

June 2022



PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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General Announcements

The **Peace community garden beds available to rent for the season.** Cost is \$30-\$40 per bed. If interested, please contact the office, or Kent Miller with any questions.

The next **Family Promise meal** will be **July 3rd**. Please let Mary Cocking know if you can help with this meal!

Sunday, **July 10**, we will have a joint **10:00 am service at Trinity**, followed by a potluck.

Beginning Sunday, **July 17**, worship will be at **9:00 am** for the remainder of the year.

Pastor Ian will be gone the following dates: June 15-16–Seattle, July 17-23–Minneapolis, July 26-August 10-Europe

You may reach Pastor via email, or you can leave a voicemail at the office for him. Pastor Jeannette Solimine will be covering in his absence.

Your **child care team** is hard at work looking at the various aspects of what it would mean to use our basement to provide child care for the community. Specifically, the last couple of weeks we have looked more deeply at non-profit status (does it make sense to file under Peace's 501(c)3 or create a whole new one?), gotten a grant writer on board through the Partners for Rural Washington, updated our business plan, continued work on cash flow projections, gotten estimates on employee insurance and liability insurance for the center itself, met with partners one-on-one and in larger meetings, hosted a community luncheon to "launch" our idea into the community and continued to eagerly await the results of the feasibility study. We look forward to presenting our findings soon and encourage you to reach out and ask questions in the meantime. Soon enough, some big (and exciting!) decisions will need to be made!

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

June Birthdays

18th - Gail Webster

20th - Bob Bafus

Shirley Cornelius

Ali Shirley

27th - Mason McNeilly

Joann Wood



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)

Pastor's Message

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Pentecost is upon us! This is one of the few Sundays throughout the year where we break out the red paraments in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate what is to come! This year, Pentecost falls on June 5th and while it is a hard sell to bring Pentecost up to the level of importance of Christmas or Easter, it is also hard to undersell the importance that the coming of the Spirit played in the life of a small, confused Christian community left to figure out how they might move forward. We celebrate this day, often, by confirming confirmands, as they profess their faith to us and we profess that we invite and accept them into the community to which Christ has called us all. While we don't have any confirmands at the end of the cycle this year, we will next year! How exciting! What I am struck by this year, however, is the question that all of those who were "amazed and perplexed" raise. Namely this, "What does this mean?" What does

any of this mean? If you were a part of Trinity's Adult Confirmation class, are in Confirmation class right now, read your Catechism daily or simply remember way back when you went through it all, you also know that this is the question upon which Luther bases much of his Small Catechism. What does this mean? That's the exciting part, in my mind, of Pentecost this year! It really is a question worth raising at all times of year, in all phases of life. It is a question that invites the hearer to see what God is doing, vulnerable to admit that we really don't know sometimes and also be given the opportunity to be a part of it! So, what is God doing in your life right now? What does it mean for you? For the community? For the world? What is God doing in the life of this community right now? What does it mean for you and for the world? What does all of this really mean?

We are not a people who are "drunk on new wine," but rather a people called by God to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. This is often a lot of work. It is often time consuming. It is often anxiety producing as we continue to wonder what might be next and how God might be leading us there. However, God also assures us that it will be worth it. God sends the Holy Spirit to walk with us and be our advocate. Let us remember that this Pentecost season. With joy let us walk forward together, constantly asking the question "What does this mean?" May God give us the confidence to know that, because of the Holy Spirit, all things have the power to work together for the good of Christ. God is present within us. What a gift!

Peace,
Pastor Ian

A Special Message to the Congregation

“It was Easter Sunday”

I went to church filled with the joy of this special day, remembering the reason why we celebrate this day. The Youth of our church along with their parents had decorated our fellowship room. It was bright and beautiful, fit for the occasion. They also prepared a delicious breakfast for all of us. The room was filled with families eating together, all having a great time visiting with friends we hadn't seen for awhile. After breakfast, we gathered for worship. The message was uplifting, the singing and music were great. I went home filled with so much hope.

Then, the next Sunday I went to church hoping for a full church. Well, the few that were there didn't make much noise, so singing was not too joyous. There were no families there. I'm sorry you missed it. The message was meaningful and hopeful, as usual.

Pastor Ian has done a terrific job keeping us grounded and holding our church together these past two years with the help of God. Can you imagine what that's been like for him? But I have never heard a complaint. He has been so optimistic, hopeful and reassuring. The Holy Spirit was surely at work.

Let's show our faith by turning over a “new leaf”. It's Spring, Christ has risen! Let's fill the church and sing loud, great friends, and work together!

“God's Work, Our Hands”

Mission Statement:

Saved by grace through faith, we welcome all people to celebrate together God's love through worship, teaching and service.

Hope to see you next Sunday,
Queenie Leinweber

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 May 1	Week 2 May 8	Week 3 May 15	Week 4 May 22	Week 5 May 29
32	24	25	25	23

<i>PLC Treasurer's Summary Report</i>			
6/1/2022			
			2022 YTD
Regular Offerings			\$ 38,672
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants			
Total offerings available for expenses		\$ -	\$ 38,672
Budgeted Expenditures			\$ 52,695
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds			\$ (269)
Total Expenses		\$ -	\$ 52,426
Net Balance		\$ -	\$ (13,754)

Account Balances			
			30-Apr
Checking			\$ 22,412
Campaign Fund			\$ 65,815
Emergency Fund			\$ 5,049
Foster Kids			\$ 156
Lutheran World Relief			\$ 2,689
Other Benevolence Fund			\$ 460
Peace Stitches			\$ 295
Youth Fund			\$ 2,881
Other Building Fund			\$ 4,285
Memorial Fund			\$ 17,102
Endowment Fund @ ELCA			\$ 41,261
Total Cash			\$ 162,404

