

May 2023



PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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General Announcements

Sunday, May 14, Pastor Ian will be Confirming the following Youth during Worship: Gage Aune (Selbu Lutheran), Stella McNeilly, Emma Nelson, and Warren Repp. Please join us in celebrating their Affirmation of Faith! We will honor them with a short reception following worship.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 14th, following worship and confirmation fellowship. We will be electing new council officers and discussing the business of the church. Come and be part of what is happening!

Highway Litter Pick-Up Saturday, May 13, will be our Spring Highway litter pick up. We hope to get started around 9:00 am.. Rex Rutledge is the contact. Many hands make light work!!

Beginning Sunday, May 21, we will be starting a new liturgy known as *Trinity Mass*. Since this is the first time we will be using it at Peace, we will all be learning it together! Our fearless pianist, Kate, is very familiar with it though, and has offered to do an introductory run through of it on Sunday, May 14, following worship! Fun fact: Kate has already been playing some of the pieces of the liturgy for us before and after worship so you may even recognize it!

Offerings

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

May Birthdays

2nd - Steve Teade

Jill Whelchel

17th - Karly Wigen

18th- Liam Nelson

20th - Vic Roberts

24th - Milt Klettke

29th - Peggy Kehne

31st - Timothy Cornelius

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 April 2	Week 2 April 9	Week 3 April 16	Week 4 April 23	Week 5 April 30
26	86	12	20	8

PLC Treasurer's Summary Report
5/1/2023

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	YTD
Regular Offerings	\$ 36,508
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants	\$ -
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Total offerings available for expenses	\$ 36,508
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 45,246
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds	\$ -
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Total Expenses	\$ 45,246
Net Balance	\$ (-8,738)

Pastor's Message

Romans 12:4-8

For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Dear People of Peace and Trinity,

The United States is an extremely individualized culture. This can be seen in just about every area of life. Right now, I'm thinking of the fashion industry. Between brand names, colors and seasonal attire, comfort is not always so much the goal. Rather, it is how one is able to stand out and be different that remains paramount. Social media plays a large role in this perpetuation of the individual. It is the influencer on social media who will tell us how to stand out from the crowd based on what we eat, how we look, what we wear and the hobbies in which we choose to partake.

If you aren't already convinced, look at the advertising we are exposed to on a daily basis. There are make-up companies telling us that "we are worth it!" and that buying their new kit is a *need*. There are food brands telling us that we *deserve* their overpriced food and clothing lines that continue to tell us that we are worth the splurge. Human life is about the accumulation of things, and not only that, but things that we tell ourselves that we *deserve*.

As you can probably imagine, Jesus posits a different way. Jesus advocated for a community, and this community is expressed aptly by Paul in his letter to the Romans. It is not about the accumulation of things, or even about the individual's ability to stand out from the crowd, but about our need for one another and the varied gifts that others bring to the table. We might be different from each other, but those differences come together to create the whole body of Christ. We need others, as much as our culture continues to tell us that we can do it on our own.

The church is a counter-cultural place. We sometimes forget that because the Christian life has become a part of the culture in which we live. But at its best, the church is a place that looks different, because it advocates for the inclusion of all into the one body of Christ.

So today, I'm going to invite you to contemplate your own gifts. We need those gifts. Whether it is singing, reading, assisting, ushering, community engagement, partnerships, creativity, education, fellowship, praying or whatever else you can think of, the body of Christ is not complete without your specific gifts. Your gifts are what help others in this congregation feel the love and hope of Christ. The church is a better, more worshipful place, when everyone's gifts are recognized and received. Think about it! If you have any interest in taking on something new, or starting a program or class that God has laid on your heart, I would love to talk to you about it! We are a community engaged in doing life together. We are a missional church. We are glad you are here and I'm excited to see how we can use the gifts of all to the glory of God.

Peace,

Pastor Ian

