

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Ian McMichael | Newsletter- May 2026



Announcements

Join us! Plymouth/Trinity/Peace will be gathering at Two Scoops and a Byte on May 8th at 5:30pm. The churches will provide pizzas and dessert options are available for purchase at Two Scoops- a great opportunity to support a local business. They also have drinks available. This will be a time of connecting and sharing. If you plan to attend, please let Kristi or Pastor Ian know so we have a better headcount for the pizzas! There will be a free will offering towards dinner, but no obligation! Everyone is welcome!

Sunday May 10, we will recognize our graduating CHS senior, Liam Nelson. There will be a reception in his honor following Worship.

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held Sunday May 31, following Worship.

Family Promise will be hosting next the Week of May 24th, with the meal served May 28th. Please speak with Mary Cocking if you can assist. There are several ways to support this important ministry!

A big thank you to Pete Wigen for purchasing and installing the new livestream camera—no small task! We're still working through a few logistics, but it will ultimately provide a higher-quality experience for our remote members.

A memorial service for Milt Klettke is planned at Peace on May 15. Milt passed away earlier this week after a short time in hospice care. We give thanks for his life and entrust him to God's loving care. Please keep Milt's family in your prayers during this time of loss.

Attendance

April's average weekly attendance was 23 members and visitors.

Birthdays

- May 2 – Steve Teade, Jill Whelchel
- May 17 – Karly Wigen
- May 18- Liam Nelson
- May 20 – Vic Roberts
- May 29- Peggy Kehne
- May 31- Tim Cornelius

Ongoing at Peace

- Sunday service begins at **11:00 AM**
- Adult Bible Study with Mary Cocking meets on Sunday at 10:00 AM. Join in at any time and hear what the Bible has to say!
- Peace Stitchers (quilting)- please contact us for the current schedule.

Contact Us

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Treasurer's Report

4/30/2026

YTD	
Regular Offerings	\$50,616.00
Total offerings available for expenses	\$50,616.00
Budgeted Expenditures	\$38,654.00
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$38,654.00
Net Balance	\$11,962.00

Message From The Pastor

“See, I am doing a new thing!”

—Isaiah 43:19a

Dear Members and Friends of Peace and Trinity,

As we turn the calendar to May, signs of new life are all around us. It is no longer just Hans' canola plant, quietly growing on his window sill through the winter months, that is the only sign of new life. The entirety of creation seems to have been awakened! New life is being prepared in the fields around us. The days are (finally!) growing longer. The cycle of creation continues this season with the stretching of the plants after a long winter's nap. And as we sense this newness of life around us, we hear these words from Isaiah, that remind us that God is also in the business of doing “a new thing.” Sometimes the new thing is apparent and welcome. Other times, it quietly stirs beneath the surface, inviting us to pay attention.

Easter season continues through most of May, and so we remain in this time of resurrection hope. The empty tomb is not only a moment in history but a promise that God brings life out of death, purpose out of confusion, and possibility out of despair. You and I know that this doesn't always happen overnight. Change, even when we know it's from God, can be unsettling. Just as the disciples struggled to recognize the risen Jesus walking among them, we sometimes miss the new things God is doing in our lives and in our congregation.

May is historically a month of transitions. Children prepare to finish the school year. Graduates step into new futures. Some of these changes bring joy; others stir anxiety. Still, God says, “I am doing a new thing; now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” It's a question worth praying over. What new thing might God be bringing into your life? Where might God be leading us as a congregation? How is the Spirit nudging us to grow, to listen, to make space for someone new, or to try something we haven't done before?

In the coming weeks, I invite you to reflect on where you have seen signs of new life. Perhaps this newness has made an appearance in your family, or in your prayer life, or even in the small daily routines that shape your days. Maybe you're being called to reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in a while. Maybe God is opening the door to a ministry opportunity or inviting you to rest and be renewed. New things are not always big, sometimes they are small, allowing us the space to wait.

As a church, we will continue to listen together for what God is doing among us. My hope is that we approach this season not with fear, but with curiosity and faith. We do not walk into the unknown alone. The risen Christ walks ahead of us and alongside us.

May this month be one where you notice God's presence in small ways. May hope take root. And may we, as a community, be prepared to receive the new things God is bringing to life in us and through us.

Peace,

Pastor Ian