

JULY 2025



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General Announcements

Sunday, July 6, we will switch Worship Service times.

Peace will Worship @ 11:00 am.

Trinity Endicott will have Worship @ 9:00 am.

We will keep this schedule for about a year.

Sunday, July 20th, we will have a **combined service** with Trinity. Worship will be in Endicott at Trinity at 10:00 am.

Sunday, August 24, we will have a **combined service** with Trinity. Worship will be here in Colfax at Peace at 10:00 am.

Mary Cocking is currently hosting a **Sunday morning Adult Bible Study**, following Worship. We are reading a book called “Sharing Jesus without freaking out” by Scott Hildreth to help us get over our fear of God’s command to share the good news. All are Welcome!

Peace Stitchers is an amazing ministry that supports Lutheran World Relief. The group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00-4:00 PM. You do not need to know how to sew to join!! There are other ways you can help and be part of the process. Questions? Please talk with Cathy Landers, Marilyn Wigen or Mary Cocking, or drop in sometime!

A Prayer for Harvest Season

Dear Lord, As we enter this wheat harvest season, we lift up our farmers and workers to You. Bless their hands with strength, their hearts with perseverance, and their minds with wisdom. Protect them in the long days and late nights, and grant them safety in the fields. May their efforts be fruitful, their machinery run smoothly, and their spirits remain strong. We thank You for the abundance of the earth, and for those who labor to bring its blessings to our tables.

Amen.

Peace Action Committee (PAC) Updates:

The PAC members have been building a partnership with the Colfax Chamber of Commerce and have some fun plans in the works to **help support Concrete River Days this summer! Here is what we have in the works and how you can help!**

What: Concrete River Days Parade

When: Saturday, July 26

Peace will be in the parade and we are looking for 8-10 people to join our "Float", or "Boat", in this case! Marv and Marilyn Wigen have graciously offered to pull their boat in the parade. Come ride with us, toss some candy and enjoy the parade! Line up at 10:30 am and Parade begins at 11:00 am. Please let Kristi or Marilyn know if you can join.

Following the parade, we will be hosting a "comfort zone" from 11:00-4:00 pm at the church. The main level bathrooms and seating area will be open to anyone who needs a convenient spot to get out the heat, change a diaper, have a quick snack, or just come say hello to our friendly faces! **There is something for everyone to help with! Monetary donations for supplies are welcome as well. Sign up here or let Kristi know** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xfN6Ne9TbT0ZggipOFroZYFgMY4niLQfMpztbLY7bo/edit?usp=sharing>

As a reminder, the PAC meetings are open to anyone from the congregation and you can join us at any time! Our mission is to plan and implement outreach for the community and congregation alike with various events and ministries.



As we move into the summer months, we hope you're enjoying rest, travel, and time with loved ones. During this season, we kindly remind you to remain faithful in your giving. Your offerings are vital to supporting our ministries, outreach, and ongoing needs—even when many are away.

Your financial gifts can be received in a number of ways!

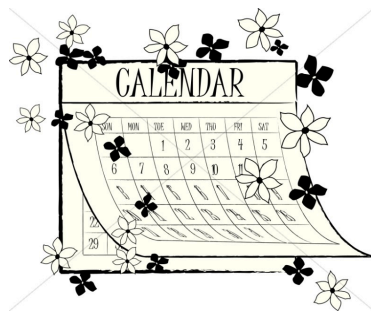
In addition to leaving your offering during in-person worship, we also have, Tithe.ly, our online giving platform, which can be found here:

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1302894

You may also drop your offering in the mailbox at church or mail it to:

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Birthdays and Anniversaries



August

1st - Lola Gillespie

2nd - Christine Henning

4th- Sara Whelchel

July

2nd - Scot Cocking

4th - Mitch Jamison

9th - Marten Larkin

13th - Alexis Maki

15th - Christina Solimine

19th - Kathy Carr

21st - Stella McNeilly

27th - Julie Roberts

31st - Brian Cornelius

July 29- Rich & Cathy Landers

August 15- Chad & Marni Maki

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 June 1	Week 2 June 8	Week 3 June 15	Week 4 June 22	Week 5 June 29
17	19	15	12	21

Pastor's Message

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

As we enter into the heart of summer, I find myself, like previous years around this time, reflecting on the peacefulness that descends this time of year. God's creation is in full bloom. The heat, while at times unbearable, has become a marker of the season. At this point, I wouldn't know what to do without it! There is something beautiful about the slower pace of summer — the longer days, the time spent outdoors, and the opportunities to pause and take in the beauty of God's creation.

While many of you are gearing up for a busy harvest, it is also a time to recognize that peace and rest are not the same things, necessarily, as God's peace. To find rest and nourishment of the soul can be found in the beauty of the world, but it can also be found in the busy-ness of life, as kids are home for summer and the fields begin to turn. So, whether you are in bed taking a nap, or out on the combine in the vast expanse of a wheat field, my hope is that God's peace finds you this summer. In other words, I hope that this season is what you need it to be, and that, as in Psalm 23, it nourishes your soul.

Psalm 23 is one that transcends space and time. Every time I read it, I am grateful for the peace it proclaims. In the brokenness of the world, it proclaims a God of peace and love. It states, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters." God knows what we need and when we need it, whether that is a good meal after a long day, or a rest day spent inside reading. In both, and in all, God is present. God has good plans for us.

In our busy world, it's easy to forget the importance of rest, and sometimes, rest simply isn't possible. We are constantly on the move, juggling responsibilities, and pushing ourselves to do more. But Psalm 23 invites us to slow down, or at the very least to trust that God is in the mix, even as we are busy. This is not just physical rest but a deeper, spiritual rest, a rest that comes from knowing we are loved and cared for by God, who created us.

During the summer months, I encourage you to take time to rest in God's presence. Whether it's through quiet moments of prayer, reading Scripture, simply enjoying the beauty of creation, or finding five minutes on the combine to thank God for God's goodness. God's invitation to rest is not just for those who are physically tired, but for all of us who are weary in heart or spirit. Let us trust that, as our Shepherd, God is guiding us toward still waters, even in the midst of life's challenges.

Peace,

Pastor Ian

