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December 2023 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

A Christmas Response

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. . . for the mighty one has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Luke 1:46, 49

A high school senior has studied hard and made good grades in preparation for applying for college—the first in his family to do so. He applies to college and is accepted; even receiving a partial scholarship. But even with the scholarship and what he can earn from an on-campus job, he still cannot afford the balance of the expenses. An anonymous benefactor hears of the situation and promises to supply the needed funds for the next four years. Overwhelmed with gratitude, the student works hard and graduates near the top of his class four years later.

In one sense, gifts require nothing—they are given unconditionally. Yet there is something in human gratitude that wants to respond. There is an impulse that says, "I want to demonstrate that I understand the wonderful thing you have done for me." The teenage Mary, mother of Jesus, responded that way when the angel Gabriel told her she would be the mother of Jesus. She couldn't imagine at that moment, how to respond other than to say, "I am ready to do your will Lord." That is the response of a grateful heart.

May our lives also be an overflowing fountain of thanksgiving for all the many wonderful gifts that come our way each and every day; and at Christmas let us respond in kind offering back our of gratitude with great joy and thankfulness for our Savior Jesus Christ!

With warmth, love and every good wish for you at Christmas—your co-worker in Christ,

Pastor Grant Quever

Christmas Choir Dec 17 9:00 a.m.

Come enjoy some beautiful music as the Peace Choir, along with the choir from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Kenosha, presents our Christmas mini-cantata!

Rather than performing a full cantata this year, the choirs will be singing four songs (pulled from cantatas of the past) throughout the worship service on Saturday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m. at Lord of Life, and on Sunday, December 17 at Peace. It should be a lovely celebration of the Christmas season in song. Please come!



Christmas Eve Service 11/24 9:00 a.m.

This year, Christmas Eve coincides with the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Sunday, December 24. In an effort to have a live musician at our Christmas Eve service, we will be celebrating at the regular service time of 9:00 a.m. (instead of the regular afternoon/evening service). Kerry will be able to provide live music at this time. Please join us!

2023-2024 Church Council

President --- Marilyn Hart
Secretary --- Bev Stobber

Vice-President --- John Monsen
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

2023-2024

Church

Council

Members

Church Council Meeting

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



Mt. Meru Coffee Holiday Flavors Available

The Mt Meru Coffee Project selections for the holidays are now available. They include the Christmas Traditions blend, the Holiday Sampler, and a new sampler of four non-flavored coffees. Some are available to purchase from the narthex display and I am happy to order any of them, or any of the other flavors and blends for you. Please let me know what you would like. Asante sana for sup-

Mid-Day Women's Gathering

Join us for the Mid-Day Women's Gathering on Wednesday, December 13th at 11:30 a.m. at Elaine Sherry's home—513 Storle Avenue, Burlington. Bring your own lunch and beverage; dessert will be provided. Elaine will be presenting a program on her Swedish heritage.

Syber Soul Support Group

The Syber Soul Support Group was formed at the end of 2020, when we'd all been separated from each other for the better part of a year and were in some serious need of emotional support. The group's name includes the word 'cyber', meaning online versus in person, but of course has a twist for effect when using the initials SSSG. A small group of members of our church got together (in person!) in December of 2020 to decide what it was that we were looking for from this group and how we wanted to go about achieving it... We now come together monthly to discuss various topics, some troubling/some happy, that affect us all and we share how we each deal with them. We also look for scriptures to support us in our endeavors, and scriptures never fail us.

Topics that were discussed in 2023 were New Year's resolutions (yes, we all feel the same about those!); love in many different aspects; free will; Easter; motherhood (fatherhood snuck in there a bit, too); relaxation - how hard it is to come by and how we might feel guilty about it; how to deal with disappointment; a book entitled, "The Book of Longings", a novel told from the perspective of Jesus' fictional wife; our labors; and how we deal with jealousy or envy. Anything that one member shares with the others in the group is kept in strict confidence as it's meant to be a safe place to share anything. We usually meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and alternate hosting at our homes. If you would like to know more, please contact Renee Knapton @ 262-492-0718.





The Chosen Season 3

Join us for Season 3 of *The Chosen*!

December 3—Ep. 7, Ears to Hear

December 17—Ep. 8, Sustenance



Advent By Candlelight

We enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of fellowship and Christmas carols on November 26 with our annual Advent by Candlelight. It was great to hear the backstory of some of our favorite hymns, sing the hymns together, and enjoy some wonderful treats! Thank you to everyone who helped make this a very special afternoon.



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



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
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Marilyn Hart
262-492-9696

Renee Knapton
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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.

TLC Giving Baskets

The most needed item for our TLC giving baskets this month is toilet paper. Other donations are always welcome. Thank you for your generosity!

December Birthdays

Elsie Goulding—Dec 2

Elaine Sherry—Dec 2

Sara Hickethier—Dec 9

Chuck Strehlow—Dec 19

December Anniversaries

Jim & Marilyn Hart—Dec 31



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 January are due Saturday, December 16.**



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 Yoga on Fridays at 1:30 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!

Dec 4—Walt Disney Day

Dec 6—Mitten Tree Day

Dec 12—Gingerbread House Day

Dec 17—Wright Brothers' First Flight Anniversary

Dec 20—Go Caroling Day

Dec 21—Don't Make Your Bed Day

Dec 24—Christmas Eve (church at 9:00 a.m.)

Dec 25—Christmas Day

Dec 26—National Whiners' Day

Dec 31—New Year's Eve



FUN
Days
In
December!

Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
October 2023	\$6,670.00	\$6,624.75	\$45.25
Year to Date 2023	\$90,952.29	\$77,163.85	\$13,788.44



Thank you for your generous and timely gifts.

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.

Worship Assistants for December

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Counter
Dec 3	Elaine Sherry	Pam Mueller	Peggy Paynter
Dec 10	Bev Stobber	Janet McGinty	Sean McGinty
Dec 17	John Monsen	Sean McGinty	John Monsen
Dec 24	Marilyn Hart	Bev Stobber	Sharon Ryd
Dec 31	Chris Monsen	Sharon Ryd	John Monsen



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting October 15, 2023

Council Members Present: Elsie Goulding, Marilyn Hart, Renee Knapton, Janet McGinty, Chris Monsen, John Monsen, Elaine Sherry, Bev Stobber

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

Opening Prayer: Led by Renee Knapton

Approval of Agenda: The purchase of Advent devotions was added under education. Motion by J. McGinty to approve agenda as amended, seconded by C. Monsen. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber): Motion by J. Monsen to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by J. McGinty. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Janet McGinty): We finished the month of September with a balance of \$5777.64. The balance for the year to date is a positive \$12776.86. We received \$120.00 in interest from the money market account. Motion by R. Knapton, seconded by J. Monsen to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Janet will give each council member a copy of this year's budget and its status to date. She requested that any changes be presented by Oct. 31. The council will vote on the 2024 budget at its November 12 meeting. A congregational meeting will be scheduled for November 19 to ratify the 2024 budget.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry)

- A "Candle Table of Remembrances" will be available at the All Saints Sunday service. Pastor Quever will preside.
- Christmas decorating will be on Saturday Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. De-decorating is scheduled for Jan. 7.
- We explored having the 11/24 service (on Sunday) in the morning. Kerry would be available to be there at that time.

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen)

- It was decided to order 25 copies of "Christmas Reflections" for Advent devotions.
- An "Advent by Candlelight" Gathering is scheduled for Sunday Nov. 26, 3-4:30 PM. Janet will provide further info.

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton)

- It was felt that a positive feeling of healing has taken place after the meeting with Pastor Kristin.
- Renee reminded us that the "Syber Souls Support Group" meets monthly on the third Wednesday. All are welcome.

Caring for the Community (Bev Stobber)

- Bev will investigate the amount requested for the Love Turkey Drive.
- We will be supporting an "Adopt a Family" from TLC this year.
- The TLC most urgent need is toilet paper for November-December. Any other donations are always welcome.

Inviting Folks In (Elsie Goulding)

- Cards are continuing to be sent to shut ins.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Meeting October 15 2023, continued

Property Report – Open: Jim Hart is reviewing the contracts of two snow removal companies. Motion by J. McGinty to authorize Jim Hart to determine the most workable economical contract. Seconded by J. Monsen. Motion carried.

Vice-President’s Report (John Monsen): After reviewing and comparing the church insurance policies from Acuity, Peken, and Church Mutual, it was recommended to choose Church Mutual. Motion by B. Stobber, seconded by R. Knapton to adopt the proposal from Church Mutual at a cost of \$5760.00/year. Motion carried.

President’s Report (Marilyn Hart): Has been maintaining contact with Synod as to the processes to be followed during this transition time.

Unfinished Business: Work is continuing in developing the new constitution. Chris has established contact with the synod, which has offered productive information.

New Business

Conversations have been held with Pastor Grant Quever. He has agreed to offer his services as an Interim Pastor. In that process, the council worked to complete the “Covenant Template for a Pastor Accompanying a Congregation in Transition” (PACT). Motion by J. McGinty to present this completed document to Pastor Quever and the Greater Milwaukee Synod for approval. Seconded by J. Monsen. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2023.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Goulding, seconded by E. Sherry. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary