



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Happy and Blessed New Year! I hope and pray your 2024 begins on a good foot and a good note! As we enter this New Year, we enter the season of Epiphany, a season of light and making known the person and activity of Jesus, for those around us and for ourselves.

In John 1 and Mark 1, Jesus calls his disciples. These fisher folk are working in their daily tasks and then they leave their nets immediately. The immediacy compels the disciples in Mark's gospel to follow, to go where Jesus goes. Truth be told, they do not always figure out Jesus' mission initially. Even Nathanael, in the Gospel of John, has his questions and reservations, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:40, NRSV).

Philip responds, "Come and see" (John 1:46, NRSV).

In John's gospel, Jesus finds Philip and says, "Follow me". Philip follows. He does not only follow, but then invites and bear witness to who Jesus is "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." (John 1:44, NRSV). Following Jesus invites and challenges us to listen and respond, to wonder and ask questions. Since Jesus walks ahead of us, next to us and within us, this following takes on different forms. We might, at times feel lost, alone, afraid. These are all normal human responses and part and parcel of life. Jesus reveals that in the midst of the everyday feelings, challenges and troubles, God encounters and leads us on paths both familiar and new. Jesus meets us in the ordinary conversations of life and continues to say, "Follow me".

What helps reveal God's presence to you and through you? Where have you seen Christ at work in the last year? The last week?

How might God be inviting and equipping you to reflect the presence of Jesus in your world in this upcoming year?

We learn, remember and are reminded that the God we know in Jesus and the God that knows us desires for us to reflect Christ's love, Jesus compassion, and the Holy Spirit's boldness and courage. What a task and joy! Praise Christ that we walk this Way together.

Peace,
Pastor Joel

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Caritas Needs For January

Food:

Small peanut butter jars,
jelly/jam, pancake mix, syrup,
cereal, canned tuna/chicken,
individual trail mix, meat sticks,
granola bars, boxed meals,
hearty soups, ramen and chili.

Necessities:

Toothpaste, wrapped
toothbrushes, deodorant, little
lotions and dish soap

(non perishables)

Please don't tie bags shut!

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From The President

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."
Jeremiah 29:11

It always seems amazing each January that another year has gone by so quickly! While many people pause to reflect, many are focused on New Year's resolutions. For me, I have to admit, I was never really into the resolutions to lose weight or to start exercising. Typically, I tried to find something new to incorporate into my life that would provide growth for myself and include helping others. Basically - something different, something new!

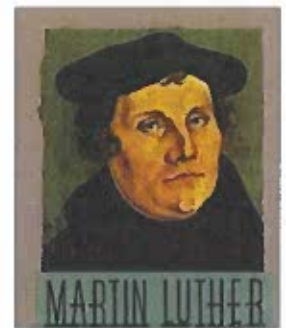
While there are some periods of life that can cause us to fall into routines; it can also be easy to become complacent. The lack of variety in our lives might cause us to think that we have nothing new to contribute or no time to give. Yet, we must always remember God has more for us. God knows us far better than we even know ourselves. When we feel stuck in our routine, we can ask our loving Father to show us something new. It might be a fresh way of thinking, a new way to live, or another unexpected change for the better.

As the new year begins, remember that every day is a gift the Lord has made for us to rejoice in. God has new mercies for us today, tomorrow, and far into the future. And may your new year be blessed and filled with many new and wonderful opportunities!

Karen Chaffins

Martin Luther Quotes

"True humility does not know that it is humble. If it did, it would be proud from the contemplations of so fine a virtue."



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service - 9:00 am
Worship currently also streamed on FB at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Sunday School 10:30 am

OFFICE HOURS

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



Saturday, January 20, 2024

POP Fellowship Hall

7am- Start cooking

7:30am-Enjoy breakfast & discussion

Serving You This Month

January	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Communion Servers	Fellowship
7	Ginny Zimmerman	Dave Liezen	The Elliotts	Bernie Polikowsky		Holly Christoff	Jan Gilliam
14	Sue & Paul Parrish	Susan Ames	The Parrishs	Bernie Polikowsky		Sue Parrish	
21	Susan Ames	Curt Froscheiser		Bernie Polikowsky		Susan Ames	
28	Debra Trujillo-Gilbert	Rebecca Hendrickson		Bernie Polikowsky			

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, January 7

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 14

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm: 29

2nd Reading: Acts 19:1-7

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 21

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm: 62:5-12

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 28

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm: 111

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Birthdays

January 1- Doug Elliott

January 7- Jimmy Lasswell

January 8- Lisa Lasswell

January 11- Bill Dupuis

January 26- Joe Reihman

Anniversaries

January 23- Curt & Mary Froscheiser



News from POP

To Ponder:

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Romans: 14:8

"Yes, certainly, we are the Lord's, and this is our greatest joy and comfort, that we have as a Lord the one to whom the Father has given all power in heaven and on earth, and into whose hands God has given all things. Who, then, can and will harm us? The devil may well rage with wrath, but he cannot tear us out of his hands. Further, are not we who believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, and live under his protection, also in him and through him, ourselves made lords over the devil, sin, and death? For he was made man for our sake (that he might win for us such lordship.)"

Martin Luther

(from his sermon on Romans 14:8.)



Council Position

The council is looking for someone who will serve as Treasurer for 2024. Our current Treasurer, Mary Froscheiser is retiring, but would be available to advise and help. If you are interested, please talk to Mary or a church council member. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	INCOME	EXPENSES	TOTAL Income/(Loss)
November 2023	\$ 20,027.34	\$ 23,727.12	\$ (3,699.78)
2023 Year to Date	\$ 331,038.79	\$323,888.96	\$ 7,149.83

- Our final mortgage payment of \$28,626.16 was paid on 9/12/23

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



Mark the Dates!

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Budget information available to pick up at church

Sunday, January 21st

Budget Informational Meeting

(right after worship service)

Monday, January 22, 2024

Annual Committee Reports due to the office

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Annual Meeting

(right after worship service)

Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, January 10, 2024
(note change of date)



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, January 9, 2024



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, January 23 & 30, 2024



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.

Quilts for Kids 2023 Report




We were pleased to distribute 107 quilts for kids to the following organizations:

- 29 to Family Promise of Spokane
- 24 to Ronald McDonald House
- 24 to JOYA
- 24 to Maddie's Place
- 5 to Caritas
- 1 for POP tree of sharing



Thank you to everyone that helped make the quilts. A special thanks to Marie Tamura for donating batting & backing thru Thrivent funds.

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