

September 2024



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General Announcements

Looking ahead!

🍎 We will have a Youth Sunday School planning meeting on Wednesday, September 11, at 5:00 pm here at the church. Come be part of the planning as we implement a new season of Children's Sunday School!

✓ The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, September 18, at 10:30 am.

📖 Pastor Ian will be leading a new mid-week Bible Study. We will meet on Wednesday morning, at 10:00 am, starting October 2. ALL are welcome!

🏫 Children's Sunday School will kick off Sunday, October 6th!! We are very excited to be bringing Sunday School back!! More details to come soon in the weekly "Announcements and Worship" email and in the Sunday bulletin.

🎃 Peace will be hosting the second annual "Trunk or Treat" festival again this year, to be held the afternoon of October 31st.

🍁 Peace will also have a table in the Colfax Fall Fest on October 25th.

More details on how you can be involved are coming!

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

September Birthdays

18th - Curt McNeilly

19th - Marc Larkin

Stephanie McNeilly

23rd - Ryan Teade

25th- Pastor Ian McMichael

29th - Alex Teade

Julie Teade

July Sunday Attendance

Week 1 July 7	Week 2 July 14	Week 3 July 21	Week 4 July 28
12	15	19	8

August Sunday Attendance

Week 1 August 4	Week 2 August 11	Week 3 August 18	Week 4 August 25
15	18	16	12



PLC Treasurer's Summary Report

08/31/2024

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	2024 YTD	
Regular Offerings		\$ 63,011
Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants		\$ -
Total offerings available for expenses	\$ -	\$ 63,011
Budgeted Expenditures		\$ 75,717
Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds		\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 75,717
Net Balance	\$ -	\$ (12,706)

Pastor's Message

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

—Exodus 20:8-11

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

One of the final pieces of advice that my supervisor, Pastor Frank, gave me on internship, as I was about to enter into this call over five years ago now, was to “always take my vacation.” The idea was biblical, of course, a sort of sabbath break from the business of normal life. We all need that regardless of our vocation.

But with him the idea went even further. A break was not only a mandated biblical principle, but he claimed it also made one a better pastor. After five years with all of you, I am now fully aware that time to rest brings me back to the job refreshed, rejuvenated, more creative, and ready for the day ahead. If that break doesn't happen, I'm often not as centered, much less creative, and more often find myself “going through the motions.” That's not the pastor I want to be long-term!

I say all of this as we have just recently returned from a trip to Switzerland to visit family. It was wonderful to connect with the Swiss family I hadn't seen in years, watch Hans and Wren grow in curiosity and confidence, and, at least at times, sleep in a little bit! I am grateful for that time and ready to enter back into “real life” ready for whatever lies ahead, and excited to be with you on the path. That's sabbath rest!

I remember a conversation a while ago as part of Mary Cocking's Bible study in which we talked about what sabbath means for us in the world today. How do we work together to discern sabbath rest in the midst of our busy lives? What if our grandson's baseball game is on a Sunday? What if I just really feel like sleeping in? These aren't questions I'm going to answer here, at least in part because they require us to embrace the Lutheran idea of “paradox.” In other words, sometimes life is complicated and there is no one answer.

However, the clear answer is that we need sabbath. We need rest. We were not created to work all the time. We were not created to be productive all the time, no matter what our society says. There are busy times in life. In fact, I realize the irony of writing about rest when many of you are just coming off a summer of hard work in the fields. I also realize the irony of me talking about sabbath rest. I don't often take the time I need for myself. I do not actually take all my vacation every year. Sorry, Pastor Frank! But whenever I do, I realize why it matters. It matters because God not only said it, but did it. But it also matters because our lives are better when we do it. When we find time to breathe, on a Sunday or a Monday or any time in between. When we gather for worship, when we recognize the work of Christ in the fields we harvest. When we breathe in the new creation of Christ each Spring or when we connect with people over a cup of coffee. That's rest in the midst of a busy schedule. And while it is great to fully remove ourselves and take vacation every one in a while, sabbath moments throughout the day are easier, and just as valuable. We just have to be intentional about looking for them! Good luck! And if you need a sign, maybe this is it! A nap (or vacation, or cup of coffee) may just be what you need. In fact, God may even be calling you to it!

Peace,
Pastor Ian

