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Peaceful Ponderings from Pastor Carol…

"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything." - Thomas Merton.
May your Thanksgiving be Blessed.

Fifty years of faithful ministry and about six months of remembering, giving thanks and celebrating that ministry draw to a close on November 15 - the actual 50th anniversary of the organization of Peace Lutheran Church. Many thanks go to Carol Chaffee and the anniversary committee that has worked so hard to bring to life our monthly celebrations: Sharon Ryd, Janet McGinty, Bev Stobber, Jeanne Rateike, Pam Mueller, Elaine Sherry, Renee Knapton, and Pastor Carol.

As we draw nearer to the anniversary day, we also draw nearer to inevitable questions about our future. What is next? What will faith ministry look like in the coming years? What is God calling this congregation to be and do in the future? Is our calling to keep the doors open as long as possible - caring for each other - and have the last person standing turn out the lights? (I hate to break it to you folks, but the average age of regular worship attendees is about 73. Is our calling to come to Holy Closure, and share our resources with other congregations? Is there something else? To be honest, I don't know, and I will not 'shut down' any options that come to mind without significant exploration.

When I returned to Peace on April 1, 2025, I made a commitment to stay here for three years - until April, 2028. We are a little over half way through that period of time. The question "what is next?" must be our focus in the coming months. The reality is, though, that not knowing what is next is difficult - whether it is life, or politics, or our church.

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Kate Bowler, author of "Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved", offered "A Blessing for Uncertain Times" in her blog last week. I find this comforting right now. Hopefully you will as well.

Bless you who do not know what happens next,
who worry about the world we are walking toward.
May uncertainty remind you that you still have choices to make.

Bless you with courage
for the small, faithful thing that is yours to do: to vote,
pay attention, tell the truth,
care for your neighbors,
and keep showing up.

Bless you who cannot carry the whole future.
May you carry what is yours:
a responsibility, a neighbor,
a small corner of this beautiful, terrible world.

Bless you when you cannot see far ahead.
May you do the next faithful thing,
and then the next,
until our small acts make a path
where none was visible before.

May God bless and walk with us in our uncertainty and our discernment - in our congregation and in the world. Peace, my friends.
-Pastor Carol

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Our **50th Anniversary Celebration** will come to a joyful climax on Sunday, November 15, from 9:00–11:30 a.m.! We'll gather in worship, the choir will sing, we'll take a group photo in front of the church, release two doves into the heavens, and enjoy cake and fellowship as we celebrate this special milestone. Rev. Kristin Nielsen from the Synod staff will join us to help commemorate this momentous day in the history of Peace Lutheran Church.

Come and worship! Come and celebrate! Come and remember! Each of you has played a part in shaping Peace Lutheran Church into the congregation it is today. Let's come together to give thanks for our shared history, celebrate our faith and fellowship, and look forward to the years ahead!





Poinsettias

The poinsettia sign up sheet will be in the narthex. This year's poinsettias, from Milaeger's, are 6-1/2 inches and cost $18. Color choices include red, white, pink, marble, and pink marble. Orders are due by December 1.

All Saints Sunday

On November 1, we remember and honor all the saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us and are in heaven with God. We recognize our shared unity with them and the influence they have shared in our faith journey. You may bring a photo of your loved one to place on the table we will have set at the front of the church and then during the service, you may light a candle in their honor and remembrance.

*** * * ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING NOTICE * * ***

The congregational meeting to approve the 2027 budget will be held November 22, 2026 immediately following worship. Please try to be in attendance so we are sure to have a quorum.

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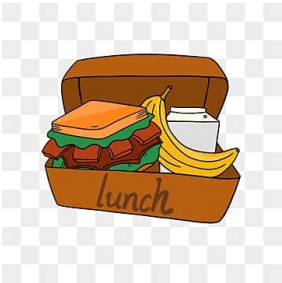


Thursday Bible Study Group.

The Thursday Bible Study Group meets every other Thursday, however due to Thanksgiving, will only meet on November 12th for this month. We meet at church from10:30 to 11:30. All are welcome.

Mid-Day Women's Gathering

The Mid-Day Women's Gathering will meet Wednesday November 11th, at 11:30 am, in the Peace fellowship hall. Bring your own lunch and beverage, dessert will be provided. Jean Weichmann will host.



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

Giving...

Thanksgiving for Love Inc – they are not looking for food donations. If you would like to contribute, they are asking for a donation of $36 for each individual meal, due by November 16

In November we will be getting a list of Christmas needs for a family at TLC.

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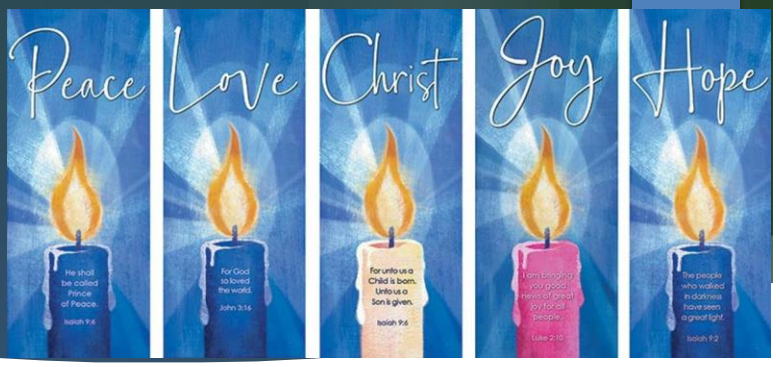
A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who stayed after worship on **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday** to assemble 50 blessing bags! Some of these bags will be shared with our local library and the Burlington Police Department. You are also invited to take a bag to give to someone you know who may be in need, or keep one in your car to share with someone you encounter along your daily journeys. Each bag contains a blanket, food, personal care essentials, and calming activities to offer comfort and encouragement.

God does incredible work through our hands, and I am so grateful for the generosity of time, resources, and love that the people of Peace continually share with our community. Special thanks to Bev Stobber for securing the $250 Thrivent Action Team card, to Thrivent for its support, and to Kerry Bieneman for her generous donation of supplies. **Together, we are putting God's love into action and making a difference in the lives of others!**



← Concert opportunity – flyer is also on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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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.



This year's Advent by Candlelight will reflect on the colors of Christmas. You are invited to come and be. The purpose of the afternoon event is to slow down and spiritually prepare our hearts for Christmas by stepping away from the commercial busyness of the holiday season. Please join us on Sunday, November 29. Door's open at 1pm and the program, which includes a dessert social, will be from 1:30-3pm. All are welcome, so invite a friend to join you. There are a few speaking parts and opportunities to assist in the program by hanging items on the tree. If you would like to participate in these roles, please let Janet McGinty know. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex and I look forward to seeing you there.

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Financial Report			
	Deposits	**Expenses**	**Difference**
September 2026	$ 6,511.00	$ 7,712.27	$ (1,201.27)
Year to Date	$ 79,721.04	$ 68,310.89	$ 11,410.15
Thank you for your continued generosity!			



Worship Assistants for November					
Date	**Council Person in Charge**	**Lector**	**Communion Assistant**	**Fellowship Snacks**	**Counter**
NOV 1	Carol Chaffee	Kent Zahn	Bev Stobber	Elaine Sherry	Kent Zahn
NOV 8	Pam Mueller	Sean McGinty	Elsie Goulding	Betty & Jack Olson	Janet McGinty
NOV 15	Janet McGinty	Jen Muffick	Pastor Kristin	Anniversary cake	John Monsen
NOV 22	Renee Knapton	Janet McGinty	Carol Chaffee	Chris Monsen	Sharon Ryd
NOV 29	Sharon Ryd	Bev Stobber	Janet McGinty	open	John Monsen

November Birthdays

Michael Knapton – November 12
Karen Erhardt – November 22
Jennifer Mueller – November 30





November Anniversaries

Gary & Terri Schildt – November 10
Rich & Pam Mueller – November 27

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Pastor Carol's office hours are 9 am - noon Wednesdays, except no office hours November 25.
Drop in and say "Hi" during those hours!
If you need to reach Pastor any other time feel free to call (303) 909-3064.



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 December are due on Saturday, November 14.

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 LIVESTREAM

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 September 20, 2026

Council Members Present: Marilyn Hart, Pastor Carol Jeunnette, Janet McGinty, Sean McGinty, Pam Mueller, Sharon Ryd

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m. by President M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by J. McGinty

Additions to Agenda: Stewardship (New Business), Annual Congregational budget meeting (Treasurer)

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

Pastor's Report:

- Oct. 4 we will celebrate St. Francis Day and have a pet blessing.
- Possible dates discussed for combined Oct/Nov council meeting on Nov. 1 and a council retreat on Oct. 4 at church with lunch provided.
- Pastor will discuss with Pam possible dates for Death & Dying.
- John Jeunnette will have an AI presentation October 18.
- Oct. 25 is Reformation Day and 5th decade anniversary celebration. Wear red.
- Supply arranged for Oct. 11 Pastor Jay McDivitt, Nov. 22 Pastor Marcia Stahl, Jan. 3 & 17 Pastor Dean Willich, Jan. 10 Pastor Adam Miller-Stubbendick.

Secretary's Report (Sharon Ryd): Motion by S. McGinty, seconded by P. Mueller, to accept the minutes of the August 9th council meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty): Deposits for the month of August were $7410.00. Expenses were $6171.84. The net balance for the month is a positive $1238.16. Ten thousand dollars transferred to money market account. Decided to set minimum checking balance at $15,000 instead of $20,000. Donations of $50 each to Burlington Library and Burlington Police as part of 50th Anniversary celebration. **Motion by P. Mueller, seconded by J. McGinty, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**

Motion by J. McGinty seconded by S. McGinty to hold the Congregational Budget Meeting November 22. Motion carried.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Janet McGinty):

- Agreed that not having the altar platforms is working well.
- Pastor & communion assistant will commune first so the congregation is not standing as long.
- Rally Sunday/God's Work Our Hands went well with Pastor Manke and packing blessing bags. Thrivent Action card donated by Bev Stobber.
- Kerry sent choir email for Reformation Sunday & Anniversary Sunday.

Banner Committee (Renee Knapton):

- Switched from summer to fall decorations.

Faith Nurturing – Education (Pam Mueller): No report

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton):

- Sign up posted for fellowship snacks through the end of 2026.
- Sign up posted for salt shaker meal at Jack & Betty Olson's on Oct. 18 2:00pm.

Caring for the Community – (Carol Chaffee):

- Delivered our donations to Ground Zero.
- Delivered gift money to Library, TLC & Police Dept.
- Worked with Compassionate Corner about their needs.
- She has asked for a TLC family for Christmas.

Inviting Folks In – (Carol Chaffee): No report

Property Report – (Open):

- Jim Hart coordinated more with Jim R. & took care of lawn when he was unavailable.
- Monitored building heat/cooling.
- New handle to be installed on *inside* of entry door to enable quick closing.

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

President's Report (Marilyn Hart):

- Preparations for council meeting
- Presented checks to speakers

Unfinished Business:

- 50th Anniversary activities going well.
- Constitution - Council to vote to approve minutes of Congregational meeting at their next Council meeting, not at the next year's Congregational meeting. Sharon will send out these last minutes again to be voted on at next meeting.
- Constitution - now reads there should be no more than 8 council members. We need to discuss if this should read 8 council members *plus* 4 officers or leave it as is. Probably need to discuss restructuring council jobs.
- All community speakers received their $50 donation except Tim McCourt, who had no suggested organization. Sharon will contact Tim to see if we can donate to Compassionate Corner in his name. Marilyn will get check to Carol so she can drop it off with the donations Oct. 1.

New Business:

- Council will try to agree on a date for October retreat and regular council meeting. Retreat discussion will include where do we go from here.
- **Motion by Pr. C. Jeunnette, seconded by S. Ryd that we approve an additional $100 to make more smaller Blessing Bags. Motion carried.** Additional line will be added to budget for Council Discretionary funds.
- We will keep 2 of the platforms upstairs for choir use (put in corner with plants on top) and the rest will be moved downstairs after the community meal.
- We would like to provide 2 meals to Elsie & Bill this week and 1 meal each week following through October. Sharon will contact those from Time & Talent sheets that offered to provide meals & will call Elsie to get her input.
- Stewardship- Janet will get pledge cards out by end of Sept., due back by Reformation Sunday. Use 1 Timothy 6:18.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 1 (joint Oct/Nov meeting) and retreat for Oct. 4 at 11am-3pm.

Motion to adjourn made by J. McGinty, seconded by P. Mueller. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 am.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Ryd
Council secretary