

October 2022



PEACE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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## General Announcements

There will be a graveside service for Sten Larkin on October 15th at 11AM at the Colfax Cemetery. There will be a reception following at Peace Lutheran. Come celebrate Sten's life and God's promise of eternal life!

During the month of October, we will be delivering for Meals on Wheels! There is a sign up sheet at the entrance of the sanctuary, or you can sign up via the google doc in your email, or speak with Catherine!

We have a number of meaningful ways you can actively serve within the church!  
Current needs are-

- Education Chair
- Highway Litter Pick-Up Coordinator
- Lutheran Campus Ministry (WSU) board member.

If you feel called to serve in one of these ministries, or simply have an interest or questions about any of these roles, please reach out to Pastor Ian!

Play & Learn Childcare Center continues its march toward reality! I'm so grateful to our church committee, staff and council who have put in countless hours pouring over regulations and making multiple phone calls just to find the right person to answer a question! We have received multiple grants up to this point and we will use them for anything from furniture to marketing and advertising to fundraising advice! A lot goes into this, but I remain excited about what is to come! If you have specific questions, or would like to know anything in more detail, please see Kristi, Pastor Ian or a council member.

**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

## October Birthdays

4th- Jennifer Gillespie

Brooke Waldo

5th- Diane Miller

13th- Nick Cocking

14th- Rich Landers

15th- Tom Cocking

19th- Nathan Cocking

20th- Kiah Miller

23rd- Amber Sellars (Boyd)

Traci Hart

24th- Arlene Hatley

25th- Dan Hart

Megan Moos (Teade)

30th- David Repp, Jr

## October Anniversaries

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

20th- Charles and Carol Krahenbuhl (1973)

28th- Wayne and Christine Henning (1972)

# Pastor's Message

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.--Ephesians 2:8

## *Semper Reformanda*—Always Reforming

It is that time of year! Yes, that time of year! I am talking about the time of year for Pumpkin Spice Lattes, sweaters, cool mornings and, hopefully, a sense that the busy fall rush has fallen quieter and is now simply a routine. Full confession, Starbucks re-released their Pumpkin Spice Latte at the end of August and although I waited awhile, I did not make it until October before I ordered it.

However, all of that really just sets the scene for why I am writing this today. At the end of this month we will celebrate Reformation Day! A day that has very little to do with seasonal drinks, sweatpants and car heaters turning back on, but a day that the church holds as celebration for the work of the Reformation in the world still today. You may have also noticed that I have an additional small quote up at the top this time as well. *Semper Reformanda*. Always Reforming. There are varying views on what the Reformation means for the world today. Some think that Martin Luther had it all right. There is nothing more to reform. Others, and this is the stance the ELCA takes, proclaim that Luther was one, albeit very important, historical reformer who saw a need and worked to fix it. However, he did not have all the answers and we are tasked with continuing to seek reformation and renewal for ourselves, our neighbor, our church and the world. While we are not tasked with being Luther in the modern age, we are tasked as a church with seeing needs and fixing them in the name of Christ. Not for the sake of our salvation, but for the sake of the neighbor.

That's why I love the vision statements both from Peace and Trinity. Peace's states that the vision is to "Provide services for the diverse needs of the community by opening our doors and going out to the world. Compassionate, dynamic place where people want to gather." While Trinity's is equally as good! It states that the vision of Trinity is "To build up a strong Body of Christ through serving others with caring and compassion-giving-loving-faithfulness-welcoming and reaching out." I love these statements on their own. They speak to the particular mission that God has given each of Trinity and Peace during this specific time and place in the world. I love that both statements speak openly about serving the other. In the end, that's the call of Christ. As all of us know, this call isn't always easy. In fact, it very often is not easy, but our mission statements ground us and tell us who we have committed ourselves to be in the world through Christ and Christ's grace.

More than that though, in this Reformation season, I think these vision statements ground us in our tradition as Lutherans, in a lineage that goes back 500 years. With these visions and God as our guide, we become part of the big story of the Reformation, ready to continue reforming. We know that God's work is not done, that it will look different than it did 500 years ago and yet, that it will still involve the neighbor and those outside of the church walls. So church, let's keep up the commitment that we made to ourselves through these vision statements. Let's keep reforming for the sake of the church, the world and all of those in need. Let us push ourselves outside of comfort and seek God wherever we are. We are in good company!

Peace,

Pastor Ian

10/3/2022

## PLC Treasurer's Summary Report

	2022 YTD
Regular Offerings	\$ 68,953
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants	
Total offerings available for expenses	\$ 68,953
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 92,768
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds	\$ 613
Total Expenses	\$ 93,381
Net Balance	<u>\$ -24,428</u>

## Sunday Attendance

Week 1 September 4	Week 2 September 11	Week 3 September 18	Week 4 September 25
18	18	26	30



Mary Cocking plans to host a Livestream of Be Bold For Jesus conference at our church on our TV this Fall!

It is Friday night, October 14 starting at 7:00 with popular christian comedian Ken Davis, Saturday from 8:30-4:30, then Jeremy Camp (very famous christian pop star) will be performing from 7:00-9:00, then Sunday morning starting at 10:45 will be Willie & Korie Robertson (from Duck Dynasty) will be doing a presentation, then it ends at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please reach out to Mary with any questions.