



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Blessed Easter season! Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed! May flowers and trees blooming, the planting of vegetables, shrubs, bushes, trees happening now or soon. The sun shining brightly, warming the earth and the movement of life, from the creepy crawlies to the toddling toddlers, the golden agers and everyone in between noticing signs of life, new life, renewed life. Luke's gospel records a number of post resurrection stories. The story of the Road to Emmaus reveals that Jesus' resurrected body or flesh seems altered in some way. Two followers of Jesus walk along the road with him, faces and bodies disappointed and dejected. The two disciples have not heard the news of resurrection and new life and even the presence of Jesus does not remove them from their funk.

Until, until, gathered around a meal, the breaking of the bread, the sharing in food, the two notice and are amazed! Even resurrection life doesn't necessarily arrive as a lightning bolt.

Where do you notice new life? Renewed life? What might that even look like, sound like, feel like in your life? One image for me, that reveals new life takes place in grain fields. I drive through the Palouse and in the late fall and winter, the fields look bare and lifeless. Yet, the spring brings these shoots from the ground, planted in trust that yes indeed, the shoots will spring forth and grow. The other is tulips. I forgot I planted tulips on the small side yard of my house. A small strip of soil that otherwise grows pesky weeds. Yet, even now, the tulips push through the soil and provide the enjoyment of these beautiful colors.

The creating God, this living Lord, who we know most closely in Jesus, continues to bring life, bring renewal and hope to our weary world and our every day lives. Check out Luke 24:13-49! Read it in chunks. Most Bibles have sub headings to direct you to the story snippets that make up chapter 24 in the Gospel of Luke. What surprises you? What questions and reflections do you have?

"Now on that same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem" (Luke 24:13, NRSV). Later that day, discussing the "things that had happened", Jesus' death and resurrection, when all of a sudden Jesus shows up! New life, renewed life can take us time to wrap our heads and hearts around.

Where do you notice Jesus at work in your life and the life of Prince of Peace? Who might God be calling us to be and do in Jesus' name?

While the two disciples go and tell the news regarding Jesus' appearance to the apostles and those gathered, another Jesus encounter happens! While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them! Confused and befuddled yet?

If so, you're in good company. Luke 24 proclaims the gift and promise of Jesus' resurrection and invites us to remember and bear witness to the ongoing life that Christ offers here and now. It is a life filled with struggle and pain AND also a life pulsing with the steadfast presence of Christ and renewal that involves all of us. Where do you recognize Christ at work in your life?

God's richest blessings as we celebrate and unwrap this amazing gift, following the way of our crucified and risen Lord!

Peace,
Pastor Joel

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POP Pantry Needs For May

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

Prayers while on Sabbatical

June 15 through August 10 Pastor Joel will be on his well-deserved sabbatical. This will be a time for him to regroup and focus on rest, renewal, spiritual growth, and family. Although he will not be in personal contact with us, we can support him through the power of prayer. During the month of May, blank prayer sheets will be inserted in the bulletins for you to use to write a personal prayer to Pastor Joel. Writing personal prayers is a way for us to express gratitude, encouragement, and hope for his journey and for his wellbeing and safety during this time away from Prince of Peace.

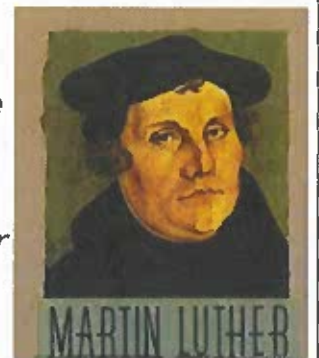
You can place your prayers in a marked box at the back of the church. I will compile them into a book and give to Pastor Joel before he leaves so he can use *your* words in his daily devotions while he is away. You may want to sign the prayers or leave them unsigned - that is your prerogative. For those who are at home and would like to participate, you can email your prayers to the church office or to me at parrish6310@comcast.net.

Writing these prayers is one way that we, at Prince of Peace, can let Pastor Joel know that he has our support and gratitude for his faithful service and wish him well on his sabbatical journey.

Thank you, Sue Parrish

Luther's Prayers

"Lord God, dear Father, through your Holy Spirit you have taught and enlightened the hearts of your believers. Through the same Spirit give us a right understanding, to be glad at all times in his comfort and power, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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, May 17, 2025

POP Fellowship Hall

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

POP Fellowship Hall

Serving You This Month

May	Altar Guild	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Communion Servers	Fellowship
4	Holly Christoff	Mike Sanborn		Bernie Polikowsky	Mel Nebelsieck & Dick Hawley	Holly Christoff	Marie Tamura
11	Sue Parrish	Curt Froscheiser	Eunice Erickson	Bernie Polikowsky	Doug Elliott & Frank Christoff	Sue Parrish	The Christoffs
18	Marie Tamura	Cliff Hendrickson	Jan Gilliam	Bernie Polikowsky	Paul & Sue Parrish	Marie Tamura	Jan Gilliam
25	Susan Ames	Rebecca Hendrickson		Erica & Lee Salkin	Joe Rock	Susan Ames	



Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, May 4

1st Reading: Acts 9:1-20

Psalm: 30

2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-14

Sunday, May 11

1st Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Psalm: 23

2nd Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel: John 10:22-30



Sunday, May 18

1st Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Psalm: 148

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Sunday, May 25

1st Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29

News from POP

To Ponder:

"Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]."

Hebrews 11:1 Amplified Bible

"Understanding is the reward of faith. Therefore, seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand."

Saint Augustine




Shirley Ann Walters will turn "100" in June.

There will be a celebration on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Mountlake Terrace Plaza, 23303 58th Ave. W, Mountlake Terrace, Washington from 12pm-5pm

Her daughter, April, is making a scrapbook with any cards. She would like the cards by May 20th

April Erickson
9209 View Drive NW
Seattle, WA 98117



Birthdays	Anniversaries
<p>May 1– Rod Tamura May 9– Todd Chaffins May 13– Debi Holland May 16– Debbie McColgin May 18– Karen Chaffins Bernie Webster May 20– Sharon Ballou May 24– Rebecca Hendrickson</p>	<p>May 29– Don & Karen Rogge</p> 

Financial Update

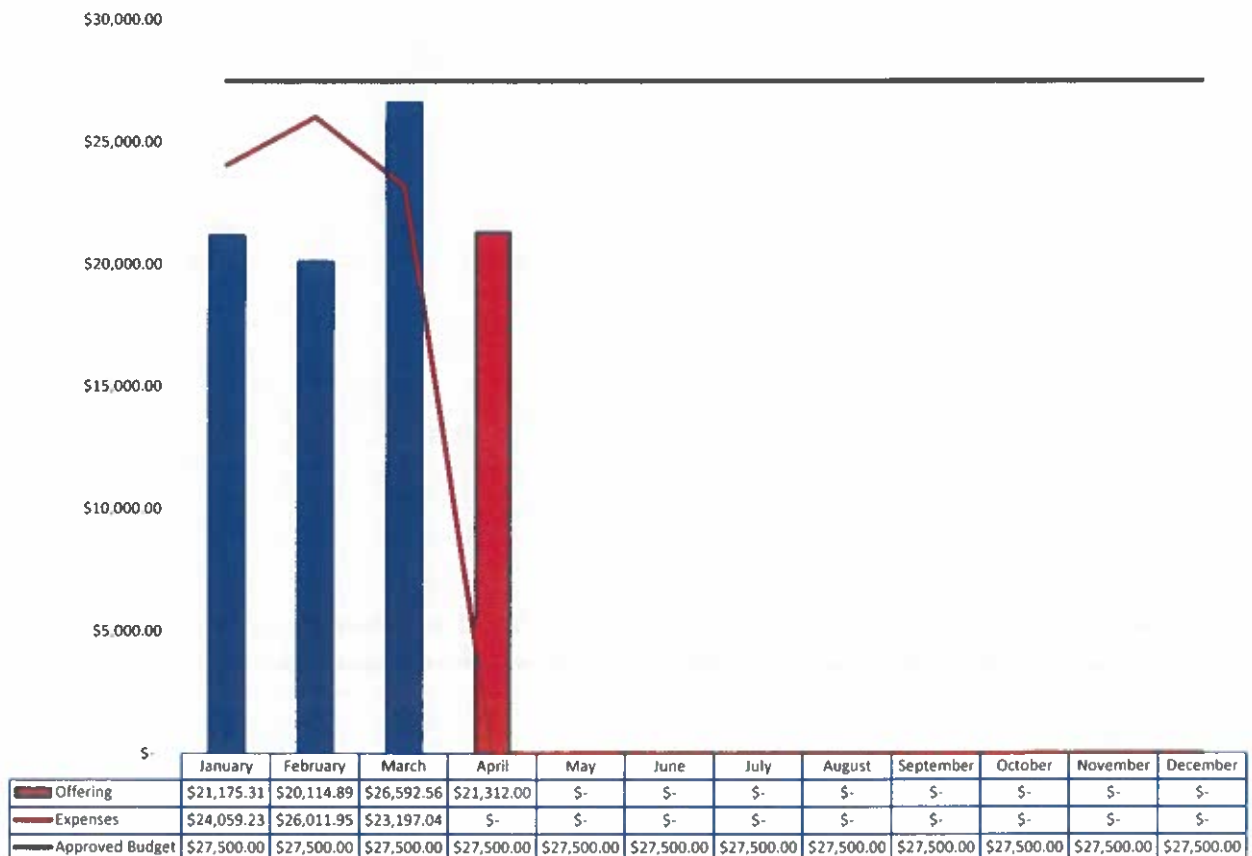
Consistent, that's the word I would use to describe our giving for the 1st Quarter of the year. It is typical of our giving pattern across the last 10 years ... January is a little better than February and March pushes us through the 1st Quarter. The attached chart provides you with a visual and actual numbers related to offering given, expenses paid and estimated offering ended to meet our Approved Budget. Please don't be alarmed with the line that is crashing to the bottom of the chart—that is the expense line and no dollar amounts have been included for April - December.

As an FYI , Benevolences have been paid for the 1st Quarter. Also, our comfort level billing with Avista has increased to \$765 per month (from \$527.) We are also headed into the watering season we anticipate an increase in our water bill.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Marie Tamura, POP Treasurer
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Monthly Giving & Expenses - 2025



Upcoming May Events

New Member Sunday

We will be welcoming new members to Prince of Peace on Sunday, May 18th! If you would like to learn more or would like to become a member, please contact Pastor Joel at

poppastor@popspokane.org or contact the church office at popoffmgr@comcast.net or 509-465-0779 by Monday, May 12th.

Changed Office Hours

Please note the following days that office hours will be different.

Wednesday, May 7th- 9-12

Thursday, May 8th- 9-12

Friday, May 9th—Closed

Friday, May 16-Closed

Monday, May 19th-Thursday, May 22nd- 9-12

Friday, May 23rd & Monday, May 26th- Closed



Going forward the office will be closed on Fridays through Labor Day weekend.

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.



Prince of Peace Preschool will finish up their school year this month. They start the month off with the Mother's Day Tea. A very big event for the year. The students will share a tea with their mothers and give them handmade gifts that they have prepared.

Next they have their Bring Your Bike to School Day. They will bring their bikes and scooters to school and practice their skills in a marked track around the parking lot.

Then they will celebrate the end of the school year with programs for the 3 year old and graduations for the 4 year olds and Jr. K. The 4 year olds will receive their Bibles provided by the congregation. Thank you to all who donated to the Bible fund. Every student in the school will also receive a Thrivent "Live Generously" t-shirt thanks the Action Team Program.

Finally the year ends with an off site Park Day for all the students and families.

Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, May 7, 2025

held in the library

Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesday, May 27, 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.



CRAFT FAIR

Save the Dates!

Thursday, September 25th- Lefse Mixing

Friday, September 26th- Lefse Baking



Friday, October 17th- Craft Fair Set up

Saturday, October 18th- Craft Fair



Community Events

Save the DATE

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? Email spokane@habitat.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

ALAN WISOR Obituary

August 23, 1952 - March 24, 2025

Commerce City - Alan S. Wisor 72, Commerce City, CO, (formerly of Spokane, WA), was called home to Heaven on March 24, 2025, at his residence. Born August 23, 1952, in Johnstown, PA, to Edward A. Wisor, Jr. and Charlotte A. (Trevorrow) Wisor.

Preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Bruce Wisor (Sue). Survived by his devoted wife of 51 years, Barbara (Galbraith) Wisor; son, Jason and his wife Lauren; siblings, Linda Stahl (James) Stoystown, PA, Gary Wisor (Ann) Altoona, PA, Kevin Wisor Stoystown, PA, and Alice Miller (Neil) Houtzdale, PA; and sister-in-law, Susan Galbraith, Phoenix, AZ.

Alan was a graduate of Westmont Hilltop High School class of 1970. Earned his associate's degree in architecture in 1972 through Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA. Member of the Society of American Military Engineers. Most of Alan's career was spent in construction management. Former Vice President of The Joseph Boggs Studio, Washington, D.C., and Berliner Construction, Annapolis, MD. He ended his career in Spokane with his own business providing flooring and finishes to builders. He retired in March of 2021.

Former member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, where he served on the church council for many years and was a member of the men's choir. Current member of Nativity Lutheran Church, Commerce City, CO.

Alan loved to travel, especially to Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. He was also an avid stamp collector, music lover, and a longtime volunteer with the American Cancer Society visiting cancer patients at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane.

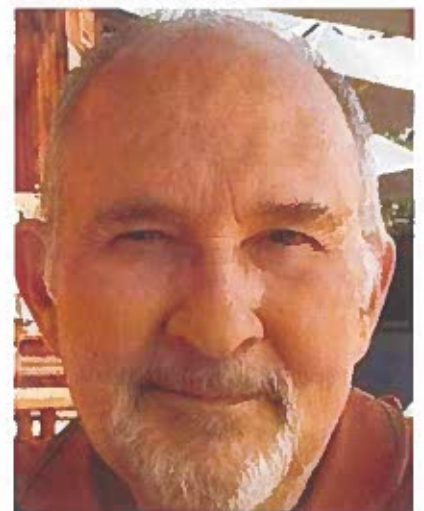
As was his wish, Alan's body was donated to the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

A celebration of life will be held at Nativity Lutheran Church, 12500 E. 104th Avenue, Commerce City, CO, on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 10:30 am, and will also stream on Facebook. A luncheon will be provided at the church following the service.



In lieu of flowers, donations in Alan's memory can be made to The F.I.S.H. Food Pantry of Commerce City Inc., 6770 Monaco Street, Commerce City, CO 80022, or The Wild Animal Sanctuary, 2999 County Road 53, Keenesburg, CO 80643.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the Sympathy Store.

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May 2025

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