration, which is part of the Experiment at Peace. (Watch for the Annual Report for more about the Experiment!). This will be our focus on June 8, 22 and 29, after worship.

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Peace,
Pastor Carol

“Being Different Together” Workshops

“Being Different Together” is one of the major challenges we encounter in life - whether in family, congregation, work and/or community relationships. Pastor Carol will be leading three short workshops on this challenge as we begin our work together. The first session will raise the hopes we have for relationships and what gets in the way. The second session will offer different ways of understanding differences and conflicts and responses to them. The third session will focus on ‘putting this into action’. Plan to join in on Sundays, June 8, 22 and 29, after worship.

A Theological WrestleMania: An Invitation from Pastor Carol

I hate to admit that the older I get, the less I know and the less sure I am of things that I once was certain of. Maybe it has to do with seeing and experiencing more as time goes on. I’m not sure.

However, I am committed to continuing to learn, but at this point, learning more seems to produce more questions than answers. This includes theological questions. God is Mystery, and my guess is that God enjoys our attempts to explore that Mystery.

On my office door is a sheet on which you are invited to list questions (about God, Christ, the church, etc.) with which you wrestle. I’m not sure exactly how this will work, but hopefully we can choose some of these questions and set a time to do some wrestling together. If you are looking for concise answers, you may be disappointed. But for those interested in some engaging questions, I think you will be enriched. I’ll let you know when we set up the first gathering.

Pastor Carol Office Hours

Pastor Carol will be in the office on Wednesday mornings in June.





Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
April 2025	\$6,261.00	\$4,693.67	\$1,567.33
Year to Date	\$37,448.00	\$23,784.51	\$13,663.49

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship Assistants for June

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Fellowship Snacks	Counter
June 1	Bev Stobber	Jack Olson	Bev Stobber		Pam Mueller
June 8	OPEN	Marilyn Hart	Elaine Sherry		Jane McGinty
June 15	OPEN	Bev Stobber	Bev Stobber		John Monsen
June 22	Sean McGinty	Sharon Ryd	Elsie Goulding		Sharon Ryd
June 29	Marilyn Hart	Janet McGinty	Janet McGinty		John Monsen

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June Birthdays

June 4—Kelly Howard

June 15—Jim Hart

June 22—Michael Howard

June 24—Jean Wiechmann



June Anniversaries

June 6—John & Chris Monsen

June 24—Kent & Leslie Zahn



Peace Lights and Peacepipe Deadline Dates

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

- Peace Lights information for the bulletin emailed by Tuesdays at 5:00 pm
- Peacepipe articles by the 3rd Saturday of the month

****Peacepipe articles for July are due on Saturday, June 21.**



Growing Relationships

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

Homily Hash

A reminder that all are welcome to join "homily hash", thoughts and discussion about the morning's sermon, after worship 10:15-10:45 most Sundays in the narthex.

TLC Giving Baskets

Healthy Snacks for May and June are requested for the TLC Giving Baskets, such as: Jello and pudding cups, honey oat breakfast bars, Ritz crackers/peanut butter or cheese, Cheez-its, small bite pretzels, pretzel bites with peanut butter, Welch's fruit snacks, fruit strips, and cereal. All of these are suggestions.



Church Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be Sunday, June 15 at 10:00 a.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Council Meeting, April 13, 2025

Council Members Present: E. Goulding, M. Hart, Pastor C. Jeunnette, R. Knapton, S. McGinty, C. Monsen, J. Monsen, E. Sherry, B. Stobber

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by President M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by R. Knapton

Additions to Agenda: Under New business – set dates for Annual meeting and new member Sunday

Approval of agenda: Motion by S. McGinty, seconded by E. Sherry to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Reminded council of Synod Assembly scheduled for end of May. Encouraged attendance if possible. Reported that she will be officiating at the Rowntree wedding and will begin premarital counseling. Proposed 3 workshops "Being Different Together". Dates of June 8th, 22nd and 29th are set for these congregational workshops. New member Sunday set for Sunday May 18th. Pastor will contact those wishing membership status. Will be on vacation July 27th and August 3rd. Pastor Rawn will provide coverage.

Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber): Motion by J. Monsen, seconded by S. McGinty, to accept the January council meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty) Deposits for the month of January were \$8883. Expenses were \$8043.69. The net balance for the month is \$839.31.

Motion by J. Monsen, seconded by R. Knapton, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry): Plants were purchased for Easter Sunday. A sign-up sheet is posted for those wishing to adopt these plants following Easter service. We will continue "Prayers of the People" which we began during Lent. Please send requests for prayers to Pastor Carol to her email on Saturday or give them to her prior to service on Sunday.

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen): Dan Knapton will continue to lead the post service "Homily Hash" on Sundays from 10:15 to 10:45 when other activities are not scheduled.

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton): A sign-up sheet for Easter breakfast has been posted. Slots are available for scheduling monthly get togethers. Dan Knapton and Sharon Ryd have met with Tim McCourt regarding Peaceful Pit Stop improvements. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon for Peaceful Pit Stop volunteering.

Caring for the Community (Elsie Goulding): The request needs for TLC for May/June will be posted soon.

Inviting Folks In (Elsie Goulding) Easter cards and breakfast postcards were sent.

Property Report – Open: Met with Spectrum at church to have them look over our phone issue. Spectrum installed an updated router and modem to handle both phone and internet. There have not been any disconnects with Wi-Fi thermostats. Need an authorized person's name changed to inquire about billing further. Called Michael Knapton regarding. Put away winter items. Uncovered outside air conditioning units. Will check functioning when temps rise.

Vice-President's Report (John Monsen): Have contacted 4 possible nominees as future council members.

President's Report (Marilyn Hart): Prepared agenda for council meeting, emails to all. Worked on updating the Memorandum of Understanding contract with Pastor Carol.

Unfinished Business: Continuing to work on the ongoing audio issues during church service.

New Business: Discussion regarding a proposal from Kerry Bieneman that she would serve as musical director and provide in person music most Sundays if we change our time of Sunday service to 11:00. Proposal tabled to obtain further information and input from congregation. Recommended that we dispose of the folding machine and desktop computer as neither is currently being used. Kerry and Matt Bieneman are donating a color printer.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2025.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Knapton, seconded by S. McGinty. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary

Upcoming Kerry Bieneman Performances

On Tuesday, June 10, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the Sunset Playhouse in Elm Grove, Kerry will be presenting WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN: KERRY SINGS KAREN, featuring the music of Karen Carpenter.

Tickets are available at sunsetplayhouse.com under Special Events. Kerry would love to see you there!

On Sunday, June 22, at 2:00 p.m., at the Malt House Theatre in Burlington, Kerry will be presenting DON'T STOP ME NOW: THE MUSIC OF QUEEN, with a full band, as part of the Sit & Sip Concert Series.

Tickets are available at www.thehaylofters.com.

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/>.

