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October 2023 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

Well, we are fully into what always feels like our busy church season. At least that's how it always seems to me. Groups that have been dormant for the summer, start back up again. As we start scheduling these things, it seems like Advent and Christmas are right around the corner. So, we all go from running out of time for our summertime events to running out of time for our fall events. However hectic all of this seems, it does bring a smile to my face to see that Peace is still thriving.

The end of September brought our first Sunday that had choir singing at the service! This is always a welcome addition to our worship. Thank you to Kerry for carving out the time in your busy schedule to bring choir music one Sunday a month. We're also happy to welcome Rachel Bennett as a guest musician a few times as well. We appreciate these musical offerings that fill our worship services with praise in song.

We have begun showing Season 3 of *The Chosen* after services on Sundays. It's a great opportunity for fellowship, to watch an episode together and join in the discussion afterward. A tentative schedule can be found in this newsletter and on the church calendar. Feel free to pop by and watch an episode, even if you can't attend regularly.

I hope you all saw the invite from the Synod for a town hall type meeting that will be held after service on October 8th. Pastor Kristin Nielsen will be our pastor for the day and then be here to help with our questions and concerns that surrounded the resignation of Pastor Bowen. This is a day that the Synod and our church council worked on together to make available to all members of Peace.

A few ambitious council members are diligently going through the church records at Peace. They are working to be sure that we have accurate information of past events and that things continue to get recorded properly moving forward. We hope to have accessible information on hand at church and then will start the process of recording these same records in digital form.

Our search for an interim pastor is going in a positive direction, as there is a pastor that has shown interest in this position. This process starts with a conversation between the council and the prospective pastor. This helps us decide if they are a good fit for Peace and helps them decide if an interim position at Peace is a good fit for them. This is a very exciting move in the right direction and we will keep you updated!

With all of these things going on, don't forget to take the time to enjoy the beauty of October in Wisconsin.

Always thankful for your prayers,
 Marilyn Hart
 Council President

October Guest Preachers!

- Oct 1: **Pastor Grant Quever**
- Oct 8: **Pastor Kristin Nielsen**
- Oct 15: **Pastor Jane Fryda**
- Oct 22: **Reverend Kelly Taylor-Schaus**
- Oct 29: **Pastor Chris Manke**



The Chosen Season 3

Join us for Season 3 of *The Chosen*!
Viewings & discussions are after worship on these dates:

- October 1—Ep. 2, Two by Two
- October 22—Ep. 3, Physician, Heal Yourself
- 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



October is National ADHD Awareness Month

Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder—ADHD—is a brain-based disorder that affects about one in ten school-aged children. Symptoms continue into adulthood for more than half.

- Up to 30% of children and 25-40% of adults with ADHD have a co-existing anxiety disorder.
- Experts claim that up to 70% of those with ADHD will be treated for depression at some point in their lives.
- Sleep disorders affect people with ADHD two to three times as often as those without it.

This October we are partnering with organizations around the world with the shared global goal of dissemination of reliable information about ADHD and its treatments. The 2023 ADHD Awareness Month theme in the United States is “Moving Forward with ADHD.”

Check out the website for more information: adhdawarenessmonth.org





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!

Bev Stobber
262-210-9249

Marilyn Hart
262-492-9696

Renee Knapton
262-492-0718

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 items for our TLC giving baskets this fall are toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, bleach, & disinfecting wipes. Thank you for your generosity!

Church Council Meeting

The next Church Council Meeting will be Sunday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m.

October Birthdays

Tom Erhardt—October 9

Marilyn Hart—October 10

Jeanne Rateike—October 12

Ruth Schenning—October 14

Kiara Watson—October 16

October Anniversaries

Richard & Peggy Paynter—October 2

Dan & Renee Knapton—October 4

Matt & Kerry Bieneman—October 8

Sean & Janet McGinty—October 21

Tom & Linda Myers—October 26



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, October 21.**

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 Sheepshead. 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!

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| October 1: International Music Day | October 17: National Pasta Day |
| October 4: National Taco Day | October 21: "Back to the Future" Day |
| October 6: World Smile Day | October 23: Mole Day |
| October 9: Indigenous People's Day | October 24: National Bologna Day |
| October 10: World Mental Health Day | October 27: Navy Day |
| October 14: National Dessert Day | October 29: National Oatmeal Day |
| October 16: Global Cat Day | October 31: Halloween |



FUN
Days
In
October!



Mt. Meru Coffee Update

Some of the ways the Mt. Meru Coffee Project will be able continue to support the coffee farmer...

1. Increased price for the beans we buy. Fairtrade International recently implemented a price increase for coffee purchases so we intend to increase the price we pay to ensure it continues to be well above the global commodities market price at the time of our next purchase.

2. Sending a portion of our proceeds back to the processing centers directly. Today the costs of processing and transporting beans in Tanzania, as well as capital improvements needed to maintain the centers, are subtracted from the price we pay for the beans at market (this amount could be almost 20%). This impacts the net price received by the farmers for both the beans we buy, as well as those that are sold at auction (usually at a lower price). In 2023 MMCP only purchased 22% of their harvest.

3. The local Mt. Meru Coffee Leadership team has requested funds to recognize those farmers from each of the six processing centers who have taken the training we funded at TaCRI and demonstrated the positive impact it's had on their harvest (improved practices, kg of beans collected, etc.). Two types of "rewards" have been proposed by the Tanzania leadership:

- Present a knapsack sprayer and pruning shears to the Top Three farmers in each center (approx. \$500 value) to continue to motivate all farmers to implement the practices they have learned at the TaCRI training.
- Select five farmers from each processing center to attend the National Agricultural Show (Nane Nane). These are hosted the first week in August in several cities across Tanzania (including Arusha) and provide a venue for farmers to share with other farmers the great results they have gained by employing new technologies in their farms. This will be a great continuing education opportunity for the Mt. Meru farmers.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Outreach for Hope—October 29

On Sunday, October 29, Pr. Chris Manke from Outreach for Hope will be sharing God's message with us that Sunday. We invite you all to stay for the adult education time after worship to learn more about Synod ministry.

Outreach for Hope supports life-giving ministries that serve the people of low income communities in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA. These ministries not only provide help with daily necessities, but most importantly, they are centers in the heart of their communities for providing transformation and hope.

Join us on October 29 to learn more!

Thrivent Generosity Day

We had another successful Thrivent Generosity Day in Burlington! It was great to bring people together to help our community. Activities included park and cemetery cleanups, sanitizing toys for Life Choices, assembling birthday cake boxes for Love, Inc and making silly putty. Volunteers then enjoyed a lunch of salad and pizza at Zumpanos!



Financial Report

| | Deposits | Expenses | Difference |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| August 2023 | \$5,229.00 | \$3,082.94 | \$2,411.06 |
| Year to Date 2023 | \$75,127.29 | \$68,923.05 | \$6,204.24 |



Thank you all for your continued and faithful giving.

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

Worship Assistants for October

| Date | Council Person in Charge | Lector | Counter |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Oct 1 | Renee Knapton | Pam Mueller | John Monsen |
| Oct 8 | Elaine Sherry | Marilyn Hart | John Monsen |
| Oct 15 | John Monsen | Sean McGinty | Sean McGinty |
| Oct 22 | Janet McGinty | Sharon Ryd | Sharon Ryd |
| Oct 29 | Marilyn Hart | Bev Stobber | Sean McGinty |



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting August 13, 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 10:07 a.m. by Pres. M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by Bev Stobber

Behavioral Covenant: Each council member signed the Behavioral Covenant, and it will be posted.

Appointment of new council member: President Hart announced the appointment of Chris Monsen to fill one of the vacant council positions. **Motion J. McGinty to approve this council appointment, seconded by R. Knapton. Motion carried.** C. Monsen will fill the position of Nurturing Faith – Education.

Approval of Agenda: The item of insurance was added under the treasurer's report. Motion by J. McGinty to approve agenda as amended, seconded by E Sherry. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber)

Minutes of the July 9, 2023, council meeting was presented. Correction was made as to the gift presented to Pastor Susan. A Spa gift certificate, not an Amazon gift card was given. **Motion by J. McGinty to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by J. Monsen. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report (Janet McGinty)

We finished the month of July with a balance of \$(1611.54). The balance for the year to date is a positive \$3213.16. We received \$124.00 in interest from the money market account. **Motion by B. Stobber, Seconded by R. Knapton to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.** McGinty stated that the insurance company toured and took pictures of our church building. She will check to see what our liability regarding renters is using the building. The final expenses for Pastor Susan have been paid. The costs for supply pastors are within our budget.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry)

- Supply Pastors have been scheduled through October 8 th .
- Thank you cards have been sent the Pastors who have served us
- We will return to indoor worship September 3rd
- We have obtained 2 sets of battery candles for the altar and worship area.

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen)

- It was proposed and decided that we have a pot-luck brunch Sunday September 10th "Rally Sunday". A sign-up sheet will be posted.
- The film series "The Chosen" will begin again at the end of September.

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton) Submitted written report.

- Contacted both the Myers family and K. Christensen regarding our current transition period, both feel a continued church connection.
- Will be visiting S. Berndt this coming week.
- B. Stobber will take communion to M. Lueder
- Hope to contact Synod for follow-up of exit interview.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Council Meeting August 13, 2023, continued

Caring for the Community (Bev Stobber)

- The TLC picnic was cancelled due to HVAC work being done at the facility.
- Summer donations to the TLC Giving Baskets were delivered September 5th
- TLC need requests for September and October are Bleach, Disinfecting Wipes, Laundry detergent, Paper Towels, and Toilet Paper

Inviting Folks In – Elsie Goulding

- Cards were sent to shut ins.

Property Report – Open

- Pam Mueller has been overseeing “Barb’s Garden.”
- Jim Hart requests permission to remove the broken picnic table and the shattered railing leading to the lower level. Motion by J. Monsen to approve that request, seconded by R. Knapton. Motion carried.
- The name of ‘Bills Top Notch’ was recommended as a contractor to remove the branch remaining from previous storm damage.

Vice-President’s Report (John Monsen) No report

President’s Report (Marilyn Hart)

- Has been maintaining contact with Synod as to process to be followed during this transition time

Unfinished Business

- Church Musician – The description and compensation for church musician has been placed on the church website and face book. No responses from high schools that were contacted. Will try to expand the area schools.
- A performance review was held with church secretary Kerry Bieneman on August 17th . Next review scheduled for the end of year.

New Business

- There was an inquiry as to rental of the church lower level for the giving of music lessons one day a week. Motion made by B. Stobber to set a fee to between \$50.00 and \$75.00 per month, seconded by J. McGinty. Motion carried.
- Additional items discussed: thoughts on outdoor services next year, times for a Christmas Eve service

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2023.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Motion to adjourn made by B. Stobber, seconded by R. Knapton. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary