

From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy and Blessed New Year to you! Amid the unprecedented and unforgettable 2020, we enter 2021. I'm almost afraid that if I make a resolution or goal for this upcoming year, it will be squashed and sent packing. YET, as followers of Christ, we move forward with persistence, purpose and promise. Christ holds us in His gracious and loving embrace! We are met by Almighty God, coming to us in vulnerable flesh and blood. Jesus meets you in your life with grace and courage.

Only a week ago, we celebrated the birth of Christ! God enters into our human experience as a baby. The words of the angels continue to reverberate, "Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 1:10-11).

We continue to experience struggles, challenges, and upheaval in our life and world. How might the words of the angels continue to speak to you in this New Year? What Goals, dreams, hopes, and intentions might God be placing in your heart and mind? The church season of Christmas ends on January 5th each year. We move toward Epiphany and the season of light and revealing who this Jesus Christ is for our lives and world.

This year we read through the Gospel of Mark. It was the first gospel written down in the 60's CE (A.D.). It does not contain Jesus' birth story that we hold so dear.

Mark's gospel does start with this. "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God". The first sentence in this gospel gives me hope because it points towards God's continued activity and good news, which still continues in these days, despite signs to the contrary! The original ending of the Gospel of Mark is different, but we can get to that later. J

I invite you in joining me in reading through the Gospel of Mark, beginning January 1st, 2021. From January 1st through Shrove/Fat Tuesday, February 16th, we will explore the passages of the Gospel. A reading schedule will be available in digital and paper copy.

For more information, contact Pastor Joel,
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God bless us in this New Year, as Christ holds us fast, leading and guiding into 2021.

Peace,
Pastor Joel

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Caritas Needs
For January

Food: Cereal, Ramen noodles, canned soup, chili and canned fruit

Necessities: Paper towels & laundry soap

(non perishables)

Please don't tie bags shut!



From The President

At last the year 2020 is coming to an end. Hardly anyone will be sad that it is over. In spite of the hardships many have experienced, such as being stricken by the covid 19 virus or loss of employment and/or depression, we have seen a remarkable event, if not a miracle in the scientific field with the development of a vaccine that is already being distributed. An achievement of mankind that will undoubtedly go down in history. There were prayers all over the world for God's helping hand in all of this and we can be assured that those prayers were answered.

We now move to a new year. It may be the same for a while but I believe it will improve. Our annual meeting will be on January 31. It will likely be a virtual meeting. My hope is that we will have a few new volunteers for the council members as we have 4 people going off council. We can't be certain what lies ahead but with your help and God's watchful eyes I am convinced 2021 will be a good year for Prince of Peace. I close with a quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer. "So wonderfully surrounded by good powers, we wait with hope, come what may! God is with us at the eve and the morning hours, and goes with us into each new day."

Yours in Christ
Curtis

Church Chuckle

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YOU ARE SAINT AND SINNER AND OKAY WITH IT.

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Service - 9:00 am
(Contemporary Service 3rd Sunday
of the month) Worship currently streamed.)



***TBD if meeting will happen because of
Covid-19***

**POP Fellowship Hall — 7am—Start cooking
8am—Discussion begins**

Serving You This Month

January	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants
3	Rebecca Hendrickson	
10	Karen Heimbigner	
17	Marie McMahon	
24	Susan Ames	
31	Sue Parrish	

Prince of Peace in Person Service

The service is limited to 62 members, so for the time being there will be a reservation system. If you wish to attend this service in person contact the church office either by phone or email, by the Thursday before. The reservations will just insure the spot. Services will continue to be streamed on Facebook also.



Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, January 3

1st Reading: Jerimiah 31:7-14
 Psalm: 147:12-20
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 17

1st Reading: 1Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
 Psalm: 139:1-6,13-18
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 Gospel: John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 31

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-29
 Psalm: 111
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Sunday, January 10

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-5
 Psalm: 29
 2nd Reading: Acts 19:1-7
 Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 24

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10
 Psalm: 62:5-12
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20



News from POP

January Meetings suspended because of COVID-19 unless otherwise notified



Bible Study:
Baby Quilters:
Charity Quilters:

Edith Zimbelman

EXCELSIOR BIRTHDAY CAKES

Unless Marie McMahon contacts you, do not plan on providing a cake for your designated month.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

For all the thoughts, concerns and prayers for my sister-in-law Jan Vanderwilde. In the past 10 days she has been taken off ventilator, moved from ICU to the hospital general population and is now in a rehab center in Post Falls. She is projected to go home the 1st week in January. We don't know yet what lingering after effects from Covid that she may experience. Not totally out of the woods but she is making great progress. Praise God and thanks to everyone.

Mel

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things,
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

January Birthdays

- Jan. 1- Doug Elliott
- Jan. 7- Jimmy Lasswell
- Jan. 8- Lisa Lasswell
- Jan. 11- Bill Dupuis
- Jan. 26- Joe Reihman




January Anniversaries

- Jan. 23- Curt & Mary Froscheiser



January 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at Prinace of Peace Luther- an Church Spokane"	4	5 1pm Bible Study 7pm All Committee Night	6	7	8 	9
10 CARITAS SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at Prinace of Peace Luther- an Church Spokane"	11	12 1pm Bible Study 10am	13	14	15	16
17 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at Prinace of Peace Luther- an Church Spokane"	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Day OFFICE CLOSED	19 1pm Bible Study 7pm Council Meeting	20	21	22 Committee Reports Due	23
24 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at Prinace of Peace Luther- an Church Spokane"	25	26 1pm Bible Study	27	28	29	30
31 ANNUAL MEETING 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at Prinace of Peace Luther- an Church Spokane"						



THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

2021 ~ Gospel of Mark

Friday, January 1 <i>Mark 1:1-11</i>	HOLY NAME	Tuesday, January 19 <i>Mark 7:31-37</i>	Saturday, February 6 <i>Mark 13:28-37</i>
Saturday, January 2 <i>Mark 1:12-20</i>		Wednesday, January 20 <i>Mark 8:1-13</i>	Sunday, February 7 <i>Mark 14:1-11</i>
Sunday, January 3 <i>Mark 1:21-45</i>		Thursday, January 21 <i>Mark 8:14-26</i>	Monday, February 8 <i>Mark 14:12-25</i>
Monday, January 4 <i>Mark 2:1-12</i>		Friday, January 22 <i>Mark 8:27-38</i>	Tuesday, February 9 <i>Mark 14:26-42</i>
Tuesday, January 5 <i>Mark 2:13-28 *</i>		Saturday, January 23 <i>Mark 9:1-13</i>	Wednesday, February 10 <i>Mark 14:43-65</i>
Wednesday, Jan. 6 <i>Mark 3:1-12</i>	EPIPHANY	Sunday, January 24 <i>Mark 9:14-32</i>	Thursday, February 11 <i>Mark 14:66-72</i>
Thursday, January 7 <i>Mark 3:13-35 *</i>		Monday, Jan. 25 <i>Mark 9:33-49</i>	Friday, February 12 <i>Mark 15:1-15</i>
Friday, January 8 <i>Mark 4:1-20</i>		Tuesday, January 26 <i>Mark 10:1-12</i>	Saturday, February 13 <i>Mark 15:16-32</i>
Saturday, January 9 <i>Mark 4:21-34</i>		Wednesday, January 27 <i>Mark 10:13-31</i>	Sunday, February 14 <i>Mark 15:33-47</i>
Sunday, January 10 <i>Mark 4:35-41</i>		Thursday, January 28 <i>Mark 10:32-52</i>	Monday, February 15 <i>Mark 16:1-8</i>
Monday, January 11 <i>Mark 5:1-20</i>		Friday, January 29 <i>Mark 11:1-11</i>	Tuesday, February 16 <i>Mark 16:9-20</i>
Tuesday, January 12 <i>Mark 5:21-43</i>		Saturday, January 30 <i>Mark 11:12-19</i>	
Wednesday, January 13 <i>Mark 6:1-13</i>		Sunday, January 31 <i>Mark 11:20-33</i>	
Thursday, January 14 <i>Mark 6:14-29</i>		Monday, February 1 <i>Mark 12:1-17</i>	
Friday, January 15 <i>Mark 6:30-44</i>		Tuesday, February 2 <i>Mark 12:18-34</i>	
Saturday, January 16 <i>Mark 6:45-56</i>		Wednesday, February 3 <i>Mark 12:35-44</i>	
Sunday, January 17 <i>Mark 7:1-13</i>		Thursday, February 4 <i>Mark 13:1-13</i>	
Monday, Jan. 18 <i>Mark 7:14-30 *</i>	CONFESSION OF ST. PETER	Friday, February 5 <i>Mark 13:14-27</i>	<i>* If you're following along with the book, A Journey with Mark, these days combine two readings.</i>