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November 2023 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

People of Peace,

November starts to bring thoughts of family and family gatherings to my mind. I'm sure I'm not alone in this. We begin November, as a church, with All Saints Sunday, centering our hearts and minds on family and friends who have made lasting impacts on our lives and are, sadly, no longer physically here with us. Near the end of the month, we gather with family and friends around our Thanksgiving tables to share a meal with feelings of love and gratitude for those who are still among us. I pray that both of these celebrations bring moments of, and memories of, peace and joy.

We remain mindful of the fact that there are places in our current world that will have a hard time creating moments of peace in their lives. When surrounded by acts of hate and war, the longing for peace and the ability to find it become increasingly elusive and difficult to imagine. We continue to pray for, and offer resources as we are able, to people throughout the world who are surrounded in any way by hate and conflict.

Always thankful for your prayers,
 Marilyn Hart
 Council President

A Message from Bishop Eaton

Dear church,

As Lutherans, we are accustomed to holding tension between two truths. Thus the ELCA denounces the egregious acts of Hamas, acts that have led to unspeakable loss of life and hope. At the same time the ELCA denounces the indiscriminate retaliation of Israel against the Palestinian people, both Christian and Muslim.

For the past week we have borne witness to the horrors of the escalating crisis between Israel and Hamas. We also watch a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel blocks food, water, fuel and medical supplies and as airstrikes continue to cause unbearable civilian casualties ahead of a just-announced ground assault. We see Israelis and families around the world in the agonizing wait for word about the fate of loved ones killed or taken hostage by Hamas. We are in anguish, grieving and praying for all people who are living in trauma, fear and uncertainty.

Bishop Eaton's Message continued...

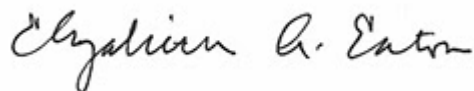
Among us are Palestinian Lutherans who are fearful for their families, their communities and their homeland. In our communities we have Jewish and Muslim neighbors, who are also facing the horrors of this crisis and its impact on their loved ones.

It is difficult to find words that suffice in the complexity of this moment, and in the web of relationships that bind us together, as church, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our interreligious partners. Yet God has called us to be a people who stand with others amid suffering.

We must also call a thing a thing. The power exerted against all Palestinian people — through the occupation, the expansion of settlements and the escalating violence — must be called out as a root cause of what we are witnessing. We are committed to our long-standing accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The God who liberates us calls us to be a liberating witness. May it be so.

In Christ,



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.





Women's Advent by Candlelight

Join us on Sunday, November 26, 3-4:30pm for an afternoon of reflection, music, and fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of Advent and preparation for the birth of Jesus. This year's program is The Music of Christmas, come learn the history of some of your favorite hymns sung during this season and get to sing them too! Dessert, coffee, tea, and punch will be served.

Mid-Day Women's Gathering

Join us for the Mid-Day Women's Gathering on November 8th at 11:30 a.m. in the Peace Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch and beverage - dessert will be provided. Jean Wiechmann will host.

Syber Soul Support Group

The Syber Soul Support Group was formed at the end of 2020, when we'd all been separated from each other for the better part of a year and were in some serious need of emotional support. The group's name includes the word 'cyber', meaning online versus in person, but of course has a twist for effect when using the initials SSSG. A small group of members of our church got together (in person!) in December of 2020 to decide what it was that we were looking for from this group and how we wanted to go about achieving it... We now come together monthly to discuss various topics, some troubling/some happy, that affect us all and we share how we each deal with them. We also look for scriptures to support us in our endeavors, and scriptures never fail us.

Topics that were discussed in 2023 were New Year's resolutions (yes, we all feel the same about those!); love in many different aspects; free will; Easter; motherhood (fatherhood snuck in there a bit, too); relaxation - how hard it is to come by and how we might feel guilty about it; how to deal with disappointment; a book entitled, "The Book of Longings", a novel told from the perspective of Jesus' fictional wife; our labors; and how we deal with jealousy or envy. Anything that one member shares with the others in the group is kept in strict confidence as it's meant to be a safe place to share anything. We usually meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and alternate hosting at our homes. If you would like to know more, please contact Renee Knapton @ 262-492-0718.





The Chosen Season 3

Join us for Season 3 of *The Chosen*!

Viewings & discussions are after worship on these dates:

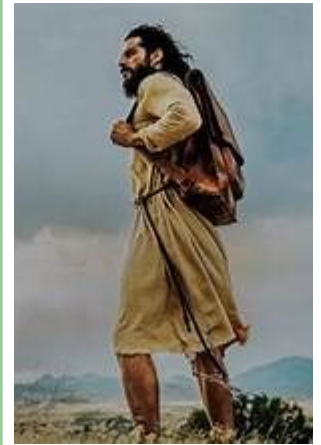
November 5—Ep. 4, Clean, Part 1

November 19—Ep. 5, Clean, Part 2

November 26—Ep. 6, Intensity in Tent City

December 3—Ep. 7, Ears to Hear

December 17—Ep. 8, Sustenance



National Native American Heritage Month

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the very proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the “First Americans” and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 “National American Indian Heritage Month.” Similar proclamations, under variants on the name have been issued each year since 1994.

**NATIVE
AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH**



Pastoral Care Team

How can we help YOU? Our commission is to GROW IN PEACE.

The Lay Pastoral Care Team is here to visit our members in need while we search for a new pastor.

We've met and learned how best to serve those among us who are in need of meals, visits, prayers, and to bring Communion to shut-ins.

If you want a visit, OR if you want to join the team, please contact us!

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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.

TLC Giving Baskets

The most needed item for our TLC giving baskets this fall is toilet paper. Other donations are always welcome. Thank you for your generosity!

November Birthdays

Michael Knapton—Nov 12

Bob Gueldenzopf—Nov 16

Karen Ehrhardt—Nov 22

Shirley Berndt—Nov 27

Jennifer Mueller—Nov 30

November Anniversaries

Gary & Terri Schildt—Nov 10

Rich & Pam Mueller—Nov 27



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 October are due Saturday, November 18.**

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 Yoga on Fridays at 1:30 pm.

BSC 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 (BSC) to meet old friends and make new friends. Some friends play card games like Bridge, Euchre, Hand & Foot, Pinochle, and Sheephead. Others play Bunco and Mexican Train Dominoes. Throughout the year, there are opportunities to join 50+ Sports like Bowling, Pickle Ball, Softball, or Volleyball. BSC offers a Jam Ses-

Fun Days to Celebrate this Month!

Nov 1: National Authors Day

Nov 18: National Apple Cider Day

Nov 2: Cookie Monster Day

Nov 20: National Absurdity Day

Nov 4: Use Common Sense Day

Nov 21: Pumpkin Pie Day

Nov 6: National Nachos Day

Nov 23: Thanksgiving

Nov 9: Go to an Art Museum Day

Nov 24: Buy Nothing Day

Nov 11: Veterans Day

Nov 25: Small Brewery Sunday

Nov 13: World Kindness Day

Nov 28: Giving Tuesday



FUN

Days

In

November!

Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
September 2023	\$9,155.00	\$3,377.36	\$5,777.64
Year to Date 2023	\$84,282.29	\$71,505.43	\$12,776.86



"We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee."

Thank you to Bev Stobber and Jim Hart for sharing why they give during this year's stewardship appeal. Thank you to each one of you for returning your pledge card, so we are able to financially responsible as we prepare the 2024 budget. Also, the money we moved to the Business Money Market account has been growing! Since March, we have earned \$735.72 in interest. Thank you for your generous and timely gifts.

Budget Congregational Meeting – 11/19

Please join us after worship on Sunday, 11/19 to ratify the 2024 church budget. The budget will be determined, approved, and recommended at the November 12th council meeting. Once approved by the council, copies will be emailed to you for review and will also be available at the meeting.

Worship Assistants for November

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Counter
Nov 5	Chris Monsen	Chris Monsen	Peggy Paynter
Nov 12	Janet McGinty	Bev Stobber	Sean McGinty
Nov 19	John Monsen	Elaine Sherry	John Monsen
Nov 26	TBA	Renee Knapton	Sharon Ryd



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting September 17, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Pres. M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by Chris Monsen

Approval of Agenda: The item of stewardship was added under the treasurer's report. Motion by B. Stobber to approve agenda as amended, seconded by J. Monsen. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer's Report (Janet McGinty):

We finished the month of August with a balance of \$2411.06. The balance for the year to date is a \$6204.24. We received \$124.42 in interest from the money market account. Motion by C. Monsen, seconded by B. Stobber to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. McGinty recommended that we consider increasing the hourly wage for our custodian, Jim Rateike, from \$12.50/hr. to \$14.50/hr. to bring in line with other employee wage scales. Motion by B. Stobber to approve recommended wage increase, seconded by E. Goulding. Motion carried. It was suggested that Jim Rateike compile a list of general maintenance duties that need to be accomplished weekly/biweekly, monthly, etc. McGinty mentioned she is seeking a new insurance package. The current policy expires October 19. Stewardship letters and pledge cards will be distributed October 8 and will be collected October 29. Temple talks will be scheduled for October 15 and 22.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry):

- Supply Pastors have been scheduled through October 29
- Thank you cards have been sent to the Pastors who have served us
- We have begun offering grape juice in the center of the communion tray.

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen): The series "The Chosen" will begin again at the end of September.

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton):

- Stobber will take communion to Mary Lueder and Bill Goulding. Sue Koch will assist.
- Pastor Kristin Nielson from the synod office will lead us in worship on October 8 and facilitate an open discussion after church regarding the situation surrounding Pastor Susan's departure.

Caring for the Community (Bev Stobber):

- The cancelled TLC picnic has not yet been rescheduled.
- TLC requests for fall are Bleach, Disinfecting Wipes, Laundry detergent, Paper Towels, and Toilet Paper
- McGinty and Stobber participated in Thrivent Generosity Day on September 16th

Inviting Folks In (Elsie Goulding): "Thinking of You" cards were sent to people absent from recent services.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Meeting September 17 2023, continued

Property Report (Open):

Thank you to Jim Hart for overseeing and completing removal of the tree branch and broken railing leading to the lower level.

Vice-President's Report (John Monsen):

- Has agreed to work on search for new church insurance policy.

President's Report (Marilyn Hart):

- Has been maintaining contact with Synod as to process to be followed during this transition time.
- Is scheduled to meet with Pastor Carol Jeunette on September 18.
- A meeting will be scheduled with Pastor Grant Quever as a possible interim pastor.

Unfinished Business: There has been no positive response in our search for a church musician.

New Business

- Chris Monsen, as a member of the new constitution committee, presented the updated constitution as it has been completed to date for the council's consideration. She has been attempting to contact the synod for their input.
- A congregational meeting to ratify the 2024 church budget has been scheduled for November 19th.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2023.

Motion to adjourn made by B. Stobber, seconded by J. Monsen. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary