



May 2023 Peacepipe

Pastor's Ponderings

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Greetings on this 81-degree day on April 15th!

I hope you are enjoying God's creation. The budding of the trees and bushes. The greening of the grass. The sounds of lawn mowers and the smell of cut grass. The crocuses and bloodroots and daffodils are in bloom. The promise of iris', forsythias, and various fruit trees. Take time to smell God's flowers. Find time to get away into God's creation today and tomorrow and every day.

You know the quote from Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God." I have that sign in my Secret/Sacred Garden. Take time to be still with God.

That's where I'm going now....

God bless!

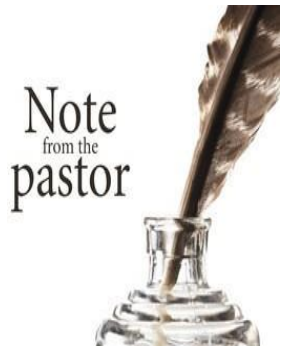
Peace,

Pastor Susan



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Pastor Susan will be out the week of May 15 for continuing education. (Festival of Homiletics)



Pastor Susan's office hours at Peace are every Wednesday from 12:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. no appointment necessary. Stop in to visit with her!



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 p.m.
- Peacepipe articles by the 3rd Saturday.

Peacepipe articles for the month of June are due May 20. Please email all articles to peacelca@gmail.com.

Church Council - We are in need of 5 people to fill 2-year positions on council this year. Once on council, positions are selected by the council members themselves. We all know that our numbers are small, so please prayerfully consider serving. Please contact Bev Stobber or Jim Hart with any questions or concerns. Most positions only involve a few hours a month. Thank you."

Homily Hash... For 2023, I am leading a discussion after the service. I am calling it "Homily Hash." The name says most of it. A homily is a talk for spiritual enlightenment. A hash is an abstract data type that maps keys to value. My hope is that all may take away a little more, by sharing the message that they received, during today's homily, which can enlighten others in the group. So please join us by the round table in the narthex for fellowship and a good hash. Dan



Growing Relationships

Please contact Jim Smith by phone (262-332-9189) or by e-mail jkae1203@gmail.com with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members. Jim Smith has agreed to take on the role in this area, but if you are interested in this position, please contact a current council member.

Flowers on the Altar

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 own flowers, and bring them to Peace on the Sunday you would like and place them on the altar.





PASTORAL CARE

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

Pastoral Care Team

How can we help YOU?

Our new commission is to GROW IN PEACE

We are here to make pastoral visits in the event that Pastor Susan may not be available. The team consists of 3 members of the congregation. We've met and learned how best to serve the needs of those among us who are in need - of meals, visits, prayers, a listening ear; and to bring Communion to shut-ins.

If you are in need of, or just want, a visit from one of us, please contact us!

Bev Stobber
262-210-9249

Marilyn Hart
262-492-9696

Renee Knapton
262-492-0718

Church Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is May 14th at 10am—after worship service.



May Birthdays

Renee Knapton—May 5
Buck Steiniger—May 10
Jim Smith—May 13
Linda Myers—May 26



May Wedding Anniversaries

Chuck & Sandy Strehlow—May 12th

Finance Report

	Receipts	Expenses	Net Balance
March	\$8,791.00	\$11,637.16	\$ (2,846.16)
Year to Date	\$37,895.00	\$32,254.57	\$ 5,640.43

2022—2023 Peace Lutheran Church Council

President --- Bev Stobber
 Secretary --- Sharon Ryd
 Nurturing the Faith – Worship ---Elsie Goulding
 Nurturing the Faith – Education --- Jim Smith
 Growing Relationships --- Jim Smith
 Caring for the Community --- Peggy Paynter
 Inviting People In --- Elaine Sherry
 Property --- Chuck Strehlow

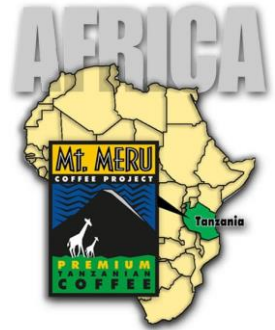
Vice-President --- Jim Hart
 Treasurer --- Janet McGinty



Worship Assistants for May

DATE	COUNCIL PERSON IN CHARGE	LECTOR	COUNTER
May 7	Charles Strehlow	Renee Knapton	Peggy Paynter
May 14	Sharon Ryd	Jim Smith	Sean McGinty
May 21	Elaine Sherry	Sharon Ryd	John Monsen
May 28	Elaine Sherry	Elsie Goulding	Sharon Ryd

Mt. MERU COFFEE PROJECT



Meet Our Farmers: Michael Nnko & Elituliza Ndelekwa



Michael Nnko is an highly capable and energetic farmer despite having lost a leg in a motorcycle accident five years ago. His farm is 3.5 acres with 2,600 trees including 1,900 of the newer disease-resistant variety available through the farmers' cooperative.

With the Project for 3 years, he joined for the training and the higher prices for the coffee cherries. Michael used to sell to others outside the Project, but reported that he didn't always receive the money. Now he trusts that he will receive the payout! He has innovated with new methods to increase production, including planting new trees among the old to ease immature producers into the farm while maximizing land utilization. He appreciated that the training taught him about disease-resistant varieties and how to avoid using chemicals.

He and his wife, Elituliza Ndelekwa, have 5 children. Elituliza also coffee farms on a 3/4 acre plot she purchased in 2020 with proceeds from her and Michael's coffee the prior year. She planted 340 new trees which are now beginning to produce. She has attended training also, and really appreciates that the Project teaches farmers how to grow more coffee. Her income benefits her children.

~Chris Monsen



**The 18th Annual Women of Peace Salad Supper will be
Wednesday May 10, 6pm**



**A Spring clean-up of our church property is scheduled for
Saturday May 13th at 9 AM. Many hands make light work!**

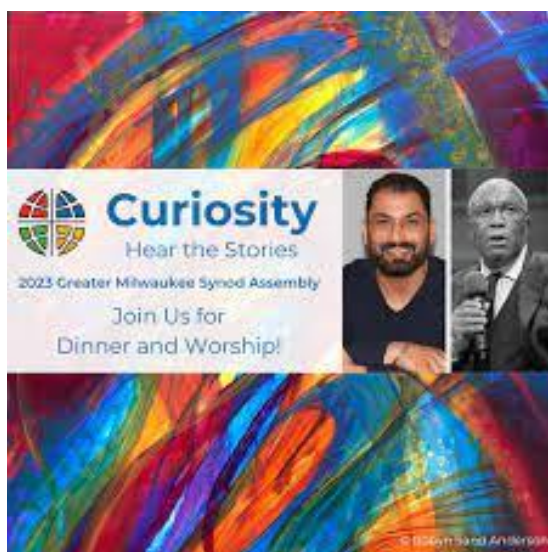


**Movie Night... Set aside Friday, May 19th at 5 p.m.
to gather and view "The Cokeville Miracle." It's
based on a true story and will make you stand in
awe at the power of prayer. Pizza will be provided.
Watch for a sign up in the narthex.**



May 26-29, 2023
IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR
AGAIN, SO WATCH FOR A
SIGN UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX!

MANY THANKS TO JIM SMITH
AND SHARON RYD FOR
CO-CHAIRING THIS COMMUNITY
OUTREACH PROJECT!



2023 Greater Milwaukee Synod
June 2, 2pm – June 3, 5pm
Italian Community Center

Thank you to Pastor Susan, Thom Bowen and Janet McGinty
for representing Peace Lutheran at the Assembly.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Meeting **March 19, 2023**

Council Members Present: Pastor Susan Bowen, Elsie Goulding, Jim Hart, Janet McGinty, Peggy Paynter, Sharon Ryd, Elaine Sherry, Jim Smith, Bev Stobber, Chuck Strehlow.

Opening Prayer: Led by Pastor Susan

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by B. Stobber.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by J. McGinty to approve agenda as printed, seconded by J. Smith.

Pastor's Report:

- Conducted Ginger Goetsch's funeral.
- Visited with Mary Lueder.
- There has been good attendance at mid-week Lenten services.
- She continues to train Carol. Janet will post her picture on announcements.
- Color was chosen for new conference room.
- Sunday fill-ins needed: April 16, May 21, June 4, possibly April 30 (will get pulpit supply).
- She has been working much more than 20-25 hours per week the past 8 months. This summer she will take some comp time.

Secretary (Sharon Ryd):

- Thanks to Elaine for filling in as Secretary in February and preparing the minutes. **Motion by J. Hart to accept February 12, 2023 minutes as presented, seconded by J. McGinty.**

Treasurer's Report (Janet McGinty):

- Received a gift to help pay for tree removal & clean-up.
- \$800 sent to Lutheran World Relief for Turkey earthquake (\$750 from congregation, \$50 from church)
- Snowplow costs are \$1500.
- Finished \$1643 short. Last month over \$8346.
- Added \$1570 for Jerry Koch memorial, which is for front stoop.
- New memorial fund set up for Virginia Goetsch.
- Will look into transferring some money to some kind of savings fund to earn interest, leaving about \$10,000 in checking. Janet and Jim Hart will talk to Associated Bank.

Motion by S. Ryd to accept February Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by J. Smith.

Nurturing the Faith - Worship (Elsie Goulding):

- Tomorrow will order Easter flowers at Berkots.
- All Lenten lunch sign-up slots filled in and Easter sign-ups filled in.

Nurturing the Faith - Education (Jim Smith):

- No report

Growing Relationships (open):

- Set up for Easter will be Saturday morning. Renee will help.

Caring for the Community (Peggy Paynter):

- Delivered collection to TLC.

Inviting Folks In (Elaine Sherry):

- Sympathy card to Erhardt family.
- Sending Easter invites.
- Will pick day distribute door hangers.

Property Report (Chuck Strehlow):

- Yard clean-up will be May 13 at 9am.
- Researching an A-frame sign to set out in place of the flag.
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- Bottom board of the play equipment is broken. Need to look into the safety of the equipment.
- Checked pricing of lumber at Menards to repair railing. He will go ahead and repair. Janet will set up tax exempt account.

Janet received letter from WE Energies about utility work to be done.

- Seal coating (and re-stripping) needs to be done. Chuck has gotten quotes.

Vice President's Report (Jim Hart):

- Performance Tire requested use of our parking lot for their August car show, which is a fundraiser for Love Inc. They anticipate more traffic since they have a big truck as an attraction. Council agreed to allow use. Suggested changing our sign during show to invite car show guests to worship.
- Payroll checks – need to get information to Marilyn earlier so checks can be done on time.
- We need 5 new council members for next term. (3 current members are eligible to stay on – Elaine, Elsie, Sharon).

President's Report (Bev Stobber):

- Huge thank you to the Monsens for their hard work cleaning and painting the old youth room, which is now our conference room.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Peaceful Pit Stop – we have been contacted about participating again this year. Jim Smith and Sharon Ryd will co-chair again.
- Synod Assembly – Two delegates needed for June 2-3 at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee.
- Old video Equipment disposition – it was agreed this old equipment is of no use anymore and should be properly disposed of.
- Simple Leaf Tree Service did the tree removal after the storm at a cost of just under \$1200. They checked other trees and said they were fine. Thanks to the donor who covered that cost.

Motion by J. Hart to give Jim Rateike a \$50 gas card for all his work with the tree clean-up. Seconded P. Paynter.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 16, 2023.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion by J. Hart to adjourn, seconded by C. Strehlow.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Ryd, Council Secretary

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Council Executive Committee Special Meeting

April 2, 2023

Executive Committee Members Present: Bev Stobber, Jim Hart, Janet McGinty, Sharon Ryd

Others present: Pastor Susan Bowen, John Monsen (Pastoral Support)

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by B. Stobber.

Closed session meeting for the purpose of discussing the current secretary position and Katiann's final day with Peace.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Ryd, Council Secretary



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SAVE THE DATE
Congregational Meeting
Election of Council Members
Sunday, June 4, 10am



Transitional Living Center Thanks You!



May 2023

April '23							June '23						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
			12:30pm to 3:30pm Pastor Susan's Office Hours		Happy Birthday Renee Knappan	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am 5th Sunday of Easter with Service of the Word			12:30pm to 3:30pm Pastor Susan's Office Hours		Happy Anniversary Chuck & Sandy Skelton	Happy Birthday Jim Smith
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9am 6th Sunday of Easter with Holy Communion 10am Church Council Mtg Mother's Day	Pastor gone for Continuing Education May 15-20		Women's Salad Supper 6pm No Office Hours Today		Movie Night, 5pm	Peacepipe article deadline
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am 7th Sunday of Easter with Service of the Word			12:30pm to 3:30pm Pastor Susan's Office Hours		Happy Birthday Linda Myers Peaceful Pftstop	Peaceful Pftstop
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9am Day of Pentecost with Holy Communion Peaceful Pftstop	Memorial Day Peaceful Pftstop		12:30pm to 3:30pm Pastor Susan's Office Hours			
4	5	NOTES				
		Mother's Day - May 14 Memorial Day - May 29				

