

February 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.

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 table by the sanctuary, 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, Brian Crow and Dorothy Feldman.

We also lift up the family and friends of Alica Barlass, who passed away January 4th.

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 December 5	Week 2 December 12	Week 3 December 19	Week 4 December 24	Week 4 December 26
29	19	27	47	7

Week 1 January 2	Week 2 January 9	Week 3 January 16	Week 4 January 23	Week 5 January 30
9	34	16	11	16

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

1 Corinthian 16:13-14

13 Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done in love.

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

February is the month of love! While my feelings are certainly mixed about Valentine's Day, because it essentially seems like a day where companies have convinced us to monetize an extra day of gift giving and eating out each year, my less cynical side will also concede that it is a good reminder to show those around you that you care for them. This could be a newsletter that delved into the different kinds of love that are expressed in the Bible. It could be an article about God's perfect and unconditional love. It could be an article about how we desperately need love and how human relationships, romantic and otherwise, are the best way we know how to spread that love to those around us. But, if you'll remember back to previous newsletter articles as well as my annual report at Trinity recently, I am really curious about how the idea of stories can, in this case, help us love better. That is what I want to hear about!

So I have a question for you! What do you love about Trinity or Peace? What memories do you hold most dear? How comfortable are you sharing those stories with those around you? I am reminded by Paul's words to stand firm and be courageous. It isn't always easy to talk about who or what we love. Sometimes, we may be even a little embarrassed to admit we don't actually know why we love what we love. So, I invite you to make February a time where we ponder these questions together. What have these churches done for you in your life? How can we continue to tell the world about them? How do we let all that we have done be done in love? If you are having trouble articulating answers to these questions, take some time to try and craft a response. See what bubbles up for you!

I do not want this to just be a theoretical exercise. When you have some thoughts gathered, come find me! I want to hear your stories. Give me a call, shoot me a text, find me in my office. I want to know what stories pop into your mind. I want to know what love dwells in these communities and in these churches.

My purpose in asking this is twofold. First, selfishly, I just like stories, especially when they pertain to important things in life like God, church and love. I believe stories connect us at a level that really nothing else can and therefore I believe they are

important to learning about and growing in relationship with one another. Second, though, I hope these stories of love and growth will help us discern together where God may be calling us next. What does God have in store for us? Where is the energy in these congregations? How can our stories help us get there? Whatever the future holds, its foundation will be found in the past. That is why these stories of love and hope matter so much to me, Peace and Trinity.

Stand firm. Be courageous. Let all that you do be done in love and let that love radiate over the Palouse as you share it with others. May this month of love be life-giving to you. May you find comfort in the story.

Peace,

Pastor Ian

Important Dates:

★ Church Council Meeting 2/2/22 @ 6:00 pm

★ Difficult Conversations Group, February 6th, following worship

★ High School Sunday School every 2nd and 4th Sunday @ 10:30 am.
(Resuming February 13th)

★ Confirmation Class- February 27th

(There will be a make-up class on February 13th as well)

★ 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

PLC Treasurer's Summary Report

12/31/2021

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			2021 YTD
Regular Offerings			\$ 108,235
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants			\$ 7,954
Total offerings available for expenses		\$ -	\$ 116,188
Budgeted Expenditures			\$ 108,467
Non-Budgeted Expenditures			\$ 8,202
Total Expenses		\$ -	\$ 116,669
Net Balance		\$ -	\$ (481)

Account Balances			
			31-Dec
Checking			\$ 33,777
Campaign Fund			\$ 65,815
Emergency Fund			\$ 5,049
Foster Kids			\$ 156
Lutheran World Relief			\$ 2,192
Other Benevolence Fund			\$ 460
Peace Stitchers			\$ 245
Youth Fund			\$ 2,861
Other Building Fund			\$ 4,285
Memorial Fund			\$ 13,736
Endowment Fund @ ELCA			\$ 41,183
Total Cash			\$ 169,758

Celebrations this Month!

Happy Birthday!

February

3rd- Marilyn Wigen

5th- Robin Cocking

10th- Emma Nelson

11th- Pete Wigen

Stephanie VanTine

14th- Gary Young

15th- Brady Cornelius

17th- Chandra Maki

21st- Catherine Olson

25th- Marvin Wigen

28th- Judy Larkin

Happy Anniversary!

February:

9th- Russ and Sandy Jamison (1991)

11th- Don and Barbara Henderson (1995)

16th- Monty and Carolyn Wilson (1985)

