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# May 2024 Peacepipe

## Peaceful Ponderings...

### Memorial Day: What Do We Remember?

“O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain. America! America! God shed His grace on thee...” Those words by Katherine Bates bring to mind the abundant ways in which God has blessed this nation and its people...stalks of wheat falling before huge combines in early July...farm wagons and trucks overflowing with corn and soybeans in late fall. God has truly “shed His grace” on us abundantly in ways that defy enumeration or description.

Memory is a tricky thing. There are some things, however, that we should never forget. These include the sacrifices that others have made on our behalf.

It was a spring morning in 1866, just after the Civil War that had devastated the South. A group of Southerners did something quite extraordinary. They marched down the streets of what was left of their town to a cemetery. There they decorated the graves of the soldiers. ALL the soldiers—Union as well as Confederate. The mothers and daughters and widows had buried their dead. Now they buried their hatred. The time for healing had come. It was the first Memorial Day.

Have you ever wondered why Memorial Day is marked in May? Its date doesn’t recall some historic battle; or the start of some war, or the signing of some armistice. Why then, May? For a very practical reason. Because it is a time when flowers bloom. Flowers used to decorate graves.

That which we remember says a lot about us. It speaks volumes about who we are and what we value. The children of Israel retained their identity as a people because they remembered their history and God’s continued interaction with them. There are some things that need to be remembered.

There are also some things that need to be forgotten. Our memories are a wonderful gift to us—unless they cripple our ability to function as whole persons, as families, and as a community in the present world.

In every congregation there are persons who need the healing of their memories. There are past hurts that need to be turned over to God. The altar of God is a place for remembering all that God has done on our behalf. It is also a reminder that there are some things not worth dwelling on—leaving them in God’s hands. The Gospel is about new beginnings. God beckons us to hold to what was good and of value in our past. But, and even more importantly, to look to the future at the new things God can do in our lives.

I pray that your Memorial Day is a time of reminiscing over those people God has given in your life to pay the price and make the sacrifices that have made you the person that you are today, so that your heart might be overflowing with deep gratitude. Thank you for remembering, and thank you for your faithfulness and generosity for the cause of Christ.

Your Servant in Christ,

*Pastor Grant D. Quever*

## Fun Days to Celebrate this Month!

FUN  
Days  
In  
May!

May 1—National Skilled Trades Day

May 17—NASCAR Day

May 3—National Garden Meditation Day

May 20—National Pick Strawberries Day

May 4—Star Wars Day

May 21—National Talk Like Yoda Day

May 5—Cinco de Mayo

May 23—World Turtle Day

May 7—National Teacher Appreciation Day

May 25—National Wine Day

May 8—National Give Someone a Cupcake Day

May 27—Memorial Day

May 11—National Mini Golf Day

May 28—National Hamburger Day

May 12—Mother’s Day

May 29—World Otter Day

May 16—National Classic Movie Day

May 31—National Smile Day



## Peaceful Pitstop May 24-27

For those who are new to this or may have forgotten a bit, this is a hospitality tent at the Burlington Jamboree festival, which runs the 4 days of Memorial Day weekend (May 24-27). We provide a place for those in charge of babies and toddlers to change them and feed them. It is also a place to have privacy to change those older children or adults who need to wear diapers and to provide a (relatively) quiet place for festival goers to just sit and get a drink of water. It is a wonderful way for us to serve the Burlington community. Peace provides changing tables, rocking chairs and supplies for those who may have forgotten or run out of changing supplies. We also provide minimal first aid supplies, sunscreen, and coloring books and the like for older siblings of the babies. Our volunteers welcome people into the tent, guide them to any supplies and tell them a bit about us **ONLY IF ASKED**. Much stress has been put on the fact that we should not be making people feel as though they must be willing to be proselytized in order to be allowed in. Such is not the case! But we should be willing to talk about ourselves if asked. We would not be required to staff the tent ALL of the hours that the festival is open. It will be up to us how many hours we feel we can comfortably provide. Please sign-up in the Narthex. Your time and help will be greatly appreciated!



## Salad Supper May 15

You are invited to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Women of Peace Pot-Luck Salad Supper. Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m., in the Peace fellowship hall. Bring a salad to pass and bring a friend to enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship. Our speaker for the evening will be from the Burlington Historical Society. So that we can adequately plan, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex.

## 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

## Church Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m.

2023-2024

Church

Council

Members



## Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
<b>March 2024</b>	\$7,572.00	\$5,612.72	\$1,959.28
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$28,323.00	\$18,533.97	\$9,789.03

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Worship Assistants for May

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Counter
<b>May 5</b>	Janet McGinty	Janet McGinty	Janet McGinty	Sharon Ryd
<b>May 12</b>	Elaine Sherry	Bev Stobber	Bev Stobber	Sean McGinty
<b>May 19</b>	John Monsen	Pam Mueller	Elaine Sherry	John Monsen
<b>May 26</b>	Chris Monsen	Renee Knapton	Renee Knapton	Sean McGinty

## Congregational Meeting June 2

The Annual Congregational meeting for Peace Lutheran Church will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## May Birthdays

May 5—Renee Knapton

May 10—Buck Steinger

May 26—Linda Myers

## May Anniversaries

May 12—Chuck and Sandy Strehlow



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CHURCH: A Small  
Family of Christian  
Believers Working to  
"Grow in Peace"

## 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 May are due Saturday, April 20.**



## 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.

## 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.

## Thank You Jim!

Thank you to Jim Hart who facilitated the needed roof and gutter repairs, oversaw the installation of a new furnace, and accomplished the removal and cleanup of a tree near the parking lot.

## 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.

**THANK  
YOU**

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting March 10, 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 10:15a.m. by President M. Hart

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Pastor Quever

**Additions to Agenda:**

- Under new business - Synod Assembly in May
- Under worship – possible communion every Sunday, Continuation of outdoor worship
- Under property – new paint for church’s front doors

**Approval of Agenda: Motion by J. McGinty to approve additions to agenda, seconded by J. Monsen. Motion carried.**

**Pastor’s Report:**

- Recommended readings from the Passion of Jesus Christ According to St. Mark in place of a homily on Palm Sunday.
- Has designed a special bulletin for Easter Sunday. Will meet with Kerry.
- Has plans to develop a letter to congregation members for Easter.
- Made calls to members who have been absent. Heard back from Myers family.

**Secretary’s Report (Bev Stobber) Motion by J. McGinty, seconded by J. Monsen to accept February 11,2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer’s Report (Janet McGinty)** Deposits for the month of February were \$5504.00. Expenses were \$6120.93. The year-to-date balance is \$7829.75. The current money market balance is &60,119.06. **Motion by B. Stobber, seconded by E. Sherry to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.**

The PACT contract with Pastor Quever has been amended.

**Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry):** Sign-up sheets for the Noon Lenten soup lunches have been posted. Posted signup sheet for Easter flowers and placed order. Ordered palms for Palm Sunday. Ordered and picked up cake for new member Sunday. The decision was made to resume Communion being offered every Sunday starting in April. This will require additional volunteers to assist. The decision was made to continue regular indoor worship services through the summer.

**Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen):** Janet McGinty will lead a program of “Inclusion” on March 17<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton)** No report.

**Caring for the Community (Bev Stobber)** No report

**Inviting Folks In – (Elsie Goulding):** Birthday cards were sent. Get-well cards will be sent as needed.

**Property Report – Open.** The box elder tree was taken down, Cleanup will resume when compost area reopens. Will be contacting someone to fix rain gutter on the back side of church. John Monsen volunteered to paint the front doors of the church when weather permits.

**Vice-President’s Report (John Monsen):** Looking for potential nominees to fill council positions. New constitution states that the congregation council shall consist of “not more than eight members of the congregation”. Current council members are to provide a description of what their current duties to determine how council positions will be realigned.

**President’s Report (Marilyn Hart):** Transcribed info and notes from Jan. 20 workshop with Pastor Carol and sent them to her. Sent thoughts about sharing info/reports to council members prior to meeting to help shorten council meetings. Sent proposal to have official statement, perhaps continuing resolution, on how to handle things when we see something that might be potentially disturbing to the wellbeing of our church.

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Church Council Meeting March 10, 2024, continued**

**Unfinished Business**

Membership list is now considered up to date.

Initial info has been entered into the Ministry Site Profile (MSP).

Possible dates for a "Faithful Innovation" seminar with Pastor Matthew Short are June 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 20th and August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

The Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly is scheduled for May 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>. We can have 2 delegates. The cost prior to April 17<sup>th</sup> is \$235.00.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2024

**Motion to adjourn made by J. McGinty, seconded by C. Monsen., Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 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/>.**

