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July 2025 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

July 2025

When I began writing Peaceful Ponderings last week, Israel was bombing Iran and vice versa. There were questions about whether or not the US would get involved. My choice was to ignore what was happening, and write about the lectionary and shifting to the Old Testament continuous lessons for the season of Pentecost. There is much to learn from Old Testament stories.

And then, Sunday morning, I woke up to the news that the US had bombed nuclear storage sites in Iran. Israel and Iran are trading missiles. And, of course, Iran is threatening the US. Our governmental leaders are in conflict: some applauding the bombing, others questioning its constitutionality, and still others criticizing the actions and pointing to unknown yet potentially dangerous consequences.

President Trump, this afternoon (Monday) announced that a cease-fire agreement had been reached.

Some folks are scared, assuming this is the beginning of World War III. Others believe nothing will change and fear is not needed. To be honest, I don't think there is any way to know what is happening, and what will happen in the future.

This is what I'm thinking right now:

1. My call is to stay connected to our God, who is, bottom line, on the side of life for all of creation.
2. My call is to participate in God's project of promoting life.
3. Getting caught up in fear and anxiety about potential threats is not life giving for me, or for others.
4. Pretending that there is no threat is not particularly helpful either.
5. I will be intentional about: praying for peace; calmly listening to those with whom I disagree and offering my thinking; spending more time writing than watching cable news.

The world is an anxious place right now. Those Old Testament stories we will consider this summer remind us that even when we turn from God, God does not desert us, but continues to offer possibilities that are life-giving. Don't forget: our God is the one who brings life out of death.

Peace, Pastor Carol

Help Needed

We are looking for 2-3 (or more) people to serve as an “Altar Care/Banner Group”.

We are also in need of volunteers to serve as worship assistants either as Readers or as Communion Assistants.

Training is available. Compensation is unmeasurable!

Contact Bev Stobber for more information. Thank you!

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. Originally, I was going to set times to do some wrestling together, but I have decided to work questions into sermons, and if more wrestling is desired we can set times. I can't guarantee final answers, but I'm always interested in engaging the questions. Peace - Pastor Carol



Pastor Carol Office Hours

Pastor Carol will be in the office on Wednesday mornings, July 2, 9, 16, and 23. She will be on vacation July 30 and August 6.



Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
May 2025	\$6,601.00	\$7,445.16	(\$844.16)
Year to Date	\$51,917.00	\$34,416.08	\$17,500.92

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship Assistants for July

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Fellowship Snacks	Counter
July 6	Sharon Ryd	Sharon Ryd	Elsie Goulding		Pam Mueller
July 13	Chris Monsen	Ken Christensen	Ken Christensen		Sean McGinty
July 20	Sharon Ryd	Renee Knapton	Renee Knapton		John Monsen
July 27	Renee Knapton	Bev Stobber	N/A		Sharon Ryd

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“Grow in Peace”

July Birthdays

Leslie Zahn—July 2

Chris Monsen—July 5

Terri Schildt—July 8

Sharon Ryd—July 15

Janet McGinty—July 22



July Anniversaries

Jennifer Muffick & Edward Drewitz—July 8

Tom & Karen Erhardt—July 24



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 August are due on Saturday, July 19.**



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.

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.

TLC Giving Baskets

There are no specific suggestions for the Giving Baskets for the summer. However, if you are inclined to make a monetary donation so they are able to buy more fresh foods, that would be much appreciated!



Welcome New Members!

We welcome new members to our Peace family!

Betty and Jack Olson

Nicole and Emma Farmer

Carol and John Jeunnette

Look for further introductions next month!

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Council Meeting, May 11, 2025

Council Members Present: E. Goulding, M. Hart, Pastor Carol Jeunnette, R. Knapton, S. McGinty, C. Monsen, J. Monsen, E. Sherry, B. Stobber.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by B. Stobber

Additions to Agenda: None

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

Pastor's Report: Reminded council of Synod Assembly and will be attending with Marilyn Hart. Premarital counseling for the Rowntree/Dosela wedding was held. Held new member orientation. The dates of June 8th, 22nd, and 29th are set for the three congregational workshops "Being Different Together" after worship. Will be on vacation July 27th and August 3rd. Renee Knapton and Marilyn will conduct the July 27th service. A pulpit supply pastor has not yet been obtained for August 3rd.

Secretary's Report (B. Stobber): Motion by J. Monsen, seconded by S. McGinty, to accept the 4/13 council meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty): Deposits for the month of January were \$6261.00. Expenses were \$4693.67. The net balance for the month is \$1567.33. Motion by J. Monsen, seconded by R. Knapton, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry): Purchased Easter plants. Decorated for the Easter season

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen): Dan Knapton will continue to lead the post service "Homily Hash" on Sundays from 10:15 to 10:45 when other activities are not scheduled.

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton): Plans for the Peaceful Pit Stop are moving along well. Many hours have already been claimed on the sign-up with two more Sundays yet to go. A new fellowship snack sign-up (July-September) will be posted. Hopefully by the end of June we will be getting the Lay Pastoral Care team updated,

Caring for the Community – (Elsie Goulding): TLC requests are posted.

Inviting Folks In – (Elsie Goulding): Birthday/anniversary and visitor cards continue to be sent

Property Report – Open: Prepared tractor for use. (Battery in, fresh gas in, made sure running ok).

Vice-President's Report (John Monsen): I have confirmation from two candidates for church council. Will continue to pursue..

President's Report (Marilyn Hart): Prepared agenda for council meeting, emails to all. Registered to attend Synod Assembly Sent the Memorandum of Understanding contract with Pastor Carol to the Synod.

Unfinished Business : Need disposal of paper folding machine and old computer.

New Business: Set date for final check in of "Healthy Start" workshop. Saturday June 21st, 9:30 to 11:30 am. Vote to accept persons who have requested membership, Jack & Betty Olson, Nicole Farmer, John & Pastor Carol Jeunnette. **Motion by C. Monsen to accept these individuals. Monsen, seconded by J. Monsen. Motion carried.** The annual meeting council member reports are due by May 18th.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2025.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Monsen, seconded by R. Knapton. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am. **The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.**

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting June 1, 2025

Present: Ken Christensen, Marilyn Hart, Renee Knapton, Chris Monsen, Sharon Ryd, Beverly Stobber

Meeting was called to order at 11:08 am by President Marilyn Hart.

All list of council positions available and a copy of the current council "Behavioral Contract" was given to each newly elected council member.

Initial indications for council positions were,

President – Marilyn Hart

Vice-President – Sharon Ryd

Secretary –

Treasurer – Sean McGinty

Nurturing the Faith – Worship – Bev Stobber

Nurturing the Faith – Education – Chris Monsen

Growing Relationships – Renee Knapton

Inviting Folks In –

Any or all of the above positions may change.

The next meeting of both the current and newly elected council is scheduled for June 15, 2025.

Council members will be installed during the June 15th worship service.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 am.

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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