PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2026 PEACEPIPE

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Peaceful Ponderings from Pastor Carol…

For fun, I googled the words "change," "jokes" and "religious". This is what AI Overview came up with for responses of different religious denominations to the question: "how many _____ does it take to change a light bulb?"

- **Catholic:** Whoa, slow down! We are still burning candles around here.
- **Baptist:** At least 15. One to change the bulb, up to three committees to approve the change, and one to bring a casserole!
- **Presbyterian:** Change? That is my Mother's light bulb!
- **Methodist:** It is undetermined. Whether your light is bright, dull, or completely out, you are loved. Bring a covered dish to pass!
- **Episcopalian:** Exactly three. One to change the light bulb, one to hold the chair, and one to mix the drinks.
- **Lutheran:** We believe the light bulb will be changed by faith, not by works that we do.

Change is not easy. In the Old Testament lesson on Sept. 30, we hear about the Israelites wandering in the desert after their dramatic escape from Egypt. They had prayed and prayed for deliverance, yet once they were out of Egypt and facing the hardships and unknowns of the desert, they quickly wished they were back in the place that had enslaved them.

In last month's Peace Pipe, I wrote about Peace as a ship, wondering where it might be headed in response to God's call. "What is the Peace ship built for?…. Where is it headed?…. Does God have a vision and mission for Peace…? Is there energy, just maybe, to reconfigure the boat and shift direction?… It would entail change, and sometimes that is too challenging.

Change is not easy. At the same time, change is, quite simply, part of life. Changes may be small and difficult to discern. They may be massive. They may be actively sought out, or may be anticipated and carefully planned for, or they may be completely unexpected.

Welcome or not, change is both real and challenging. *How* one responds to change is important.

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Peaceful Ponderings from Pastor Carol… (continued)

Afraid in the desert and unsure of their future, the Israelites were terrified. It was difficult, but they had to learn that God was with them, raining manna from heaven and springing water from a rock.

Whether it is as individuals, families, the congregation, or even the world, may we respond to change with the trust that our God, who makes all things new, walks with us. God, help us to remember whose we are, and to always seek to be your presence in this place. Help us to listen, to pray and to trust.

Peace,
Pastor Carol

Anniversary Celebration: Remembrance of Baptism and Family Brunch Potluck
The last of our monthly anniversary celebrations before the BIG celebration on November 15 is Sunday, October 25. (Which also is Reformation Day and Stewardship Sunday - big day!). This month's celebration will focus on the *families* of Peace, and on our remembrance of our baptismal vows. Join us for worship at 9:00, and for a family potluck brunch. (Wear red in honor of Reformation Day, please. Maybe give the green Peace t-shirt a rest before the big celebration!)



Coming on October 4: The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis - known for his care of creation and desire for universal peace. Many congregations have the tradition of blessing pets as part of the celebration of his ministry. Although bringing pets into church to be blessed is a meaningful experience, it is not practical in all settings. At worship on October 4, as part of a focus on this amazing saint of God, we will offer a thanksgiving for pets that have been part of our lives, and an 'in absentia" blessing for those who are with us still. So, no need to bring your pet lizard to church that day - just bring a photograph to place on a table. We will give thanks and pray for them, and you will receive a written blessing you can offer to your pet when you return home.

All Saints Day – November 1
On All Saints Day, we remember all who have died in the faith. You are invited to bring a picture of a loved one to display in the front of the church, and during worship you will be invited to light a candle (or candles) in memory of your loved one(s).

*** * * ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING NOTICE * * ***
The congregational meeting to approve the 2027 budget will be held November 22, 2026 immediately following worship. Please try to be in attendance so we are sure to have a quorum.

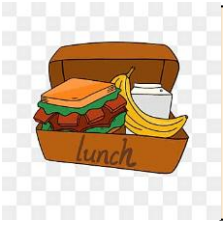
Stewardship Appeal: Investing in Our Community to God's Glory
In the coming days, you will receive a letter and pledge card as part of our upcoming Stewardship Appeal.

We invite you to prayerfully consider the gifts God has entrusted to you — your time, your talents, and your resources — and how you might "invest them in our community to God's glory." Each of us has something meaningful to offer, and together our gifts help strengthen our church and make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to participate in the year ahead. We ask that you return your completed pledge card to the church on Reformation Sunday, October 25.

Your pledges will help the Church Council make informed decisions as they prepare the 2027 budget and plan for the ministry and mission of our congregation in the coming year.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can invest your time, talent, and resources in our community to God's glory.



Mid-Day Women's Gathering

The Mid-Day Women's Gathering will be meeting for lunch at the Country Rose Bakery Café in Union Grove (corner of Hwys 20 & 45) on Wednesday October 14th.
Please meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 am if you wish to car pool.

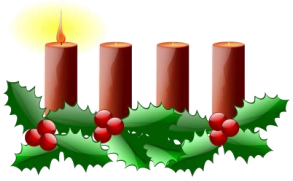
Thursday Bible Study Group.

The Thursday Bible Study Group will meet every other Thursday, October 1st, 15th and 29th from 10:30 to 11:30. Study materials will be announced soon.
All are welcome partake in interesting discussion.



SAVE THE DATE
ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, November 29, 2026
1:30-3:00 PM (doors open at 1 PM)
You are invited for an afternoon of reflection and fellowship as we prepare our hearts and minds to welcome the Christ child. Watch for the sign up sheet in the narthex. Questions? please contact Janet at 414-699-5989.



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Giving...
Our mission outreach for October is to provide at least one meal a week for Bill & Elsie Goulding. Please contact Elsie directly if you are able to help out.

November we will collect food for Love Inc. Thanksgiving meal and getting Christmas gifts for TLC family to be delivered in December

Hebrews 13:16 Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.



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.

Blessing Bags...
Celebrating God's work, our hands Sunday by assembling Blessing Bags for those in need. Special thanks to Thrivent for the action card to purchase some of the supplies and to Kerry Bieneman for her donation of items as well. Thank to all of the members who stayed to help us and to Pr. Chris Manke for joining us and sharing about Outreach for Hope!











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Financial Report

	Deposits	Expenses	Difference
August 2026	$7,410.00	$6,171.84	$1,238.16
Year to Date	$73,210.04	$60,737.01	$12,473.03



Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship Assistants for October

Date	Council Person in Charge	Lector	Communion Assistant	Fellowship Snacks	Counter
OCT 4	Open	Janet McGinty	Jen Muffick		Kent Zahn
OCT 11	Janet McGinty	Marilyn Hart	Elaine Sherry		Janet McGinty
OCT 18	Renee Knapton	Dan Knapton	Renee Knapton		John Monsen
OCT 25	Marilyn Hart	Chris Monsen	John Jeunnette		Sharon Ryd

October birthdays

Tom Erhardt – October 9
Marilyn Hart – October 10
Jeanne Rateike – October 12
Kiara Watson – October 16





October Anniversaries

Dan & Renee Knapton – October 4
Matt & Kerry Bieneman – October 8
Sean & Janet McGinty – October 21
Tom & Linda Myers – October 26

SEPTEMBER 2026 PEACEPIPE

Pastor Carol's office hours are 9 am - noon Wednesdays.
Drop in and say "Hi" during those hours!
If you need to reach Pastor any other time feel free to call (303) 909-3064.



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 for November are due on Saturday, October 17.

2026-2027 Church Council Members

President --- Marilyn Hart
Vice-President --- Ken Christensen
Secretary --- Sharon Ryd
Treasurer --- Sean McGinty
Nurturing the Faith (Worship) --- Janet McGinty
Nurturing the Faith (Education) --- Pam Mueller
Growing Relationships --- Renee Knapton
Inviting People In --- Carol Chaffee
Caring for the Community --- Carol Chaffee
Property --- open

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAM

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/

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Church Council Meeting August 9, 2026

Council Members Present: Ken Christensen, Marilyn Hart, Pastor Carol Jeunnette, Renee Knapton, Janet McGinty, Sean McGinty, Pam Mueller, Sharon Ryd.

The meeting was called to order at 10:19 a.m. by President M. Hart

Opening Prayer: Led by R. Knapton

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of agenda: Motion by S. Ryd, seconded by J. McGinty to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Chris Manke (Outreach for Hope) will be here September 13 and handle the entire service. Council agreed it was not necessary for Pastor Carol to be here that Sunday.
- Supply Pastors lined up for October 11, November 22, January 10. Open Sundays are January 3 & 17.

Secretary's Report (Sharon Ryd): Motion by R. Knapton, seconded by C. Jeunnette, to accept the minutes of the July 18th council meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Sean McGinty): Deposits for the month of July were $10,863.00. Expenses were $8,007.13. The net balance for the month is a positive $2855.87. **Motion by J. McGinty seconded by R. Knapton, to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.**

Nurturing the Faith – Worship (Janet McGinty):

- Move the next council meeting to Sept. 20 since the 13th is Rally Sunday and we will assemble blessing bags.
- Rally Sunday will have normal fellowship time downstairs and then assemble more blessing bags. Will use $250 Thrivent action card for supplies but will need additional money. Should use budgeted funds from "Benevolence". **Motion by R. Knapton to allocate up to $250.00 for supplies to fill blessing bags, seconded by S. Ryd. Motion carried.**
- Discussion about whether to re-launch a search for permanent music director. Kerry is happy to continue recordings and Rachel can continue the 2nd Sunday. Janet will post the opening on list serve, but not do any additional search. Kerry will direct choir when available, and Janet will direct additional Sundays.
- There was discussion about whether to purchase 20 additional hymnals to make sure there is one available wherever anyone is seated. Possible compromise of purchasing 10 instead. Discussion tabled until next month.
- In an effort to reduce the amount of time people need to stand around the altar for communion, it was discussed that Pastor could take communion before we come forward and also that we could have a stool nearby if anyone needed to sit. Council agreed both options are acceptable.

Banner Committee (Renee Knapton):

- Banners changed to summer green banner & altar/lectern cloths.
- For Advent this year, we will have the blue decorations again but won't put up tree until 3 weeks later.

Faith Nurturing – Education (Pam Mueller): No report

Growing Relationships (Renee Knapton):

- Touched base with Myers.

Caring for the Community – (Carol Chaffee):

- July-delivered diapers to Life Choices
- August collecting items for Ground Zero Veterans

Inviting Folks In – (Carol Chaffee):

- This past year sent 100 cards for birthdays, anniversary, welcome, get well, sympathy, thinking of you.

Property Report – (Open):

- Monitored heat/cooling
- Replaced fan in downstairs men's bathroom

Vice-President's Report (Ken Christensen):

- Ken supplies pocket shawls to the chapel at hospital. 24 have been taken.

President's Report (Marilyn Hart):

- Prepared reports
- Presented gift to Pastor Suhr
- Pleased with service with Rich Mueller

Unfinished Business:

- 50th anniversary activities-nothing new to discuss.
- Jim will get painting bids for exterior.
- Constitution issues - tabled until next month.
- Mobile showers - Thrivent has offered their parking lot so no need for us to consider further.

New Business:

- Council retreat July 18. "Where from here?" (Re-read Pastor's Peacepipe article from last month). We're not dead yet! Reality, 71-80 age group is our largest demographic group. Church is not just the building and how we worship. Maybe our ministry is more important than the building. Can we sell building to support ministry, help those in need in the community with location in center of town? Changes are inevitable. We can either control the direction of those changes or let those changes happen to us. Pastor's contract with Peace is done April 2028. What will our leadership look like after that? There are creative options. First priority should be obtaining value of our property since we need that updated information for Synod report. Pastor will contact Bishop Erickson to see if there is someone at Synod who can provide information regarding how many other churches have part-time pastors or are currently looking for called pastor. Carol C. or Matt Bieneman may have a realtor connection. For now we just need to focus on gathering information. The anniversary celebration may be a good time to have a general discussion about what God is calling this congregation to do. We have a faithful, committed group of people who could do something new.
- Hymnals purchase-discussed already under worship.
- Blessing bags - Carol C. and Janet will head up this project. Goal is 50 bags.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2026

Motion to adjourn made by J. McGinty, seconded by S. McGinty. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Ryd
Council secretary