

Peace Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Where Everybody is Somebody Because Jesus Christ is Lord!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SUN 30 9:00 Worship	MON 31	TUE Sep 1 6:30 Council Meeting	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
6 9:00 Worship Installation of Council	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:00 Worship at Trin 11:00 Meal 11:30 Baby Shower	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:00 Worship	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3

Hebrews 13:5-8

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

There are indeed a lot of reasons to cry out to the world these days. The world is broken and hurting. We continue, as a Church and as a nation to deal with large structural issues. We seem to, in many respects, have lost the ability to talk with one another. In all of this, we know, more than anything that our God is a God of promise. There is, most importantly, the promise of eternal life, in which we ground our every action and reaction as a church. In addition to that promise of eternal life, and indeed inextricably linked to it, is the promise that our God will never forsake us.

There have been a lot of changes in the McMichaels' lives recently. There is ever more to come! In my life it is rare to see a manifestation of such a grand promise. How can one truly grasp the nature of a God who is so big, so powerful, so loving and so kind? A God who calls us to walk with God. A God who calls us to work with God.

One such manifestation of the promise comes to us in the birth of a child. Baby girl McMichael is soon to make an arrival. These nine months, in many ways, seem to have just flown by. Perhaps this is because COVID-19 drastically altered the daily life of our household. Perhaps this is because time flies when you are having fun. Even with COVID-19 and the immense amount of social distancing we have been through, especially since Corrin is pregnant, I can loudly proclaim I am having fun being in mission with you all.

I write today with another manifestation of the promise, the fulfilment of a wish! As you may recall, one of the big wants coming here was for Corrin to find employment in the Public Health field. She has endured many moves throughout our marriage, all of them because her husband was moving on to something new! During that time, she was still able to complete her Masters in Public Health and was excited about using that to improve community education, health and overall wellness. A temporary job popped up in Colfax and she jumped at the chance. She is now a temporary Environmental Health Specialist and started at the beginning of August. She also continues to work at Peace and make sure things are running smoothly there.

The timing is challenging, her being eight months pregnant and beginning a new job. It also means my schedule needed to shift to take Hans, or find someone who would, when she was at work. Whether you have noticed it or not, the last couple of months have been STRESSFUL as we try to navigate what this fulfillment of a promise means for us during this time. When the new addition arrives, there will be another phase of "trying to get things figured out."

I will be on parental leave for a large portion of the end of this year. I would give you specific dates, but they seem to keep changing depending on which family will be in town at which time. Depending on final travel plans and when Baby McMichael decides to make an appearance, I'll give council final word when things are solidified. Between vacation and parental leave, I will be gone somewhere in the range of seven weeks, as we bond as a family and try to figure out a new normal.

For now, I simply give thanks that the Lord is my helper, and that in many ways the Lord shows this through how many of you have helped me the last couple of months and those who will help me in the months ahead. I give thanks for a fulfilling vocation, both for Corrin and myself. I give thanks for grace extended and grace received. Sometimes, while this is certainly what we wanted, and a manifestation of God's goodness in the world, it is also stressful. So, I will end by saying thank you to all of you who have had to shift schedules and meeting with me to make this schedule work. Thank you for understanding the importance of vocation and parenthood, both mine and Corrin's. Thanks for being a great group of people with whom to walk God's mission. I look forward to spending time with Baby McMichael when she comes, and look forward to being back and continuing to share, and hear, the Good News.

Peace,
Pastor Ian

Birthdays

1st - Jay Hart
6th - Ashley Smith
14th - DJ Hart
18th - Curtis McNeilly
19th - Marc Larkin
Stephanie McNeilly
21st - Tom Schlueter
23rd - Ryan Teade
25th - Pastor Ian McMichael
28th - Virgil Hatley
29th - Heidi Jamison
Alex Teade
Julie Teade

Anniversaries

1st - Rob & Liane Smith (1984)
7th - Virgil & Arlene Hatley (1984)
16th - Dennis & Julie Kincaid (1995)

Growing into God's Future

Campaign News

With less than a year left of the capital campaign, we are inching closer to our goal of \$150,000. As of the end of August, we have raised \$144,941.

