

**July & August, 2023**



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# General Announcements

Pastor Ian would like to do a book/Bible/film study of some sort after church on specific Sundays starting this fall. However, he needs topics of interest! If you have anything in mind, please contact him!

Pastor Ian will be starting a new group of Confirmation students this Fall. If you know any youth who might be interested, please connect with Pastor Ian. He would love to add them to the list.

Colfax Summerfest will be held Saturday, July 22, with lots of fun events planned! Peace Lutheran will be hosting a booth at the Caps' n Corks' event at Schmuch park, as well as a "Closet Cleanout" sale of various items from the basement! Please contact Cathy Landers with any questions or if you are able to volunteer!

# 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

## *July Birthdays*

2nd - Scot Cocking

4th - Mitch Jamison

9th - Marten Larkin

13th - Alexis Maki

15th - Christina Solimine

19th - Kathy Carr

21st - Stella McNeilly

27th - Julie Roberts

31st - Brian Cornelius

## *July Anniversaries*

9th - Aaron & Jamie Colyer (2009)

29th - Rich & Cathy Landers (1994)

## *August Birthdays*

1st - Lola Gillespie

2nd - Christine Henning

4th - Jim Repp

7th - Colby Cocking, Sara Whelchel

11th - Marisa Wigen

15th - Wayne Henning

20th - Cathy Landers, Kent Miller

21st - Annie Larkin

22nd - Lorna Hanrahan

31st - Jon Kehne

## *August Anniversaries*

15th - Chad & Marne Maki (1992)

# Sunday Attendance

Week 1 June 4	Week 2 June 11	Week 3 June 18	Week 4 June 25
24	19	10	19

**PLC Treasurer's Summary Report  
6/30/2023**

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	2023 YTD
Regular Offerings	\$ 52,072
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants	\$ -
<b>Total offerings available for expenses</b>	<b>\$ 52,072</b>
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 61,371
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 61,371</b>
<b>Net Balance</b>	<b>\$ (9,298)</b>

# Pastor's Message

Matthew 6:31-34

Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

I am a creature of habit. I love routines. I know research says that most, if not all people, operate best with routines, but the personality tests I have taken tell me that I often take this to the extreme. I am, by my own admission and by that of plenty of other people who know me well, overly regimented. I get up at the same time every day, my days look different but the schedule is often made a week in advance, I get the kids up at the same time everyday, the car pulls out of the garage at the same time as well. I pick the kids up from daycare at the same time. We come home and have dinner. The kids' nightly show starts at the same time each day, followed by a bath, a story, a prayer, three songs, and a kiss goodnight. Corrin and I either read or watch Netflix for about an hour and then I go to sleep and do it all over again. It's possible this sounds quite boring, but it brings me a sense of comfort to know what to expect each day.

However, summer also brings me great joy, in part because my days look just different enough to mix up my routine. While my job as pastor does not change in any significant way based on the season, there is something about joining with other people, as the weather gets nicer, and enjoying a slightly different pace of life. While I know many of you have an extremely busy July, I find it life giving that the routine is just a bit different

than it is in other months of the year. For my part, that includes getting the kids up a bit later, picking them up a bit earlier, heading to the Endicott pool more often, and just overall enjoying the longer days. It isn't that life has slowed down significantly, especially for many of you, but there is something to mixing up that routine that is joyful and life-giving.

There is something in the routine of church as well. Not only is it harder to head back to church if you haven't been for a while, because it is no longer part of the routine (but if this is you, please do come back, we miss you!) but the familiar liturgy, the hymns, the gathering with people, the fellowship, coffee, donuts, and good conversation, it is all part of a larger routine. It is a routine in which we can connect to God together. Where we gather around the table to be strengthened for the week ahead. It is a routine that matters to us, so that we can do things that matter for the world.

This is also why I think it is important to mix things up every once in a while. We can learn a new liturgy, sing a new hymn, be challenged in a new way by the sermon, gather with new people at fellowship, encounter God in a new way through a class, or any number of other things. As a person of routine, it is hard not to worry about tomorrow. It is hard not to ask questions about what will come. It is hard when things change.

Think of change like summer, though. The routine is different. It could mean a myriad of things, from hours a day spent in the fields to slower mornings with the kids. However, it is an opportunity to connect in a new way. To find God in new spaces. To create a new routine, even if only for a short time. Changes in the life of the church are much the same. They make us pay attention just a little bit more and in that liminal space, we find God!

Whether your summers are busier, slower, different than normal or the same, my hope is that they are full of laughter, joy, and hope. Don't worry about tomorrow. Seek God in all we do! What a gift it is to be able to do it together.

Peace,

Pastor Ian

