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PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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General Announcements

Mark your calendar! The **Annual Meeting** will be held **Sunday May 22nd**, following 11:00 am Worship

The **Peace Lutheran Community Garden** will have a work party, Saturday **May 7th**, from 9:00-11:00 am. Let's roll up our sleeves to help get this space ready to rent beds for the season. Please contact Kent or Diane Miller with any questions!

Additionally, the has **garden beds available to rent for the season**. Cost is \$30-\$40 per bed. If interested, please contact the office.

Special invitation to Difficult Conversations! Our group has been working our way through the ELCA Social Statement on Criminal Justice! Our final session of this study is on **June 5th** after worship. During our previous session we brainstormed ways that we, as Peace Lutheran, could become more involved in this broken system. We thought of assets that we possess as a congregation that would help us in this endeavor. We thought of those ways that we are already involved and how we might do them better! Whether it is at the schools, in the jail or offering support in our own space, we know we can do more! Are you called to join this effort? Do you have ideas? Even if you have never joined Difficult Conversations before, please do so for this important meeting! We would love to find avenues of passion and see where the Spirit may be leading us. Questions? Talk to Pastor Ian. Hope to see you there!

Confirmation: The last class for this school year will be Sunday May 15th at Trinity.

Thank you to Georgie Leinweber and Mary Ann Wigen for sprucing up some areas of the church with new floral arrangements as well as new altar flowers.

Scot and Mary Cocking have welcomed a new grandson! Atlas Storm Wilson Cocking was born on April 4th to Colby and Chelsey Cocking. The baby weighed 9 pounds and joins big brother, Jacob.

Kathy Carr has a new granddaughter! Hazel Louise was born to Mallory and Jason on April 30th. The new baby girl weighed 6lbs, 12 oz and is 19.75 inches long. She is the couple's first child.

As promised, we have **updates to share on the Child Care project!** The group of community and church members that have been meeting regularly have dubbed themselves the "Colfax Child Care Development Team". Currently, we have partnerships from the County, Chamber, SEWEDA, and Community Child Care (Pullman and Colfax ECEAP programs). The members of the church attending these discussions are Pastor Ian, Georgie Leinweber, Adrienn McNeilly, Kristi Nelson, Jill Whelchel, and Erik Wick.

PLC, along with the Chamber of Commerce and Community Child Care (ECEAP), as part of the CCCDT, plan to host an informative luncheon May 24th for select community partners. The intent of the lunch is to generate awareness and interest around this project. We will have two seats available for members of Peace! If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Ian or Kristi know, as soon as possible, to reserve your seat!

Additionally, we have received a grant from the Department of Commerce to hire an architect to do a feasibility study on our lower level with the hopes of housing a child care center in that space. The architect came to meet with a small group of us in mid-April, and will have a report to us by the beginning of July. We look forward to receiving, and sharing, those results! **If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Ian, Erik Wick or Kristi.**

The NWIM Synod Regional Gathering was held on April 30th. 93 people from 28 ministry sites (25 congregations, 2 campus ministries, and one outdoor ministry), spanning 6 generations and including 9 decades (the age span ran from 9 to 86!) came together for fun, fellowship, worship, and learning as we wondered what kind of journey God is calling us on together.

We will switch service times with Trinity starting Sunday, July 10th, with Peace's worship time moving to 9:00 am.

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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May Birthdays

2nd-Jill Whelchel

Steve Teade

17th - Karly Wigen

18th- Liam Nelson

20th - Vic Roberts

24th - Milt Klettke

26th- Sten Larkin

29th - Peggy Kehne

31st - Timothy Cornelius



Pastor's Message

Luke 24:1-5

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! I want to do nothing more in this newsletter column than simply thank all of you for a wonderful Easter celebration. As I look back, this was the first "normal" Easter that we have had together, which is just wild to think about! I still remember back in 2019, what seems like ages ago, as I waited week after week, seeing the COVID pandemic take hold around the country and perhaps knowing deep down that Easter would not be normal that year, but still not wanting to move everything online for such a grand celebration until I absolutely had to. The next couple of years looked more normal, but still a far cry from Easter brunches and Easter egg hunts. This year, you all made it happen!

I write simply to say thank you to those who pulled extra duty during Holy week and all throughout Lent. A special thanks to Barbara and Kristi, the office admins at Trinity and Peace, who dealt with my ever random emails as a new thought popped into my head during this Lenten season and for the extra bulletin duty during Holy Week. Thanks to those who brought food for Easter breakfast, who planned it in the first place, those who stuffed the eggs for the Easter egg hunt, those who hid the eggs and those who came and attended the hunt. I'm grateful to the altar guild who pulled extra duty leading up to Easter and filled communion

cups for the big day, making sure everything was in just the right place so that chances that I would mess it up were minimal!

Of course, had none of that happened, the tomb would still be empty. Jesus would still be risen. We would still be named and claimed as beloved children of God. We do nothing to earn the love of God, least of all see how much chocolate we can stuff into a plastic egg! And yet! And yet, it was a beautiful sight to see on Easter. People worshipping and eating, cooking and cleaning, visiting and inviting. It was, in my mind, a true sign of the Holy Spirit come to dwell among us! Easter is about the empty tomb of course, but part of the reason the empty tomb matters so deeply is because it is God's call to community. That community was on full display this last month and for that I am grateful.

“Why do you look for the living among the dead?” Jesus is alive! Trinity and Peace are alive with the Spirit of God! It is days like Easter that sustain us through what have been trying times and remind me what church is all about: Love, hope, joy, community, togetherness and a living God who claims us through no merit of our own. Let us continue to live into the promise of a God who has given us life. May we continue to use that life for the sake of the world. Thanks for being on the journey with me! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Peace,
Pastor Ian

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 April 3	Week 2 April 10	Week 3 April 17	Week 4 April 24
41	27	106	15

Treasurers Summary				2022 YTD
Regular Offerings				\$ 30,941
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants				
Total offerings available for expenses			\$ -	\$ 30,941
Budgeted Expenditures				\$ 41,192
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds				\$ (371)
Total Expenses			\$ -	\$ 40,821
Net Balance			\$ -	\$ (9,879)
Account Balances				
				30-Apr
Checking				\$ 25,906

Campaign Fund			\$ 65,815
Emergency Fund			\$ 5,049
Foster Kids			\$ 156
Lutheran World Relief			\$ 2,644
Other Benevolence Fund			\$ 460
Peace Stickers			\$ 295
Youth Fund			\$ 2,881
Other Building Fund			\$ 4,285
Memorial Fund			\$ 17,102
Endowment Fund @ ELCA			\$ 41,247
Total Cash			\$ 165,840

