



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We will soon enter June and the summer months. A time of planting, watering, nurturing, and weeding flowers, plants, trees, bushes, even shrubs. Jesus compares the kingdom of God, not to a beautiful rhododendron, maple, or even a flowering tree, but to a mustard seed.

Imagine planting mustard in your yard?

"With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Jesus points out the smallness of the seed, yet it "becomes the greatest of all shrubs". What a strange picture for the activity of God, for the presence of Jesus at work in the world! I would much prefer the beauty and splendor of Manito Park, even a well-manicured yard, but a giant mustard shrub seems a little ridiculous, a lot ridiculous!

Yet this shrub's branches grow, "so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade" (Mark 4:32, NRSV). A place and space for birds of the air to find shade, a place out of the searing heat, a place of rest and renewal, so that they may go on and do their "birds of the air" things. Feeding, tending, conversing to help sustain and help the bird folks flourish.

What might you compare the kingdom of God to? What picture, illustration, or story helps illustrate what God's work in the world, the kingdom of God look like?

What needs watered and nurtured in your relationship with God? Where do you see Christ at work in the midst of creation? I recently drove through the Palouse, on my way to Pullman. The fields of wheat, barley, chickpeas are in full green! Yet the patient persistence continues.

God in Christ continues to give us what we need, even when it might look like a "glorious" mustard shrub! Providing us with shade, with rest, with sustenance, so that in the midst of our lives we can notice Christ's work and presence moving and flowing through us.

I pray that God grants you time of refreshment and enjoy, as the flowers bloom, the gardens grow and the birds nest, so that we can participate in the work of God happening within and among us!

Peace,
Pastor Joel

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Caritas Pantry Needs For June

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

Hate shopping? Cash Donations can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the office in an envelope, marked "Caritas Pantry" and a volunteer will do the shopping for you!



Thoughts From The Council President

29 years ago.....

On September 10, 1995 the congregations of Ascension Lutheran and Calvary Lutheran officially joined as one congregation called Prince of Peace Lutheran. Each congregation brought their own unique history and way of doing things and consolidated into one congregation. During the time of transition Rev. John Vaswig and Rev. Michael Sager pastors of Calvary were called to serve the new congregation of Prince of Peace Lutheran. Rev. Don Schneker who was serving as interim pastor at Ascension joined the new congregation to continue his retirement. In 1995 the congregation had a median age of 34 and was looking forward to a bright future in the new community of Indian Trail.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

What are those plans? Is it to continue to open our doors to the neighborhood and share the story of God's love? After twenty-nine years we look a little bit different, our attendance numbers are smaller, our median age is a bit older than 34, we have lost some of our treasured friends, our Sunday School is smaller and our facility needs some sprucing up. But are those differences the only thing that has changed?

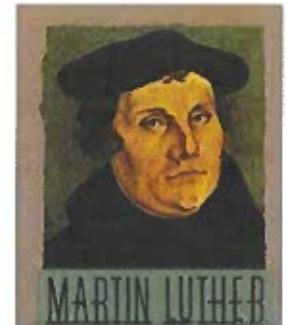
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We paid off the mortgage! Our membership has changed as many of the people who worship today were not here 29 years ago. And we continue to welcome new families to our church. We have revived our Sunday School and we support an active Preschool. Our members enjoy monthly and weekly Bible Studies and small groups. We reach out to the community with a garden and a pantry and in July, we share music with our outdoor summer concerts. Most of all we have members [YOU] who are supportive and faithful. Trust in God's plan **BELIEVE!**

Blessings,
Sue Parrish

Martin Luther Quotes

*There never yet have been,
nor are there now,
too many books."*



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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



Happy Summer!!

Saturday, September 21, 2024
POP Fellowship Hall

Serving You This Month

June	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Communion Servers	Fellowship
2	Ginny Zimmerman	Curt Froscheiser	The Christoffs	Simon Feist	Joe Rock & Frank Christoff	Ginny Zimmerman	
9	Debra Trujillo- Gilbert	Mike Sanborn	Jon & Karen Heimbigner	Andrew Liezen	Doug Elliott & Mel Nebelsieck	Debra Trujillo- Gilbert	
16	Karen Heimbigner	Dave Liezen	The Chaffins	Matt Christoff	Paul & Sue Parrish	Karen Heimbigner	
23	Rebecca Hendrickson	Joy Liezen	Sue Parrish	Erica & Lee Salkin	Todd & Karen Chaffins	Rebecca Hendrickson	
30	Susan Ames	Cliff Hendrickson	The Elliotts	Bernie Polikowsky	John & Peggy Renford	Susan Ames	

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, June 2

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15
 Psalm: 81:1-10
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
 Gospel: Mark 2:23—3:6

Sunday, June 16

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24
 Psalm: 92:1-4,12-15
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17
 Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 30

1st Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33
 Psalm: 30
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43


Sunday, June 9

1st Reading: Genesis 3:8-15
 Psalm: 130
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
 Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Sunday, June 23

1st Reading: Job 38:1-11
 Psalm: 107:1-3,23-32
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41



Birthdays	Anniversaries
June 2- Matthew Christoff June 9- Hadley Skindlov June 15- Dave Moeller June 16- Kathy Fleiger June 17- Dick Hawley June 23- Bruce Anthony June 25- Shirley Ann Walters June 26- Maggie Lalley June 30- Jerry Webster	June 12- Jon & Karen Heimbigner June 14- Joe & Kathy Rock June 25- Bruce & Sharon Anthony 

News from POP

To Ponder:

"My beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

"Persisting in faith is not easy. Many things in our daily lives discourage it. But Paul reminds us: in the Lord Jesus, no faithful act is in vain. Christ sees your faith. Christ sees your dogged persistence. Christ sees your struggles to keep on keeping on. And Christ assures you that none of it is in vain. However imperfect your faith, Christ sees it, honors it, and stands alongside you to help you excel in it."

gathered into one, Devotions for Lent 2024, March 23



Updates:

- Church Office hours have changed to, 9am-3pm, Monday through Thursday.
- Pastor will be on vacation June 20th- 27th



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your financial support of Prince of Peace. I am happy to share that we are paying our 1st Quarter Benevolences for 2024! There was some additional income in March and April that helped us within some other areas of our budget.

In looking at our giving for May, we have experienced a shortfall in the amount needed to cover the approved budget. Maybe it's a May thing, but we had a shortfall in 2023 of \$6,575.04 with a very large mortgage payment to cover!

May 2024 offering: \$19,547.71
2024 Approved Budget: \$26,629 needed

Your Executive Committee and Council truly appreciate the commitment you are making to Prince of Peace.

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:19

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



18th Annual POP Summer Concert Series

July 10-
Sonic Groove
--Classic Rock

July 17-
Lilac City Community Band
--Classical to Sousa

July 24-
Just Plain Darin
--Pop, Rock and Originals

July 31-
Sidestep with Max Daniels
--Funk and Soul



Concerts will begin at 6:30 PM.



Prince of Peace Community Garden

Let's see how much this little garden can produce!

The garden beds have been improved, so hopefully it will be a bunker crop!

Our garden has 3 tomato varieties, green & yellow zucchini, cucumbers, green, yellow, red bell peppers, radishes and carrots. As the garden grows through the summer, please help with any weeds that need pulled and if it looks like it could use some water, there is a watering can just outside the door by the office. Thanks!



Little Caritas Food Pantry

Please help keep our little pantry filled!

As we care for those in our community who live with food insecurity, remember to grab some extra items when shopping. The list of needed items is on the front page of the Newsletter. If you would prefer not shop, we have volunteers who will use donated funds and shop for needed items. If you wish to donate funds, please place cash in envelope or check to POP marked " Food Pantry" in the memo in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.





Bible Study: 10:30 am Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, June 11, 2024



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, June 25, 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.



Save the Dates!

Thursday, September 12th- Lefse Mixing




Friday, September 13th- Lefse Baking



Friday, October 18th- Craft Fair Set up

Saturday, October 19th- Craft Fair

June 2024

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2 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"	3	4 5:30 pm Praise Group	5 10:30 am Women's Bible Study	6 1:00 pm Bible Study	7 Church Office Closed	8
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