

*December 2021/January 2022*



**PEACE**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

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## General Announcements

Mary Cocking is currently offering **adult and young adult bible study** on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am (*“Creation”*) as well as a **Sunday evening study** (6:30 pm) based on the television series *“The Chosen”*. All are welcome and encouraged to join!

Are you a Thrivent Member? If so, there are some unique Action Team grant opportunities which could help our church in various ways. We are looking to gather names of those Thrivent members who may be interested and eligible to apply. Please contact the office (Kristi) for more details.

Christmas Eve Worship Service will be held here at Peace at 7:00 pm.

We are looking to add a few more names to our rotation of members who would be willing to make the bread for Holy Communion. If you are interested, please contact the church office to receive a copy of the recipe.

Along with that, we are in need of volunteers to assist with communion prep. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk, or you may also contact Catherine Olson or the church office. Thank you!

Council meeting minutes are posted on the kiosk, or you may also request a copy from the office.

## Remember in your Prayers

Milt Klettke, Lyndell Repp, Dave Repp, Dorothy Feldman, Katie Schmick, Tim Silvernale, Jim Repp, Ed Collison, Mike Hanson, Linda Mickelson, Joann Wood, John Aune, Jane Aune and Brian Crow.

## Sunday Attendance

<b>Week 1</b> November 7	<b>Week 2</b> November 14	<b>Week 3</b> November 21	<b>Week 4</b> November 28
20	17	29	13

*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](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1302894)

You may also may also drop your office in the mailbox at church or mail it to:  
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# PLC Treasurer's Summary Report

## 11/30/2021

				2021 YTD
Regular Offerings				\$ 100,185
				\$ 7,954
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants				
Total offerings available for expenses			\$ -	\$ 108,139
Budgeted Expenditures				\$ 98,307
Non-Budgeted Expenditures				\$ 8,000
Total Expenses			\$ -	\$ 106,307
Net Balance			\$ -	\$ 1,832

## Account Balances

				30-Nov
Checking				\$ 33,388
Campaign Fund				\$ 65,815

Emergency Fund				\$ 5,049
Foster Kids				\$ 156
Lutheran World Relief				\$ 2,126
Other Benevolence Fund				\$ 460
Peace Stickers				\$ 245
Youth Fund				\$ 1,561
Other Building Fund				\$ 4,285
Memorial Fund				\$ 13,736
Endowment Fund @ ELCA				\$ 41,168
<b>Total Cash</b>				<b>\$ 167,989</b>

# Pastor's Message

Colossians 3:12-17

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

You have probably heard Presiding Bishop Eaton, on more than one occasion, proclaim that "We are the Church together." When we gather on Sunday morning to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs and to allow the word of God to dwell in us, the fact that we are church together is very clear. We cannot thrive in the Christian life without the person sitting right next to us or three pews ahead of us. While those who gather on Sunday morning may disagree on a whole host of social and political issues, we are called to forgive each other and clothe ourselves in love. We really are the Church together. We are Church together, though, is a phrase that extends well beyond the walls on a given Sunday morning. I confess that, while I don't forget this fact, it often doesn't play a large role in my everyday life. The church, though, extends to Christians around the world and speaks to our church structure as Lutherans in the ELCA. We are Church together means that our local churches in Colfax and Endicott are in Christian unity with our Synod, the Northwest Intermountain Synod, and the churchwide organization of the ELCA. While by no means a traditional hierarchy, we confess together that we need the synod and the churchwide organization to live our God's love as fully as possible. Like I said, these two expressions are often not at the forefront of my mind and maybe that is the same for you. That is why I'd like to write today with some good news from our synod!

Both Trinity and Peace applied for a "Walking Together" grant from the synod. This grant was specifically designed to address needs that have arisen due to COVID in the

hopes that the synod can walk with us as we discern how to best address those needs. Both churches have already received one grant and, after a period of time, the synod decided to open them up again to address new needs. Both churches were awarded \$1500. At Trinity, the hope is to address our aging sound system so that people online and in-person can better understand what is being said during worship. At Peace, we will look into options to improve the live-streaming quality and continue to pay for my (relatively) new cell phone and the accompanying plan.

I am grateful for Bishop Kristen and her staff and the reminder that we are not in this alone. We do Church together because that is the way God intended. While this financial help is a wonderful reminder of what the synod can do for the local congregation, it is certainly not the only thing. I look forward to exploring ways that the synod can use its gifts and talents to continue to remind us here on the Palouse that we are loved! If you happen to run into synod staff sometime soon, feel free to thank them for their gift and let them know what it means to us!

In the end, as we read in Colossians, it is love “which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” That doesn’t mean that we agree with everything being stated in the regional or national church. It does mean that we inquire with love. It does mean we do it together. I’m grateful for this reminder that we truly are in this together and for the opportunity to grow in relationship with those in the larger church body. What a blessing.

Peace,

Pastor Ian

## **Important Dates:**

★ Church Council Meeting 1/5/22 @ 6:00 pm

★ High School Sunday School every 2nd and 4th Tuesday @ 10:30 am.

★ Confirmation Class 12/19 @ Peace (Youth Shopping Trip)

Lutherhaven Retreat- Weekend of 1/21-23

★ High School (Parent) Mission Trip Fundraising Meeting- 1/9/22 following the annual meeting

★ Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study \* Meets 10:00 a.m.

★ Sunday Evening Video Bible Study \* Meets 6:30 p.m.

★ Peace Stitcher, Tuesday's at 1:00pm

★ Annual Budget Meeting 2022: January 9th, following Worship

★ Pastor Ian will be out the following dates:

December: 21, 26-30



2022 ELCA  
YOUTH GATHERING

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GOD BEYOND MEASURE

Dear Members of Peace,

I write today with some exciting news! The ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, originally scheduled to take place last summer, is a go for the summer of 2022! I am so excited that we are going to be sending five of our very own youth, Karly, MarcheLe, Liam, JP and Jaxon! We will also have a familiar face join our group this year as Kaylynn Misner is going to cross over from Idaho and join the Peace crew. I am also extraordinarily happy that our fearless youth leader Rex and expert planner Jamie Misner have agreed to chaperone the group as they take off on their travels.

I know many of you have experience with the youth gathering either because you attended some version of it yourself, or because you had the privilege of sending your kids along. I have only attended one and I don't think it is an overstatement to say that it has the potential to be the single most faith forming experience that youth encounter in their high school years. Wonderful speakers are the norm, service is always present and excitement and joy are never absent. Upwards of 30,000 youth have the potential to create new relationships, learn about God and move the church forward towards a fuller version of God's mission on earth. I am so excited for them!

As we all know, things like this take quite a bit of money. The goal is always to fundraise as much as possible so that the youth have the chance to go without it being a financial burden. It will also come as no surprise that the last 18 months or so have made fundraising very difficult. Not to mention the fact that we weren't even sure if this event would be cancelled up until last month. For that reason we

come to you now. While we certainly hope to be able to do some team building activities and a couple of smaller fundraisers to help get the youth excited about what is to come, the adult leaders also feel it would be a bit of a stretch to use fundraising as the sole means of raising around \$12,000. To start this effort, I have been asked to write a letter on behalf of the youth and chaperones simply asking you, as members of Peace, if you would prayerfully consider a donation to this once (maybe twice for a couple lucky kids) in a lifetime opportunity. If you do feel called to give in any amount, please make sure that it makes its way to the church in the same way any offering would, but clearly marked with the words "Youth Gathering."

While we normally wouldn't begin our journey by asking this of you all, it seems this is yet another pivot the pandemic has made us make. My professor used to tell us all "The second happiest people on earth are thankful people. Thankful for all that God has given them. The happiest people, however, are generous people, for generous people use what they are thankful for in service to the neighbor." Thank you for being generous.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the church office or me directly.

Peace,  
Pastor Ian

## **Happy Birthday!**

DECEMBER: 1st - Jacob Cocking

2nd - Rebecca Berdal

4th - Brandy Wigen

6th - Sandy Jamison

8th - Calum Larkin

9th - Barbara Henderson

16th - Georgie Leinweber

18th - Marne Maki

Alyssa Oestreich (Teade)

30th - Maximus Phillips

JANUARY: 6th - Mary Cocking

9th - Donna Fisher

12th - Sophie Solimine

16th - Carolyn Wilson

17th - Shirlene Young

28th - Queenie Leinweber

Katie Schmick

31st - Ron Shirley

Eli Smith

**Happy Anniversary!**

DECEMBER:

12th - Tom & Alice Barlass (1964)

20th - Marvin & Marilyn Wigen (1969)

21st - David & Lyndell Repp (1964)

27th - Sten & Judy Larkin (1963)

JANUARY: 18th - Scot & Mary Cocking (1986)

20th - Bob & Lola Gillespie (1979)

27th - Vic & Julie Roberts (1961)



