

Prints of Peace

Birthdays/ Anniversaries

A publication of Peace Lutheran Church - Joplin, MO 64801



- 12 Dana Stles
- 13 Patty Heagel
- 21 Aleah Smith
- 23 Emily Rappa



- 1st Brock Byrd
- 3rd Gary Stiles
- 8th Linda Busch
- 28th Edna Lassman
- 29th Gary & Judy Stiles



- 5th Rita Sloan
- 16th Murlin Hintz
- 31st Marda Schroeder

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!

Holy Week 2023

On Palm Sunday Emily and Pierce Rappa both had their First Communion:



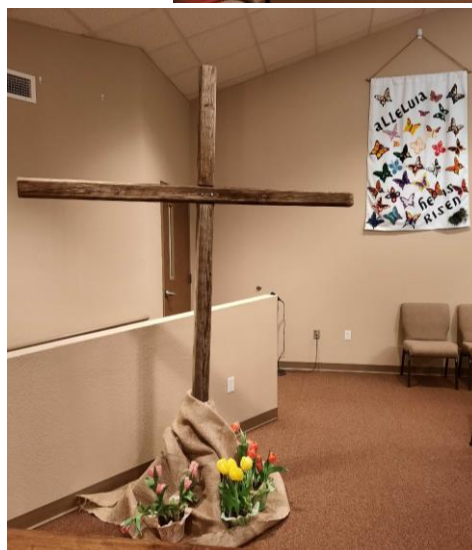
Thank you to SJCC who joined us on Maundy Thursday, we enjoyed your choir's performance.





- ♥ Rita Sloan ♥ Coleen Cameron
- ♥ April Wilson ♥ Troy Tikkanen
- ♥ Bob Reid ♥ Edna Lassman
- ♥ Lisa K. ♥ Donna Martin
- ♥ Ronda Stafford
- ♥ Marge, Murlin Hintz's sister.

Good Friday & Easter Morning!



Reminder: The semi-annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 10:30 A.M.

With the help of Michael Garoutte, Peace Lutheran Church has signed a covenant with Creation and will join with Lutherans Restoring Creation to better learn how to care for God's creation. If you are interested in learning more about this, it will be talked about more at the Welcome. Grow. Serve. Meetings. You can also check out Lutherans Restoring Creation at www.LutheransRestoringCreation.org




Lutherans Restoring Creation
Cultivating Hope & Healing for All

**Congratulations to the Church Council
of Peace Lutheran Church – Joplin, MO**
for affirming the ELCA's Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope and Justice Social Statement by making their own

Covenant with Creation
in March of 2023

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**Lutherans Restoring Creation is a grassroots movement promoting care for creation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**  
This is accomplished by cultivating a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God's promise of hope and healing for all.

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# May

2023

| Sunday                                                 | Monday                              | Tuesday                               | Wednesday                        | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
|                                                        | 1                                   | 2                                     | 3                                | 4        | 5      | 6        |
| 7<br>PLC Worship 9AM<br>Congregational Meeting 10:30AM | 8                                   | 9                                     | 10<br>Amber's back in the office | 11       | 12     | 13       |
| 14<br>PLC Worship 9AM<br>PLC WGS Meeting 10:30AM       | 15                                  | 16<br>Town & Country Quilters 9AM-4PM | 17                               | 18       | 19     | 20       |
| 21<br>PLC Worship 9AM<br>PLC Council Meeting 10:30AM   | 22                                  | 23                                    | 24                               | 25       | 26     | 27       |
| 28<br>PLC Worship 9AM                                  | 29<br>Memorial Day<br>Office Closed | 30<br>Town & Country Quilters 9AM-4PM | 31                               |          |        |          |

Dana Stiles successfully defended her dissertation at Saint Louis University on April 18. Her research is titled, "Examining the Association Between Technological Interference and Romantic Relationship Outcomes." Her degree is in the field of Experimental Psychology, with a concentration on Social Psychology and Quantitative Methods for the Behavioral Sciences. Dana will receive her Ph.D. degree at Saint Louis University on Thursday, May 18.



If you would like to have something put into the next newsletter, please send it to the church email by May 22.

Thank you!

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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 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)

**Guest:** Jim Cullumber, SJCC

**Devotions:** Pastor offered poem “The Traveling Onion” and prayer.

**SJCC Update:** Jim Cullumber from SJCC shared that they want to extend the Facility Use Agreement for another 3 months. He shared they have an offer for purchase on their building and it will be going to the congregation next week for approval. If it goes through, closing will be April 3. There is interest on their part to potentially investigate a longer-term agreement of some type. Jim shared that they have been generally very pleased with the arrangements and how well things have gone.

**Call to Order:** Pat Heagel called the meeting to order.

**Agenda and Meeting Minutes:** Agenda was reviewed and with one addition accepted, **MSP**. Meeting minutes from December 18, 2022 reviewed, **MSP**.

**Reports**

**Pastor’s Report:**

1. Synod is encouraging leaders to participate in Diversity Training/Workshop in February. Pastor will be attending Feb 8 in Kansas City. Council had approved paying his registration.
2. At WGS Meeting last week, Pastor introduced the idea of developing and/or exploring a Welcome Statement. A sample of one was shared with members present. Would we want to become a Reconciled in Christ congregation? Pastor asked members to share feedback with him.
3. Pastor researched church’s position on record retention guidelines. It was last updated February 2022. This document will be reviewed as appropriate as we look to reorganize our space and storage.

**Financial Secretary Report:** reports reviewed and comparison summary of pledges since 2020 reviewed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** report submitted by Bill reviewed with notation that we have over \$7000.00 left in the Building Fund going into 2023.

**Facilities Report:** Michael shared update on the laptop purchase and asked for guidance. He was directed to proceed with purchase as he saw appropriate. **MSP** When asked about name tags/lanyards, he responded that he will follow up on them.

**WGS (Welcome, Grow, Serve) Report:** Summary of meeting from January 8 discussed. Items reviewed included 2023 car show (recommended September), Souper Bowl food drive, pancake meal on February 21 at 6 PM, development of a welcoming statement and potential mothers of preschoolers group.

**Memorial Report:** Minutes reviewed. Committee recommended Amy Gates as a new member to replace Suellen Burrack. **MSP**

**Old Business**

**Current Needs of Church/Members:** Rita Sloan had Pastor visit with Communion.

**New Business**

**SJCC Taskforce:** As discussed at beginning of meeting, it was motioned to extend the Facility Use of Agreement with SJCC as written for an additional 3 months. **MSP**. Discussed need to set up a planning/discussion/idea sharing meeting between the 2 organizations to explore long term arrangements in the very near future. Our representatives should include Pastor, Patty, and Michael.

**Update to Governance Documents:** We will need to set a special meeting(s) to begin review of our By-Laws and Continuing Resolutions. By-Laws should be the first documents to be reviewed.

**Mid-week Lenten Study:** Pastor asked if there would be interest in looking into funeral planning. Group felt that may be of some interest to people.

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

Meeting adjourned

**Next Meeting: February 19,2023**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Coleen Cameron, Secretary

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 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 Heigel (President), Pat Tikkanen (President-Elect), Bill Eichman (Treasurer), Michael Garoutte (Building and Grounds) Kami Cheesman (member at large) and Coleen Cameron (Secretary)

**Devotions:** Pastor offered poem “Eve Asks the Serpent for a Story” and prayer.

**Call to Order:** Patty Heigel, President

**Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes:** The agenda and Church Council minutes from Jan 15, 2023, Joint Meeting of Church Council and Taskforce meetings of February 5 and February 15, 2023 reviewed and motioned to accept. **MSP**

### Reports

**Pastor’s Report:** Looking at a communion class for Emily and Pierce Rappa. Discussed practice if any of giving Bibles to children. Pastor mentioned that there are WGS materials stored in Amber’s office and we need to evaluate what needs to be kept and then where to store them. Also, we need to review the membership list soon.

**Finance Committee:** Meeting on Feb 27 scheduled; no other report

**Financial Secretary’s Report:** reviewed

**Treasurer’s Report:** January summary reviewed. Income showed a shortage with speculation that it is due to loss of members primarily. Missions were not paid in January so February statement will reflect 2 months of missions being paid. Also, Workman’s Compensation was paid for the whole year in January. In reviewing Reserve Accounts it was motioned to use the Music Ministry Fund to pay for the new ACS Hymnals. **MSP**

**Facilities Report:** Michael reported that reflectors have been placed at entrance to driveway. It was agreed to give Michael a church credit card for purchases.

**WGS Report:** Pancake dinner held and well received. Food collected for Souper Bowl will be delivered to Crosslines this week. Working on Welcoming Statement. Little Library may need some oversight. This program falls under WGS.

**Memorial Committee Report:** Approved purchase of the new Hymnals, although this meeting today determined to take funds from Music Ministry instead.

It was **MSP** to accept all reports as submitted and reported.

**Current Needs of Church Members:** Rita Sloan remains at Westgate currently.

### New Business

Update from Joint Council/Taskforce regarding SJCC:

1. Finance Committee has been assigned the task at evaluating SJCC proposal on the building. Pastor shared that there is a company in Kansas City called “Narthex” that buys churches and updates them and then leases them. They might be able to assist or give some input. Pat or Pastor will contact them for information.

2. Attorney Selection update: Bill has contacted Derek Snyder who can assist us when needed provided his partners have no conflict of interest with SJCC. He has suggested that 3 identified members meet with him with our designated questions when ready. The finance committee will assist with generating some options and questions.

3. MOU (Memorandum of Understanding): this would be a non-binding contract to bridge our intent while both parties look and evaluate options. After discussion it was agreed that we should look into developing one that both parties would need to agree to the content. Patty will begin to generate some language for this.

4. Custodial Coverage: options reviewed with much discussion. A motion to give notice to PLC current custodian for discontinuance was amended to include payment through March. Motion as follows: Give appropriate and compassionate notice to discontinue custodial service with current custodian with payment coverage through the month of March. **MSP**. We do need to verify availability of SJCC custodian to take over the duties. SJCC will take over full payment coverage for custodial duties at that time. Service will provide 15 hours of custodial coverage weekly.

5. Musical Instruments: SJCC organ and electric piano will be moved on Tuesday to PLC. Both instruments will be placed in the area where our piano sits at this time. Our piano will move to the Fellowship Hall. Speakers for the organ will be placed in the alcove space to the north end of the kneeling cushions.

6. Signage in front: in need of update and repair. Will wait to decide anything until arrangement with SJCC is determined.

### Acknowledgement of Synod’s approval of PLC Amended

**Constitution:** received written acknowledgement of the Synod’s acceptance of our amended constitution. They will keep a copy in the synod office.

### Request from Foxberry Terrace to Designate PCL as a Temporary

**Evacuation Point in Case of Emergency:** some believed we had an agreement already in place but they do have a new administrator. Questions were raised as to what this would entail to include what length of time would be needed in an emergency. We may need to take SJCC feedback into consideration as well. Pat will try to contact them for more information.

**Coffee with Council:** Group agreed to provide feedback and Q&A time regarding changes with SJCC on March 5<sup>th</sup> after service.

**Church Management Software:** demonstration was held on Feb 9. Review of it will take place at the Finance Committee February 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Other:

1. Joint meeting of Council and Taskforce is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 PM if needed.

2. Next Council Meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer

**Respectfully submitted,**

Coleen Cameron, Secretary

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 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), Bill Eichman (Treasurer), Michael Garoutte (Building and Grounds) Kami Cheesman (member at large) and Coleen Cameron (Secretary)

**Devotions:** Pastor shared reading from Philippians Chapter 2, played the song “Love Train” and gave prayer by Martin Luther.

**Call to Order:** Patty Heagel, President

**Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes:** The agenda amended with addition of Care for Creation Covenant and Church Council minutes from February 26, 2023 reviewed and motioned to accept. **MSP**

#### **Action Items**

**1. Membership roll as of 12/31/2022:** Reviewed list of active members, associate members and those needing to be removed from the rolls. Motion made to remove those on line 41 through 69 from the active/associate list. **MSP.** Membership list was also updated with correct spelling of several names and Kamille Cheesman was added to the active voting list. Current voting members stand at 29 with a 20% quorum at 6.

**2. Purchase of TV, Stand, DVD, Cables:** Emails prior to meeting detailed need to purchase larger TV with stand. Group agreed. Motion made to purchase the TV, stand, cables and the DVD only when determined it was appropriate for the DVD purchase. **MSP.** Regarding funding it was motioned to use Christian Education reserve funds and the rest from the Memorial Committee funds as approved by the Memorial Committee. **MSP**

**3. Church Accounting Software Service to CDM+ and Aatrix:** Finance Committee minutes were reviewed and discussed as to the benefit of changing to CDM+ and Aatrix financial management software. Aatrix allows for e-filing of IRS tax report. Training and the need to examine role changes will need to be identified as well as implementation by the Finance Committee. Motion by the Finance Committee made as follows: Recommendation to switch to CDM+ and Aatrix solutions and discontinue MMS and Simple Church solutions at the earliest possible time. Simple Church is a subscription and can be stopped at any time. MMS is a contract and we have fulfilled all obligations. A 30–90-day severance is recommended after we move to CDM+ and Aatrix. **MSP.**

**4. Memorandum of Understanding with South Joplin Christian Church:** Reviewed MOU as prepared by Patty and Pastor. This is a non-binding document to allow both sides to continue to explore options together. It was motioned to accept the MOU as presented. **MSP**

**5. Care for Creation Covenant:** Covenant was presented at WGS committee last week with the approval to move forward. Michael brought forth for Council approval and signing. It is a pledge stating that we respect all of creation. Five areas of emphasis include Worship, Education, Building and Grounds, Discipleship at Home and Work, and Public Ministry. It was motioned to accept. **MSP.** At WGS Michael volunteered to lead the green team with some others volunteering to help.

#### **Reports**

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor shared he has been providing communion classes to Emily and Pierce Rappa and plans to formalize their completion on Palm Sunday, April 2. Also, he shared a presentation he is considering attending on Vision Day in Springfield, IL April 15. Fee would be \$30.00.

He did state he would not be back that Sunday, April 16. Motioned to approve paying for Pastor to attend the event. **MSP**

**Finance Committee Report (February 27 and March 7):** Reviewed under Accounting Software above.

**Financial Secretary’s Report:** Reviewed. 13 giving units have contributed so far in 2023.

**Treasurer’s Report:** February 1<sup>st</sup> Mile giving was down. Bill stated he had to tap into prior year’s balance to meet budget. Utilities have been up and especially electric which was up by 26%.

**Facilities Report:** Church cleaning accomplished on March 18. New laptops are working out well. We now have Microsoft 365 loaded. Discussed popcorn machine which needs to be thoroughly cleaned before ever using again. It was suggested it be stored, possibly in a closet.

**Welcome, Grow, Serve (WGS):** Good deeds day was discussed at their last meeting (to be in April) and it will probably be a park clean up.

**Memorial Committee:** Minutes reviewed above under TV purchase.

**2022 Annual Report:** In progress

**Taskforce Report (See under New Business)**

#### **Old Business**

No new needs of church and or members identified

Foxberry Terrace: will be sending additional information but essentially wants an extension of our agreement to allow them to use our facility in an emergency for holding residents for short term duration.

#### **New Business**

**Joint Council/Taskforce Update Regarding SJCC:** Issues have arisen regarding custodial services and who will provide and pay for the services. Minutes had not necessarily been kept of those meetings and probably we should do that going forward. The Facility Use Agreement is vague regarding cleaning services. After much discussion it was recommended that we obtain attorney assistance/consultation to revise Facility Use Agreement at this time especially since the amount of rent is being questioned. It was recommended that we contact the earlier identified attorney, Derek Snyder by Pastor, Patty and or Michael; reach out to SJCC that we are heading toward a formalized proposal; that we need to update our Facility Use Agreement and offer an MOU after engaging the attorney; and emphasize the rent will stay the same even though SJCC has increased the use of the building. The taskforce and sub-taskforce should work on the details. We will probably need to continue to clean the church ourselves in the meantime.

**Congregational Information Meeting:** to be held March 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, at 10:00 AM. Patty would like all of Council to be present.

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

**Next Meeting: April 16, 2023**

Respectfully submitted,  
Coleen Cameron, Secretary



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 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:** Patty Heagel (President), Pat Tikkanen (President-Elect), Bill Eichman (Treasurer), Michael Garoutte (Building and Grounds) Kami Cheesman (member at large) and Coleen Cameron (Secretary)

**Absent:** Pastor Gates

**Devotions:** Patty led the group in prayer.

**Call to Order:** Patty Heagel, President

**Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes:** The agenda and Church Council minutes from March 19, 2023 reviewed and motioned to accept. **MSP**

**Reports**

**Finance Committee:** Minutes reviewed from April 4. Amber, Bill, Judy, and Pat received training on new church software. Pat commented that minutes needed to be updated to reflect that a contract has not been signed yet on the software.

**Financial Secretary’s Report:** Report reviewed and noted the comments at bottom of report that stated if trend continues for remainder of year on the amount of income received, we will have an \$8,340.80 annual shortfall.

**Treasurer’s Report:** March was a good month. Although we are at approximately \$2000.00+ short on first mile giving YTD. This was partly due to 3 pay periods in March which affected salaries and on payments to Pastor due to extra services. We probably under budgeted on number of extra services. Some money was taken from the carry over fund to help cover expenses in March. We do need to get approval from the congregation at the May meeting to use funds from the Building Fund for the year if needed. Bill will draft a motion for the meeting.

**Facilities Report:** Clean up day held on April 15 with another one scheduled for April 22. Group made cleaning list for the custodial individual. Michael will review with SJCC. We will pay SJCC \$285.00/month for the cleaning service but he wants an invoice from SJCC for our records. We also need to update the Facilities Use Agreement with SJCC to reflect the custodial services. It was also identified we need mulch for the flower beds and the play area. Motion made to authorize the purchase of mulch up to \$600 to cover the flower beds and play area. **MSP.** Michael will talk to Gary Stiles about the mulch.

**Welcome, Grow, Serve:** Although group did not meet Michael shared a list of ideas under Care for Creation initiative that he will take and share with WGS for their input.

**Taskforce Report:** Did not meet but Council had discussion regarding where we stood on the proposal SJCC has presented to us on purchasing the property. Discussed potential need for an appraisal or at least a Fair Market Value assessment but decided to hold off on a costly appraisal at this time. Bill shared figures relating to purchase and insured amount. We have yet to meet with the attorney but we need something substantial to review with the attorney. After much discussion it was decided to hold a joint Council and Taskforce meeting on Thursday, April 20 at 5:30 to outline next steps and potential counter proposal. The congregation shared their thoughts at the open meeting held May 25. Feelings from that meeting were that their proposal was not sufficient.

**New Business**

**Disposal of Old Equipment:** several items to include laptops, TV, and DVD need to be disposed of. Group felt the equipment was beyond use by anyone. It was motioned to dispose of the electronics by recycling after wiping clean of data. **MSP.** Michael will follow up on the disposal.

**Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting:** Scheduled for May 7

**Next Council Meeting: May 21, 2023**

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Cameron, Secretary