

## **Peace Welcomes New Members!**

**Djenom (Jen-ome) Benjamin and Lynda Maraby:** Lynda grew up in Spokane and has lived in Indiana, France, Idaho, Arizona, and many places in Washington. Djenom is Lynda's daughter, born in France and raised in Washington. Lynda lives with her son Sarn and daughter-in-law Kaoru and their two children. She was a teacher for 25 years and an ELCA synodically authorized minister for three years. Djenom works as a training manager in EIB (Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging) for King County Superior Court. Lynda loves animals and her grandchildren. Djenom has 24 chickens and loves the outdoors and family. One thing that draws them both to Peace Lutheran Church is our diversity.

**David & Lourdes Jacobo and Lulubell Babauta:** David and Lou are from Guam, and they came to the States in 2013 and reside in Lakewood/Tacoma. David has worked in restaurants for more than 30 years. They enjoy being with family and cooking. Their granddaughter Lulubell lives with them. What draws them to Peace Lutheran Church is the people. They got connected to Peace through the Friday Community Meals. David and Lou say they are very simple people who love helping others.

**Cory Johnson:** Cory grew up in northwest Ohio, has lived and worked in Missouri, Mississippi, Idaho, and Alaska, and feels blessed to live in the Hilltop neighborhood and be a part of the Tacoma Catholic Worker community. Cory has worked in a few TV stations and newspapers as a reporter and spent two years in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, where Cory now works in communications. Cory enjoys hiking, photography, live folk and bluegrass music, and biking, and is drawn to Peace Lutheran Church by our radical hospitality and commitment to reconciliation in the neighborhood.

**Tabitha, Alice, and Nora Plotke:** Tabitha and husband Michael have two daughters, Alice and Nora. They moved to Washington to attend Pacific Lutheran University and have lived here for the last 20+ years. Tabitha is a high school English teacher at Lincoln and previously taught in Kent and Highline school districts. Tabitha enjoys reading, swimming, and finding good local coffee shops. Her daughters' interests include dancing, singing, and art. They are drawn to Peace because they want to be members of a community that works toward serving through anti-racism and social justice.

**Welcome New Members! You're a blessing to the Peace community!**