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***“Where Everybody Is Somebody Because Jesus Christ is Lord!”***

# NOVEMBER 2018

| Sun   | Mon | Tue                             | Wed | Thu   | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|---------------------------------|-----|---|-----|-----|
|   |     |                                 |     | 1<br>Financial Peace 6:30pm                                     | 2   | 3   |
| 4<br>Worship—9am<br><i>All Saints Day</i><br>Sunday School for Children and Adults following Worship.       | 5   | 6<br>Peace Stitchers<br>1:30pm  | 7   | 8<br><b>Council Meeting</b><br>6:30pm<br>Financial Peace 6:30pm | 9   | 10  |
| 11<br>Worship—9am<br><i>Veteran's Day</i><br>Sunday School following Worship For Children & Adults.         | 12  | 13<br>Peace Stitchers<br>1:30pm | 14  | 15<br>Financial Peace 6:30pm                                    | 16  | 17  |
| 18<br>Worship—9am   | 19  | 20<br>Peace Stitchers<br>1:30pm | 21  | 22<br><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>                                 | 23  | 24  |
| 25<br>Worship—9am<br><i>Christ the King Sunday</i><br>Sunday School for Adults & Children following Worship | 26  | 27<br>Peace Stitchers<br>1:30pm | 28  | 29<br>Financial Peace 6:30pm                                    | 30  |     |

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# ◆ PEACE LINKS

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## **COUNCIL MEETING—Thursday, November 8 at 6:30pm.**

We are forming a **Call Committee** for calling a new pastor. If you would possibly like to serve on that committee or want more information, please talk to Scot Cocking (208-668-1004 or [scocking59@gmail.com](mailto:scocking59@gmail.com)) or Kent Miller (509-288-1431 or [dkmillerler1992@centurylink.net](mailto:dkmillerler1992@centurylink.net)). We hope to have the committee in place by the beginning of November.

**PRAYERS FOR CLUSTER H**—Each month of the year we are going to pray for a different cluster of our Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod. During the month of November, we are praying for Cluster H: The North Central Washington Cluster. It is composed of the following congregations: Holy Trinity, Ephrata, WA; St. Paul Lutheran, Quincy, WA; Celebration Lutheran, East Wenatchee, WA; Grace Lutheran, Wenatchee, WA; Grace Lutheran, Cashmere, WA; Faith Lutheran, Leavenworth, WA; Lake Chelan Lutheran, Chelan, WA; Fullness of God Lutheran, Holden Village, WA. Thank you for your prayers.

**PREPARES** stands for Pregnancy and Parenting Support. We are partnering with St. Patrick's Church in this effort. During the school year we will be collecting diapers and other items for the "PREPARES Bags", such as pacifiers, wipes, lotion, socks, onesies, etc. We are also looking for anyone interested in helping to mentor parents of young children. There will be a meeting in the Fall to further discuss the process. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Miller at 509-338-2276 or by e-mail- [dkmiller1992@centurylink.net](mailto:dkmiller1992@centurylink.net)

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Jana Mathia is the leader of the class. The only cost is the course materials, Here's what Jana has to say about the course: "This class was a life-changer, sanity-saver and blessing in my life. I have also seen the principals taught therein bring financial peace to others. If you do it perfectly, you will be golden. If you try and do it imperfectly, you can still have a better grip on your financial future. It is a nine-week course." For more information, contact Jana at 509-592-7787

**Sunday School** for both youth and adults following-Worship every Sunday. There will be a sign up sheet circulating for people to help with S.S. For the Adult Sunday School, we are discussing a book about prayer methods & ideas to grow one's prayer life.

## ***Growing into God's Future—Campaign News***

**CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES** - Since we now have a paved & lighted Parking Lot, here is the list of campaign projects in prioritized order: Repayment of Furnace Loan, Sealing of the Stucco, Youth Fund, Building Fund, Window Replacement, Part-time staff position for a Faith Formation Director, The Endowment Fund (growing it to \$25,000), Community Garden Fund, Basement Remodel, Future Roof Repairs, and a tithe to benevolences. Please note, if you designate offerings for any of these funds, they will be directed into the general campaign fund unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thanks for your generosity.

**GROWING INTO GOD'S FUTURE CAMPAIGN** has been off to a great start. We've collected \$43,078.85 of the \$148,140 committed.

**SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:**

Oct 7            24  
Oct 14          35  
Oct 21          26  
Oct 28          35

Average Attendance -- 30

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Nov 7—Lyndell Rep  
          Liam & Parker Young  
Nov 15—Rob Smith  
Nov 18—Becky Hart  
Nov 21—JP Wigen  
          Mary Ann Wigen  
Nov 24—Steve Larkin  
Nov 25—Brett Kincaid  
Nov 27—Chad Maki  
Nov 29—Mike Conklin

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Nov 1—Pete & Brandy Wigen

**Thank You** to Kathy Carr, Jill Whelchel, Brian Cornelius, and the student volunteers from the WSU Center for Civic Engagement who helped put our community garden to sleep for the winter. Looking forward to the spring!

**Lutheran Disaster Response  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our Hands.

The 2018 hurricane season continues to produce strong storms with potentially devastating impacts to the United States and across the globe. The latest storm, Hurricane Michael, is threatening our neighbors in the Gulf with dangerous winds, heavy rainfall and storm surge. Lutheran Disaster Response is monitoring Hurricane Michael as it develops and is coordinating its response with Lutheran Services Florida, the Florida-Bahamas Synod, as well as our partners and affiliates in other potentially impacted areas. As a church, we're ready to stand by our neighbors in the Gulf as they recover from this storm.

Your gifts designated for "Hurricane response" will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes. Go to [elca.org/hurricane-relief](http://elca.org/hurricane-relief) to make a contribution.



**Central Lutheran Church  
SCANDINAVIAN BAZAAR**

**Saturday, November 3rd  
512 S. Bernard St. Spokane  
509-624-9233**

**KaffeStua    9AM - 11AM  
Bazaar      9:30AM - 1PM**

**SCANDINAVIAN AND HOLIDAY COOKIES  
LEFSE \* FLATBREAD \* MEATBALLS\* CRAFTS**

***Proceeds benefit local charities!*** An annual event sponsored by  
**CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

## *Letter from the Bishop*

*November 2018*

It has been a difficult fall.

Many of you know that in mid-September, my father-in-law Max died. Just a few weeks later, in early October, my grandmother Virginia also died. Max was one of those truly good men.

He was steady, and he made sure those who were important to him were taken care of. He would sacrifice his own good for the good of others. He was so kind! He was deeply invested in knowledge—he had a vast library of books that covered any number of subjects that caught his interest, primarily around history and biographies.

My Gram was an incredibly strong woman. She lived through the deaths of two husbands and two adult children. But she still took deep joy in life, finding nothing so life-giving as time with her friends and family. She loved people with a sense of humor, and had a great time laughing with her great-granddaughters. My life and the lives of my family are made immeasurably better by having both these people love us.

On November 4, the church will observe All Saints Sunday. We will stop in the midst of a crazy, pre-holiday season to remember those who have gone before us. We will light candles. We will pray prayers. We will tell stories. We will laugh. We will weep.

While I have always loved All Saints Sunday, this year will be even more bittersweet, as I light a candle for Max and for Gram. I will lean hard into the promises that God made to them—and to all of us—in our baptism. Those promises that mean that we do not mourn as those who have no hope, and that mean we will see our loved ones again. Thanks be to God!

Matthew and I would like to extend our deep thanks to all of you who remembered us in our time of grief and loss, through cards, notes, emails, and prayers. It was unexpected, but so appreciated! To know that you were remembering us in our time of sorrow brought welcome comfort.

May God give peace to all who mourn, that they may be comforted.

*Bishop Kristen Kuempel*



## Peace Lutheran Church November 2018



Dear friends at Peace and Trinity,

I want to begin with a “Thank You” for the wonderful Welcome Potluck last Sunday to let David and I both know you have and will continue to open your hearts and lives to us as I serve as your interim pastor. The food and the conversation were filled with love.

As I look at my November calendar, I see several important things for me to share with you, my loving and grace-filled parishioners. The first Sunday, November 4th, is the day we remember as “All Saints’ Day.

This year we marked the 501st Anniversary of the Reformation, All Saints Day may have a quieter feel, as we remembered the glow of 500 years since Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the Castle Church in Wittenberg. As I said at Peace on Reformation Sunday, let us make the 501st Anniversary as important as the First. For those of us who really appreciate German cooking, there will be the “German Dinner” on November 4th after church at the Endicott High School.

The following Sunday, November 11th, will also have highlights. It is Veteran’s Day, when we honor all the people who have served in the military and in alternative service to our country. In the afternoon of the 11th at 2pm, Trinity is hosting a “Celebration Concert”. I will be looking forward to this as many people will be participation.

Then, there is Thanksgiving Day on the 22nd. Let us all take time to Thank our God who is the source of our blessings. Then (if you are a Coug fan-you already know this) on Friday, November 23 is the Apple Cup in Pullman. Our youngest son will be in attendance as he has rarely missed an Apple Cup game. We finish up the month with *Christ the King Sunday*, as we gather to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death that leads us to justice and righteousness.

Every month this year, I will chose a verb to describe our life together in Christ. For November, I’ve chosen to talk about *Living Transformationally*. The idea of turning the noun “transformation” into a verb came to me while I was preparing for a Bible study on the book of Acts. There is a dramatic description of Saul’s conversion from persecuting Christians to proclaiming the gospel of Christ crucified and risen. Along with the conversion is the transformation from the use of his Roman name, Saul to his Hebrew name, Paul. You see, it took a blinding light to change Saul to Paul. A penetrating and shocking light revealed what he had become in his zealotness and opened him to the possibility of what he could become “in Christ”. The scales fell from his mind and spirit, as well as from his eyes. He saw loving grace in Jesus. He saw ruthlessness in himself. He saw the truth. From Acts 9:18 we read, *And immediately something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized”.*

We are meant to be changed because of this grace that God has shown to us in the selflessness of Jesus. The presence of Jesus speaks a truth to us about this path we are on, as we try to follow the example of Jesus, as he shows us the path of grace that relies solely on God’s love. Jesus invites us to walk the path of love by our trust and selflessness, through sacrifice and obedience. It is the path less traveled that Jesus himself chose.

Saul—now Paul—could see that he would be living and loving differently than he had before. Even before he could explain the change or plan the priorities that would govern his newness, he was already becoming it. Explaining and planning are sometimes the consequence of change and transformation, rather than the cause. When Jesus declares you *new*, you are already, and the mind and manners will hasten to catch up with this change—our habits, our practices, our thinking—and let the newness in. The congregations of Trinity and Peace Lutheran *can* change—in outreach, in openness and let the newness in. Our world *can* change with justice, with peace, with community—and let the newness in. God’s grace made it possible. What can we do to be *Living Transformationally*?

In Christian love and God’s Peace,  
Pastor Gail

# So Now What?

By Elizabeth E. Easton

This month marks the 501st anniversary of the Reformation. Last year it was all Reformation all the time. It was our year! News, media and the public paid attention. Hundreds of Reformation-themed events took place. Documentaries were produced and joyful liturgies with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters were held. I have lost track of the number of “Flat Luther” photos that were taken. We walked with a spring in our step. We read Martin Luther’s Small Catechism together. Even Lutherans in parts of the U.S. where Lutherans are not dense were noticed!

But the spotlight has dimmed, the public and the media have turned their eye to other things. Reformation 500 swag has taken up residence in the backs of closets and the bottoms of file drawers. And, I’d wager, our Small Catechisms sit alone and unopened on shelves and apps. This really is Oct. 32.

But, dear church, now is the time for us to refocus our attention on the gospel of our freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation given to us through God’s indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Take out your Small Catechism and take a fresh look at Luther’s clear and concise exposition of the faith.

To start, turn to Luther’s explanation of the second article of the Apostles’ Creed. In beautifully spare language, he lays out the truth about God and human nature: “I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.”

Two things jump out—the God of all creation, infinite and omnipotent, set aside all of that to become finite and helpless as the Christ child and the broken one on the cross, and this Jesus is Lord. There are many things that claim our attention and allegiance, but none of these can save us and none of these is Lord.

Luther continues: “He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being.” He had a conservative and realistic assessment of humankind. Yes, we affirm with the psalmist that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14), but it is also clear that we are seriously and terminally broken. We are a rebellious lot constantly rising up against God’s good and gracious will and trying to set ourselves up as savior. This never ends well. And while there is pain in acknowledging that we are sinful, there is also freedom in confessing that truth.

Here’s the thing: we have to get past a kind of Billy Joel theology in which God sings “I Like You Just the Way You Are” to the realization that God does not like us just the way we are and in infinite love has done something about it. In Christ, Luther wrote, God has “purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.”

Here is pure grace. It is God’s action, not ours. We don’t have to—in fact, we cannot—do anything to save ourselves or the world. God has done it.

So now what? So now we live, really live, in freedom and in service. Luther wrote: “He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.”

This is what the world needs to see in us and hear from us—not a vindictive, capricious god who must be appeased, nor a purveyor of therapeutic moralism, but an all-powerful God who comes to us in humble human form to set us free from our murderous rebellion so we may be whole, holy and wholly devoted to joyful service.

This is most certainly true.

