

From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In a much beloved Christmas song of mine, Charlie Brown and the crew sing, "Christmas time is here/ happiness and cheer/ Fun for all/ that children call/ their favorite time of year". I know, I know, it's the beginning of Advent, but I wonder if this song, at least musically, "speaks" to the longing, waiting, and anticipation of Jesus' arrival, Christ's coming. The song is in a minor musical key. The children sing these beautiful words, there seems to be a full throated and heart wrenching longing, that those words are true, real, and even tangible.

The season of Advent marks the beginning of the church year. This year it begins on Sunday, November 29th. As the literal darkness grows deeper and longer, we light a candle as a sign of hope and determined trust in a God who does not always work on our timetable.

Advent seems strange and peculiar, at times. Just get to the good stuff, the presents, hot cocoa, and yuletide cheer! Hasn't this year gone on long enough already? Why yes, yes it has!

We have been living in Advent time for most of this year, How long, O Lord? We're in good company! The people of God from long ago cried out "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down so that the mountains would quake at your presence- as when fire kindles brush wood and the fire causes water to boil" (Isaiah 64:1). In other words, hurry up already God, we know you've acted in the past, but you feel so distant now. The guttural yearning to speed up or slow down time itself leads us to wonder and cry out, Where are you God? Come and be with us!

It might be less urgent, but no less serious, as we encounter disruption in our schedules, disorientation, as the world goes topsy turvy, as we hurry up and wait, again and again and again over these last 9 months.

Advent time is here. As Christians we trust and believe in Christ's presence, purposes and possibilities, but at times life, especially this last year, seems to have other plans.

Even in the midst of our waiting and longing, our frustration and stress, in the midst of our daily lives, Christ arrives, God interrupts my perfectly laid out plans, in order to reveal Christ's presence. Working to restore, renew, and sustain us in our lives.

The season of Advent gives us permission to acknowledge the challenge, loss, and reality of our lives, the good, the bad, and the cruddy. God waits with you in your grief, pain and struggle, our unresolved notes of life that leave cuts and wounds. Yet, the beat goes on, the heartbeat of the gospel, that God is NOT distance, that God arrives and enters into our life, right where you are, granting you strength for today and hope for tomorrow, one day at a time, one week at a time. O Come, O Come Emmanuel, God with us!

Peace,
Pastor Joel

P.S. I invite you to check out 2020 #AdventWord as a way to participate in the season. #AdventWord is a global, online Advent calendar. Each day from the first Sunday of Advent through Christmas Day, #AdventWord offers meditations and images to inspire and connect individuals and a worldwide community of believers to the themes of Advent. Go to their website for more information- <https://adventword.org/en/home/>

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Caritas Needs For December

Food: Cereal, Ramen noodles, canned soup, chili and canned fruit

Necessities: Paper towels & laundry soap

(non perishables)

Please don't tie bags shut!



From The President

Usually when I write my news letter for the following month I have waited until receiving an E-Mail from Amy informing me that it's time to get the news letter in. This time it's different. As I prepare this, it is Nov 10th and the day before this country received some encouraging news about a vaccine that looks promising in the fight against the Covid virus. We talked about the importance of prayer in the past and I know that there have been many prayers for those who have been tasked in developing a vaccine as well as those who have suffered illness. This is a remarkable achievement anyway you look at it. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those who have worked to bring this about. Let us now pray for those who distribute the vaccine, that they can do so with appreciation from all citizens of our country.

As the year comes to a close and Thanksgiving has passed our eyes turn toward Advent and Christmas. Things are different than in the past. Our services will certainly be different. I can go on but the main point that I would like to make is that there will be an end. If we miss having Christmas Eve as before I have to believe that it will be only for this one time. We can and will find a way to celebrate the birth of Christ. When we say "there's light at the end of the tunnel perhaps the light that we see is like the star drawing us to the true meaning of Christ's birth whether we celebrate that in Church or watch our Church service from home.

Yours in Christ
Curtis

Church Chuckle

You might be Lutheran if...



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NAME ON THEM.**

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

Serving You This Month

December	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants
6		Joy Liezen
13		Mike Sanborn
20		John Renford
27		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, December 6

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11
 Psalm: 85:1-2,8-13
 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a
 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Sunday, December 13

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11
 Psalm: 126
 2nd Reading: 1Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28



Sunday, December 20

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16
 Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55
 2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 27

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Psalm: 148
 2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

News from POP

Tree of Sharing

We ARE going to have a Tree of Sharing this year! This year we have adopted students from Cooper Elementary School. You will need to stop by the church to pick up a tag and return your wrapped present no later than December 13th.

If you have any questions, please call Karen Rogge at 467-5774.



December Birthdays

- Dec. 1 - Randy Fleiger
- Dec. 3- Ethan Staley
- Dec. 5- Karen Heimbigner
- Dec. 8- Marie Tamura
- Dec. 13- Don Schneuker
- Dec. 14- Cliff Hendrickson
Keith Humphrey
- Dec. 16- Helen Cogley
- Dec. 21- Stephanie Feist
- Dec. 22- Delores Shelton
Michelle Buckley
- Dec. 23- Barb Wisor
- Dec. 26- Carol Hawley
Sue Parrish



December Anniversaries

- Dec. 15- Harold & Tammy Fleiger
Jake & Angela Rapp
- Dec. 21- Bill & Susan Burgermyer
- Dec. 29- Al & Barbara Wisor



December Meetings suspended because of COVID-19 unless otherwise notified

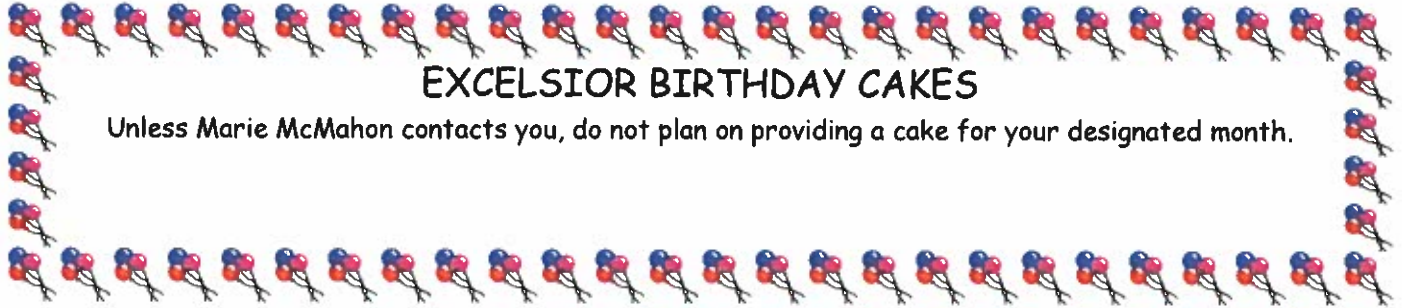
Bible Study:

Baby Quilters:

Charity Quilters:



Edith Zimbelman



EXCELSIOR BIRTHDAY CAKES

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

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.

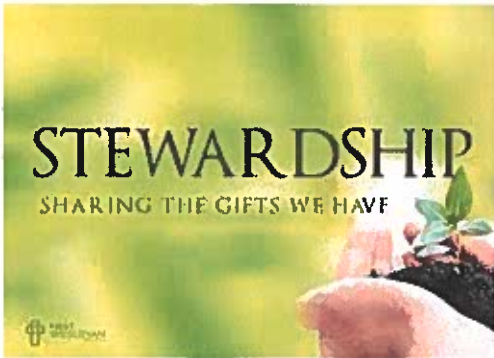
Please bring to the church office for collection.



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.





Greetings from your Stewardship Committee!

God's kingdom in heaven and on earth is not about earning and deserving; it's about believing and receiving. To me it is an example of stewardship, all that we have is a gift that needs to be continually given. The following article from the ELCA will briefly touch on the concept of gifting our assets to Prince of Peace Lutheran church after our pilgrimage on earth is complete.

Prince of Peace is our church home made up of our church family. This congregation is made of many families and individuals who support each other regardless the circumstances. Our family is a compilation of two congregations joined together. Our past is one of sharing God's Word to world for over 25 years. We continue to support each other in present times; but what about in the future? Is there a method of enabling Prince of Peace to show that same level of support to future generations of worshippers and our ever growing neighborhood?

Whether it's present day or in the future; donations of money, time and talents are so vitally important to the ongoing ministry of this congregation! What kind of lifeline do we want for Prince of Peace in the years and decades to come? The following article entitled; "Your Gift Plan", lists a variety of ways we can enable our ministry to thrive. As a Stewardship Committee; we strongly encourage you to prayerfully read and consider the following suggestions when planning for our personal, as well as our church's future. Prince of Peace currently has an Endowment Committee established to oversee donation. Should you have any questions, please contact Randy or Kathy Fleiger, Mary Froscheiser or John Renford.

In His service,
John Renford, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee



Assets are anything that you own. You have an opportunity to share your assets with others.

Consider these various items you may own:

- ◇ Cash
- ◇ Investment accounts like CD's, money market accounts, etc.
- ◇ Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds
- ◇ Retirement Plans
- ◇ Insurance
- ◇ Personal Property (automobiles, collectibles, heirlooms, etc.)
- ◇ Real Estate (residential recreational, commercial)
- ◇ Business Ownership Interests

Your Gift Plan

Gift planning is the preparation of a plan that considers your blessing, your needs the needs of your loved ones and your interest in supporting ministry, both now and in the future. Gift planning empowers you to make decisions that have a larger impact than ever imagined possible. Whether you have

Assets can be used to make a gift today or in the future that will have a long-term impact on the mission and ministry of this church. Whether you are interested in a gift through your will or trust, retirement plans, life insurance, charitable gift annuities, donor advised funds, charitable trusts or endowments, careful gift planning can make an impact forever.

The examples and information provided are for illustrative and educational purposes only and should not be considered tax or legal advice. Please consult with your tax or legal advisor about proceeding with your gift plan.

Check out 2020 #AdventWord

#AdventWord is a global, online Advent calendar. Join an international community in prayer to explore the mystery and wonder of Advent! You can get more information by visiting their website, <https://adventword.org/en/home/> You can participate via email, Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.





If you prefer analog or hybrid model or would like to participate in a different way, you can pray and use the daily word as a starting point. Questions or comments? Contact Pastor Joel, poppastor@popspokane.org or call 465-0779

#AdventWord
a global advent calendar

29	TENDER	12	HONEY
30	DELIVER	13	GO
1	STRENGTHEN	14	REST
2	EARTH	15	WORSHIP
3	REBUILD	16	PRAY
4	FELLOWSHIP	17	LEARN
5	GLORY	18	BLESS
6	SPEAK	19	TURN
7	COMFORT	20	REJOICE
8	PATIENT	21	MYSTERY
9	MERCY	22	WISDOM
10	BAPTIZE	23	HOLY
11	WORD	24	PROCLAIM

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December 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM Randy Fleiger b-day	2 7pm Advent Worship 	3 Ethan Staley b-day	4	5 Karen Heimbigner b-day
6 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	7	8 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM Marie Tamura b-day	9 7pm Advent Worship 	10	11	12
13 CARITAS SUNDAY 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" Don Schneuker b-day	14 Cliff Hendrickson b-day Keith Humphrey b-day	15 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM 7pm Council Meeting Harold & Tammy Fleiger Jake & Angela Rapp anniversaries	16 7pm Advent Worship  Helen Cogley b-day	17	18	19
20 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	21 Stephanie Feist b-day Bill & Susan Burgemyer anniversary	22 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM Delores Shelton b-day Michelle Buckley b-day	23 Barbara Wisor b-day	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 7pm Worship Service 	25 CHRISTMAS	26 Carol Hawley b-day Sue Parrish b-day
27 9am Worship & Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	28	29 1pm Bible Study-ZOOM Al & Barbara Wisor anniversary	30	31		