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September 2025 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

Every three years the Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, gathers for spiritual discernment about the church and its ministry. You may recall that the Churchwide Assembly was in Milwaukee in August, 2019. This year, the Assembly gathered in Phoenix, AZ, from July 28 - August 2. The theme was "For the Life of the World."

Church leaders and delegates from each of the 65 synods met together to:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units.
- Relieve and consider proposals from synod assemblies.
- Elect officers (this time, a presiding Bishop and Secretary), board members and other leaders.
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy.
- Worship together.
- Adopt a budget.

Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization. (See Pastor Carol or Sharon for link).

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton is finishing her 12-year tenure as leader of the church. The Reverend Yehiel Curry, Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, was elected to be the new Presiding Bishop. The Rev. CeCee Mills, Assistant to the Bishop of the North Carolina Synod, was elected to the Office of Secretary. Both are mission developers; both came to the ministry of Word and Sacrament through TEAM: Theological Education in Emerging Ministries. Both are African-American, a first for the ELCA!

One of the important actions of the Assembly was to adopt a Social Statement, entitled "Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-Being of All." Built on the foundational teaching that "God Acts for the Well-Being of All Through Civic Life," the Social Statement "addresses the broad responsibility for seeking the good of all through civic participation," and "sketches a vision of a just and robust civic life dedicated to the well-being of all while giving extended attention to the relationship of faith and political authority." (See Pastor Carol or Sharon to get link to read the Social Statement).

Peaceful Ponderings (cont) ...

Another action of the Assembly was to adopt a Memorial calling for the “Stand of Palestinian Rights and End to Occupation of Palestine.” This Memorial calls for the ELCA to “advocate for human rights and a just peace for Palestinians and Israelis by supporting policies that end the occupation.” The debate on this Memorial was long and at times contentious, but the baptized people of God followed their calling, working together “for the life of the world.” (See Pastor Carol or Sharon for link).

When our small group of committed Lutheran Christians gathers in Burlington on Sunday morning for worship, it is easy to forget that we are part of a much larger body - a body that is committed to being Christ-followers, and working for the life of the world: not just small communities in Wisconsin, but the nation, the world, and all people in it. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Carol's Office Hours

Pastor Carol's normal office hours are Wednesdays from 9am to noon. Feel free to stop in and say “Hello!” The exception will be the week of 14-20th. She will be gone from the 14th through 17th so office hours that week will be Thursday the 18th.



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.





Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
July 2025	5,994.00	8,052.95	(2,058.95)
Year to Date	58,376.00	48,562.21	9,813.79

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship Assistants for September

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Fellowship Snacks	Counter
Sept 7	Bev Stobber	John Jeunnette	Elaine Sherry	Potluck	Pam Mueller
Sept 14	Sharon Ryd	Marilyn Hart	Elsie Goulding	Elsie Goulding	Janet McGinty
Sept 21	Chris Monsen	Janet McGinty	Janet McGinty	Bev Stobber	John Monsen
Sept 28	Renee Knapton	Ken Christensen	Ken Christensen	Knaptons	Sharon Ryd

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CHURCH: A Small

Family of Christian

Believers Working to

“Grow in Peace”



September Birthdays

Betty Olson—September 8

Tom Myers—September 17

Bev Stobber—September 21

Pam Mueller—September 28



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 for October are due on Saturday, September 20.



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

In recognition of our generous support of TLC, we are invited to be a guest to "Taste and Thanks" on September 18 from 5-7 at Low Daily. This is also a yearly fund raiser for TLC. As a Peace congregation, if we collect \$300.00 before Sept 8th, we can be listed as a sponsor for this event. RSVP by Sept 8th to 262-492-2218 if you would like to attend this event.

Place donations in baskets by Sept 7th and Carol will deliver on the 8th.

We will also continue our collection of non-perishable food items for the Library Food Cupboard for the month of September. Carol will deliver food items on Sept 1st and Oct 1st.



June 2025

Peace Lutheran Church,
 -The children at TLC
 thank you for all the healthy
 summer snacks! Your
 thoughtfulness is very
 much appreciated!
 Sincerely,
 Julie K. Kach, Board member
 Transitional Living Center



Pastor Carol's Installation / Rally Sunday

Pastor Afi Dobbins-Mays will preside at Pastor Carol's Installation as Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 7, at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Carol has committed to work and journey with the congregation as contract pastor the next few years. Her installation offers an opportunity to for her to make public commitment to Peace, and for the people of Peace to commit to Pastor Carol's care and leadership.

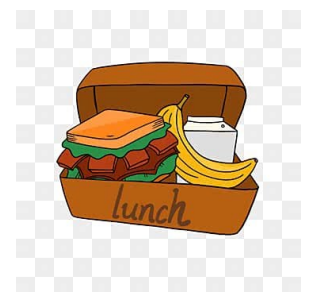
Following worship that morning, we will have a potluck breakfast to celebrate Pastor Carol's installation and the beginning of our fall season. Sign up in the narthex to let us know you are coming, and what you are bringing to the share at the feast!

Outreach For Hope

Registration is now open for the Outreach for Hope 2025 Family Ride Run Walk to be held Sept. 27! The goal is to raise \$165K through participating or sponsoring. Funds help Greater Milwaukee Synod communities in need. Sign up now at OFHRRW.org.

Women's Mid-Day Gathering

The Women's Mid-Day Gathering will begin their 2025-2026 activity year on September 10th, at 11:30 am in the Peace fellowship hall. Bring your own lunch and beverage, dessert will be provided. Also bring your ideas for the upcoming year. Bev Stobber will host.



Sit and Sip Concert

Support Kerry Bieneman and the Haylofters Theater by attending their next Sit & Sip Concert.

Sunday Sept 21, 2025 Outdoor concert @ 2pm

Time In A Bottle: Jim Croce & Cat Stevens

All Tickets \$15

More info and purchase tickets at <https://www.thehaylofters.com/sitnsip-fall>



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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



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Council Meeting, July 20, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. by President M. Hart

Opening Prayer: R. Knapton led us in prayer and we were reminded of the "Behavioral Covenant."

Revisions to Agenda: New business - remove item D-Try chocolate, add results of interviews for secretary position.

Approval of agenda: Motion by C. Monsen, seconded R. Knapton to the revised agenda. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Completed "Being Different Together" sessions. Reviewed her upcoming schedule.
- Brought up a program for parents called "Parent Hope Project" and discussed possibly offering this to the community.
- Discussed an Installation ceremony for Pastor, possibly Rally Sunday.

Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber for Sharon): Typo error in Treasurer's report section of deposit amount, corrected to \$6551.00. **Motion by S. Ryd, seconded by S. McGinty, to approve the amended minutes of the June 15th council meeting. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty): Deposits for the month of June were \$8,383.00. Expenses were \$6,303.37 The net activity for the month is \$2,079.63. Sean will calculate our average monthly expenses. **Motion by B. Stobber seconded by R. Knapton, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Bev Stobber):

- Worship assistants set through August.
- Knaptons and Sue Koch volunteered as Altar Banner committee.
- John Jeunnette added as a volunteer for lector and tech.
- We will switch from the disposable plastic communion cups to glass.

Nurturing the Faith - Education (Chris Monsen): No report

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton): It was decided to have a potluck brunch following worship on Rally Sunday.

Caring for the Community – (Carol Chaffee): Provide food basket for Burlington library food cupboard.

Inviting Folks In – (Carol Chaffee): Roll of stamps will be purchased

Property Report – Open:

- Water inspector noticed issue, change was made.
- Broken branch removed.
- Fan on A/C not working. May need to be replaced.

Vice-President's Report (Ken Christensen): Ken will facilitate next month's meeting in Marilyn's absence.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting, July 20, 2025, continued

President's Report (Marilyn Hart): Conducted interviews for new church secretary.

Unfinished Business: Still need to dispose of folding machine & old office computer.

New Business:

- Discussed Pastor's 3 month evaluation and her support of church's vision statement and our spiritual growth, as well as how we should live up to our mission. She appreciates any prayers, as well as feedback on sermons.
- Agreed to present a gift to Kerry when she is at church in person (hopefully October) in appreciation for her time as secretary.
- Marilyn will be on vacation 8/4-8/20.

S. Ryd, S. McGinty & B. Stobber were dismissed from the meeting for voting on candidates for secretary replacement. **Motion by C. Monsen, seconded by C. Chaffee to offer secretary position to Sharon Ryd. Motion carried.** Offer made and accepted effective August 1.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2025

Motion to adjourn made by B. Stobber, seconded by C. Chaffee. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 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/>.

