



Birthdays/ Anniversaries

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5th Rita Sloan
16th Murlin Hintz
26th Phil Rappa
31st Marda Schroeder



12th Judy Stiles
25th Vicky Ralston
31st Pierce Rappa

Anniversaries:

31st Ron & Patty Heagel



(None)

Is your birthday during one of these months and you don't see your name? Let the office know so you can be added to the list for future newsletters.
Thank you!

A Place for You!

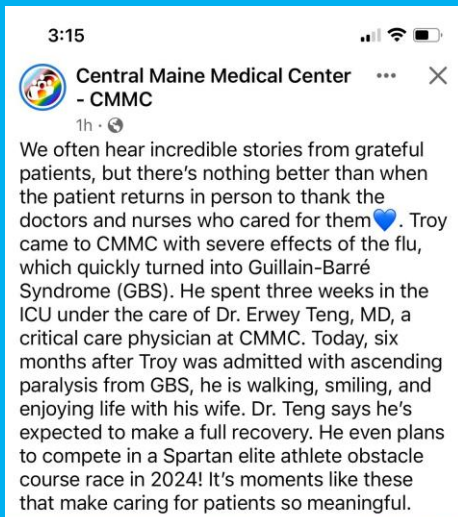
Peace Lutheran participated in Joplin's June Third Thursday event with a booth that invited neighbors into a space to take selfies while learning more about us and our congregation. We met many wonderful people and were both encouraged and blessed with positive feedback and reactions as we shared the good news that there is "a place for you" at Peace Lutheran Church among God's people and within God's love.





- ♥ Rita Sloan ♥ Coleen Cameron
- ♥ April Wilson ♥ Troy Tikkanen
- ♥ Bob Reid ♥ Edna Lassman
- ♥ Lisa K. ♥ Donna Martin

Update from Pat Tikkanen on Troy Tikkanen: "Thank you for your prayers!"



Let us know if you would like to add someone or take someone off the prayer list.

Peace Lutheran’s congregation council officially adopted a new welcome statement for our church at its regular May meeting. A welcome statement goes beyond simply stating, “All are welcome.” A general statement of welcome like that is often heard as meaning “everybody but me,” so it can take a special effort to communicate an authentic welcome to LGBTQIA+ and other marginalized people. In our journey to write and prepare a new welcome statement (a process conducted over several months in close coordination with our Welcome-Grow-Serve team), Peace Lutheran joined communities from all around the ELCA in finding their journey of discernment in extending a welcome to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and commitment to anti-racism opens us up to other people or groups who also need a clear invitation to know the community has truly prepared for them. The ministry of welcome must be intersectional to truly see, name, and care for those God names as beloved.

Below is the text of our new welcome statement. We’ll next be looking at ways to creatively share this new welcome.




There is a place for you—the full you—at Peace Lutheran Church!

You are welcome exactly as you are. As Lutherans, we believe that each and every person is a beloved child of God for whom God’s grace, love, and mercy are freely given.

We welcome differences in age, ethnicity, ability, status, cultural heritage, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We believe God embraces everyone as worthy regardless of any barriers, walls, or separations the world seeks to establish. We are committed to the work of racial equity, justice, and advocating for marginalized groups.

We are not here to change or “fix” who you are as a distinctive person. We welcome your joy, your passion, your perspective, your experience, your interests, your questions, and your struggles. We invite you to be yourself and join us in a journey of faith toward love, relationship, worship, and service within God’s creation.

As a church and community with a place for you, we know that together we’ll be better for having you and your unique presence and voice among us!




July

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 PLC Worship 9AM	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 PLC Worship 9AM PLC WGS Meeting 10:30AM	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 PLC Worship 9AM PLC Council Meeting 10:30AM	17	18 Town & Country Quilters 9AM-4PM	19	20	21	22
23 PLC Worship 9AM	24	25 Town & Country Quilters 9AM-4PM	26	27	28 The Miracle Club @ BookHouse Cinema 5:30pm	29
30 PLC Worship 9AM	31					



On Friday, July 28, we'll gather at Bookhouse Cinema in Joplin (715 Broadway) to watch the 5:30 p.m. showing of this new movie about four women in mid-1960s Ireland and their experience of a pilgrimage journey to Lourdes, France.

Some of us plan to gather before the movie (maybe about 4:15-4:30 p.m.) to enjoy some food and conversation together. If you're available then, you are welcome to join!

After the movie (which should finish about 7:00 p.m.), some of us plan to enjoy a dessert, a drink, or something more to eat as we talk about the movie and share any thoughts that it may have opened for us. Again, everyone is invited to join in this time of fellowship!



If you would like to have something put into the next newsletter, please send it to the church email by Friday, August 25th. Thank you!

Church email:
peaceluth@hotmail.com

August

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 PLC Worship 9AM	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 PLC Worship 9AM PLC WGS Meeting 10:30AM	14	15 Town & Country Quilters 9AM-4PM	16	17 Joplin Third Thursday 3:30 – 8:00pm	18	19
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We'll be returning to Third Thursday in August to join it's "Dog Days" theme.



Community Day at Missouri Southern State University. Help us greet and welcome students and other members of the university community as the fall semester begins.



Plans are underway for PLC's 2023 Car Show. The date has been chosen and will held on Saturday, September 30th.



Plan to join several other churches in the Joplin area as we help to bring a worship experience to Joplin's Pride in the Park at noon on September 10th and then host our own congregation's welcome tent through the afternoon.

This will also be our Gods Work. Our Hands. Project for 2023.



If you would like to help with any of the upcoming events, please let the WGS team know or join us at our next meeting on Sunday, August 13th following the worship service.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2023

"Gathered by the Holy Spirit, Peace Lutheran Church is a community in Christ; Worshiping God, Welcoming All, Nurturing Faith, Serving Others."

Opening Devotions: Pastor shared our focus and priority should be on Proclamation of the Gospel and Collaboration is the Future of bringing gifts to one another. Then shared prayer.

Call to Order: Patty Heigel, President called the meeting to order and declared a forum. Sign in sheet available.

Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes from November 6, 2022: Agenda was **approved by consensus**. Minutes from the Annual Meeting held November 6, 2022 **was approved through acclimation**.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Bill reviewed the April 2023 YTD financial report with the following highlights –

- a. 1st mile giving is down
- b. Facility Use Fees/Donations are up which offsets 1st mile
- c. Total Facility Maintenance is up
- d. Utilities is higher as feeling impact of Liberty Utilities has gone up by 26% and some increase in usage
- e. Workman's Compensation Premium is up as it was paid for the whole year
- f. Property and Liability Insurance is up but will balance out by end of year

Bill Eichman, Treasurer, presented the following motion:

Authorize Council to spend up to \$2000.00 in legal and other expenses associated with the sharing and/or potential sale of the building. MSP

He presented a second motion: **Authorize the use of all or a portion of the remaining Building Fund Reserve Fund to cover the expenses associated with the sharing and/or potential sale of the building, as well as cover any deficit in budgeted revenues or increase in budgeted expenses in the operating budget for 2023. MSP**

Audit Committee Report: Judy Stiles reported on the activity of the Audit Committee and reported that everything looked good and has balanced. Committee is made up of Judy Stiles, Amber Miller, and Susan Garoutte.

New Business

Synod Assembly: Will be held June 3 online, not in person. Michael Garoutte and Kami Cheesman will be our representatives for voting purposes. Reservations to be finalized this week. A link will be shared as it becomes available for anyone who would like to participate. 2025 will be a Bishop election year.

Nominating Committee for 2024 Candidates for Church Council: Patty shared that we need a couple of volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Patty Heigel and Bill Eichman will serve as two outgoing council members. Let Patty know of any interest.

Audit Committee Member: Susan Garoutte has been filling out the role vacated by Brenda Orban as Council had approved. It was **motioned to ratify the appointment of Susan Garoutte and approve her as a newly appointed member for this year. MSP**

Update Regarding Response to South Joplin Christian Church's Proposal: Patty shared we are working on a counter proposal. If we don't finalize this sale of the building, we are facing a serious financial situation. The congregation will be asked through a special meeting to approve the sale of the building. We have engaged an attorney, Derek Snyder, with Warren, Fisher, and Lee, LLC law firm, to assist us. He has reviewed the Facility Use Agreement and has made some recommendations. We will be offsetting the rent SJCC is paying us with the amount we have been paying for janitorial services as they are providing more extensive janitorial services. The cleanliness of the building has greatly improved. This opportunity to sell the building is a blessing for us. Pastor also shared that the national ELCA is in discussion with Disciples of Christ over sharing full communion together.

Other: Edna Lassman **motioned to donate the remaining Pillars Fund and Martha Circle Fund to the Operating Budget income**. It was seconded by Donna Martin (both were members of this group). **MSP**

No further business identified, and the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Coleen Cameron, Secretary

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2023

10:30 AM

“Gathered by the Holy Spirit, Peace Lutheran Church is a community in Christ; Worshiping God, Welcoming All, Nurturing Faith, Serving Others.”

Members Present: Pastor Gates, Patty Heagel (President), Pat Tikkanen (President-Elect), Michael Garoutte (Building and Grounds) Kami Cheesman (member at large) and Coleen Cameron (Secretary)

Absent: Bill Eichman (Treasurer)

Devotions: Pastor elaborated on the Gospel reading from today in relation to oneness/relationships and prayer.

Call to Order: Patty Heagel, President

Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes: The agenda and Church Council minutes from April 16, 2023 and the special Council Meeting held May 7, 2023 were reviewed with motion to accept.
MSP

Reports

Pastor's Report: Mentioned the Synod Assembly being held June 2-3 online this year. Shared the implementation of the new church software is going well and most of Simply Church software information has been inputted. Expense activity still needs to be added when Bill returns.

Finance Committee Report: Minutes from May 2 reviewed. Training continues with the new software. April's 1st Mile giving was better (5-week month). We had to use \$385.00 from last year's carry over to cover expenses as several large bills were paid in April.

Financial Secretary's Report: Reviewed

Treasurer's Report: As noted under the Finance Committee Report.

Facilities Report: We have now disposed of old laptops, DVD/TV, piano that was not working, and old ink cartridges that were recycled. We still need to dispose of the old printer/fax machine in the office. Discussed mulch for the flower beds. Decided to explore cost from other places besides Sutherlands which seems to be out of the type we want.

WGS Report: Minutes reviewed. Items noted included signing up for 3rd Thursday in June, registering for a booth at Joplin's Pride event, car show and Welcome Statement and campfire worship to begin in June.

Current Needs of Church and/or Members: It was suggested that maybe we could put the full names of individuals on the prayer list in the newsletter and with permission mention something of their need. Also, we should follow up periodically to determine if individuals need to remain on the prayer list.

New Business

Adoption of Welcome Statement: Pastor presented draft of the Welcome Statement that was discussed at WGS. After some discussion the following changes were recommended:

Move the last line in paragraph 2 to the first line/paragraph.

Switch "fix" or change around to read change or "fix" in the 4th paragraph.

Eliminate the word "race" from the first sentence in paragraph 3 as it is addressed in the last sentence of that paragraph.

It was then motioned to accept the Welcome Statement with the above changes. **MSP**

Appointment of Delegate to Synod Assembly: Michael Garoutte will be unable to attend the Assembly. It was recommended that we first approach Phil Rappa, then Bill Eichman as we need a male delegate if possible. If neither can attend then Amber would be approached. Motioned to approach the above individuals as outlined. **MSP**

Counter Proposal to SJCC: Michael brought forward some recommendations as reviewed by a workgroup on a counter proposal to SJCC. A base value (FMV) for Peace was identified at \$1M. Proposals were evaluated based on purchasing with a down payment and current interest rates (based on home loans at SMB although commercial rates may be higher). The recommended counter proposal would be a down payment of \$390,000 and 25 years rent free. Compromise proposals were also reviewed. There was hope that several years down the road, both churches may be in the position to look at how to combine. It was motioned to move forward with the \$390,000 down payment (line 8 on the spreadsheet) as our counter proposal. **MSP**. This will be taken to the joint task force between the 2 churches.

Update: Pastor shared that SJCC has approved hiring a nursery attendant for the hours of 9:00 AM to Noon on Sundays. They are in the process of evaluating applicants now.

No further business and meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: June 18, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,
Coleen Cameron, Secretary

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2023

10:30 AM

“Gathered by the Holy Spirit, Peace Lutheran Church is a community in Christ; Worshiping God, Welcoming All, Nurturing Faith, Serving Others.”

Members Present: Pastor Gates, Pat Tikkanen (President-Elect), Bill Eichman (Treasurer) and Coleen Cameron (Secretary)

Absent: Patty Heagel (President), Michael Garoutte (Building and Grounds) and Kami Cheesman (member at large)

Devotions: Pastor shared poem titled “Perhaps the World Ends Here” by Joy Harjo (member of the Muskogee Nation)

Call to Order: Pat Tikkanen, President-Elect

Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes: The agenda and Church Council minutes from May 21, 2023, were reviewed with motion to accept. **MSP**

Reports

Pastor’s Report: Shared that 3rd Thursday event went well. SJCC wants an area in the back of the church near the bookcase for small children. No opposition was shared. He also shared that Murlin Hintz’s sister died.

Finance Committee Report: (From meeting 6/06). Pat reviewed minutes submitted with the following highlights:

1. New report for giving was shared.
2. Clarification of “loose cash and envelope offering” for counting purposes reviewed. They will now be counted as regular offering if Judy knows the individual as a regular giver. A revised counter sheet will be implemented.
3. With the new system, council will continue its role in approving or disapproving donations other than cash.
4. Training is ongoing.
5. Termination of Simply Church will be effective in July. MMS termination will be a little later.

Financial Secretary Report was included in the Finance Committee Report.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill shared the following:

1. May showed a \$991 shortfall in giving.
2. Due to a reduction in expenses for the month, we had a net income of \$412.
3. We did receive an invoice from the attorney we are using in selling the church for a total of \$160.
4. Martha Circle and Pillars funds were transferred to the general fund.

Facilities Report: Pat reported that we are still in need of more mulch to finish the flower beds. Kim our mower was contacted about cleaning around the fire pit prior to campfires. Pastor shared that he spread some weed killer in the parking lot where needed. Sink repair in kitchen has been accomplished.

WGS Report: Reviewed meeting from June 12. Information from these meetings need to get disseminated to the congregation members in a timely manner, especially for current activities and to get information for individuals to get activities on their calendars. Couple of items:

1. Pride Event Booth will be September 10, 1p-7-p. There will be a worship service at noon.
2. Car Show scheduled for September 30
3. Campfires will be held last Sunday each month weather permitting at 6pm. June 25 will be the first one.

Old Business

Current Needs of Church/Members: Donna needs prayers and Murlin’s family in need of prayers.

Counter Proposal to SJCC: Meeting to be set up possibly early July. SJCC is still working on a clear title to their property.

New Business

No further business was identified, and meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting: July 16, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,
Coleen Cameron, Secretary