



April 2023 Peacepipe

Good day.

I'm writing this just after returning from my friend Dan's funeral. Some of you remember us blessing a prayer shawl for him and one for his wife Leeann. Leeann told me that the shawl was laying on his legs when he died. She choked up. And I did too.

I met Dan the same day I met Thom at North Beach. Many years ago. I remember when Dan and Leeann started dating, their wedding, Mackenzie's birth, Christmas parties.

Dan was the kind of person who when he talked to you, you were the most important person in the room. A good conversationalist, an interested listener. When we had our group over last year, he was so interested in what I was doing; he wanted to hear about Peace and my ministry here. I wanted to hear about him and his health and he was so hopeful for his recovery.

We know parents will die. We know our aunts and uncles and grandparents will die.

But it is unsettling to lose a friend (or a spouse/friend). Many of you know what it's like to lose a friend, a spouse. It's difficult. Life changing.

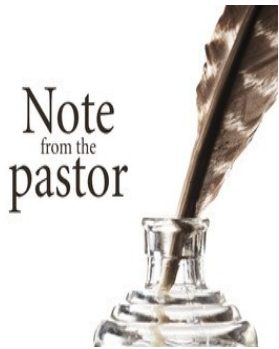
I can't imagine what it must have been like for the disciples and for Jesus' family and other friends to experience those last days of Jesus....

Someone so good and so promising snapped off in the prime of his life. Seemingly final.

How alarming. Unfathomable. Bewildering.



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I cannot even imagine.

The future must have looked so bleak. All the hopes and dreams and possibilities shot down.

I'm sure you can relate on some level.

A moment frozen in time.

How could they stand, support, watch the ridiculous trial with people planted in the audience to call for Barabbas' freedom. Awful. Frustrating. Maddening.

But it played out just as God knew it would. And Jesus too.

Those three days..... I can't imagine.

Then.

The news...

Don't play with me.

It's true!

It can't be.

It is.

Together in the waiting, Pastor Susan



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 p.m. (**Please note change**).
- Peacepipe articles by the Saturday after the Church Council meeting (they meet the 2nd Sunday of the month).

Peacepipe articles for the month of May are due April 22nd. Please email all articles to peacelca@gmail.com.

Pastor Susan's Office Hours



Pastor Susan's office hours at Peace are every Wednesday from 12:30 p.m.— 3:30 p.m. No appointment necessary. Stop in to visit with her!

*Staff Office Hour 12:30 - 1:30.

Homily Hash... For 2023, I am leading a discussion after the service. I am calling it "Homily Hash." The name says most of it. A homily is a talk for spiritual enlightenment. A hash is an abstract data type that maps keys to value. My hope is that all may take away a little more, by sharing the message that they received, during today's homily, which can enlighten others in the group. So please join us by the round table in the narthex for fellowship and a good hash. Dan



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with any joys,
sorrows, prayer
requests etc.

Growing Relationships

Please contact Jim Smith by phone (262-332-9189) or by e-mail jkae1203@gmail.com with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members. Jim Smith has agreed to take on the role in this area, but if you are interested in this position, please contact a current council member

Flowers on the Altar

If you would like to decorate Peace Lutheran with flowers on the altar for a special occasion, please sign-up in the Narthex on the bulletin board (noting the special occasion), send an email to peacelca@gmail.com, purchase your own flowers, and bring them to Peace on the Sunday you would like and place them on the altar.



PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care Team

How can we help YOU?
Our new commission is to GROW IN PEACE

We are here to make pastoral visits in the event that Pastor Susan may not be available. The team consists of 3 members of the congregation. We've met and learned how best to serve the needs of those among us who are in need - of meals, visits, prayers, a listening ear; and to bring Communion to shut-ins.

If you are in need of, or just want, a visit from one of us, please contact us!

Bev Stobber
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Church Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is April 16th at 10am—after worship service.

A Small Family
of Christian
Believers
Working to
“Grow in Peace”



April Birthdays

Kent Zahn—April 15
Sean McGinty—April 17
Jennifer Muffick—April 23
Gary Schlidt—April 30



April Wedding Anniversaries

Bill & Elsie Goulding—April 11th

Finance Report

	Receipts	Expenses	Net Balance
February	\$11,583.93	\$13,227.63	\$ (1,643.70)
Year to Date	\$29,182.52	\$22,922.41	\$ 6,260.11

2022—2023 Peace Lutheran Church Council

President --- Bev Stobber
 Secretary --- Sharon Ryd
 Nurturing the Faith – Worship --- Elsie Goulding
 Nurturing the Faith – Education --- Jim Smith
 Growing Relationships --- Jim Smith
 Caring for the Community --- Peggy Paynter
 Inviting People In --- Elaine Sherry
 Property --- Chuck Strehlow

Vice-President --- Jim Hart
 Treasurer --- Janet McGinty



Worship Assistants for April

DATE	COUNCIL PERSON IN CHARGE	LECTOR	COUNTER
April 2	Janet McGinty	Sharon Ryd	Peggy Paynter
April 9	Charles Strehlow	Sean McGinty	Sean McGinty
April 16	Jim Hart	Kent Zahn	John Monsen
April 23	Bev Stober	Beverly Stobber	Sharon Ryd
April 30	Jim Smith	Janet McGinty	John Monsen



Meet Coffee Farmer Sara Pallangyo

Already a coffee farmer, Sara joined the Mt. Meru Specialty Coffee Growers Association as part of a Women Farmers Initiative organized at the Makumira Processing Center. She felt the training available and the support of other women farmers would help her as a single farmer. Her farm consists of only one acre at 4,460 ft. elevation up Mt. Meru.

After joining and attending the training, she has added 87 coffee trees of an improved variety and plans to harvest next season for the first time since joining the Association. Sara says she learned how to grow coffee more efficiently at training, and plans for the future include uprooting the old trees and reducing the amount of shading.

Providing for her six children and grandchildren is motivating Sara's hard work on the coffee farm, and she is counting on better providing for her family through her proceeds. The training provided by the Project and Association prepared her, she believes, for better crops and a better life for her and her family.

Thank you for supporting the Mt Meru Coffee Project. Buy from the display or order from me.

~Chris Monsen



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Council Meeting

February 12, 2023

Council Members Present: Pastor Susan, Beverly Stobber, Jim Hart, Jim Smith, Peggy Paynter, Janet McGinty, Elsie Goulding and Elaine Sherry. Not present: Sharon Ryd and Chuck Strehlow.

Opening Prayer: Led by Pastor Susan

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Additions: New Business- (Property)- replacement of flag, and Synod Report (Janet), Old Business - New church secretary (Jim H.).

Motion by J. Hart to approve agenda as amended, seconded by J. Smith.

Pastors Report:

- Some highlights:
- Thank you to Sharon Ryd for her help assisting Carol Fischer, with bulletins for Jerry Koch's funeral.
- Pastor, along with Bev Stobber, visited Jean Anderson and her family and gave Communion.
- Thank you to Janet McGinty for covering music on January 22, 2023. Had a Worship Committee meeting with Elsie and Katiann.

Secretary (Sharon Ryd):

Motion by J. Hart to accept the January 8, 2023 minutes and the January 22, 2023 Annual Budget Meeting minutes, seconded by J. Smith.

Treasurer's Report (Janet McGinty):

- We are \$8,500.00 in the black.
- Purchased 2-year warranty on cable for new computer for the church secretary. The Edy Landry and Linda Pringle memorial funds were used for this.
- Transferred \$100 to Women's Fund from the Jerry Koch funeral.
- Transferred \$100 to Jim Stobber Memorial Fund from Bev Stobber.

Motion by J. Smith and seconded by P. Paynter to accept the treasurer's report.

Nurturing the Faith - Worship (Elsie):

- Ash Wednesday service February 22 at 7:00 p.m.
- There will be Lenten Soup Luncheons beginning Wed., March 1 at noon, with service starting at 1:00. A sign up sheet will be posted in the narthex.
- Maundy Thursday service, Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. and Good Friday service Friday, April 7 at 1:00 p.m.
- Easter breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 8:30, and church service 9:00 a.m., Sunday, April 9.

Nurturing the Faith - Education (Jim Smith):

- Possible movie - "Cokeville Miracle" to view on either a Saturday or Sunday evening.
- 4 week series on Martin Luther (brought up by Pastor Susan) might be of interest to church members to view.

Growing Relationships (open):

- No Report

Caring for the Community (Peggy Paynter):

- No Report

Inviting Folks in (Elaine Sherry):

- Sent out Valentine's Day cards to shut ins and other members.
- Will send out Easter Breakfast Potluck/Easter Service invitations.

Property Report (Chuck Strehlow):

- . No report

Vice President's Report (Jim Hart):

- Will need to start on nominations for up coming open positions on church council.
- Suggested a spread sheet showing who has been on church council, when and what spot they filled, plus who is now on church council and what spot they are filling and when their
- Questioning how many hours per week does the new church secretary put in and does she proofread her work. It was stated that she put in 10 hours for the past two weeks, so approximately 5 hours so far per week, but this can change with added bulletins, etc., and Pastor Susan does go over her work and try to catch any errors, etc.

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President's Report (Bev Stobber):

- Replacement of outside flag. Should we reinvest in a new one. The flag is costly. Would replacing the flag with some sort of outdoor signage we have be just as affective? At the present we will hold off of replacing the flag.

Unfinished Business:

- Could extra chairs in the sanctuary be taken downstairs, and chairs that need repairs be gotten rid of.
- Synod Report - some remaining questions were answered by church council members and the remaining questions will be completed by Pastor, Janet and Carol.

New Business:

- Former Youth Room downstairs is being cleaned up by Chris and John Monsen.
- Ceiling tiles will be replaced with new tiles and old tiles will be available to youth or anyone wishing to hold onto them.
- The former youth room will be made into a conference room for Pastor, if needed, or for others to use as the need arises.
- A member asked if we as a church could donate funds to the Turkey/Syria Relief Fund.
- It was suggested that an announcement be put in the church bulletin that a special offering with be collected next Sunday (Feb. 19th) for this cause and we will supplement it up to \$100. This money to be taken out of the church Benevolent Fund. **A motion made**
- **by J. Hart and seconded by J. Smith to do this.**
- Note: Our next Church Council meetings will be : Sunday, March 19, & Sunday, April 16.
- Annual Church Meeting is set for Sunday, June 4th.
- Annual reports will need to be written and sent to Carol after our May Council meeting.

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 19, 2023

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion by J. McGinty adjourn, and seconded by P. Paynter.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:SS a.m. Respectfully

submitted,

Elaine Sherry, Secretary Pro tempore



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Church Council - We are in need of 5 people to fill 2-year positions on council this year. Once on council, positions are selected by the council members themselves. We all know that our numbers are small, so please prayerfully consider serving. Please contact Bev Stobber or Jim Hart with any questions or concerns. Most positions only involve a few hours a month. Thank you."

Holy Week Opportunities



April 2nd, Palm Sunday—9:00 am

April 6th, Maundy Thursday Service
w/Communion—7:00 pm



April 7th, Good Friday Service—1:00 pm

Easter Sunday Service w/Communion—9:00 am
(Easter breakfast at 7:30 am.)



*He is not here:
for he is **Risen**,
as he said.*