

September 2021 NEWSLETTER



PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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General Announcements

Come join our **difficult conversation class October 10th!** This month 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 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

We are looking to fill the **open council position of Education Chair!** We hope to resume **Sunday School** soon (youth and adults) and need your help! If you are interested or have questions, please talk with Pastor Ian.

The pursuit for a **Faith Formation Director** continues!
Please let Pastor Ian know if you have questions or recommendations.

Sunday **September 26th** we will be having a **joint service at Trinity** to celebrate the Holy Baptism of Wren McMichael. Worship will be held at **10:00 a.m.**, followed by a baptism reception and birthday party celebrating Wren's first birthday. All are welcome!

PLC Stitchers will resume quilting together on **September 7th at 1:00 p.m.**

The statewide mask mandate now in place does mean **masks are required** to be worn while in the church, regardless of vaccination status. Your grace is appreciated!

Thank you to Marvin and Marilyn Wigen for keeping our fireside room bulletin board up to date with the changing of seasons. There are several notes of encouragement posted for you to share in.

Fellowship sign-up sheet is posted near the kitchen for anyone who would like to provide refreshments.

Confirmation class will kick off in October! There is a parent meeting scheduled September 22nd at 6:00 pm at Trinity (or on ZOOM).

Pastor Ian will be out the following dates:

September 4-9 (Walla Walla for memorial service), 11- vacation, 12-18 Continuing Education. Please contact the church office (397-2121) or Pastor Jeanette for assistance during his absence.

Remember in your Prayers

Milt Klettke, Queenie Leinweber, Lyndell Repp, Katie Schmick, Tim Silvernale, Jim, Repp, Ed Collison, Mike Hanson, Linda Mickelson.

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 July 4	Week 2 July 11	Week 3 July 18	Week 4 July 25
17	15	26	16

Week 1 August 1	Week 2 August 8	Week 3 August 15	Week 4 August 22	Week 5 August 29
22	22	20	19	22

Pastor's Message

Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Dear Siblings in Christ

Summer in the McMichael household has always been a time of rejuvenation. Growing up, both of my parents were teachers, so summer meant having both parents home after long school years. It was also, like many of you, when we found time for vacations! While neither Corrin or myself get the summers completely off, we both recognize that summers are a time to slow down. Hans still goes to daycare, we still juggle taking care of Wren and getting our work done, but in the end, there is a slower pace in our household than there sometimes is.

This year especially it seems, we were also especially looking forward to our vacation. Perhaps, after a year like 2020, vacations take on a new meaning! This year we took off to Florida in May for a couple of weeks to visit Corrin's family, go on dolphin tours and visit every aquarium within a 100 mile radius. Hans was obsessed with dolphins at the time and was living his best life. Stepping outside of one's own environment for a moment in time is a privilege, and I think, it allows one to take in the vastness and beauty of God's creation. Palm trees, fresh fish,

lizard catching with Hans, scouting out the best place to look for little Florida deer, and dinners by the ocean make one recognize how wonderful what God has made really is. God has made the sea and it is vast! God has made the dry land and how wonderful it is that that dry land looks different, and no less spectacular, no matter where you find yourself on this earth.

By the same token, I think vacations are a wonderful way to help one appreciate what they already have. I am no farmer, but driving every other day to Pullman to drop Hans off at daycare means driving by my fair share of wheat fields. While I have no idea what it takes to plant, tend and harvest this vital plant, I can tell you with certainty that it brings calmness to my soul to see it out in the fields, ready for harvest. On another note, something as simple as a robin worm hunting in the yard gets Hans so excited that we just have to go outside in the 100 degree heat to see if it caught anything. Whether it is Florida or our house in Endicott, we know it is God who has the depths of the world in God's hands. What a gift.

So as we head into a fall that will almost certainly be busier than the last, I invite you to take a moment to smell the proverbial roses. As humans, we are but a tiny speck in the greatness of God's creation, however, we have been given the gift of stewardship over this great land and sea. So care for what God has made. Make choices that uplift God's good creation and seek to create, not destroy. Most of all take notice of the ordinary things, and my guess is that you will find something extraordinary. Whether you had time or desire for a vacation this year, take notice of what is around you. Breathe in that which gives you life. Hold strong and fast to our great God who is King above all gods. Remember, as Psalm 95 says, we are God's flock. This land is God's. What God has made is good. Let us not get so caught up in our everyday lives that we forget that. What a tragedy that would be.

Peace,

Pastor Ian



September Birthdays and Anniversaries!

6th- Ashley Smith

18th- Curtis McNeilly

19th- Marc Larkin

Stephanie McNeilly

21st- Tom Schlueter

23rd- Ryan Teade

Wren McMichael

25th - Pastor Ian McMichael

28th- Virgil Hatley

Corrin McMichael

29th- Heidi Jamison

Alex Teade

Julie Teade

1st- Rob and liane Smith (1984)

7th- Virgil and Arlene Hatley (1984)

16th- Dennis and Julie Kincaid (1995)

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship 11:00 a.m. Pastor Jeanette <i>Salimine</i>						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship 11:00 a.m.		Whitman County Task Force Mtg 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting At PLC 6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Trinity			
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Joint Worship Service at Trinity 10:00 a.m. (Baptism Wren McMichael)						

