

**From Pastor Joel Skindlov**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Have you heard of a paradox? No, not a pair of ducks, (: , a paradox, a statement that seems like it contradicts itself, like peanut butter and pickles, but on further review, the unusual or cognitive dissonance, (things that make you go huh?), actually makes sense.

Take for example, Paul's letter to the Philippians. You can find it in the New Testament, between the books of Ephesians and Colossians. It's pretty short, relatively speaking. Compare it to the book of Isaiah in the Old Testament of the Bible.

The apostle Paul tells the church in Philippi, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:12-13). Here is a paradox. "Work out your own salvation, with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure". How can it make sense that I have to work out my own salvation, but God is at work in me?

Working from verse 13 back toward the beginning of verse 12, notice that God is the actor and subject of the actions of the Philippians. The prior verses, Philippians 2:6-11, give one summary of Christ's life, death, and resurrection as the defining saving work of God. The apostle Paul encourages us to work out that gift of relationship we have received from Christ. Put that gift into practice, the gift of life and freedom, the gift of faith, hope and love with Christ and those around us, in our life. We can call that our vocation, the stations in life where our faith intersect with the world, i.e., family, friends, community, etc. Where the rubber meets the road.

The "fear and trembling" part, in verse 12, isn't my favorite, if I'm completely honest. Yet, I wonder if this fear and trembling has something to do with respect, with reverence, awe and wonder, with placing ourselves in proper comparison to God and our world. We take seriously and see ourselves as part of a larger story. And when we do that, we can lean into the question, What is God calling me to do, be, participate in as a follower of Jesus? How does God desire to use my life here and now?

Now we look at the second part of this paradox. Paul proclaims, "it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

The second part of this paradox gives the promise that it is God who is the catalytic agent, the one that stirs the pot, sets the stage, grants us the energy, wisdom, and vision to live out and practice our faith in Christ. God is at work in you! Jesus promises to continue to walk with you and dwell within in you and among us. Yes, even in these unusual, strange times. Where have you seen God at work in the last month? Where might Christ be calling us in the coming months to share God's love and life?

Last but not least, October 25<sup>th</sup> marks the celebration of Reformation Sunday. This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's "Freedom of a Christian", an essay, written to the medieval church. Luther's main ideas in this pamphlet are a paradox. 1) The Christian individual is a completely free lord of all, subject to none.

2) The Christian individual is a completely dutiful servant of all, subject to all. Join me in reading this essay beginning in October. A free PDF of the document can be found at <https://www.elca500.org>

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**Caritas Needs For October**

**Necessities:** Laundry Soap, toilet paper, dish soap, can openers & shampoo

**Food:** Canned meat, canned fruit and Veggies, canned soups, jam & jellies, syrup & pancake mix, cereals (hot& cold), chili, & child friendly snacks  
(non perishables)

Please don't tie bags shut!



## From The President

When will it end? I am of course referring to the Covid Pandemic and as I write this the smoke from the fires. It certainly has not been easy on any of us. Yet there is some light at the end of the tunnel. We have started having in person worship again, albeit on a smaller scale. Even though there were restrictions in place it was good to gather together again. Our pre school is open again and what a blessing that is. We are planning on re-starting committee night again in October. Of course all of this is dependent upon improvements in the Covid situation. Let us continue to pray. Pray for those in our congregation, our Pastor, our preschool and public school teachers and all of those workers in our community that have had to be out taking care of our daily needs throughout this pandemic. Perhaps the words from Isaiah 41:13 may be of some comfort, "For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you".

Yours in Christ  
Curtis



Church Office Hours  
starting October 2nd  
M-F 9-3

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church publishes a monthly newsletter for members, friends and churches in the area. News articles, address changes, questions or comments should be addressed to:

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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*  
**Saturday, October 17th**  
POP Fellowship Hall — 7am—Start cooking  
8am—Discussion begins  
We will discuss  
Acts—Chapters 19 & 20

# Serving You This Month

October	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants
4	Susan Ames	Mike Sanborn
11	Marie McMahon	John Renford
18	Marie McMahon	Joy Liezen
25	Ginny Zimmerman	Cliff Hendrickson

## 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, October 4

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: 80:7-15

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

### Sunday, October 11

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm: 23

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



### Sunday, October 18

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm: 96:1-9[10-13]

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

### Sunday, October 25

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: 46

2nd Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

October Meetings suspended because of COVID-19 unless otherwise notified  
Bible Study:  
Baby Quilters:  
Charity Quilters:

Edith Zimbelman

### Lutheran World Relief News

The explosion in Beirut on August 10th impacted the shipment of 3 LWR containers in the port waiting to be unloaded. The explosion may not have totally destroyed the containers, LWR's area partner ANERA, is trying to determine what is salvageable. You can donate to the Quilt and Kit Shipping fund at [lwr.org/donate/shipping\\_fund](http://lwr.org/donate/shipping_fund). There are several articles at [lwr.org](http://lwr.org) that summarize what happened and a daily blog from their staff investigation the destruction.



### One Neighbor at a Time

by Kelsie Rowland, Operations Manager

*"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth" 1John 3:18*

Gratitude! As we head into a strange and uncertain new decade, I can't help but reflect on the many amazing ways God has provided for this ministry since Caritas' inception in 1992. Caritas functions on a razor thin budget, consistently operating on less than 10% indirect costs. The overwhelming majority of donations go directly to client services like food, hygiene items, and utility & transportation assistance. While Caritas does seek out grant opportunities, we rely heavily on our supporting churches and private donors. A few are able to give financially, others provide items to fill our shelves, and some give out what they have, which is the power of prayer. These gifts and intercessions allow Caritas to face the daily needs and challenges that come through our doors. One neighbor at a time, one conversation, one precious moment after another. We are rebuilding lives and caring for the most vulnerable of our society. And, the more blessings God pours out, the more people God brings for us to serve. In the last five years, our service numbers more than doubled! And with COVID-19, we are seeing spikes of need across the county. We trust that with each new face, new story of heartbreak, God will continue to provide volunteers, funds, and most importantly, God's Grace to this mission and our clients.


Thank you to all of our supporters!  
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On the first page of the Newsletter is a list of current needs or if you are more comfortable, monetary donations can be made at

[www.facebook.com/CaritasoutreachMinistries](https://www.facebook.com/CaritasoutreachMinistries) with PayPal.

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# October 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Jan Gilliam's B-day	2	3 Chad Heimbigner's B-day
4 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane	5	6 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM 7pm All Committee Night	7	8	9	10
11 CARITAS SUNDAY 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane Melissa Skindlov's B-day	12 Joel Skindlov's B-day	13 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM 10am Exec. Council	14 Evelyn Heider's B-day	15	16 Todd Lalley's B-day Michelle Schubert's B-day	17 7:30am Men's Breakfast (TBD)
18 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane James Rapp's Baptism	19	20 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM 7pm Council Meeting	21 Mel Nebelsieck's B-day	22 Jim & Rita Rausch Ann.	23	24
25 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane	26	27 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN 

# News from POP



Lutheran Disaster Response  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

Make checks payable to  
Lutheran Disaster Response.  
Write "Hurricane Response" on your  
check's memo line and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Hurricane Laura, a powerful Category 4 storm, has hit Louisiana and parts of Texas with devastating force, and it left widespread destruction in its wake.

Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response (Upbring) and the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast and Southwestern Texas synods, which are assessing the immediate needs. While the extent of the damage is not yet known, we will accompany devastated communities from immediate relief through long-term recovery.

Your gifts designated for "Hurricane Response" will be used entirely (100%) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes. Please give now.

## October Birthdays

- Oct. 1 Jan Gilliam
- Oct. 3 Chad Heimbigner
- Oct. 6 McKenzie Elliott
- Oct. 11 Melissa Skindlov
- Oct. 12 Pastor Joel Skindlov
- Oct. 14 Evelyn Heider
- Oct. 16 Todd Lalley  
Michelle Schubert
- Oct. 21 Mel Nebelsieck

## October Anniversaries

- Oct. 22 Jim and Rita Rausch



## Church Chuckle

*You might be Lutheran if...*



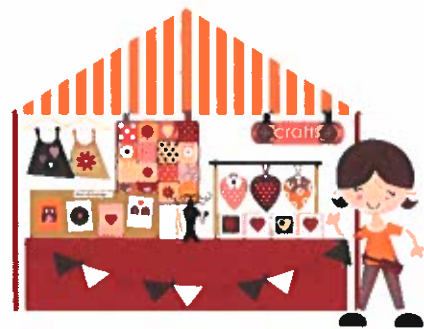
***It takes ten minutes to say good-bye.***

## Prince of Peace Fall Bazaar Cancelled

WELCA donates proceeds from the Fall Bazaar to many local organizations. Several members have expressed concern about those organizations having budget shortfalls. If you would like to consider a donation of what you normally would spend at the bazaar or any other amount, please make checks out to Prince of Peace WELCA. Donations gathered in during the month of October will be donated to the organizations to help a little with the shortfall.

Donations can be placed in the offering plate, dropped off or mailed to the church office.

Thank you!



Come in and visit our newly organized library. It has been arranged by general categories and labeled. Examples are Devotionals, Church History, Reference, Old Testament, New Testament, Martin Luther, and more. Check-out will be on the honor system. There is a clip board hanging on the end of the bookshelves to sign out your books. There is no due date but this helps to trace a book if someone else is looking for it. Please return books to the red tub on top of the shelves.



### EXCELSIOR BIRTHDAY CAKES

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



# Community Events



**Lutheran Community Services Northwest**  
37th Annual Inland Northwest fundraising Luncheon  
Sunday, November 1, 2020  
1-1:40pm  
Event Streaming link will be available at [lcsnw.org](http://lcsnw.org)



**Save the Date**  
Young Life's Annual Half-Fest Fundraiser  
Postponed until October or November  
Shriner's Event Center  
Live music by Stagecoach West

## WSQ Yardsale

The Washington State Quilters spring yard sale has been cancelled for 2020. It will be rescheduled for April 2021. There had been a possibility to have it in the fall but it was decided there was too much uncertainty during these times. We will store all the donated and priced items for next year. You can continue to collect donations for next year's sale.

