



# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## March 2024 Newsletter

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### From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Where have you seen God's abundance recently? Where have you seen or been a part of offering a sign of God's provision in your life? In the life of Prince of Peace? March marks the beginning of Spring, as sunlight stays around longer, the ground warms, and peculiar plants pop through the hard ground. As we move through the season of Lent, the stories of God's people, our stories speak of both the pain and struggle of life and also God's goodness and provision. Jesus talks quite a lot about food, plants, harvest, loaves and fishes, throughout all of the Gospels. In Mark 4, Jesus shares the parable of Sower, the parable of the seeds, and continues with stories of feeding people in Mark chapter 6 and 8.

In Mark 4, Jesus had recently sent the disciples out, two by two, into the villages and countryside. Once they returned from this mission venture, Jesus calls the disciples to go with him to a deserted place. The quiet and calm did not last too long.

"They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As they went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things" (Mark 6:32-34, NRSV). As the gospel story continues, the disciples finally approach Jesus and tell him about their current situation. It's late, everyone is hungry and we are about thirty minutes from the nearest restaurant! Frustrated and exhausted, the disciples seem to point to a very logical and reasonable response, "send them away, so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat" (Mark 6:36, NRSV).

Jesus has other plans. "But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat' (Mark 6:37, NRSV). In the midst of the wilderness, late at night, Jesus challenges the disciples and invites the disciples to participate in this kingdom of God, the activity of God, in one of the last places we might think possible. This conversation goes back and forth, as the disciples ask questions, How? Where? What are we doing?

And Jesus responds with a question, "Have many loaves have you? Go and see" (Mark 6:38, NRSV). What a beautiful and challenging response! I appreciate that Jesus allows the disciples, allows us to ask the questions, consider the circumstances and then invite us to wonder and respond.

Jesus feeds people and invites us to do the same, to follow and respond. About a month ago, we had a Souper Bowl challenge that helped raise nearly \$200 towards the purchase of items for Prince of Peace little pantry. We partner with Caritas, a local food pantry in Northwest Spokane, that provides food and other necessities to people in need. The food box has clients stop by our church to help feed their families or themselves in a vital way.

During our midweek Lenten Soup suppers and Worship at Prince of Peace, we continue that ministry of helping feed people.

**"We will continue "Soup Supper with a Twist"-come enjoy soup supper on Wednesdays and bring a can of soup for our little pantry. If you can't make midweek service, please donate a can on Sunday!" (from Reminders for the Week).**

Jesus challenges and invites us into this ministry as we participate in the activity of Christ in our neighborhoods and communities. This local partnership with Caritas reveals Jesus' presence through us!

Prince of Peace also supports ELCA World Hunger, which recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in early February. A group of three leaders from around our synod attended the three-day event for a time of learning, networking, and planning for shared ministry to reduce food insecurity locally and globally. This group brought back information and action steps to help support local and global ministries that work to reduce hunger and food insecurity.

Christ sustain, strengthen and nourish us, as we respond feeding, caring, and serving our neighbor and one another in Jesus' name.

Peace,

Pastor Joel

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Caritas Pantry Needs For March

**Food:**  
Small peanut butter jars, jelly/jam, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned tuna/chicken, individual trail mix, meat sticks, granola bars, boxed meals.

**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

Thank you, God --

At our council meeting on February 19 we added three new members, Linda Fernan (Secretary), Frank Christoff, and Dave Moeller. We also formally appointed Marie Tamura as our new Treasurer. In addition to our new members, we welcomed back Sue Ames (Vice President) Karen Heimbigner, Joene Liezen, Seth Feist, and Ginny Zimmerman. Our devotions were from **I Corinthians 12:27-31**, that tells us that the gifts from the Spirit are countless and that we are each blessed with our own unique gifts and skills. How do we use those gifts? Think about what it takes to be a church in our faith community, our neighborhood and the world. We need council and committee members, Sunday School teachers, Lay Assistants, Altar Guild volunteers, choir members and musicians, and media people - the list is long. I hope I didn't miss anybody but the point I'm trying to make is that we are blessed to have members who said "yes, I'm ready" to use my gifts and talents.

Speaking of our gifts - God tells us that we are ALL blessed with gifts, talents and passions. What are yours?

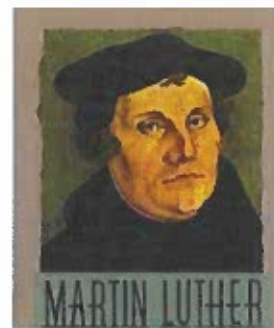
As we pray every Sunday:

*Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself to us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Yours in Christ,  
Sue Parrish, President

## Martin Luther Quotes

*"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in,  
that is really your God"*



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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### 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, March 16, 2024**

**POP Fellowship Hall**

**7am- Start cooking**

**7:30am-Enjoy breakfast & discussion**

# Serving You This Month

March	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Communion Servers	Fellowship
3	Rebecca Hendrickson	Susan Ames	No Flowers for Lent	Bernie Polikowsky	Mel Nebelsieck & Dick Hawley	Rebecca Hendrickson	The Sanborns
10	Ginny Zimmerman	Rebecca Hendrickson	No Flowers for Lent	Matt Christoff	Paul & Sue Parrish		
17	Holly Christoff	Dave Liezen	No Flowers for Lent	Andrew Liezen	Todd & Karen Chaffins	Holly Christoff	Bottjen/ Swanson
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 24	Sue & Paul Parrish	Curt Froscheiser	No Flowers for Lent	Lee & Erica Salkin	Joe Rock		Susan Ames
<b>Easter</b> 31	Holly Christoff	Joy Liezen		Bernie Polikowsky	Doug Elliott & Rod Tamura	Holly Christoff	Church Family Fellowship

## Bible Readings for the Month

### **Sunday, March 3**

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: 19

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel: John 2:13-22

### **Sunday, March 17**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: 119:9-16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel: John 12:20-33

### **Sunday, March 31**

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm: 118:1-2,14-24

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

### **Sunday, March 10**

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm: 107:1-3,17-22

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

### **Sunday, March 24**

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Mark 15:1-39[40-47]



Birthdays	Anniversaries
<p>March 3- Karen Rogge</p> <p>March 7- Susan Burgermyer</p> <p>March 11- Randy Lasswell Isaac Edwards</p> <p>March 12- Donna Claypool</p> <p>March 16- Joel Lalley Iris Pehan</p> <p>March 19- De Dupuis</p> <p>March 21- Curt Froscheiser Jake Rapp</p> <p>March 24- Jeff Bottjen</p>	<p>March 14- Dave &amp; Lynne Jacobsen</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>

# News from POP

## To Ponder:

"... the Son of man came not to be served but to serve" Matthew 20:28a RSV

"For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." 2 Corinthians 4:5 RSV

"The mainspring of Paul's service is not love for people, but love for Jesus Christ. If we are devoted to the cause of humanity, we shall soon be crushed and broken-hearted, for we shall often meet with more ingratitude from people than we would from a dog; but if our motive is love to God, no ingratitude can hinder us from serving others.

When we realize that Jesus Christ has served us to the end of our meanness, our selfishness, and sin, nothing that we meet with from others can exhaust our determination to serve them for His sake."

Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest, February 23.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

*The following shows our Income and Expenses for January 2024 resulting in a shortfall of -\$2370.12.*

January Income		January Expenses	
Offering	\$ 22,421.85		\$ 24,898.70
Interest	\$ 21.70		
Facility Rental	\$ 85.00	Approved 2024 Budget	
	\$ 22,528.55		\$ 26,712.33

3rd Quarter 2023 Benevolences were paid in January from funds available through the end of December 2023. We have not paid our Quarter 4 Benevolences for 2023. Executive Council will be discussing that shortfall and looking at our chart of accounts at their next meeting. This includes the account known as the "Mortgage Account" and the funds allocated for that purpose since we no longer have a mortgage.

Thank you for your patience as I fulfill this role for the church. Marie Tamura

## SPRING CLEANUP 2024 (Mark your calendar: March 16th)

Yes it's about that time again. It's time to spruce up around POP and get ready for Easter. Actually after taking a walk around the grounds things don't look bad, thanks to those of you who have taken charge of a certain area and maintained it through out last year. There's a signup list on the bulletin board for those of you that would like to commit to the same or different area this year.

The plan is to make **Saturday March 16th** our cleanup day, weather permitting. If weather won't allow then we'll attempt the workday for the following Saturday (Sat. before Palm Sunday). 9:00 am has seemed to work good for most that are willing to help in the past. If we get a good turn out should be done by noon.

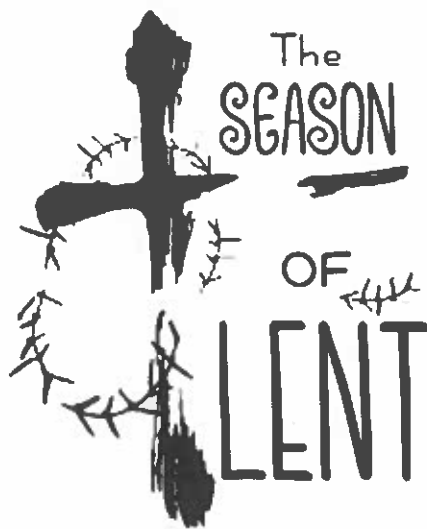
It probably would be a good idea to bring a shovel, lawn or garden rake, hedge clippers (gas powered if you have them), hand shears, broom, kneeler, snow shovel makes a great dust pan. Good idea to put your name on them. There always seems to be something left behind. A few large plastic lawn garbage bags would be helpful.

The following are areas that need attention.

1. Trim and shape the hedge along Indian Trail
2. Parking lot islands. (clean & trim shrubs and bushes, rake up leaves)
3. Rake up acorns beneath Oak tree next to AC units
4. Pick up trash and debris in the Natural Area
5. Pull weeds and general maintenance of Pacific Park sign
6. Shrub beds near 3 crosses and in front of church look pretty good (areas that someone has taken ownership and kept them looking good all year)
7. Parking lot curbing will have to be attended to later in the spring. It would be great if someone would step forward to keep the grasses and weeds under control throughout the rest of the year.

Thanks to everyone and Blessing to you and POP Property Committee





## Lenten Schedule

### Mid-Week Lenten Services:

March 6, 13 & 20 at 7pm  
(Soup Supper at 6:00 pm)



### Lenten Soup Suppers

Lenten Soup Suppers are on Wednesday, at 6:00 before the Lenten church service.

Check out the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Sign up for soup or bread on any the 5 nights. Hosts can be a committee or a couple people willing to set up and clean up. Many people join in during the clean-up.

### Soup Suppers with a Twist

Come enjoy soup before Lenten Worship on Wednesdays and bring a can of soup for our Little Pantry. Just 1 can each week can make a difference!

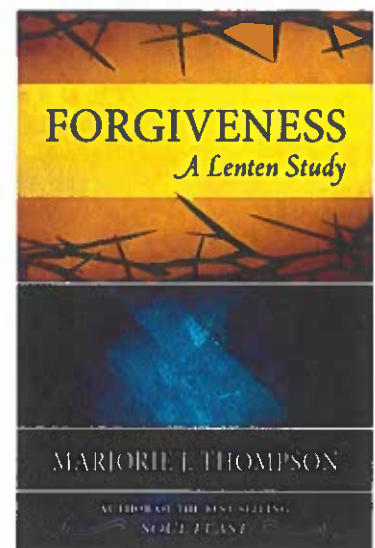
Why forgiveness? What makes forgiveness so difficult? How might forgiveness offer life and healing?

Join us to learn and discuss the promises and challenges of forgiveness as followers of Christ!

A sign up is available at the back table in the sanctuary. Books will be available for purchase.

We'll meet after Worship for six sessions, through Palm Sunday.

Questions? Contact Pastor Joel,  
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*Holy Week*



*Maundy  
Thursday*

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Thursday, March 28, 2024**  
**7pm**

**Good Friday**  
**Friday, March 29, 2024**  
**7pm**

*good friday*

HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

**Easter Sunday**  
**Sunday, March 31, 2024**  
**9am**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**following service**

**INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST**



**“INKLEINED TO SING”**

**ELVIS & MORE GOSPEL!**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2024**

**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**8441 N. INDIAN TRAIL RD., SPOKANE, WA.**

***Doors Open @ 3:30 pm - Show @ 4 pm***

***Free Admission / Tips Greatly Appreciated***

***For More Info Contact Gwen @ (509) 868-4671***





## Northwest Intermountain Synod

### REGIONAL GATHERINGS 2024

#### FUNDING FORWARD:

#### STEWARDSHIP FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Ezra 3:10-13

*In this passage, we meet the Israelites as they are trying to find their 'new normal' after the destruction of the first temple and the rebuilding of the second. There is a mix of both grief and hope in the air as the foundation is being laid. This passage reminds us to tend to the variety of emotions present as we tend to the work of innovation in the church today.*

We are excited to invite you to one of Regional Gatherings this coming spring. This will be an opportunity to learn together, to reconnect with friends and build relationships with people from neighboring congregations.

### **April 27, 2024 - Advent Lutheran Church - Spokane Valley, WA**

Our presenter is **Grace Pomroy** who is the Director of the Stewardship Leaders Program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She's a lay, millennial stewardship leader, speaker, and financial educator based in Allyn, WA. She is the co-author of the stewardship book, *Embracing Stewardship: How to Put Stewardship at the Heart of Your Congregation's Life*, as well as author of the 2013 ELCA stewardship resource, "Stewards of God's Love." She is currently working on a book about alternative financial models for ministry with Fortress Press, an imprint of 1517 Media.

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Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, March 6, 2024



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, March 12, 2024



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, March 26, 2024



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



### JOYA CHILD & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

## 43rd Annual Spring Gala & Auction

Friday, March 15, 2024

5:30 PM

Social Hour & Silent Auction

7:00 PM

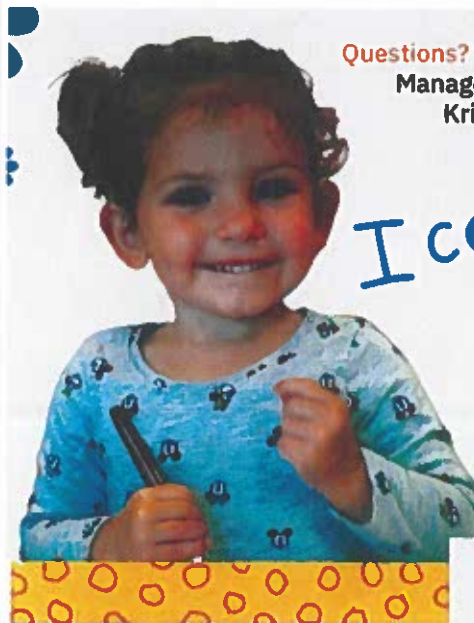
Dinner & Live Auction

Spokane Convention Center  
334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

**RSVP by March 1, 2024**

To register and for complete event details visit: [joya.org/auction](http://joya.org/auction)

If you cannot attend, you can still participate in the silent auction! Visit the event website to learn more.



Questions? Contact Krista Caro, Events Manager, at 509-326-1651 or [Krista.Caro@joya.org](mailto:Krista.Caro@joya.org)



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*Michael Culloton, Conductor*

## CONCERT

**Wednesday, March 6  
7 p.m.**

The Cathedral of St. John  
the Evangelist  
127 E 12th Ave.  
Spokane, Wash.

Sponsored by the St. John's Music Series








*Tickets:*  
**ConcordiaTickets.com**  
*or at the door*



TheConcordiaChoir.org

# March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" 4:00pm "InKleined to Sing"	4 12:45pm Free Yoga for Seniors	5 5:30 pm Praise Group 7:00 pm Committee Night	6 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:25 pm Men's Choir Adult Choir after service 7:00 pm Mid-week Service	7 1:00 pm Bible Study	8 1:00 pm Bible Study	9 1:00 pm Bible Study
10 <b>CARITAS SUNDAY</b> 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" 	11 11:00 pm Executive Council	12 9:00 am Quilts for Kids 5:30 pm Praise Group 	13 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:25 pm Men's Choir Adult Choir after service 7:00 pm Mid-week Service	14 1:00 pm Bible Study	15 1:00 pm Bible Study	16 7:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Clean Up Day
17 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	18 6:30 pm Council Meeting	19 5:30 pm Praise Group	20 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:25 pm Men's Choir Adult Choir after service 7:00 pm Mid-week Service	21 1:00 pm Bible Study	22 1:00 pm Bible Study	23 1:00 pm Bible Study
24 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	25	26 9:00 am Charity Quilters 5:30 pm Praise Group 	27 6:25 pm Men's Choir Adult Choir after service 7:00 pm Mid-week Service	28 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7:00 pm Worship Service 	29 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 7:00 pm Worship Service 	30 7:00 pm Worship Service
31 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" Egg Hunt <small>LE IS DISE</small> <i>Allyson</i>						