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# January 2024 Peacepipe

## Peaceful Ponderings...

### --New Beginnings Made Possible--

*The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul. --G.K. Chesterton*

The more new years I welcome, the more I learn that often I set the stage for my tomorrow by how I handle my today. When my day ends right, I discover that it is with eager anticipation that I await the coming of a new morning. Conversely, when I go to bed with unfinished business, especially if it stems from my inaction on pressing issues, not wanting to adapt to change and learn new things, or not acknowledging my weaknesses and mistakes, I find that I begin to feel a sense of trepidation about what the next day may bring.

I'm not saying that I can control the outcome of my life simply by making the best choices. As problem-solvers you know from experience that just because someone thinks they've got things under control doesn't mean things cannot fall apart. However, I am convinced that the road to victory doesn't begin until someone makes a deliberate choice to set off on a journey one right step at a time.

As we all welcome 2024, hopefully with great expectation, let's think about what we need to settle before we embark on a new journey. Forward looking churches and people understand they can't effectively move forward if they are carrying unnecessary baggage. For churches, individuals, organizations and companies, it is good to think about what ministries, programs, or projects are not bearing fruit, or adding value to the lives of those for whom they were designed to serve. Are there any long-standing issues that need to be resolved and kinks that need to be ironed out? Are committees and teams meeting regularly? Are ministry teams aware of their mission and purpose? Of course, not everything can be fixed, but we can look at what is in place and strive toward a specific goal.

Ministry can be very complex, but if we hold up our end of the bargain, we can be sure that the One who covenanted with us will see us through—Matthew 28:20ff. The Lord knows we all need a good night's sleep.

Your Co-worker in Christ,

Pastor Grant Quever

## Thank you for your generosity!

Thanks to all who donated to TLC's giving baskets, and to all who supported TLC's Adopt A Family this season! We appreciate your generosity each and every year.



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Believers Working to  
"Grow in Peace"



Peace also helps to sponsor Santa's Chalet for the Burlington community.

## 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, January 14 at 10:00 a.m.



## 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  
262-210-9249

Marilyn Hart  
262-492-9696

Renee Knapton  
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](mailto: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 items for January and February are cleaning supplies with an emphasis on bleach, dish soap and sponges. Thank you!

## January Birthdays

Lauren Muffick—Jan 7

Dan Knapton—Jan 18

Ken Christensen—Jan 25

## January Anniversaries

Bob & Karen Gueldenzopf—Jan 3



## Peace Lights and Peacepipe Deadline Dates

Please have all information and/or articles emailed to [peacelca@gmail.com](mailto: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 February are due Saturday, January 20.**



## Mid-Day Women's Gathering

Join us on Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Peace fellowship hall. Bring your own lunch and beverage, dessert will be provided. Elsie Goulding will host.

## 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!

Jan 1—New Year's Day

Jan 13—National Rubber Ducky Day

Jan 3—J.R.R. Tolkien Day

Jan 18—Winnie the Pooh Day

Jan 6—Cuddle Up Day

Jan 21—National Hugging Day

Jan 8—Bubble Bath Day

Jan 27—National Chocolate Cake Day

Jan 10—Houseplant Appreciation Day

Jan 30—National Bubble Wrap Day

FUN

Days

In

January!

## Homily Hash Returns

In January, we'll resume the "Homily Hash" discussion after each service. It gives people a chance to take a little more from the sermon each week by sharing our thoughts. Come join us in the narthex for fellowship and a good hash!

## Financial Report

|                   | Deposits    | Expenses    | Difference  |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| November 2023     | \$5,360.00  | \$5,645.16  | (\$285.16)  |
| Year to Date 2023 | \$96,312.29 | \$82,809.01 | \$13,503.28 |



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](mailto:reneeknapton@gmail.com) with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members.

## Worship Assistants for January

| Date   | Council Person in Charge | Lector        | Counter      |
|--------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Jan 7  | Janet McGinty            | Renee Knapton | Sean McGinty |
| Jan 14 | Renee Knapton            | Marilyn Hart  | Sharon Ryd   |
| Jan 21 | John Monsen              | Chris Monsen  | John Monsen  |
| Jan 28 | Bev Stobber              | Bev Stobber   | Sharon Ryd   |
|        |                          |               |              |



## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting November 12, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 a.m. by Pres. M. Hart

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Pastor Quever

**Additions to Agenda:** Grinnell Insurance Audit under Treasurer's report

**Approval of Agenda: Motion R. Knapton to approve agenda as amended, seconded by J McGinty. Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber) Motion by J. Monsen to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by E. Sherry. Motion carried.**

### **Treasurer's Report (Janet McGinty)**

We finished the month of October with a balance of \$35.25. The balance for the year to date is a positive \$12975.35. We have paid the balance \$2000.00 for synod benevolence. **Motion by R. Knapton, seconded by J. Monsen to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**

Janet recommended that we keep a minimum balance of \$5000.00 in the checking account with any amount over that transferred to the money market account. **Motion made by B. Stobber to accept that recommendation, seconded by R. Knapton. Motion Carried.** Janet presented the proposed 2024 budget. She noted that 14 of our 23 giving families have returned their pledge. It was suggested that the wording "estimate of giving" be used in place of "pledge" in the future. **It was moved by B. Stobber and seconded by J Monsen to increase the salaries of both K. Bieneman and J. Rateike to \$15.00/hr. It was moved by J. Monsen and seconded by R. Knapton to accept and recommend the proposed budget of \$97766.00.** This budget includes an approximate \$24,000.00 leap of faith.

The Grinnell Insurance Audit form was completed and will be returned.

### **Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry)**

It was decided that the Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Advent/ Christmas Eve service will be held at 9 a.m. This info will need to be well advertised.

The Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve service will also be at 9 a.m.

The cost of poinsettias will be researched, and members approached as to a desire to purchase or sponsor.

The outdoor Advent candles will again be put in place.

Communion in the round (group table) will begin December 10th.

"Sharing of the Peace", for those who desire, will again be part of the worship service.

### **Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen)**

The "Chosen" series will be completed by Christmas.

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Church Council Meeting November 12, 2023, continued**

**Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton)**

Renee is exploring contact through Thrivent for local support of Outreach for Hope.

**Caring for the Community (Bev Stobber)**

We are adopting 2 TLC residents for Christmas. A gift board has been set up.

We are supporting Love's "Turkey Drive" again this year.

**Inviting Folks In – Elsie Goulding**

After sponsoring a "Hole" for the Burlington Chamber's Golf Outing, Bill and Elsie Goulding are donating sponsorship for Burlington's Christmas Parade. We Thank them for their generosity in getting the PEACE name out to the community.

**Property Report – Open**

Jim Hart signed a contract with Granite Ridge for our winter plowing and salting.

**Vice-President's Report (John Monsen)**

A new Council Person in Charge sign-up sheet was shared.

**President's Report (Marilyn Hart)**

A tentative date for a workshop with Pastor Carol Juennette has been set for Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Unfinished Business**

C. Monsen presented the revised church constitution and by-laws proposed by the constitution committee. Council members will review and vote at their December 10, 2023 meeting on this proposal.

A February 4, 2024 date has been tentatively set for a congregational vote to approve a new constitution.

**New Business**

Pastor Quever was asked if he would do a "Pastor's Page" for the monthly PeacePipe.

The next meeting is schedule for December 10, 2023

**Motion to adjourn made by J. McGinty, seconded by B. Stobber. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

**The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary