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*“Peace United Church of Christ
is a multigenerational community
of faith.*

*We welcome people of all ages,
races, and life situations to join
us*

*in our calling to serve as the
hands and feet of Christ.”*

STEPHEN MINISTRY



From the “Pen” of Pastor Paula

First of all, a big thank you goes to Debbie Johnson, Peace's secretary, for her clever Call to Worship on Sunday, April 23rd. The mention of cheesy casseroles and seven layer salads caused quite a few giggles! And a big thank you to the children of the congregation for their success at the game of hide and seek. Of course, they were "assisted" by some adults who managed to keep straight faces while children hid around them. At any rate, the point of the children's message was that we cannot hide from Jesus and Jesus does not hide from us. He is with us at all times, always seeking us, loving us, caring about us.

Now, a brief introduction is in order: I am an Iowa native, born and raised in Lake Mills near Mason City, the daughter and granddaughter of funeral directors. My parents have been deceased for many years. I have two much older sisters: Karen, 85, and her husband, Darrel, 86 who live in St. Joseph, Missouri retired teachers with two children and three grandchildren. Stephanie, 83, is a widow and a retired osteopathic doctor who lives on an acreage in the Northwood, Iowa area near her two remaining sons. A third son died in 1996. I have lost track of how many grandchildren, great grandchildren, step grandchildren and step great grandchildren Stephanie has from her two marriages. Suffice it to say that practically every occupation is represented in the Anderson clan from before birth through eternal life!

After earning a B.A degree from Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, three years were spent teaching in Montana country schools followed by a brief stint as a professional fire fighter/paramedic. A passion for ministry and a dislike for heights led to becoming a Lutheran Deaconess through the (now) Lutheran Diaconal Association program at Valparaiso University in Indiana. The Lord nudged and prodded, showing the way to ordained ministry. Seminary education happened at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque. In the course of that education, I spent the pastoral internship year in Tanzania, East Africa. After serving for a number of years as an ELCA pastor in the Western North Dakota Synod, I spent time discerning and praying for direction. This led to changing to the United Church of Christ denomination. I have served UCC churches in interim and settled pastorates. My hobbies are genealogy, walking, writing, journaling, keeping up on sports such as Packers football, horse racing, gymnastics and figure skating as well as staying in close contact with high school classmates, deaconess sisters (though no longer Lutheran, once a deaconess always a deaconess) and oblates from Assumption Abbey, Richardton, ND. (An oblate is an associate member.) Besides working in ELCA and UCC churches, there has also been serving opportunities in Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

This "epistle" needs to end. (I wasn't named for one of the wordier disciples, Paul, for nothing!) This is my story. I look forward to learning your stories and walking together with you! I admire and am in awe of your generous spirits and giving hearts!

Lord's Love, Peace and Joy, Pastor Paula Anderson--please call me Paula if you feel comfortable. P.S. Greetings from Nova, the PK--Preacher's Kitty.

May 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 4:00pm: Stephen's Ministry Meeting	2	3	4	5 Happy Anniversary, Floyd & Janice Possehl!	6
7 9:00 am Worship with Communion & Bible Presentation	8 Happy Birthday, Gary Kuehl! 5:30pm: Church Council	9	10 5:30pm: Bell Choir Practice 6:00-Bible Study/ Confirmation 6:30-Choir Practice	11 Happy Birthday, Michelle Gifford!	12 2pm: Memorial Committee Meeting	13 Happy Birthday, Kris Stark!
14 9:00 am Worship	15	16	17 6:00-Bible Study/ Confirmation 6:30-Choir Practice	18 1:30pm Care Center 5:00-6:30pm Grace Café	19	20 Happy Birthday, Jon Sylvester & Paul Wenger!
21 9:00 am Worship	22 Happy Birthday, Dennis Freitag!	23 Happy Birthday, Sharon Bahls & Sue Stott	24 Happy Anniversary, John & Jane Metcalf and Carl & Laura Moser!	25 Happy Birthday, Colleen Paulin & Kent Lange!	26	27 Happy Birthday, Bob Garms! Happy Anniversary, Jay & Kay Moser!
28 Happy Birthday, Fred Knoke! 9:00 am Worship	29 Happy Birthday, Jane Wilke & David Moser!	30	31		* Coffee Fellowship after Worship Services on Sunday Mornings	Office Open Monday thru Fridays from 9am to noon

June Tidings Deadline

June Tidings newsletter deadline will be Friday, May 19th. Please submit updates and articles by this date. Please email: peaceucc@alpinecom.net or call 563-245 2126.

Thanks for all your time and involvement in Peace UCC!

From the Worship Committee

A new group is being formed to help with all things that provide meaning and color at the altar and in the sanctuary. This includes changing/replacing banners, paraments, altar cloths, altar flowers, etc. as the seasons of the church change.

Please contact the office if you'd enjoy serving the church in this way. This should not a big time commitment if we have several people working together! Thanks for your consideration.

Grace Café

April Grace Café fish fry went over well. We served approximately 58 people and we were able to donate \$339 to earthquake relief to the UCC earthquake relief for Turkey/Syria. Wow!

On Thursday, May 18th our excellent Bell Choir will be ringing in some wonderful food to share with you. We all know that we have very good cooks in this group of ringers. The menu has yet to be decided on but as soon as we know we will let you know. The date again is Thursday, May 18th , 5-6:30pm. There is no charge for the meal. Should you decide to donate the proceeds after food costs go towards our mission work at Peace UCC. We will do take outs and will do delivery within city limits. Please call 563-245-2126 before noon on the 18 th for delivery.

Stephen Ministry

On April 30th, Elaine Knoke-Martin and Tom Gifford were commissioned as Stephen Ministers at Peace Church. Their training took place on ZOOM in conjunction with St. John's Lutheran Church in Guttenberg. Thank you so much for serving in this ministry. A big thank you to current Stephen Ministers who partook in the service and served fellowship: Sue Stott, Arlene Reimer, Carol Muyeres, Jane Metcalf, Marilyn Nielsen, Ruth Grau, Fran Derhammer, Janice Possehl, Sharon Seney, Hila Garms, Laura Moser. We are also excited to welcome Pastor Paula, who will help us reach more members. We hope that other members would be willing to take the training. Many of us have been serving in this capacity for several years. If you have any questions about receiving care or would be willing to become a Stephen Minister, feel free to contact any of the above and we will take it from there. Remember it is all CONFIDENTIAL. Also, a big thank you to the Endowment Committee for their generous support

March Council Minute Recap

The council met on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:30pm. Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Bruce provided a report on the church insurance. In order to secure a lower rate a questionnaire and some procedures need updated. He is also getting another insurance quote.

2023 is the 100 year anniversary of the church. Celebrations and a capital campaign were suggested.

A "Pay What You Can" Café was suggested for a mission for the youth group.

Memorial Committee—Exploring options for picture displays in the Narthex. Asking committee to approve paying for the boiler replacement in the basement. Discussed new tracking slips for points of payment.

Missions & CE—Grace Café is covered until June. May 7th was set for Bible distribution. It was approved to add the Statement of Faith to services due to the students studying it.

Church Council roles were agreed upon as follows: Jay Moser: President & Building & Grounds, Jane Metcalf: Missions & CE, Elaine Knoke-Martin: VP & Memorial, Marlis Huinker: Finance, Mike Anderson: Buildings & Grounds, Lucy Sharp: Worship & Secretary.

Worship Committee—Presented a tentative preaching schedule through August 13th. Pastor Mark asked if church members will be willing to host up to 15 international guests April 16-18. A donation will be made to Wartburg Seminary in honor of sermons written by Pastor Mark for the church. Jay fixed the candle holders.

Buildings & Grounds—It was reported that the boiler is cracked and will take 16-18 weeks to replace. The purchase of a new boiler not to exceed \$6,000 depending on the approval of the Memorial Committee was approved. Replacement AED pads, and a holder to be placed in the library was approved for purchase. A sign will be posted. A bid was received for tuck-point repair and the addition of a metal cap. Another bid is also being prepared.

The video camera was repaired & computer upgraded. Ann and Steve McCorkindale offered to pay for outdoor staining on the manse.

Finance—Procedures for spending by committees from church accounts will be drafted. It was approved to have expenditures of \$250 or more require council approval first. It was approved to increase altar flower cost to \$30 due to increase cost. VANCO account was discussed.

New Business—Update from search committee. Authorization of committee chairs for their bank accounts was approved. A capital campaign for tuck-pointing was recommended. The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Attendance & Worship Offerings

April 2, 2023	59	\$3,334.00
April 9, 2023	96	\$3,287.00
April 16, 2023	63	\$770.00
April 23, 2023	89	\$1,245.00
April 30, 2023	Unknown at	printing

Prayer Requests



Greg Anderson	Dorothy Buckner	Linda Cranston
Tom Gifford	Karen & Linda Glesne	Tim Kuehl
Ruth & Jenny Olson	Floyd Possehl	Sharon Reichert

Care Center/Assisted Living Residents

Inge Baumgartner, Karen Glesne, Connie Koehn, Marlene Marmann, Eydie Seeland, Elvera Palas

Bread for the Journey

Readings for 5/7-5/13

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Readings for 5/14-5/20

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Readings for 5/21-5/27

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Readings for 5/28-6/3

Acts 2:1-21 or Num. 11:24-30
Ps 104:24-34, 35b
1 Cor. 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Sign up for Weekly Volunteer Opportunities by visiting our link at SignUP.com:
<https://signup.com/go/GvtgeeP>

May Women's Breakfast

Peace United Church of Christ will be hosting the Women's Ecumenical Breakfast and program on Saturday, May 6th from 9am-11am. With a program following:

"Bad Girls of the Bible."

Please RSVP to reserve your spot by calling the church office at 563/245-2126 or emailing peaceucc@alpinecom.net. Thank you!

Coffee Fellowship Update

In order to continue to offer coffee and cookie fellowship following Sunday morning services we are in need of at least five more volunteers (individual or group). This will ensure that people providing fellowship are able to also enjoy fellowship and ease the load on the few who serve in this area of ministry. Sign up in the sanctuary or at the link on the bottom of this page. Thank you!

	Acolyte		Usher/Greeter
	NAME		NAME
5/7	Reese & Rylie Kuhse	5/7	Barb Chandler
5/14	Isaiah & Maddie Burns	5/14	Gerald & Arlene Reimer
5/21	Kendall Wagner	5/21	Ken & Penni Leonard
5/28	Jamison & Jackson F	5/28	Elaine Knoke-Martin

	Reader		Opening/Closing
	NAME		NAME
5/7	Mary Webber	5/7	Bruce Landis
5/14	Fran Derhammer	5/14	Peace Bell Choir
5/21	Sue Stott	5/21	Sue Stott
5/28	Elaine Knoke-Martin	5/28	Nancy McClure

	Fellowship		Food Shelf Driver
	NAME		NAME
5/7	Ken & Sharon Seney		Gwen Dettbarn
5/14			
5/21	Mary Webber		
5/28	Elaine Knoke-Martin		

	Communion Prep		Grace Café
	NAME		NAME
	Bruce Landis	5/18	Gray & Bell Choir

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – MAY 2023



School is winding down and that means we are gearing up for the following 2023-2024 school year. We are asking for your help with our Back-to-School program. This year we are hoping to supply each student with a NEW package of under ware and socks, backpack and their needed supplies for school. From now until June we want to collect as much as we can of NEW socks and under ware in the original package. Then from June to August we will be accepting donations of the needed supplies for school. Our backpack giveaway will be held on August 9th for families with a referral. As always, NE Iowans have always been very supportive of our missions, especially when it comes to the youth. We are very thankful and appreciative for all you do.

CLOTHING CENTER UPDATES

WE ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!!

Spring has sprung so that means I am no longer accepting winter donations. I **will** accept your spring and summer items as long as they are in good condition. All donations must be scheduled (so I can make room for your donations).

Thank you to everyone that shopped our CLEARANCE SALE on April 1st! It was a big success! As a reminder we are open to the public for your thrift store shopping/donating needs. If you want to donate but cannot make it here during business hours, call me to make arrangements. Please like us on Facebook as I will be posting sales, Saturday pop-up dates and more. This is the best way to share the news and inform your friends/ family what is going on at Shepherd of the Hills.

Clayton County Food Shelf Items for the Month:

Baby Food, Baby Cereals, Diapers (14 lbs. plus), Baby Wipes, Q-Tips, Nursing Pads, Enfamil and Similac Formula, Baby Powder, Baby Shampoo, Baby Lotion, Desitin Ointment Vaseline

Items Needed Every Month:

Canned food, paper goods, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, dish detergent, powdered laundry detergent, baby diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, baby powder, tuna, peanut butter, mac & cheese.

Shepherd Conference News:

Welcome to West Clermont Lutheran Church in Clermont, Iowa as they have joined the Shepherd of the Hills Conference.

Ascension Day Service will be held May 18th, 2023 @ 5:30 pm- Potluck to follow at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Garnavillo. Please bring a dish to pass.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Synod Assembly- June 9-10, 2023 @ Luther College

*August 9th 2023: 9 am-4 pm
Back-to-School Event for referred families*

Any event may be subject to change

Shepherd of the Hills

Heather Hageman

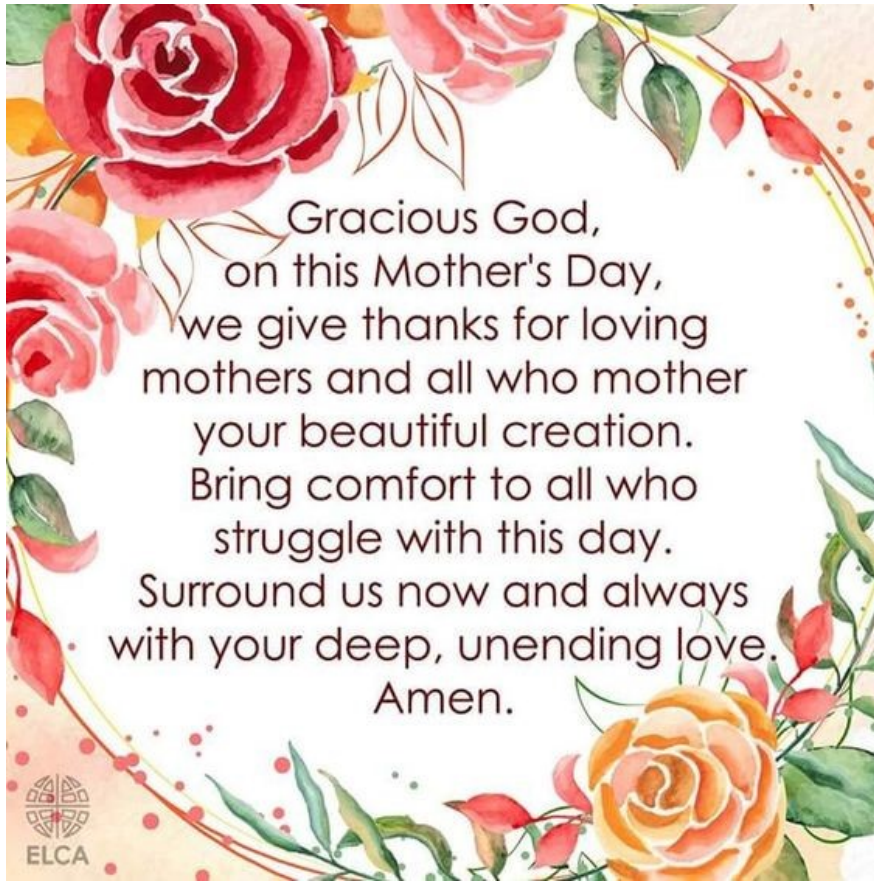
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Gracious God,
on this Mother's Day,
we give thanks for loving
mothers and all who mother
your beautiful creation.
Bring comfort to all who
struggle with this day.
Surround us now and always
with your deep, unending love.
Amen.

Join us on Sunday, May 14th for Pastor Paula Anderson's first Worship Service as the new pastor of Peace United Church of Christ!

Bible Study & Confirmation *2023*

Bible study was completed on April 26. Students attending were Reece Kuhse, Cooper Burns, and Kendall Wagner. We spent the last 3 months sharing a bible verse study with Confirmation students. The discussions were great, full of questions and thoughtful ideas plus some laughter!

Confirmation students will be finishing class on Wednesday May 3rd at 6pm. discussing The History of the UCC and the Statement of Faith. This class are thinkers and question askers!

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, June 11 at 9 am. Plan to celebrate with Amelia Burns, Isaiah Burns, Carter Miller, and Keshaun Foster.

Both Confirmation and Bible Study students will be planning a Mission Day sometime in July.

Jane Metcalf

Welcome Pastor Paula Anderson

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