

March 2025



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# General Announcements

Ed McBride will do a short **presentation on the Gideons on March 16th during worship**. Please come learn about their work. A free-will offering will be taken for them that day as well.

Mary Cocking will be hosting a new **Sunday morning Adult Bible Study, following Worship, starting on March 16th**. We will start with the importance of Reading the Bible, how we are commanded to be in constant study of God's word. Then we are going to read a book called "Sharing Jesus without freaking out" by Scott Hildreth to help us get over our fear of God's command to share the good news. All are Welcome!

We are looking for a **donation of painting supplies** for an upcoming Lent activity! If you have any colorful acrylic paints waiting to be used up, please let Kristi know! We also need an assortment of small brushes.

The next **PAC Meeting will be Wednesday, March 12th**, at 11:15 am. All are Welcome!

**There will be no worship service at Peace on Sunday, March 23rd**. Instead, please join Pastor Ian for the 10:30 am Service at Trinity for their 75th Anniversary celebration (details attached).

**Adult Bible Study** with Pastor Ian is meeting on Wednesday's at 10:00 am. We are currently studying in Corinthian 1 and 2. All are welcome and you can join in at any time! bl

**Peace Stitchers** is an amazing ministry that supports Lutheran World Relief. The group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00-4:00 PM. You do not need to know how to sew to join!! There are other ways you can help and be part of the process. Questions? Please talk with Cathy Landers, Marilyn Wigen or Mary Cocking, or drop in sometime!

**You are invited to a  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration  
Of the dedication of the  
Trinity Lutheran Church building**

Sunday, March 23, 2025

9:30 am - Coffee Hour and Discussion

10:30 am - Worship service

12:00 pm – Luncheon

(turkey, harvest potatoes, pulled pork sandwiches, salads and cake)

1:00 pm – Program

**We hope you will join us!**

Please join us for Family Promise of the Palouse's annual

**COMFORT FOOD  
COOK-OFF**



**SAMPLE & VOTE  
AWARDS & PRIZES**



**SIGN UP AS A CHEF OR  
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE**  
[www.familypromisepalouse.org](http://www.familypromisepalouse.org)

**TICKETS**

**\$10 PER ADULT  
\$5 PER CHILD**

**\$30 PER FAMILY OF  
AVAILABLE AT ENTRY**

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## Lent, Holy Week Schedule

Ash Wednesday  
Joint Worship at Trinity  
Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

Lent Activity at Trinity  
Soup and Bread Supper, Writing Easter Cards  
Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm

Lent Activity at Trinity  
Baking Cinnamon Rolls  
Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am

Lent Activity at Peace  
Potluck, Game Night  
Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm

Lent Activity at Trinity  
Filling plastic Easter Eggs  
Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 pm

Lent Activity at Peace  
Potluck, Painting the Psalms  
Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 pm

Maundy Thursday  
Joint Worship at Trinity  
Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

Good Friday  
Joint Worship at Peace  
Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

Community Easter Egg Hunt at Trinity  
Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

Easter Sunday  
Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Worship at Peace, 9:00 am  
Brunch at Trinity, 10:00 am  
Worship at Trinity, 11:00 am

**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/#/tithely/give-one-time/1302894](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1302894)

You may also may also drop your offering in the mailbox at church or mail it to:  
309 N Lake Street, Colfax, WA 99111

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

8th - MarcheLe McNeilly

25th - Russ Jamison

26th - Gabe Cocking

28th- Corrin McMichael

21st - Kent & Diane Miller (1992)

28th - Jody & Krista Boyd (1987)

## Sunday Attendance

<b>Week 1</b> February 2	<b>Week 2</b> February 9	<b>Week 3</b> February 16	<b>Week 4</b> February 23
24	24	17	16

## **PLC Treasurer's Summary Report**

**02/28/2025**

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	<b>2025 YTD</b>	
<b>Regular Offerings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 18,501</b>
<b>Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3200 -</b>
<b>Total offerings available for expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ \$ 21,701</b>
<b>Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 22,629</b>
<b>Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 22,629</b>
<b>Net Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>928</b>

## Pastor's Message

**25** But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **26** It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,[a] **27** and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,[b] **28** even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

—Matthew 20:25-28

Dear Member of Peace and Trinity,

Imagine with me for a moment. You are standing around at a party, minding your own business, sipping on a beverage of choice and partaking in all of the wonderful finger food, and someone comes up to you and starts a conversation with you by saying, “Don’t take this personally but...” You don’t know what is coming next, but you feel a pit drop in your stomach, you know whatever it is, is not going to be good. You immediately, within a millisecond, go through all the possible things that could come next: Am I eating too much and not leaving enough for others? Am I dressed appropriately for the occasion? Did I park the car outside correctly? Have I been doing OK at my job?

It’s possible you’ve experienced something like this outside of social situations as well. This type of comment can really up the anxiety when it pertains to work performance, or when it comes from family, friends, or someone else we trust.

In part, hearing these comments and feeling anxious is part of being human. We wish people were self-aware enough to approach us with issues in different ways, but we attempt, as best we can, to remain centered on who we are, and to give ourselves the benefit of the doubt. In other words, we tell ourselves, “Whatever this person is saying, it will be extremely difficult to not take it personally, but I know that I am doing the best I can.”

The trick, it would seem, is to recognize this fact: I am doing the best that I can. And then to also ask yourself the question, “Whatever comes next, does this person really get a vote in my life?” In other words, no matter how offensive the next words are, do I care enough about this person and what they think of me to let it ruin my evening? If you don’t, we do our best to move on. If you do, then it is probably worth having a conversation with this person and growing from the conversation that follows.

But there is another side to this too, isn’t there? A side where, instead of caring too much about what ever person thinks, people simply become indifferent to the world. Where they seem to lack joy, purpose, hope in a better tomorrow, a willingness to work together and, they at least give the impression that, they simply do not care what other people think. Instead of taking things personally, they simply drive harder towards the next goal, bulldozing people who may be in the way.

So whether you are the bulldozer or the empath above, they both have the potential to become two sides of the same coin, that end up paralyzing you as you try to care about what everyone thinks, or you don’t care about anyone at all.

The trick is to decide whose opinion you truly do care about, who gets a vote in your life, and whose opinion you can just, simply, ignore. That’s the hard part, the middle ground. This is highlighted as we head towards Easter, because Jesus coming to earth and dying was perhaps the most personal thing of which we can think. Jesus dying on the cross was for you, for me, and for all of us, in a very visceral and real sense. Jesus on the cross flies in the face of indifference. Jesus cares. We are meant to take it personally. And Jesus is not some random person at a party telling us our suit is wrinkled, Jesus is the Savior of the world. Jesus’s thoughts do, in fact, matter a great deal to you and me as Christians. We are meant to listen! Jesus gets a vote!

So this Lent, take it personally. Not the comments from people meant to hurt you. I’m hopeful we can move past that. But take the death and resurrection of Jesus personally. Take his life as a testament to God’s love personally. Because, it was meant for you, for me, for all of us. Personally.

Peace,  
Pastor Ian



