

CHURCH OF PEACE MESSENGER

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Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

“NOOOOOOOOOOOO-**VE**MBER when the wind comes howling through the trees and the lovely colors slowly fade away when the ground claims the final crisp leaves.” For you show tune fans, I was singing that to the tune of “Oklahoma.” Yup, November is here and with-it cold billowing winds, blueish-gray skies, and the overwhelming color of brown. So, when we place November in the context of Wisconsin, we see the different shades of brown all around us. Now if you enjoy the color brown with all of its varying tones, you probably enjoy how it blends, shapes and swirls in the landscape around us; and you will be right at home during November. Myself, I don’t enjoy large masses of similar color, that is why I am so taken by the first snowfall. The extreme contrast of effervescent white against the brown and gray landscape is breathtaking. I almost imagine a rainbow of colors being brought to life out of the dull tones of November.

Our faith can become a lot like November. It can become dull, unimaginative, and mundane. We can get stuck in the grays and browns of “sure I believe in God” or “yeah, I belong to a church, but I don’t go too often,” or even, “I know enough about God.” But the reality I have come to believe is this, I will never know enough about God, because God continues to speak to us. God continues to interact with us. God is alive and active, and God wants us to be alive and active in our faith. Therefore, we need to continue to learn about God and talk about God and act like God. Act like God? Yes, act like God.

Jesus Christ is the example of acting like God. Loving, caring, giving, and healing God’s people. So how did Jesus know how to please God in this life? Jesus learned just like we do, he went to the temples and read the Scriptures and then he talked with the people.

“Jesus stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4:16-19).

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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn
 Elise Sonnenberg
 Cindy Duffy
 Bob Hanke
 Alice Jaber
 Theresa Schultz
 Marilyn Peters
 Sharon Hensen
 Christine Weimer
 Ron Rowe
 Jeanne Detweiler
 Eli
 Bill Whittaker
 Carol Van Norman
 Rev. Jerry Schrankler

Janet Rymer
 Pat Grose
 Janet & Eugene Willis
 Amy Jo
 Barb Dehring
 Randy Resop
 Diane Candlish
 Ruth Pedix
 Tyler Detweiler
 Evelyn Stepp
 Norlene Haase
 Tom Schultz
 Kathy Meyn
 Cassie Poirier
 Jan Whittaker

Bill Manka
 Dan Griffin
 Joe Ule
 Brenna Slavik
 Bev
 David
 Edna Karl
 Donna Birkholz
 Lisa Peterson
 Ray Beilke
 Shirley Hanke
 Nicole Schendel

FOOD PANTRY

We are very grateful to receive donations to our food pantry. **November Food needs Can Chicken.** Non-food needs include **Cleaning Supplies.**



Balance as of September 1, 2022: \$18,159.51
 Deposits in September: \$6,261.33
 Disbursements in September: \$7,000.00
 Balance as of September 30, 2022: \$17,420.84
 Remaining balance on Loan 9/30/2022: \$870,936.60



We will meet on Thursday, November 17th at 11:00 a.m.

Dave & Diana Candlish will be sharing a video on Handbells with us.

BYO lunch and beverage and dessert will be furnished.

During our lunch, we will be planning our

Christmas Party – December 15th.

All are invited to join us.



DEATHS

Darlene J. Luttenberger, born on September 22, 1938 and passed away on October 6, 2022.

SUNDAY FUNDAY

November 16th – 10:00

We will be showing the movie, **A DOG'S LIFE**

A devoted dog discovers the meaning of its own existence through the lives of the humans it teaches to laugh and love. Reincarnated as multiple canines over the course of five decades, the lovable pooch develops an unbreakable bond with a kindred spirit. As the boy grows older and comes to a crossroad, the dog once again comes back into his life to remind him of his true self. This movie is rated PG.

COUNCIL MINUTES from the October 11, 2022
(minutes taken by Matt Moore)

Balance as of September 1, 2022: \$34,721.41

Deposits in September: \$18,727.05

Disbursements in September: \$15,616.70

Balance as of September 30, 2022: \$37,831.76

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made by Peter and seconded by Bobbi to accept the September council meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Approval of Bills

Jerry asked if the Abbreviated Financial Report could be shared in the monthly Messenger. Tabled until the council can discuss further.

A motion was made by Peter and seconded by Jerry to approve the September financial reports. Motion carried.

Worship

The council discussed changing the worship start time. A motion was made by Peter and seconded by Matt to change the worship service start time from 8:45 to 9:00 AM in order to accommodate all members. Motion carried.

Activities Assistant

Pastor Steve reviewed highlights from Brenda Roehl's report.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Steve reported more people are reaching out which is good to see. He also mentioned he conducted a funeral service today.

Christian Education

This Sunday is the second of the monthly Sunday School sessions. Pastor Steve thought the first one went well last month.

Groups in the Church Family

Ladies of Peace: Bobbi reported there were discussions on the rummage sale. The minutes from their last meeting were issued to the council for review.

Martha's Society: No update

Golden Fellowship: No update

Youth: Peter reported they've held two meetings so far and decided to start meeting two Sundays each month. The group will be helping with the Trunk or Treat event, they are planning a roller-skating outing, they will be making tie blankets to hang on pews for members to use, and in December they plan to make gift bags for area nursing home residents.

Outreach

Loaves and Fishes: Jerry reported the group had a meeting on October 6th. The majority want to continue doing carry outs vs sit down meals. He mentioned that at the next meeting all coordinators will be invited to discuss starting registrations again and the possibility of holding sit down meals again next Spring.

River Park: Victor reported on the last meeting. The city is hiring 5 new police officers.

Food Pantry: Pastor Steve reported that he was asked by Emmanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac if Church of Peace would be interested in being a distribution location for approximately 300 of the 800 total Thanksgiving meals they prepare and give out for free. They would like about 8 volunteers to help prep on Wednesday November 23rd and then on the morning of November 24th, Thanksgiving Day. The timeframe for handing out meals is 11 AM to 1 PM. Two separate motions were made. A motion was made by Peter and seconded by Jerry to allow Emmanuel-Trinity to use Church of Peace for this event. Motion carried. A motion was made by Peter and seconded by Bobbi to purchase eco-friendly (non-Styrofoam) take-out containers using funds from the food pantry and donate them to this event. Motion carried.

Stewardship Ministry Team

Pastor Steve drafted a letter that the council reviewed and approved. The letter will be sent out with the annual pledge card and the 3rd quarter member statements.

Matt also reported on the team's last meeting noting the minutes were issued to the council for further review.

Church Administration

The church constitution is in need of a formal review. A committee should be formed to review and present any changes to the council. We need to think about which members could be on this committee.

At next month's council meeting we need to review the Policy on Use of Church Facilities.

A local pickle ball club asked if they could rent the Fellowship Hall for their games during the winter months. The council chose not to approve this.

Pastor Steve inquired about a logo for the church to add to the new website.

Building and Grounds

Victor informed the council that the floor waxing training from Nassco will take place. A video of this training is planned to be recorded.

There are still questions pertaining to the new GFL contract for garbage and recyclables pick up. Pastor Steve will ask Jackie Rymer to contact GFL to clarify frequency, cost, and changes from the current agreement.

Pastor Steve will also ask Jackie to contact someone regarding the bats in the church.

We need to find out if Mike ordered the security camera system.

Peter will move forward with extending the step and installing a rail next the organ as this is a safety concern for the organist.

Capital Campaign

Pastor Steve reminded the council to watch the first video. It is on Facebook and YouTube. He mentioned there were 253 views on YouTube.

Comments of the Pastor

Briefly discussed the correction to his Thursday email.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Moore

"YOUTH GROUP"

Join us on the 2nd & 4th Sunday

of each month .

at 10:00.

Confirmation age through

high school.

Our Youth Group is looking for fabric donations to make tie blankets for the church pews.

Historical Corner
Mary Strauss, Historian

Martha Society

As our church found new lay leadership twenty years ago in 2002, Mark Dorow, Ron Adelmeyer, Deb Conger and Gary Krueger joined the council. Joining the Stewardship committee were Lorey Holtz, Jerold McEssey, Joanne Pike, and Donna Christenson.

In 2002 47 members joined the Crop Walk. Rev. Rich Weikel added to the Sunday School Newsletter that at Thanksgiving time "in our worship together, our learning times, and in our work in the life of the church- may we also be thankful for one another and the special gifts each person brings". We also had the 4th annual All Church Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 10.

In 2012 Amanda Shady let us know that the Prayer Shawl Ministry has placed shawls throughout the sanctuary for us to feel their warmth and if you feel a spiritual connection you are welcome to take one home. That November also Dave and Dianna Candlish shared their experience on a European River Cruise at Golden Fellowship. Little Audyn Zupke was baptized in Nov. 2012 and the Church Council was revising the COP Constitution.

May we all show our thankfulness.

"There is no better way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to someone in the dark."
--Helen Keller

Let's let November be the month of Thankfulness! Thanksgiving can be celebrated more than one day, let's use the entire month! The Martha Society was Thankful to be able to get together for our Penny Bag Social. We enjoyed a wonderful night of good food and fellowship. We were Thankful to be able to put together a basket (ironically with a Thanksgiving theme) to help support the church's bazaar. We are Thankful that in December we will again be able to put together bags for others. When you look around there are just so many little blessings to be Thankful for!

If you are interested in joining the Martha Society, the time is now. Please feel free to attend our next meeting at 6:00 on November 8th. We welcome all smiling faces.



Ladies of Peace

Can you believe we are at the end on October already? I was always told that the older you get the faster the time goes but I just kind of blew it off. IT'S TRUE! But the beauty of this season is a true reminder of God's majesty and promise.

The next big upcoming project is the all church rummage-jewelry-bake sale, a massive undertaking, on November 11 and 12, with set up set for the week before. If you are planning to make something for the bakery, it can be dropped off November 9 or 10. Please mark time on your calendar to come and help. Even if it's only for an hour or two, it will be greatly appreciated.

As a reminder, Ladies of Peace has three \$100 payments available to church members who are having trouble getting or keeping the lights and heat on. If you think this could help you, call the church and speak with Pastor Steve. All inquiries are confidential.



November, 6

**Remember to set your clock's
back.**

Worship Starts at 9 a.m.

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FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Hello to my Church Family,

I hope all of you are doing well, and enjoying the wonderful warm weather we have had the past week.

We are having trunk or treat on October 30th in the church parking lot, it is a lot of fun and a great event for the neighborhood families.

Just a few things about church rummage sale coming up on November 11th & 12th, setup will begin November 6th, and continue the rest of the week. We will need a lot more help, so if you can spare a few hours it would be so much appreciated.

Just a reminder our church service will be starting at 9am November 6th, so mark you calendars.

Blessings to all. Remember as we do wonderful things together our faith will be greater than ever. Your church council is working very hard and we as a church are moving into the future with great anticipation that we will be bigger and better. Hoping to see all of you at church Sunday mornings.

Blessings to all, Victor

CHURCH OF PEACE RUMMAGE, JEWELRY AND BAKE SALE

Hello everyone,

We are ramping up for the upcoming rummage sale now. I hope everyone has been saving their donations. You can start to bring them in and putting them in the northeast corner of fellowship hall. Starting Monday, October 31st.

We still need bakers and workers. Please sign up on the bulletin board. We need your help especially for set up, which is Sunday after worship on Nov. 6th, and tear down, which is Saturday, Nov. 12th after 2:00 pm.

Advent Decorating

The Worship Enhancement Team will be decorating the church on Saturday, November 16th at 1:00. November 17th is the first Sunday in Advent. This is a **BIG** decorating day and we are inviting anyone in congregation who likes to decorate to join us. We will gladly appreciate any amount of time you can spare.

We will be setting up the trees in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall and the Giving Tree in the narthex area. Garland on the staircase, garland on the choir loft, candles in the window, banner and wreaths. Lots of places to put decorations.

Any questions please ask: Diane Reiter, Deb Burg, Rhonda Eyers, Renee Kiefer or Brenda Roehl.

Thank you in advance for giving of your time!



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Merry Christmas --- Giving Tree

Would you like to make someone's Christmas a little brighter? Church of Peace will be helping 4-5 families this year. We will have a Giving Tree in the Narthex with bell and angel paper ornaments on it. The angels are the children and the parent of each family. The bells will be for purchasing food, laundry, cleaning, toilet tissue, paper towels, etc. You can also make a cash donation for purchasing perishable items for a Christmas dinner. Make checks payable to Church of Peace and on the memo line please write Christmas Food Basket and return to church by Sunday, December 11th.

The angel ornaments are for children's gifts. There will be two angels for each child, one for necessities/clothing and one for fun. We are suggesting a \$25 maximum on gifts. There will be gift ideas on these also.

The ornaments will be available for taking on Sunday, November 27th. Please sign your name and phone number on the sign-up form with the coordinating number on the ornament you choose. Return the gifts unwrapped, with the angel ornament taped to the gift. Please return to the Church of Peace no later than **Wednesday, December 13th**.

Will you help bring some Christmas cheer?

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Then Jesus would interpret the Scriptures so that the people would have God’s meaning revealed to them. During those times of reading and teaching, he would feed and heal the people.

That is our call from Jesus, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34-35).

So, let’s do what Jesus did. Read the Bible, discuss it and then live it. Love one another as Jesus loves us, the way he shows us in the Bible. Then everyone will know that we are Jesus’ disciples.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving at Church of Peace? That’s Right!

Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church has invited us to join with them in serving their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

on Thanksgiving Day!

We will be a distribution location

for 300 meals from

11:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome to help out and enjoy a wonderful turkey dinner.

If you are interested in helping in the preparation or serving of the meal,

ask Pastor Steve.

Poinsettia & Gifts



If you wish to have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary for Christmas, please return this form to the church office **no later than Wednesday, November 30, 2022**. You may also sponsor a bulletin or give a cash gift. (Please note into which fund you would like your gift to go.)

Number of poinsettias at \$14.00 each:

In Memory of

In Honor of

Given by

Sponsor a Christmas Bulletin \$25.00

In Memory of

In Honor of

Gift of Cash or Check (amount):

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Please include your check/cash with this form. Thank you for returning your order forms and money early.

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NOVEMBER

Sunday! Sunday! Sunday!
Beginning November 6, 2022
our worship services will begin at 9:00 am