



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**April
2024
Newsletter**

**Volume 30
Issue 4**

From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! We enter into the season of Easter, the time we embody the resurrection of Jesus! Mark's gospel, at least the most reliable ending, which concludes with verse 8, leaves the first disciples in fear and trembling. They do not respond with shouts of joy, instead "for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid" (Mark 16:8, NRSV). The reality of Jesus' resurrection leaves the first disciples in awe and fear, trembling and tight lipped about this life changing event. It reveals the reality of our human attempts to understand and fully comprehend what this Easter season reveals about a God in Christ who continues to upend our expectations. And yet, Jesus shows up, Jesus meets up with us, going ahead of us to the places and spaces where Christ's life-giving presence and power sustains, empowers, and supports us in our lives and for the sake of the world.

As we look around our world, we are invited, in the midst of our awe and fear, our worry and confusion, to notice to God's continued surprising and sustaining presence and power within and among us and in our world. I really like the ending to the Gospel of Mark because in the unresolved ending, we might pause and consider our own response to this good news. Where is the living Christ going ahead of us, walking beside us? We are invited to notice that this is not the end of the story, even in Mark's gospel.

John's gospel in chapter 20, puts more of a point on this type of ending, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30-31, NRSV). Yet even in John's gospel, the story continues with chapter 21!

Jesus' lack of appearance in Mark's gospel, eventually leads the disciples to share the story, to begin and continue wrapping their minds around this astounding mystery and promise that now arrives in our midst, in our daily lives, in the workday, with our families, friends, and in our community, God continues to show up! It does not usually happen on our time schedule, so we are invited and challenged to cling to the words of God's messenger, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciple and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you" (Mark 16:6-8, NRSV). Jesus, The Crucified One, has been raised! I appreciate that the first disciples respond with very human emotions, considering the events that had just witnessed. The resurrection of Our Lord both confounds and comforts us, as we continually make sense and walk by faith, bearing witness to this Christ that leads, guides, and surprises us in our life.

As we continue through April, we'll hear and see the Christian community in the Book of Acts during this Easter season. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' presence with the gathered and sent followers of God, continuing to bear witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus within and among us, within and among the world. Where do you notice Christ's presence in your life? What does it look like? Sound like? How might we see the realities of our modern world and the life of the church with honesty, kindness, and truthfulness, while clinging to the promise that Jesus walks beside and ahead of us! Where might we see God's life-giving presence in our everyday lives, in surprising places?

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! God bless you as the Holy Spirit goes with us and ahead of us, as we share the story of God's love in, with and for our community!

Peace,

Pastor Joel

P.S. I want to invite you to attend the one-day Regional Gathering later in April. This gathering will look at stewardship and funding ministry with Grace Pomroy, the Director of Stewardship Leaders Program at Luther Seminary. She will be sharing around the them, "Funding Forward: Stewardship for Today and Tomorrow". The event takes place at Advent Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley, on Saturday, April 27th, from 9:30 AM to 4 PM. Everyone is invited to attend. Please let me or the church office know if you plan to attend. There will be a \$15 fee per person to cover lunch expenses. You can check out Grace Pomroy's blog at <https://gracepomroy.com/about-classyfrugalist>

8441 N. Indian Trail Rd.
Spokane, WA 99208
509.465.0779
Email:
officemanager@popspokane.org
www.popspokane.org

Inside this Edition

Pastor's Letter	Pg 1
President's Letter	Pg 2
Serving You	Pg 3
Bible Readings	Pg 3
April B-Days etc.	Pg 3
POP News	Pg 4
WELCA News	Pg 8
Save the Date Calendar	Pg 9 Pg 11

Caritas Pantry Needs For April

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

Dear Christian Friends,

As we begin to see signs of spring, we're reminded of the countless blessings that surround us. The beautiful sunny days, the rain that helps our grass turn green and flowers starting to bud. We are also reminded of the greatest gift - salvation through Jesus Christ. I am highlighting gratitude, a theme that resonates deeply within our lives.

Reflections on Gratitude

Gratitude is more than a feeling; it's a practice that enhances our lives and connects us with our Lord who guides our life's journey. Gratitude is in the quiet moments when we reflect on our lives. Gratitude is appreciation of the blessings we've received and for the Lord's help and with the trials we have overcome. We are truly grateful for God's presence in our lives.

Let us all embrace gratitude in our daily lives:

Cherish Memories: Take time to reflect on the joyful moments and lessons learned through the years.

Connect with Loved Ones: Share stories of gratitude with family and friends.

Cultivate a Habit of Thankfulness: Whether through prayer, journaling, or meditation, make gratitude a daily practice. Acknowledge the small blessings that often go unnoticed.

Gratitude in Action

Consider volunteering at church - committees, council, choir, Sunday School teaching, Altar Guild, ushering - the list is long and varied.

Listen - simply offering to visit with someone in need and provide company and a listening ear is very important to someone who is housebound or lonely. We also need to listen to our friends and family and let them know that we appreciate their presence in our lives.

Closing Thoughts

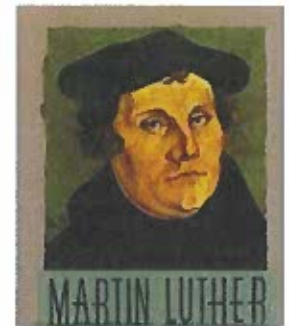
Worship the Lord with gratitude by writing your own prayer of thanksgiving.

Blessings,

Sue Parrish

Martin Luther Quotes

"A Christian man is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian man is most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone"



Saturday, April 20, 2024

POP Fellowship Hall

7am- Start cooking

7:30am-Enjoy breakfast & discussion

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:

Newsletter Editor

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
8441 N. Indian Trail Road
Spokane, WA 99208
Phone: (509) 465-0779
Website: www.pospokane.org
Email: officemanager@popspokane.org

STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Joel Skindlov
Office Manager: Ami Elliott
Music Director: Janet Robel
Custodian: Mark Smith
Preschool Directors:
Sue Cole & Stephanie Perreiah

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

Serving You This Month

April	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Communion Servers	Fellowship
7	Susan Ames	Mike Sanborn		Matt Christoff	Doug Elliott & Joe Rock	Susan Ames	Tamura
14	Holly Christoff	Rod Tamura		Andrew Liezen	Karen & Jon Heimbigner	Holly Christoff	
21	Sue & Paul Parrish	Joy Liezen	Jan Gilliam	Erica & Lee Salkin	John & Peggy Renford	Sue & Paul Parrish	Jan Gilliam
28	Rebecca Hendrickson	Cliff Hendrickson		Bernie Polikowsky	Joe Rock & Holly Christoff	Rebecca Hendrickson	

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, April 7

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35
 Psalm: 133
 2nd Reading: 1 John 1: 1-2:2
 Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 21

1st Reading: Acts 4:5-12
 Psalm: 23
 2nd Reading: 1 John 3:16-24
 Gospel: John 10:11-18




Sunday, April 14

1st Reading: Acts 3:12-19
 Psalm: 4
 2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-7
 Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday, April 28

1st Reading: Acts 8:26-40
 Psalm: 22:25-31
 2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-21
 Gospel: John 15:1-8

Birthdays	Anniversaries
April 3- Andrew Liezen April 6- Gwen Akers April 8- Orv Kirkevold April 13- Susan Sanborn April 16- Joan Benesch April 20- Diane Floyd	April 7- Matt & Joene Liezen 

News from POP

To Ponder:

"Be unceasing in prayer—praying perseveringly"

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Amplified Bible

"Jesus told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not to turn coward—faint, lose heart and give up."

Luke 18:1 Amplified Bible

"Ask and keep on asking, and it shall be given you; seek and keep on seeking, and you shall find; knock and keep on knocking, and the door shall be opened to you. For every one who asks and keeps on asking receives, and he who seeks and keeps on seeking finds, and to him who knocks and keeps on knocking the door shall be opened."

Luke 11: 9,10 Amplified Bible

Nothing never happens when we pray.

Author unknown



Spring is on the way.

With that comes regular lawn maintenance...(i.e.mowing). If any of you have the time and are willing we need some volunteers to give us a hand. There is a **LAWN MOWING** signup sheet on the bulletin board next to the kitchen. The spots are in 2 week increments. We need volunteers for the John Deer riding mower and the Toro walk behind mower. You can sign up for both or one or the other.

If you haven't mowed the church grounds before it would be a good idea to have a tutorial. Contact Ami in the church office and she will set you up with an appointment with Joe Rock, Bernie Polikowsky, or Mel Nebelsieck.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Executive Council and the Finance Committee have been looking at various accounts where money was set aside but not accessed. Two accounts we researched are Concession Revenue (\$599.40) and Uganda Mission Trip Funds (\$1,488.92). We talked to the congregation members who coordinated both those efforts and suggested an offering of \$1000 be made to World Water Day via Hope for Kids International. The Council approved the request. Hope for Kids International obtained triple matching funds so the \$1000 became \$3000! The remaining funds (\$1,088.32) are being allocated toward future projects.

Contact has been made with Mission Investment to ask about money was allocated for the building. In addition, we are asking for a disbursement from the Endowment account held at MIF to fund scholarships for six (6) campers to Lutherhaven.

We have benevolences to be paid for 4th Quarter 2023 and will soon be needing to pay 1st Quarter of 2024. I looked at income last year to see how our giving compares. Remember, last year we had a mortgage to pay and we alleviated the pressure of that large payment in August 2023. I am confident we will make up this shortfall! Since this is being written prior to final giving totals for March, our 2024 March total is not provided.

Funding needed to cover the 2023 Approved Budget:

\$365,996.00 / 12 = \$30,499.67 per mo /

Actual: \$347,648.62 / 12 = \$28,970.72

January 2023 income: \$25,804.91

February 2023 income: \$21,007.93

March 2023 income: \$23,784.60

Funding needed to cover the 2024 Approved Budget:

\$319,547.98 / 12 = \$26,629.00 per mo needed

January 2024 income: \$22,528.55 (\$22,421.85 offering)/\$24,898.70 actual expenses

February 2024 income: \$23,757.58 (\$23,604.26 offering)/\$24,720.17 actual expenses

Thank you for your support of the mission and vision of Prince of Peace.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Marie Tamura

Current Prince of Peace Council & Committee Members

Below is a list of current council and committee members. Please keep the following list for reference as you consider how you can serve at Prince of Peace and then you will know who to contact.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sue Parrish- President
Susan Ames - Vice President
Linda Fernan- Secretary
Marie Tamura- Treasurer
Frank Christoff
Seth Feist
Karen Heimbigner
Joene Liezen
Dave Moeller
Ginny Zimmerman
Pastor

Fellowship/Outreach

Peggy Renford (Chairperson)
Rebecca Hendrickson
Ami Elliott
Mike Sanborn
Susan Sanborn
Jan Gilliam
Debra Trujillo-Gilbert
Karen Heimbigner (Council liaison)

Education/Youth

Melissa Skindlov
Joene Liezen (Council liaison)

Endowment Committee

Cliff Hendrickson (Chairperson)
Curt Froscheiser
Sue Parrish
Linda Fernan
Dave Moeller (council liaison)

Property Committee

Bernie Polikowsky (chairperson)
Joe Rock
Mel Nebelsieck
Seth Feist (Council Liaison)

Stewardship Committee

Randy Fleiger (Chairperson)
Mary Froscheiser
John Renford
Ginny Zimmerman (Council Liaison)

Worship & Music Committee

Holly Christoff
Janet Robel
Frank Christoff (council liaison)

Audit Committee

Kathy Rock
Lindy Moeller
Lee Salkin

*Personnel Committee

Sue Parrish
Susan Ames
Linda Fernan
Marie Tamura
Karen Chaffins

Finance Committee / Memorial Committee

Marie Tamura (Treasurer)
Mary Froscheiser
Doug Elliott
Randy Fleiger (Chairperson/Financial Secretary)
Todd Chaffins

Preschool Advisory Committee

Mary Froscheiser
Karen Heimbigner

***This committee is made up of the past Council President and the current Executive Committee.**



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.

Questions? Contact Pastor Joel,
poppastor@popspokane.org

Updates:

- **Bruce & Sharon Anthony** are doing well and still living with their daughter Maryann. Bruce had some surgery for a GI issue and is in rehab and hopefully returning home around Easter. They greatly appreciate the cards and letters that they have received. It is difficult for them to send written responses, but they love hearing news from Spokane.
- **Dorothy Stuart's** memorial service will be held at Prince of Peace on Tuesday, April 16th at 10am.
- **Nancy Griffin** has moved to the west side to closer to her daughter. We currently don't have an new address for her.

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, April 10, 2024



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, April 9, 2024



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, April 23 & 30, 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

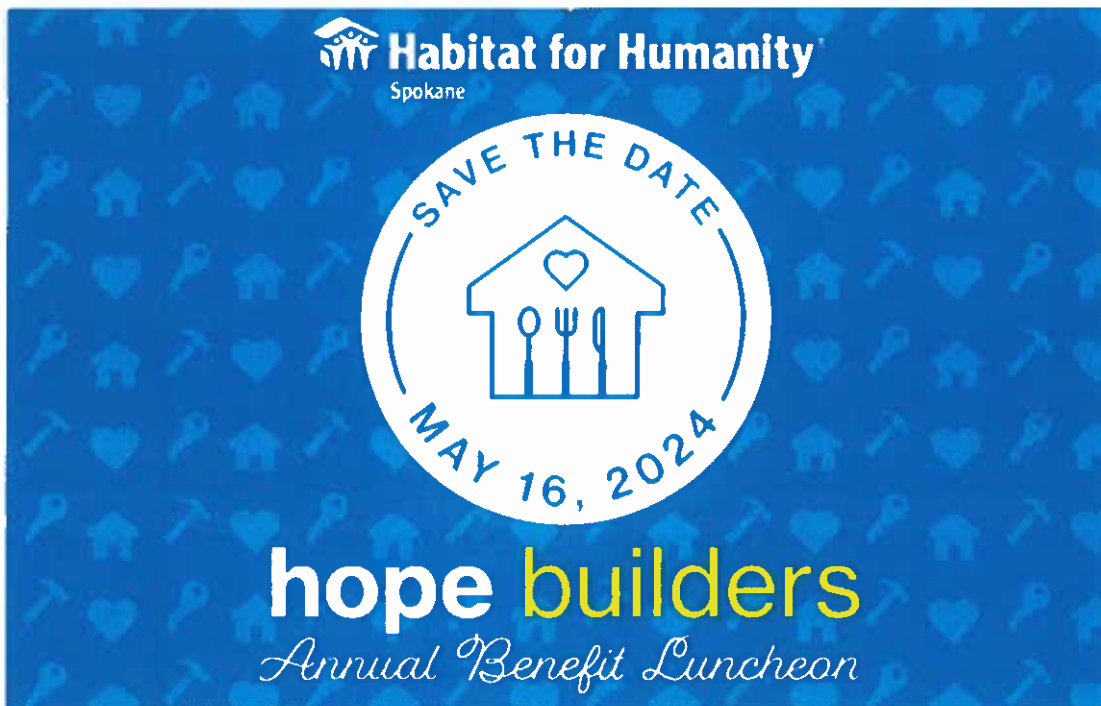


Help us celebrate 40 incredible years of Health, Justice & Hope.

Join us for an unforgettable evening to support life-saving trauma recovery services for individuals, youth, and families impacted by abuse, sexual assault, behavioral health challenges, and other traumatic life experiences.

Want to Sponsor or donate an auction item?

Contact Tricia at tlonghorn@lcsnw.org



Thursday, May 16 ♡ 12:00PM - 1:00PM ♡ Spokane Convention Center



St. John's Lutheran Church of Sprague
36th



SAUSAGE FEED

April 7, 2024

11:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Adults \$15.00 6-12: \$10.00 5 & under - Free

Menu: (All You Can Eat)

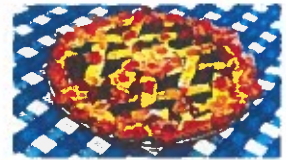
**Smoked Sausage, Mashed Potatoes Green Beans,
Sauerkraut, Home-made Applesauce, Dessert**

Sprague Community Hall




3rd and C Street Sprague, Washington



Sponsored by Thrivent



April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Church Office closes at 11:30 am	5	6
7 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	8 10:00 pm Executive Council 12:45 pm Yoga for Seniors	9 9:00 am Quilts for Kids 5:30 pm Praise Group 	10 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	11	12	13
14 CARTAS SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" 	15 12:45 pm Yoga for Seniors 6:30 pm Council Meeting	16 5:30 pm Praise Group	17 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	18 1:00 pm Bible Study	19	20 7:00 am Men's Breakfast
21 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	22 12:45 pm Yoga for Seniors	23 9:00 am Charity Quilters 5:30 pm Praise Group 	24 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	25 1:00 pm Bible Study	26	27
28 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	29	30 9:00 am Charity Quilters 5:30 pm Praise Group 