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May 2025 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

Dear Sisters and Brothers at Peace,

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

I am happy to be back at Peace. My return is not something I anticipated, but it is something I welcome with joy. As a faith community, your love for one another, your commitment and perseverance are praiseworthy. John and I are looking forward to being part of your congregation.

Although you probably have heard about the commitments the Council and I have made as we move forward together, I want to share them with you in written form. Below is an excerpt from the "Memorandum of Understanding" signed on April 6, 2025.

Together, we will:

- Subscribe to the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and to the constitution and bylaws of the congregation.
- Worship, grow in faith, care for each other, reach out to the community around us, and seek to be God's people and followers of Jesus in this time and place
- Develop a process for working through 'sticking points', issues that in the past have led to significant conflict.
- Enter into careful and deep discussion about the role and responsibilities of the pastor.
- In conjunction with the above process, we will:
 - Develop a plan to discern how we, as a community of believers, can live and relate in ways that promote life.
 - After developing that plan, determine what it might look like to live that plan and commit to it.
- Commit to each other that we will intentionally work through differences that might lead to conflicts, with dual goals of resolving conflicts and learning better how to be a diverse and faithful community of followers of Jesus.
- Check in quarterly to review how we are working together and moving forward on our process.
- Invite others into this way of living together.

The “Being Different Together” workshops to be held in June, are our first step into developing a process to work through difficult issues. I hope you will participate. If you know anyone else who sometimes encounters challenges in relationships, please invite them as well!

We have entered the Easter season. No, Easter is not just one day of celebration. It is a fifty-day celebration—longer than the forty days of Lent. Easter has dawned! The light of Easter dawn is flowing into the darkness, overcoming it. We are an Easter people! In the coming weeks, we will again consider what that looks like in our world.

Alleluia, Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor Carol

A Theological WrestleMania: An Invitation from Pastor Carol

I hate to admit that the older I get, the less I know and the less sure I am of things that I once was certain of. Maybe it has to do with seeing and experiencing more as time goes on. I'm not sure.

However, I am committed to continuing to learn, but at this point, learning more seems to produce more questions than answers. This includes theological questions. God is Mystery, and my guess is that God enjoys our attempts to explore that Mystery.

On my office door is a sheet on which you are invited to list questions (about God, Christ, the church, etc.) with which you wrestle. I'm not sure exactly how this will work, but hopefully we can choose some of these questions and set a time to do some wrestling together. If you are looking for concise answers, you may be disappointed. But for those interested in some engaging questions, I think you will be enriched. I'll let you know when we set up the first gathering.

New Member Sunday—May 18

New Members at Peace will be welcomed during worship on Sunday, May 18! All who are interested in joining this faith community are invited to meet with Pastor Carol and congregational leaders on Sunday, May 4, after worship. We are glad you are here!





Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
March 2025	\$8,883.00	\$8,043.69	\$839.31
Year to Date	\$31,187.00	\$19,090.84	\$12,096.16

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship Assistants for May

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Fellowship Snacks	Counter
May 4	Elaine Sherry	Chris Monsen	Bev Stobber	Bev Stobber	Pam Mueller
May 11	Renee Knapton	Janet McGinty	Janet McGinty	Elaine Sherry	Janet McGinty
May 18	John Monsen	Pam Mueller	Elaine Sherry	Chris Monsen	John Monsen
May 25	Sean McGinty	Ken Christensen	Ken Christensen	Elsi Goulding	Sharon Ryd

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May Birthdays

May 5—Renee Knapton

May 10—Buck Steiniger

May 26—Linda Myers



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.

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 by the 3rd Saturday of the month

****Peacepipe articles for June are due on Saturday, May 17.**



Peaceful Pitstop Memorial Day Weekend

We are once again privileged with the opportunity to staff the Peaceful Pitstop at the Burlington Jamboree. The Pitstop is a hospitality tent that provides a place to feed and change babies, toddlers, older children or adults who need to wear diapers. In addition, it's a (relatively) quiet place for festival goers to just sit and get a drink of water or come in from the elements. This is a wonderful way for the members of Peace to serve the Burlington community. We provide changing tables, rocking chairs and changing supplies, as well as minimal first aid supplies, sunscreen, coloring books, etc. for kids. Visitors are welcome without any obligation to us in return but we're happy to share our story IF ASKED. We are not required to staff the tent every hour that the jamboree is open, only as many hours as we can comfortably provide. There will be a sign-up poster in the Narthex beginning on April 27th. Feel free to ask Sharon, Dan or Renee for further info.

Women of Peace Salad Supper

The Women of Peace 22nd Annual Pot-Luck Salad Supper will be held on Wednesday, May 14th, in the Peace fellowship hall, at 6 PM. Our speaker for the evening will be from the Burlington Public Library. Bring a salad to share, and bring a friend for a time of good food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex.

Church Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be Sunday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Council Meeting, March 9, 2025

Council Members Present: Elsie Goulding, Marilyn Hart, R. Knapton, Sean McGinty, Chris Monsen, John Monsen, Pastor Rawn, Elaine Sherry, Bev Stobber.

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 a.m. by President M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by C. Monsen

Additions to Agenda: Under treasurer, questioning regarding investing in an Amazon Prime Account

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

Pastor's Report: Did a visitation and in home communion. Did baptism of Emma Farmer on Feb. 23rd. Led worship on Sundays and Ash Wednesday. Finalized plans for Lenten worship. Wrote an article for the PeacePipe. Helped locate a baptism date for a young girl.

Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber) Motion by J. Monsen, seconded by C. Monsen, to accept the January council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty) Deposits for the month of January were \$5003.00. Expenses were \$4811.50. The net balance for the month is \$191.50. Motion by J. Monsen, seconded by R. Knapton, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Discussion as to the practicality of investing in an Amazon Prime Account. Sean advised against at this time.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry): Palms have been ordered from Gia Bella. Obtaining Easter flowering plants is still in the works. The Passion Narrative will replace the Homily on Palm Sunday.

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen): We completed viewing the fourth series of the Chosen. Discussions of the Homily Hash will return during the Sunday socials.

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton): There are available slots for the Sunday socials after the service. A cake will be purchased for Pastor Sheila's last Sunday. A Sign-up sheet has been posted for the Easter breakfast. A group will be traveling to see a production of "Clue" in Kenosha March 23rd.

Caring for the Community (Elsie Goulding): The current requests from TLC are trash bags, paper towels, and money for a Burlington pool pass.

Inviting Folks In (Elsie Goulding): Easter cards will be sent.

Property Report – Open.: Continued to monitor weather and blow snow for minimal snowfall. Installed 2 of 3 new outdoor light bulbs, waiting for another bulb.

Vice-President's Report (John Monsen): Recruitment efforts continue for future council members, with three candidates considering making a commitment. Repaired the cleat to secure the ropes for the church banners.

President's Report (Marilyn Hart): Prepared agenda for council meeting, emails to all. Researching commentary/ sermons for Wednesday Lenten readings. Discussed purchase of a new computer to use Sundays for Zoom. Completed Wi-Fi installation for new thermostats. Attended Lent worship meeting, sent notes regarding the meeting.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Meeting, March 9, 2025, continued

Unfinished Business : Continuing to work on the ongoing audio/video Zoom issues.

New Business: The Worship team is recommending a change in evening worships time from 7 to 6 pm. Will consider for coming year. Discussion regarding Memorandum of Understanding between Pastor Carol Jeunnette and Peace Lutheran Church. **Motion by B. Stobber, seconded by C. Monsen to accept this Memorandum presented. Motion carried.**

Pastor Carol will begin her pastoral coverage on April 1, 2025.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2025

Motion to adjourn made by J. Monsen, seconded by C. Monsen. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Stobber, 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/>.

