


June 2024



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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.

June 23rd directly following worship there will be a **special congregational meeting** to discuss the reallocation of campaign funds to cover the cost of a new roof/roof repair. Please stay after worship and join in this important discussion!

We have a congregation member in need of some **volunteers** to help move furniture and other items from their basement. Please speak with Pastor Ian if you can help!!

Thank you to those who attended the annual meeting last month! We wish to thank those who are either ending a term or beginning a council position!

Let's welcome our new members:

Co-Presidents: Scot and Mary Cocking

Secretary: Mary Ann Wigen

Education: Julie Teade

Member at Large: Steve Teade

Thank you to Georgie Leinweber who ends her term as Member at Large and Kristi Nelson who served as council Secretary.

If you are interested in **renting a garden bed at the PLC Community Garden**, please speak with Kristi or call the church office for more information.

Thank you to everyone who safely reported the email "**gift card**" scam to Pastor or Kristi!! Unfortunately, these types of scams can look and feel very legitimate, making it hard to decipher what actions you should or should not take. If an email or call from the church every seems off, please be sure and let one of us know! Better safe than not!

 **Bible Study Summer Schedule:**

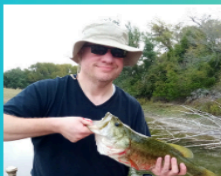
June 11 9:30 am

June 25 9:30 am

July 9 9:30 am

July 23 9:30 am

August dates TBD



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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June Birthdays

18th - Gail Webster
Shirley Cornelius
Ali Shirley
27th - Mason McNeilly

June Anniversaries

4th - Tom & Robin Cocking (1978)
6th - Pastor Ian & Corrin McMichael (2015)
15th - Brian & Shirley Cornelius (1991)
16th - Jon & Peggy Kehne (1973)
19th - Steve & Julie Teade (1982)

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 May 5	Week 2 May 12	Week 3 May 19	Week 4 May 26
18	37	25	12

Pastor's Message

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
—Isaiah 43:19

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

The weather does some funny things around here, but by June, at least most of the time, you can find signs that summer is on the way. The days are significantly longer than they were even in February and the weather continues to warm. If you have kids, you know that means a lot more time spent outside, chasing whatever poor insect the kids see flying around.

During the winter months, it isn't so much like that, is it? I mean, of course you can embrace the cold, the wet, the snow, but even if you do that, by four or five o'clock it is time to head inside. During the winter months, our kids enjoyed watching movies and having hot chocolate on perhaps too regular of a basis. But one movie that they watched, that I really enjoyed watching with them, was *Encanto*. Most of all I appreciated the music. For some reason, it stuck with me! There is a song in there about two caterpillars that are terrified at becoming butterflies, originally sung in Spanish but now you can find the English version of it anywhere. In part, the lyrics say this:

Ay, oruguitas (caterpillars)
Don't you hold on too tight
Both of you know
It's your time to grow
To fall apart, to reunite
Wonders await you
Just on the other side
Trust they'll be there
And start to prepare
The way for tomorrow

It was this song that prepared me for warmer weather every time I heard it, not only because we were talking about caterpillars and butterflies, but because it talked about change. It reminded me of gardens, flowers, mowing lawns, and water fights. By the end of the song the caterpillars have finally let go and let nature take its course:

Ay, mariposas (butterflies)
Don't you hold on too tight
Both of you know
It's your time to go
To fly apart, to reunite
Wonders surround you
Just let the walls come down
Don't look behind you
Fly till you find
Your way toward tomorrow

It's scary to change. The song seemingly avoids the part about the caterpillars becoming a sort of ooze in the cocoon. It only references "rearranging." But think about that, to change, a caterpillar quite literally needs to become an ooze of almost nothing, in order to reform, to transform, into something greater. But for that to happen, the caterpillar needs to let go, to let it happen.

The Bible tells us that God does new things, too. Not only that, but when God does do a new thing, God will make a way when it seems like there is no way. When we can't quite trust, when we don't know where we are going, when we can't quite "let go," it is God who is there promising goodness on the other side, and promising that we will never be abandoned while we get there.

So this season, live into your butterfly nature! Transform! Trust that God is with you, doing a new thing, that change is scary but it can be good! Soon enough you'll be flying toward tomorrow and "letting those walls come down!"

Peace,
Pastor Ian

