

November 2021



PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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General Announcements

Mary Cocking is currently offering **adult and young adult bible study** on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am (*“Clarifying the Bible”*) as well as a **Sunday evening study** (6:30 pm) based on the television series *“The Chosen”*. All are welcome and encouraged to join!

Come join our next **Difficult Conversations class** on Sunday **November 7th** directly after church. We will be discussing the current state of the church in the United States and the various lenses that help us understand it better. Come ready to engage with this complex and, at times, disheartening, story to see where God may be leading Peace!

THANK YOU to Kent & Diane Miller and Shirley Cornelius for their work in the community garden this summer which yielded **250 lbs of donated produce to the mobile food bank!!!**

Special thanks to those who **donated groceries and meal items for Family Promise** this month: Rich and Cathy Landers, Gail Webster, Kathy Carr, Kristi Nelson, Mary Ann Wigen, Catherine Olson, Marv and Marilyn Wigen, Alice Barlass and Mary Cocking. We appreciate you!

Thank you to Alice Barlass and Kathy Carr for planning the **Confirmation reception** for all to enjoy. Congratulations to JP Wigen, Jaxon Wick, Karly Wigen, Liam Nelson and Marche McNeilly!

The **grounds of the church have been cleaned up** nicely just in time for winter! Thank you to those who lent a helping hand to get the work done, those who brought yard tools and to Pete Wigen for hauling everything off with his trailer!

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, Jane Aune and Brian Crow.

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 October 3	Week 2 October 10	Week 3 October 17	Week 4 October 24	Week 5 October 31
11	21	30	20	36

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:
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PLC Treasurer's Summary Report			
10/31/2021			
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	Last Month	This Month	2021 YTD
Regular Offerings	\$ 12,329	\$ 6,573	\$ 88,699
Designated Offerings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants			\$ 7,954
Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 6,843	\$ 9,128	\$ 90,313
Non-Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 307	\$ 156	\$ 8,250
Net Balance	\$ 5,179	\$ (2,711)	\$ (1,761)

Pastor's Message

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Those of you who have been to Pacific Lutheran University know that these are the words inscribed on the sign outside of the Administration Building. Well, the first part is on the sign, they left off the part about the fools, but you get my point! As a Humanities student, I had a lot of classes in that particular building and passed this sign more times than I can count. It wasn't until well after my time at PLU, though, that I realized how much I appreciated the opportunity to learn. Not only is learning for the sake of self-fulfillment important, Proverbs seems to be telling us that it is a fear of the Lord that brings about knowledge of one's self and the world around us all. While one doesn't need a classroom to gain knowledge or learn new things, I have always felt at home in one!

I told the councils of Peace and Trinity a couple of months ago and then mentioned it in a sermon a couple of weeks ago, but I wanted to send out the news this way as well. I love learning and that learning has led me to enroll in a doctoral program at Concordia University, St. Paul. I am excited about the chance to be back in that environment for a little while each week. It is just enough time to energize me for what is to come. I started a couple of months ago and it is just as I expected it to be: energizing and life giving! It is a doctorate program in leadership and attempts to answer some basic questions: How do we lead? Why does it matter? How does that serve our God's people and the world around us? I'm the only pastor in the program so it is fun to be able to hear and learn from people who have experiences outside of the church as they attempt to become the best leaders and change agents they can. They inspire me to be better. I'm also excited to share my life experiences and what you all have taught me over the last couple of years with my classmates.

Now, before you get too worried. This program is essentially all online. We meet on Zoom for 90 minutes every Wednesday afternoon. The rest of the week is spent fitting readings into our busy schedules and writing papers when we need to. There is one, week-long course in St. Paul that I will attend this summer, but

outside of that, this program is designed for working people who want to learn and grow in their leadership potential. The classes themselves will last about 2 ½ years and then I will move onto the writing portion of the program. So, if in about 24 months I start asking you all a bunch of questions about life, church, values, mission, education and leadership, know that I am doing it with an eye towards writing the best dissertation I can (and because I am interested in your answers)!

I'm excited that what I learn from my classes can inform how we are Church Together here and now. I'm also excited to see how God is moving in and through us all to be the best leaders we can be, wielding the power given to us through the Holy Spirit for the good of the world. Let us continue to learn together because learning is from God. As Proverbs states, it even begins with God! Thanks for being on this journey with me. If you have any questions about the program, I'd be happy to try and answer them. I'm grateful to be serving among you and excited for what the Spirit has in store for us as the future unfolds.

Peace,
Pastor Ian



November Birthdays and Anniversaries!

7th- Lyndell Repp
19th- Hans McMichael
21st- JP Wigen
Mary Ann Wigen
24th- Steve Larkin
25th- Brett Kincaid
27th- Chad Maki

1st- Pete and Brandy Wigen (2003)

Worship Updates

We are looking to add a few more names to our rotation of members who would be willing to make the bread for Holy Communion. If you are interested, please contact the church office to receive a copy of the recipe.

Along with that, we are in need of volunteers to assist with communion prep. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk, or you may also contact Catherine Olson or the church office. Thank you!

Church Council

Council meeting minutes are posted on the kiosk, or you may also request a copy from the office.

Important Dates:

- ★ Church Council Meeting 11/3, 6:30 pm
- ★ High School Sunday School 11/14 and 11/28, 10:00am
- ★ Confirmation Class 11/21 1:00-3:30 pm at Trinity

★ 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)

★ Peace Stitcher, Tuesday's at 1:30 pm

★ Pastor Ian will be out the following dates:

November 1-7 -- Continuing Education

November 8-13 --Vacation

November 15-18 -- First Call Theological Education

2022 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING

boundless

GOD BEYOND MEASURE

Dear Members of Peace,

I write today with some exciting news! The ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, originally scheduled to take place last summer, is a go for the summer of 2022! I am so excited that we are going to be sending five of our very own youth, Karly, MarcheLe, Liam, JP and Jaxon! We will also have a familiar face join our group this year as Kaylynn Misner is going to cross over from Idaho and join the Peace crew. I am also extraordinarily happy that our fearless youth leader Rex and expert planner Jamie Misner have agreed to chaperone the group as they take off on their travels.

I know many of you have experience with the youth gathering either because you attended some version of it yourself, or because you had the privilege of sending your kids along. I have only attended one and I don't think it is an overstatement to say that it has the potential to be the single most faith forming experience that youth encounter in their high school years. Wonderful speakers are the norm, service is always present and excitement and joy are never absent. Upwards of 30,000 youth have the potential to create new relationships, learn about God and

move the church forward towards a fuller version of God's mission on earth. I am so excited for them!

As we all know, things like this take quite a bit of money. The goal is always to fundraise as much as possible so that the youth have the chance to go without it being a financial burden. It will also come as no surprise that the last 18 months or so have made fundraising very difficult. Not to mention the fact that we weren't even sure if this event would be cancelled up until last month. For that reason we come to you now. While we certainly hope to be able to do some team building activities and a couple of smaller fundraisers to help get the youth excited about what is to come, the adult leaders also feel it would be a bit of a stretch to use fundraising as the sole means of raising around \$12,000. To start this effort, I have been asked to write a letter on behalf of the youth and chaperones simply asking you, as members of Peace, if you would prayerfully consider a donation to this once (maybe twice for a couple lucky kids) in a lifetime opportunity. If you do feel called to give in any amount, please make sure that it makes its way to the church in the same way any offering would, but clearly marked with the words "Youth Gathering."

While we normally wouldn't begin our journey by asking this of you all, it seems this is yet another pivot the pandemic has made us make. My professor used to tell us all "The second happiest people on earth are thankful people. Thankful for all that God has given them. The happiest people, however, are generous people, for generous people use what they are thankful for in service to the neighbor." Thank you for being generous.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the church office or me directly.

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