

October 2021 NEWSLETTER



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General Announcements

We are partnering with **Meals on Wheels** during the month of **October**! A sign-up sheet is available on the table as you enter the narthex. You may also contact Catherine Olson or the church office to sign up, or if you have any questions!

Come join our **difficult conversation class**! The next meeting will be **Sunday October 10th** following the worship service. We will be talking about partisan politics, divided churches and a Christian response to Critical Race Theory. Come ready to learn, engage and ask questions! Hope to see you there!

There will be a **work party Sunday October 17th** following the service to clean up around the exterior of the church (shrubs, weeds, etc) before the weather turns. Let's work together to keep our building looking its best! A light lunch will be provided following worship. Yard tools are needed, so please bring your gloves, trimmers, clippers, etc.. Many hands make light work!

Mary Cocking will be offering an **adult and young adult bible study** on **Sunday mornings at 10:00 at Peace starting October 10**. We will begin this season with the topic "Clarifying the Bible", which is a study to help understand life's most essential book by learning what's in the bible and how it fits together, from Genesis all the way to Revelations. Let's address the problem of bible illiteracy together!

Mary is also starting a **Sunday evenings video bible study** called *What Does It Mean to be Chosen?* using the groundbreaking television series "The Chosen" about the life of Jesus. Each session will start with an episode which begins when Jesus' ministry begins as a young man. This will be a great study for tweens, young adults and older. Please come join us to study the Old and New Testaments in a fresh new way! This will begin **Sunday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.**

We need volunteers to help with the next **Family Promise Meal, October 28th**. Please contact Mary Cocking for more details!

Remember in your Prayers

Milt Klettke, Queenie Leinweber, Lyndell Repp, Katie Schmick, Tim Silvernale, Jim, Repp, Ed Collison, Mike Hanson, Linda Mickelson, Joann Wood, John Aune and Jane Aune.

Sunday Attendance

| Week 1 September 5 | Week 2 September 12 | Week 3 September 19 | Week 4 September 26 |
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| 14 | 19 | 18 | 12 (@ Trinity) |

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 office in the mailbox at church or mail it to:
309 N Lake Street, Colfax, WA 99111

PLC Treasurer's Summary Report

8/31/2021

| | Last Month | This Month | | 2021 YTD |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Regular Offerings | \$ 6,136 | \$ 12,867 | | \$ 69,797 |
| Designated Offerings | \$ - | \$ - | | \$ 150 |
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| Budgeted Expenditures | \$ 5,249 | \$ 9,628 | | \$ 73,912 |
| Non-Budgeted Expenditures | \$ 306 | \$ 157 | | \$ 7,712 |
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| Net Balance | \$ 582 | \$ 3,083 | \$ - | \$ (11,677) |
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Pastor's Message

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

51 Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die,[m] but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

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“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved,[n] be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Dear Good People of Peace and Trinity,

As many of you know, Peace has begun the process of hiring a Faith Formation Director. If you've seen the job description, you know we are asking this person to do way more than is possible in their allotted fifteen hours a week. We are looking for someone who is able to manage and direct our Sunday School program, someone who can connect with the Confirmation and high school age youth, someone who can plan unique worship experiences, organize small groups and even plan an adult retreat or two. While we know this person cannot do all that we ask, we are excited to see what their passions might be, let them loose, and fill in the gaps as we need to. It is an exciting time to be the Church!

That being said, we have been in the initial stage of advertising the job description for a long time now! It is hard to find the right fit! We've advertised online, reached out to ministry partners, interviewed surprise candidates and still we wait for the Spirit's movement. I have mentioned this during announcements before at Peace, but we need your help! If you know of someone who might be a good fit in this role, send them our way. Talk to me! Even if you aren't quite sure it will work,

I'd encourage you to plant the seed and see if it will grow! If you have any questions, please come to talk to me.

Trinity, if you have read this far and are thinking, "why is this letter part of our newsletter?" I don't blame you! But it is here for a reason! This Faith Formation Director position and the beginning of another school year is an invitation to think about the future of ministry in Colfax *and* in Endicott. We don't need to fill a position to continue to ask the big questions. Where is God calling us to? What might God be calling us to that is new this year? How can we co-create with God to make the world more whole? What is that idea in the back of your head that you've been hesitant to try up until now? Could it work? How will we know if we don't try? These questions are not just for Faith Formation Directors of Pastors, but for all of us as the people of God!

The text I've chosen above is one you may all be very familiar with, especially if you frequent a fair amount of funerals. This is often a text you will hear. The meaning, however, extends into life as much as into death. You see, I often find the foundational fear of something new, whatever that something is, is death.

Essentially, what happens if this new thing doesn't work? When we have done something a particular way for so long, it creates fear that changing it may very well bring about death. I'd encourage you to think about this problem differently though. While death is not necessarily good, it also does not have the last word. We will all be raised! Death is swallowed up in victory! When we try new things, when we follow the Spirit's lead, when we create anew, it *could* lead to death; of one thing, of many things, of traditions we hold dear. It is possible. But if it does lead to death, we can be certain that life is waiting just on the other side. Jesus promises us life. Jesus promises us resurrection, and if there is a resurrection that means death must come first.

So Faith Formation Director or not, let's see where God leads us today. When you get frustrated or inquisitive as to why there isn't this program or that program at the church, maybe that is God's push to have you pick it up and lead it? Who knows. The only way to know is to give it a go. So this month, and even this year as things still look as uncertain as ever, give it a go! Know that life is on the other side. Know that God promises good for God's people. Know that the resurrection, the ultimate good, does not come without death. And whatever you do, don't let the fear of death stop you from hearing God's call in your life.

Thanks for being part of the greater Church with me! I can't wait to see where God calls us together.

Peace, Pastor Ian



October Birthdays and Anniversaries!

4th- Jennifer Gillespie

5th- Diane Miller

13th- Nick Cocking

14th- Rich Landers

15th- Tom Cocking

19th- Nathan cocking

20th- Kiah Miller

23rd- Amber (Boyd) Sellars

24th- Arlene Haatley

25th- Megan (Teade) Moos

30th- David Repp Jr.

13th- Grayson and Heidi (Jamison) Parr (2018)

20th- Charles and Carol Krahenbuhl (1973)

28th- Wayne and Christine Henning (1972)

Important Dates:

Church Council Meeting 10/13

High School Sunday School 10/17

Confirmation Class (12:00-2:30) 10/17

Work Party for the exterior of the church 10/17

Family Promise Meal 10/28

Confirmation Sunday 10/31

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study * Meets 10:00 a.m.

(beginning October 10th)

Sunday Evening Video Bible Study * Meets 6:30 p.m.

(beginning October 17th)

