



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we enter into the month of December, we continue the church season of Advent. Advent means arriving or coming, we notice, and pay attention to Jesus' arrival, both his birth as a baby and Christ's second coming. As we enter this new month, we live in the in between, the already, but not yet of God's coming kingdom in all its fullness. Do you notice that Jesus receives two names in the birth story in Matthew 1:18-25?

In Matthew's gospel, Joseph, Mary's soon to be husband finds out that she is pregnant. Given Joseph's customs, "being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly". It seems that God has other plans. The Christmas story, in Matthew's gospel, has Joseph receiving a visit from an angel of the Lord, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21. NRSV). No multitude of angels in gospel of Matthew's Christmas story. And yet, a lot of intrigue and questions. Jesus is both the Son of David, as Joseph publicly names him Jesus, and the Son of God, as Jesus' birth is from the Holy Spirit, also.

"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Where do you notice God with you in these days and week?

The name Jesus in the ancient world was a much more common name, connected with Joshua, meaning "the Lord saves". These two names work together to help illustrate Jesus' earthly ministry, as Jesus as Emmanuel makes God tangible, knowable, a human that comes so close that it both comforts us in our struggles and confounds us that God would risk God's divine status to dwell with us.

Where do you notice God with us in these weeks leading up to Christmas? How might we prepare the way for the birth of Jesus entering into our lives once again?

One of the Prince of Peace bulletin boards has Random Acts of Kindness ideas posted on gift tags. Check it out! Take one or think of one of your own!

We begin mid-week Advent services this coming Wednesday, Nov. 30th at 7 PM. We'll be singing Holden Evening prayer as we join together in worship.

Peace,
Pastor Joel

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Caritas Needs For December

Food:
chili, canned chicken, canned variety soups, ramen, individual meat sticks & canned variety fruits

Necessities:
paper towels, tooth brushes, Shampoo, laundry soap & dish soap
(non perishables)
Please don't tie bags shut
Caritas Outreach Ministries,
1228 W. Nebraska,
Spokane, WA 99205



From The President

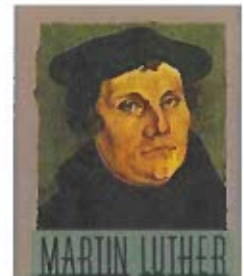
What would Jesus do? In the 1990's a Christian youth group leader in Michigan popularized the phrase and it spread worldwide. Many people wore bracelets bearing the initials; WWJD. As we soon celebrate Jesus' birth, these 4 initials, and the words associated with them, have taken a more frequent place in my mind. What should be our response to a person on the corner holding a sign asking for assistance? When is it right for us to turn the other cheek when confronted or insulted by someone? In general, how do we, as mortal, fallible human beings, try to pattern our lives in any resemblance of Jesus'? Believe me, I don't profess to have the answer, but the question stays with me. I can't imagine the awe and wonder those who witnessed Jesus' birth must have experienced! What a spectacle to see and hear Him proclaim God's message of grace and salvation through faith alone as He walked among the nobles and commoners of his adult life! And, ultimately giving His life for our eternal salvation! He did and gave His all for us. As we soon enter into the seasons of Advent and Christmas, I pray we open our hearts and minds to completely prepare and accept God's greatest gift for us, His only Son. What would Jesus do, what will we do? A blessed and Merry Christmas to all!

In His service,

John

Martin Luther Quotes

"But we who endeavor to please God and not men, stir up hell itself"



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OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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



Saturday, December 17th
POP Fellowship Hall 7am- Start cooking
8am-Enjoy breakfast & discussion

Serving You This Month

December	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers
4	Judi Holden	Mike Sanborn	No flowers-Advent		Joe Rock & Doug Elliott
11	Ginny Zimmerman	Cliff Hendrickson	No flowers-Advent		John & Peggy Renford
18	Karen Heimbigner	Susan Ames	No flowers-Advent		Randy & Kathy Fleiger
24th Christmas Eve	5:30pm-Debra Trujillo-Gilbert 9pm- Karen Heimbigner	5:30pm 9pm David Liezen		5:30pm 9pm	5:30pm 9pm
25th	Sue & Paul Parrish	Joy Liezen			Paul & Sue Parrish

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, December 4

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
 Psalm: 72:1-7,18-19
 2nd Reading: Roman15:4-13
 Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday, December 18

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16
 Psalm: 80:1-7,17-19
 2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7
 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, December 25

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
 Psalm: 98
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4[5-12]
 Gospel: John1:1-14

Sunday, December 11

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10
 Psalm: 146:5-10
 2nd Reading: James 5:7-10
 Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7
 Psalm: 96
 2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14
 Gospel: Luke 2:1-14[15-20]



December

December 1- Randy Fleiger
 December 5- Karen Heimbigner
 December 8- Marie Tamura
 December 13- Don Schneuer
 December 14- Cliff Hendrickson & Keith Humphry



December 16- Helen Cogley
 December 21- Stephanie Feist
 December 22- Delores Shelton
 December 26- Sue Parrish
 Carol Hawley
 December 29-Riley Brajcich

December 15- Jake & Angela Rapp
 Harold & Tammi Fleiger

December 21- Bill & Sue Burgermyer



News from POP

To Ponder:

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgements and unfathomable His ways!

Romans 11:33 NASB

"Clearly, our Lord operates in realms far beyond our ability to comprehend, but He longs for us to explore and experience that which is beyond the obvious. Some of His best truths, like priceless treasures, are hidden in depths most folks never take the time to search out. Our loss! Patiently and graciously, He waits to reveal insights and dimensions of truth to those who care enough to probe, to examine, to ponder."

Charles Swindoll, [Intimacy with the Almighty](#)



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	INCOME	EXPENSES	TOTAL Income/(Loss)
October 2022	\$27,816.70	\$32,213.90	(\$4,397.20)
2022 Year to Date	\$261,392.58	\$285,516.25	(\$24,123.67)

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

We are now to the point of transferring money from our Savings Account to the Checking Account. This process may get us to the end of the year but cannot continue into 2023. We understand that your expenses have gone up also, but if you can go beyond your normal pledge, it would be very much appreciated.

If you have any questions please contact Mary Froscheiser, Treasurer.

Committee Highlight– Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, December 4th Dedication/Pledge Sunday.

Please pick up your Stewardship Packet and prayerfully plan your 2023 contribution.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in it s various forms”

As a Stewardship Committee we work to educate the Congregation that their total life is about being a grateful, responsible steward of the gifts that we have received from God.

- We recruit members to do Temple Talks and share their faith stories.
- We place Stewardship information and articles about Stewardship in the monthly Church newsletter.
- Occasionally we will perform skits pertaining to Stewardship.
- As a committee we hold an annual pledge drive for both giving and Time and Talents for the Church.
- We distribute Pledge cards and Time and Talent forms to the members. These are used to help on the planning of the budget and services for the coming year. It gives our members the opportunity to show their support and commitment to the Church and its Mission.
- We set a specific date for the return of all Pledges and Time and Talent forms to be presented at the Altar that Sunday for Dedication.





POP's Tree of Sharing

The tree and tags are up! Tags and gifts need to be returned by **Tuesday, December 13th**. Please wrap your gifts and include the tree tag on the outside.

Thank you for helping our community!

Tags are in support of Cooper Elementary, Young Lives Moms & Young Life College Leaders who support their time with the students.



Advent Random Acts of Kindness

Check out the random acts tags on the bulletin board outside the nursery. Each tag has an act of Kindness! *Take One, Do One!* Sharing God's love in, with and for the community!

Church Office Hours

The week following Christmas, the church office will be closed.

Regular Hours will resume on Monday, January 2, 2023.

Prince of Peace Christmas Worship Schedule

Advent Services

Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesdays during Advent

November 30, December 7, 14, & 21 at 7pm



Christmas Eve Worship Services:

Saturday, December 24th

Family Candlelight Service — 5:30 pm

Candle Light Service— 9pm

Christmas Day Worship Service—9am

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Bible Study & Potluck 10:30am Wednesday, December 7, 2022



Quilts for Kids: Not meeting in December



Charity Quilters: Not meeting in December



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.



Community Events

Save the
DATE

www.lutherhaven.com



LUTHERHAVEN

Deck the Halls

Family Christmas Camp








December 9-11

December 16-18

Camp Lutherhaven
Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



December 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 10:00 am Tree Decorating 
4 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	5	6 5:30 pm Praise Group 7:00 pm All Committee Night	7 10:30 am Women's Bible Study & Potluck 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Advent Service 	8 1:00 pm Bible Study	9	10
11 CARITAS SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" 	12 1:00pm Exec. Council	13 5:30 pm Praise Group	14 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Advent Service 	15 1:00 pm Bible Study	16	17 7:00 am Men's Breakfast
18 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	19	20 5:30 pm Praise Group 6:30 pm Council Meeting	21 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Advent Service 	22 1:00 pm Bible Study	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5:30 Family Service 9:00pm Candlelight Service 
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" 	26 Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30 Church Office Closed	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 