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General Announcements

Sunday morning **Adult Bible Study, with Mary Cocking, meets at 10:00 AM**, before Worship. Bring your bible (or use one of ours) and find out "*What DOES the bible say?*" each week. Join any time, all are welcome!

Adult Bible Study with Pastor Ian meets here on Wednesday's, at 10:00 am. All are Welcome!

Children's Sunday School will meet the following dates: March 1, April 12 and May 3. Mark your Calendars!

Ash Wednesday Service will be February 18 at 7:00 pm here at Peace.

February Birthdays



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3rd - Marilyn Wigen
5th - Robin Cocking
10th- Emma Nelson
11th - Pete Wigen
15th - Brady Cornelius
17th - Chandra Maki
21st - Catherine Olson
25th- Marvin Wigen
28th - Judy Larkin



February Anniversaries

9th - Russ & Sandy Jamison (1991)
11th - Don & Barbara Henderson (1995)



Prayer at Peace

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

— *Philippians 4:6*

Our **Prayer List** is printed weekly in the worship bulletin and includes ongoing prayer concerns within our congregation and community. To add a name to the Prayer List, please speak with Kristi or the Pastor, after receiving permission from the individual or family you are requesting prayers for. If you would like to remove a name from the list for any reason, please let Kristi know. Our hope is that the names we pray over each week are lifted up with care, compassion, and faith in God’s ongoing work.

For more immediate or urgent needs, we use our **Prayer Chain**, which shares prayer requests via email or text. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain and receive these messages, please let Kristi know.

January Sunday Attendance

Week 1 January 4	Week 2 January 11	Week 3 January 18	Week 4 January 25
24	40	19	13

PLC Treasurer's Summary Report

1/31/2026

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	2026 YTD
Regular Offerings	\$ 22,075
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants	
Total offerings available for expenses	\$ 22,075
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 18,942
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 8,942
Net Balance	\$ 13,134

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support God's work through our church—by giving financially and by offering your time and talents. Your tithes sustain our ministries, and your acts of service bring Christ's love to life in our community.

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

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

Pastor's Message

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

–Genesis 3:19

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

There is perhaps no other holiday that provokes such a wide array of responses as Valentine's Day. Some go all in. They book dinner months in advance, pick out the nicest jewelry, begin the day with breakfast in bed, and just all around make it a special day. Others call it a consumerist holiday not worthy of celebration. Others still, myself included, take a sort of middle approach. We acknowledge that Valentine's Day was in fact created to sell more greeting cards, but we also then go out and buy greeting cards. Such is the nuance of life!

But in reality, I haven't really been into Valentine's Day since elementary school. This is not to say that the day itself is childish. It is not. However, there was something special about going to WalMart and picking out the perfect Valentine's Day card pack to then pass out at school to all my classmates on the day itself. Mine often revolved around sports, so far Hans is big into dinosaurs and Wren is all about unicorns.

Truth be told, what I really liked was the candy. And one of my favorite candies, believe it or not, were the little sweetheart candies. Getting a little box of hearts with things like "B Mine" or "Cutie Pie" was a big win in my book. I could snack on those things for an awfully long time. That is why, a couple of years ago when Ash Wednesday fell on Valentine's Day, I remember so clearly someone's great idea to put "Ash Wednesday sayings" on the hearts instead of the normal Valentine's day messages. These hearts had things like "Repent," "Thou Art Dust," and "Ash 2 Ash" on them. Now, I'll admit that I simply thought this was clever at first, but upon further reflection, I think the love of Valentine's Day and the love shown to us on Ash Wednesday are both still...love!

Sure, Valentine's Day can, even if it does not always, show us a type of vain love, one we aren't quite sure is really going to last forever. It is a love that, at times, is even born out of guilt. I need to participate in the day by at least buying a card! But Ash Wednesday, that love is deep. It is a love that calls us into repentance, into right relationship with God. It is a love that calls us to remember that we will, in fact, die, and that it is only through Christ's love, shown to us on the cross, that we will rise again to new life. It is a love that never ends. And so no, I don't think that God is actually calling us to be God's "sweetheart." And, I'll also admit that both sets of sweetheart candy

showcase, at their best, different lenses of the same love. But, I'm also willing to argue that Ash Wednesday sweethearts do it with an eye towards reality, while the original ones simply skip over the bad stuff. Ash Wednesday tells us that God is going to be with us when the breakup happens, when life has us down in the pit of despair, when we don't think we will be able to crawl out of debt, or find someone who loves us ever again. It is there that we remember that death is real, but that that same love shown to us in death is revealed to us in new life, granted to us by God's grace and favor. That's love that never ends. That love that never fails. That is God at work on the cross, and in the world.

Come join us this year for our Ash Wednesday service as we remember that love, shown to us on the cross, does not ignore life itself, but instead conquers all.

Peace, Pastor Ian

