

November 2025



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General Announcements

CALLING ALL YOUTH (**junior high and high school**)
TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

-November 2nd 9:45- 10:30.: We will have our first Lit for the Lord (Sunday School) meeting. We will meet upstairs in the youth group room. Grab a folding chair on your way up. I will be bringing a treat to eat during our time. Bring a friend!

-November 16th 3:00 -6:00 Youth group for junior high and high school. Meet at the church. Friends are always welcome, and the larger the group means more fun!

-November 23rd Make and Take Youth Group activity 2:00- 4:00 Meeting at the church. Bring a friend or two!

The next **PAC meeting will be November 4th at 10:00 am**. We will be planning a few key winter events and would love to have anyone join us who can make it! Details on the events (**Viking Fest and Lefse Make and Taste**) can be found in the weekly email, on our website and Facebook page. Printed copies are available outside the sanctuary!

A grateful **thank you to all of you who participated in delivering Meals** this month. Your time, effort and dedication is so greatly appreciated for this important community outreach! Thank you, also, to Kristi for her organization of the sign-up sheets.

-Catherine

Pastor Ian is leading an **Adult Bible Study** on "evangelizing through a new lens". It meets on Wednesday at 10AM. All are Welcome!

We are still collecting **LWR "kit" items**! Collection bins are in the fireside room.

Thank You to Our Faithful Garden Stewards! We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Kent and Diane, who have faithfully tended and overseen our Community Garden Ministry for many years. Their dedication—from planning and planting to maintenance and harvest—has blessed both our church family and our neighbors in countless ways.

We're also deeply grateful to Brian and Shirley, who have stepped into a larger role this season to help keep the garden thriving. Your willingness to serve and nurture this ministry ensures it continues to grow and bear fruit—both literally and spiritually! Thank you all for your faithful hands and hearts in this meaningful work.



Congregation Birthday's and Anniversary's this month-

November-

18th - Becky Hart

19th- Hans McMichael

21st - JP Wigen

Mary Ann Wigen

24th - Steve Larkin

27th - Chad Maki

1st - Pete & Brandy Wigen (2003)

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 October 5	Week 2 October 12	Week 3 October 19	Week 4 October 26
46	31	31	25

**PLC Treasurer's Summary Report
10/31/2025**

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	2025
	YTD
Regular Offerings	\$ 78,248
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants	\$ 3,200
Total offerings available for expenses	\$ - \$ 81,448
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 97,151
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ - \$ 97,151
Net Balance	\$ - \$ (15,703)

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

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight... and run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

— Hebrews 12:1

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

Each year on November 1, or the Sunday following, the Church pauses to observe All Saints' Day, a festival of remembrance and hope. Whether you are reading this before or after that date, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the important celebration with you all. I remember growing up, on this day, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hermiston, the pastor would break out the largest handbell and ring it each time a name, collected in the previous weeks from the congregation, was read. At the end, we could yell out names and have the bell rung for those who were, for whatever reason, not listed. I also remember one year, a girl a couple of years younger than myself, yelled out the name of someone who was still alive. The pastor paused, made a comment about how we normally remember the saints who have died during this time, but then rang the bell anyway.

Two decades later, I still remember that moment. First, because it makes me grateful for the saints still on earth who surround me in my life of faith. We can call them, as the writer of Hebrews does, "witnesses," or simply mentors, friends, or family, but they remain vital to our life here. And second, this moment sticks in my mind because it reminds me that the witness does not end in death. The saints are lifted up each year because of what they have left behind, but also because of the community they continue to form, both here on earth and with God in heaven. We are a great cloud, spanning millenia, generations, time, and space.

This day reminds us that it is not just the well documented saints of church history who can claim that title. In fact, every baptized believer, living or deceased, is a saint: claimed, loved, and made holy by the grace of God. Martin Luther often referred to believers as both "saint and sinner," reminding us that sainthood is not about moral perfection but about being made new in Christ.

This communion is not just a poetic idea—it's a real and living connection, rooted in our shared faith in Jesus Christ. Those who have gone before us are not gone from the story of God—they are part of it still. And we, who continue on our earthly journey, are strengthened by their memory, their faith, and their example.

So as we light our candles, say our prayers, and gather around the table this All Saints' Day, may we be reminded that we are never alone. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses—those who loved us, taught us, and pointed us to Christ. And one day, by God's grace, we too will take our place among them.

May this day also be a reminder that does not have the last word. Life and love have won the day. The promise is for those who have gone before us, and for us as well. Thanks be to God for the saints. Thanks be to God for the promise.

Peace,
Pastor Ian