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March 2025 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

From Pastor Sheila -

March 5th is Ash Wednesday and April 20th is Easter Sunday. The days that fall in between make up the season of Lent. Many Christians give something up for Lent - coffee, soda, chocolate, and alcohol are pretty common choices.

Many Christians add something for Lent - attending midweek worship services (ours are Wednesdays at 1:00 after our noon lunch), adding daily devotional reading (the list provided on Page 4 is a good place to start but is far from the only option), or doing more volunteer work within the church or wider community. You are welcome to engage in either, both, or neither of those spiritual practices. My Dad grew up pre Vatican II Roman Catholic and thoroughly enjoys the Lutheran focus on God's Grace. He now likes to "give up" things like speaking Russian (he can't) or eating brussels sprouts (he won't) for Lent as a way of remembering it isn't about what we do for God but what God has done for us.

This year's Lenten theme is Between the Manger and the Cross. Each week we will focus on a piece of Jesus' earthly ministry—parables, healing, encounters, miracles, teachings. On Sunday and Wednesday midweek worship will focus on a lesson within that week's theme. There is also a list of daily readings that can be used alone along with instructions for Lectio Divina that are provided as part of your Lenten devotions.

We will also be making some changes in our Sunday worship service during the season of Lent. We will be doing a bit more liturgical singing, avoiding the use of the word Alleluia, and swapping the order of Passing the Peace and Intercessory Prayers (also known as the Prayers of the People). Because our midweek services will be lay led, we will use the pre-written prayers at that service and invite the congregation to submit prayer requests to use in worship on Sundays. You can email them to peacelca@gmail.com by Saturday mornings or give them to me on Sunday either before church or during the Passing of the Peace (that is why we are doing the Peace before the Prayers).

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 April are due on Saturday, March 16.**



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.

Peace Choir March 23

The Peace Choir will sing on Sunday, March 23. We will rehearse before the service at 8:00. If you are interested in singing but haven't joined us before, please contact Kerry at kerrybieneman@gmail.com to get a link to the sheet music and the vocal part recordings.



TLC Giving Baskets

The requested items for the TLC Giving Baskets are: Cereal, instant mashed potatoes, cake/brownie mix, frosting and rice/pasta. Canned items: fruit, vegetables, soup, spaghetti, and tuna. Peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, snacks, crackers, pudding and Jello cups.



Church Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be Sunday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m.



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Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
January 2024	\$17,301.00	\$6,235.65	\$11,065.35
Year to Date	\$17,301.00	\$6,235.65	\$11,065.35

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship Assistants for March

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Fellowship Snacks	Counter
Mar 2	Renee Knapton	Sean McGinty	Elaine Sherry	Monsen	Pam Mueller
Mar 5	Chris Monsen	Bev Stobber	Bev Stobber	N/A	N/A
Mar 9	John Monsen	Ken Christensen	Ken Christensen	Bev Stobber	Janet McGinty
Mar 16	John Monsen	Chris Monsen	Renee Knapton	Knapton	John Monsen
Mar 23	Marilyn Hart	Janet McGinty	Janet McGinty	McGinty	Sharon Ryd
Mar 30	Chris Monsen	Sharon Ryd	Elsie Goulding	OPEN	John Monsen

March Birthdays

March 2—Bill Goulding March 30—Logan Muffick
March 21—Dianna Shamel



2024-2025 Church Council Members

President --- Marilyn Hart Secretary --- Bev Stobber
Vice-President --- John Monsen Treasurer --- Sean 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 --- Elsie Goulding
Property --- open



Lent Schedule

March 5 – Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m.

All Other Wednesdays in Lent:

12:00 soup lunch, 1:00 service

Holy Week

April 13 – Palm Sunday service at 9:00 a.m.

April 17 – Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.

April 18 – Good Friday service at 1:00 p.m.

April 20 – Easter breakfast at 7:30

Easter service at 9:00 a.m.



Daily Lenten Devotionals

March 5	Ash Wed	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
March 6	Early life	Luke 2:25-35
March 7	Early life	Luke 2:36-40
March 8	Early life	Luke 2:41-52
March 9	Parables	Luke 10:25-37
March 10	Parables	Matthew 25:31-46
March 11	Parables	Matthew 20:1-16
March 12	Parables	Luke 15:11-32
March 13	Parables	Matthew 25:14-30
March 14	Parables	Luke 16:19-31
March 15	Parables	Mark 4:30-32
March 16	Healing	Mark 2:1-12
March 17	Healing	Luke 7:1-10
March 18	Healing	Luke 22:47-51
March 19	Healing	John 9
March 20	Healing	Luke 8:43-48
March 21	Healing	Luke 8:27-39
March 22	Healing	Luke 17:11-19
March 23	Encounters	Luke 19:1-10
March 24	Encounters	John 13:1-17
March 25	Encounters	Matt 19:13-15
March 26	Encounters	John 4:4-26
March 27	Encounters	Luke 5:27-32
March 28	Encounters	Luke 7:36-50
March 29	Encounters	John 3:1-21
March 30	Miracles	John 11:1-44

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting, January 19, 2025

Council Members Present: E. Goulding, M. Hart, S. McGinty, R. Knapton, C. Monsen, J. Monsen, Pastor Rawn, E. Sherry, B. Stobber.

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by President M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by R. Knapton

Additions to Agenda: Treasurer options.

Approval of agenda: Motion by J. Monsen, seconded by B. Stobber to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: There was a Q&A session with Pastor Rawn as we got to know each other. Pastor Rawn will prepare the March and April "Pastoral Ponderings" for the PeacePipe to further introduce herself to the congregation.

Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber) Motion by J. Monsen, seconded by R. Knapton, to accept the December council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty) Deposits for the month of December were \$11616.00. Expenses were \$4589.41. The net balance for the month is \$7026.59. **Motion by R. Knapton, seconded by C. Monsen, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.** Sean reported that he found an error reconciling the checking records and bank statement back to January 2021 on the amount of \$57.68. He proposes making a balancing entry showing a transfer-in of \$57.68. **Motion by J. Monsen, seconded by Knapton to make the necessary balancing entry. Motion carried.** The Martin Group, from whom we lease our copy machine, offers a cost neutral electronic payment option. This would eliminate a monthly check. **Motion by C. Monsen, seconded by R. Knapton to approve using the electronic payment option. Motion carried.**

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry): Elaine offered a report of the Worship Committee Meeting held January 11th attended by Pastor Carol, Kerry Bieneman, Marilyn Hart, Janet McGinty, Bev Stobber, and Elaine Sherry. Items discussed focused on the Lenten/ Easter season. Another Worship meeting will be scheduled for February 2nd after service for Pastor Rawn's input in the Wednesday Lenten devotions.

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen): It has been determined that Leah (Farmer?) has been confirmed.

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton): Bev Stobber will host a Saltshaker meal Sunday February 16th. There are openings for the Sunday after service socials.

Caring for the Community (Elsie Goulding): TLC collections continue.

Inviting Folks In (Elsie Goulding): Cards continue to be sent, and visitors recognized

Property Report – Open. Purchased new thermostats. Installed 1 for testing, Will install other 2 when Wi-Fi is setup and working with the first. John Monsen constructed wood mounts to cover existing holes in the wall. Purchased more sidewalk salt. Monitoring weather and using leaf blower for minimal snowfall. Finalized contract with Granite Ridge and got their current insurance information. Working on obtaining and installing new and brighter bulbs for outdoor post lights.

Vice-President's Report (John Monsen): None

President's Report (Marilyn Hart): Prepared agenda for council meeting, emails to all. Submitted Peaceful Ponderings for the PeacePipe. Communicated with members of Quarterly Check In to get current information, plan to share with Pastor Carol and membership. Consulted on sound issues in church. Consulted on Wi-Fi enabled thermostats and assisted with the Wi-Fi portion of installation. Communication with Pastor Sheila as needed.

Unfinished Business: A new printer/copier was installed on January 15th. Nicole Farmer is checking with her last church regarding official transfer. Will have installation when info is received. Still need information regarding Pastor Carol's contract. Try to obtain in February or March.

New Business: Pastor Sheila and Nicole will discuss baptism of Emma before or early in Lent if possible.

The AED is apparently not working properly, new battery? /new device? /eliminate totally? **Motion by R. Knapton, seconded C. Monsen to research the cost of a new AED. Motion amended by J. Monsen, seconded by B. Stobber to spend up to \$1500.00 to purchase a new AED. Motion carried.**

President Hart reminded group of synod's "Together in Mission" event scheduled on February 15th.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2025

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 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/>.

