



SUMMER

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

JUNE 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship at 11am	3	4 Peace Stitchers 1:30pm	5	6	7	8
9 Worship at 11am	10 VBS June 10-13 9-11:30am at St. Patrick's Church	11 Peace Stitchers 1:30pm ~~~~~ Council Meeting 5:30pm	12	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i> 	15
16 Happy Father's Day Worship at 11am	17	18 Peace Stitchers 1:30pm	19	20	21 <i>Summer Begins</i> 	22
Raul's Last Day						
23 Worship at 11am Pastor Gail's Last Day of preaching at Peace.	24	25 Peace Stitchers 1:30pm	26	27	28	29
30 Worship at 11am						

PEACE LINKS

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Pastor Gail's last day of preaching will be **June 23**. Ian will be arriving and moving into the parsonage during week of June 24. He will work some that week and I will come down to share some locations of our shut in parishioners. Either Ian or Jeannette will preach on June 30 depending on Ian's ordination schedule.

After months of meetings, countless emails, phone calls, text messages and video conferences, Ian K. McMichael accepted our call on May 10th!

Ian, wife Corrin and 5-month-old son Hans, will be arriving from Naples, FL to serve as Pastor at Peace and Trinity Lutheran. They will begin the move across the country mid-June and Ian's first day at Peace is tentatively planned for June 24th. After unsuccessfully locating a home to purchase in Colfax at this time, the McMichael's will move into the parsonage in Endicott (stay tuned for a potential work day at the parsonage.)

Thank you to the congregation for your participation, patience and prayer during this call process.

**Call Committee Chair,
Pete Wigen**

**COUNCIL MEETING—Tues.,
June 11 at 5:30pm**

PRAYERS FOR CLUSTER C—Each month of the year we are going to pray for a different cluster of our Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod. During the month of June we are praying for Cluster C: The Tseminicum Cluster. It is composed of the following congregations: St. John Lutheran, Nez Perce, ID; Faith Lutheran Church, Kamiah, ID; Ascension Lutheran, Orofino, ID; Cameron Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Cameron, ID; Grace Lutheran, Lewiston, ID; Shekinah Lutheran Community, Lewiston, ID; Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA. Thank you for your prayers.

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 \$ 63,122.85 of the \$148,140 committed, since January 2018.

ANNUAL MEETING—June 9

following Worship at 11am,

Meeting begins at Noon.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

May 5 26
May 12 41
May 19 18
May 26 27
Average Attendance -- 28

June BIRTHDAYS

June 9— Ricardo Colon
June 18—Gail Webster
June 20—Bob Bafus
 Shirley Cornelius
 Ali Shirley
June 27—Mason McNeilly
 Joann Wood
June 28—Liane Smith

June ANNIVERSARIES

June 4— Tom & Robin Cocking
June 15—Brian & Shirley Cornelius
June 16—Jon & Becky Kehne
June 19—Steve & Julie Teade
June 25—Scott & Shauna Phillips
June 30—Larry & Joann Wood

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JUNE 10-13, 2019

9AM—11:30AM

AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HALL



**“LIVING IN GOD’S
KINGDOM”**

**PICK UP YOUR
REGISTRATION FORM IN
THE OFFICE AT PEACE.**



**Assisting Minister: If you are interested in serving as
Assisting Minister,
please call or email the church office.**



Peace Lutheran Church June 2019



I want to thank each one of you, both individually and as congregations, for the love, respect, and encouragement you have shown me during this interim ministry. There have been a few challenges--the roads in February; the fact that I'm a guest in your communities and not a resident; and the fact that my home and husband, David, are in Spokane. Despite these limitations, I feel like the congregations have journeyed well through this interim time. Giving has stayed at expected levels and although attendance has dropped a bit, it has stayed up on the holidays. The joys have been the two baptisms--one in each congregation. Seeing the kids perform the Christmas story was great. Christmas Eve and Easter were outstanding. Sadly, I have been called on to preside at the memorial services of 14 of your members. That is a lot for the 9 months I've been with you. But, now it is time to move to the next phase of your congregational life. Your next called pastor will be Ian McMichael. He and his wife, Corrin, and their son, Hans, will do a wonderful job with you. Put your trust in him. He is your shepherd. Let him gently guide you into God's future. Let the Lord's *transformation* come into your hearts.

It doesn't take much to turn a noun such as, *transformation*, into a verb. Let's talk about *Living Transformationally*. In the book of Acts there is a dramatic description of Saul's conversion from persecuting Christians to proclaiming the gospel of Christ crucified, risen, and ascended. Along with the conversion is the *transformation* from the use of his Roman name, Saul, to his Hebrew name, Paul. It took a blinding light from heaven to change Saul into Paul. A penetrating and shocking light revealed what he had become in his zealousness to persecute Christians 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 and felt the loving grace of Jesus. He saw ruthlessness in himself. He saw truth in Christ. 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. We are meant to be surprised, even shocked. The presence of Jesus speaks a truth to us about this path we are on as we try to follow the example of Jesus. He invites us to walk the path of love by our trust and selflessness, through sacrifice & obedience. It is the path less traveled that Jesus followed God's leading--for our redemption and salvation.

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 *transformed*. Explaining and planning are sometimes the consequence of *change and transformation*, rather than the cause. When Christ declares you **new**, you are that already, and the mind and manners will hasten to catch up with this truth. We can start acting now the way we want always to be acting later. We *can change*--our habits, our practices, our thinking--and let the newness in. The congregations of Peace and Trinity **can transform, change, improve, and grow**--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 makes it possible. Let's ask ourselves--what can I do to be *Living Transformationally*?

Thanks for sharing the journey of the last nine months with me. Your pastor and friend, *Gail*