



# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

May flowers have arrived! The roller coaster weather of Spring is here! Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Day of Pentecost, as the early church gathered together, from many parts, and shared the witness of Jesus, crucified and risen, alive and active through both the early church and now we as followers of Jesus. This possibility and promise made known by God's Holy Spirit, arriving as a mighty wind, fire, comforter, counselor, guide, and help.

The story of Acts chapter 2 still amazes me, the guidance and the Holy Spirit continuing the spreading of the gospel in ways that people can hear and receive the good news. I desire that fantastic sort of work that points to God's abiding presence that makes the seemingly Impossible possible, but I do not always experience God's presence and activity in that way in my daily life. I resonate with the picture of the Spirit in Romans chapter 8, as the sustaining and life giving presence of Jesus in the midst of struggle and uncertainty. The apostle Paul proclaims, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience" (Romans 8:22-26, NRSV). These verses are the challenging work of the here but not yet, reign of God, activity of Jesus in our midst, in our world! The yearning, struggle and pain of our lives, even toward the good, wonderful, and beautiful things that we experience, many times call for a persistent patience, recognizing the life, light, and good fruit of Christ in our lives and communities. This passage also names the struggles, disruptions and downright painful times in life, that they might lead toward revealing and embodying new creation in Christ, bearing Witness to the God who does not weary to hear us. This God in Christ who upholds us and does not forsake us, but instead walks with and among us into and through the challenging and unsettling times of our lives. Where might we both acknowledge the grief and loss of our circumstances, while also noticing and participating in the presence of Christ's gracious work through us, among us, for the sake of our community and world?

Acts chapter 2 allows us to notice the ways in which the Holy Spirit equips and empowers unity amid diversity, allowing various voices and ears to speak, hear and respond to "God's Deeds of power" (Acts 2:11, NRSV). The wonder of the Events leads to the response, "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said "They are filled with new wine" (Acts 2:12-13, NRSV). When have you been amazed and/ or perplexed at the Holy Spirit's activity in your life and world? What has been the response(s) from other people?

The Spirit steps in and Peter proclaims a recounting of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, telling and retelling the story of God's continued activity in the world, through the presence of the Holy Spirit! One of the amazing and confounding things I notice in this story is that God's Spirit chooses to work in ways that are both different and familiar to the ongoing story of God's people. The Holy Spirit working in both extraordinary and ordinary ways that bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. In the witness of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, the Holy Spirit meets us to offer comfort and courage, sustenance and strength, as we serve one another. Even as we follow Jesus in these present times, we are reminded that the Spirit intercedes for us, through us and among us. It is the same Holy Spirit that prompts Peter to speak and the same Holy Spirit that "helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words" (Romans 8:26, NRSV). The Holy Spirit continues to meet us in our weakness, brokenness, and despair, offering a deep abiding presence ministering to our spirit, offering comfort, compassion, and God's grace that sustains and supports us. Where might Christ be calling you to nurture and nourish the life-giving presence of Jesus for one another and our community? How might we notice and bear witness to the continuing activity of God in our community and world? As we continue in this season of Spring, the Holy Spirit continue lead, guide, and sustain us as we follow Jesus!

Peace,  
Pastor Joel

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### Caritas Pantry Needs For May

#### 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 Friends in Christ,

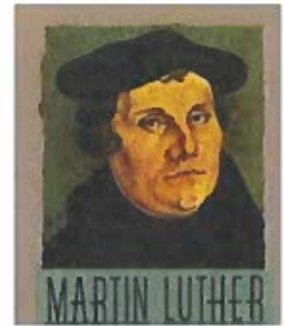
1 John 3: 18 "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

This verse was from our Sunday scripture reading and it made me reflect about something that has been weighing on my mind. At our last council meeting we talked about future service projects and issues that we face to make those projects move forward. The biggest obstacle is the lack of willing volunteers. Our committees are small - some have only one or two members. Volunteering lies at the very core of our church's beliefs. When we offer our time, we become invested in the success and well-being of our congregation and become active contributors to God's work here in our community. Volunteering fosters a sense of pride and ownership in our church and there are countless ways to become involved: Sunday school teaching, Altar Guild, ushering, choir, participating on committees and so many other ways. If you want to volunteer or are curious about how you can get involved, please talk to a council member or call me.

Blessings,  
Sue Parrish

## Martin Luther Quotes

*"You have as much laughter as you have faith"*



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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, May 18, 2024**

**POP Fellowship Hall**

**7am- Start cooking**

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

# Serving You This Month

May	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Communion Servers	Fellowship
5	Debra Trujillo- Gilbert	Rebecca Hendrickson	Sue Parrish	Simon Feist	Todd & Karen Chaffins	Debra Trujillo- Gilbert	The Christoffs
12	Sue & Paul Parrish	Joy Liezen	Holly Christoff	Matt Christoff	Doug Elliott & Joe Rock	Sue & Paul Parrish	
19	Holly Christoff	Susan Ames	Linda Fernan	Bernie Polikowsky	Paul & Sue Parrish	Holly Christoff	
26	Susan Ames	John Renford		Lee & Erica Salkin	Mel Nebelsieck	Susan Ames	

## Bible Readings for the Month

### Sunday, May 5

1st Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Psalm: 98

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 15:9-17



### Sunday, May 19

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: 104:24-34,35b

2nd Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel: John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

### Sunday, May 12

1st Reading: Acts 1:15-17,21-26

Psalm: 1

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

Gospel: John 17:6-19


### Sunday, May 26

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: 29

2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Birthdays	Anniversaries
<p>May 1- Rod Tamura</p> <p>May 9- Todd Chaffins</p> <p>May 13- Debi Holland</p> <p>May 16- Debbie McColgin</p> <p>May 18- Karen Chaffins Bernie Webster</p> <p>May 20- Sharon Ballou</p> <p>May 24- Rebecca Hendrickson</p> <p>May 29- Larry Gilbert</p>	<p>May 29- Don &amp; Karen Rogge</p> 

# News from POP

## To Ponder:

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

"... our only hope is that the one who shares in all our pain shares in it as the pure and holy one. Our sinless high priest is not one who needs rescue but who provides it. This is why we can go to him to "receive mercy and find grace". He himself is not trapped in the hole of sin with us; he alone can pull us out. His sinlessness is our salvation. ... Not only can he alone pull us out of the hole of sin; he alone desires to climb in and bear our burdens."

Gentle and Lowly

The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers

By Dane Ortlund



## 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

Thank you for your continued support of Prince of Peace. March giving exceeded our approved budget and helped offset the shortfall from January and February.

**April 2024 Offering: \$20,293.80**

**Funding needed to cover 2024 Approved Budget:**

\$26,629 per month

**April 2023 Income:**

\$34,577.66 (included \$5,320 for Special Projects)

**Funding needed to cover 2023 Approved Budget:**

\$30,499.67 per month

First Quarter Giving Statements were provided in April to help you assess where you are with your pledge. Our budget was created with pledged money as a factor. Future giving statements will be provided semi-annually.

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

## Updates:

- Judy Reihman' s New Address:  
6619 N. Cedar Road apt B10, Spokane, WA 99208
- Eunice Erickson says thank you so very much for all the thoughts, prayers and cards while she was laid up with pneumonia.
- Church Office hours will change this month, starting Friday, May 24th, the office will be closed on Fridays throughout the summer.



## New Member Welcome Sunday, May 19th

We will be welcoming new members to Prince of Peace on Sunday, May 19th! If you would like to learn more or would like to become a member, please contact Pastor Joel at [poppastor@popspokane.org](mailto:poppastor@popspokane.org) or contact the church office at [popoffmgr@comcast.net](mailto:popoffmgr@comcast.net) or 509-465-0779 by Monday, May 13th.

Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, May 1, 2024



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, May 14, 2024



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

## 2023 Craft Fair Wrap Up

2023 Fall Craft Fair \$4000.00 proceeds were distributed to the following organizations serving women and children:

\$500 each to Transitions, Women and Children's Free Restaurant, Life Services, Hope School for the Deaf, JOYA, Maddie's Place and Family Promise of Spokane (matching corporate funds made this \$1500).

\$250 was given to Meals on Wheels and \$250 to Caritas.

Check out the bulletin board in the hall to see the Thank-yous that were received. Think about how you can be involved by helping with lefse making, making crafts, or baking goodies so we can continue to support these well deserving organizations.



## Chair Yoga

The next session of chair yoga begins on Monday, May 13th and runs through Monday, June 17th (no class on Monday, May 27th). The class time is 1pm-2pm. For more information and to sign up, contact Danielle: 509-608-9341



## Community Events

The logo for Habitat for Humanity Spokane, featuring a stylized house icon with a heart inside, and the text "Habitat for Humanity" and "Spokane".

**Habitat for Humanity**  
Spokane




SAVE THE DATE  
MAY 16, 2024

**hope builders**  
*Annual Benefit Luncheon*

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



# May 2024

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 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	6	7 5:30 pm Praise Group	8 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir Church Office Hours 9am-12pm	9 1:00 pm Bible Study Church Office Hours 9am-12pm	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 <b>CARTAS SUNDAY</b> 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" 	13 10:00 pm Executive Council 12:45 pm Yoga for Seniors	14 9:00 am Quilts for Kids 5:30 pm Praise Group 	15	16 1:00 pm Bible Study	17	18 7:00 am Men's Breakfast
19 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	20 12:45 pm Yoga for Seniors 6:30 pm Council Meeting	21 5:30 pm Praise Group	22 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	23 1:00 pm Bible Study	24 Church Office Closed	25
26 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Church Office Closed	28 9:00 am Charity Quilters 5:30 pm Praise Group 	29 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	30 1:00 pm Bible Study	31 Church Office Closed	