



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Greetings on this brisk, chilly day! God is our refuge and strength! I need that reminder in these days. From world events to challenges and difficulties in our communities, neighborhoods, and households, God promises to be present. The psalmist offers these words:

"God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult" (Psalm 46:1-3, NRSV).

In the midst of troubles and tribulations, both immense and ordinary, God promises to walk with us. I find comfort and hope that God's presence does not wax and wane, but remains constant, even when I cannot feel or realize it.

I'm always struck by the beginning of verse two in Psalm 46. "Therefore, we will not fear". Fear, worry, uncertainty, disorientation, chaos. Even the ordinary changes that is part and parcel of life, whether I like it or not. Christ remains steadfast, committed, and provides us with what we need in our time and place. Fear remains a big hurdle for me in the midst of the changes that happen in life. Many of the changes are for our benefit. Some changes are deeply painful and filled with grief. How do we honor both the joy and pain of life, the celebration and lament that enters our life as people of faith?

What are your hopes and dreams for your life? For the life of Prince of Peace as a Christian community? Notice that this "we will not fear" looks at the communal aspect of our ability to move and think with courage and boldness because God remains our refuge and strength, even in the midst of the changes we experience. There are other psalms that speak of the individual requests and prayers to God. Here in Psalm 46, the psalmist speaks to us as the community, working, witnessing, debating, discussing, and discerning what it looks like to follow God in our time and place.

We can and should be aware of the change and tumult around us, yet how do we live into the faith filled trust that sees God's activity in the midst of it. What does it look like to join in to the work of God in our midst? In the middle of our daily lives, the middle of our responsibilities and opportunities, God grants us the strength and wisdom to share the love of Christ, the strength of God with other people.

The psalm concludes with the lines, "Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:10, NRSV). For me, this verse works in a number of ways. Confronting me, stopping me in my tracks. Be still, in this sense, speaks to the times when we are confronted with our lack of control in our lives and different situations.

"Be still and know that I am God!", also can serve as a nudge or tap on our shoulder. As we pause to consider the ways God in Christ continues to work in our lives. This "pause" might be a practice of sitting quietly, but it might also be on a walk, a hike, a run, baking, building, while our intention is to focus on how God's continued activity impacts our lives.

Speaking about the ways God is at work in the lives of our church, we have the good pleasure to welcome Pastor Emily Kuenker, campus pastor of Greater Spokane Campus Ministry and Pastor Liv Larson Andrews, Director of Evangelical Mission, as a member of the Synod Staff.

Pastor Em will join us to guest preach and share more about this reimagine ministry with college aged and young adults, at EWU, the University District in downtown Spokane, and SFCC. Pastor Em will be with us Sunday, November 5th.

Pastor Liv will join us on Sunday, November 19th, to guest preach, share about her new call and ways that her work can help support and resource our ministry. She will also share about our shared ministry throughout our synod.

Peace,
Pastor Joel

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Caritas Needs For November

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
Caritas Outreach Ministries.
1228 W. Nebraska, Spokane, WA 99205



From The President

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another.
Colossians: 3: 12-13*

Here we are again... with Thanksgiving just around the corner! There is so much to be grateful and thankful for when we stop and look for it. Unfortunately, there are also times when the world forgets the simplicity of the human characteristics in the scripture above. Let us remember and never forget 1 Corinthians 13:13 "There are three things that remain - faith, hope and love - and the greatest of these is love."

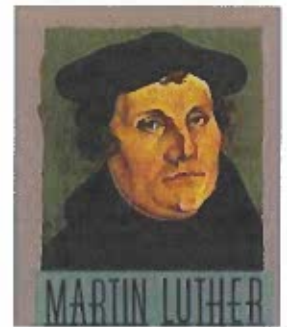
My message is short this month. I want to thank each and every one of you for all you do and bring to Prince of Peace. Embrace all that you have to be thankful for and have been blessed with! Celebrate and enjoy the holiday with friends, family, and loved ones; and here's wishing all of you a *very...*

Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in Christ,
Karen Chaffins

Martin Luther Quotes

"The Gospel cannot be truly preach without offense and tumult."



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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, November 18, 2023

POP Fellowship Hall

7am- Start cooking

7:30am-Enjoy breakfast & discussion

Serving You This Month

November	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Communion Servers	Fellowship
5	Holly Christoff	Susan Ames	The Elliotts	Matt Christoff	Joe Rock & Doug Elliott	Holly Christoff	Ami Elliott
12	Paul & Sue Parrish	Joy Liezen		Bernie Polikowsky			
19	Susan Ames	Rebecca Hendrickson		Erica & Lee Salkin	Paul & Sue Parrish	Susan Ames	Sandy Swanson & Rene Bottjen
26	Paul & Sue Parrish	John Renford		Bernie Polikowsky	Mel Nebelsieck & Dick Hawley	Sue Parrish	The Christoffs

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, November 5

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



Sunday, November 12

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

Sunday, November 19

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

Sunday, November 26

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

Birthdays

November 4- Ami Elliott
 November 7- Mary Froscheiser
 November 11- Jenna Tamura
 November 17- Harper Skindlov
 Hannah Skindlov
 November 18- Jon Heimbigner
 Sharon Anthony



November 20- Don Rogge
 November 21- Kim Floyd
 November 26- Jacob Basgal
 November 29- Holly Christoff

News from POP

To Ponder:

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace."

Ephesians 1:7 ESV

From Prayer by Tim Keller

"...no sin can bring us into condemnation, because of Christ's atoning sacrifice. ...also, sin is so serious and grievous to God that Jesus had to die. We must recognize both of these aspects of God's grace or we will lapse into one or the other of two fatal errors. Either we will think forgiveness is easy for God to give, or we will doubt the reality and thoroughness of our pardon."



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!

Thank You

Kathy Fleiger thanks everyone for their prayers & cards around her surgery. She appreciates all the prayers and concern for her successful recovery.

Prayerful Questions

George Mueller (1805-1898) was a minister and founder of orphanages in England known for his prayer life. One of his practices included asking these questions of each Scripture text he read.

"Is there any example for me to follow?

Is there any command for me to obey?

Is there any error for me to avoid?

Is there any sin for me to forsake?

Is there any promise for me to claim?

Is there any new thought about God Himself?"

May the Lord bless our attempts to deepen our engagement with His Word.

Fellowship

We are having fellowship following Worship Service. Treats can be very simple, for example... donuts cut in half, store bought cookies, homemade treats, or cheese and crackers. Please do whatever you are comfortable providing. The sign up is on the bulletin board to the left of the kitchen window opening. Lets share a treat and visit after service.



Altar Flowers

Check out the sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers. There are many dates available. There are vases available in the closet in the kitchen if you need one. Arrangements don't have to be large or fancy but add a nice touch to the altar on Sunday.



Upcoming November Events

All Saint's Sunday-November 5th



Stewardship Sunday-November 12th



Thankoffering Sunday- November 19th



*Thanksgiving Praise & Pie-
Wednesday, November 22nd*



Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, November 1, 2023



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, November 14, 2023



Charity Quilters: 9:00am Tuesdays, November 28, 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.

Arts & Crafts Fair

Thank you to all the crafters, bakers, and helpers before, during and after the fair!

Over \$3650 was raised to be distributed to local organizations that support women & children! There will be a meeting later on to discuss which groups. Watch for the date!

The winner of the quilt was Avery Hunt, a Whitworth student who worships with us and is a great worker at the arts & crafts fair. Yah Avery!

\$425 was raised by the quilt raffle to use for charity quilt supplies.



Community Events

Save the
DATE

A Sherlock CAROL



**Wednesday,
December 6th, 2023**

at the
**Spokane Civic Theatre
1020 N. Howard St.**

Benefiting

**& Greater Spokane
Campus Ministry**

6:00 PM Social Hour

wine/drinks, snacks, auction baskets

7:15 PM Doors open / 7:30 PM Curtain

TICKETS MAKE GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS

Cost: \$35.00 each Purchase online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

OR contact Christie McKee

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*Funding for this event is partially paid for from the
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November 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	2 1:00 pm Bible Study	3	4
5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	6	7 5:30 pm Praise Group 7:00 pm All Committee	8 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	9 1:00 pm Bible Study	10	11
12 CARITAS SUNDAY / PLEDGE SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" 	13 1:00 pm Exec. Council	14 9:00 am Quilts for Kids 5:30 pm Praise Group 	15 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	16 1:00 pm Bible Study	17	18 7:30 am Men's Breakfast
19 THANKOFFERING 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	20 6:30 pm Council Meeting	21 5:30 pm Praise Group	22 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm Praise & Pie 	23 Church office closed for Thanksgiving 	24 Church office closed for Thanksgiving	25
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