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March 2024 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

Dear Friends in Christ:

“In like a lion, out like a lamb...” While that cliché about the month of March is so familiar to our ears regarding the season, it should remind us of the need for a tempered faith that can with-stand wintry blasts and not fade in the sun.

Our faith in Jesus Christ may come to us like a lion. It may be our all, our purpose for living and our strength in all that we do. But then, like the changing of the seasons, it may evolve into a gentle lamb that skips happily about the green pastures without a care. We can live securely, knowing that none of it is our own doing, but comes to us as a gift of grace from the one who is watching over us in every season of life.

What about the faith that evolves in this way? Is it weak like the works of the church at Laodicea in Revelation 3, is it neither cold nor hot?

If faith in Jesus Christ comes upon us as a lion and remains a lion, it is mature. It is an eater of meat and has little tolerance for lighter fare. The lion’s faith requires courage and commands an earned respect. It protects family of faith and provides nourishment for that family no matter what the distance requires. The lion’s faith is strong, demanding, and some may say, high maintenance. However, its place in the family of faith is critical to the balance of Christian life.

The lamb of faith, however, is also significant. When our faith is like a lamb, it carries the qualities of Christ, the Lamb of God. The attributes of purity, innocence, spontaneity and sacrifice constitute its essence. It requires milk for sustenance and avoids offense while expressing affection and desiring closeness to others.

The lion and lamb also draw parallels to our work as a congregation. We have times requiring strength, and times requiring gentleness. There are warm seasons of prosperity and wintry seasons when we must stretch our resources until milder temperatures return. And so we discern the face of the sky and spend our time and energy accordingly.

As God alone knows the ways of our coming and of our going, you can ask yourself, “How do I come into each day and how do I go out?” Knowing this about yourself and about your work in the field allows you to measure your faith journey, determine its state, and strike a balance that is just the right amount of lion and lamb.

While the approaching season may seem like spring one day and winter the next, let these days of hot and cold remind you of your own season of faith in Jesus Christ. Let it also remind you that just as the warm weather passes, so too, does the cold.

May the strength and courage of the lion carry you through the wintry days and may your faith abound in confident joy on the lamb days of spring ahead. And know that your faith-journey, whether lamb-like or lion-like, is always sustained by the ever-present flow of grace from Christ who is Savior, Shepherd and Lord of all.

With Warmth & Love—Your Co-worker in Christ,
Pastor Grant Quever

Lenten Meditation with Janet McGinty

Join me after worship March 3, 10 and 17th for a reflection time on inclusion and exclusion. In 2023, the Greater Milwaukee Synod participated in a unique photo storytelling project by A Peace of My Mind. The series features 3 short videos of black and white portraits of lay and rostered GMS faith leaders, and their answers to the question, “When have you felt included or excluded from a group or community?”



Midweek Lenten Worship & Holy Week

All Wednesdays in Lent	12:00 Lenten Soup Lunch, 1:00 Service
Sun, Mar 24	9:00 Palm Sunday Service w/Communion
Thu, Mar 28	7:00 Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion
Fri, Mar 29	1:00 Good Friday Service
Sun, Mar 31—EASTER!!	7:30 Breakfast, 9:00 Service w/Communion

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) --- 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, March 10 at 10:00 a.m.



Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
January 2024	\$15,203.00	\$6,800.32	\$8,402.68

Thank you for your continued giving!

Worship Assistants for March

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Counter
March 3	Renee Knapton	Elaine Sherry	Sharon Ryd
March 10	Janet McGinty	Marilyn Hart	Sean McGinty
March 17	John Monsen	Renee Knapton	John Monsen
March 24	Bev Stobber	Chris Monsen	Sharon Ryd
March 31	Chris Monsen	Bev Stobber	John Monsen

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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.

March Birthdays

- March 2—Bill Goulding
- March 2—Mary Lueder
- March 13—Trudy Smith
- March 30—Logan Muffick



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 April are due Saturday, March 16.**



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 10:30 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.

Fun Days to Celebrate this Month!

March 1—World Compliment Day

March 16—National Artichoke Day

March 3—National Day of Unplugging

March 17 — St. Patrick’s Day

March 6—National Oreo Cookie Day

March 20—International Day of Happiness

March 10—Daylight Saving Time begins

March 23—Cuddly Kitten Day

March 11—National Napping Day

March 29—World Piano Day

March 14—National Pi Day

March 31—EASTER!!!

TLC Giving Baskets

The most needed items for March and April are crackers, cereal, peanut butter, and healthy snacks for kids. Thank you!

FUN

Days

In

March!



Salt Shaker Meals

Salt shaker meals were originally intended to 'mix up' several groups of people in the congregation who maybe didn't yet know each other by having them gather for a dinner in cozy groups of 8. This idea finally disappeared because 8 people couldn't get a single date to work for all of them! Now salt shaker meals have had the format changed. Now one person or a couple picks a date and invites everyone from the congregation for a pot-luck meal. Whoever is available on that date can make it. There was also a time at Peace when we had monthly card game nights and the like. What we'd like to do is offer the possibility each month of a gathering of some sort outside of Sunday morning services. Whether it be a meal, a game night (or day), ditto for a movie, a bonfire, a Brewer game or any other event of your choice! Look for a sign-up (yea! another sign-up!) in the narthex for such events. Questions? Contact Renee Knapton 262-492-0718/ reneeknapton@gmail.com OR see me at Sunday service.



Easter Breakfast

Please join us on Sunday, March 31 at 7:30 a.m. for our Easter breakfast!
The sign up is on the bookcase in the Narthex



Mt Meru Spring Blend Coffee

Mt Meru's 2024 spring blend is now available. This blend is 80% regular beans and 20% peaberry beans. Cupping notes (natural flavors) include dark chocolate, citrus and blossom and I'm told it's something special. Talk to Chris Monsen if you'd like to try it. She can always order any blend you'd like, as well. Thank you for supporting this important mission!



Egg Carton Donations

Don't toss those clean, empty 12-pack egg cartons! Save them in a shopping bag until it's full and donate them to the Love, Inc food pantry. They receive eggs in a full case and must divide them into regular 12 count egg cartons. They always welcome clean egg cartons, and they can be dropped off at the food pantry during open hours. Any questions? Ask Jeanne Rateike!

Lenten Worship Schedule 2024

All Wednesdays (except Holy Week)	12:00 Lenten Soup Lunch, 1:00 Service
Sun, Mar 24	9:00 Palm Sunday Service w/Communion
Thu, Mar 28	7:00 Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion
Fri, Mar 29	1:00 Good Friday Service
Sun, Mar 31	7:30 Easter Breakfast 9:00 Easter Service with Communion



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/>.



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting January 14, 2024

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 10:24 a.m. by Pres. M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by Pastor Quever

Additions to Agenda: Lenten Activities

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

Pastor's Report: Has visited both Bill Goulding and Mary Lueder with communion.

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

Treasurer's Report (Janet McGinty): The month of November ended with a negative 952.74. The balance for the year to date is a positive \$17954. 54. Janet further stated that there is approximately \$54000.00 in the business money market fund. **Motion by J. Monsen, seconded by C. Monsen to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.** The parking lot fund has been closed. The Synod mission report for 2023 will be completed and sent in.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry): Lenten activities will begin Feb. 14th (Ash Wednesday) with a 7 p.m. service with communion. Noon soup luncheons will be held at 11:30 a.m. on each of the following Wednesdays during Lent with a 1 p.m. devotional service to follow. Services for Holy Week are Palm Sunday 9 a.m. w/ communion, Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. w/ communion, Good Friday 1p.m., and Easter Sunday a pot-luck breakfast at 7:30a.m. and 9 a.m. service w/ communion. Rachel Bennett will provide music for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. These dates will be published in the weekly bulletins and PeacePipe.

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen): The last episode of the “Chosen” will be shown at the Hart home on Sunday January 28th.

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton): Renee shared a list of local non-profit agencies that Thrivent supports. Would like to see a return of “Saltshaker Meal” get-togethers.

Caring for the Community (Bev Stobber): The giving Baskets requests for January and February have been posted.

Inviting Folks In – Elsie Goulding: Pastor Quever will meet with Trudy Smith and Tom and Carrie Fitzpatrick regarding their desire for membership at Peace.

Property Report – Open: Additional sidewalk salt has been purchased and rock salt for the parking lot if needed. It will be stored in the janitor's closet. Pastor Quever now has keys to the building and the pastor's office. The outdoor lights in the back of the church have been changed to LEDs.

Vice-President's Report (John Monsen) No report.

President's Report (Marilyn Hart): The final details with our workshop with Pastor Carol Juenette have been completed. Total workshop expenses are \$900.00 with \$500.00 due January 20th. A paper cup holder by the watercooler was purchased.

Unfinished Business: An informational letter was sent, and proposed constitution revisions were emailed to congregation members for the congregation meeting scheduled for Sunday February 4th at 10 a.m.. The church council will meet following that meeting to vote on the proposed “Continuing Resolutions”.

New Business: Pastor and Tom Bowen have requested a transfer of membership. The synod's “Together in Mission” event is scheduled for February 10th. B. Stobber and J. McGinty plan to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2024

Motion to adjourn made by McGinty, seconded by R. Knapton., Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Congregational Meeting February 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Marilyn Hart.

Fifteen members were present, and a quorum was declared.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide initial approval of a revised constitution, and bylaws that have been recommended by the church council at their December 10, 2023, meeting.

President M. Hart thanked the committee of Elsie Goulding, Sean McGinty, Chris Monsen and John Monsen for their work on developing a revised constitution, bylaws and continuing resolutions.

After a question-and-answer time, **a motion was made by J. McGinty, seconded by C. Monsen to approve the revised constitution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by J. McGinty to approve the bylaws as presented. Seconded by J. Monsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by B. Stobber, seconded by S Ryd. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Church Council Meeting February 4, 2024

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 the order by President M. Hart at 10:08 a.m.

Motion By J. Monsen, seconded by R. Knapton to approve the continuing resolutions as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Monsen, seconded by R. Knapton to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Stobber, Church council secretary