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Pastoral Ponderings...

Crossroads

The celebrations of 50 years of faithful ministry at Peace have been wonderful! We began at the end of May by giving thanks for the founders of the congregation - a group of faithful and courageous Christians who realized that following Jesus was an inclusive activity! The stories were great! At the end of June, Pastor Bob Berggren, his wife, Susan and their daughter, Krista, joined us to celebrate the first decade of life - the planning and construction of the building and the 'childhood' of this community of faith. Next week (as I write), we celebrate the second decade. Pastor Robert Suhr will join us as we remember the congregation's growth from childhood toward young adulthood.

It has been a great celebration thus far. If you have not participated, please join us on the last Sunday of August, September, or October, and especially on Nov. 15, at our big birthday party!

But, even as we celebrate, some questions nag in the background, and a twinge of sadness seeps in. Will there be a 60th anniversary party? Or a 75th? The reality is that we are a very small congregation, and we are only getting older. We are blessed with faithful members who give generously- spiritually, emotionally, financially, and to the extent possible - physically. But in the background the question lurks: how long can we go on?

Last Saturday, morning, the council spent several hours together in a retreat. We began by thinking about 'Church' - bottom line: what is it? We looked at scripture, at the work of Martin Luther and the reformers, and at the role this congregation plays in each of our lives. We considered our context - our community - its needs and how we might continue to serve. We asked how God might be calling us, (yes, this small and aging community), to serve each other and beyond. Are there possibilities other than "the last one left, turn out the lights and lock the door?"

The Holy Spirit was present in our thinking. Glimmers of ideas bubbled up and all of a sudden, there was energy in the room - possibilities for the future. I think everyone was surprised. I was! Right now, these just glimmers remind me of the fireflies that flit around at dusk. They are wispy possibilities that may float away. But maybe, just maybe, there is a call in them.

In the coming months, the council will be thinking, looking and making space for these wispy possibilities to grow. And the council will pray. Will you please pray with them? Don't look for details yet. There are none. Just pray, please. God is here.

Peace,
Pastor Carol

August 2026 Peacepipe



Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry

Our celebration of 50 years of ministry has begun! On May 31, we kicked off the celebration by remembering the early beginnings of the congregation, up to Organization Sunday, November 14, 1976. On June 28, Pastor Dave Berggren, his wife Susan, and their daughter Krista, joined us to celebrate and give thanks for the first decade, from 1976—1986. Pastor Berggren preached, memories were shared, and ice cream was enjoyed. On July 26, Pastor Suhr and his wife Jill joined us at worship and we all enjoyed a church picnic with plenty of food and games!

Upcoming anniversary celebration events are:

Sunday, August 30, 9am Worship with Community Speakers (1996-2006)

Sunday, September 27, 9am Worship (2006-2016)

Monday, September 28 - Community Meal served **11:30-1pm and 4-5:30pm** at Peace.

Sunday, October 25, 9am Worship with Affirmation of Baptism (2016-2026) and Family Potluck 10:30am-12pm. Please RSVP by October 4.

Sunday, November 15, 9am Anniversary Celebration Worship and Reception

As we look back on five decades of faith, fellowship and community we are reaching out to the people whose presence and contributions over the years helped shape who we are today. If you have any contact information for past members, please forward their information to Janet McGinty so we can personally invite them to all our festivities.

Pictures from June 28 celebration.





Pictures from July 26 celebration.



More pictures can be found on our website.









Giving...

Ground Zero Veteran's Outreach… currently has 2 locations. In Union Grove it is the Fresh Start where food and personal items are stored, and in 2024 they opened a farm oasis. They are currently serving 18 veterans. Small tools are needed as well as non perishable food. We will be collecting items in August, to be delivered September 1st. A more detailed list of needs will be posted August 1st.

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

Thrivent Action Cards… Are you a Thrivent Member? Are you familiar with the Thrivent Action Card? These cards can help our church with our upcoming community projects such as the Blessing Bags on Rally Sunday, September 14 and the Anniversary Community Outreach Meal September 27th and 28th. There is detailed information in the Narthex about how to get and use one. If you are a Thrivent member, please consider helping us out this way!

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.

Outreach for Hope… we're putting together a team of walkers this year to participate in the 2 mile walk on September 26th beginning at 10:30am. The walk takes place at Petrifying Springs Park in Kenosha. There will be a signup sheet in the back of the Narthex and a quick meeting after worship the first or second Sunday of August.





Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
June 2026	7,169.00	7,569.14	(400.14)
Year to Date	$ 54,937.04	$ 46,921.29	$ 8,015.75

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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Worship Assistants for August

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Fellowship Snacks	Counter
Aug 2	Pam Mueller	Bev Stobber	Bev Stobber	Knaptons	Kent Zahn
Aug 9	Marilyn Hart	Jack Olson	Elaine Sherry	McGintys	Janet McGinty
Aug 16	open	Chris Monsen	Renee Knapton	Betty Olson	John Monsen
Aug 23	Renee Knapton	Renee Knapton	Janet McGinty	Knaptons	Sharon Ryd
Aug 30	Janet McGinty	Sean McGinty	Janet McGinty	Elaine Sherry	John Monsen



August Birthdays

Sue Koch—August 9
John Monsen—August 11
Kerry Bieneman—August 16
Adam Bieneman—August 22



August Anniversaries

John & Pastor Carol Jeunnette—August 26





Pastor Carol's Office Hours for July...

Pastor Carol's office hours are 9 am - noon Wednesdays.
Drop in and say "Hi" during those hours!
If you need to reach Pastor any other time feel free to call (303) 909-3064.

SCAMS We Have Encountered! Help!
All of us have encountered them, and some of us have been caught!. Unfortunately, scams are part of life these days as people try almost anything to part others from their money. And there always seems to be something new.

On August 23, after worship, we will spend some time talking about the many scams out there, how to recognize them, and what we can do if we get caught. Later in the summer, we will spend some time talking about AI (Artificial Intelligence) - how it might help and how it might hurt us. (Pastor Carol would appreciate help with this! If you are AI savvy, please let her know).



Communion—Rich Mueller... This Sunday, August 2, Pastor Carol will be taking Holy Communion to Rich Mueller at Franklin Place Memory Care. If you are interested in participating in this, please respond to Renee's email (sent Monday, July 27). We will begin at 11:00.





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 September are due on Saturday, August 15.

2026-2027 Church Council Members

President --- Marilyn Hart
Vice-President --- Ken Christensen
Secretary --- Sharon Ryd
Treasurer --- Sean McGinty

Nurturing the Faith (Worship) --- Janet McGinty
Nurturing the Faith (Education) --- Pam Mueller
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/**

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Church Council Meeting June 7, 2026

Council Members Present: Carol Chaffee, Ken Christensen, Marilyn Hart, Pastor Carol Jeunnette, Renee Knapton, Janet McGinty, Sean McGinty, Pam Mueller, Sharon Ryd, Bev Stobber.
The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by President M. Hart

Additions to Agenda: New Business: Add help Bill & Elsie with move, donation to Pine Lake Lutheran Camp.

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

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor David Berggren will be with us for our anniversary celebration June 28 and Pastor Suhr will be here July 26.
- Tentatively scheduled "Scams We Have Experienced" for July 19.
- Items moved to the back burner; Parent Hope Project, pastoral care team meeting, classes about death/dying.
- Pastor will be out of town June 7-June 22. Sharon/Marilyn will lead worship/preach June 14 and Pastor Donna Brown will be here June 21.

Secretary's Report (Sharon Ryd): **Motion by R. Knapton, seconded by B. Stobber, to accept the minutes of the May 3rd council meeting. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty): Deposits for the month of May were $8253.00. Expenses were $8055.23. The net balance for the month is $197.77. **Motion by S. Ryd, seconded by B. Stobber, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Bev Stobber):

- Pleased with feedback of Favorite Hymn Sunday, thanks to Kerry.
- Worship assistants scheduled through June.

Faith Nurturing – Education (Chris Monsen): None

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton):

- Notice sent to the congregation about the passing of Diana Shamel.

Banner Committee (Renee Knapton):

- Banners, altar cloths, etc. were changed for Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and regular Sundays.

Caring for the Community – (Carol Chaffee):

- Delivered cleaning supplies to TLC, food donations to Burlington Library. June's collection is healthy snacks for TLC and July is diapers for Life Choices.

Inviting Folks In – (Carol Chaffee): None

Property Report – Open:

- Monitored building heat/cooling for activities.
- Assisted setting up tables for activities.
- Special mention to all the work Jim Hart does around church, some of what we see but a lot that we don't ever see. Huge thanks, Jim!

Vice-President's Report (Ken Christensen): **None**

President's Report (Marilyn Hart):

- Prepared & sent agenda & reports for council meeting.
- Prepared for congregational meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- 50th Anniversary: May kick off was great. Will post sign-up for June Ice Cream Social. Add to bulletin about visits from Berggren & Suhr.

New Business:

- Incoming council members -share Behavioral Covenant and sign it next meeting. Janet McGinty will be in charge of the worship committee, Pam Mueller will handle education. Returning council members will retain their current positions.
- Installation of new council will be June 28.
- Council retreat will be July 18, 9am to about 2pm.
- Bill and Elsie are moving to an apartment soon. Will they need help? Carol will talk to them and post a sign up.
- Donation to Pine Lake Lutheran Camp: **Motion by B. Stobber, seconded by R. Knapton to donate $50 in honor of our 50th anniversary to Pine Lake. Motion carried.**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2026

Motion to adjourn made by R. Knapton, seconded by C. Chaffee. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Ryd
Council secretary