



PEACE
NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 2023



MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

Encouragement

My name is Herb Kroening and I am part of the Council at Peace Lutheran. I would like to talk to you about encouragement. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 “Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.”

Discouragement is a thief. It steals your vitality, your zeal, your joy, your peace and contentment. If discouragement dwells long with you, its friends will soon join. Their names are fatigue, hopelessness, despair, self-pity, depression, doubt and bitterness.

If we have nothing to rely on, or we forget our blessings and look to our circumstances, then that is when discouragement begins to take hold. Instead, we need encouragement. We need hope and peace and the

knowledge that the Lord knows our troubles, has great concern and compassion for us and is not leaving us unloved or uncared for.

Encouragement is something that belongs to you as a Christian. You do not have to live in a world of hurt and doubt. You don't have to live alone. You don't have to weep in solitude. You have the body of Christ to lift you up. You must remember that you have the Holy Spirit indwelling in you who warms your soul.

You have the God of encouragement waiting to show you His mercy and love. But you need to trust. You need to remember the Lord's blessing. You need to depend on Him. You need to keep your eyes on Jesus and Him alone.

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)



HERB KROENING
COUNCIL MEMBER

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9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Audio/Video Requests:
For Audio CD call:
Josh Lochner 429-4415
For Video DVD call:
The Church Office 556-7000

Weekly Worship & Praise Opportunities:
Sunday
10:15 a.m. Worship
also streamed on Facebook Live or YouTube Live
Permission to podcast/stream the music in our services obtained from One License with license #A-722704.



COUNCIL MINUTES

January 1, 2023

Members present: Barb Berry, Christine Bennett, Virgil Bennett, Ken Berry, Teresa Hogan, Herb Kroening, Ginger Kunst, Bob Phillips

Absent: Ed Zajac

Also Present: Pastor Zornow, Deb Kroening, Maria Tallman

Call to Order: Teresa Hogan called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Opening Devotion/Prayer

Pastor prayed.

No Council Meeting In December

Treasurer's report

Brenda

Cash and Fund Activity Summary

| | <u>10/31/22</u> | <u>11/30/22</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Honor CU Checking | \$68,077.43 | \$63,984.11 |
| Honor CU Savings | 24,992.29 | 25,432.50 |
| Honor CU Scrip Account | 21,429.32 | 20,865.65 |
| Major Repairs & Maintenance | \$ 3,322.29 | \$ 3,722.50 |
| Youth Group Fund | 11,282.00 | 11,282.00 |
| Audio Visual Fund | 9,223.00 | 9,223.00 |
| Wish List Fund | 1,165.00 | 1,165.00 |
| Church Mortgage | \$27,554.54 | \$20,865.65 |

Old business

- Covid 19 update and discussion

All

Covid numbers are about the same as last month in Berrien County. Therefore the church will continue distribution of Holy Communion with no changes. The general trend with Covid is now relaxed.

- Update on Shut Ins.

Barb Berry

Pastor Ron Schmidt visited and communed thirteen of our shut ins in the month of December. Two shut-ins were not able to be communed.

Standing Committee Reports

- Worship

Deb Kroening

It was stated that the worship committee wanted feedback from the minutes. It was decided they would designate by either highlighting or other means on the items they wanted feedback.

This will be done by all the committees. The worship committee will be looking into Lenten Services.

- Fellowship

Chris Bennett

There was no meeting in December for fellowship. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3.

- Outreach

Bob Phillips

The movie night has not been very successful. This may be discontinued.

The new bible study, The Chosen, will be starting on January 4 after bingo, led by Deb Kroening.

Bob Phillips and Deb Kroening are putting together music lessons that will be held in the fellowship hall. More information will follow. Insurance company will be contacted to make sure everything will be covered under our present policy.

New Business:

- Council Elections

Teresa Hogan

Bryan Sorensen has decided to step down from serving on the council because of work commitments. Ginger Kunst was unanimously voted to join the council as of January, 2023. We have a full council now.

The council members made motions, seconded motions and voted on the new executive committee for 2023 as follows:

President: Teresa Hogan
Vice President: Ken Berry
Secretary: Chris Bennett

- Call Committee Report and Discussion

Deb Koenig

The call committee is putting together a profile for a new pastor and will be sent in when completed. Pay scale and video will follow.

- Home Visits with Communion training for lay people

Training will be held on January 15 at 1:30 p.m. Pastor Zornow will lead the training with Deb Kroening, Maria Tallman, Teresa Hogan, and Barb Morgan. This is only as a backup plan if Pastor Schmidt is unable to visit the shut-ins.

- January Greeters

Ken Berry

January 1 – Herb and Ken
January 8 – Teresa and Virgil
January 15 – Herb and Bob
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Motion to Adjourn: Virgil made a motion to adjourn at 1:25 p.m.

PATIENCE PLEASE

All of us here at Peace Lutheran Church are going through a very unusual time; we have been without a pastor for several months now and, until recently, without a church secretary as well. These are both very critical positions in the day-to-day operation of any church.

Think of a pastor as the captain of the ship on which you are a passenger. Think of the secretary as the ship's first mate. Without either one, a ship will have trouble navigating successfully to its destination. Without both of them, the task becomes much more difficult. For a long time, that is the situation we found ourselves in at Peace.

As it stands now, many of these pastoral tasks and decisions have landed squarely in the laps of your church council--volunteers--several of whom have full-time jobs and families they must concern themselves with at the same time they perform their council duties, duties which are often very complex and involve you and every other member of our church. They cannot be taken lightly or performed without forethought and prayer. The thoughts and feelings of our church

members must be carefully weighed and considered.

We hope you will understand that your council is doing the best it can in the absence of an ordained, professional pastor. Council member try their best to do the right thing. All are simply citizens of our community who count on the cooperation and opinions of members such as you. We can only succeed in navigating the good ship Peace Lutheran with your kindness and understanding.

For that reason, we ask for your forbearance, your patience and your understanding. We ask that if you have questions and concerns or complaints that you please take them straight to a council member. Please do not spread rumors or gossip--they only make things more difficult for everyone.

It may be too much to ask of we ordinary parishioners but we are doing all we can to provide the many things a functioning church requires. All we ask is that that you have patience with us please. We are doing the best that we can.



**VIRGIL BENNETT,
COUNCIL MEMBER**

Mark your Calendars for the weekly Bible Class!

Bible Study Continues
Wednesday, January 4 at 7:30 p.m.

THE CHOSEN

The Chosen is a Series of Jesus and His disciples and followers. Meet Mary and how she is confronted with old demons. This is a modern drama about the life of Jesus Christ. The first episode was Dec 24, 2017. Set in the 1st century Israel, this series revolves around Jesus and the different people who met and followed him. This show about the life of Christ has already turned heads within Hollywood.

January 4 I Have Called You By Name

Two brothers struggle with their tax debts to Rome while a woman in the Red Quarter wrestles with her demons.

January 11 Shabbat

Matthew validates Simon's claims with Praetor Quintus, Nicodemus investigates the miracle reported in the Red Quarter, and Mary receives surprise guests at her Shabbat dinner.

January 18 Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus befriends and teaches the group of children who discover His camp on the outskirts of Capernaum.

January 25 The Rock on Which it is Built

With his life and family under threat from Rome, Simon spends on last night fishing in a desperate attempt to square his debts. Andrew spots a familiar face waiting for them on the shores of Galilee.

February 1 The Wedding Gift

Nicodemus interrogates John the Baptizer while Jesus and his students make their way to a wedding celebration in Cana. When the wine runs low, Mary asks her son to intervene on behalf of the bridegroom's family.

February 8 Indescribable Compassion

After witnessing the healing of a leper on the road to Capernaum a woman forces her paralytic friend through the crowd to meet Jesus

February 15 Invitations

Matthew struggles to reconcile the miracles he has witnessed with reality. Nicodemus meets with Jesus by night. This has to be one of favorites.

February 25 I Am He

Jesus and His students complete their preparations and leave Capernaum for Samaria. Jesus meets with a suffering woman at Jacobs well and announces that He is the Messiah.



Exciting news!

The church building will be paid off **THIS YEAR!**

See the schedule below and join in the countdown!

Payment Schedule

| Date Due | Principal | Interest | Balance |
|-----------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| 2/1/2023 | \$ 2,275.37 | \$ 91.63 | \$ 20,873.75 |
| 3/1/2023 | \$ 2,284.37 | \$ 82.63 | \$ 18,589.38 |
| 4/1/2023 | \$ 2,293.42 | \$ 73.56 | \$ 16,295.96 |
| 5/1/2023 | \$ 2,302.50 | \$ 64.50 | \$ 13,993.46 |
| 6/1/2023 | \$ 2,311.61 | \$ 55.39 | \$ 11,681.85 |
| 7/1/2023 | \$ 2,320.76 | \$ 46.24 | \$ 9,361.09 |
| 8/1/2023 | \$ 2,329.95 | \$ 37.05 | \$ 7,031.14 |
| 9/1/2023 | \$ 2,339.17 | \$ 27.83 | \$ 4,691.97 |
| 10/1/2023 | \$ 2,348.43 | \$ 18.57 | \$ 2,343.54 |
| 11/1/2023 | \$ 2,343.54 | \$ 9.28 | \$ - |

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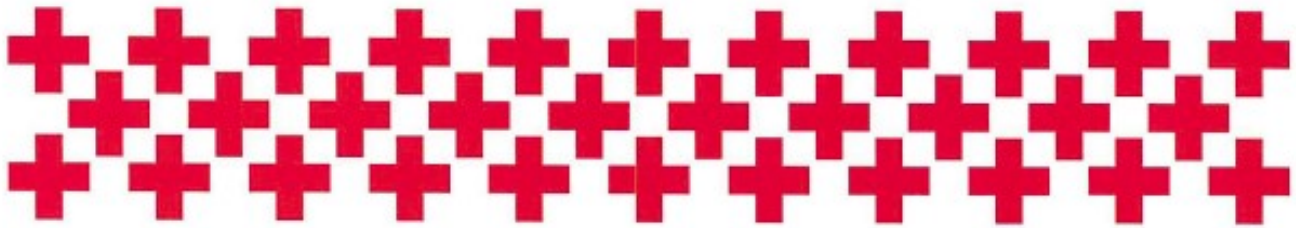
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Thursday, January 19, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

For an appointment visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: PEACELUTHERAN, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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Choir practice resumes
January 19 at 7:00 p.m.



January 15
We will be de-greening the
church and we could use
your help!



January 29 after the service



Men's Bible Study
continues on Thursday
mornings at 7:45 a.m.

Matthew Chapter 8.

Our Church Council Members

Term expires at the end of January of listed year



Bob Philllips
2026 - 2nd term
269-429-7462



Secretary
Chris Bennett
2025 - 1st term
269-208-4946



V. President
Ken Berry
2026 - 1st term
269-925-4862



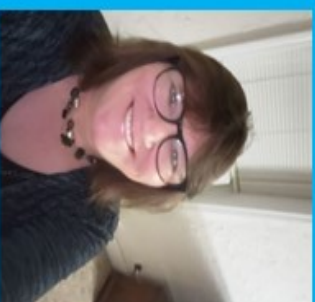
Ed Zajac
2024 - 1st term
269-944-7639



Virgil Bennett
2024 - 1st term
269-208-4946



Herb Kroening
2024 - 1st term
269-556-9878



President
Teresa Hogan
2025 - 1st term
269-757-6429



Barb Berry
2025 - 2nd term
269-925-4862



Ginger Kunst
2026 - 1st term
269-428-3463



THIS MONTH'S READINGS



Welcome Center

Lector

| | | |
|------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1/1 | Ginger Kunst | Roxanne Beck |
| 1/8 | Barb Walker | Virgil Bennett |
| 1/15 | Margaret Schmeiding | Bob Phillips |
| 1/22 | Teresa Hogan | Teresa Hogan |
| 1/29 | Bev So | Herb Kroening |

Servants needed!

**Think you'd like to be a greeter or lector?
Call Nan Hacker at 470-9925**

**Want to try ushering?
Call Wayne Schuermann at 463-8966.**

**Willing to help prepare the altar for
communion?
Call Ginger Kunst at 428-3463.**

Altar Guild

Communion

- 1/1
- 1/8
- 1/15
- 1/22
- 1/29

Greeters

| | |
|------------|-------------------|
| January 1 | Herb and Ken |
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January 1, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-14; Psalm 111; Galatians 4:4-7;
Matthew 2:13-23

January 8, 2023

Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11;
Matthew 3:13-17

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9;
John 1:29-42

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18;
Matthew 4:12-25

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;
Matthew 5:1-12

Visit our website!



January 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|-----|
| 1 10:15 Worship w/communion | 2 9-12 Office Hrs | 3 9-12 Office Hrs 5:30 Fellowship Mtg | 4 9-12 Office Hrs 7:30 Bible Study | 5 9-12 Office Hrs 7:45a Men's Bible Study 7 p Prayer Mtg | 6 Office Closed | 7 |
| 8 10:15 Worship w/communion | 9 9-12 Office Hrs | 10 9-12 Office Hrs | 11 9-12 Office Hrs 6:00 Bingo 7:30 Bible Study | 12 9-12 Office Hrs 7:45a Men's Bible Study 7 p Prayer Mtg | 13 Office Closed | 14 |
| 15 10:15 Worship w/communion 1:30 Communion Training De-greening the church | 16 9-12 Office Hrs | 17 9-12 Office Hrs | 18 9-12 Office Hrs 6:00 Bingo 7:30 Bible Study | 19 9-12 Office Hrs 11-4:45 Blood Drive 7:45a Men's Bible Study 7 p Prayer Mtg | 20 Office Closed | 21 |
| 22 10:15 Worship w/communion | 23 9-12 Office Hrs | 24 9-12 Office Hrs | 25 9-12 Office Hrs 6:00 Bingo 7:30 Bible Study | 26 9-12 Office Hrs 7:45a Men's Bible Study 7 p Prayer Mtg 7 p Choir | 27 Office Closed | 28 |
| 29 10:15 Worship w/communion Congregational Meeting | 30 9-12 Office Hrs | 31 9-12 Office Hrs | | | | |



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

9 Jill Chapman
10 Dominic So
14 Denise Mahler
15 Delores Kraklau
16 Evelyn Chevrette
18 Wayne Schuermann
24 Hilde Boozer
30 Mohammed Nurbhai

Anniversaries

26 Robert & Linda Roberts

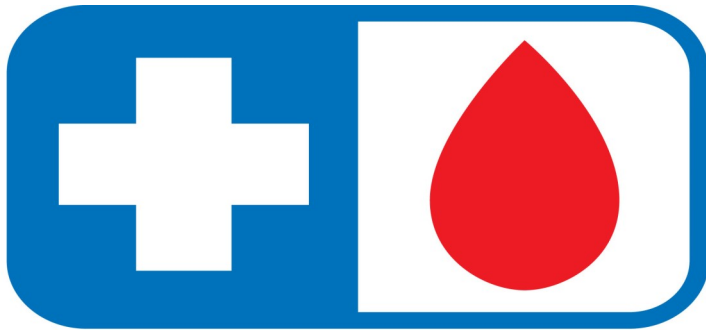
Shut-Ins

To keep our shut-ins safe, please call the church office for mailing addresses.

Leona Barowicz
Andrea Barowicz
Thomas Boozer

Evelyn Chevrette
Darlene Gaul
Delores Gaul
Dolores Kraklau
Harold Lick
Ruth Retzke
Gloria Siewert

**Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 29, 2023**



**G I V E
Blood**

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