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December 2024 Peacepipe

Peaceful Ponderings...

Advent Anticipation...

Seasons Greetings to all, as we enter Advent and prepare for the coming of our Savior.

Starting the month off with our annual Advent by Candlelight, brought to us by Janet McGinty, is exactly what we need to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. Our worship space gets decorated for the season and our services reflect the weeks of anticipation.

We will enjoy our annual cantata during our worship at Peace on December 22nd. I hope that all of your personal preparation for the hustle and bustle of Christmas Day can be set aside for the morning so you can fully enjoy the wonderful music that is being prepared by Kerry Bieneman and the combined choirs of Lord of Life (Kenosha) and Peace. Family and friends will be happy you invited them to join you for this special day.

I personally look forward each year to being surrounded with the love of church family and personal family on Christmas Eve. To round out our month, it looks like Sharon Ryd has a special treat for us shortly before we close out the year.

Our special gift this year will be welcoming our new pastor. Pr. Carol Jeunnette will be joining us, as originally planned, as a supply pastor for the month. Council and Pr. Carol will finalize the contract during the month to ensure that she will be our Pastor, leader and partner in our exciting new chapter of life at Peace. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus this month, we will also prepare to find new ways to do God's work in our homes, church and community.

All of these things, and all of you, bring heartwarming joy to me personally. I sincerely hope that this month brings happiness, love and joyous wonderment to you and your family.

Marilyn Hart, Council President

2024 Choir Cantata! Save the Date

We are again joining forces with the choir from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Kenosha to present a Christmas Choir Cantata! We hope you can join us for one of our performances. Invite family and friends! Performances will be Saturday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. (Lord of Life) and Sunday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m. (Peace). Please come!



Mid-Day Women's Gathering

The Mid-Day Women's Gathering will meet Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30a.m., at the home of Carol Chaffee – 349 Oakland Avenue in Burlington. Bring your own lunch and beverage; dessert will be provided. Join with us as we celebrate the Advent/Christmas season.

Mt. Meru Coffee

Consider purchasing coffee for your holiday gatherings from the Mt. Meru Coffee Project. The Mt. Meru Coffee Project is celebrating its 25-year anniversary of ministry in partnership with the coffee farmers in Tanzania. Through its Fair Trade purchases, it has grown over the years and has an impact on almost 1000 farmers and their surrounding communities. Buy from the display in the narthex or see Chris Monsen to order. The coffee also makes a nice Christmas gift!



Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible Study Group will meet at 9 am on Dec 5 & 19. Contact Jean Weichmann 262-763-3329 or Bev Stobber 262-210-9249 with questions.

Christmas with *The Chosen*: Holy Night

After all the hustle and bustle of Christmas is done, come and enjoy a viewing of "Christmas with The Chosen: Holy Night" at Sharon's home Saturday, Dec. 28. This special is a blend of amazing musical performances, beautiful monologues, and an incredible version of the birth of Jesus, featuring some familiar faces if you've followed The Chosen series. Even if you haven't, this is a wonderful show. It lasts about 1 1/2 hours. More details to follow.





Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
October 2024	\$5,109.00	\$5,631.75	(\$522.75)
Year to Date	\$80,664.08	\$73,172.15	\$7,491.93

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship Assistants for December

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Fellowship Snacks	Counter
Dec 1	Elaine Sherry	Sean McGinty	N/A	Elsie & Elaine	Sharon Ryd
Dec 8	Marilyn Hart	Janet McGinty	Janet McGinty		John Monsen
Dec 15	John Monsen	Marilyn Hart	Elaine Sherry	Knapton	Janet McGinty
Dec 22	Bev Stobber	N/A—Cantata	Bev Stobber	CHOIR	Sharon Ryd
Dec 29	Chris Monsen	Pam Mueller	Renee Knapton	McGinty	John Monsen

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CHURCH: A Small

Family of Christian

Believers Working to

“Grow in Peace”

December Birthdays

December 2—Elsie Goulding

December 2—Elaine Sherry

December 9—Sara Hickethier



December Anniversaries

December 31—Jim & Marilyn Hart



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 January are due Saturday, December 21.**



Growing Relationships

Contact Renee Knapton by phone at 262-492-0718 or by e-mail at reeneeknapton@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.

Church Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be Sunday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m.

TLC Giving Baskets

The requested items for the TLC Giving Baskets are “first aid” items. Tylenol, Children’s Tylenol, cough syrup, Benadryl, hydrocortisone cream, Neosporin cream, Band-Aids, and instant ice packs. All items should be new, not outdated, and unopened. Generic items are acceptable.



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Council Meeting, October 13, 2024

Council Members Present: Elsie Goulding, Marilyn Hart, Sean McGinty, R. Knapton, Chris Monsen, John Monsen, Elaine Sherry, Bev Stobber.

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 a.m. by President M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by R. Knapton

Additions to Agenda: Setting budgeting schedule, insurance increase under treasurer's report. Continuing water in baptismal font under new business.

Approval of agenda: **Motion by R. Knapton, seconded by C. Monsen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried**

Pastor's Report: None

Secretary's Report (Bev Stobber) **Motion by C. Monsen seconded by E. Sherry to accept the council minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty) Deposits for the month of September were \$6285.00 Expenses were \$5613.61. The net balance for the month is \$671.39. **Motion by C. Monsen, seconded by J. Monsen to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.** Budget requests are due for November for 2025 budget determination. Janet McGinty will coordinate stewardship drive. Insurance costs for Peace have increased to \$837.32, an increase of approximately 14%. November 17, 2024, was set for a congregational meeting to approve the 2025 Operational budget.

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Elaine Sherry): The Sunday service will be simplified for the present time while we have supply pastors. The date, including the year, will be added to the bulletin. The inclusion of more hymns from the Worship & Praise hymnal will be added to the service. Reformation Sunday is October 27th. All encouraged to wear red. All Saints Sunday, November 3rd, will have a table of candles and a table of loved ones' photos. Peace Church's anniversary will be celebrated November 17th, there will be a pot-luck brunch following the service and congregational meeting. Advent begins December 1st. We will have the Advent wreath and readings which will be read by the person who is that Sunday's scheduled reader. John Monsen will check out the outdoor Advent candles and if they are usable, they will be set up by Nov. 30th, if not, they will be omitted. A "Advent by Candlelight" program is planned for Sunday afternoon December 1st, 1:00 -3:00 pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted. Decorating the church for Christmas will be on Saturday December 7th beginning at 9 am. On December 22nd there will be a Cantata service along with communion. The tentative time for our Christmas Eve service will be 12:00 Noon. Poinsettias will be ordered from Berkot's. A sign-up sheet will be posted. Future pulpit supply was discussed. A concern regarding altar candles was discussed.

Nurturing the Faith – Education (Chris Monsen): None

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton): A get-together "Bonfire" is scheduled at the Knapton's November 2nd. A sign-up sheet will be posted for the Anniversary Sunday pot-luck brunch.

Caring for the Community (Elsie Goulding): Information will be provided regarding the annual Love, Inc. "Turkey Drive".

Inviting Folks In (Elsie Goulding): A "Thank you" note was received for Peace's sponsorship at the Burlington Golf Outing. Thank you to Bill and Elsie Goulding for their offer to sponsor in the name of Peace the "Santa Chalet" at the reindeer level.

Property Report – Open. The back door doorstep has been fixed.

Vice-President's Report (John Monsen): A new "council member in charge" sign-up sheet was circulated. The MET team will meet on October 15th.

President's Report (Marilyn Hart): Prepared agenda for council meeting. Kept council members informed through email regarding current issues. Communicated with Pastor Kristen at Synod regarding current and long-term needs going forward. Received communication from Pastor Kristen to contact Pastor Carol regarding her interest in being a possible future pastor at Peace. Communicated with Pastor Carol and informed council of their conversation. Attended worship committee meeting.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business: Discussed reasoning for having water on Baptismal font each Sunday. Decision delayed. **Motion to schedule a “town hall” meeting with Pastor Kristen from Synod and Pastor Carol to provide information and discussion regarding Pastor Carol’s interest in serving at Peace made by J. Monsen. Seconded by R. Knapton. Motion carried.** President M. Hart will contact the two Pastors for an available date and inform the congregation.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2024.

Motion to adjourn made by S. McGinty, seconded by R. Knapton. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Stobber, Council Secretary

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

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/>.

