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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Last weekend I attended a family reunion with relatives from my father's side of the family. We gathered at Camp Lutherhaven for a time of storytelling, food and reacquainting ourselves with our connections both past and present. This gathering began with the memorial service of my great uncle Harry. Uncle Harry died in 2020, so the pandemic disrupted any sort of gathering and celebration of his life until this last weekend. The time was a mixture of sadness and celebration, grief and blessed remembrance. With tears in my eyes at one moment or a smile the next, the weekend was filled with love.

Where have you noticed Christ's love lately? The apostle Paul proclaims God's love in Christ in 1 Corinthians chapter 13. Many times, couples share this Bible passage during a wedding service. "Love is patient, love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:4-6, NRSV). What a tall order! I notice the times that I resemble these traits, but many times, I notice the opposite in myself. The love that Jesus demonstrates and the apostle Paul describes moves beyond the fleeting feel good emotions that ebb and flow like waves in the ocean. Don't get me wrong, that type of intense love exists and transforms people and we need reminders of the deepness and intensity it provides. The apostle Paul expands the notion of love. The love that Jesus demonstrates and gives to us includes the compassion, commitment and courage to love one another in the good and bad times, in the joys and struggles of life. The Holy Spirit inspired ability to see others as Jesus sees them, beloved, worthy, and created in God's image.

The apostle Paul offers these words not only to individuals, but to the church in Corinth, the gathering of faithful people working and striving to proclaim the presence and love of Jesus to the world. Yet, the people had arguments, differences of opinion and one upmanship when it came to who was "better" because of their particular gift.

The apostle Paul reminds the church that love, "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends" (1 Corinthians 13:7-8, NRSV). What a challenge and opportunity! I love my family, but even all of us from the Skindlov family tree did not agree on everything! There were differences of opinion, even arguments, in our brief time together. Yet, I saw Christ's love embodied, amid our grief and sadness and times of celebration. Learning and rediscovering one another's stories of joy and loss, challenges in our lives and times of amazing endurance and courage.

As summer continues, what might you discover or rediscover about God's love in Christ? God's faithfulness to us, Christ's enduring willingness to enfold and uphold us through the joys and struggles of life. We don't walk this journey alone. The Holy Spirit goes ahead of us and promises to walk beside us and as followers of Jesus, we have the beautiful and challenging work of embodying Christ's presence in community, as the people of God at Prince of Peace.

Where have you noticed Christ's love made known to you? Through you? Thank you for the ways you continue to embody God's love in, with and for our community! These acts of love might take the form of a small act of kindness, a helping hand, a listening ear, walking with one another through struggles and trials. These and many other ways bear witness to Christ's love! "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13, NRSV). I pray Christ grant you rest and renewal, strengthen and sustain you in these upcoming weeks. Have a blessed July as you share Christ's love!

Peace,
Pastor Joel

P.S. Check out Ephesians 3:14-21 to learn more about God's multidimensional love for you!

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POP Pantry Needs For July

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

The "can do" spirit

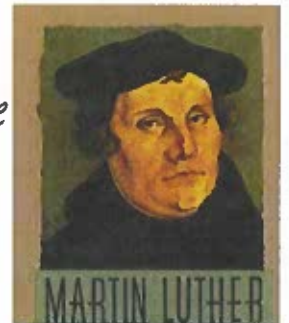
I came across the following quote and thought it would be a good topic for this month's newsletter article. The quote is: **"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."** – Coach John Wooden. The reason this quote caught my eye is that we (me included) tend to tell ourselves that we can't do something because we're too old or too young or too busy or too inexperienced – the list goes on and on. But as we make excuses for not being good at something we forget that we are good at doing other things. Can you cook? Maybe you enjoy photography, quilting, arts and crafts. Are you handy and like to work with tools or in the garden? Guess what!! – Prince of Peace welcomes your talents. Maybe you are innovated and full of ideas - is there something you would like to see happen at Prince of Peace? **Call me!**

Upcoming congregational opportunities: In **July** we will be having our community concerts again, but this year we will ask the concert goers for food donations for Caritas and the POP Pantry and a diaper drive for organizations that help low-income mothers. During **August** we will do a service project that will culminate on September 8 (*check out the article: God's Work, Our Hands*). In **September/October** we are going to do "cottage meetings" so your ideas, concerns or praises will be heard.

Blessings,
Sue Parrish

Martin Luther Quotes

"The dog is the most faithful of animals and would be much esteemed were it not so common. Our Lord God has made His greatest gifts the commonest."



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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

July	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Communion Servers	Fellowship
7	Holly Christoff	Dave Liezen		Andrew Liezen	Frank Christoff & Joe Rock	Holly Christoff	Jacobsen
14	Sue & Paul Parrish	Susan Ames		Matt Christoff	Doug Elliott	Sue & Paul Parrish	Renford
21	Susan Ames	Rebecca Hendrickson	The Christoffs	Erica Salkin	Todd & Karen Chaffins	Susan Ames	
28	Ginny Zimmerman	Rod Tamura	The Polikowskys	Bernie Polikowsky	John & Peggy Renford	Ginny Zimmerman	

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, July 7

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5
 Psalm: 123
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 14

1st Reading: Amos 7:7-15
 Psalm: 85:8-13
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
 Gospel: Mark 6:14-29




Sunday, July 21

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Psalm: 23
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22
 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 28

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44
 Psalm: 145:10-18
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21
 Gospel: John 6:1-21

Birthdays	Anniversaries
July 6- Hannah Lee July 12- Judi Holden July 16- Bob Brown July 18- Karen Tuff July 19- Arlene Kirkevold July 20- Ashley Christoff July 24- Kathy Rock July 26- Bill Burgermyer July 30- Bonita Roach	July 1- Larry Gilbert & Debra Trujillo- Gilbert 

News from POP

To Ponder:

Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

God has promised, "Ask and you will receive." But it may be that you will receive something different, something much more, than you have ever asked.

God respects every kind of prayer, even the trivial and silly kind. Like any good father, he would much rather that you came with any small matter than that you never came at all. You honor him by coming, by counting on him.

Prayer is more like talking things over with a friend than like telephoning an order to the grocer. You pour out your troubles, your fears, your hopes, your joys, laying them out in the presence of God. And God does not just silently listen. He responds. He speaks to us in his Word, he stirs our minds and consciences to find and do his will, he takes us by the hand and leads through doors that open to great blessings.

Alvin N. Rogness, Living in the Kingdom, Reflections on Luther's Catechism, pp 100-101.



Updates:

Thrivent Action Teams

Are you connected to Thrivent? Did you know you may have the option to donate choice dollars to a non-profit organization? You may also have access to Action Team Gift Cards for use as seed money for a project. Our Community Garden is a great example of an Action Team Project.

Contact your Thrivent representative and ask if your policy or program connects you to Choice Dollars or Action Team Gift Cards. If you want help making an Action Team request, Marie Tamura would be happy to work with you.



POP Raffle Quilt

Tickets for the beautiful raffle quilt donated /pieced by Sandy Swanson and quilted by Ami Elliot is at the back of the church. They are \$1 each and available after church services, in the church office and at the POP Concerts in July.

GOD'S Work. Our Hands.

On September 8 congregations of the ELCA are encouraged to do a service project to celebrate who we are as children of God. Prince of Peace has decided to put together bags to give to those who are asking for help.

Each Sunday in August, we will ask you to bring an item that will be put into the bag. The items will include granola bars, toothpaste/toothbrush, socks/hats, chapstick, etc. Announcements will be made at each service in August to let you know what item is needed next. On **September 8** we will complete the bags. To make this effort successful, we will need volunteers to take a few bags to give out to those in need. Thank you in advance for your support for this outreach into our community.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your financial support of Prince of Peace.

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

Thank you for your commitment to Prince of Peace. At this writing, we have one (1) Sunday remaining in June and have received \$27,158 in offering. What a blessing as we will meet the amount needed to cover our approved budget for this month.

"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

Thank You

Before you go on vacation this summer...

While you are gone we will keep the lights on and the doors open!
We welcome all people to share God Good News with us.

Your faithfulness in remembering your pledge will help us fulfill our ministry over this exciting and event-filled summer.



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 POP 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.



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SUMMER CONCERTS

8441 N. Indian Trail Road

LIVE MUSIC | FREE Summer fun for all ages

Sponsored by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, in partnership with the North Indian Trail Neighborhood Council

Join us for great music and family fun on our hillside lawn as the sun sets over the beautiful Indian Trail neighborhood. Bring a picnic basket and bring a friend!

Wednesday, July 10 • 6:30-8:30pm

Sonic Groove • *Classic Rock*

Wednesday, July 17 • 6:30-8:15pm

Lilac City Community Band & Diaper Drive
Shostakovich to Sousa

Wednesday, July 24 • 6:30-8:30pm

Just Plain Darin • *Pop, Rock, and Originals*

Wednesday, July 31 • 6:30-8:30pm

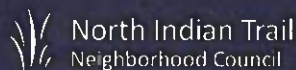
Sidestep with Max Daniels & Food Drive • *Funk and Soul*



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Bible Study: Not meeting until September



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

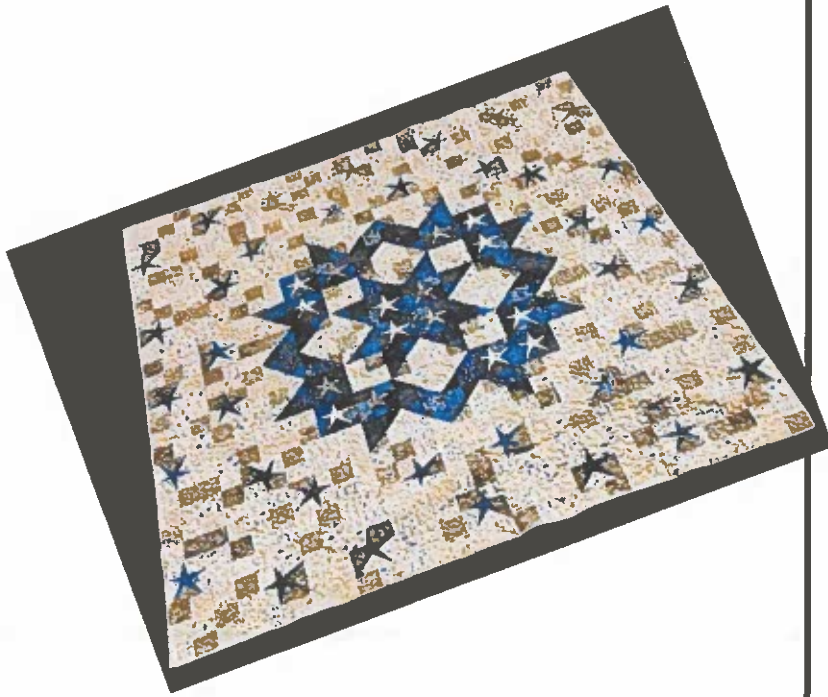


Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, July 23 & 30, 2024



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.



Annual POP Quilt Raffle

Beautiful Quilt - 82" x88"
Pieced and Donated by Sandy Swanson
Quilting done by Ami Elliott

All proceeds go back into quilts for the community

Drawing to be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024.

Need not be present to win.

Tickets available in the church office, at Wednesday night concerts and following Sunday Worship service.

Quilt ticket \$1.00

CRAFT FAIR

Save the Dates!

The Prince of Peace Arts & Crafts show will be held on **Saturday, October 19th!**

Thursday, September 19th- Lefse Mixing
9am-3pm (probably shorter time)

Friday, September 20th- Lefse Baking
8am-3pm



We have a short time to prepared beautiful hand crafted items and plan on what delicious baked goods to make. Any questions: Rebecca 509-998-5419

Ideas for donated hand made items for a self care table

- Sugar scrub
- Face cleanser pads
- Makeup remover
- Eye mask
- Neck warmer/cooler



- Brush holder
- Potpourri
- Soap
- Scented candles
- Soap saver

Ideas for donated hand craft items

- Sewn & quilted projects
- Woodcrafts
- Knitted & Crocheted items
- Christmas ornaments
- Paper crafts
- Painted creations



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Community Events

Save the
DATE

EXPO '74 50th Anniversary Celebration!

"In 1974, Spokane became the smallest city in history to host the World's Fair. As an environmentally focused event, the Spokane World's Fair sparked a transformation in the heart of our city that became the catalyst for sustainable growth in our region."

Make sure you check out all the exciting events happening over the next few months to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of EXPO '74. www.visitspokane.com



SHOE DRIVE

Mission Community Outreach Center's Annual Shoe Drive

This annual event is a highlight of the summer, to ensure that local schoolchildren are ready for the new school year.

Here's how you can get involved:

Donate New Athletic Shoes: Shoes for children, sizes 8 Toddler—to Adult 12, by the 15th of August. Monday-Thursday 1pm -4pm or Wednesday 10am -1pm. (call or email to set up different time.)

Spread the Word: Tell friends and family about the shoe drive.

Volunteer: Distribute the shoes on August 16th.

Make a Financial Donation: Consider making a financial contribution toward the purchase of shoes for a child.

www.4mission.org 509-536-1084 1906 W Mission Ave, Spokane, WA 99202










Explore the complexities of family homelessness by attending our **Understanding Poverty** workshop. Dive even deeper, by tuning into a live recording of a **panel discussion** featuring former Family Promise guests on our podcast, "On the Corner of Homelessness &"

Live On the Corner Panel

AUGUST 3 | 10 AM
ST. LUKE LUTHERAN



July 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Church Office Closed for 4th of July 	5 Church Office Closed	6
7 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	8 10:00 am Executive Council	9 9:00 am Quilts for Kids 	10 6:30 Summer Concert- Sonic Groove 	11	12 Church Office Closed	13
14 POP PANTRY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	15	16	17 6:30 Summer Concert- Liac City Community Band 	18 1:00 pm Bible Study	19 Church Office Closed	20
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