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April 2024 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

I love Easter. I loved it as a kid. I didn't love Easter because we got new clothes. We were too poor for that. I didn't love Easter because I heard great choirs sing. The church of my childhood was too small for that. I loved Easter because that little congregation would always begin by singing "Low in the grave, he lay, Jesus my Savior." Then as we got to the refrain, the congregation would shout together:

*Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes,
Hallelujah! Christ arose.*

Even as a kid it seemed clear to me that Christ was alive. When Satan had done his worst, God reared back and did his best—He raised his only Son from the dead. But here's the best news. That same power that stirred in the soul of Jesus on that great "getting-up" morning is available to you and me. We who are dead in our trespasses and sins can find new life in Christ. We who are walking through the valley of the shadow of death can find a Savior who walks beside us. We, who quit living before we died, settled down to just survive, who are still marking time, but missing life—we, too, can rise again! "For Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

Brad Paisley has a Country song with lyrics:

*When I get where I'm going, there'll be only happy tears.
I will shed the sins and struggles I've carried all these years.
And I'll leave my heart wide open, I will love and have no fear.
When I get where I'm going, don't cry for me down here.*

So whatever you are facing today, don't be defeated. Don't wave the white flag of surrender. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead will give you eternal life. Sickness does not come to stay, it comes to pass. No trouble enjoys eternal life. Every problem has a life span. Christians do not live "under the circumstances." They stand on the promises.

Maybe you're tired. Maybe you're broken. Maybe you need assurance of eternal life. Maybe you just want to say with Peter, "I love you Lord."

"Arise, my love. Arise, my love. The grave no longer has a hold on you."

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. And because Christ is risen, we shall rise also!

Your Co-worker in Christ,

Pastor Grant D. Quever

Inclusion/Exclusion Series Finale

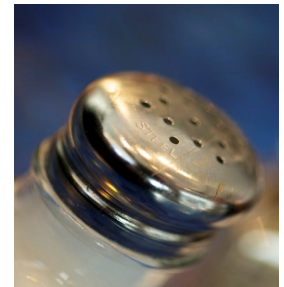
The final installment in Janet’s meditations on inclusion & exclusion will take place after worship on Sunday, April 7.

Mid-Day Women’s Gathering

The Mid-Day Women’s Gathering will meet for lunch at Napoli’s Restaurant (132 N. Pine Street) on Wednesday April 10th at 11:30 a.m. Join with us as we plan for the Annual Potluck Salad Supper in May. Date TBA.

Salt Shaker Meals

Salt shaker meals were originally intended to 'mix up' several groups of people in the congregation who maybe didn't yet know each other by having them gather for a dinner in cozy groups of 8. This idea finally disappeared because 8 people couldn't get a single date to work for all of them! Now salt shaker meals have had the format changed. Now one person or a couple picks a date and invites everyone from the congregation for a potluck meal. Whoever is available on that date can make it. There was also a time at Peace when we had monthly card game nights and the like. What we'd like to do is offer the possibility each month of a gathering of some sort outside of Sunday morning services. Whether it be a meal, a game night (or day), ditto for a movie, a bonfire, a Brewer game or any other event of your choice! Look for a sign-up (yea! another sign-up!) in the narthex for such events. Questions? Contact Renee Knapton 262-492-0718/
reeneknapton@gmail.com OR see me at Sunday service.



2023-2024 Church Council

President --- Marilyn Hart Vice-President --- John Monsen
 Secretary --- Bev Stobber Treasurer --- Janet 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 --- Bev Stobber
 Property --- open

Church Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m.

2023-2024
 Church
 Council
 Members



Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
February 2024	\$5,504.00	\$6,210.93	\$(616.93)
Year to Date	\$20,751.00	\$12,921.25	\$7,829.75

Worship Assistants for April

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Counter
April 7	Janet McGinty	Sharon Ryd	Bev Stobber	Sharon Ryd
April 14	Elaine Sherry	Janet McGinty	Elaine Sherry	Sean McGinty
April 21	John Monsen	Pam Mueller	Bev Stobber	John Monsen
April 28	Marilyn Hart	Sean McGinty	Elaine Sherry	Sharon Ryd

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“Grow in Peace”



Altar Flowers

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 flowers, and bring them to Peace on the Sunday you would like and place them on the altar.

April Birthdays

April 17—Sean McGinty

April 23—Jennifer Muffick

April 30—Gary Schildt

April Anniversaries

April 11—Bill & Elsie Goulding



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 May are due Saturday, April 20.**



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.

Fun Days to Celebrate this Month!

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| April 1—April Fools’ Day | April 16—Good Deeds Day |
| April 3—National Inspiring Joy Day | April 20—Volunteer Recognition Day |
| April 5—National Self Care Day | April 22—Earth Day |
| April 10—National Hug Your Dog Day | April 23—World Table Tennis Day |
| April 11—National Barbershop Quartet Day | April 25—School Bus Drivers’ Day |
| April 14—National Pecan Day | April 28—Global Pay It Forward Day |

TLC Giving Baskets

The most needed items for March and April are crackers, cereal, peanut butter, and healthy snacks for kids. Thank you!

FUN
Days
In
April!

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting February 11, 2024

Council Members Present: Elsie Goulding, , Renee Knapton, Janet McGinty, Chris Monsen, John Monsen, Pastor Quever, Elaine Sherry, Bev Stobber Excused, M. Hart

The meeting was called to order at 10:23 a.m. by Vice-President J. Monsen.

Opening Prayer: Led by J. Monsen

Additions to Agenda: None

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

Pastor's Report: Has visited both Bill Goulding and Mary Lueder with communion. Has met with Kerry for some worship service changes and regarding Wednesday noon Lenten devotion services.

Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber) Minutes of the January 14th and February 4th council meetings along with the February Congregational meeting minutes were presented. **Motion by J. McGinty, seconded by R. Knapton to accept the Feb. 4th congregational meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. Motion by J. McGinty, seconded by C. Monsen to accept the January 14th council meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried. Motion by J. McGinty, seconded by R. Knapton to accept the council minutes of Feb. 4th as presented. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report (Janet McGinty) Deposits for the month of December were \$15,203.00. Expenses were \$6,800.32, leaving a positive balance of \$8,402.68. **Motion by C. Monsen, seconded by E. Goulding to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**

W-2 and 1099 forms were sent out. The Synod congregation report was completed and filed. Pastor Quever's current PACT covenant lists salary of \$10,000.00/yr and housing of \$20,000.00/yr. He requests that the covenant be amended to Salary of \$6,000.00/yr. and housing of \$24,000.00/yr. This request will be investigated. A request was received from the city and town of Burlington fire departments regarding a donation for a "fire safety education program" for primary grade students. Peace Lutheran's name would be listed in the program materials. **Motion by E. Sherry to use \$105.00 from the benevolence fund for this program. Second by C. Monsen. Motion carried.** The church's membership list was reviewed. Persons who have not communed or given a contribution of record during the previous two preceding years will be removed. Pastor Quever will place phone call where there is a question.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry): Sign-up sheets for the Noon Lenten soup lunches have been posted.. The cost for Easter flowers will be investigated.

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen): Dan Knapton will continue the Homily Hash discussions after Sunday service during February. Janet McGinty will lead a program of Lenten Education in March.

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton): The communities of Burlington, Rochester, and Waterford have been contacted as to where we might participate in a manner that would promote Peace Lutheran Church. Renee will place an article in the PeacePipe explaining "Salt Shaker Meals" or Gatherings. A sign-up sheet will be posted to determine interest.

Caring for the Community (Bev Stobber): The giving Baskets requests for March & April will be posted in the Peacepipe & Sunday bulletins.

Inviting Folks In – (Elsie Goulding): Tom and Carrie Fitzpatrick have expressed their desire for membership at Peace.

Property Report – Open: We Energies will be changing the church's gas meter on Feb. 12th Jim Hart is planning on removing the box elder tree on the south side of the parking lot near the shed.

Vice-President's Report (John Monsen) No report.

President's Report (Marilyn Hart): Sent monthly list of tasks agreed upon at last council meeting. Worked with all to have a very successful workshop on Jan. 20th. Still gathering info from workshop to share with Pastor Carol. Contacted church secretary about a few changes for weekly bulletins. Reported that Kerry will be available to play live for the Ash Wednesday service and for the Wed. afternoon services during Lent.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting February 11, 2024, continued

Unfinished Business: The transfer request of Pastor Susan and Tom Bowen was successfully completed.

Janet reported that 24 families pledged to give \$38,425.00 to replace the parking lot. A deposit of \$15,00.00 was paid in April 2022 and the balance of \$48,426.00 was paid in July 2022.

\$63,426.00 Total Cost

-\$42,010.00 Pledges Given

\$21,416.00

-\$27,536.00 Money transfer from Walbrandt Memorial

\$6160.00 Amount remaining in Parking Lot Fund (These funds will be used to seal the parking lot this summer).

New Business: Bev will take the first steps to open the Ministry Site Profile. Feb. 25th will be New Member Sunday. The Council meeting for May will be rescheduled to May 19th due to Mother's Day on May 12th.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2024

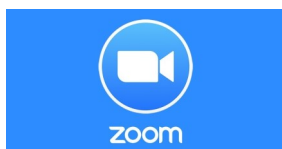
Motion to adjourn made by McGinty, seconded by R. Knapton., Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.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/>.

