

# CHURCH OF PEACE MESSENGER

October  
2017

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



October 1<sup>st</sup> is World Communion Sunday. We will celebrate altar communion with breads from around the world.



October 8<sup>th</sup> we will worship at 8:45. We will commemorate Harvest Home. The choir will sing.



After worship on the 8th, the first-ever Sunday School road trip will involve our children and interested adults in a trip to Pilgrim Center. There we will enjoy the natural world, investigate the spirituality of Native Americans with the help of an archaeologist, do crafts, worship camp-style, and eat a great lunch. We'll be back by 2:30.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> the children will sing in worship.



October 29<sup>th</sup> we will remember the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther pounding the 95 thesis into the door and beginning the world-changing events of the Protestant Reformation. *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God!*

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# Church Family News

## In Our Prayers



Shirley Schwebke, Lucy Zahn, Daniel Griffin, Tom Strauss, Harry Peters, Carol Moon, Janet Rymer, Randy Stafford, Elise Sonnenberg, Don and Geraldine Gerbing, Aloha Fields, Janet Willis, Rev. Jim Klein, Oliver Wilson, Joan Geiger, Barb Kurki, Iris Abitz, Dena Rose, Jim Patterson, Shirley Hanke, Norm Abitz, Betty Hall, Virgil Kramer, Malita Patchett, Ken Thome, Bob Treptow, Connie Thome, Dennis Schumacher, the family of Gloriann Meyn.

**Norbert** wants to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers and good wishes during his recuperation from shoulder surgery.

### October Social Hour Schedule:

- Oct 1 Stewardship Ministry Team
- Oct 8 Hospitality Ministry Team
- Oct 15 Ladies of Peace (half)
- Oct 22 Chapel Choir
- Oct 29 Worship Enhancement Team

## FOOD PANTRY

We are grateful to receive donations to our food pantry. In October, we could use: **Canned stew and mashed potatoes.** Non-food items include **dishwashing liquid and toilet paper.** **Coupons Needed** — our shopper asks the congregation to drop off any coupons that you do not use. These help with the cost of items for the



Balance as of August 1, 2017: \$16,350.85

Deposits in August: \$7,344.82

Disbursements in August: \$9,600.00

Balance as of August 31, 2017: 14,095.67

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Gloriann Meyn who died on September 25th.



We received another thank you card from someone that we helped with a utility payment: "Thank you for helping me with my water bill. You didn't have to do it — it was much appreciated."



#### CHURCH OF PEACE READERS' GROUP

October's book-of-the-month will be Pastor Jim's novel *Sheboygan County Chronicle*. This is a novel about a rural German church and community at the turn of the century from 1890-1900. It is an entertaining and faith-building book. You can pick up a copy from the church office for \$8.00. We'll chat on Facebook for the month of October and then meet on Saturday, October 28th at 8:30 a.m. at the Rolling Meadows Family Restaurant to discuss the book together. Happy reading!

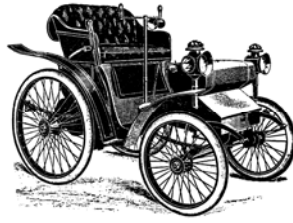


THANK YOU FROM THE FALL FESTIVAL TEAM!

A hearty "thank you" is extended to everyone who participated in the 2017 Fall Festival.



Have you checked out our new Facebook page? It is Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac. You can see pictures and gain information about day-to-day life at Church of Peace. There will be inspirational material on the page as well. You can leave feedback about our wonderful congregation. Enjoy!



## Golden Fellowship Day Trip

*WI Auto Museum, The Mineshaft, Holy Hill*

Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – 9 AM – 4 PM

Yes, that's correct—a Golden Fellowship trip on a Wednesday! Here's the plan: meet at the church at 9:00 and pile onto a deluxe, fully-appointed (not!) school bus and drive down to Hartford for visit to the *Wisconsin Automobile Museum*, which features a fascinating collection of old and much newer cars. Then we'll pop over to *The Mineshaft* restaurant in Hartford for a tasty BIG lunch. Following that, we'll take our land cruiser (i.e. school bus) over to the *Holy Hill Basilica* for some inspiration, spectacular autumn-color views, and tower climbing (for those of able body). And don't forget their gift shop with interesting buys. We'll plan to return to the church by about 4:00.

The cost for this colorful and varied experience is \$25 per person, not counting your order at *The Mineshaft*. Look for the sign-up sheet outside the office. Payment for the trip is due at sign-up in order to reserve your place. This promises to be a great trip! Join us!



October 28th at 8:00 a.m.

## Ladies of Peace

### *Coming Soon!*

#### **Church of Peace Rummage and Bake Sale**

*Friday, October 27 (8 AM - 4 PM) and Saturday, October 28 (8 AM – 2 PM)*

It's that time of the year to clean out our closets, basement and garage for our "Church-Wide Fall Rummage and Bake Sale".

The success of our sale depends on the donations and especially the help from our volunteers. Set-up begins after Social Hour on Sunday, October 22. Help from the members of our church is so appreciated for set up, during the sale — as well as take-down on Saturday, October 28.

You can start to bring your sale items to church on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> between 9 AM and 1 PM. No electronics. Tax donation slips are available.

We welcome all helpers to join us any time, the week of Monday (Oct. 23) through Thursday (Oct. 26), from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM — and then on Friday and Saturday, for whatever time you can spare. Lunch will be served for our volunteers.

We also need your sweet treats (including sweet breads) for our Bake Sale. They can be dropped off at church on Wednesday, October 25 and Thursday, October 26 between 9 AM – 3 PM. Please mark bakery items if they are gluten-free, sugar-free or have nuts in them.

On Sundays starting October 8, we will have sign-up sheets in the narthex for bringing bakery items, and in the office, for posters to be taken to businesses.

Our "Church-Wide Rummage & Bake Sale" has been a fun labor of love. Won't you join us in making it a continuing success?

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## Martha Society

**"The joy we feel has little to do with the circumstances of our lives, and everything to do with the focus of our lives."**

**~Russell M. Nelson**

The Martha Society met twice in the month of September. We kicked off the year with our first business meeting of the 2017-2018 year on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone received their program books with scheduled meetings and socials for the year. Penny bags were counted, and a winner was determined. The second time we met was for our Penny Bag social that was held on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The losing team were the gracious hosts of a delicious dinner of casserole, beans, Lisa's salad, rolls, chocolate zucchini cake, and PICKLES! And yes, the writer of the article is a huge fan of pickles! We enjoyed a time of fellowship and completed word search puzzles created by our very own Jeanette Hinn.

Our next meeting will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Anyone who is interested in checking out the Martha's is encouraged to attend. We would love to see some new faces.

***COUNCIL MINUTES from the September 12th Meeting  
(adapted from minutes taken by Renee Kiefer )***

**General Fund Balance**

Balance as of August 1, 2017: \$2,063.96  
 Deposits in August: \$15,967.92  
 Expenses in August: \$14,421.21  
 Balance as of August 31, 2017: \$3,610.67

Council Meeting—September 12th

Present: Renee Kiefer, Rob Giese, Mike Petersen, Kim Portier, Brenda Post, Karen Babler, Theresa Schultz, Scott Heim, Ben Gumieny, Rev Jim and Rev Jenny. Absent: Ray Beilke, Justin Poirier, Vicki Hoch. Meeting opened at 6:30 with a prayer by Rev Jenny.

Financial Report: 56 families were helped last month with food and 0 were helped with rent or utilities. \$21,700 is owed to Special Funds.

Worship: Communion Style - The Council decided that odd-numbered months would be pew communion and even-numbered months would be altar communion. Christmas Services. Christmas Eve is on Sunday so we will have four services (8:45 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.) It was agreed that if there is low attendance (under 100 people) at the 11:00 service, it will not be held next year.

Christian Education: Family Faith Formation. Families are requesting quality church time with each other. The first event will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Pilgrim Center. Lunch will be provided and the bus will leave from church at 10:10. Sunday Morning Adult Education was well attended. Children's Sunday School: we have a full staff of teachers and we had a good turnout for students.

Outreach: Everything is going well. Riverpark is strengthening as a neighborhood group.

Stewardship: Scott H. was contacted by Ladies of Peace regarding storage issues. It was agreed that they will be given a closet in the Faith Formation Wing and whatever does not fit in that closet should be stored by members.

Capital Campaign and Building Project: The project is finally completed and looks great.

Groups in The Church: The Hospitality Committee is seeking new members.

Church Administration: Norbert is back and Dave Candlish will assist until Norbert feels 100%.

Building & Grounds: A member had car damage due to using the middle driveway. It was decided to put a temporary chain up so that people avoid this driveway. Renee will check into the cost or possible donation of a permanent solution. It was suggested by the Council that the congregation will be told that if all the handicap spots are filled and the person ushering the elevator door feels comfortable doing so, that the usher would volunteer to park the person's car for the handicapped person. This is not being requested or expected by the church. Snow Plowing – We will change our plowing from Country Touch to Pionke Plowing. Fall Clean-Up Day will be October 28. Rob and Ray would like to set up a meeting the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 (beginning October 17<sup>th</sup>) for anyone interested in helping with the maintenance of the building (Building Maintenance Crew).

Concerns of The President: Brenda stated that she had her first Lay Academy and it went well.

Concerns of The Council Members: Karen stated that someone mentioned that Fondue Fest had churches represented. The Council will consider this for next year. Mike commented how much his son loved the day camp. Mike asked about the air conditioner. Per Rob we have not received a quote yet, but he will call them and request so that we can work into next year's budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.





A Women’s Group was started on April 16, 1903 by Rev. & Mrs. H. A. Gammert. It was known as the “Frauen Verein” and all meetings and records were conducted and kept in German until 1931; however, they were translated into German for those members not understanding the English language. The “Frauen Verein” was organized for the purpose of doing deeds of kindness and guiding the work of the congregation. In 1911 a cash gift was given to the church towards the purchase of a pipe organ.

The Martha Society was organized in 1912. They aimed to promote welfare work in the church & community.

In 1931, upon request of the new pastor, Rev. Bareis, the Ladies Society and Martha Society formed a new organization, “Women’s Union”. A few years later, in 1936, it disbanded and reorganized.

The theme song for the Martha Society was chosen – “Living for Jesus”. Their special programs have been the Lenten Quiet Hour, Mother/Daughter Banquets, packing and delivering Christmas shut-in baskets and washing communion-ware each month.

In 1945 Ladies Society became Ladies Aid at which time the theme song “My God and I” was adopted. Their projects have included choir robes, supporting youth mission trips, giving a gift to Rev. Albrecht as he returned to the mission field in India — among many others. In January 2016, they became Ladies of Peace.

In 1984 another women’s group was formed – New Dimensions. They held bingo nights at nursing homes, made noodle ornaments for bazaars and worked on a Christmas Parade Float among many of their projects. This disbanded in 1992.

Greetings,

Sunday School is in full swing. It is great to have all of us under one roof once again. Thank you again for everyone who helped get the Faith Formation Wing ready in time. Confirmation class has started with another great group of students and I am looking forward to another great year of learning together. Ray Beilke and his Bible Study group are starting off by learning about the Bad Girls of the Bible. If you have questions about this group, please contact Ray.

I would like to say a huge thank to the Fall Festival Co-Chairs, Scott Heim and Nancy Pahnke, and all who helped with the Fall Festival.

I hope many of you are planning to attend the Intergenerational Faith Formation Field Trip to Pilgrim Center. We will be learning about Christian and Native Spirituality. What a great way to spend time together and to learn.

We would like to ask that you avoid using the middle driveway of the Church parking lot; we have asked Norbert to block it off at this time.

We are grateful to have Norbert back from surgery, and thank you to those who stepped in to help and who continue to help with some of Norbert’s duties.

Thank you to all who donated to the Hurricane Relief effort. May we keep those affected by these disasters in our thoughts and prayers.

Blessing, Brenda Post

Church Council

Brenda Post, Pres.	266-8510	Rob Giese	921-5227
Karen Babler: Treasurer	922-2302	Vicki Goeden-Hoch	748-4123
Renee Kiefer: Secretary	923-6229	Benjamin Gumieny	979-0546
Theresa Schultz, V.P.	872-2908	Justin Poirier	262-6238
Mike Petersen	740-6493	Scott Heim	933-9874
Kim Portier	979-5169	Ray Beilke	539-5185

# October 2017

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