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August 2023 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

People of Peace,

I love the way that sounds, as a way of addressing our congregation. Peace, as a way of life, if a lofty goal and I'm happy that it is in our name as a reminder of the type of Christians we strive to be.

I will try to keep everyone informed as to what is currently going on at Peace. I know, from experience, that when I was not on council, I would often feel left out of what is happening in the moment. Perhaps that is a safe place for you to be right now, but if not, I will try to keep you updated. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me.

In the middle of July we bid farewell to Pastor Susan Bowen who served our church for the past several years. As we begin the process of finding a new pastor, we will be blessed with the leadership of several supply pastors in the area. The council will work hard to find available pastors for each week. If there is no one available, we will do as we have in the past and hold a Service of the Word, led by one of our members. We sincerely hope that we will be able to have a supply pastor at most of our services.

Until we secure a long-term commitment from a pastor, we will rely on our Lay Pastoral Care Team to help with the needs of our members. As of now, the team consists of 3 people (Bev Stobber, Renee Knapton, and Marilyn Hart), but we'd love to add people to the team!

Right now, there's not much to share about where we are in the process of finding a new pastor. I've you've never been through this, please be aware that it is a slow and thorough process with many steps along the way. The council is in constant communication with the Synod and each other. We will follow all suggestions of the Synod.

I am hopeful that our church will continue to thrive, and I am confident that many of you share this hope. To that end, a change in pastor requires the help of many members in a variety of ways, some of which are listed below.

1. We will soon need members to form a Call Committee, who will meet and help to find a new pastor, with the help of the Synod.
2. We have 3 open seats on our church council. Please prayerfully consider joining to help make decisions for our church.
3. As mentioned above, please consider joining the Lay Pastoral Care Team, who will see to the needs of members who are in poor health or unable to attend church. We also can bring communion to members at home. If you want to step up and join us, please do!

Peaceful Ponderings...continued

In a recent sermon, we heard about the heavy burden we carry when we try to drag around our yoke. The reference was made to that “boulder” that continually needs to be pushed up the hill because, once we get it to the top, it inevitably rolls back down. We, the Peace Lutheran Church family, need to keep pushing our boulder back up as ours seems to have rolled back down the hill again. Jesus asks us to come to Him for rest, to take up His easy and burden-free yoke. Let us trust in the Lord as He works with us to bring peace in our lives by lightening our burden as we lay it at His feet. We will get through this and work joyfully (and peacefully!) to make choices that best meet our needs.

I look forward to journeying with you through the month of August. I’m curious what we might learn from our Sundays together with new pastors & speakers. I welcome the times we gather together, as members of Peace and out in the community, sharing and bringing our faith, joy, and PEACE into all aspects of our lives.

Always thankful for your prayers,
Marilyn Hart
Council President



August Guest Preachers!

August 6: **Renee Knapton &**

Marilyn Hart

August 13: **Pastor Carolyn Fredricksen**

August 20: **Pastor Jane Fryda**

August 27: **Pastor Jane Fryda**

August is National Wellness Month

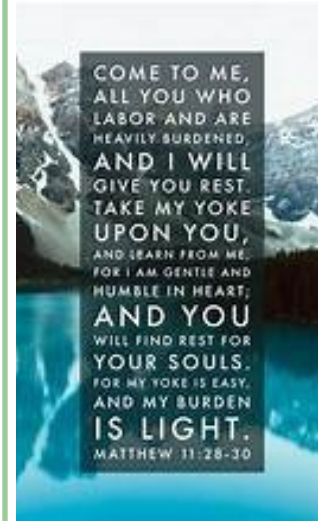
National Wellness Month focuses on self-care, managing stress and promoting healthy routines. Create wholesome habits in your lifestyle all month long and see how much better you feel!

Research has shown self-care helps manage stress and promotes happiness. Whether you challenge yourself to a new yoga pose or try a different spa treatment, make a small change and impact your health in positive ways.

There are numerous ways to make those small changes, too.

- Increase your water intake.
- Add more fruits and veggies to your meals.
- Monitor your sleep and make adjustments for better sleep habits
- Join a yoga, walking, or aerobics class.
- Learn to meditate.

These small steps can lead to many more healthy habits in your lifestyle.





Pastoral Care Team

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

The Lay Pastoral Care Team is here to visit our members in need while we search for a new pastor.

We've met and learned how best to serve those among us who are in need of meals, visits, prayers, and to bring Communion to shut-ins.

If you want a visit, OR if you want to join the team, please contact us!

Bev Stobber

Marilyn Hart

Renee Knapton

262-210-9249

262-492-9696

262-492-0718

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.

Church Council Meeting

The next Church Council Meeting will be Sunday, August 13 at 10:00 a.m.



August Birthdays

Sue Koch—August 9

John Monsen—August 11

Samantha Sweeney—August 12

Kerry Bieneman—August 16

Richard Paynter—August 18

Adam Bieneman—August 22

Sandy Strehlow—August 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 the month of September are due Saturday, August 19th .**



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 am and Yoga on Fridays at 1 pm.

BSC 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 (BSC) 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 like Bowling, Pickle Ball, Softball, or Volleyball. BSC offers a Jam Session, an in-house Library, Meals on Wheels, & more. For information, call 262-716-0329.



Fun Days to Celebrate this Month!

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| Aug 3: Watermelon Day | Aug 19: National Aviation Day |
| Aug 4: International Beer Day | Aug 20: World Honeybee Day |
| Aug 8: Happiness Happens Day | Aug 22: Be An Angel Day |
| Aug 13: Left-Handers Day | Aug 26: Women’s Equality Day |
| Aug 15: National Relaxation Day | Aug 30: Toasted Marshmallow Day |
| Aug 17: National Black Cat Appreciation Day | Aug 31: Eat Outside Day |

FUN
Days
In
AUGUST!



1. Mt. Meru, Tanzania



2. Coffee fields at Mt. Meru



Mt. Meru Coffee Update!

Mt. Meru Coffee Project, Inc.

The Processing Centers continue to improve their operations and capital facilities thereby enhancing the quantity and quality of their coffee harvest.

The Centers have dedicated a portion of their coffee sales for these improvements, and we have been able to assist these farmer coops through generous contributions from our supporters.

NIA and SILK, have completed storage buildings to protect de-pulped parchment coffee from the elements before being shipped to the mill, and Mlimani has completed a water well to ensure a secure and consistent water supply for de-pulping and fermentation, improving the consistency of the process.

Join us at mtmerucoffee.org or send contributions to:

Mt Meru Coffee Project

PO Box 313

Waukesha, WI 53187

ASANTE SANA RAFIKI (Thank you friends)

TLC Picnic—Sunday, August 20

On Sunday August 20 between 12:00-2:00, Peace will be hosting a picnic at the Transitional Living Center in Burlington. We will need food donations, and we will keep you updated on the specific items we will need.

If you're able to join us to serve, mingle & play bingo, we'll need up to 6 volunteers for this fun afternoon! Put it on your calendar, and let a council member know if you are interested.

Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
June 2023	\$6,865.29	\$8,591.36	\$1,726.07
Year to Date 2023	\$61,862.29	\$57,433.44	\$4,428.85



Thank you all for your continued and faithful giving.

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) --- open
 Growing Relationships --- Renee Knapton
 Inviting People In --- Elsie Goulding
 Caring for the Community --- Bev Stobber
 Property --- open

2023-2024

Church

Council

Members

Worship Assistants for August

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Counter
Aug 6	Bev Stobber	Bev Stobber	Sharon Ryd
Aug 13	Elaine Sherry	Marilyn Hart	John Monsen
Aug 20	John Monsen	Sean McGinty	Sean McGinty
Aug 27	Janet McGinty	Janet McGinty	Sharon Ryd



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting June 11, 2023

Council Members Present: Pastor Susan Bowen, Elsie Goulding, Marilyn Hart, Janet McGinty, John Monsen, Renee Knapton, Elaine Sherry, Jim Smith, Bev Stobber

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. by Pres. M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by Pastor Susan

Approval of Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda. Motion by J. McGinty to approve agenda as presented, seconded by R. Knapton. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Thanked Sean and Marilyn for their homilies on May 21 st and June 4 th .
- Attended Synod Assembly
- Summarized continuing education activities.
- Related Pastoral Care, Administration, and other happenings of the past month

Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber)

Minutes of May 14, 2023, and June 4, 2023, were presented. Correction was made to attach the May Pastor's Report to the May 14 minutes. The June 4 special meeting minutes were corrected to indicate that Kerry Bieman was selected as the church secretary. Motion by J. McGinty to accept both minutes as amended, seconded by J. Smith. Motion carried.

Motion by J. McGinty to accept the minutes of the June 4, 2023, Congregational meeting, seconded by J. Monsen. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Janet McGinty)

We finished the month of May with a balance of \$9068.00, an increase of \$1002.00 from April. The balance for the year is a positive \$6235.00.

It was decided that an overage of Pastor's Continuing Education budget will be absorbed in her Conference Expenses fund.

Motion by J. Monsen, Seconded by B. Stobber to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry)

- Our June 18 th service will be held inside that we may celebrate with Katiann her last day with us.
- Pastor Jane Fryda will preside for Sunday services on June 25 th and July 2 while Pastor Susan is on vacation.

Nurturing the Faith - Education

Jim Smith has decided to accept the vacant Property council position. It was decided that this position will be filled by various volunteers. Many suggestions for movies, books, etc. were put forward.

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton)

- Will meet with Pastor Susan to try and resurrect the Lay Pastoral Care Team and determine how they can be of service to ease Pastor's workload.
- The Congregational Council Behavior Covenant that was first instituted with Pastor Carol five years ago was discussed and will be further addressed at the July 9 meeting.

Caring for the Community (Bev Stobber)

Bev will oversee this council committee. The current basket collections will be delivered soon. We have a great relationship with TLC and hope to provide some type of meal for their residents sometime this summer.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Meeting June 11, 2023, continued

Inviting Folks In – Elsie Goulding

Will continue to send cards to shut-ins, etc. Ideas of a possible blood drive location site and an ice social event were discussed to increase our image.

Property (Jim Smith)

Thank you to Jim for taking on this important position. He will meet with Chuck Strehlow to determine most immediate needs besides the hanging limb and need for railing repair.

Vice-President's Report (John Monsen)

A sign-up sheet for Council Member in Charge scheduling was distributed.

President's Report (Marilyn Hart)

- Council meetings will continue to be held after Sunday services the second Sunday of the month.
- Marilyn hopes to send out a post-meeting summary of items discussed.

Unfinished Business

- Church Musician – The description and compensation for church musician has been placed on the church website and face book. Pastor Susan will place on the synod ListServ. Janet will try to contact local music marts to seek possible connections.
- Janet relayed many of the GMS convention happenings. The focus of the event was diversity. Results of an Authentic Diversity Survey highlighted areas of communication, self-awareness, identity, increased gender awareness, openness and synod involvement. Janet will send all council members the survey questions, compile our answers and send to the Synod.

New Business

- Chuck Strehlow has requested to resign from the council. Requests will be made for volunteers to complete the two vacant council positions.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Motion to adjourn made by J. Monsen, seconded by R. Knapton. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Special Meeting, June 18, 2023

Council Members Present: Pastor Susan Bowen, Elsie Goulding, Marilyn Hart, John Monsen, Elaine Sherry, Jim Smith, Bev Stobber

Members Absent: Renee Knapton, Janet McGinty

Opening Prayer: Led by Pastor Susan

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

Pastor Susan Bowen submitted her letter of resignation effective Sunday July 16, 2023. Her last day in the church office will be July 12, 2023. In response to the question, she stated that the Greater Milwaukee Synod office had been notified.

Pastor Susan read and presented copies of her resignation letter to the council members present. She will send copies to all the other members of the church.

Pastor then explained some of her reasons for leaving and shared her thoughts about the future of Peace Church. There was no discussion.

Motion by J. Monsen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Smith. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Council members closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary