

November 2024



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General Announcements

We will be holding **Children's Sunday School** the first Sunday of each month. (**please check the weekly email for any changes*). All are welcome!

Vikingfest is Coming to Peace Lutheran!

We are hosting Vikingfest as a part of Colfax's Winterfest December 7th and 8th.

There will be lunch from 12:00-2:00 PM. We will be serving Swedish Meatballs with noodles or German Sausage with potatoes, beverage of choice, and Scandinavian desserts. Cost: \$7.00 for 13 years of age and up, \$3.00 for 5-12 year olds, 5 & under eat free! Dessert & Beverage only: \$3.00

There will be a longest beard contest, fun contests for the kids , and best costume within the different age groups and prizes for the winners.

The Contests begin at 1:00.

On Sunday, December 8th there will be a lefse making class at 11:00 AM-1:00 PM.

There is a Signup sheet & supplies needed posted on the church website if interested in attending.

If you are interested in volunteering for helping, please contact Cathy Landers or Kristi Nelson in the church office.

Spread the word to family and friends and make this a fun event to remember!

Congregation Movie Field Trip! Angel Studios is releasing a brand new movie called Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Assassin. It is about the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor in Germany who was known for his staunch resistance to the Nazi dictatorship and all its evils, his efforts to awaken the church, and ultimately how far he would go to help save the world from Adolf Hitler. Let's join together on Sunday November 24 for the 4:00 showing in downtown Spokane, rides will be provided for anyone who would like to be a part of this amazing historical story on the big screen! See Scot or Mary Cocking

Our own Kate Schneider will be performing with the **Washington-Idaho Symphony with music from the Nutcracker** and other holiday favorites. Performances will be December 8th at the UI Admin auditorium. Tickets and more info are available at www.wa-idsymphony.org

PAC (Peace Action Committee) will be meeting next on Wednesday, November 13th, at 11:15 AM. Our mission is to plan and implement outreach for the community and congregation alike with various events and ministries. All are welcome to attend! We will be planning for the Colfax Winterfest celebration coming up in December, with Peace hosting our very own Viking fest here at the church on December 7th. Come be part of the fun!

Choir will be singing next on Sunday, November 17. All are welcome!

Special Shout-outs:

Thank you to those individuals who helped with the Trunk or Treat on Halloween: Marilyn & Marvin Wigen, Gail Webster, Rex Rutledge, Kristi Nelson, Cathy Landers, Jeannette Solimine, Julie Teade, Pastor Ian, Mary Ann Wigen and Georgie Leinweber (who won best decorated vehicle!). Thank you to Brandy Wigen and 165 Degree Brew for donating gift cards and hot cocoa coupons for our trick-or-treaters!

Thank you to those who volunteered to deliver for Meals on Wheels during October: Catherine Olson, Gail Webster, Mary Cocking, Rex Rutledge, Rich and Cathy Landers, Georgie Leinweber, Kristi Nelson, Mary Ann Wigen, and Pastor Ian.

Ongoing Reminders:

Pastor Ian is leading Adult Bible Study, where we are currently looking at the book of Matthew. The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am. All are Welcome and you can jump in it any time.

Join us each Sunday evening at 6:30 PM as we watch the sensational multi-season show The Chosen which depicts the life and ministry of Christ. Be part of the 1 billion people who have been following this amazing and inspiring series!

Come be a part of Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study right after worship as we delve into the book of Acts which shows us how to live our lives as Christ taught us through His example and through the words of the New Testament. "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it." Joshua 1:8a

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!

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:
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November Birthdays

7th - Lyndell Repp

18th - Becky Hart

19th- Hans McMichael

21st - JP Wigen

Mary Ann Wigen

24th - Steve Larkin

27th - Chad Maki

November Anniversaries

1st - Peter & Brandy Wigen (2003)

October Sunday Attendance

Week 1 October 6	Week 2 October 13	Week 3 October 20	Week 4 October 27
25	8	37	23

PLC Treasurer's Summary Report

10/31/2024

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	2024 YTD	
Regular Offerings	\$ 78,275	
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants	\$ -	
Total offerings available for expenses	\$ -	\$ 78,275
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 96,531	
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds	\$ -	
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 96,531
Net Balance	\$ -	\$ (18,256)

Pastor's Message

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.--Isaiah 9:2-6

Dear People of Trinity and Peace,

This summer Corrin and the kids took off for 2.5 weeks to head to the in-laws in Ohio. The idea was that Corrin could attend a conference nearby and the kids could hang out with grandma and grandpa a bit during their summer vacation. Well, Corrin didn't make the conference due to the massive computer glitch that occurred (remember that!?) but they still decided to head that direction and left me living the bachelor life in Endicott for a bit.

This was the longest they had been a way and, after a couple of days, I had established a bit of a routine for myself. The interesting thing is that it looked a lot like my life when I lived in South Dakota, before I had even met Corrin. The less surprising thing is that it involved having a whole lot of time that didn't exist before. There were no kids to greet when they got back from school, no baths to give, minimal dinners to cook, and just generally more time on my hands. Now, in a sense, this was a blessing, I had time to prepare for the busy fall season at the church. I could get ahead a bit, catch up on things post-vacation, and plan my days as I saw fit. The not-so-great thing is that I reverted back to pre-kids Ian and simply filled my time with stuff because I wanted to feel busy. I guess at least this time I knew that is what I was doing!

A time that could have been used to rest and reset for the Fall season, became one in which I was planning as much sermon-prep, worship-planning, confirmation, etc. as I possibly could, because I had the chance. Now, don't get me wrong. That isn't necessarily bad, but it was also entirely unnecessary. I was further ahead than really made sense.

I've talked recently about people's need to be busy, for the church to be busy so that we feel accomplished, like we are doing something. The world says that time needs to be filled because we are meant to be a productive people. Now, I realize that if given a completely clean slate, I revert right back into that mindset unless I force myself not to. Unless I give myself time to read, eat good meals, go to the gym, take a breath, or even watch Netflix, it doesn't happen. Our time can always be filled!

That's why I love Advent so much. Perhaps more than any season, Advent is the antithesis of the world's message of busy-ness. Advent is all about waiting. Waiting for the One Who Is to Come. For the Savior. For our Redeemer. The Incarnate Christ. The birth of Christ does not happen because I was busy 12 hours a day doing something. The birth of Christ does not happen because I will it into existence with my actions. The birth of Christ comes because God wills it. And all we can do is wait and celebrate. Jesus's birth is an invitation to slow down. To find joy and hope in the everyday. To recognize that busy lives don't earn us any more points (because points aren't even a thing!), and that if we are busy the entire time we may be missing the point entirely anyway. Advent begins on December 1st. I'd invite you to see it as a chance to wait. To pause. To give thanks for the birth of Christ that is to come. Let us wait for anticipation for the Savior of the world!

Peace,
Pastor Ian

