

From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I'm not a very good gardener. I try, I try pretty hard, but I don't have a green thumb. Maybe some of you reading this do have a green thumb, maybe both your hands make beautiful, abundant gardens and yards, but I'm not one of them. This year, I purchased two tomatoes and planted them on the side of my backyard. I watered them, gave them good soil, and what I thought was plenty of sunlight. So far, I have two little green tomatoes to show for my work. I've got a long way to go.

How does your garden grow? Or your flower beds? It's July and as the temperatures warm up, so should the produce, flowers, and trees blooming and bursting with color and delectable fruits and vegetables. Jesus tells a story, a parable about a person who went out and sowed seeds. "Listen! A sower went out to sow" (Matthew 13:3). He sowed, or planted, seeds and some fell on a path, some fell on rocky soil, some fell among thorns and some seeds fell on good soil. I get that the sower planted seeds in good soil, but what about the rest? What's the reason? I wonder if this parable is more like a puzzle or a diamond, where you look at it from different angles? Sometimes our lives resemble these different types of soil, rocky, filled with thorns, falling on a path where life seems to just eat us up or swallow us whole. Maybe it's those times when life just keeps raising up weeds, when you think you have picked every last one, but then another rears its head! We've been singing, "Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word". We are not immune from difficult, tough, challenging circumstances in life, some that leave us feeling more like a scorched seed than a thriving plant. It takes time, patience is a virtue, as they say. More often than not I say, "Give me patience and give it to me now!" But God doesn't always work on our time table or growing season. Notice that the sower continues to plant seeds, continues to scatter seeds. I'd be utterly disappointed and discouraged if Jesus said, the sower noticed that the seeds didn't grow, so he gave up trying.

NO! NO! Instead, God continues to plant seeds, the seeds of faith, and the seeds of life, hope, and healing. The seeds of joy that many times, take time to grow, mature, and come to fruition. Our life will have ups and downs, failures and disappointments, yet God gives the growth, Christ plants the seeds and invites us to plant seeds, to tend them, to nurture them, to water them, and to shine the light of Christ on them each and every day. How does your garden of faith grow? Where do you see yourself in this story? Where have you noticed God as master gardener in your life?

Christ promises to hear us and tend to us as part of God's field, active in the world. We will hit bumps and rocky times, but God does not give up on you, and Jesus desires to nurture our faith and our trust in Christ so that we can bear fruit! Thank you for your partnership in this gospel planting season, God grant us persistence, strength, and love as we are invited to tend and work to share the bounty of God's fruit in our lives! Blessed gardening, let God sow, let God sow, let God sow.

Peace, Pastor Joel

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Caritas Needs For July

At the current time monetary donations are the best to keep the needs filled.

Caritas, 1612 W. Dalke Ave.
Spokane, WA 99205

www.facebook.com/CaritasOutreachMinistries with PayPal.

From The President

Greetings to all of you and welcome to summer. Let me start right off by updating you on where we are presently in regards to in person worship. As I stated in an e-mail earlier this month, the council discussed the issue and decided that for the safety and health of our members and those who have used the building in the past that we would wait until our next meeting on July 14 before any further decision is made. Unfortunately for all of us in Spokane it looks like phase 3 may not be happening yet. I fully understand your disappointment but your health and safety is our first priority. Moving on, the church still goes about its "normal" daily routine. The elevators needed their usual quarterly inspection (in spite of the church being closed to the public), There was a problem with a back flow valve that needed replacement. We also have a quarterly Labor and Industry payment coming up. Summer means more watering so higher utility cost. We have done very well for the first 5 months of the year and your generosity has been greatly appreciated but we're not through this yet. With that I am excited for the rest of the year and know that we will be worshipping together soon.

Yours in Christ
Curtis



EXCELSIOR BIRTHDAY CAKES

Unless Marie McMahon contacts you, do not plan on providing a cake for your designated month.

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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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Closed on Fridays starting in May)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

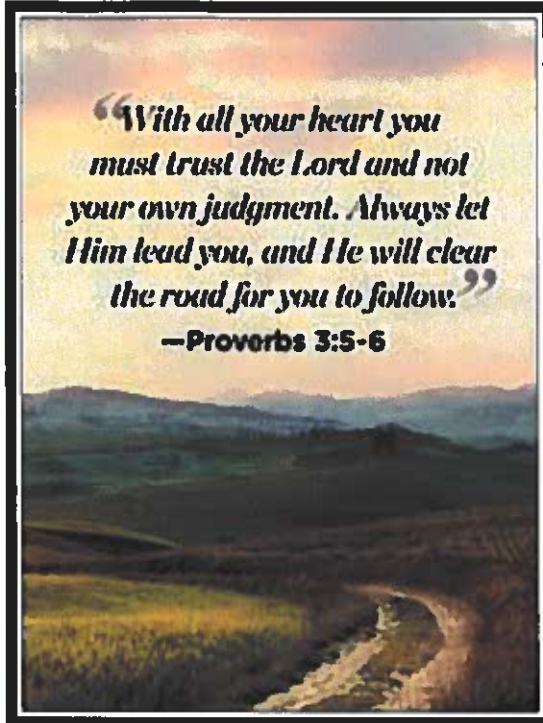
Traditional Service - 9:00 am
Fellowship/Sunday School - 10:15 am
(Contemporary Service 3rd Sunday of the month) Worship currently streamed.



TBD if meeting will happen because of Covid-19
Saturday, July 18th
POP Fellowship Hall — 7am—Start cooking
8am—Discussion begins
We will discuss
Acts—Chapters 19 & 20

Serving You This Month

July	Worship Assistants
5	John Renford
12	Jake Rapp
19	Rebecca Hendrickson
26	Dave Liezen



The church office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am—3 pm. The office will not be open on Fridays.

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, July 5

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12
 Psalm: 145:8-14
 2nd Reading: Romans 7:15-25a
 Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

Sunday, July 12

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13
 Psalm: 65:[1-8] 9-13
 2nd Reading: Romans 8:1-11
 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23



Sunday, July 19

1st Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8
 Psalm: 86:11-17
 2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-25
 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Sunday, July 26

1st Reading: 1Kings 3:5-12
 Psalm: 119:129-136
 2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-39
 Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

July Meetings suspended because of COVID-19

Bible Study:
Baby Quilters:
Charity Quilters:

Edith Zimbelman

Church Chuckle

*(The following appeared in church bulletins or
were announced at church services)*

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super
entertainment and gracious hostility.



Caritas Monthly Report May 2020



Caritas Outreach Ministries served 546 individuals from 238 households:

Children (0-18)	141
Adults (18-54)	225
Seniors (55 & over)	180


We distributed 26,207 lbs. of food through the Table of Plenty and Food Pantry.

We had 42 volunteers put in 2,447 hours of service.

We connected households with \$210 worth of hygiene and cleaning supplies.

July 2020 All services and events are TBD on COVID-19 limitations/restrictions

Watch for emailed updates or contact the church office.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 
5 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane	6	7	8	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11
12 CARITAS SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane	13	14	15	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18
19 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane	20	21	22	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
26 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane	27	28	29	30	31 OFFICE CLOSED	

Save the DATE



POP Property Clean Up

An organized clean up is not scheduled, however Congregation members have been working individually on separate areas of the church grounds. Please bring your own tools and lawn bags if this is of interest to you.

Prince of Peace Yard Sale

The church yard sale has been postponed until August. Please save up items to donate. Great time to clean out garages and storage areas. Items formerly saved for Granny's Attic will be sold here. More information about dropping off donations to follow.

Rebecca Hendrickson



Save the Dates

Mark your calendars now!
Lefse preparation will take place on
Thursday, October 8th and
Friday, October 9th.





Community Events



22nd Anniversary

8 Lakes Leg Aches

“A Scenic ride with a Touch of the Burn”

Saturday July 18, 2020

All proceeds from this event benefit vital programs for children and families.

Register at

Lcsnw.org/8-lakes-bike-ride

Virtual Ride

July 11-18



Save the Date

Young Life’s Annual Half-Fest Fundraiser

Thursday, August 27, 2020, 5-10pm

Shriner’s Event Center

Live music by Stagecoach West

WSQ Yardsale

The Washington State Quilters spring yard sale has been cancelled for 2020. It will be rescheduled for April 2021. There had been a possibility to have it in the fall but it was decided there was too much uncertainty during these times. We will store all the donated and priced items for next year. You can continue to collect donations

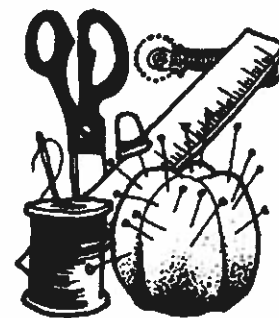


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Dear Members of Prince of Peace,

We want to Thank You for your continued support for Prince of Peace during this Pandemic. The Church and our Pastor does continue to operate and serve you. Even if we are not there physically the Church is still functioning. Please continue to make your donations whether by mail or on-line. You can do it on-line by accessing the Churches web site, <http://popspokane.org> and going to "Donate".

If you are receiving the Government stimulus payment, please consider donating a portion to Prince of Peace. It will help us to continue to operate and pay our ongoing expenses.

Yours In Christ

Stewardship Committee



Accessing Facebook for Worship Services

On the computer search window go to [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

If you have an account and remember your password, log in. If you have forgotten your password you will have to click on "forgot account?" and they will send you an email or text with a link to reset the password.

If you don't have an account, you can set one up in the sign up area. It can be made using your cell phone number or email. Email is easier to access for most people.

Once you have a Facebook account, on the day and time of the Worship Service to be streamed log in and go to the "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" Facebook page. You will look for this page using the magnifying glass symbol at the top of the page by entering "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane" in the search window. The page has a picture of the church building. Do all this at least a couple minutes before the worship service should begin. Once you have found the page click on "Home" on the left side of the screen. You might have to click on "Home" a couple times to refresh the screen if the video doesn't start at the stated time. Make sure your volume is turned up on your computer or device before the service begins.

Past videos can be accessed on the Facebook page when you click on "Videos" on the left hand side below "Home".

Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the home

FIRST THINGS

*Establish a time to celebrate Communion. This may be as part of a recorded or live-streamed worship service led by your pastor, or it may be a separate event.

*Because sacraments are always paired with the Word of God, plan to have a brief reading of scripture prior to speaking the Words of Institution if the Sacrament is taking place outside a streamed or recorded worship service.

*While this is a deeply holy event, it is an event that has been established BY God FOR the people of God. If you stumble over the words, or make a mistake: don't worry! Correct yourself and continue with the service.

*Because we trust that God has given us the gift of Holy Communion for our benefit, we also trust that the benefit will be given to us outside of our abilities to preside over the sacrament perfectly.

*Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Table is not intended to take the place of celebrating the Sacrament in congregational worship. This guide is intended to be used to provide the comfort of the Sacrament to God's people in extraordinary times. When we are able to safely gather for worship together again, it is expected that you and your family will receive the Sacrament within the boundaries of our corporate worship service.

*If you have children: include them in the Sacrament as much as they are able. Let them hold the bread while the Words of Institution are being spoken. Let them give communion to family members. Additionally, providing the child is baptized, there is no reason the child can't also partake of the Sacrament if the child wants to and the parents/guardians are in agreement.

Setting the Lord's Table

*Clear a table to serve as a home altar. This could be a kitchen table, an end table in your living room, a kitchen island, or even a television tray.

*Set the table with the communion elements. While a recipe for bread is included in this booklet, any bread you have on hand will suffice. Crackers are also acceptable, particularly for those with a gluten intolerance. This can be placed on any sort of plate you have available.

*Likewise, any sort of wine or grape juice will be appropriate for celebration of the Sacrament. If you do not have wine or grape juice, you can simply celebrate the Sacrament with bread until you are able to get wine or juice.

Holy Communion Liturgy

LEADER: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

FAMILY: And also with you.

LEADER: When our congregation gathered for Holy Communion with all the saints from every time and place, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The holy meal of the Lord's supper was shared. Now we share this Word of life, and this bread and cup of blessing, that we may share in these same gifts and be strengthened by the Christian community, even though we gather separately for a time.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

LEADER: Let us confess our sins, all that we have done to hurt each other and ourselves, in the presence of God and of one another.

(Pause for a moment of reflection.)

EVERYONE: Most merciful God, We confess that we have messed up. With our words and our hands, we have not been kind to others or to our own selves. We are hopeless without your love. We are afraid of what could happen, so we forget that you are with us all the time to give us peace. We spend the night with worry instead of prayer. Forgive us again and fill us up with your abundant mercy.

LEADER: God is rich in mercy and love. No matter how much you mess up every day, God's love never runs out. Just as God's love is for you, so is the meal set before us. You are forgiven and ready to feast at the table, in the name of the One who died to set you free from the power of sin, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

EVERYONE: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LEADER: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OR

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

LEADER: The body & blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

EVERYONE: Amen!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LEADER: Life-giving God,

EVERYONE: in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people and free us from fear. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

