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January 2025 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

Family of Peace,

In writing this, I glanced at the one I wrote for last month. It sounds cliché to say that a lot can change in a month, but it certainly has. As always, I am grateful for the grace and flexibility that we, as a church family, offer to each other. In addition, I know we take that same grace outside of our church walls and share it with all those we encounter. It is one of the small but important ways in which we bring Jesus into our present day world.

After all of the bustle of December, I always think of January as a time to slow ourselves down. It gives us the time to reflect and regroup. We, in Wisconsin, hunker down to deal with the colder temperatures. As we do this, we take the time to ponder how the coming of Christ has changed us, and what we will, perhaps, do differently in this new year to nurture the world around us.

One of the unexpected changes that I referred to, is that the date has changed for Pastor Carol to join us as our pastor at Peace. She found out that her book needs to be edited with an April deadline for her publisher. As it usually doesn't turn out well to try to prioritize two things at once, we offer that grace and understanding, knowing that all will be served better to move her start date to April 1st. As Pastor Carol sets her heart and mind on the editing of her book, we will keep her in our prayers. In April she will be joining us as our pastor, fully engaged in the good work we will do together as a church.

In the meantime, we will have a new face as our bridge pastor. Pastor Sheila Rawn lives in Kenosha and will be with us starting January 13. We will meet and welcome her at her first preaching service on January 19. I'm excited to get to know her better and am looking forward to being led by her into and during Lent.

Find peace in your January.

As always, grateful for all of you,

Marilyn Hart, Council President

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The Chosen Season 4

Season 4 of *The Chosen* continues this month! We will be viewing the final three episodes of the season on January 12, January 26, and February 2. Join us!



Mid-Day Women's Gathering

The Mid-Day Women's Gathering will meet, Wednesday January 8th, at 11:30 am, in the Peace fellowship hall. Bring your own lunch and beverage, dessert will be provided. Elsie Goulding will host.

Fun Days to Celebrate in January

Jan 2—World Introvert Day

Jan 15—National Bagel Day

Jan 4—National Trivia Day

Jan 18—National Winnie the Pooh Day

Jan 7—National Bobblehead Day

Jan 23—National Pie Day

Jan 9—World Nerd Day

Jan 18—International LEGO Day

Jan 13—National Rubber Ducky Day

Jan 31—National Hot Chocolate Day

FUN
Days
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January!

Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible Study Group will meet at 9 am on January 2, 16, and 30. Contact Jean Weichmann 262-763-3329 or Bev Stobber 262-210-9249 with questions.

TLC Giving Baskets

The requested items for the TLC Giving Baskets are: Cereal, instant mashed potatoes, cake/brownie mix, frosting and rice/pasta. Canned items: fruit, vegetables, soup, spaghetti, and tuna. Peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, snacks, crackers, pudding and Jello cups.





Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
November 2024	\$7,668.00	\$4,622.50	\$3,045.50
Year to Date	\$88,184.08	\$79,980.75	\$8,203.33

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship Assistants for January

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Fellowship Snacks	Counter
Jan 5	Renee Knapton	Bev Stobber	Bev Stobber	Monsen	Sharon Ryd
Jan 12	Chris Monsen	Carol Chaffee	Janet McGinty	Elaine Sherry	Janet McGinty
Jan 19	John Monsen	Chris Monsen	Elaine Sherry	Elsie Goulding	John Monsen
Jan 26	Marilyn Hart	Sharon Ryd	Renee Knapton	Bev Stobber	Sharon Ryd

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Believers Working to
"Grow in Peace"

January Birthdays

January 8—Lauren Muffick

January 18—Dan Knapton

January 25—Ken Christensen



2024-2025 Church Council Members

President --- Marilyn Hart

Secretary --- Bev Stobber

Vice-President --- John Monsen

Treasurer --- Sean McGinty

Nurturing the Faith (Worship) --- Elaine Sherry

Nurturing the Faith (Education) --- Chris Monsen

Growing Relationships --- Renee Knapton

Inviting People In --- Elsie Goulding

Caring for the Community --- Elsie Goulding

Property --- open

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 February are due Saturday, January 18.**



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.

Burlington Senior Center

Burlington Senior Activity Center is open for active Seniors. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. There is BINGO on Tuesdays at 10:30 am and Strength and Flex on Thursdays at 1:30 pm.

BSAC provides a variety of activities, services, and opportunities for Western Racine, Western Kenosha, Eastern Walworth County, and other visiting Seniors. Come to the Burlington Senior Activity Center (BSAC) to meet old friends and make new friends. Some friends play card games like Bridge, Euchre, Hand & Foot, Pinochle, and Sheepshead. Others play Bunco and Mexican Train Dominoes. Throughout the year, there are opportunities to join 50+ Sports to play Bowling, Pickle Ball, Softball, or Volley Ball. BSAC offers a Jam Session, an in-house Library, Meals on Wheels, and more. For information, call 262-716-0329.

Church Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be Sunday, January 19 at 10:00 a.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting, November 10, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by President M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by B. Stobber

Additions to Agenda: Christmas decorations under Worship

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

Secretary's Report: Motion by J. Monsen seconded by C. Monsen to accept the council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty) Deposits for the month of October were \$5109.00 Expenses were \$5631.75. The net balance for the month is a negative \$522.75. Motion by J. Monsen, seconded by R. Knapton, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

S. McGinty presented the proposed 2025 Congregational operational budget. The stewardship pledges, received to date, total \$76,380.00. After discussion, particularly regarding Pastor Carol's possible employment, a proposed budget was determined to be \$101,592.

Motion by B. Stobber to approve and recommend a 2025 congregational budget of \$101,600. Second by R. Knapton. Motion carried.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry): A sign-up sheet for poinsettia purchase has been posted. New Christmas decorations will be purchased using monies from the Steve Sherry memorial fund.

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen): New children's books will be purchased to be rotated for use in the children's activity bags.

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton): The sign-up sheet has been posted for the Anniversary Sunday pot-luck brunch. The Advent by Candle-light sign-up sheet has been posted.

Caring for the Community (Elsie Goulding): Information regarding the annual Love, Inc. "Turkey Drive". TLC "Christmas Gift Requests" have been posted. Items are due December 1st.

Inviting Folks In (Elsie Goulding) : Have received confirmation of Peace's support for Santa's chalet.

Property Report – Open.: Worked on leaf collection and removal. Will be doing tractor and building winterization soon. Contacted Granite Ridge again for adjusted snow removal proposal.

Vice-President's Report (John Monsen): The MET has decided to temporarily pause their activities pending contract proposal with Pastor Carol.

President's Report (Marilyn Hart): Prepared agenda for council meeting. Kept council members informed through email regarding current issues. Communicated with Pastor Carol at Synod regarding the meeting on November 2nd and reaching out to Nicole Farmer regarding baptism. Responded to an email from Christina Rowntree regarding wedding. Will send further information when available.

New Business: Reviewed feedback from 'town' hall meeting with Pastors Carol and Kristen. **Motion B. Stobber, seconded by S. McGinty to enter into contract with Pastor Carol Jeunnette to serve in a pastoral position at Peace. Motion carried.**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2024.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Knapton, seconded by E. Goulding. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m. **The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregational Budget Meeting November 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Marilyn Hart.

Sixteen members were present, and a quorum was declared.

The purpose of the meeting was to ratify the 2025 congregational operational budget proposed and adopted by the church council at their November 10, 2024, meeting.

Sean McGinty, church council treasurer, reviewed the budget line by line. Major changes are an increased property insurance premium, and a provision to replace the outdoor storage shed.

Janet McGinty spoke regarding increasing the amount budgeted for the music staff. She related that in her year and a half search for a music director, she has found that the average salary is approximately \$23.00 to \$26.00 per hour. She recommended a proposed \$7500.00 budget allotment to cover all music staff needs. **Motion by J. McGinty to make the \$7500.00 budget increase. Seconded by J. Monsen. Motion carried unanimously.**

The total amended budget proposed is \$103,939.00. **It was moved by J. McGinty and seconded by S. Ryd to approve the 2025 amended congregational budget. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by J. McGinty to adjourn. Seconded by C. Monsen. Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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.

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