



January 2023 Newsletter

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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Blessed Epiphany! January 1st falls on a Sunday this year. The New Year begins on the first day of the week and we receive a divine mash up of Christmas celebrations, the start of 2023, and soon, the beginning of Epiphany, the season of light. This season marks Jesus' continued revelation of his divine/human presence in, with and for the world.

You might have already shopped some of the after Christmas sales, put away your Christmas tree and started your New Year's goal/resolution list. In the Christian tradition, we get to celebrate Jesus' birth and arrival into the world for 12 days after December 25th. What a celebration! How might we share the gift of Jesus' birth, life, and light into this new year of 2023? What simple acts of kindness, love, and hope be revealed through you and us in these days and weeks?

I hope and pray you are able to carve out some time to rest, renew, play and notice the ways God has been active in your life and the ways God is with us in the start of this New Year! Post-Christmas days can be difficult, as we mourn the people who are not with us during this holiday time and the bleak midwinter can take a toll on us.

The Christmas story, the story of Jesus' birth, reminds us that God takes on our flesh and humanity. Jesus' earthly life and the story of the Wise Men traveling to meet Jesus proclaims God's steadfast promises. In the midst of our joy and celebration, in the midst of our sadness, Christ shows up, revealing a God in Jesus that reveals and responds with love and compassion, strength and kindness, comfort in the midst of struggle, as God lights our way, and enfolds us with the warmth of God's loving embrace to us and to our world.

"And there ahead of them (wise men), went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy" (Matthew 2:9-10, NRSV). These Wise Ones noticed and followed, guided by the star that revealed the Son of God and Son of Man, laying in a manger. God bless you as Jesus lights our way into the New Year!

Peace,
Pastor Joel

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Caritas Needs For January

Food:
chili, canned variety soups, individual meat sticks & canned variety fruits & peanut butter

Necessities:
tooth brushes. Shampoo, laundry soap & can openers

(non perishables)
Please don't tie bags shut!
Caritas Outreach Ministries,
1228 W. Nebraska,
Spokane, WA 99205



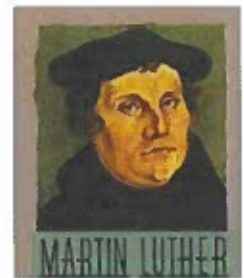
From The President

Happy New Year and a blessed 12 days of Christmas. This is the time between Jesus' birth and the coming of the 3 wise men. I'm a bit tardy in my wish, as this begins on December 25 and runs through January 5, the day before Epiphany. In our time of supersonic travel and instant information response, it is difficult to imagine what the Magi endured on their journey to Bethlehem. Not wanting to dwell on specific distances or times, travel by foot and camel across a predominately hot stretch of land was a formidable task, regardless the miles involved. And all they had to guide them was a star. No maps or GPS, just a star. They viewed this as a sign of something important going to happen. Once the wise men found Mary and the baby Jesus, they offered Him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In Jesus' time, these items were considered very valuable and held in high esteem. What are our gifts to the Christ child? Ourselves, our time and our possessions. All that we have is God's, we have merely been entrusted with the earthly "stuff". We celebrate Jesus' birth not as a single day, but a season. Enjoy the season throughout the new year!

In His service,
John

Martin Luther Quotes

"God not only pardons our iniquities, but in addition overwhelmed us with blessing and spiritual gifts"



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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Office closed on Fridays
June-Labor Day

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Service - 9:00 am
Worship currently also streamed on FB at
"Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"
Fellowship- 10:15 am



Saturday, January 21st

**POP Fellowship Hall 7am- Start cooking
8am-Enjoy breakfast & discussion**

Serving You This Month

January	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers
1	Susan Ames	Joy Liezen			Joe Rock
8	Sue & Paul Parrish	Rebecca Hendrickson			Randy Fleiger
15	Ginny Zimmerman	Curt Froscheiser			Mel Nebelsieck & Dick Hawley
22	Debra Trujillo- Gilbert		The Froscheisers		Paul & Sue Parrish
29	Paul & Sue Parrish				Doug Elliott

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, January 1

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9
 Psalm: 148
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18
 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

Sunday, January 15

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm: 29
 2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-43
 Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 29

1st Reading: Micah 6:1-8
 Psalm: 15
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, January 8

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm: 72:1-7,10-14
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 22

1st Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-4
 Psalm: 27:1,4-9
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



January

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



January 23- Curt & Mary Froscheiser



News from POP

To Ponder:

For because He Himself [in His humanity] has suffered in being tempted (tested and tried), He is able (immediately) to run the cry of (assist, relieve) those who are being tempted and tested and tried [and who therefore are being exposed to suffering].

Hebrews 2:18 Amplified Bible

"If God has really been born in a manger, then we have something that no other religion even claims to have. It's a God who truly understands you, from the inside of your experience. There's no other religion that says God has suffered, that God had to be courageous, that he knows what it is like to be abandoned by friends, to be crushed by in justice, to be tortured and die. Christmas shows he knows what you're going through. when you talk to him, he understands."

Timothy Keller, [Hidden Christmas](#)



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	INCOME	EXPENSES	TOTAL Income/(Loss)
November 2022	\$24,740.55	\$28,839.26	(\$4,098.71)
2022 Year to Date	\$286,133.13	\$314,355.51	(\$28,222.38)

Current monthly PROFIT & LOSS statements are located on the Council bulletin board opposite the office.

We understand that your expenses have gone up also but if you can go beyond your normal pledge, it would be very much appreciated.

For any questions, please contact Mary Froscheiser, Treasurer.



A huge thank you to the wonderful POP family that supported the Tree of Sharing. We even had a new preschool family participate. We shared God's love in, with and for the community!

The elves loaded the Tree of Sharing gifts generously donated by the POP church family. The gifts are on the way to Cooper Elementary.



Family Campout-January 20th 6pm-9am January 21st.

Calling all parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles/special adults. Bring your elementary age children to camp out in the church! Dinner, s'mores and breakfast included. We will eat together, play games, do a craft project and watch a movie! After sleeping in our tents and sleeping bags we will enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and fruit.





Mark the Dates!

Monday, January 9th

Annual Committee Reports due to the office

Sunday, January 15th

Budget Informational Meeting

(right after worship service)

Sunday, January 29th

Annual Meeting

(right after worship service)

Committee Highlight- Endowment Committee

Did you know Prince of Peace has an Endowment Fund? The purpose of the fund is to help finance special projects for our church community. Scholarships have been provided for Camp Lutherhaven and other camps. There is a scholarship available for someone pursuing a degree in music through the *John Walk Fund*. Committee members are Randy Holland, Doug Elliott and Keith Humphrey. For more information or application form, contact the Church Office.

Karen Bauernfeind-Council Liaison

Bible Study 9:30am Wednesday, January 4, 2023



Quilts for Kids: Tuesday, January 10, 2023



Charity Quilters: Tuesdays, January 24 & 31, 2023



Please join the women for these monthly events. Also, before leaving any fabric, speak with a quilter about what they could really use to complete quilts.

A meeting to discuss distribution of the Fall Craft Fair funds will be Jan. 4 at 11:00 in the church library. If you are unable to attend and would like some input, please contact the church office, Rebecca Hendrickson or Peggy Renford. We have \$4000.00 to donate. Thanks again to all who participated to make this successful again so we can help Women and Children in need in our community.

Quilts for Kids were recently distributed to the following organizations:

- Ronald McDonald House, JOYA, Maddie's Place & Northeast Community Center.



- Each organization received 24 quilts and they were all very appreciative.



Community Events

Save the
DATE



Save the Date!
Friday, March 10, 2023
Doors open at 5:30pm/ Live Auction 7:30pm
Spokane Convention Center
Centennial Ballrooms
Cocktail Attire
For information contact
Tammy Sweeney
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Spokane YoungLives presents

MICROS FOR MAMAS

Friday, March 24, 2023

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MARCH 24, 2023

We look forward to hosting Micros for Mamas at the Historic Flight Foundation this upcoming year. Mark your calendars for Friday March 24th to join us for beer and cider tastings, Longhorn dinner, and fundraising fun.



HISTORIC FLIGHT FOUNDATION

January 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 NEW YEARS DAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	3 5:30 pm Praise Group 7:00 pm All Committee Night	4 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	5	6	7
8 CARITAS SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" 	9 1:00 pm Exec. Council	10 9:00 am Quilts for Kids 5:30 pm Praise Group 	11 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	12 1:00 pm Bible Study	13	14
15 BUDGET MEETING 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	16 Martin Luther King Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	17 5:30 pm Praise Group 7pm Council Meeting	18 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	19 1:00 pm Bible Study	20 Family Campout at church 6pm-----	21 7:00 am Men's Breakfast -----9am
22 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	23	24 9:00 am Charity Quilters 5:30 pm Praise Group 	25 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	26 1:00 pm Bible Study	27	28
29 ANNUAL MEETING 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	30	31 9:00 am Charity Quilters 5:30 pm Praise Group 