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July 2024 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

TMI: WAY TOO MUCH.

It's called TMI – Too Much Information. Some folks call it over-sharing. Sometimes it is way too much information! It's Great Aunt Hilda explaining her issues with indigestion and irregularity: TMI. It's the guy in the next cubicle or office space explaining his rash: TMI. It's the neighbor who insists on taking his trash out to the curb in less than appropriate clothing: TMI, probably WTMi (Way Too Much Information).

In the alternative universe that we call social networking there is a whole different set of rules than most of us abide by in our “normal” conversation. Have you noticed that what would typically be awkward or inappropriate to share in person often seems like perfect fodder for a status update on Facebook or a 140-character rant on Twitter? “Never eat leftover sushi for breakfast. Feeling really pukey now! LOL! We would say: “TMI!” But not in the world of social networking. In fact, that post would make a great video blog on YouTube. Food poisoning caught on video would be a viral sensation. In person, over sharing is a no-no. But online it's a nonissue.

Chicago Tribune columnist Eric Zane predicted in one of his columns that in the next ten years sharing inane details of one's life in the form of status updates, Twitter feeds and YouTube clips will evolve into something even more transparent and narcissistic. Zane predicts that technology will allow something called “Life Casting”: a nearly non-stop, streaming video of every moment of our life.

It's been said that the truest test of character is not what you do under pressure but what you do when no one is looking. Most of us would probably agree. That's why people get so excited when someone does something virtuous without the pressure of prying eyes. Do a search of the term “Good Samaritan” in the news section of any major search engine and you will find unprovoked kindness still exists.

We know that nothing good can grow in darkness. Living, healthy things require light to grow and change. When major parts of our lives are shut up in the dark--hidden from the loving eyes of others and the truth of God's Word--we'll see no personal growth or major change. We'll stay stunted and stuck. Darkness breeds strange and unfamiliar things. What's growing in your life? Is it a product of the light or something crafted in the dark?

The light of God's Word helps us to see things clearly and once we see things clearly, we become more godly or transformed. But it all begins by dragging our junk out of the dark so that it becomes Godly TMI.

The post Easter Season that begins with Pentecost is the perfect time to do this. One purpose of the season of Pentecost is that it is to be a time of growth. That is why the liturgical color is green. As the sun shines higher in the sky, our purpose during this growing season is to place our lives under the intense light of God’s Word so that we may grow closer into the image of Christ our Lord.

If the idea of Life Casting, of letting your life be seen by others freaks you out, then it is a sign that confession might be good for your soul during this season of growth. But just remember, our life has already been cast—and it has been cast in the grace of God through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. All of us, even the parts we want to keep hidden from others, is already known to our God—so grace is our constant comfort and forgiveness our closest friend.

With every good wish for you in Christ,
Pastor Grant D. Quever

Thrivent Action Teams

For many years, Peace has found ways to positively affect the communities around us, performing acts of service such as providing and serving the Love Inc. meals or adopting families at Christmas time. This year we will be adding on such projects as collecting school supplies for area children as well as providing the meal for a picnic at the Transitional Living Center (TLC) on September. If you are a Thrivent member, you could donate a 'free' \$250 towards such activities simply by going to the website <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>.

There are numerous steps to these action plans, but don’t let that scare you away. If you’re interested and would like some guidance, John Monsen has experience and would be willing to assist you in the process.

One of the most important, if not THE most important, aspect of the action teams is that they are for us to help OTHERS, not for our own in-house needs such as new air conditioning or to resurface our parking lot.

Questions? Good! Let’s discuss!

2024-2025 Church Council

- President --- Marilyn Hart

Vice-President --- John Monsen

Secretary --- Bev Stobber

Treasurer --- Sean 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 --- Elsie Goulding

Property --- open



2024-2025
Church
Council
Members



Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
May 2024	\$7,400.00	\$6,381.43	\$1,018.57
Year to Date	\$41,129.00	\$36,003.01	\$5,125.99

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship Assistants for July

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Counter
July 7	Renee Knapton	Bev Stobber	Bev Stobber	Sharon Ryd
July 14	Sean McGinty	Janet McGinty	Janet McGinty	Sean McGinty
July 21	John Monsen	Pam Mueller	Elaine Sherry	John Monsen
July 28	Elaine Sherry	Elaine Sherry	Elsie Goulding	Sharon Ryd

July Birthdays

July 2—Leslie Zahn
 July 5—Chris Monsen
 July 15—Terri Schildt
 July 22—Janet McGinty



July Anniversaries

July 24—Tom & Karen Erhardt

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 Believers Working to
 "Grow in Peace"



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 August are due Saturday, July 20.**



Growing Relationships

Contact Renee Knapton by phone at 262-492-0718 or by e-mail at reeneeknapton@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.

Church Council Meeting

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

TLC Giving Baskets

The requested items for the TLC Giving Baskets in July and August are “first aid” items. Tylenol, Children’s Tylenol, cough syrup, Benadryl, hydrocortisone cream, Neosporin cream, Band-Aids, and instant ice packs. All items should be new, not outdated, and unopened. Generic items are acceptable.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting, May 19, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:26 a.m. by President M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by Bev Stobber

Additions to Agenda: The addition of an additional 'continuing resolution' to the revised constitution under new business.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by J. Monsen to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by J. McGinty. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Expressed concern that he is still unsure as to his position and duties as an interim pastor. Again, desires feedback from congregation and council review regarding this concern.

Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber) Motion by J. McGinty, seconded by E. Sherry to accept the April 14, 2024, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Janet McGinty) Deposits for the month of April were \$5406. Expenses were \$11314.46. Year to date total is a approximated positive of \$3800.00. Motion by B. Stobber, seconded by C. Monsen K to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry): Meeting with worship committee has helped to define changes to worship throughout the year. Pastor Quever will plan, with Kerry's assist, the hymns for worship.

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen) No report

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton): The plans for the Peaceful Pit Stop are in place.

Caring for the Community (Bev Stobber): It was suggested that we again plan for a picnic at TLC. Suggested date is September 7th, the weekend of "God's Work Our Hands."

Inviting Folks In – (Elsie Goulding): There are 'door hangers' and yard signs available for use. Birthday and get-well cards are being sent.

Property Report – Open.: Purchased/delivered mulch to church for Pam and other garden workers. Disposed of bags of garden refuse.

Vice-President's Report (John Monsen): Sean McGinty, Bev Stobber and Chris Monsen have agreed to run for council.

President's Report (Marilyn Hart): Sent out report of what council members agreed to do at last council meeting. Attended worship committee meeting, wrote report. Prepared agenda, attended Pastor Quever's review. Asked for a Special council meeting at Pastor Quever's request. Put on hold after pastor review meeting May 1st.

Unfinished Business: Jim Rateike's review will be held on June 10th. Discussed previously held reviews of Kerry and Pastor Quever.. The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for June 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

New Business: Thank you to Janet for attending Synod Assembly. A brief summary of events was given. An additional continuing resolution, "*No member of the congregation Council shall vote on for any matter involving a conflict of interest. Such conflicts include questions involving other family members, either serving on the Council or employed by this congregation and include questions regarding a member's own employment with this congregation. Conflicts also include questions involving a direct personal financial interest, such as approval of a contract.*", was presented. Motion by B. Stobber to add this continuing resolution to the revised constitution. Seconded by E. Goulding. Motion carried. Janet will work with Kerry to determine how the work of the church secretary will continue.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2024. This will be a joint meeting of outgoing and incoming council members. Duties and officer positions of council members will be determined then. Motion to adjourn made by J. McGinty, seconded by C. Monsen. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary

2024 Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual Congregation Meeting

June 2, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Marilyn Hart. A quorum of 18 members was present.

Opening prayer: Led by Pastor Grant Quever.

2023 Minutes: **Motion by Janet McGinty to approve minutes from the 2023 Annual Congregation meeting as printed in the Annual Report. Seconded by Dan Knapton, Motion carried.**

Financial Report: **Motion By Bev Stobber, seconded by Sharon Ryd to accept the treasurer's report as printed in the Annual Report. Motion carried.**

Council members reports: Addendum to property report, church lawn mower is no longer economically fixable. Jim Hart will explore a replacement. Tom Fitzpatrick volunteered to handle the lawn mowing until a replacement can be obtained. **Motion be Jean Wiechmann, seconded by Renee Knapton to accept the council members' reports as printed in the Annual Report. Motion Carried.**

Pastor's Report: Pastor Quever emphasized our need to keep focused on Christ and to be about the work of his church.

President's Report. President Marilyn Hart reminded us that this past year has brought us though many changes, but as we work together through conflict and adversity and experience joy and blessing, both bring us closer to each other and closer to God. **Motion by Janet McGinty, seconded by Pam Mueller to accept by the Pastor's and President's Reports as printed and expressed. Motion carried.**

Ratification of Constitution: President Hart stated that an additional continuing resolution had been approved that the May council meeting. This resolution reads; *No member of the Congregational Council shall vote on any matter involving a conflict of interest. Such conflicts include questions involving other family members, either serving on the Council or employed by this congregation and include questions regarding a member's own employment with this congregation. Conflicts also include questions involving a personal financial interest such as approval of a contract.* **Motion by Sean McGinty to ratify the revised constitution as approved at the February 4, 2024 meeting with the inclusion of the additional continuing resolution. Motion seconded by Carol Chaffee. Motion carried.**

Elections. The slate of nominees presented include Sean McGinty, Bev Stobber and Chris Monsen Nominations from the floor Council were opened, asked 3 times, no new nominations were presented. **Motion by Jim Hart, seconded by Dan Knapton to dispense with paper ballots and accept the slate by voice vote. Motion carried. Motion by Janet McGinty to accept the slate of 3 nominees for council. Seconded by Jim Hart. Motion carried.**

President Hart thanked Janet McGinty for her service on council serving as council treasurer.

There being no further business, **motion by Jim Hart, seconded by Sharon Ryd to adjourn. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitter,
Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary

Fall Choir

If you are interested in singing in the choir this fall, please plan to join us on Sunday, September 29 and Sunday, October 27! We will rehearse at 8:00 and sing at the 9:00 service. Please contact Kerry for more information—
kerrybieneman@gmail.com or 262-332-9330.



Thank You, Pastor Carol!

A big thank you to Pastor Carol Jeunnette, who will be serving as our supply Pastor on July 7 & July 14. Thank you so much, Pastor Carol!



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/>.

