

May 2024



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## General Announcements

Come Join Us For

# “A Blooming Good Time”

Let us help you spruce up for Spring!  
We have SO many plant starts, e.g. zinnias, petunias,  
and geraniums, that you may replant in your favorite  
pots, or choose one of ours.

Please no pots larger than 12”

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**Sunday, 12 May 2024 ~ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

**Peace Lutheran Church Parking Lot ~ 309 North Lake Street**

### Future Fun Activities to Watch for at Peace

\*Summer Movie(s) in the Parking Lot

\*5-Minute Artisan Bread Making Class (June?)

\*Trunk or Treat in October

[Looking ahead, we have many things happening here at Peace! Here are some dates to note:](#)

**Sunday May 12th-** We will be honoring our two graduating **high school seniors**, JP Wigen and Jaxon Wick. There will be refreshments following Worship.

**Monday, May 13th- PAC meeting at 10:00 am.** Come and be part of new outreach for the community and for our church! All are welcome!

**Saturday, May 18- Spring Highway Litter Pick-up** in the morning. Weather Permitting. Please speak to Rex if you can help!

**Sunday, May 19th- Annual Meeting.** We will be electing new council officers.

**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](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*

<b>Week 1</b> April 7	<b>Week 2</b> April 14	<b>Week 3</b> April 21	<b>Week 4</b> April 28
30	24	16	29

**PLC Treasurer's Summary Report**  
**4/30/2024**

PLC Treasurer's Summary Report	2024
	YTD
Regular Offerings	\$ 37,952
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants	\$ -
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Total offerings available for expenses	\$ 37,952
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 42,690
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds	\$ -
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Total Expenses	\$ 42,690
Net Balance	\$ (4,739)

## Pastor's Message

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.--Matthew 6:19-21

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

I do not like not being good at things! I can't be alone in this! Growing up I remember that my parents would have to convince me not to stop playing the video game I just bought myself because, (surprise, surprise!) I was not an expert at it within the first five minutes! The most extreme example of this that I can think of is the good game of tennis! Spoiler alert! I now love tennis! However, it has got to be one of the worst games to play when you aren't very good at it. Another ball goes into the net. And another. And another. If you're lucky, you've planned for this and you have a hopper of tennis balls sitting right next to you. If you didn't plan, and as a beginner I sure hadn't, all of these balls straight

into the net (or over the fence!) meant that I was chasing tennis balls all over the court. I often, at the beginning, spent more time doing that than actually playing.

Now, I am still by no means an expert. My high school coach even lovingly nicknamed me “Legend of the Falls” because I would trip over myself more often than not, somehow finding a way to scrap my knees every match. But, I did get better. My best friend and I would spend hours on the court every weekend. I had a good coach. My dad liked to play. It was a fun way to spend sunny afternoons in windy Hermiston. That’s what happens when you don’t quit. You almost always get better!

Now, up until recently, I hadn’t really connected this philosophy to anything but sports, school, work, etc. But a book we recently read at Trinity, *Giving to God: The Bible’s Good News About Living a Generous Life* by Mark Allan Powell, has me thinking that it can apply to a whole lot more. In other words, if you think you aren’t very good at financial giving right now, what would it mean to give like you were good at it? What would it mean to give in the hopes of becoming good at it? Instead of just quitting! Of course, this can apply to a whole host of other things as well. What would it mean to engage the church in a ministry you are excited about? Never signed up to help in worship? What would it mean if you did? Never signed up for fellowship? What would it mean if you did? Essentially, we are called in this way to exercise our muscles in a way that will make us good at whatever it is! Tennis, giving, participating, singing. We do it until we are good at it, because that’s the only way to get good at it! Funny how that works.

If we connect this to the passage above, I think it is pretty clear that we treasure the things in which we invest time, talents, and treasure. If we don’t think we are investing enough of these things in the church, maybe it’s time to ask what it would look like if we did? Maybe we want to give 10% of our income but to do so now would be unwise. Instead of quitting like young Ian playing a video game, what process would help us practice the muscles? 1%? 2%? Maybe you are interested in the work of the church but don’t have ten hours a month to invest like you’d like. Well, what about one? Or two? Or finding a way to contribute ten minutes at a time?

If we don’t practice the muscles, we can hardly count it as a treasure in our lives. That being said, I’m grateful for all of you that make both Trinity and Peace run because you have practiced your generosity muscles. Yes, financial giving is part of that. However, I’m also grateful for those who sign up to read and assist, those who take an interest in what happens during worship, those who make soup, lead fellowship, step up and lead studies, those who write cards, and those who make visits. That’s the sign of a generous heart. That’s treasure. As we head into the latter part of this year, I’d still invite you to consider how to build up the generosity muscle even more. My tennis career ended well short of the pros! However, our generosity muscles can certainly continue to grow to the professional level!

Thanks for all you do to make both Peace and Trinity wonderful places to worship. I’m grateful for your generosity. I’m grateful for you!

Peace,  
Pastor Ian

