

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Rev. Ian McMichael

| Newsletter- July/August 2026

Announcements

Sunday, July 12th, we will have a combined service with Trinity, here at Peace at **10:00 am**, with a potluck to follow.

Starting Sunday, July 19, we will have Worship at 9:00 am, and continue at this time for the next 12 months.

Sunday, July 26th, Rev. Terry Tuvey Allen will lead Worship with us at 9:00 am, and a discussion will follow regarding next steps as we begin the call process.

Thrivent Members: Did you know you may have *Thrivent Choice Dollars*® available to direct to Peace Lutheran Church or another eligible nonprofit at no cost to you? Eligible members can also apply for *Thrivent Action Teams*, which provide funding and resources to support service projects and community events. To check your eligibility or direct your Choice Dollars, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice."

Attendance

Average weekly attendance in June was 15 members and visitors.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 2nd - Scot Cocking
4th - Mitch Jamison
9th - Marten Larkin
15th - Christina Solimine
21st - Stella McNeilly
31st - Brian Cornelius
29th - Rich & Cathy Landers

August 1st - Lola Gillespie
2nd - Christine Henning
15th - Wayne Henning
Ella Jones
20th - Cathy Landers
Kent Miller
21st - Annie Larkin
31st - Jon Kehne

Ongoing at Peace

- Sunday service
- Peace Stitches (quilting)- please contact us for the current schedule.

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Message From The Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ of Peace Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran,

It is with a heart full of both gratitude and bittersweet emotion that I write to share some significant news regarding my ministry. I have accepted a new call to serve as the University Pastor and Executive Director of Spiritual and Religious Life at Capital University and Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Bexley, Ohio. As many of you know, Trinity is where I graduated in 2019, and returning to my old stomping grounds to shepherd both undergraduate students and play a part in the formation of the next generation of pastors is an opportunity I feel deeply called to pursue.

Because of this transition, my last Sunday leading worship with you will be July 19th.

Looking back over these past seven years, I am overwhelmed by the depth of what we have shared together. We have walked through incredible seasons of change, not least of which was navigating the unprecedented challenges of the COVID pandemic, just six months into my ministry here. Through it all, you showed up with resilience, grace, and an unwavering commitment to our shared ministry.

Together, we weren't afraid to dream or take risks. We attempted new things. Some of those ideas succeeded beautifully. Others failed. But what I will always cherish about Peace and Trinity is that we never let failure have the last word. We dusted ourselves off, learned, and we tried again. That spirit of holy experimentation and mutual trust has been one of the greatest gifts of my ordained ministry.

I am profoundly grateful for the privilege of being your pastor. You have been patient, kind, willing to try, and created a wonderful environment for Hans and Wren to grow to love God. Thank you for welcoming my family into your lives, for partnering with me in the Gospel, and for the countless ways you have loved and supported us. You have shaped me as a leader and as a person, and a piece of our collective McMichael heart will always remain here in Colfax and Endicott.

As Corrin, the kids, and I prepare for this next chapter, please know that you will remain in our prayers. I have every confidence that God, who began a good work in these congregations, will carry it on to completion.

Peace,

Pastor Ian

