



# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

From Pastor Joel Skindlov

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I stood gazing out at the vast waters of Lake Michigan a few weeks ago and took in the breathtaking view and vast expanse of my surroundings. The water, of course, does not taste like salt, but the distance, breadth, and depth of the water washed over me, both literally and figuratively. What brings you joy? What fills you with awe and wonder? One of the cool things I saw, while in Michigan, was lightning bugs or fireflies. These little creatures dotted my in-laws' backyard, and right about dusk, the light show began. It wasn't an earth-shattering floodlight effect, but the surprising, yet constant glow, as these lightning bugs flew around the yard, their bodies glowing softly, emitting a warm light.

The psalmist declares, "O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup> what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals<sup>[a]</sup> that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God<sup>[b]</sup>  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over the works of your  
hands;" (Psalm 8, NRSVUE)

The majesty and mystery of creation and our place in this world draw my attention to the fireflies, lakes, streams, hills, and mountains which offer such beauty, variety, and wonder. What do you notice? What brings you joy and wonder? What does it look like to love the world as God loves us?

The psalmist wonders about the immensity of creation and how God could keep us in mind also. And God does keep us at the front of mind, offering the gifts of wonder, beauty, friendship, family, quiet, and communion that reveal life in its many facets and forms.

Amid the challenges and change, the heartache and struggle, Christ continues to enter into our lives, our moments, as God reveals through creation, through you and me, signs of joy, laughter, kindness, and goodness that we can both embrace and share.

Rest in the awe and wonder of God's presence in your life! Christ grant you strength and rest as you move into August. I continue to pray for all of you, as Christ leads our path together. I thank you again for this gift of sabbatical and look forward to returning in August!

Peace,  
Pastor Joel

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## POP Pantry Needs For August

### 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

When the lights went off in the Indian Trail neighborhood. . .

Recently the power went off at my house and it lasted for approximately four hours. I fretted because I couldn't use the oven or microwave to fix dinner, and I worried that it would get too hot in the house without the air conditioning working. Oh, how spoiled we are! I feel ashamed when I think of the people who have lost their homes due to floods, fire and war. I feel ashamed when I think of the homeless people who camp out on sidewalks and shelters. This is just me, but what can one little old white-haired lady do about it I say to myself. Maybe I could contribute to some charities that provide food and housing, maybe I could support organizations that go into disastrous areas with blankets and food, maybe I could ask God for some guidance. When I think about how blessed we are at Prince of Peace, I smile. When I think of how generous and giving and thoughtful our members are, my heart is joyful. I think that many of you feel the same way and search for ways that we can share our abundance with others. Let's keep the POP Pantry filled with food, let's continue to support the quilters so they can make blankets to warm grief stricken people, let's keep our church growing and moving forward with your giving, let's reach out to our neighbors to see if they need help with anything and let's keep praying that our world will be a better place because of us - not in spite of us.

Blessings to all - Sue Parrish



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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



**See everyone in September!**

## Serving You This Month

August	Altar Guild	Communion Servers	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
3	Rebecca Hendrickson	Rebecca Hendrickson	Cliff Hendrickson	Elliotts	Matt Christoff	John & Peggy Renford	Sanborn
10	Holly Christoff	Holly Christoff	Joy Liezen		Erica & Lee Salkin	Frank Christoff	
17	Holly Christoff	Holly Christoff	Rod Tamura	Penny Harrington	Bernie Polikowsky	Sue & Paul Parrish	
24	Sue Parrish	Sue Parrish		Feists	Bernie Polikowsky		
31	Sue Parrish	Sue Parrish	Julie Tramp	Hendricksons	Bernie Polikowsky	Joe Rock	

### Before you go on vacation this summer...

While you are gone we will keep the lights on and the doors open!  
 We will welcome all people to share God's Good News with us.  
 Your faithfulness in remembering your pledge will help us fulfill  
 our ministry with in this community we serve.



## Bible Readings for the Month

### Sunday, August 3

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14:2:18-23  
 Psalm: 49:1-12  
 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-11  
 Gospel: Luke 3:1-11

### Sunday, August 17

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29  
 Psalm: 82  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
 Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

### Sunday, August 31

1st Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7  
 Psalm: 112  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16  
 Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14

### Sunday, August 10

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6  
 Psalm: 33:12-22  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16  
 Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

### Sunday, August 24

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14  
 Psalm: 103:1-8  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29  
 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17



# News from POP

## To Ponder:

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Mattherw 5:3a

"I must know Jesus Christ as Savior before His teaching has any meaning for me other than that of an ideal which leads to despair. But when I am born again of the Spirit of God, I know that Jesus Christ did not come to teach only: He came to make me what He teaches I should be."

"As long as we have a self-righteous, conceited notion that we can carry out Our Lord's teaching, God will allow us to go on until we break our ignorance over some obstacle, then we are willing to come to Him as paupers and receive from Him." "The bedrock in Jesus Christ's kingdom is poverty, not possession; not decisions for Jesus Christ, but a sense of absolute futility—I cannot begin to do it. Then Jesus says—Blessed are you."

Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest



Birthdays	Anniversaries
August 1– Eunice Erickson	August 3– Dick & Carol Hawley
August 12– Frank Christoff	August 6– Doug & Ami Elliott
August 13– Margaret Clark	August 10– Orv & Arlene Kirkevold
August 15– Joe Rock	August 12– Randy & Kathy Fleiger
August 21– Peggy Renford	August 17– Dave & Joy Liezen
Rene Bottjen	August 18– Bill & De Dupuis
August 24– Joy Liezen	August 21– Todd & Karen Chaffins
August 30– John Renford	August 25– Seth & Stephanie Feist
Abby Liezen	August 26– Cliff & Rebecca Hendrickson
Simon Feist	



## Financial Update

The chart below shows an offering comparison from 2023, 2024, and 2025. This same chart is also posted in our Sanctuary, near the Kitchen. The grey line shows our giving for 2025 and at this writing, offering for July was not tallied. What you may notice is we are in an offering decline. The exception is December 2024 when our giving spiked at \$64k. Some of that money was used to pay 2024 Benevolences for Quarters 3 and 4, transferred to our savings, and remained in our operating account. There was also money designated for replacement of our Sanctuary lighting that was placed in our Building Fund. Through May of 2025, we paid our Qtr 1 Benevolences along with paying our expenses (bills, payroll, etc.) The extra in our operating account from December 2024 helped, but those funds have dwindled and we have needed to withdraw from the savings account twice (June and July) to meet our payroll obligations and to pay Quarter 2 Benevolences.

Another chart showing our Approved 2025 Budget will be posted near this one in the Sanctuary. It includes allocated dollar amounts and percentages you might find interesting.

After our January 2026 Annual Meeting, I will not be continuing in the role of treasurer for Prince of Peace. We are looking for a Financial Secretary and Treasurer along with several other Council positions. I hope you will feel called.





## Upcoming August Events

### Changed Office Hours

The office is open 9am—3pm  
Monday—Thursday unless otherwise posted.



### Pastor Skindlov's Sabbatical

Pastor Joel continues on his sabbatical, keep him in your prayers as he uses his time away to rest, reflect and grows. He will return to Prince of Peace on Sunday, August 10th.

### Monies Due for 30th Dinner

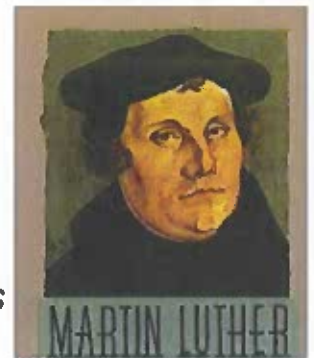
August 15th-Monies for the POP 30th Dinner due to Susan Ames. Make checks payable to Susan Ames. More information on **page 8** of this Newsletter.

### POP Church Pic Nic

Sunday, August 17th- 11am-5pm  
More information on **page 9& 10** of this Newsletter.

## Luther's Prayers

*O God, what would we be if you were to forsake us? What can we do if you withdraw your hand? What can we know if you do not enlighten? How quickly the educated become infants; the prudent, simple; the wise fools! How terrifying you are in all your works and judgements! Let us walk in the light while we have light, so that we may not be caught in darkness. Many renounce their faith and become careless and weary in your grace. They are deceived by Satan into thinking they know everything and have no need. They feel satisfied and come slothful and ungrateful and are soon ruined. Therefore help us to remain in the fervor of faith, that we may daily increase I it through Jesus Christ, our real and only helper. Amen.*



# Call for Volunteers to Serve Prince of Peace in 2026

## Church Council and Leadership Positions

As we look ahead to the coming year, we are seeking individuals who feel called to serve Prince of Peace in key leadership roles. The work of the church thrives when members share their time, talents, and gifts, and we invite you to consider stepping forward in service. Even if you have never served before, we encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might be led to contribute to our church's mission in the coming year.

### Church Council Members and Officers

We are asking for volunteers to serve on Church Council in 2026. This is an excellent opportunity to help guide the direction of our congregation, provide spiritual and practical leadership, and ensure that our church remains a welcoming and vibrant place for all.

### Treasurer

Our church is looking for a dedicated individual to serve as Treasurer for the next year. The Treasurer plays a vital role in overseeing the church's finances, maintaining accurate records, and supporting the stewardship of our resources. If you have a background in finance, accounting, or simply a heart for responsible service, we encourage you to consider this important position.

### Financial Secretary

We are also seeking a volunteer to serve as Financial Secretary. This role involves tracking donations, maintaining confidential records, and working closely with the Treasurer to ensure transparency and integrity in our financial practices. Attention to detail and a commitment to confidentiality are essential for this position.

### Questions?

Even if you have never served before, we encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might be led to contribute to our church's mission in the coming year.

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to learn more about what they entail, please reach out to **Sue Parrish, Marie Tamura or Randy Fleiger.**

Thank you for considering how you can be a part of our church's leadership.

With your help, we can continue to build a community rooted in faith, service, and love.

Can you believe it? Prince of Peace is hitting the Big 3-0 and we are throwing a celebration that has been 30 years in the making! From humble beginnings, to where we are today, it is all because of the amazing people like YOU. Expect laughs, memories, (maybe a few tears) and plenty of fun as we celebrate the last 30 years of Prince of Peace and look forward to what still lies ahead.

**Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – you won't want to miss it!**

*You are Cordially invited to celebrate the*

## **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of**

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

**8441 North Indian Trail Road Spokane, WA 99208**

**Saturday, September 13, 2025**

**4:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Social and Fellowship begin at 4:00 pm**

**Dinner to follow at 5:00 pm**

***This celebration will not be complete without you!***

**Please RSVP by July 15, 2025 – Email Susan Ames at  
[susanames@me.com](mailto:susanames@me.com) or call (509) 466-1071**

**Cost of dinner is \$30 per person**

**Make checks payable to Susan Ames and mail to the church office by August 15, 2025**

**A buffet dinner will be provided by Longhorn BBQ along with an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages. We will have a sign-up sheet for desserts.**



# You are Invited to the POP Church Picnic!

## Event Details

- Date: Sunday, August 17th
- Time: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Location: Spokane Lake Park in Nine Mile Falls—9322 Ownby, Nine Mile Falls, WA
- RSVP: by August 10th to help us get a count of who is coming.
- Sign up to bring a potluck dish to share.

## What to Expect

### Delectable Food and Refreshments

No church picnic would be complete without an abundant spread! We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns, but ask that you bring condiments, salads, and desserts to share. We will post a sign-up sheet for food and attendance on the board by the kitchen counter August 3.

### Activities and Fellowship

Prepare yourself for a day at the park so bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets. Also, there is an unattended swimming beach so don't forget your sunscreen, swimsuit, towels, and beach chairs. The park has a volleyball/badminton net but no balls or birdies (so we need someone to provide them). There are horseshoe pits with horseshoes. If someone has some outdoor games, please bring them - that would be fun. More than just an event, the picnic will be a time to enjoy the fellowship of friends and become more acquainted with new friends.

### Volunteers Needed!

Our picnic is made possible by the generous spirit of volunteers. If you are interested in helping set up, serve food, or assist with clean-up, please reach out. Many hands make light work, and your participation is appreciated.

## Let Us Know You are Coming!

Please RSVP by August 10th so we can best prepare for a wonderful day together. You may reply by email, phone, or in person at church on Sunday, August 3. We are counting down the days and hope to see you there.

## Contact Information

For questions, RSVP, or to volunteer, please contact:  
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Directions on the next page



Directions to P.O.P. picnic....Spokane Lake Park

"NOT IN SUNCREST"

GPS info: 9322 W Ownby Dr. 99026

From Indian Trail: East (left) on Rutter  
Parkway. Right on 291 (Nine Mile Rd)

From Francis: continue east to 291.

Left at Nine Mile Dam (Charles Rd), Right on  
Tormey (just past Nine Mile Elem. school). In  
about 1.5 mi take right on W Ownby, in about  
500 ft park entrance is on the right.

If lot is full park along the street (Ownby)  
Watch for P.O.P. signs.

Bible Study: -See you in September



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, August 12, 2025



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesday, August 26, 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.



## 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

Sign up lists are on bulletin board in hallway across from mailboxes.



## Community

Save the  
**DATE**



Spokane  
**HOPE**  
Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children  
www.spokanehope.org

*Boots, Bling, &  
Building Bright Futures*

Join us for the 14th Annual Hoedown for HOPE,  
Wranglers & Rhinestones Celebration at the Spokane  
Convention Center, benefiting Spokane HOPE on  
9.20.2025 at 5:30pm.

For more information on sponsorships & to RSVP, visit:  
[www.spokanehope.org/hoedown2025](http://www.spokanehope.org/hoedown2025)

OR scan this QR code with your mobile device



## 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

Please join us on **Saturday, August 9th**, as we begin a new tradition - one filled with hope, healing, and impact.

Save the date and stay tuned for more details!

Tickets on sale now at  
[lcsnw.ejoin.org/tickets2025](http://lcsnw.ejoin.org/tickets2025)



Single- \$100

Couple \$185

Table of 8- \$750



# August 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Church Office Closed	2
3 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran	4	5 7:00 pm Committee Night	6	7 1:00 pm Bible Study	8 Church Office Closed	9
10 POP PANTRY SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	11 10:00 am Executive Council	12 9:00 am Quilts for Kids 	13	14 1:00 pm Bible Study	15 Church Office Closed	16
17 PICNIC DAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	18 7:00 pm Council Meeting	19	20	21 1:00 pm Bible Study	22 Church Office Closed	23
24 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	25	26 9:00 am Charity Quilters 	27	28 1:00 pm Bible Study	29 Church Office Closed	30
31 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "						