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June 2024 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

Dear Saints of the Longest Day—

June 6, 1945 is D-Day and is sometimes referred to as the Longest Day. In fact, there is a movie of the Normandy Invasion with just that title: The Longest Day. But, that is not the longest day to which I am referring. As you know, summer will soon be upon us. In the Northern Hemisphere, the June solstice occurs when the Sun reaches both its highest and northernmost points in the sky.

In temperate regions, we notice that the Sun is higher in the sky throughout the day, and its rays strike Earth at a more direct angle, causing the efficient warming we call summer. Because the sun is highest in the sky on this day, you'll notice that your shadow (at noon) is the shortest it will be all year.

This year, summer begins on Thursday June 20th. In astronomical terms this is referred to as the Summer Solstice. The word solstice comes from the Latin which means "the sun stands still". This came about because the sun seems to stand still at noon for several days before and after the solstice. At noon on June 20th, and in some years June 19th, the sun is directly overhead at the Tropic of Cancer. About December 22nd, the sun is directly overhead at noon at the Tropic of Capricorn which marks the beginning of winter in the northern hemisphere and the beginning of summer in the southern hemisphere. As the Summer Solstice approaches, make note of the phenomenon of the sun standing still during June 18 through June 24.

As you notice the seeming lack of movement of the nearest star, I hope it serves as a reminder that as our Spiritual natures seems to be set and unchanging. Like the changing of the seasons, they continue to move through a life cycle that is part of God's creation. Our human nature interferes with our complete surrender to the workings of the Holy Spirit in ways that tend to diminish our good will and our desire to be more Christ-like. We have a tendency to become stuck in a rut and see the world through lenses of our own making. Consequently we can become stagnant in our faith development and fail to heed the leading of the Holy Spirit. That is why faithful and regular worship is important all year long.

Being open to God's call on our lives and the presence of the living Christ can lead to the reawakening of our faith. Indeed things will not seem to stand still. Change upon change will intervene in daily living so that the love of Christ will well up inside us and impel the restructuring of our lives. The seasons come and go. Day turns into night, and our souls are transformed by the nearness of our Lord.

May you have a blessed summer and may the Holy Spirit of Pentecost continue to transform you to grow in holiness and a nature that is more loving and Christ-like in all that you think and do.

In Christ,

Pastor Grant Quever

Salad Supper Highlights

On May 15, the Women's Group held their annual salad supper and welcomed presenter Jeff Lettow from the Burlington Historical Society. Jeff, a high school history teacher at Waukesha South, enlightened us about Burlington's involvement in the abolition movement. Who knew our little town played an active role in the Underground Railroad?



2023-2024

Church

Council

Members

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

Synod Assembly News

Thank you for allowing me to represent Peace at this year's Synod Assembly May 17-18, held at the Italian Community Center. Pastor Quever and I attended the dinner and worship service together Friday Night and heard keynote speaker Vance Blackfox, an Indigenous theologian and citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who serves the churchwide organization of the evangelical Lutheran Church in America as the Director of Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations. Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit led an amazing worship service and the offering was designated to support the redevelopment of this ministry.

Saturday was full of business. The 2025-2026 proposed budget was approved. One resolution was proposed to add a half-time position to aid Pastor Kristin as she works with the 28 churches in transition. The position would require a \$50,000 increase in salaries offset by a \$50,000 reduction in Mission Support, which was already being reduced. Unfortunately, though the need is great, the resolution was not approved.

The following 6 resolutions were approved by the Assembly:

Resolution 1—WHEREAS, ELCA World Hunger is observing its 50th anniversary; therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Greater Milwaukee Synod will encourage our synod members to support ELCA World Hunger by raising an additional \$50,000 by Synod Assembly 2025 above our usual synodical offerings through initiatives like Global Barnyard, and other opportunities found in the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog, Act 2 Day 4 Tomorrow, and many more opportunities found at www.elca.org/hunger; and

RESOLVED, That congregations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod will be encouraged to learn about and participate in Pray—Act—Connect—Educate (PACE) so that they can be God's hands and voice for our hungry neighbors, near and far; and

RESOLVED, That congregations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod will be encouraged to learn about ELCA World Hunger domestic hunger and hunger education grants.



Synod Assembly, continued

Amended Resolution 2 - RESOLVED, That the GMS work with Wisconsin United to Amend, and communities across the state, to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by advocating for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights — not corporations, unions, non-profits or other artificial entities, and that
2. Money is not speech, and therefore limiting political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting speech; and

RESOLVED, That the GMS encourage congregations and their members to advocate for a constitutional amendment to that end, and

RESOLVED, That the Lutheran Office of Public Policy of Wisconsin be requested to communicate in support of this effort with all state legislators, members of Congress, and Senators representing the territory of the synod.

Resolution 3—RESOLVED, That the GMS Assembly memorializes the 2025 Churchwide Assembly to authorize the development and adoption of a social statement on children and vulnerable youth.

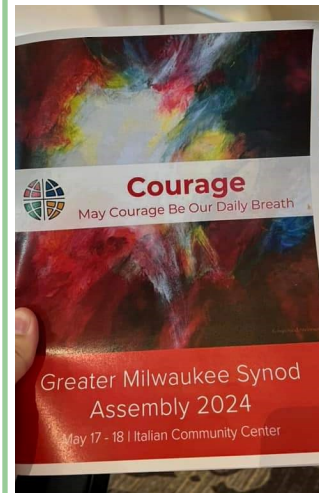
Resolution 4—RESOLVED, That the GMS Assembly memorializes the 2025 Churchwide Assembly to increase the guidelines for financial commitments by congregations and agencies for continuing education, and to create a process for these guidelines to be regularly revised.

Resolution 5—RESOLVED, That the GMS Council be instructed to request that the Church Council of the ELCA consider creating and implementing as soon as possible a procedure and system to allow congregations, after completing their Ministry Site Profile, to review brief (up to 75 words) summary statements that do not contain identifying information from potential candidates for called positions, with the possibility of requesting additional information on suitable candidates from their synod.

Resolution 6 (proposed by the Synod Council at the Assembly)
Resolved that the 2024 GMS Assembly offers their enduring gratitude and admiration for the courageous leadership and dedicated service of Pastor Joe and Joyce Ellwanger.

Throughout the Assembly, many churchwide organizations had booths in the Galleria, including the Meru Partnership and Mt. Meru Coffee Project. If you have questions, please ask! Next year's assembly will be held May 30-31, 2025 at the Brookfield Conference Center.

Blessings,
Janet





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Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
April 2024	\$5,406.00	\$11,314.46	(\$5,908.46)
Year to Date	\$33,729.00	\$29,848.43	\$3,880.57

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship Assistants for June

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Counter
June 2	Bev Stobber	Sharon Ryd	Janet McGinty	Sharon Ryd
June 9	Janet McGinty	Chris Monsen	Elaine Sherry	Sean McGinty
June 16	Renee Knapton	Janet McGinty	Elsie Goulding	John Monsen
June 23	Marilyn Hart	Marilyn Hart	Elaine Sherry	Sharon Ryd
June 30	Bev Stobber	Sean McGinty	Renee Knapton	Sean McGinty

Congregational Meeting June 2

The Annual Congregational meeting for Peace Lutheran Church will be held on June 2nd at 10 a.m. The agenda of the meeting will be a review of council member's annual reports, election of council members for 2024-2025, and ratification of the church constitution revisions that were approved at the February 4, 2024 meeting.

June Birthdays

June 9—Pastor Grant Quever

June 15—Jim Hart

June 24—Jean Wiechmann

June Anniversaries

June 6—John & Chris Monsen

June 24—Kent & Leslie Zahn



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 July are due Saturday, June 15.**



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, June 9 at 10:00 a.m.

TLC Giving Baskets

The TLC Giving Baskets requests for May and June are more healthy snacks for kids (school will be out), garbage bags, dish soap, and laundry soap.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting, April 14, 2024

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

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

Opening Prayer: Led by Pastor Quever

Additions to Agenda: There were no additions.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by R. Knapton to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by E. Sherry. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Met with the Lueder family in planning for Mary's Celebration of life on May 4th.

Desires feedback from congregation and council review regarding his interim pastoral position

Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber) Motion by J. McGinty, seconded by E. Sherry to accept the February 11, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Janet McGinty) Deposits for the month of March were \$7572.00. Expenses were \$5612.72. Motion by B. Stobber, seconded by R. Knapton to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry)

In March I ordered palms for Palm Sunday and plants for Easter.

Picked up palms and plants and decorated the sanctuary for Easter season.

Purchased greenery and votives for the two shelves in the back of the sanctuary.

Changed the banner and altar for the Maundy Thursday service with communion and Good Friday service.

A thank you Marilyn for taking care of the readers for Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

Need to have at minimum, quarterly worship committee meetings involving Nurturing the Faith-Worship coordinator, Pastor, church musician, and church secretary.

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen): Thank you to Janet for leading the after-service program on "Inclusion".

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton): Sharon Ryd, Dan & Renee Knapton met with Tim McCourt to detail plans for the Peaceful Pit Stop at this year's Burlington Jamboree. The location will be very similar to last year. The hope is to acquire a slightly larger tent to better suit the needed usage. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted.

Caring for the Community (Bev Stobber): The collection from the "Giving Baskets" will be delivered at the end of the month. The requests for May and June will be posted in the May PeacePipe.

Inviting Folks In – (Elsie Goulding): There are 'door hangers' and yard signs available for use.

Property Report – Open.: Cleanup of tree branches in the parking lot and yard was done. Mather construction was hired to fix rain gutter issues. The roofing company was contacted, and the roof ridge fixed under warranty. The non-working furnace was evaluated and ultimately replaced. The lawn tractor was prepared for summer usage, repaired at Reinemans along with a new battery, changed oil and filter. Is there a need for a "Spring clean-up? Bev will contact Pam Mueller regarding her overseeing clearing and planting of Barb's Garden. EZ window cleaning will be contacted to get an estimate on cleaning the church windows. The front and back doors of the church will be painted when weather allows. Thank you John.

Vice-President's Report (John Monsen)

Sean McGinty and Bev Stobber have agreed to run for council. Still looking for potential nominees to fill council positions.

President's Report (Marilyn Hart)

Sent out report of what council members agreed to do at last council meeting.

Prepared worksheets for information we will need to fill out MSP.

Printed large print copy of Palm Sunday interactive drama for Gospel/sermon. Arranged readers for the same.

Sent information about gutter/roof issue and repairs and furnace to get input from all.

Passed on info Synod emailed regarding upcoming Assembly event and registration.

Added #9 to the Congregational Council Behavioral Covenant.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Council Meeting, April 14, 2024, continued

Unfinished Business

Pastor Quever and Janet will attend the Synod Assembly May 17th and 18th.

We will not schedule "Faithful Innovation" seminar with Pastor Matthew Short at the present time due to time constraints.

Pastor Quever will investigate 'building usage contracts' he has been familiar with in the past. We need to develop an up-to-date usage contract.

Council members to complete job descriptions for their specific duties

New Business

Need to schedule annual reviews for Pastor, church secretary (Kerry) and custodian (Jim R.)

The Annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for June 2nd following church services at 10 a.m. An informational letter will be sent along with notices in the May PeacePipe and weekly announcements.

Council members are to have their reports emailed to the church secretary by May 12th to allow time for the Annual Report to be completed.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19th, 2024.

Motion to adjourn made by J. McGinty, seconded by E. Sherry. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 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/>.

