



# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## March 2025 Newsletter

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### From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

March 5<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It begins with Ash Wednesday as a time of acknowledgment and preparation for the church season. As I write to you, the wind outside blows steadily, the snow has all melted, and I look out and see the leftovers of a grungy, grimy backyard. I can see the lawn, but I can also see all the stuff I forgot to dispose of, which I ran out of time for.

Pine needles (do they ever stop falling?), gravel, garbage, leaves, sticks, broken toys, dog poop. I'll try to keep this family-friendly, but my backyard is a mess, an absolute mess. I like the increased temperatures, but now that I can see the grass and plants, I also see the other stuff. The reality I get to deal with in the upcoming days and weeks.

During the season of Lent, we'll look at the gift of Holy Baptism and some of the promises that we make as we live out this gift! How can Baptism and Ash Wednesday be related? Recognizing our humanity, our fragility, our mortality, and the ways in which we try to fake it til we make it? I'm also not opposed to faking it until I make it, yet the time arrives when I need to tell the truth to someone. You need a break, a rest, a time to zone out and read a book, go out to dinner, get to work, and not sugarcoat the reality of the situation.

From a Lutheran lens, Christians receive the gift of confession and forgiveness or absolution. It's not the sole property of Lutherans by any means. We tell the truth about ourselves, our world, our relationships. The hard, painful, hidden truth about how we try to run the other way, dodge, duck, "stick our head in the sand", and push down our thoughts, feelings, and actions for various and many reasons. Some, if not many, of the reasons are good. We don't want to rock the boat, cause waves, hurt someone's feelings, open an old wound, pass judgment, and the list continues. And yet, How do we talk with one another that is open and honest and display a level of respect, love, and kindness for the betterment of all involved?

Baptism claims us, inviting and challenging us to renounce the ways that work against God. "Do you renounce the devil and all the devil's empty promises?" While putting to death our words, actions, thoughts, and parts of our lives that look to justify ourselves and curve us in on ourselves.

In Matthew's Gospel on Ash Wednesday, Jesus speaks of displaying our righteousness, our piety, our faithfulness toward God and neighbor in false or self-serving ways.

(See Matthew 6:1-14). What is our motivation? (continued pg 11)

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POP Pantry Needs  
For March

**Food:**  
Small peanut butter jars, jelly/jam, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned tuna/chicken, individual trail mix, meat sticks, granola bars, soup, & 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

### Dream Jobs....

Romans 12. Verse 6. "We all have different gifts, each of which came because of the grace God gave us."

A couple of weeks ago I got together with some friends and one of the things we talked about was our "dream jobs." After sharing our thoughts, we concluded that our passions were our dream jobs. Whether it be nursing, teaching, building, organizing, artist endeavors, or other activities that ignite the fire within us - they are our passions. In my experience my dream job was not in the workplace but has been in helping and serving my church. Passions come in all shapes and sizes. Yours are different from other people. Yet by seeking God's guidance and listening to our heart, we can discover the passions He has placed within us. We can use them for the glory of God and do good in our community, our workplace, our church, and our homes. Embrace your gifts and enjoy your "dream job."

(I enjoy puzzles of all kinds and here is a jumble for you to solve)

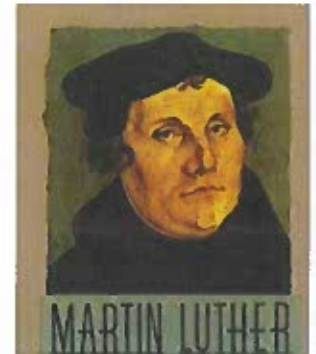
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Yours in Christ,

Sue Parrish

## Luther's Prayers

Oh, God, grant that all people-in city and country-be diligent and display charity and loyalty toward each other. Give us favorable weather and good harvest. I commend to you my house and property, wife and children. Grant that I may manage and guide them well, supporting and educating them as a Christian should. Defend us against the Destroyer and all his wicked angels who would do us harm and mischief in this life. Amen.



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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

#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Office closed on Fridays  
Memorial Day-Labor Day Weekends



Saturday, March 15, 2025

POP Fellowship Hall

7am- Start cooking  
7:30am-Enjoy breakfast & discussion

# Serving You This Month

March	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Communion Servers	Fellowship
2	Susan Ames	Joy Liezen		Bernie Polikowsky	Paul & Sue Parrish	Susan Ames	Holly & Frank Christoff
9	Holly Christoff	Mike Sanborn	No Flowers-Lent	Erica & Lee Salkin	Doug Elliott	Holly Christoff	Marie Tamura
16	Ginny Zimmerman	Rebecca Hendrickson	No Flowers-Lent	Matt Christoff	Frank Christoff & Joe Rock	Ginny Zimmerman	Joene & Matt Liezen
23	Marie Tamura	Curt Froscheiser	No Flowers-Lent	Bernie Polikowsky		Marie Tamura	
30	Karen Heimbigner	Joy Liezen	No Flowers-Lent	Simon Feist	Mel Nebelsieck & Dick Hawley	Karen Heimbigner	Exec Committee



## Bible Readings for the Month

### **Sunday, March 2**

1st Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm: 99

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a

### **Sunday, March 16**

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Psalm: 27

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

### **Sunday, March 30**

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: 32

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

### **Sunday, March 9**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm: 91:1-2,9-16

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

### **Sunday, March 23**

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm: 63:1-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



# News from POP

## To Ponder:

"How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast the sum of them!

Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"

Psalm 139: 17, 23, 24

"Two things will always be found together--love of God and recoil from sin. There cannot be attachment without detachment."

W. Graham Scroggie



## Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers and support during Gary's last illness and passing.

Sharon Ballou



## Birthdays

March 3– Karen Rogge

March 7– Susan Burgermyer

March 11– Randy Lasswell

Isaac Edwards

March 12– Donna Claypool

March 16– Iris Pehan

March 19– De Dupuis

March 21– Curt Froscheiser

Vicky Brown

March 24– Jeff Bottjen

## Anniversaries

March 14– Dave & Lynne Jacobsen



# Financial Update

I recognize this is our March newsletter, but I have not reconciled the February financials since it is still February at this writing. As we proceed, I'll be posting some charts and graphs for you to visually review our giving for the year and our giving for the last 2 years. In addition, Jon Heimbigner has provided some financial information for our church from 1998 - 2024. With more details to follow, ponder this:

**1998**

Giving units = 243

Total = \$242,197

**2024**

Giving units = 84

Total offering = \$327,759

Wow! Thank you for your continued support of Prince of Peace!

Marie Tamura, POP Treasurer

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## Preschool 2025-2026 Registration

Registration for the public begins Monday, March 3rd. Remember we cannot hold spaces unless you enroll. Our classes fill up quickly.



## Upcoming March Events

### **Shrove Tuesday**

Join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed on March 4th at 6 pm. Menu will include Pancakes, sausage, fruit and drinks. Enjoy pancakes and stay for committee meeting!

*Freewill offering to offset costs will be collected.*

If you are will to flip pancakes that evening, please let Fellowship/Outreach know.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Worship Services on Wednesday, March 5th at 12pm & 7pm

Ashes to Go 7am-8:30am & 3pm-5pm

### **Lenten Soup Suppers with a twist!**

Lenten Soup Suppers begin on Wednesday, March 12th at 6:00 before the Lenten church service. The twist is...bring a can of soup for the POP Pantry!

Check out the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Sign up for soup or bread on any the 6 nights. Hosts can be a committee or a couple people willing to set up and clean up. Many people join in during the clean-up.

### **Cottage Meeting Sunday**

Sunday, March 30th- Worship Service and discussion around the table!

Discussion will be a deeper dive into the responses gathered at the November 2024 Cottage Meeting.

Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, March 5, 2025



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, March 11, 2025



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesday, March 18, 2025



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.

### Arts & Crafts Show Funds Distribution

\$500 was given to each of the following organizations that support women and children in our community from our 2024 Fall Craft Show.

**MADDIE'S PLACE:** Recovery nursery for babies experiencing withdrawal due to prenatal substance exposure.

**CARITAS:** Serving those in need in NW Spokane by providing food, basic essentials, transportation and utility assistance.

**LIFE SERVICES:** Medical care and support from a Biblical perspective to anyone impacted by an unplanned pregnancy.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Ending family homelessness

**JOYA:** Serving infants and toddlers impacted by developmental disabilities and delays

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Provides meals and other critical services to the homebound

**TRANSITIONS:** Working to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane

**WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S FREE RESTAURANT:** Fills nutritional gaps for women and children in need

**MISSION OUTREACH:** Provides clothing, housewares and hygiene items to families and individuals every 60 days and diapers every 30 days.

**SPOKANE HOPE:** Mission is to bring listening and spoken language to local deaf and hard of hearing children.

## CARITAS 2024 Information

Well January just flew by...I am working on a newsletter that hopefully will be coming out by March. Caritas is already working on our annual silent auction and dinner that will be held in late September, at Assumption Parish (if they have the availability 😊).

2024 has been an interesting year...with the economy being in disarray, election year, refugees settling into our community and of course ALL the recalls on food and eggs, I can honestly say its been challenging. The donations we receive from grocery stores have declined..they have gotten a handle on their inventory, remember they are in it to make a profit. NW Harvest has reduced their amount of dry goods to almost half the amount we receive each month.

Caritas FB has been blessed by the support of our community and our Churches. I try to be a savvy shopper, I want to insure all who donate funds that I am not frivolous when spending money on shelf stable food and basic essentials.

I have had to be creative each day of distribution to insure everyone in line gets food. I have reached out to the library and local area schools to do food drives, with success. Some of the schools do 2 food drives a year woowhoo.

We have actually run out of food several times last year (no one was turned away because of that). We have gotten clients that were using other food banks and decided to come here because they were constantly running out of food. Our clients average about 55ish lbs of cooler(dairy, deli, sandwiches), freezer, shelf stable, produce and bread (remember produce is heavy).

In 2024 we served about 6000 households, which equates to 18,000 children, seniors, disabled, veterans and the working parents. Over 1400 households were new and we were able to distribute about 400,000 lbs of food. AND I AM SO BLESSED to have 60ish of dedicated, passionate volunteers to achieve this every month. THANK YOU..

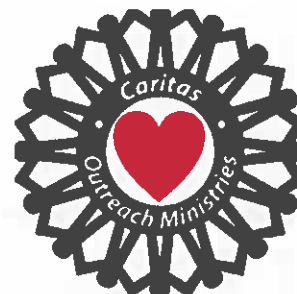
Our 2025 Campaign is to purchase a new commercial, sliding glass door cooler. Our current cooler is still running but don't know how long it will last. Those doors are held opened over 100 times during our distribution and stocking days. I think with a glass front like grocery stores, they can see what is available then make their selection. It will reduce the amount of energy spent, hardship on the compressor and will add a little space for our folks who are physically challenged. We will be pricing a new, larger walk in cooler/freezer too.

We have a great blessing and problem by our current walk in being full and have to sometimes turn away refrigerated donations due to space restraints.

Well that's the short version of the year, please look for our newsletter in March, pass this info along to your leadership team and as always THANK YOU for your support!

With Gratitude.

Christine Tabat  
Executive Director



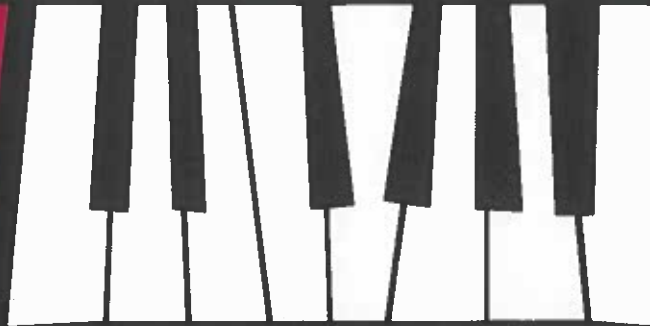




# Community Events

Save the DATE

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | 24TH AND GRAND BLVD



MARCH 4TH



FAT TUESDAY  
**JAZZ**  
MASS

DAN KEBERLE WITH  
THE JAZZ PROPHETS  
& THE CHANCEL CHOIR



7PM




**SPEAKER:**

GRETCHEN M. REHBERG,  
BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL  
DIOCESE OF SPOKANE



DECADENT DESSERTS TO FOLLOW!

# March 2025

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2 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	3 10:00 am Executive Council 5:30 pm Praise Group	4 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday 7:00 pm Committee Night	5 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Adult Choir	6 1:00 pm Bible Study	7	8
9 POP PANTRY SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane " Sunday School	10	11 9:00 am Quilts for Kids 5:30 pm Praise Group 	12 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	13	14	15 7am Men's Breakfast
16 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	17 6:30 pm Council Meeting	18 5:30 pm Praise Group	19 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	20 1:00 pm Bible Study	21	22
23 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane " Sunday School	24	25 9:00 am Charity Quilters 5:30 pm Praise Group 	26 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	27 1:00 pm Bible Study	28	29
30 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	31					

Of course, since we are human and we live in a community with other humans, we run into the challenges of life in community, the give and take, the compromise, and the negotiations of life that turn us back to God in confession.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive the mark of an ashen cross on our forehead in an ironic, yet profound act of public witness. In receiving this cross, you display your need for God and witness to Christ while also displaying our commitment to Jesus and neighbor, which we fail at daily! Yet the cross marks us as beloved people of God, valued, worthy, and empowered to serve and lead in Jesus' name!

You are a saintly sinner and a sinnerly saint, and there's nothing you can do about it! Christ loves and cares for you and about you more than words can express, and we will also fail and miss the mark even on our best days! Thanks be to God that in Jesus' gracious mercy, love, and power, Christ continues to claim us as we live, move, lead, and serve in the places God has planted us.

Baptism claims us, telling the truth about us, You are a child of God, marked with the cross of Christ and sealed with the Holy Spirit forever! The same Spirit that moves, uncovers, reveals, and leads the early followers of Jesus and the Church and remains with us daily. What might you give up or set down for this season of Lent? What might you pick up or plant as Christ's workers and witnesses in our neighborhoods, community, and world? Blessed venture as we walk together in this season of Lent.

Peace,

Pastor Joel



### Lenten Schedule

#### Shrove Tuesday:

March 4th Pancake Dinner at 6:00 pm

#### Ash Wednesday:

March 5th at 12pm and 7pm

Ashes to Go 7am-8:30am & 3pm-5pm

#### Mid-Week Lenten Services:

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 & 9 at 7pm