

**February 2025**



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## General Announcements

Ed McBride will do a short **presentation on the Gideons on March 9th during worship**. Please come learn about their work. A free-will offering will be taken for them that day as well.

***You are invited to a  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration  
Of the dedication of the  
Trinity Lutheran Church building***

Sunday, March 23, 2025

9:30 am - Coffee Hour and Discussion

10:30 am - Worship service

12:00 pm – Luncheon

(turkey, harvest potatoes, pulled pork sandwiches, salads and cake)

1:00 pm – Program

***We hope you will join us!***

Peace Lutheran Church presents

# Cupid's Care! Parent's Night Off

♥ Ages Pre-k to 6th grade

♥ Adult Supervision with a  
light dinner/snacks and  
entertainment!

WEDNESDAY

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FEBRUARY

4:00- 7:00 PM | 309 N LAKE ST COLFAX

RSVP 509-397-2121 OR

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**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

## -----Lent Schedule 2025-----

March 5--Ash Wednesday at Trinity at 7pm

March 12 (Wednesday)--Soup and Bread at Trinity and card writing, 5:30 pm

March 19 (Wednesday)-- Game Night at Peace, 5:30 pm

March 27 (Thursday)-- Bread Baking at Trinity, 9:00 am

March 31 (Monday)--Basket Making at Trinity, TBA

April 2 (Wednesday)-- Painting the Psalms at Peace, 5:30 pm

April 17- Maunday Thursday at Peace, 7:00 pm

April 18- Good Friday at Trinity, 7:00 pm

April 19- Egg Hunt at Trinity, TBA

April 20- Easter Sunday at Peace, 9:00 am

There will be transportation available for ALL dates!! If you would like a ride, please call the office (397-2121 and leave a message so Kristi can call you back to confirm!). We want everyone to be able to come and not have transportation be an issue!!

### **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](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

## **PLC Treasurer's Summary Report**

**01/31/2025**

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	<b>2025 YTD</b>	
<b>Regular Offerings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,749</b>
<b>Funds transferred from other accounts for non-budgeted expenses/Grants</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3200 -</b>
<b>Total offerings available for expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 14,949</b>
<b>Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,313</b>
<b>Non-Budgeted Expenditures/Refunds</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 13,313</b>
<b>Net Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>1,636</b>

# *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

3rd - Marilyn Wigen

5th - Robin Cocking

10th- Emma Nelson

11th - Pete Wigen

15th - Brady Cornelius

17th - Chandra Maki

21st - Catherine Olson

25th- Marvin Wigen

28th - Judy Larkin

9th - Russ & Sandy Jamison (1991)

## Sunday Attendance

<b>Week 1</b> December 1	<b>Week 2</b> December 8	<b>Week 3</b> December 15	<b>Week 4</b> December 24	<b>Week 4</b> December 29
41	23	28	46	17

<b>Week 1</b> January 5	<b>Week 2</b> January 12	<b>Week 3</b> January 19	<b>Week 4</b> January 26
14	17	14	23

# Pastor's Message

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.

John 1:38-39

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

Matthew:16:24-26

Dear Members of Peace and Trinity,

Rev. Dr. Darrell Jodock is a professor of Lutheran studies and has become well known for many reasons in various circles. One of those reasons is his deep understanding of vocation, this very Lutheran idea that we are called by God to act in various ways for the common good of humanity. That can be done as a plumber, a pastor, or a pediatrician, as a mother, maid of honor, or a friend. We fulfill various vocations depending on our time in life, all centered on God's call to us and our station in life. That part isn't so much Rev. Jodock as it is Martin Luther. However, what Rev. Jodock has done, is dive deep into the call itself. Where does it come from? Is it a feeling? Logic? A specific bodily sensation that allows us to feel the presence of God in our lives?

Of course, it could be all of those things, but what Rev. Jodock says is that there are often two ways that the call of Christ can enter our lives. First, we can feel, or think we feel, God's presence in our lives and the tug of Christ to fulfill God's call in the world. That can happen in the body, the mind, through prayer, the Spirit, etc. Second, although connected to the first, the call of Christ can come to us through community. Have you ever had a moment in your life where someone you respected tapped you on the shoulder and said, "Hey, have you thought about doing this? I think you'd be great!" As I've been speaking with leaders in Lutheran higher education it is amazing the role that mentors have played in each of their lives, allowing them to see possibilities they didn't think existed. I've also found this happens often with teachers and pastors, among many others!

What's more, the call of Christ (the first way one may hear God's call) is to be tested by the community (the second way one may hear God's call). If the community does not affirm that call, then we must assume that it wasn't Christ's call after all. Community matters.

And if community matters, we logically want our community to grow, to be heard in a community that needs the Gospel, to share in ideas and partake in worship with people who are not in the pews each Sunday, but would be a wonderful addition to the Peace or Trinity family. Along these lines, I'm struck by Jesus' common refrain to "come and see." It is an invitation to invite those around us to worship, and into vocational discernment. It is a chance to partake in the Great Commission.

However, we find ourselves almost in the middle of two ideas: The personal and the communal. On one side, Jesus says to "Follow me." We sin and we are broken, but on a personal level many of us have this down. Personally, we are fine. Then on the other side, we are called to invite others to "come and see" that the Lord is good. That part's harder, but it is the part that leads us into community, into discernment about where God is calling, about what could be and what must be to fulfill Christ's call.

But, as hard as it is, it is also the fun part. For it is in community that we discern our true vocations, where God is calling us, the mission of our church at this time and place. These are the conversations that excite me, because I don't have all the answers. I don't know what's next. However, I know it is good, because God is in control. I am looking forward to these conversations and the new ways that God is calling us all as the community of Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Ian



