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Peaceful Ponderings...

A Prayer for ...

Lent

*Oh let me be willing to sit in the empty dark
 and let the darkness enter me.
 Let me not pretend to know how it will be.
 Let me lose my plans, though it terrifies me.
 Let me not imagine any better time
 to practice than now.
 Let me be the bowl that sings when touched,
 the bowl that is content with its own stillness.
 If I want answers, let me sit with my longing.
 If I want lessons, let me find them right here.
 And if it is dark, let me not run from the dark,
 but lean into it. And if it is light,
 let me long for the light. Let it enter me.
 Let me not pretend to know how it will be.*

Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer,
 "The Empty Dark"

in Diana Butler Bass,
A Beautiful Year.

Peace,
 Pastor Carol



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Lent

Midweek Lenten Worship: Wednesdays

During the 40 days of Lent, in addition to preparing for Easter, we have the opportunity to reflect on our own lives and expand our hearts and minds through intentional spiritual work. The 40 days of Lent echo the story of the days between Jesus' baptism and the beginning of his public ministry. Driven into the wilderness and tempted by Satan, Jesus learned more deeply what it meant to be the beloved son of God - the one with whom God is 'well-pleased.'

This Lenten season, in addition to Sunday worship, we gather each Wednesday for lunch at noon and then a short devotional time from 1:00-1:30. We will have the opportunity to think about faith: our faith, the faith of Noah, Moses, Abraham, the people of Israel and Jesus. You can sign up in the narthex to bring soup and sides for lunch. Please bring a can of soup to donate to the food cupboard.

In order to make the Wednesday devotions accessible to all - including those who work during the day - we are hoping to make them available through recording and/or Zoom. If you can help with this, please contact Bev Stobber, Worship Chairperson.

Sundays

As we move with Jesus through Lent this year, the gospel lessons move from Jesus in the wilderness to his encounters with Nicodemus, the Pharisee and the Samaritan woman at the well. We will hear of the reaction to the healing of the man born blind, and the death and raising of Lazarus. Finally, on Passion Sunday, we will move from the joy of Jesus entry into Jerusalem, to his last supper with his disciples, his betrayal, arrest and crucifixion. Easter morning, we celebrate the resurrection. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.

After Worship

Following worship each Sunday beginning March 1, we will explore Christian Nationalism. We will consider a number of questions, including: Was America founded as a Christian nation? What does Christian nationalism look like in the United States? Is there a difference between conservative Christianity and Christian nationalism? Pastor Carol will be leading these discussions. This is a difficult yet important issue in our time and our country. As followers of Jesus, it is crucial that we understand ways in which the faith is being distorted and discern ways in which we can stand up to the distortions.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 6:00 p.m. Again, we are working to make worship accessible to all. If you are uncomfortable driving in the dark, please contact Renee Knapton for a ride. Or, you are welcome to join us on Zoom.

Easter Sunday we will have a brunch potluck at 7:30 a.m. followed by worship at 9:00 a.m.



Giving ...

Salvation Army... Please save your newspapers. These are used to wrap dishes in.

Carol Chaffee

Hebrews 13:16 Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.

Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry

Plans are underway for our anniversary celebration. On the last Sunday of each month, from May through October, we will remember and celebrate one decade of the congregation's life together.

The planning committee would love to hear your thoughts and ideas for celebrating, and to have your involvement. In order to accommodate everyone, our next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9. We look forward to seeing and hearing you! Just how up—you are very welcome.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

This group will be meeting every other Thursday morning at 9:30 am in the narthex. March dates are 3/5 and 3/19. We will be beginning a study on "Bible Stories for Grown Ups" All are welcome to join in!

Women's Mid-Day Gathering

The Mid-Day Women's Gathering will not meet during March due to the Lenten Lunches.

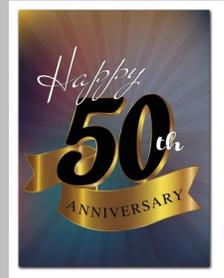
Growing Relationships

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.

Pastor Carol's Office Hours

NOTE CHANGE FOR LENT. Pastor Carol's office hours during Lent will be Wednesdays from 10am-noon and she will not be available March 18. Drop in and say "Hi" during those hours!

If you need to reach Pastor any other time feel free to call (262) 900-8212.





Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
January 2026	\$ 17,957.04	\$ 8,803.53	\$ 9,153.51
Year to Date	\$ 17,957.04	\$ 8,803.53	\$ 9,153.51

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship Assistants for March

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Fellowship Snacks	Counter
Mar 1	Bev Stobber	Ken Christensen	Ken Christensen	Betty Olson	Kent Zahn
Mar 8	Sharon Ryd	Sharon Ryd	Elsie Goulding	Knaptons	Janet McGinty
Mar 15	Chris Monsen	Carol Chaffee	Renee Knapton	Chris Monsen	John Monsen
Mar 22	Ken Christensen	Renee Knapton	Janet McGinty	Elaine Sherry	Sharon Ryd
Mar 29	Marilyn Hart	Marilyn Hart	Bev Stobber	open	John Monsen

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Believers Working to

“Grow in Peace”



March Birthdays

Bill Goulding—March 2

Pastor Carol Jeunnette—March 9

Dianna Shamel—March 21



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 April are due on Saturday, March 14.



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 Mosen

Growing Relationships --- Renee Knapton

Inviting People In --- Carol Chaffee

Caring for the Community --- Carol Chaffee

Property --- open

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/>



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting, January 11, 2026

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by President M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by S. Ryd

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of agenda: Motion by B. Stobber, seconded R. Knapton to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Many thanks given for Christmas gift, leadership, musicians and everyone's work during Advent/Christmas.
- Looking to offer a class on Christian Nationalism
- Parent Hope project slowly moving forward
- Pastoral Care team activated
- Will be out of the country June 7-22
- Considering a workshop on death (medical/legal prep., life-support, living will, desires for memorial/funeral, etc. Would be good to have social worker/lawyer present.

Secretary's Report (Sharon Ryd): Motion by C. Monsen, seconded by B. Stobber, to accept the minutes of the December 7th council meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Knapton, seconded by C. Monsen, to accept the minutes of the December 21th special council meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty): Deposits for the month of December were \$14,009.50. Expenses were \$13,412.21. The net balance for the month is a positive \$597.29. **Motion by S. Ryd seconded by C. Chaffe, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**

- Still need to get another check to Kerry for blessing bags
- More money collected for clothing for Kiara, check will be given to Pam to cash.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Bev Stobber):

- Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services will be at 6pm
- Kerry will be here Ash Wednesday, Lenten Midweek, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, not Easter.
- Considering times for Midweek Lenten services and Good Friday. Bev and Pastor will discuss more.
- Pastor is considering drive-through ashes for the community, but consensus was not many people would come.
- Palm Sunday will be a narrative.
- Easter breakfast will be at 7:30am, worship at 9am.

Faith Nurturing – Education (Chris Monsen):

- Last 2 episodes of The Chosen will be January 25, February 1
- Christian Nationalism class would start after The Chosen

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton):

- Shared prayer requests for Phil and anonymous person dealing with mental health issues.
- Changed sanctuary decorations and church sign a couple times.
- Will meet with Pastor & Carol C. Jan. 21 to begin planning 50th anniversary events.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting, January 11, 2026, continued

Caring for the Community – (Carol Chaffee):

- Delivered homeless bags to 3 police stations & Burlington Library.
- Currently collecting snacks for Karcher Middle School. February donations will go to Burlington Senior Center.
- Thank you cards received from TLC & Burlington Library

Inviting Folks In – (Carol Chaffee):

- Sent birthday, anniversary, get well, and thanks for worshipping with us cards. Also Christmas.

Property Report – Open:

- Monsens or C. Chaffee will see if their lawn spreaders will work for salt.
- Purchased water for dispenser, furnace filters. Replaced filters.
- Reset clock for outside bell.
- Monitored snow, kept in contact with plow provider. Used blower on minimal snowfall.
- Removed & stored tractor battery.
- Knaptons will take tote of old Christmas lights in attic.

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

President's Report (Marilyn Hart):

- Meetings-Council, Kerry, Sean & Janet at bank.

Unfinished Business:

- AED-Renee will take old AED for recycling
- Bibles for sanctuary have been purchased, Pastor will talk to John Monsen about shelving, Sharon will check about using Gerda Elk's memorial fund to offset cost.
- Need to look at memorial funds allocated for specific uses.

New Business:

- Spectrum completed our equipment upgrade. Should have been done last March. Lowers cost by \$20/month for new 36 month contract. New package includes Spectrum TV.
- Outdoor Advent wreath is in bad shape. John Monsen has idea for replacement.
- Evaluated Advent & Christmas, what went well, what to change. All appreciated recognizing just Advent first. Suggested postponing putting up window coverings until Christmas Eve. for more light. Good response to ringing bells during *Joy to the World*. If no Cantata, try to have a Music Sunday in addition to Lessons & Carols service. Maybe Music Sunday in spring with everyone's favorite hymns? (add to next month's agenda)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2026

Motion to adjourn made by B. Stobber, seconded by R. Knapton. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 am.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Ryd
Council secretary

