



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the third Sunday of April, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter proclaims the new life we receive as people of God through the death and resurrection of Jesus, our risen Lord.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Where do you notice new life, abundant life poking through the hard soil of hardened hearts, weary folks, and burdens too great to bear on our own?

Luke's gospel records the resurrection with a mix of surprise, amazement, disbelief, and "an idle tale". Early Sunday morning, the women arrived for the usual way of honoring someone who had died in the ancient world: spices and ointments to care for the body. They arrive, and to their surprise, the stone has been rolled away, and men in ultra-radiant robes proclaim, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen!

"Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again."

Remember? It's so easy to forget, so easy not to remember God's provision and promise, certain and sure of only the grief and daily burdens of life and relationships. The longings that look for something or someone to bring life in the midst of death, decay and the impossible possibility of God's gracious power at work in the world.

How would you have responded? What might help you remember Christ's enduring promises that amidst death and destruction, Christ continues to work, fills and sustains us, breaking free of our preconceived notions, and grants the ability and opportunity to share Jesus' life-giving presence here and now?

Remember how Jesus told you? We look back at the beginning of Luke's gospel. The Christmas story as God chooses to enter the human experience, entering human history and walking among the sea of humanity, teaching, healing, sharing, calling and equipping the disciples, crowds, opponents, and the variety of folks that desire the goodness of God in Christ, the love of Jesus that changes the world.

Then they remembered his words. The Holy Spirit is not mentioned in Luke 24:8, yet I wonder how the women's remembering gets fueled by the "ah ha" world's moments of the Holy Spirit. The women are the first to receive the news! Instead of returning to their homes, they share this good news with the apostles and the others.

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POP Pantry Needs For April

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

Prayer Vigil

April 10, 9am - 3pm

This month we celebrate Easter and remember His promise that He loves each of us so much he gave His son to die for us. His promise gives us strength and guidance to deal with all the turmoil and uncertainty we currently experience. Which is why the need to reach out to God in prayer at a deeper level is so important. To focus on that need, we will have a Prayer Vigil on April 10 at the church between 9am and 3pm. You are encouraged to come and sit in the sanctuary for quiet reflection and a conversation with God. Unlike our daily prayers where we have brief conversations with our Lord throughout the day, this will be a time to focus, to let our thoughts flow naturally and create a place where the Holy Spirit can talk to us and bring us to a sense of peace and clarity. As we sit in silence, we can be more aware that the Lord is with us and will guide us through our daily lives.

If you are not able to visit the church, then I encourage you to find a quiet place on April 10 and take 30 minutes to reflect and pray. You might think that you cannot pray for a whole half hour, so I have included "30 Minutes in Prayer" as a guide. Surprisingly, you may use the guide for only a brief time and before you know it - 30 minutes are gone.

Prayer is powerful - Blessings.

Sue Parrish

(30 Minutes in Prayer sheet on page 11)

Luther's Prayers

"O my God and Lord, help me by the grace to learn and understand thy commandments more fully every day and to live them in sincere confidence. Preserve my heart so that I shall never again become forgetful and ungrateful, that I may never seek after other gods or other consolation on earth or in any creature, but cling truly and solely to thee, my only God. Amen., dear Lord God and Father. 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, April 19, 2025

POP Fellowship Hall

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

Serving You This Month

April	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Communion Servers	Fellowship
6	Holly Christoff	Kathy Fleiger	No Flowers-Lent	Bernie Polikowsky	Joe Rock & Frank Christoff	Holly Christoff	Lynne Jacobsen
13 Palm Sunday	Marie Tamura	Julie Tramp	No Flowers-Lent	Bernie Polikowsky		Marie Tamura	Rebecca Hendrickson
17 Maundy Thursday	Rebecca Hendrickson		No Flowers-Lent	Bernie Polikowsky		Rebecca Hendrickson	
18 Good Friday			No Flowers-Lent	Erica & Lee Salkin			
20 Easter	Sue & Paul Parrish	Susan Ames		Bernie Polikowsky	Doug Elliott	Sue & Paul Parrish	Fellowship/ Outreach
27	Ginny Zimmerman	Joy Liezen		Matt Christoff	Mel Nebelsieck & Dick Hawley	Ginny Zimmerman	



Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, April 6

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: 126

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: John 12:1-8

Sunday, April 20

1st Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm: 118:1-2,14-24

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 13

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 23:1-49

Sunday, April 27

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Psalm: 118:14-29

2nd Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

News from POP

To Ponder:

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

"We have no right to judge where we should be put, or to have preconceived notions as to what God is fitting us for. God engineers everything; wherever He puts us our one great aim is to pour out a whole-hearted devotion to Him in that particular work. 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' "(Ecclesiastes 9:10a KJV)

Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest



Thank You

One million thanks for all the prayers, cards, and thoughts while I recover from broken ribs and pneumonia.

Iris Pehan



Birthdays

April 3– Andrew Liezen
April 6– Gwen Akers
April 8– Orv Kirkevold
April 13– Susan Sanborn
April 16– Joan Benesch
April 18– Mary Spear
April 20– Diane Floyd

Anniversaries

April 7- Matt & Joene Liezen



Financial Update

March Madness . . . Usually the focus is about basketball, the brackets, wins/losses, champions. Sometimes March is about the weather, "In like a lamb and out like a lion." (or vice versa!) Both scenarios allow for some guesswork, a little fun, and possibly a little frenzy!

March Offering: \$21,627.56. Giving started really strong, like the lion! As the month progressed, our offering was much like the gentleness of a lamb. I continue to be amazed at the congregations commitment to stay steadfast with their giving throughout the month.

In the next few weeks, I will have some new charts for you to review. The charts will include some historical information along with our current giving and expenses. I hope none of the charts will not be a "bracket buster" for any of you!

Thank you for your continued support of Prince of Peace! If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Preschool 2025-2026 Registration

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open for all! We still have openings, for 3's 2 day (Tuesday & Thursdays) and openings for 4's 4 day (Monday -Thursday). Please tell neighbors, friends or relatives who might be interested! Remember we cannot hold spaces unless you enroll. Our classes fill up quickly.



Upcoming April Events

Lenten Soup Suppers with a twist!

Lenten Soup Suppers continue on Wednesdays! April 2nd & 9th 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 2 remaining nights. Many people join in during the clean-up.

Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 5th at 9am, see article with information in this Newsletter!

Prayer Vigil

Thursday, April 10th, 9am -3pm.

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 13- Palm Sunday 9am

Thursday, April 17-7pm Maunday Thursday

Friday, April 18- 7pm Good Friday

Sunday, April 20- 9am Worship Service

**Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch
following service**

SPRING CLEANUP 2025 (Mark your calendar: April 5th)

Yes it's about that time again. It's time to spruce up around POP and get ready for Easter. Actually after taking a walk around the grounds things don't look bad, thanks to those of you who have taken charge of a certain area and maintained it through out last year. There's a signup list on the bulletin board for those of you that would like to commit to the same or different area this year.

The plan is to make **Saturday April 5th** our cleanup day, weather permitting. If weather won't allow then we'll attempt the workday for the following Saturday (Sat. before Palm Sunday). 9:00 am has seemed to work good for most that are willing to help in the past. If we get a good turn out should be done by noon.

It probably would be a good idea to bring a shovel, lawn or garden rake, hedge clippers (gas powered if you have them), hand shears, broom, kneeler, snow shovel makes a great dust pan. Good idea to put your name on them. There always seems to be something left behind. A few large plastic lawn garbage bags would be helpful.

The following are areas that need attention.

1. Trim and shape the hedge along Indian Trail
2. Parking lot islands. (clean & trim shrubs and bushes, rake up leaves)
3. Rake up acorns beneath Oak tree next to AC units
4. Pick up trash and debris in the Natural Area
5. Pull weeds and general maintenance of Pacific Park sign
6. Shrub beds near 3 crosses and in front of church look pretty good (areas that someone has taken ownership and kept them looking good all year)
7. Parking lot curbing will have to be attended to later in the spring. It would be great if someone would step forward to keep the grasses and weeds under control throughout the rest of the year.

Thanks to everyone and Blessing to you and POP Property Committee



Notice the resistance, even the brushing off of this eyewitness account. The apostles respond, "But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them" (Luke 24:11, NRSV).

What good news of Jesus might we share that seems too good to be true, that may seem an idle tale to people? Would I have been any different with my lack of imagination, my disbelief, the whopper of a story straight out of a fantasy tale? And yet, even in that initial witness of the resurrection, the apostles receive another encounter, an opportunity to trust this unbelievably good news!

Part of the ongoing Easter story finds Christ's resurrection power set loose, opening the promise and possibility of the presence of God for people like you and me. The presence of the risen Jesus in, with, and among us, despite all signs to the contrary.

We are Easter people! The reality of death, illness, suffering, and pain are so very real, yet they are not the last word. Even now, Christ enters our lives nourishing and nurturing our faith and trust in a God who does not, will not give up on us! What will we be and do with this amazing gift? How is the Holy Spirit inviting us to bear witness to the risen Christ?

God bless your continued Lenten and Easter season as we are united with Christ and one another as vessels of the new life we have received in Jesus' name!

Peace,
Pastor Joel

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, April 2, 2025



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, April 8, 2025



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesday, April 22, 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.



Community Events

Save the DATE

SAVE THE DATE
MAY 8, 2025

hope builders
Annual Benefit Luncheon

Thursday, May 8 | 12:00PM - 1:00PM | Spokane Convention Center

Save the Date for Lunch

May 8

Doors Open at 11:30am | Program is from 12:00pm - 1:00pm

As more families in Spokane struggle to keep a roof over their heads, this annual fundraiser helps us raise *critical* funds to provide safe and affordable homeownership opportunities. Hope Builders Luncheon guests will be asked to support our mission with a gift from the heart.

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Questions? Tranda Keiley, keiley@habitat-spokane.org

Official invitations coming soon!



The start of a New Tradition

As we welcome the changing seasons, we at LCSNW are embracing change in a big way. **After 40 incredible years of gathering for the Chocolate & Champagne Gala, we are retiring this beloved tradition and introducing something new: *Healing with Hope*.**



For decades, we have come together in Spokane's most elegant venues, dressed in formal attire, to raise awareness for Sexual Assault

Tickets on sale now at lcsnw.ejoin.org/tickets2025

Advocac the form

Single- \$100
Couple \$185
Table of 8- \$750

April 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 5:30 pm Praise Group 7:00 pm Committee Night	2 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Lenten Service	3 1:00 pm Bible Study	4	5 9:00 am Spring Clean Up
6 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	7	8 9:00 am Quilts for Kids 5:30 pm Praise Group 	9 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Lenten Service 7:00pm Adult Choir	10 9am-3pm Prayer Vigil	11	12
13 PALM SUNDAY POP PANTRY SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	14 10:00 am Executive Council	15 5:30 pm Praise Group	16 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	17 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday	18 7:00 pm Good Friday	19 7:00 am Men's Breakfast
20 EASTER 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	21 7:00 pm Council Meeting	22 9:00 am Charity Quilters 	23	24 1:00 pm Bible Study	25	26
27 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane " Sunday School	28	29 5:30 pm Praise Group	30 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir			

30 Minutes in Prayer

"A half hour - how can I pray for 30 minutes - I'll run out of things to say!"

Prayer is like sitting down in a restaurant with a friend, you find a lot of things to say. But if talking to God for that long seems intimidating, it's probably because we're still learning just to share ourselves with God as we would with a friend.

The following suggestions are designed to help you take courage to try spending dedicated time with the Lord. Probably after 10 minutes you won't need the outline and you'll find plenty to talk about without prompting. During these unusual times and circumstances, may you find strength and encouragement as the body of Christ, even as we are apart, as we pray together. See 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 and Romans 8:26-27.

PREPARATION

1 min. Beginning Prayer. Ask God to help you spend this time profitably with Him. Ask His guidance. Give yourself to Him for 30 minutes.

2 min. Confession. Spend a few minutes going over with Him sins which weigh on you. Ask for His cleansing, then accept it by faith and thank Him. He is far more willing to forgive than you are to ask. See 1 John 1:8-9

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

3 min. Adoration. Praise the Lord for his kindness, goodness and mercy. Thank Him for His goodness to you and your friends. As your heart begins to adore Him, you'll sense His presence more deeply. See Psalm 150

PETITION

4 min. Pray about Life's Difficulties. Use this time to talk over with the Lord your own personal struggles and the struggles and needs of others.

INTERCESSION

4 min. Pray for friends, relatives, neighbors and fellow workers. Don't just list their names but talk to Him about their lives and needs. Ask God to give you opportunities for witness and sharing in depth.

6 min. Pray for our Church and its needs. Call on him for deep renewal of love for God. Pray for the pastor and church leaders and fellow members. Pray for volunteers to serve on council and committees. Call on God for insight into helping our church grow as stewards and care takers of all God has given us. Seek the Lord for what Prince of Peace mission and ministry looks like during this time and into the future.

6 min. Pray for our Nation, that God will guide our president and legislators, our justices and judges, our governors and mayors, our police and firemen.

4 min. Pray for Other Nations, for the work of Christ throughout the world. Intercede for unreached peoples, pray for missionaries, for third-world pastors and churches, for the people of God who are suffering persecution. Pray for peace. Ask God to give food, shelter and hope to the hungry. Total = 30 minutes.