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General Announcements

🕒 **Worship will move from 11:00 am to 9:00 am starting on July 7.**

Peace will worship at 9:00 am & Trinity will be at 11:00 am for the remainder of the year.

📖 **Bible Study Summer Schedule:**

June 11 9:30 am

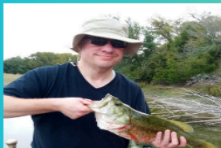
June 25 9:30 am

July 9 9:30 am

July 23 9:30 am

August dates TBD

✈️ **Pastor Ian will be on Vacation July 1-19th.** Pastor Jeannette will be covering in his absence for any needs that should arise, and she will be leading Worship with us on July 7 and 14th. Pastor will be available via email.



Stroll through Ephesians Troy Lutheran July 27 9am-noon

Please join The Rev Dr JT Miller, PhD (**Pastor JT**), for a stroll through the highlights and some challenges within Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. We will explore things we cling to: God's grace, our title as saints, all of these in and through Christ, while also looking with Calvin and others at predestination, notes on "whom to exclude by direct order from our fellowship", and some other things outside Luther's purview. Interesting? You betcha! Time for questions and answers, if we find them in Ephesians... **Rostered and Lay people invited!** Pastor JT is serving Cameron Emmanuel July 20-28.

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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July Birthdays

- 2nd - Scot Cocking
- 4th - Mitch Jamison
- 9th - Marten Larkin
- 13th - Alexis Maki
- 15th - Christina Solimine
- 19th - Kathy Carr
- 21st - Stella McNeilly
- 27th - Julie Roberts
- 30th - Jeff Davies
- 31st - Brian Cornelius

July Anniversaries

29th - Rich & Cathy Landers (1994)

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 June 2	Week 2 June 9	Week 3 June 16	Week 4 June 23	Week 5 June 30
21	17	14	12	19

Pastor's Message

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

–Genesis 1:1-2

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

Like all parents, I have goals not only for the type of people I hope and pray my children become, but also about the kind of parent I would like to be. Actually, someone asked me recently what kind of parent I would like to be and this is what I said, “I have two goals really. The first is that they know and love Jesus. The second is that they know and understand that the world is big. It is full of a lot of different people who think a lot of different things, and look different ways, and speak various languages. That is also good news! We have a lot to learn and experience in God’s creation.” Of course, there are other goals that I’m sure we could all come up with, but on the spot, that’s what popped into my mind.

As you read this, I am living fully into that second goal. The family and I are either just about to head out to, or are already in, Switzerland, visiting my mom’s side of the family, soaking up family dinners, swimming in the pool (Hans’ favorite) or eating a lot of good food (Wren’s favorite). We are extraordinarily blessed to have the chance to do this and it does, quite literally, show the kids that the world is big. People are talking “funny” and there are cows with bells everywhere as well as copious amounts of chocolate and trains zipping along tracks. While trains can also be found in Endicott, it became pretty clear to the kids last time we were there that *these* trains in Switzerland were a bit different. They had comfy seats and could be ridden to exciting activities!

All of this is good. It reminds me again and again how great, wide, and vast God’s creation really is. And, at the same time, I’ve also come to realize that if we are intentional with our thoughts, God’s good creation can be found right in front of us. I hear people in Endicott and Colfax who have different opinions on things all the time. I know people who are farmers, teachers, retired, students, accountants, nurses, custodians, office administrators, and many more. Each vocation has a unique view on the world and offers something different to God’s creation. I’ve met people who have moved from major cities and those who have lived on the Palouse their entire life. I even met a Swiss person at the gym in Colfax!

While I am extraordinarily grateful for the time I get to spend with family, I no longer view it as a necessary component of my second goal. Instead, it is a blessing to be with family and I want to instill that in my kids as well. However, God’s big world, the creation

God formed out of nothing, all of it, is just as present here as it is anywhere else, if we look for it! The world is here, right in front of us, if we pay attention!

So, during your busy summers, look for signs of God's creation. Not only in the fields, but in the people you have the pleasure of meeting along the way of life. How do they enrich your human experience? Where might you be able to see God in them? The world is big. God is calling you to it. Let's see what we can learn about it.

Peace,
Pastor Ian