PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2026 PEACEPIPE

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Peaceful Ponderings from Pastor Carol…

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. (Matthew 14:22)

A couple weeks ago I preached on the story of Jesus sending the disciples ahead of him on the boat while he went up the mountain to pray (Matthew 14:22-33). Because of a strong headwind, by the early hours of the morning the disciples had made little progress. It was then that they saw Jesus walking toward them on the water. They were terrified. Jesus spoke: "*Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid*."

What struck me from this passage this year was Jesus' command to the disciples to get into the boat! One ancient symbol of the Church is a boat or ship. In fact, the word *nave* comes from the Latin word *navis*, meaning ship. Just as a ship carries people, the church carries a group of people - traveling together and led by the winds of the Holy Spirit. We are commanded to get into the boat. But where is the boat going?

Over the past few months we have been celebrating the journey of Peace Lutheran from the time it set sail in 1976 and through the decades. Some passengers have been on board for the entire voyage. Others have joined the journey. Some have been called home. Some have moved to other boats, and some of those have come back. There have been times when the seas have been rough, times when the Peace ship has caught the wind and moved swiftly, and yet other times when the wind has died down and movement has stalled.

I ran into a quote attributed to John Shedd (of Shedd Aquarium in Chicago). It goes something like this: *A boat is safe in harbor, but that is not what boats are built for*. What is the Peace ship built for? It is to carry people, safely, through the challenges of the sea of life. Where is Peace ship headed? In the not-so-distant future, it will be time to again listen carefully for God's guidance for the journey of Peace ship. Do we pull into port, or is there another leg to this voyage? Does God have a vision and mission for Peace beyond caring for each other as we continue to age? Is there energy, just maybe, to reconfigure the boat and shift direction? I don't know. It would entail change, and sometimes that is too challenging.

As we continue this celebration of the voyage of Peace Church, please keep praying that we might discern God's vision for the coming years. And as we discern that vision may we remember Jesus' words to his scared disciples: *Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.*

Peace for the journey… Pastor Carol

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1997-2006
We continue to celebrate the life and ministry of Peace Lutheran. On August 30, the focus will be on many ways the congregation has reached out to the community. Representatives from TLS (Transitional Living Center), Burlington Public Library, the Festival Pit Stop, the Burlington Police Department, and the Mt. Mehru Coffee Project will be with us in and after worship to share how your outreach had touched the lives of people with whom these organizations work.

Back to School Blessing - September 6
Summer is quickly drawing to a close. Teachers are gearing up for a new year. Bus drivers are learning routes. Students are squeezing fun out of the last days of freedom, and parents are counting down the hours to that opening bell. During worship on Sunday, September 6, we will bless all those who are teaching, learning, transporting and supporting our children and youth as they embark on a new school year. Yes, it is happening on Labor Day weekend! See you then!

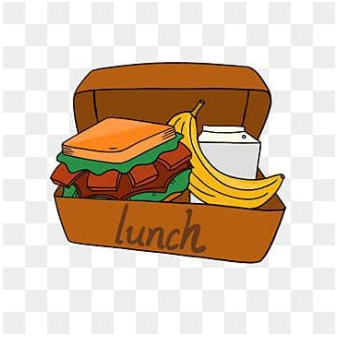
Outreach for Hope…God's Work/Our Hands….Rally Day - September 13
However you want to name it, September 13 is an important day here at Peace. Pastor Chris Manke from **Outreach for Hope** will be leading worship and preaching. This also is the Sunday designated by the ELCA to practice the theme of **God's Work/Our Hands**. We will do this by putting together Blessing Bags following worship, in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to stay around for that, and to talk further with Pastor Manke. It also is **Rally Day**! Traditionally, Rally Day has marked the beginning of Sunday School and fall programing here at Peace. Even though we are not gearing up for the start of Sunday School after a break, this day does mark the beginning of a new season.

Celebrating 2007 - 2016: Sunday, September 27 and Monday, September 28
A celebration of the life and ministry from 2007 - 2016 will be part of worship on Sunday, September 27. Food and hospitality have always been part of the life at Peace. To expand on this tradition, on Monday, September 28, we invite our neighbors to an Italian Community Meal - served in two shifts: 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 - 5:30. Please be a part of this - not just to help serve and eat, but especially to welcome our guests and get to know them. Sign up in the narthex.

Coming on October 4: The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis - known for his care of creation and desire for universal peace. Many congregations have the tradition of blessing pets as part of the celebration of his ministry. Although bringing pets into church to be blessed is a meaningful experience, it is not practical in all settings. At worship on October 4, as part of a focus on this amazing saint of God, we will offer a thanksgiving for pets that have been part of our lives, and an 'in absentia" blessing for those who are with us still. So, no need to bring your pet lizard to church that day - just bring a photograph to place on a table. We will give thanks and pray for them, and you will receive a written blessing you can offer to your pet when you return home.

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Mid-Day Women's Gathering

The Mid-Day Women's Gathering will begin their 2026-2027 activity year Wednesday September 9th, at 11:30 am, in the Peace fellowship hall.
Bring your own lunch and beverage, dessert will be provided. Also bring your ideas as we plan for the year. Bev Stobber will host.

Thursday Bible Study Group.

The Thursday Bible Study Group will resume meeting Thursday September 17th.
We will meet every other Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30. Study materials will be announced soon.
All are welcome partake in interesting discussion.



LIVE GENEROUSLY

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 13 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!

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Giving...
Ground Zero Veteran's Outreach. In Union Grove they have what's called The Fresh Start where food and personal items are stored, and in 2024 they also opened a small farm oasis. They are currently serving 18 veterans. Small hand tools are needed as well as nonperishable food. We will be collecting items in August, to be delivered September 1st. A more detailed list of needs can be found on the table at the front of the Sanctuary.

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



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 have a team of walkers participating in a 2 mile walk to support Outreach for Hope. The walk takes place on September 26. If anyone is interested in sponsoring our walkers, you can donate online at ofhrrw.org or make a check out to Outreach For Hope and give to Dan Knapton or place it in the offering basket.

OUTREACH FOR HOPE
2025 RIDE RUN WALK
Hope in Motion!



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.

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Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
July 2026	**$ 10,863.00**	**$ 8,007.13**	**$ 2,855.87**
Year to Date	**$ 65,800.04**	**$ 54,928.42**	**$ 10,871.62**



Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship Assistants for September

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Fellowship Snacks	Counter
SEP 6	open	Bev Stobber	Bev Stobber	Knaptons	Kent Zahn
SEP 13	Pam Mueller	Jack Olson	Elaine Sherry	McGintys	Janet McGinty
SEP 20	Marilyn Hart	Chris Monsen	Renee Knapton	Betty Olson	John Monsen
SEP 27	Sharon Ryd	Renee Knapton	Janet McGinty	Knaptons	Sharon Ryd

September birthdays

Betty Olson – September 8
Tom Myers – September 17
Bev Stobber – September 21
Pam Mueller – September 28



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An Invitation from Pastor Carol: An Outdoor Concert!
"Chill on the Hill" is a weekly outdoor concert series at Humbolt Park Band Chalet (3000 S. Howell Ave, Bay View). The Milwaukee American Legion Band (in which I play oboe and piccolo) is performing there on Tuesday, September 15 (rescheduled from June). Bring chairs, blankets, picnic food and drink. Food trucks open at 5:00 p.m. if that is your preference. The performance begins at 6:30. This is always a lively, fun concert!





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 19.

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 - July 18, 2026, held at Pastor Carol's home

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:41 p.m. by President M. Hart

Additions to Agenda: Add to new business: New Business:Add - allow mobile showers in parking lot, add - group to join Pastor to share communion with Rich Mueller, Unfinished Business - help for Elsie and Bill's move.

Approval of agenda: **Motion by J. McGinty, seconded by R. Knapton to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.**

Pastor's Report:
- Pastor Suhr and his wife will be with us July 26 for the Anniversary celebration.
- "Scams" workshop will be held August 23
- Pending-meet with pastoral care team, classes on death/dying.
- Pastor will probably be gone Oct 11 & Nov. 22. Pastor Marcia Strahl will probably be here Nov. 22. Supply or congregational leadership for Oct. 11? Let Pastor know soon if anyone is willing to preach Oct. 11.
- Working on plans for coverage after Christmas for trip to New Zealand.

Secretary's Report (Sharon Ryd): Motion by R. Knapton, seconded by J. McGinty, to accept the minutes of the June 7th council meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty): Deposits for the month of June were $7169.00. Expenses were $7569.14. The net balance for the month is a negative $400.14. No extraordinary expenses for this period. **Motion by S. Ryd seconded by C. Chaffe, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Janet McGinty):
- Rally Sunday will focus on God's Work Our Hands. Would like to assemble more blessing bags to have available at our community meal Monday, Sept. 28 11:30-1 and 4-5:30. Janet will contact Kerry to get list of items included in bags and guidance for setting up. Will see if other members have access to Thrivent cards.
- Christmas Eve - Kerry is not available to play. Asked Rachel but haven't heard back yet. Need to decide on worship time. Last year's was 4pm with attendance of 39. Will probably stay with that time for this year.
- Communion distribution - we have fewer people available to help due to challenges stepping up and down the risers. Discussed just removing the risers so altar is at floor level.
- Janet asked if we should push again for a music director. Haven't had any luck in the past. Kerry's recordings are wonderful and Rachel comes on the second Sundays. Would also like to have choir perform more often. Janet would be willing to lead choir.

Banner Committee (Renee Knapton): No report

Faith Nurturing – Education (Pam Mueller): No report

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton): No report

Caring for the Community – (Carol Chaffee):
- June-healthy snacks delivered to TLC
- July we are collecting diapers for Life Choices
- August we will collect small garden tools and non-perishable food for Ground Zero Veterans (serving 18 vets).

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Church Council Meeting - July 18, 2026, held at Pastor Carol's home (continued)

Inviting Folks In – (Carol Chaffee):
- Continues to send cards to recognize significant life events of church family (100 cards in 1 year)

Property Report – (Open):
- Monitors heat/cooling
- Removed fallen tree branch by bell. This tree provided shade for the hostas. Would like to make sure we still have enough shade to preserve those. Maybe plant new tree in celebration of anniversary. Pam will think about this.
- Met with Batzner pest control rep
- Mowed grass when Jim R. was not available.

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

President's Report (Marilyn Hart):
- Prepared Council agenda/reports.
- Presented plaque to Pastor Berggren.
- Planning for Council retreat.

Unfinished Business:
- 50th anniversary: community meal-we will hang posters and have blessing bags available. Will probably need 5-6 volunteers for each time slot.
- Bill & Elsie Goulding moving soon to apartment. Carol will check with them again about the best way to assist them. Maybe one meal while they are trying to get settled in.
- Building has some upkeep issues to consider. Repainting seems to be the most pressing. Marilyn will ask Jim to get bids, possibly for just south and east sides to begin with if we can match color. Also suggested we have a broom handy near front entrance for quick cleanup of walkway.

New Business:
- Discussion of Constitution issues tabled until August.
- Council Person in Charge sign up needs to be filled in.
- Pastor would like to take a group to visit Rich Mueller and have communion with him August 2 following worship. Renee will send out notice.
- There is a man that provides mobile showers in his trailer every other Wednesday, but needs a location. We would consider allowing him to use our parking lot. Carol will let us know if another location has been found already, and if not, then we will consider. We need to check with insurance about any concerns or additional costs.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2026

Motion to adjourn made by J. McGinty, seconded by S. McGinty. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Ryd Council secretary