

*Peace Lutheran Church*

## FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

# Where Everybody is Somebody Because Jesus Christ is Lord!



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## General Announcements

**NW Intermountain Synod Assembly** meeting will be held *virtually* on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Our congregation will need to appoint both voting members as well as a meeting representative. Prayerful consideration over this is appreciated! Please contact Pastor Ian or Scot Cocking for more information.

**Virtual Sunday School** We continue to host Sunday School for the kids in an online format. The curriculum this year includes podcasts, videos, Facebook groups, crafts and children's sermons. All things that can be done at home, whenever you have some spare time. The kids don't have to be physically near Colfax to benefit. If your kids would like to participate, or if you know of others who have kids who may be interested, please contact the church office. Come learn with us!

**“Stories of Faith in Action”** has a brand-new digital platform. The new website features content in a dynamic format, mixing stories with video and visual elements to take you further into the work of Mission Support. Visit now to learn how your offering sustains and enhances ministries that support and lift up God’s people at [LivingLutheran.org/SOFIA](http://LivingLutheran.org/SOFIA).

**Ignite the Church Conference 2021** Meeting under the theme “Adopting a New Reality: Living Into a Fresh Vision for God’s Church,” the 2021 Ignite the Church conference will be a virtual event composed of monthly webinars. This free series will include sessions on hybrid community, creative expressions of church, justice and the common good, and encouragement in the face of fatigue. Monthly webinars will run through April. Learn more and register at [ignitethechurch.net](http://ignitethechurch.net).

**It’s time again for “Mardi Bra”** an opportunity to contribute to enhancing the dignity of women impacted by poverty on the Palouse. Please donate NEW bras, socks, underwear, toiletries and feminine hygiene products in the marked bin at the church. Thank you!

**Church Council** is looking to fill the remaining open positions- Vice President, Education and Evangelism. Please contact Pastor Ian or the church office for more information!

Tired of political divisiveness? Want to find a way to constructively give your opinion and learn from others? Then **join us for a forum on "Political Divisiveness"** on Sunday, February 21st from 4-6pm. Pastor Ian will moderate and we will be guided by the

nonpartisan National Issues Forum Guide "A House Divided." In order for this to work, we need people from all political backgrounds to join. Want to participate? Take a look at the guide posted in Narthex or you can also find it in the weekly worship email. Come to the church masked up and ready to discuss! While the discussion will take place in-person, if you would like to join by Zoom, let Pastor Ian know.

The next **Family Promise Meal** will be March 1. If you are able to provide a portion of the meal, please contact Catherine Olson or the church office!

**Lent midweek services** will be held on Zoom at 7:00 pm.. The first 30 minutes will be a bible study and the last 30 minutes will be the worship service. **Ash Wednesday** (February 17<sup>th</sup>) will be held *in person* and live streamed from Trinity at 7:00 pm. Packets of ashes will be available for anyone who would like them who will not attend in person. Please contact the church office to make arrangements.

**Prayer Chain** If you would like to be added to the prayer chain or if you have anyone who needs to be prayed for, please contact Pastor Ian or the church office.

**Remember in your prayers:** Robin Jones, Dorothy Feldman, Milt Klettke, Queenie Leinweber, Lyndell Repp, Katie Schmick, Tim Silvernale (Mary Cockings Brother), Connie Silvernale (Mary Cocking's sister-in-law), Jim Repp, Jim, Deb and Pam Repp, Mike Hanson, and Sofie Colyar.

## Budget Updates

**December General Offerings: \$24,816.00**

**December Expenses: \$ 4160.00** *approved by council*

### **2020 YEAR END TOTALS**

General Offerings \$ 104,676.00

Expenditures \$ 94,505.00

**January General Offerings: \$10,924.00**

**January Expenses: \$11,549.00** *approved by council*

**If you have not picked up your offering envelopes, please call the office to make arrangements: 397-2121**

## Sunday Attendance

<b>Week 1</b> Jan 3	<b>Week 2</b> Jan 10	<b>Week 3</b> Jan 17	<b>Week 4</b> Jan 24	<b>Week 5</b> Jan 31
7	24	13	25	24

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## Pastor's Message

*Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I have always loved these verses from Hebrews because they are such a stark reminder that we need one another. We cannot do this alone. The Christian faith was not meant to be lived alone. It was not meant to be simply a movement “between me and Jesus,” but rather a movement that changes how we live in community with another. This has become especially clear during this pandemic, when we have had to find different ways of meeting with one another. While I am sure the writer of Hebrews meant meeting together in-person, I am also proud to say we have met together in many different ways this year. While it hasn't been perfect, it has been meaningful. Whether we met on Zoom, outside or socially distanced inside of the building, it is very clear that “meet together” took on a whole different meaning this year than anyone intended.

With community in mind, I wanted to take this chance to invite you to our Lenten series, “Created for Community.” Our midweek services this year will be a series of interactive worship services where we will explore together what it means to worship our God

together as the people of God. We will connect with the text through different mindfulness practices. We will take some time to write, draw and talk during our services so that we might learn more about each other. We will explore nature and our place in it. We will seek out the marginalized and listen to God's calling as we continue new ways of service. It will be meaningful and almost as importantly, I think it will also be fun!

Additionally, we will be meeting before the midweek service each week for 30 minutes to do a quick study of the Gospels. How are they different from one another? How are they the same? How did the authors compose the various books? Who wrote them? How do we know? Each Wednesday we will explore a different Gospel. In the short amount of time, it is only meant as a quick primer, that can conveniently take the place of our normal potluck this year. Hopefully, the potluck can resume next year! However, I am grateful this year for the chance to try something new! Also, if the group decides we need more than 30 minutes, we can discuss meeting even earlier in the evening! We can certainly adjust as needed.

**The Bible study will begin each Wednesday at 7PM starting on February 24th. The service will then begin at 7:30PM. Please feel free to come to one, the other, or both! THESE SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE ON ZOOM, NOT NECESSARILY AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION, BUT RATHER IN THE HOPE THAT MANY OF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN US FOR AN HOUR, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF YOUR HECTIC LIVES.. Zoom links will be sent out the week before.**

On a related note, I invite you to our **in-person** Ash Wednesday service at 7PM, February 17th at Trinity, Endicott. This will be a combined service. There will be no Bible study on this Wednesday. Holy Week plans will be released as Easter nears.

As Hebrews reminds us, we are community. Let's take this Lenten journey of repentance together as we journey towards the Alleluias of Easter. Let's get to know others in new ways and perhaps more difficult, let's invite others to get to know us in new ways as well. Let's learn something new! This last year has taken close physical proximity out of the picture for many of us. It is not fun. However, I'd encourage us to recognize that God does not call us here to be community because we are physically close, but because we are connected to each other through Christ. May these midweek services and our journey

through Lent show us the expansive beauty of togetherness for the sake of Christ. Come and see! It will be good!

Peace, Pastor Ian

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## Birthdays

Marilyn Wigen (3rd)  
Robin Cocking (5th)  
Emma Nelson (10th)  
Pete Wigen (11th)  
Gary Young (14th)  
Brady Cornelius (15th)  
Chandra Maki (17th)  
Catherine Olson (21st)  
Marvin Wigen (25th)  
Judy Larkin (28th)

## Anniversaries

9th Russ & Sandy Jamison (1991)  
11th Don & Barbara Henderson (1995)  
16th Monty & Carolyn Wilson (1985)



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**Is there something you would like to see in the newsletter?**

**Please contact the church office and let us know!**

# February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Confirmation 3:30 PM	3	4	5	6
7 Worship w/ communion 9:00 AM	8	9 Confirmation 3:30 PM	10	11	12	13
14 Worship 9:00 AM	15	16 Confirmation 3:30 PM	17 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM at Trinity	18	19	20
21 Worship w/ communion 9:00 AM	22	23 Confirmation 3:30 PM	24 Lenten Study 7:00 PM via ZOOM Lenten Worship 7:30 PM via ZOOM	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:00 AM	1 March Family Promise Meal					

