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General Announcements

We are looking for a Choir Director! If you feel called to serve in this role or know of someone who would, please talk with Pastor Ian.

We have several members of the congregation who are homebound or who would simply enjoy outreach from within the church. If you would like to be added to the list to assist with visits, please let Pastor Ian or the office know!

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, Katie Schmick, Tim Silvernale, Jim Repp, Ed Collison, Mike Hanson, Linda Mickelson, Joann Wood and Brian Crow.

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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Pastor's Message

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Dear People of Peace and Trinity,

The words of Jeremiah 29:11 have brought countless people comfort in the midst of unknown circumstances and hard life decisions. Maybe you are one of those people. I know I sure I am. I am also, as you know, a planner. I like to know what's coming next and, ideally, I'd like to be in charge of planning that thing. We all know, though, that planning anything has become much more difficult the last two years. Even as the way we look at COVID begins to shift, it is still difficult to tell what the best course of action is. As I write this at the beginning of February, I am hopeful, but not certain, that we are coming down from our major peak of Omicron here in Whitman County. In these circumstances especially, I am glad the Lord has a plan, because mine seem to change by the hour.

It is in this context that I attempted to plan our Lenten gatherings this year. The schedule is likely elsewhere in this newsletter, so I'll invite you to look there for the details. I do want to lift up our Ash Wednesday service at Peace on March 2nd at 7PM. During Holy Week our Maundy Thursday service will also be at Peace at 7PM and Good Friday will take place at Trinity at the same time.

For our midweek services, we will be meeting for soup supper at 6PM and then diving into the Lenten devotional resource put out by ELCA World Hunger at 7PM. This resource follows the lectionary readings, lifts up stories of hope and gives prompts to begin fruitful discussion among the participants. I'll have copies of everything at the church, so all you need to bring is yourself and a willingness to discuss the day's topic. I've scheduled an hour for this engagement, but depending on how discussion goes, it could be less. All that to say, come for soup, discussion, part of one or both! The options are endless. We would just love to see you there! If you have any questions, or would like to see our Lenten resource before our midweek services begin, let me know! Also, although we do not currently have the

technology to do hybrid meetings perfectly, if you would like a Zoom link and to join in virtually, I'd be happy to send it your way.

As we continue to move and shift together, may we find comfort instead of anxiety in the fact that we are not the ones meant to make the plans. It is God who plans and who has planned good for our lives. That speaks just as much to our Lenten plans as anything else in our lives. It is at least slightly different than we have done before. It will also be good. As we enter into this season of Lent may we all enter this season ready to repent, explore and see how God is acting and moving in our lives. I hope we can, at least partially, do that together as we meet on Wednesday nights. See you there!

Peace,

Pastor Ian



Dear people of the Northwest Intermountain Synod,

The days in this part of the world are getting longer. That can only mean we are moving towards spring, and with that comes the Northwest Intermountain Synod's 2022 Regional Gatherings. Three one day events spread across our Synod territory. We look forward to welcoming Linda Staats as our facilitator for each gathering. Linda's specialty is cross-generational ministry and interactive workshops. You can learn more about Linda [here](#). Our time together will be framed by Acts 16:6-15. In this passage, we join Paul and his companions as they strive to listen to where the Holy Spirit might be leading them, act with courage to follow, and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others. Ministry now, like then, requires similar practices and courage.

Ministry sites from across the Northwest Intermountain Synod are encouraged to bring as many people as possible to these gatherings. The cost will be \$300/congregation, plus \$10 for each additional individual.* Lunch is included with registration. It is suggested you send a group including "golden age" participants in their retirement, wage earning participants in mid-life, young adults just starting out, and youth of any age. The workshop is very interactive, so even the youngest participant's attention will be held. Working together you learn from and about each other. We are also working with Luther Heights Bible Camp

and Camp Lutherhaven to provide some programming for school-aged youth. We plan to have child-care available for those with younger kids.

There are some important updates to note, so please read carefully.

- We are still planning to gather in person for these events.
- The following COVID protocol measures are being taken in order to reduce and manage the risk around COVID to the best of our ability:
 - o Our April 30, 2022, gathering in the Palouse region will be held at the University Inn, Moscow, ID
 - o Our May 14, 2022, gathering in south-central Idaho will be held at the Best Western Hotel and Convention Center, Burley, ID
 - o Our May 21, 2022, in central Washington gathering will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Moses Lake, WA
 - o [COVID protocols](#) will be in place at each gathering.
- Contingency plans are being made should the state of the pandemic force us to gather remotely.
- We are postponing registration until March 15. We anticipate making the call before that point of whether we will be gathering in person or via remote means. With this later registration date, it is very important that congregations and participants register in a timely manner.
- If we gather remotely, information about those gatherings will be distributed in mid-March.

Even in the midst of all the uncertainties, we are looking forward to gathering with you this spring. May God bless you.

Pastor Phil Misner

Important Dates:

Church Council Meeting 3/8/22 at 6:00 pm

Difficult Conversations Group, March 6th, following worship

High School Sunday School every 2nd and 4th Sunday @ 10:30 am.

Confirmation Class- March 20th

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study * Meets 10:00 a.m., contact Mary Cocking for details

Peace Stitcher, Tuesday's at 1:00pm

Lent Schedule:

March 2	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Peace
March 9	6:00 pm	Soup and Bread Supper	Peace
	7:00 pm	Lent Worship	Peace
March 16	6:00 pm	Soup and Bread Supper	Peace
	7:00 pm	Lent Worship	Peace
March 23	6:00 pm	Soup and Bread Supper	Trinity
	7:00 pm	Lent Worship	Trinity
March 30	6:00 pm	Soup and Bread Supper	Trinity
	7:00 pm	Lent Worship	Trinity
April 6	6:00 pm	Soup and Bread Supper	Trinity
	7:00 pm	Lent Worship	Trinity

April 14	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Peace
April 15	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service	Trinity
April 17	9:00 am	Easter Service	Trinity
	11:00 am	Easter Service	Peace

Happy Birthday!

MARCH:

2nd - Marlee Conklin

8th - MarcheLe McNeilly

10th - Julie Kincaid

14th - Ethan Smith

17th - Alison Larkin

25th - Russ Jamison

26th - Gabe Cocking

28th- Corrin McMichael

Happy Anniversary!

MARCH: 21st - Kent & Diane Miller (1992)

28th - Jody & Krista Boyd (1987)

