

**From Pastor Joel Skindlov**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"For health and strength and daily food we give you thanks, O Lord". This line was a prayer that my family sang when we gathered for Thanksgiving. We sung it in a round a few times and then sat down at the table and shared something that we were thankful for during that last year. I was typically thankful for some variation of this list: my family, the new bike or baseball cards I received or the joy of the apple pie I would devour after the meal.

Thanksgiving, whatever that looks like this year, still remains a time to give thanks to God for the many gifts and blessings we have been given. You are probably thinking, "yeah right Pastor Joel, it's time to kick 2020 to the curb. Get done with this year and don't let the door hit it in the keister". And you are absolutely correct! Cancelled plans, physical distancing, upheaval and division everywhere you look. This year does not seem to have many things to be thankful for. Personally, at times, I lean more toward being a realist, if not a pessimist. I am an Eeyore on the Winnie the Pooh scale, in some things. Yet, cultivating gratitude, a sense of thankfulness, serves as an important practice in our Christian faith. Our walk with God will always have twists, turns, surprises, and both the good and bad kind.

How might we, as followers of Jesus, as people of God, practice gratitude even in the midst of this topsy-turvy world and year? One suggestion begins with the start of this month.

This first Sunday of November is All Saint's Sunday, where we honor those loved ones and friends that have died and recognize the saints, the beloved of God from past, present, and future. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:5-7 offers a picture of the celebration of passing on the Christian faith from generation to generation. "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. "For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; "for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline."(NRSV) Who is that person or people, who have guided, taught and/or helped you in your faith walk? They might be family members or friends, coaches, teachers, co-workers, neighbors. You can give thanks for them.

We can look to the Psalms for truthfulness, encouragement, and gratitude as people claimed by the promises of God. "I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exulted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul" (Psalm 138: 1-4). Our gratitude might come from looking at recovery from a calamity, illness or challenging time in our life.

The difficult part of gratitude and gratefulness lies in the fact that our lives are not perfect. We experience sad, dreadful, disappointing, life zapping things that make it hard, if not near impossible at times, to see or notice that God is still present. Many times it is difficult to notice there are, in fact, people, circumstances, and situations where we can give God thanks.

If you are not in a point where you feel you can share a grateful moment in your life, that is okay. God's steadfast love and faithfulness remains in you and with you. Sharing gratitude does not lessen those realities, but equips us to persist and persevere, as individuals and communities, to bear one another's burdens and share in the joys and struggles of our lives.

This is not the year that we expected. As we move toward Thanksgiving, how might we go against the grain and look for ways that God and Christ's activity might still be at work, through the people, places, and opportunities that God promises to meet us? Do you have a gratitude journal, a place or space where you can share one thing that you are thankful for? Starting this Thursday and running through the month of November, I will be offering a Thankful Thursday reflection on POP's Facebook and Youtube pages as we continue the conversation.

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5). Thank God for you and your partnership in the gospel as we share God's love in, with, and for our community.

Peace, Pastor Joel

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**Caritas Needs For November**

**Necessities:** Paper Towels, tooth-pasted brushes, can openers, shampoo, anti-bacterial ointment

**Food:** Chef Boyardee, Ramen Soup, canned fruit, chili, peanut butter, canned vegetables, jelly/jam, pancake mix & syrup, smaller sized baking supplies of flour, sugar and oil, chicken broth, canned pumpkin & sweet potatoes, cake mixes, instant potatoes and evaporated milk.  
(non perishables)

Please don't tie bags shut!



# From The President

Recently I read a slogan that went something like this. "God Said It. I Believe It. That Settles It." One could interpret that as they wish. For me it has to do with prayer. We know that that God wants us to pray, that he hears our prayers and that he answers. Not always in the timeframe we want and not always the answer that we are looking for. That should not prevent us from praying. During this pandemic I know that all of us have prayed for an end to it or a vaccine. Patience is not one of my better virtues but I know that in spite of the recent surges in positive cases around the nation and the globe that God will see us through this. There are hopeful signs all around. Children are returning to school. We are worshipping in person on a much smaller scale but still in person. At Prince of Peace we will attempt to have the small Bible Study group start meeting again. Let us continue to pray for the well being of all those who choose to attend but let also remember our own responsibilities when attending to keep one another safe.

As we move on towards the end of the year our finance committee has been working on the budget for 2021. At our last annual meeting (before Covid) we announced that our plan would be to have the budget ready for presentation and discussion by the end of November. That timeline is still accurate but we will most likely do some sort of virtual presentation. You will all receive a copy prior to the presentation and I will keep you informed of how we do the presentation. The virus will also more than likely affect our annual meeting in January. We have been in contact with the synod on this and they are also looking for alternate plans. Let us move forward into November keeping all those we know in our congregation that are ill or struggling in our prayers and let us remember that November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day, lest we forget.

Yours in Christ  
Curtis

## Church Chuckle

*You might be Lutheran if...*

**COFFEE IS A LINE ITEM ON THE BUDGET.**



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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, November 21**  
POP Fellowship Hall — 7am—Start cooking  
8am—Discussion begins  
We will discuss  
Acts—Chapters 19 & 20

# Serving You This Month

November	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants
1	Karen Heimbigner	Susan Ames
8	Karen Heimbigner	
15	Ginny Zimmerman	
22	Sue Parrish	
29	Sue Parrish	Rebecca 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, November 1**

1st Reading: Revelation 7:9-17  
 Psalm: 34:1-10,22  
 2nd Reading: 1John 3:1-3  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

### **Sunday, November 8**

1st Reading: Amos 5:18-24  
 Psalm: 70  
 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
 Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

### **Sunday, November 15**

1st Reading: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18  
 Psalm: 90:1-8[9-11]12  
 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

### **Sunday, November 22**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24  
 Psalm: 95:1-7a  
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23  
 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

### **Sunday, November 29**

1st Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9  
 Psalm: 80:1-7,17-19  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
 Gospel: Mark 13:24-37



# News from POP

Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

November Meetings suspended because of COVID-19 unless otherwise notified

Bible Study:

Baby Quilters:

Charity Quilters:

Edith Zimbelman

Do you have any yarn at your house that you aren't using?

Iris Pehan participates with RSVP-Retired Senior Volunteer Program, sponsored by the YWCA. She makes lap robes, scarves and hats that are then distributed to local charities. She would love to use any extra 4 ply worsted yarn you may have laying around.

Please bring to the church office for collection.



## November Birthdays

Nov. 4- Ami Elliott

Nov. 7- Mary Froscheiser

Nov. 11- Jenna Tamura

Nov. 20- Don Rogge



## 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

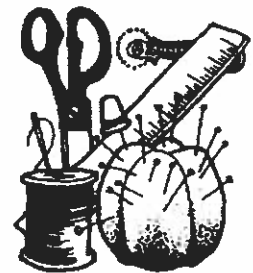
1-1:40pm

Event Streaming link will be available at [lcsnw.org](http://lcsnw.org)

## 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.





# November 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 ALL SAINT'S 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane	2	3 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM & In-person	4 Ari Elliot's B-day	5	6	7 Mary Froscheiser's B-day
8 CARITAS SUNDAY 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane	9	10 10am Executive Council 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM & In-person 7pm All Committee Night	11 Jenna Tamura's B-day	12	13	14
15 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane	16	17 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM & In-person 7pm Council Meeting	18	19	20 Don Rogge's B-day	21
22 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane	23	24 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM & In-person	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY 	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane	30					