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# September 2023 Peacepipe

## Peaceful Ponderings...

People of Peace,

As I write this, I am sitting at the marina in Port Washington enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of Lake Michigan. It is an idyllic day and I personally feel quite blessed. Renee Knapton and I decided to incorporate a visit with Shirley Berndt, who is in an assisted living residence up here, with a little day trip. It was great to see Shirley thriving in her new home, and Renee and I left feeling so grateful that Shirley seems so happy!

The Lay Pastoral Care Team is available for any needs you may have, which might include personal visits or communion. Please call Renee, Bev or Marilyn if you are in need during this transition time. Our council members are also making sure to continue contact with anyone that has been regularly visited by our pastor in the recent past. We are also sending cards or making calls to those members we haven't seen in a while.

September is upon us which is always a time of great change. Students, teachers, bus drivers, etc. will go back to school and work, some local and some far away. Keep in mind the transition time can be stressful for some, and offer grace to anyone who may be overwhelmed, apprehensive or just plain burned out.

Speaking of students, we again offered the use of our parking lot to Performance Tire for their annual car show in mid-August. They raised \$10,000 for school supplies to "Help Kids Gear Up for School". All proceeds benefit Southern Lakes Area Love Inc. We are happy to be a small part of their fundraising effort.

Our council has welcomed a new member, Chris Monsen. She will fill in the vacant position of Nurturing the Faith—Education. Thank you, Chris.

As we continue our search for a church musician, Kerry will provide recordings and do a live service now and then. She will also work with choir members to bring choral music again for fall and Christmas.

Our council worship committee has done a great job of finding supply pastors for upcoming Sundays. In late July, council met with Pastor Kristin from the Synod. She walked us through the steps in the process of moving on from a pastor who has left. Together with Pastor Kristin's help, we submitted a form indicating our specific church needs for an interim pastor to the Synod. I have emailed Pastor Kristin since that time, and hope to have good news soon. Until then, we will continue to enjoy and welcome our variety of visiting clergy each week. Thank you all for your flexibility and willingness to keep a positive attitude!

Always thankful for your prayers,  
 Marilyn Hart  
 Council President

**September Guest Preachers!**

Sept 3: **Pastor Grant Quever**

Sept 10: **Reverend Karl Otto**

Sept 17: **Robin Nehring Brodie**

Sept 24: **Robin Nehring Brodie**



**TLC Taste and Thanks—Sept 14 @ Low Daily**

You are invited to attend

*Taste and Thanks*

Transitional Living Center

Thursday, September 14, 2023, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of Food Trucks & Beer Tasting

Hosted by TLC Board of Directors

Please RSVP! Call or text Jane at 262-332-2218

**September is National Recovery Month**

National Recovery Month, which started in 1989, is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the nation’s strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible.

SAMHSA aims to increase public awareness surrounding mental health and addiction recovery. In the years since Recovery Month launched, SAMHSA has timed announcements of initiatives and grant funding during Recovery Month, while collaborating with private and public entities to celebrate individuals during their long-term recoveries.



If you, or someone you know, needs help to stop using substances, call SAMHSA’s National Helpline at [1-800-662-HELP](tel:1-800-662-HELP) (4357) or TTY: [1-800-487-4889](tel:1-800-487-4889), or text your zip code to [435748](tel:435748) (HELP4U), or visit [FindTreatment.gov](http://FindTreatment.gov).

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text [988](tel:988) or chat [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org).

**LOW DAILY**

700 North Pine Street  
Burlington, WI 53105

*National  
Recovery  
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!

Bev Stobber  
262-210-9249

Marilyn Hart  
262-492-9696

Renee Knapton  
262-492-0718

### Rally Sunday



God's work.  
Our hands.

### Rally Sunday & God's Work/Our Hands

September 10 is both Rally Sunday and God's Work/Our Hands Sunday. We'll celebrate with a potluck brunch following the worship service and an opportunity to serve the Transitional Living Center (TLC) with our donations.

Bring your friends and family and a dish to pass, and join us for a time of service and fellowship.



### 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](mailto: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 and laundry detergent. Thank you for your generosity!

### Church Council Meeting

The next Church Council Meeting will be Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m.

### September Birthdays

Tom Myers—September 17

Bev Stobber—September 21

Pam Mueller—September 28



## 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 October are due Saturday, September 23.**

## Growing Relationships

Contact Renee Knapton by phone at 262-492-0718 or by e-mail at [reeneeknapton@gmail.com](mailto:reeneeknapton@gmail.com) with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members.

## Thrivent Generosity Day—Sept 16

On the third Saturday of September, Thrivent Shoreline Group hosts a Generosity Day. This day is for our community with unmet or generous needs, to come together to serve. Join us on Saturday, September 16, from 8:00-12:00 for a morning of service projects.

## 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 am and Yoga on Fridays at 1 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

## Fun Days to Celebrate this Month!

**Sept 1:** National Lazy Mom's Day

**Sept 18:** National Cheeseburger Day

**Sept 2:** World Beard Day

**Sept 19:** International Talk Like a Pirate Day...ARRRR!

**Sept 4:** Labor Day

**Sept 21:** World Gratitude Day

**Sept 10:** National Grandparents Day

**Sept 24:** International Daughters Day

**Sept 12:** National Day of Encouragement

**Sept 26:** National Pancake Day

**Sept 16:** National Dance Day

**Sept 30:** National Love People Day



FUN

Days

In

September!



## Mid-Day Women's Gathering

The Mid-Day Women's Gathering will begin their 2023-2024 activity year on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM, in the Peace Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch and beverage, dessert will be provided. Also bring your ideas for the coming year. Bev Stobber will host.

## Outreach for Hope Ride/Run/Walk—Sat, 9/30

Outreach for Hope is the Greater Milwaukee Synod's support program for low income communities. Through the local congregations, they supply clothing, food, and other aid to the families within these communities. It is a form of missionary work right here in our area.

This year, Peace has a team participating in the family run, ride and walk event on September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the main fundraising event of the year for all of the services they provide. If you are interested in participating yourself OR if you are willing to sponsor our team you can give any member of the team (Dan Knapton, Renee Knapton, Sean McGinty) a check or cash. (You can also use a credit card but there is a 6% fee for using this payment method.) The website is [outreachforhope.org](http://outreachforhope.org).

Please address questions to Dan (262-492-0719) or Renee (262- 492-0718) Knapton.

## Peace Choir—Come Sing With Us!

If you are interested in singing with the choir once a month this fall, please contact Kerry at [kerrybieneman@gmail.com](mailto:kerrybieneman@gmail.com) or 262-332-9330. We will rehearse at 8:00 and sing at 9:00 on September 24, October 22, and November 26. Join us!

## Fall Leadership Conference—Oct 2-4

### “Making and Creating Spaces: The Power of Storytelling”

#### with Dr. Kelly Sherman Conroy

Join us at Lutherdale Bible Camp this October for a time of learning and renewal for Greater Milwaukee Synod faith leaders, including lay members & staff, council presidents, pastors & deacons.

“Making and Creating Spaces: The Power of Storytelling” captures the two main concepts that will be explored in this training: the importance of making space for people from all backgrounds and creating spaces where everyone feels welcome and included, and the power of storytelling to facilitate both of these things.

The deadline to register is Sept 18 at noon.

Visit [milwaukee-synod.org/event/fall-leadership-conference](http://milwaukee-synod.org/event/fall-leadership-conference) for more info and to register.





## Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
July 2023	\$8,036.00	\$9,647.54	\$(1,611.54)
Year to Date 2023	\$69,898.29	\$66,685.13	\$3,213.16



Thank you all for your continued and faithful giving.

## 2023-2024 Church Council

President --- Marilyn Hart                      Vice-President --- John Mosen  
 Secretary --- Bev Stobber                      Treasurer --- Janet McGinty

Nurturing the Faith (Worship) --- Elaine Sherry  
 Nurturing the Faith (Education) --- Chris Mosen  
 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 September

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Counter
Sept 3	Chris Mosen	Bev Stobber	Sean McGinty
Sept 10	Bev Stobber	Renee Knapton	Sean McGinty
Sept 17	John Mosen	Chris Mosen	John Mosen
Sept 24	Janet McGinty	Elaine Sherry	Sharon Ryd



## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting July 9, 2023

**Council Members Present: Pastor Susan Bowen, Elsie Goulding, Marilyn Hart, Janet McGinty, John Monsen, Elaine Sherry, Jim Smith, Bev Stobber**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Pres. M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by Pastor Susan

Approval of Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda. **Motion by J. McGinty to approve agenda as presented seconded by J. Monsen. Motion carried.**

### **Pastor's Report:**

Related Pastoral Care, Administration, and other happenings of the past month  
Met with Renee Knapton to discuss Pastoral tasks that could be handled by lay people  
Met with Pastor Kristin Nielsen from Synod to discuss her resignation and future  
Exit interview was held on July 6th

### **Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber)**

Minutes of the June 11, 2023, council meeting was presented. to the May 14th minutes. **Motion by J. Monsen to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by J. Smith. Motion carried.**

### **Treasurer's Report (Janet McGinty)**

We finished the month of June with a balance of \$(2590.08). The balance for the year to date is a positive \$3564.13. Included during the month were several license renewals. **Motion by B. Stobber, Seconded by E. Sherry to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**

### **Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry)**

Our July 16th service will be held inside that we may celebrate Pastor Susan's last day with us. Synod representatives will be present.

Has obtained the roster list of available supply Pastors --- Elaine and Janet will try to contact to determine availability. Lay persons will be contacted where needed to fill in

### **Nurturing the Faith – Education** No report

### **Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton)** Submitted written report.

Met with Pastor Susan to try and resurrect the Lay Pastoral Care Team and determine how they can be of service to ease a Pastor's workload.  
Contacted Chuck and Sandy Strehlow. Was informed they will be leaving the church.

### **Caring for the Community (Bev Stobber)**

TLC donation baskets were delivered the end of June  
Plans for a "picnic type meal to be shared with TLC were discussed. Will try for the weekend of August 19th or 20th date for lunch and sharing "bingo" time.

### **Inviting Folks In (Elsie Goulding)**

Cards were sent to shut-ins.

### **Property (Jim Smith)**

There is a large bee infestation in the storage shed. Persons have already been stung. Probably too large a situation to be handled without professional help. Will notify Wil-Kil.

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

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Church Council Meeting July 9, 2023, continued**

**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. There is unanimous agreement that reinstating the Council Behavior Covenant is an excellent guidance tool. An enlargement will be made and posted.

**New Business**

Requested that Pastor Susan inform council of the shut-in visits that she has made so that arrangements can be made to continue same

Discussion regarding Pastor Susan's parting gift in the form of gift cards. **Motion made by B Stobber that \$100.00 of Kwik Trip cards and a \$100.00 Amazon gift card be given. Seconded by E. Sherry. Motion carried.**

Jim Smith stated his desire to resign from the church council.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2023.

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer**

**Motion to adjourn made by J. McGinty, seconded by E. Goulding. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary

**President's Report (Marilyn Hart)**

Has been in contact with the Synod as to what are the next steps following Pastor Susan's resignation.  
Has not yet received post exit interview summary notes --- will e-mail them for review