



PEACE
NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2023



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

Members Present - Teresa Hogan, Christine Bennett, Virgil Bennett, Ed Zajac, Bob Phillips, Herb Kroening and Pastor Zornow

Absent - Ginger Kunst

Agenda - Motion by Chris second by Ed to approve the Agenda including one extra item; the Congregational meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes - Motion by Virgil second by Ed to approve the July 30, 2023 (August Meeting) minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasury Report - The Council discussed Postage. How do the envelopes get sent out? Are the envelopes going to people who do not attend Peace Church any more? The list of people attending Peace Church needs to be addressed to see how many active members attend church or are still giving a donation. Teresa to ask John to provide the current membership list.

Ed suggested sending the Shut-in's a large print "Portals of Prayer".

Motion by Ed second by Herb to send out "Portals of Prayer" in the large size to the shut ins. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brenda, Peace Lutheran Church's bookkeeper, has been without a pay raise for several years. Her pay currently is 15.00 (fifteen dollars) per hour. She is asking the Council for a raise.

Motion by Ed second by Virgil to give Brenda a raise of \$1.50 (one dollar and fifty cents) more an hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ed second by Bob to approve the Treasury Report. All ayes. Motion carried.

Sprinkler System - The sprinkler system is repaired and working properly, thanks to Dominic So.

Steven Ministry - Virgil and Teresa updated the Stephen Ministry effort with the Council Members. They are more than half way through the program. Virgil stated the program is very involved.

Bible Study - The Chosen videos will be completed soon. There is another program called, Faithful Christians Through the Eyes of Joseph by Adam Hamilton. Debbie Kroening is requesting \$250.00 (two hundred and fifty dollars) to purchase the program.

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For Video DVD call:
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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.



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Motion by Virgil second by Ed to approve Debbie to purchase Faithful Christians through the eyes of Joseph for her next Bible study. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reconciliation Music CD - Teresa stated Debbie found some Music CD's in a box called "Reconciliation". These CD's will be at the welcome Desk for anyone to take home if they wish.

Motion by Virgil seconded by Ed to place the Reconciliation Music CD at the Welcome Center for anyone to take home. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fair/Committee Reports - Bob stated the Berrien County Youth Fair went very well. They gave away post it notes, fans and "Portals of Prayer". Several people asked if we have a "Contemporary Service".

Pastor Zornow commented that when visitors come we must be sure to get their name, address and phone number for later contact.

Chris asked Bob for a quarterly report from Bingo and Music School. She stated no one has any idea how much money Bingo makes, cost of prizes or coffee supplies. Bob agreed he will supply the Council with a quarterly report to help ensure that Peace Lutheran Church can maintain compliance with 501(c)(3) tax status.

Addition to Minutes

Congregational Meeting October 1, 2023. Agenda to include Stephen Ministries update and Council member nominee Committee recommendations.

Worship, Outreach Committees - Bob gave a report on his Outreach Committee. Some of the events: Blessing of the Animals, Chocolate Chip Cookie Competition at Bingo, House of David Trip, Frankenmuth Trip, Movie night Song of Bernadette and Tree Lighting.

Ed told the Council about a bush near the sign on Lincoln that needs to be trimmed; it obscures the sign message for southbound traffic and is blocking the view of oncoming traffic when pulling out of the church parking lot.

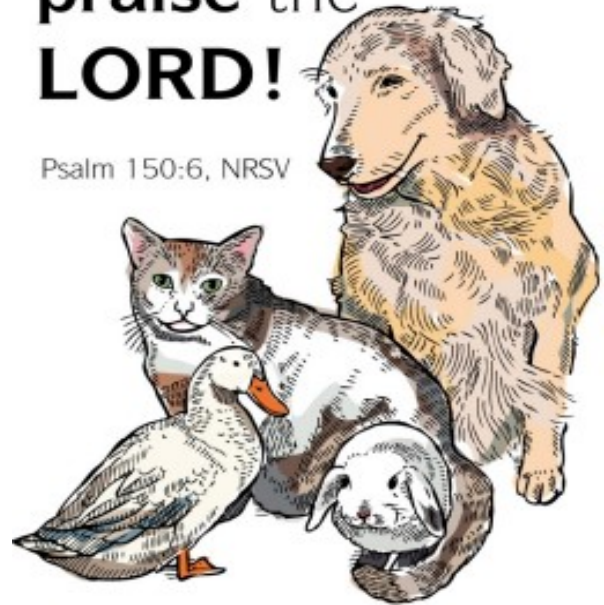
Motion by Ed seconded by Virgil to trim the bush on the exit driveway onto Lincoln Ave. near the new sign. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Virgil second by Herb to adjourn the September 3, 2023 council meeting at 1:45. All ayes. Motion carried.

9/17. Herb and Bob
9/24. Herb and Eddie
9/31. Chris and Ginger
10/1. Herb and Bob
Greeters for September

Let **everything**
that **breathes**
praise the
LORD!

Psalm 150:6, NRSV



Blessing of the Animals

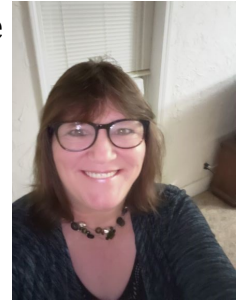
It's that time of year where our special friends have a special day for themselves. The community is invited to bring their pet to receive a blessing from a pastor on

October 1st at 3:00 p.m.

There is no registration required; we only ask that you bring your pet either leashed or caged for their own safety. If it rains, we will still hold this event in our Fellowship Hall.

MESSAGE FROM TERESA

My name is Teresa Hogan, I am the current Council President for Peace Lutheran Church. I want to tell you about a new ministry program *Peace Lutheran* recently became involved in. Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caregiving ministry. Named for Stephen, one of the first seven laypeople called by the church to assist the apostles in caring for others. (You can read Stephen's story in Acts 6 and 7.) Stephen Ministry is truly ministry—that is, service to others, caring for others in Jesus' name, doing the work that God has both called and gifted his children to do.



TERESA HOGAN,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2. Being Christian does not mean we will never have burdens, there are times when these burdens seem too much to bear ourselves and Paul is telling these early Christians to help each other.

If we help our brothers and sisters in Christ, does this fulfill the law of Christ? Galatians 5:14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Do you feel a calling to care for others who are hurting? Do you desire the personal joy that comes from sharing Christ's love with people? In the next few months, our Stephen Leader Team will begin training some of the members of our congregation to serve as Stephen Ministers. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, speak to *Teresa Hogan or Virgil Bennett*

The Blessings of Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community.

- Congregations carry out Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way.
 - Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.
 - Laypeople nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.
- People who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support. In short, Stephen Ministry helps carry out the mission of the church.



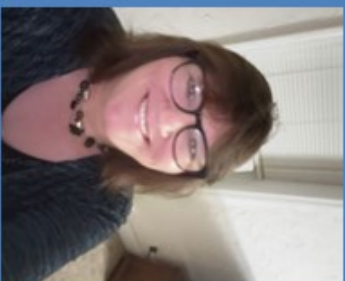
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Our Church Council Members

Term expires at the end of January of listed year



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



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



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



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2024 - 1st term
269-208-4946



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



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



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



Exciting news!
The church building will be paid off in
NOVEMBER

See the schedule below and join in the countdown!

Payment Schedule

| Date Due | Principal | Interest | Balance |
|-----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| 10/1/2023 | \$ 2,348.43 | \$ 18.57 | \$ 2,343.54 |
| 11/1/2023 | \$ 2,343.54 | \$ 9.28 | \$ - |

Men's Bible Study

There will be a Men's Bible Study group session held weekly on Thursday mornings. These will take place at 7:45 a.m.

Sept. 21: *The Church Is Prepared for Pentecost*

Sept. 28: *The Church Is Empowered by the Holy Spirit*

Oct. 5: *The Church Proclaims the Word with Great Boldness*

Oct. 12: *The Church Meets Both Internal and External Challenges*

Oct. 19: *The Church Has Its First Martyr*

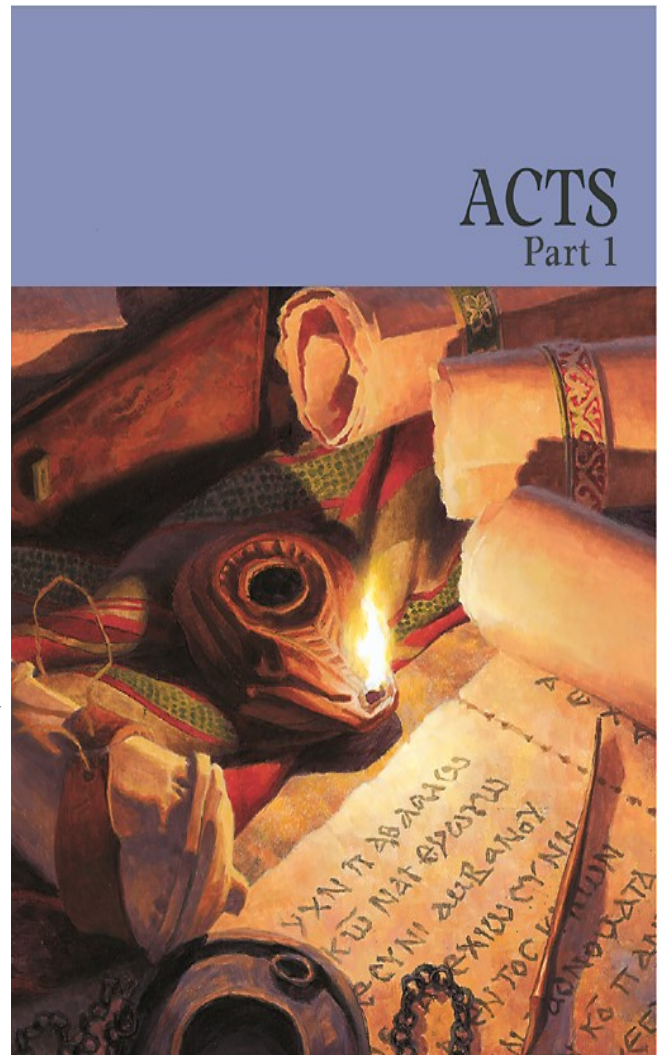
Oct. 26: *The Church Takes the Gospel to Samaria and Beyond*

Nov. 2: *The Church Receives an Unlikely Convert*

Nov. 9: *The Church Affirms Gentile Converts as Equals with Jews*

Nov. 16: *The Church Thrives Despite Persecution*

- Materials provided for Individual Study (20-30 minutes per day, your own devotion) Participants prepare for weekly meeting with the 5-day leaflet that provides scripture readings and related questions.
- Group Discussion : With a prepared discussion leader, group discuss the week's lesson.
- Group Lecture (20 minutes) Participant may choose to share but is non-mandatory. Everyone meets for a lecture, which further clarifies the lesson. Lecture is provided to voluntary leader.





**THIS MONTH'S
READINGS**



| | Welcome Center | Lector |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 10/1 | Ginger Kunst | Virgil Bennett |
| 10/8 | Margaret Schmieding | Greg Solak |
| 10/15 | Chris Bennett | Larry Hacker |
| 10/22 | Tammy Steinbauer | Beverly So |
| 10/29 | Barb Walker | Bob Phillips |

Volunteers needed!

If at all interested, please reach out to Dominic So for doing the liturgy readings or sermons on Sunday Worship.

You can either call or email him to see what dates are available.

574-360-9537 dominic.h.so@gmail.com

Altar Guild

| | |
|-------|---------------------|
| 10/1 | Ginger Kunst |
| 10/8 | Nan Hacker |
| 10/15 | Margaret Schmeiding |
| 10/22 | Beverly So |
| 10/29 | Teresa Hogan |

Greeters

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|-------|------------------------------|
| 10/1 | Bob Phillips & Herb Kroening |
| 10/8 | Chris & Virgil Bennett |
| 10/15 | Ginger Kunst & Teresa Hogan |
| 10/22 | Eddie Zajac & Herb Kroening |
| 10/29 | Chris & Virgil Bennett |

October 1, 2023

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-10 ;
Philippians 2:1-4, 5-13, 14-18;
Matthew 21:23-27, 28-32

October 8, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-19; Philippians
3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 15 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 23:1-6; Philippians
4:4-13; Matthew 22:1-14

October 22, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9, 10-13;
THESSALONIANS 1:1-10; Matthew
22:15-22

October 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday

Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46:1-11; ROMANS
3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Visit our website!



House of David Train Ride



On October 15th, come and enjoy riding the train with Peace and see the Halloween decorations for \$4.00. We will be leaving from the church at 4:45 p.m. In case it rains on this day, we will move it to October 22nd.



Chocolate Chip Cookie Bake-Off

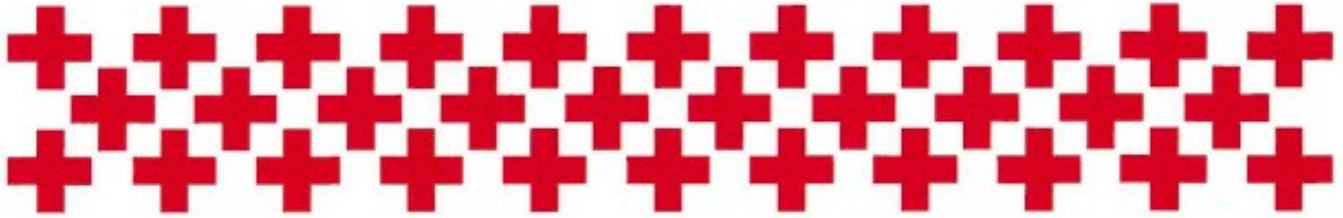
We're hosting a bake-off during one of our routine Bingo nights. Come and bring your favorite chocolate chip cookie!

We will be judging for top three places all while playing Bingo at the same time!

Giving Blood!

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Peace Lutheran Church** 3590 Lincoln Avenue, St. Joseph

Tuesday, October 31, 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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Come give Oct. 21 thru Nov. 9 and get a \$10 gift card by email. PLUS, get a chance to win a \$5,000 prize to treat yourself! You could be one of three lucky winners (one a week). Terms apply: rcblood.org/lunch



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October 2023



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----------------------|---|--|--|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 10:15 Worship w/ communion Congregation mtg 3:00 Pet Blesses | 2 9-12 Office Hrs | 3 9-12 Office Hrs | 4 9-12 Office Hrs 6:00 Bingo | 5 9-12 Office Hrs 7:45am Men's Bible Study | 6 Office Closed FEMS Weekend w/ Dr. Wendel | 7 FEMS Weekend w/ Dr. Wendel |
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| 22 10:15 Worship w/communion | 23 9-12 Office Hrs | 24 9-12 Office Hrs | 25 9-12 Office Hrs 6:00 Bingo 6:00 Bake-Off | 26 9-12 Office Hrs 7:45am Men's Bible Study | 27 Office Closed | 28 |
| 29 10:15 Worship w/communion | 30 9-12 Office Hrs | 31 9-12 Office Hrs 11-4:45 Blood Drive | | | | |
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Birthdays
 4 Ayla Adkins
 4 Diane Herrman
 9 Brody Adkins
 25 Jane Wilson

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

Leona Barowicz
 Andrea Barowicz
 Evelyn Chevrette
 Darlene Gaul
 Delores Gaul

Marilyn Hettig
 Dolores Kraklau
 Harold Lick
 Betty Pliley
 Jerry Pliley
 Ruth Retzke
 Gloria Siewert
 Jane Wilson

Fresh Eyes for Mission Summit

It's finally time for the Fresh Eyes for Mission Summit weekend with Dr. Wendel! We anticipate a great turnout with him and hope you can make it!

The Fresh Eyes for Mission Summit was presented to the council in March, and council approved it in June for the betterment of the church. We contacted Dr. Wendel to get the ball rolling with our pre-work throughout the summer.



There will be follow-up actions that will be discussed for the future with Peace Lutheran Church. The Fresh Eyes for Mission Summit will be part of the Congregational Meeting agenda that is taking place on October 1st after Worship Service.



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