

April 2022



PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Where everybody is somebody because Jesus Christ is Lord!"

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General Announcements

The **Peace Stitchers** need YOU! If you can tie a knot, have some free time on **Tuesday** afternoons, come join us from **1:00 - 3:00pm at Peace Lutheran**. We meet in the basement quilting room. At this time we have only three members. It is very informal, come on Tuesday you are able; we visit as we prepare another quilt to be sent to people overseas in need. The few hours of time go by very quickly! Hope you consider joining us. Contact Cathy Landers or the church office if you have any questions.

Easter Sunday is quickly approaching! The High School Youth will be hosting **breakfast** this year, which will be in the fireside room from **9:30-10:30 a.m.** Worship is at 11:00 a.m., and an Easter Egg hunt will follow the service at the Ells Park (or basement if need be). If you would like to donate candy towards the egg hunt, please bring it to the church as you are able by April 10th. Thank you!

Mark your calendar! The **Annual Meeting** will be held **Sunday May 22nd**, following 11:00 am Worship

The **Difficult Conversations group** will meet on Sunday's May 1st and June 5th to finish up the criminal justice series before breaking during July and August. All are Welcome!

Confirmation Dates: Shoshone Retreat will be April 22-24. The last class for this school year will be Sunday May 15th at Trinity.

Thank you to Georgie Leinweber and Mary Ann Wigen for sprucing up some areas of the church with new floral arrangements as well as new altar flowers.

Thank you to everyone who has engaged in conversations about the child care project, whether you were part of the listening sessions, attending the congregational presentation or simply taking the survey! Your time and feedback is valued, and it's encouraging to see such enthusiasm around this idea. Let's keep the discussions going!

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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Pastor's Message

Luke 23:32-43

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”^[b] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” 36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” 38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews. 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t

you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

By now we are fully in the swing of Lent and might even begin to look towards Easter, the most “normal” Easter we will have since before I even began in this call! It is so strange to even think about it like that!

But before you have the chance to jump too far ahead here, I want to invite you to take a moment to pause in the middle of Lent. I want to invite you to remember “the reason for the season,” the way we make our way towards the cross, the penance, repentance, praying, alms giving and perhaps even fasting that make up the season of Lent. I want to remind you that the season of Lent ends with Jesus on the cross.

Understandably so, we have come to a place in the world today where Lent is, in one way or another, skipped over in favor of simply celebrating Easter. There has been a shift recently within the church to even change the readings on Palm Sunday to include the entire Passion narrative, so that people who are not there during Holy Week at least hear the whole story when they are in church the Sunday before. That is not bad, but I also think we are missing something when we do that. First, it is possible to lose the sense that Lent is a journey if you hear the whole story in one sitting. Second, though, I think there is a sense that then Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are then somehow less important. To be sure, Easter does not matter unless Jesus actually died and rose again on the cross. To skip the suffering, redeeming, power of Christ’s death on our behalf is to miss the entire story of why Easter matters in the first place. Hearing that story, anytime is a good thing.

At the same time, I do want to take this chance to invite you to our Holy Week services. On Maundy Thursday we will gather at Peace at 7PM for a reflective service and that same service will continue on Good Friday at Trinity, also at 7PM. I invite you to these services not because I think the homily will be especially wonderful or even because I think the music will be outstanding (although it will be) but because our lives as Christians are centered in the resurrection of Christ and, like I said, that resurrection would have been literally impossible if it were not for Jesus’ death, which we remember in community during Holy Week. I

understand that coming to church at a different time of week, when the week is already so full, is difficult. I know life has a way of filling up, but Holy Week does matter. We all know this. And the way that we profess, together, that it matters is by giving our presence to the worship and praise of a God who died for us so that he, and we, may rise again to new life. That is worth celebrating. That is worth remembering. Come join us!

Peace,
Pastor Ian

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 March 6	Week 2 March 13	Week 3 March 20	Week 4 March 27
25	26	36	40

April Birthdays

1st- Kristi Nelson
6th- Bob Gillespie
Rex Rutledge
22nd- Dorothy Feldman
26th- Krista Boyd

Anniversaries

3rd- Curt & Stephanie McNeilly (2004)
4th- Dan & Becky Hart (1987)
15th- Colby & Chelsey Cocking (2011)



<i>PLC Treasurer's Summary Report</i>				
4/5/2022				
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				2022 YTD
Regular Offerings				\$ 21,153
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants				\$ 771
Total offerings available for expenses			\$ -	\$ 21,924
Budgeted Expenditures				\$ 31,291
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds				\$ (32)
Total Expenses			\$ -	\$ 31,259
Net Balance			\$ -	\$ (9,336)

Account Balances

			31-Mar	
Checking			\$ 26,507	
Campaign Fund			\$ 65,815	
Emergency Fund			\$ 5,049	
Foster Kids			\$ 156	
Lutheran World Relief			\$ 2,561	
Other Benevolence Fund			\$ 460	
Peace Stickers			\$ 295	
Youth Fund			\$ 3,131	
Other Building Fund			\$ 4,285	
Memorial Fund			\$ 17,086	
Endowment Fund @ ELCA			\$ 41,233	
Total Cash			\$ 166,579	

