

April 2023



PEACE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"Where everybody is somebody because Jesus Christ is Lord!"*

**Ministers: The Congregation**  
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# General Announcements

## Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday, April 6th, at Trinity- 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7th, at Peace- 12:00 pm (This will be a combined service with the Plymouth and Methodist Churches of Colfax).

Easter Sunday, April 9th, at Peace- 9:00 am.

Easter Breakfast will be hosted by the Church Council this year. Breakfast will follow the 9:00 AM Worship service. In addition to breakfast, there will be an egg hunt for the younger children, rain or shine!

Sunday morning Bible Study is now studying the Book of Revelation. The group meets at 10:00 am following worship.

Church Council will have the following positions open this May:

**Fellowship-** Shout out of THANKS to Kathy Carr who has held a council position for 11 years now! Fellowship is an important part of our Church. If you have question about the fellowship chair, please reach out to Kathy or Pastor Ian!

**Education-** We have been without an Education chair for the past 3 years and now is the time to revive this important position! If you feel called to this, or simply have questions about it, please speak with Pastor Ian!

Council typically meets one evening a month (usually the first week of the month). Being part of your church council is a great way to serve the church, get more involved, share ideas and help us keep living out God's mission for us!

Pastor Ian will be on Vacation April 10-21, with Pastor Jeannette covering in his absence. Pastor Jeannette will also lead Worship on Sunday April 16th. You may contact Pastor Ian via email ([pastoriankmcmichael@gmail.com](mailto:pastoriankmcmichael@gmail.com)) or by phone (541-571-6183), however Pastor Jeannette is more likely to be available and of service during this time. Messages can also be left at the church office (397-2121).

# Offerings

**Your financial gifts can be received in a number of ways!**

In addition to leaving your offering during in-person worship, we also have, Tithe.ly, our online giving platform, which can be found here:

[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1302894](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1302894)

You may also may also drop your offering in the mailbox at church or mail it to:  
309 N Lake Street, Colfax, WA 99111

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

1st- Kristi Nelson

2nd- Kate Schneider

6th - Bob Gillespie

Rex Rutledge

22nd - Dorothy Feldman

26th - Krista Boyd

3rd - Curt & Stephanie McNeilly (2004)

4th - Dan & Becky Hart (1987)

15th - Colby & Chelsey Cocking (2011)

**PLC Treasurer's Summary Report**  
**4/3/2023**

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| PLC Treasurer's Summary Report  | 2023       |
|   | YTD        |
| Regular Offerings   | \$ 26,676  |
| Funds transferred from other<br>accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants | \$ -       |
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| Total offerings available for expenses                                    | \$ 26,676  |
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| Budgeted Expenditures   | \$ 31,080  |
| Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds   | \$ -       |
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| Total Expenses  | \$ 31,080  |
| Net Balance   | \$ (4,404) |

## *Sunday Attendance*

| <b>Week 1</b><br>March 5 | <b>Week 2</b><br>March 12 | <b>Week 3</b><br>March 19 | <b>Week 4</b><br>March 26 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 15                       | 20                        | 27                        | 22                        |

# Pastor's Message

1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

I recently took a fundraising class that was suggested by our fundraising consultant, Kristin, who is helping us raise money for the new childcare in Colfax. It was an interesting experience. You all know, in the church, and really in society as a whole, we don't love to talk about money. Well let me tell you, I was the only pastor on the call each day for a week and was surrounded by people who do, in fact, love to talk about money. The vast majority of them were development officers for various non-profits or universities around the country. This was their bread and butter, so it was fun to learn from them.

The program itself prided itself on being able to describe the art of giving as both a science and an art. This means that there really are, based on one's personality, different ways that people like to be recognized for their gifts, different ways that they like to be communicated with and various approaches to discovering people's interests and passions. At the same time, people are not robots. The art of asking people to come along and get involved, whether or not that involvement includes money, really comes down to whether there is a relationship there. We all know this intuitively I think. If my really good friend, my wife, my mom, if any of those people ask me to do something, the chances are pretty good that I am going to do it. If someone randomly comes to me off the street and asks me for something, I might do it. But I also might not. It is important to trust the person when it comes to involvement, especially when it comes to handling someone's money.

One day of the class was centered on the question, "What are you passionate about?" It seems simple enough, but if you are going to ask someone to get involved at a large university, you need to know what they care about. You need to know what brings them joy. Not only are they more likely to give to something they care about, but

they are much more likely to stay involved and care about the results of their giving. Someone who cares about the school of medicine is a lot less likely to want to give to the new basketball arena!

As we head towards Easter this month, and as I attempt to bring that conversation back to the realm of the church, I ask you the question, “What are you passionate about?” What brings you joy in the world? How can you be more involved, or involve other people, in your passions? What would your involvement mean for the church, for the community who gathers here and for the God we worship here? Ponder that as we head towards a new season of light and warmth!

Most importantly today, I’m also struck by God’s passion. God has a passion for justice, hope, mercy and grace. We love all of that, and we are grateful for it. But God’s biggest passion? You! Jesus died and rose again, something that we will remember this very month, so that you may have life and have it abundantly. So that all may experience joy. So that whatever we do, whatever our passions are, can be done all for the glory of God! As a response to what God has first done for us.

In the end, the free gift of grace was the largest thing I learned at a fundraising class. Funny how life works, isn’t it?

I look forward to celebrating God’s passion for each of us this Easter!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Peace,

Pastor Ian

