

December 2025/ January 2026



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General Announcements

The **Christmas Eve Candlelight** service will be held on December 24th, at 7:00 pm

The next **PAC meeting** will be **January 7th at 11:00 am**. We will be reflecting on 2025 and begin planning for 2026. This is a great time to join PAC! All are welcome.

Pastor Ian is leading an **Adult Bible Study** on "evangelizing through a new lens". It meets on Wednesday at 10AM. All are Welcome!

The **Annual budget meeting** will be held on January 11th, following Worship.

Children's Sunday School will meet on Sunday, December 7, at 10:00 AM for a fun time of learning, a craft, and a snack. We will start practicing for the Christmas program as well. Sunday, December 14th, we will have a rehearsal for the Christmas Program. If you are planning to participate in the Christmas Program, please plan to attend! The kids will be choosing costumes at this time. Sunday, December 21st, we will have our Sunday School Christmas Program, during Worship. Please have the children arrive by 10:00 am to get dressed and rehearse!

Lefse Making & Tasting- Saturday, December 6 • 10:30 AM–1:00 PM

This is a FREE community event! Drop in anytime! Please sign up and find the supply list online: peacelutherancolfax.org, or talk with Cathy!

Quilt Raffle Drawing December 6 at 1:00 PM *Need not be present to win*

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Lefse bake, December 6 or after church today (see Kristi) *cash or check only, please.

All proceeds will go to the general fund here at PLC.

***The Chosen* Season 5 is meeting on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm.** Don't miss this series! All are welcome! Popcorn Provided!

(*The Chosen* is an American Christian historical drama television series, created, directed, and co-written by filmmaker Dallas Jenkins. It is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the first century. The series depicts Jesus's life through the eyes of the people who interacted with him, including the apostles and disciples of Jesus, Jewish religious leaders, Roman government and military officials, and ordinary people. Five seasons have been released, with seven planned)

December Birthdays

4th - Brandy Wigen
6th - Sandy Jamison
8th - Calum Larkin
9th - Barbara Henderson
16th - Georgie Leinweber
18th - Marne Maki



January Birthdays

6th - Mary Cocking
12th - Sophie Solimine
31st - Ron Shirley

December Anniversaries

20th - Marvin & Marilyn Wigen (1969)

January Anniversaries

18th - Scot & Mary Cocking (1986)
20th - Bob & Lola Gillespie (1979)
27th - Vic & Julie Roberts (1961)



November Sunday Attendance

Week 1 November 2	Week 2 November 9	Week 3 November 16	Week 4 November 23	Week 5 November 30
36	27	36	17	20

**PLC Treasurer's Summary Report
11/30/2025**

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	2025
	YTD
Regular Offerings	\$ 85,992
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants	\$ 3,200
Total offerings available for expenses	\$ - \$ 89,192
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 104,882
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ - \$ 104,882
Net Balance	\$ - \$ (15,630)

As the year draws to a close, we remain behind in our budgeted offerings. Thank you for considering an end-of-year contribution to support our ministry.

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/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1302894

You may also may also drop your offering in the mailbox at church or mail it to:
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Pastor's Message

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

—Isaiah 9:6

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

Christmas is upon us as we enter the month of December!

December is such a time of contrast. The days grow shorter and colder. The fog descends and covers the earth. And, at the same time, there is often great joy in our homes. Family traditions take place, trees go up, lights are hung, presents bought. Even in the cold December nights (which seem to last something like 23 hours some days) the world around us feels busier than ever—full of lists, shopping, travel, and planning.

What's more, the church invites us to do the opposite—to slow down, take a breath, and journey towards Bethlehem together. In yet another surprise, the savior of the world comes to us this month not as a warrior, full of artillery, armour, or traditional strength. The savior of the world, in fact, comes to us as just the opposite—a helpless baby in a manger, unable to care for himself and in need of his parents. In contrast to what we might hope for in a King, Jesus arrives, shattering our expectations.

It is the prophet Isaiah who reminds us who God is: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. These words speak powerfully not just to a season of contrast, both found in the season itself and in our expectation of who the savior *should* be, but are also words of great hope.

Another truth should be acknowledged here as well: Sometimes, a season that is meant to be joyful, is not actually all that wonderful. Whether that is because it is the first (or tenth) holiday season after losing a loved one, because life is particularly difficult right now for whatever reason, or maybe you aren't even quite sure why you feel the way you do, it is the Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace who breaks in as a baby in a manger to proclaim, "I am with you! I understand!"

It is Christ's presence in the world, and in our lives, that requires no nuance, that invites no contrast. Christ is fully with us. Fully God, fully human, and is the giver of eternal life. In the short days of winter and in the hustle of the season, it is my hope that you have a moment to find the true joy of the season. And if you can't, to recognize that God finds you anyway! May you feel God's presence.

The good news about Christmas is this: God does not wait for the world to be perfect before entering in. The perfect enters the imperfect. Contrast, once again. Christ comes not just into the well-lit homes and joyful celebrations, but also into our mess, our waiting, our silence, and even our pain. God is with us—Emmanuel—in the realness of life.

As we journey toward the manger once again, may your heart be filled with hope and your spirit renewed, even in the darkness of December.

Peace,
Pastor Ian

