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

# APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7. Fifth Sunday of Lent Worship at 11am		Peace Stitchers 1:30pm	At Trinity: Community Soup Supper 5:30pm Lenten Service 6:30pm		Sylvia Smick Memorial Service at Trinity—11am	
	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Peace Stitchers 1:30pm	At Peace 5pm Eucharistic Ministry Class 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Eve Prayer 7:30p Council Meeting			
14 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Worship 11am	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Peace Stitchers 1:30pm		<b>MAUNDY</b> <b>THURSDAY</b> SERVICE 7PM	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> SERVICE 7:30PM	
21 <b>HAPPY EASTER</b> Breakfast at 10am Worship at 11am	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Peace Stitchers 1:30pm				
28 Worship at 11am <b>Dr. Don &amp; Debi</b> <b>Rowberg presentation</b>	29	30				
 <b>Raul's Concert</b> 1:30pm		Peace Stitchers 1:30pm	Communion at the Courtyard 11am			

# PEACE LINKS

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Be sure to **"Save the Date"** for a meaningful and fun Sunday on **April 28.**

Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. We are honored to have as our guests Dr. Don & Debi Rowberg, who currently live in Walla Walla. They will show slide presentation about what it is like to live and volunteer in a Tanzanian Lutheran hospital. Don & Debi have been instrumental in the formation of "Maasai Health Systems" which is a fundraising organization for the medical operation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania based in Arusha, Tanzania. Maasai Health Systems has raised money for special projects like buying a bus to bring patients to the hospital. They bought an ambulance and have helped improve the outlying health clinics. They raised the funds for a new generator to help with the inconsistent electricity that comes to the hospital. The current project is raising funds to modernize the hospital laundry. They will have a slide presentation on their recent time in Tanzania. Their presentation will take place at the end of church, from 12 to 1:15. **African Soup** will be served.

Don and Debi's presentation will be followed at 1:30 p.m. by the Jazz Concert by our pianist, **Raul Blanco's band**. This will be a day you will not want to miss!



**LAND OF GIANTS**  
Jazz Wires

Jazz Wires  
at  
**Colfax  
BIG CONCERT**

Free Admission

Amazing Jazz Band from WSU

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Sunday, April 28th  
1:30pm

**COUNCIL MEETING—Wed.,  
April 10 at 7:30pm**

## *The Importance of Holy Week in a Christians' Life*

Every year, at every church I've served, I have endeavored to emphasize the importance of being present at the services during Holy Week. Growing up we went to church Palm Sunday and heard about the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Then there was a Maundy Thursday service and a Good Friday service, both of which often brought me to tears. This year the Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m. will be important because it emphasizes the sacrificial love that Jesus gave to his followers and give to us, his disciples. Our service will be a contemplative worship with the stripping of the objects from the altar at the end. Good Friday is just too important of a service to only have it at one church. So, Trinity will have the service beginning at 6:00 and Peace Lutheran's service will begin at 7:30 p.m. You may come early to pray. Then we will rejoin for the marvelous celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning, 9:00 a.m. Trinity and 11:00 a.m. Peace. Come and invite a friend to join you for any Sunday!

### Holy Week Remembrances

*Palm Sunday*, April 14.

*Maundy Thursday* Service

7pm, April 18.

We will emphasize Jesus' command to "Love One Another".  
The altar will be stripped.  
Feet washing will not be part of this year's remembrance.

*Good Friday*, April 19 at 7:30pm

### **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** We've collected \$ \_\_\_\_\_ of the \$148,140 committed, since January 2018.

**SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:**

Mar 3	23
Mar 10	50
Mar 17	33
Mar 24	27
Mar 31	32 (estimate)
Average Attendance -- 33	

**April BIRTHDAYS**

Apr 6—Bob Gillespie  
Rex Rutledge  
Apr 22—Dorothy Feldman  
Apr 26—Krista Boyd  
Apr 30—Lloyd Johnson

**April ANNIVERSARIES**

Apr 3—Curt & Stephanie  
McNeilly  
Apr 4—Dan & Becky Hart

**2019 EASTERN WASHINGTON –  
IDAHO SYNOD ASSEMBLY  
MAY 17-19, 2019 – THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL – BOISE,  
IDAHO**

**GLOBAL MISSION – We Walk Together**

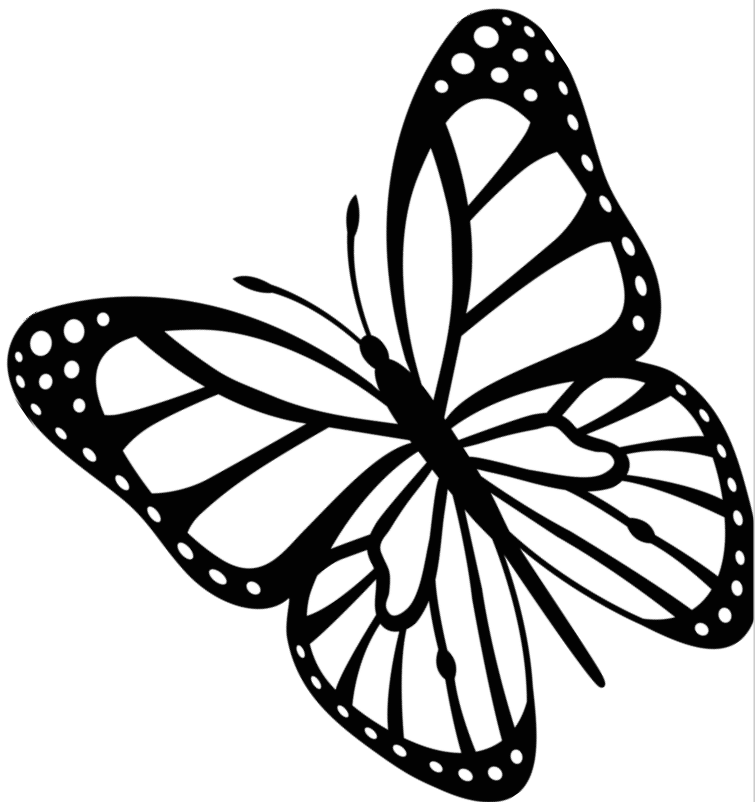
This year's Synod Assembly is going to be something special. Our theme for the gathering will be *global mission, and how we are church together across this world that God so loves*. A highlight is sure to be welcoming guests from EWAIID's Companion Synod: The Ulanga-Kilombero Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Additionally, our partnering with the ELCA to make this year's Synod Assembly an ELCA Glocal Mission Gathering. These Glocal Mission gatherings equip us for God's work in global and local realities, as well as their "glocal" intersections. Registration information will be posted on our website and emailed out to congregations by February 15. Registration costs will remain the same as last year: Single - \$535, Double - \$410, Commuter - \$360, Retired single - \$460, Retired double - \$335, Retired Commuter - \$285.

*Easter Breakfast*

*Easter breakfast will be served at 10am on April 21.*

*Peace's Church Council will be providing breakfast casseroles, & fruit and the Youth will be providing The pancakes.*

*Free will offering to go to Youth Programs.*





# Peace Lutheran Church

## April 2019



### **"At the Center"**

In 1998, I was accepted to seminary at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA. I was ordained on December 22, 2002, the same year I turned 50. What happened to me in those years is difficult to explain and it is really challenging to even come up with words to describe my gradual transition from teacher and forester to Pastor Gail. This gradual transition, this transformation, this change in the way I viewed all of life is called *pastoral formation*. It happens differently to all people in seminary, but no one comes out in the same way they began. That's just a brief explanation of *pastoral formation*. Something that did not change, is my habit of clipping out interesting articles. Sure enough in April, 1999, I clipped out an article by Rev. Walt Wangerin, Jr., from the Lutheran Vespers. It is so impactful that I'd like to quote a portion of it for you. It is as relevant today as when this fine Lutheran pastor wrote it.

*"At the center of Easter is Jesus. At the center of the Christian church there can be nothing but Christ.*

*At the center of any true and durable human justice--as it's source and its purity--must be the love of God made manifest in the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*At the center of our faith: Jesus.*

*At the center of our lives: Christ.*

*At the center of Scripture: Jesus.*

*At the center of the fullness of divine revelation is Jesus.*

*If a church presents anything besides Jesus as its primary preachment, its defining and offering to the world, that church is no longer Christian. ... Entertainment doesn't require a church. Moreover, it mitigates against the centrality of Christ by making the audience central.*

*In my traveling I have heard sermons in which Jesus is not the central message: we are! Our niceness is. Or the necessity of justice is. Jesus is sometimes shanghaied to support what the preachers choose as greater truths. Neither are churches which have become a monument to human achievement. And at the core of all this is not the cross, neither the humility of Jesus, not the humility of those who live at the foot of the cross. Easy, so easy, to neglect our Lord.*

*But at the center of all we do: **Jesus**. The center of our every act; the motive for all our relationships; the delight in which we rise of a morning; the peace we enter every night: Jesus. The Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ. Him Alone.*

*Let Easter be more than a day.*

***Let Easter define our lives together.. Alleluia."***

The Sister churches of Trinity & Peace welcome you to church each and every Sunday. The schedule for Holy Week is: Palm Sunday, April 14--both churches. Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at Peace. Good Friday, April 19--both churches--Trinity at 6 p.m. and Peace at 7:30. Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, April 21--Trinity at 9:00 & Peace at 11:00. Come and share the joy of Christ's Resurrection with your church family and friends.

Thanks to all of you for asking me to share this joyous time with you! Pastor Gail

## **Schedule for Lenten Services at the Sister Churches of Trinity Lutheran in Endicott and Peace Lutheran in Colfax**

Wed., April 3	Midweek Lenten Service 5:30 Community Soup Supper	Trinity, Endicott 6:30 Holden Evening Prayer
Wed., April 10	Midweek Lenten Service 6:00 Soup Supper	Peace, Colfax 7 pm Holden Evening Prayer
Sunday, April 14	Palm Sunday	Trinity 9am—Peace 11am
Thursday April 18	Maundy Thursday	Peace, Colfax at 7 p.m.
Friday, April 19	Good Friday Services	Trinity--6:00 pm, Peace-7:30pm
Easter Sunday, April 21	Resurrection of our Lord services	Trinity 9am, Peace 11am

- Service times for Sundays are 9 am at Trinity in Endicott & 11 am at Peace in Colfax •