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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Just recently, I lost my car key. Not actually my car key, but my wife Melissa's car key. I was in a panic! Stressed, anxious, and frustrated, I scoured the drawer that typically contains the keys to our cars. It also collects paperwork and other miscellaneous items. Needless to say, I found my car keys, but not the ones I wanted and needed. It was then that I went to most of the random places that I've set keys in the last nine months.

"Which one of you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices!

Luke chapter 15 tells the parables of lost and found items and people, the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. I appreciate these parables because they explore God's ways of illustrating and revealing the kingdom of God and Jesus' continued activity in the world.

The results are both amazing, ridiculous, and frustrating. Amazing, because the parable of the woman who finds the coin and then organizes a celebration and invites her neighbors to celebrate along with her. Ridiculous because the shepherd leaves the other 99 sheep off on their own. Not a best practice in ranch management let alone cost/benefit analysis. And yet, Jesus shares these stories in the context of people mumbling and grumbling about Jesus' insistence with spending time with sinners (tax collectors) and eating with them. (See Luke 15)

What is your response when you find that lost item or person? What about when the unfairness of God's activity enters the scene. We see this imbalance and unfairness with the older brother in the parable of the prodigal Son, "Listen, for all these years I have been working like a slave for you and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat" (Luke 15, NRSV). And all of these perspectives are true. At times, life seems unfair amid the struggles and strains of life. The older brother speaks his mind and the father responds, "Son you are always with me and all that is mine is yours" (Luke 15:31, NRSV). Many times, I don't appreciate or like that answer initially.

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POP Pantry Needs For September

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

Yes, we are a small congregation!

What do you think of when you visualize church? Many can see an active congregation with lots of people, activities, and programs that attract crowds. That can be exciting and is for many people. But that's not us. We are not just faces in a crowd; we are friends. We welcome and recognize visitors, we support several causes through our benevolences and Caritas giving and the POP Pantry. We invite the community to our craft fair and concerts. We do make an impact on the community and on the lives of our members.

Everyone's contribution really matters in small congregations. Opportunities to serve and lead abound. People get to take on leadership roles and responsibilities, which helps them grow and discover their talents. I would guess that all members have "done that" at some point in their life. They have served on council, they have been a committee member, they have been Treasurer, the list goes on. But we are a small congregation that needs each of us to pitch in and "do it again"! We know each other, not only as friends, but also as fellow church members who care about Prince of Peace. We need your support both physically and financially, even if we only want to sit in the sanctuary on Sunday morning and then go home. Later in the newsletter is a "help wanted" article that asks for volunteers to serve on Council, on Executive council, or as Treasurer or Financial Secretary. Please pray about how you can serve our church.

Blessings to all - Sue Parrish

Thanks

Thank you for the donation so I could attend the Shoshone Ranch camp. It was very fun there and I can't thank you enough for giving me a life time experience! My favorite part was when we did a show at the end of the week for our parents. We also did a zip line, swam in the creek, went on trails, Bible study, giant swing, and rock climbing! I'm so excited to try and go next year, I'm saving up money to pay for it.

Rielee Tamura

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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

Monday- Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



Saturday, September 20, 2025

POP Fellowship Hall

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

Serving You This Month

Sept	Altar Guild	Communion Servers	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
7	Marie Tamura	Marie Tamura	Susan Ames		Lee & Erica Salkin	Joe Rock	
14	Susan Ames	Susan Ames	Kathy Fleiger	Susan Ames	Bernie Polikowsky	Doug Elliott	Elliott
21	Sue and Paul Parrish	Sue and Paul Parrish	Mike Sanborn	Renford	Bernie Polikowsky	Mel Nebelsick & Dick Hawley	Gilliam
28	Ginny Zimmerman	Ginny Zimmerman	Rebecca Hendrickson	Parrish	Bernie Polikowsky		

Financial Update

There are charts on the closet door in the sanctuary that explain in depth the financial status of Prince of Peace. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

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.

Marie Tamura

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, September 7

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm: 1

2nd Reading: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 14

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm: 51:1-10

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10



Sunday, September 21

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm: 113

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 28

1st Reading: Amos 6:1a,4-7

Psalm: 146

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

News from POP

To Ponder:

For the story and message of the cross is sheer absurdity and folly to those who are perishing and on their way to perdition, but to us who are being saved it is the [manifestation of] the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

When Jesus was on the cross, he cried out, "It is finished." That's how it gets translated into English, a translation of the Greek word "tetelestai". This word was used in a business context on ancient receipts in New Testament Bible times to indicate that a literal debt had been paid in full. It was also used in a judicial context in a court when a sentence was fully, completely, served. The word was also used in a military context meaning that a battle had been won. It was a word of triumph and victory. So when Jesus cried out on the cross, "tetelestai", he was declaring the debt of your sin is fully, paid, the judgement for your sin has been fully served, and the spiritual war against death, sin and Satan has been completely won in Christ. The work of salvation, victory, reconciliation, and a new life is fully yours.

Josh Howerton



Birthdays	Anniversaries
<p>September 2-Pete Bauernfeind</p> <p>September 6- Randy Holland</p> <p>September 8- Joene Liezen</p> <p>September 14-Michelle Slider</p> <p>September 15-Matt Liezen</p> <p>September 18- Paulla Lalley</p> <p>September 22- Pam Carlson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Susan Ames</p> <p>September 23- Karen Bauernfeind</p>	<p>September 14- Mel & Pam Nebelsieck</p> <p>September 16- Paul & Sue Parrish</p> <p>September 18- Jerry & Bernie Webster</p> <p>September 21- John & Peggy Renford</p> <p>September 22- Kim & Diane Floyd</p> <div data-bbox="1003 1696 1242 1843" data-label="Image"> </div>

Upcoming September Events

Changed Office Hours

The office is now open 9am—3pm Monday—Thursday year round as a cost saving measure.

30th Anniversary Dinner

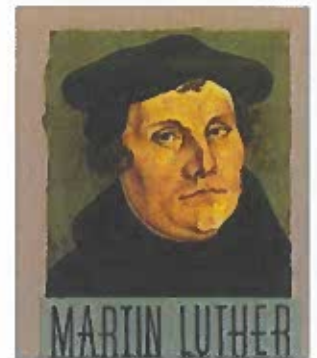
The dinner is on Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 4pm-7pm at Prince of Peace.

POP Preschool starts

The preschool year begins on Monday, September 8th.

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 what 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 become slothful and ungrateful and are
soon ruined. Therefore help us to remain in the fervor of faith, that we may
daily increase in it through Jesus Christ, our real and only helper. Amen.*



Call for Volunteers to Serve Prince of Peace in 2026

Please consider serving on church council or being a Treasurer or Financial Secretary. Even if you have never served before, or you have served previously, 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

Council members are elected for a 3-year term at the Annual meeting. The purpose of council is to represent the congregation in the mission of the church; to maintain and protect the property; and manage the business and budgetary issues. They attend monthly council meetings and act as a liaison between the council and a committee. *For more information, please talk to Sue Parrish.*

Church Council Executives

President, Vice President and Secretary and Treasurer make up the Executive Council. They are elected by the congregation at the Annual meeting. Executive Council meets 2 or 3 times a month and deals with budget, business and personnel issues. They set the agenda and business for the monthly council meetings and congregational meetings. *For more information, please talk to Marie Tamura.*

Treasurer

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. *For more information, please talk to Sue Parrish, Susan Ames, Linda Fernan and Marie Tamura*

Financial Secretary

- Receives and posts the giving to Prince of Peace on a weekly basis and reports the information to the Treasurer and church office and individual members as requested.
 - Schedules counters who count, deposit and report the weekly offering to the Church and the Financial Secretary.
 - Oversee the direct deposit that members can use to make their donations. The Financial Secretary has access to Vanco, our On-line ACH Processor, to input the information as requested.
 - Orders and distributes to church members their offering envelopes.
 - Software is available for inputting and reporting giving information.
- For more information, please contact Randy Fleiger.*

Ministry and Mission

In September and October, we will once again do a congregational outreach project. Like we did last year, we will collect items each week to create bags of necessities for those in need, showing that Prince of Peace cares. Last year, we nearly reached 100 bags - let's surpass that this year! Join us in making a difference and showing our love and support to those in need. Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Week One - Sunday, September 7 - Basic Hygiene Supplies

Travel-size toothbrush and toothpaste

Deodorant (small or travel-size)

Hand sanitizer or sanitizing wipes

Bar soap or body wash (travel-size, and in a sealable bag)

Comb or small brush

Pocket tissues



Week Two - Sunday, September 14-Non-Perishable Food & Water

Bottled water

Granola bars or protein bars

Single-serve peanut butter or cheese crackers

Mixed nuts or trail mix



Week Three - Sunday, September 21 - Clothing and Warmth

New socks (often the most requested item)

Warm gloves

Beanie or warm hat



Week Four - Sunday, September 28 - Miscellaneous

Bandages and basic first-aid supplies

Lip balm

Encouraging note or card with a kind message

Handwarmers



Week Five - Sunday, October 5

Catch up time - bring the items you forgot or missed during the month.

Week Six - Sunday, October 12

Time to pack the bags for distribution!

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 13th – you won't want to miss it!

You are Cordially invited to celebrate the
30th 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!

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.

Where do the quilts go?

Here is one example of where quilts made on Tuesdays at Prince of Peace go out in the community far and wide to share God's love!

Here is a snapshot of how your gifts have helped our neighbors so far:

136,848 QUILTS AND KITS IN 3 STATES

	QUILTS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	BABY CARE KITS	SCHOOL KITS	FABRIC KITS	TOTAL BY STATE
FLORIDA	43,520	26,908	10,990	3,306	0	84,724
NORTH CAROLINA	13,645	13,403	4,738	2,288	0	34,074
TENNESSEE	3,300	8,250	840	3,900	1,760	18,050
TOTAL BY ITEM	60,465	48,561	16,568	9,494	1,760	136,848

80 years! That is how long the quilt program has been part of Lutheran World Relief! Amazing!

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1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31 NRSV

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"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

Isn't it incredible to be part of how the Holy Spirit is at work in the world, bringing us closer together? From Pennsylvania to the Democratic Republic of Congo, North Carolina to Indonesia, it can be easy to feel separated from our neighbors.

But as different as our time zones and climates, so are the gifts each brings to the table — resourcefulness, artianship, courage, creativity, faithfulness, resilience, determination. Different, and yet somehow the same.

And the heart is the same: love.

God's love for each of us, woven into our very being, overflowing into our lives in myriad ways.

As we reflect on 80 years of your faithful ministry, showing up as God's loving presence in a hurting world, we are grateful.



Above: Lutheran partners in Florida ready to distribute LWR Quilts & Kits for neighbors whose homes were damaged or destroyed.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, September 3, 2025



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, September 9, 2025



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, September 23 & 30, 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.



All proceeds benefit
local organizations that
serve women and
children.

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.



Annual POP Quilt Raffle

**Beautiful Quilt – 62” X 82”
Pieced and Donated by Peggy Renford
Quilting done by Ami Elliott**

**All proceeds go back into quilts for the community
Drawing to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025.**

Need not be present to win.

**Tickets available in the church office and following
Sunday Worship service.**

Quilt ticket \$1.00



Community

Save the
DATE



Spokane
HOPE
Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children

*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
OR scan this QR code with your mobile device



October 2, 2025 @ Mirabeau Park Hotel

Games at 4:30pm/Food at 5pm/Program at 6pm

Jump into a night where the usual's undone
Where generosity feels like a whole lot like fun!
You'll find games to enjoy, and raffles to win,
Stories to ponder, and food to dig in.
So throw on a thneed or wear something bright,
for on **October 2nd** we'll have a Seussical delight.
Join us for joy and a purpose that's clear,
UnGala 2025 is the event of the year.
We'll gather together, not formal but fun!
To celebrate victories, and more to be won.
Your seat makes a difference, your gift paves the way,

For children and parents, so [RSVP today](#)

Early Bird Single Tickets: \$100, Early Bird Table: \$1000



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It feels like a congratulatory pat on the back, not an authentic reply and yet it is true. Jesus calls us beloved! Embraced and clothed with Christ's never-ending presence!

How easy it is for me not to notice the blessings and gifts that God has given to me amidst my comparing and measuring against other people. Jesus offers a holy disruption with both sides of the coin. Jesus finds us continues to seek us out, arrives in our lives offering life, love, and freedom as we love God and care for those around us. Christ's undeserved favor and presence seems so surprising because there must be a catch, right? No, no catch!

This doesn't remove all the trials and challenges from our lives, yet God promises to meet us in the midst of whatever we are going through and grant us the strength, wisdom, and grace as we cling to the grace and gifts of God.



The ridiculous abundant mercy of God flows through us and invites us to share that good news with folks around us. The gifts of hope, peace, patience, gentleness, self-control, kindness, humility, courage, forgiveness, and love are yours! The woman in the parable is so overjoyed by finding this coin that she plans a party invites all her friends and probably ends up spending more on the party, then the coin she found! Not a wise way to run a business, but this overflowing love, joy, and courage lead us to bear witness to the God we know in Jesus.

This is the joy, exuberance and ridiculous nature of Christ's mercy, strength, and love! Jesus has our back and Christ continues to seek us out, finding us and embracing us each and every day!

Peace,
Pastor Joel



September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 6:00 pm Fellowship/Outreach 7:00 pm Committee Night	3 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	4 1:00 pm Bible Study	5 Church Office Closed	6
7 am 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 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	11 1:00 pm Bible Study	12 Church Office Closed	13 30th Anniversary Dinner 4:00 pm-7:00 pm
14 POP PANTRY SUNDAY 9 am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	15 7:00 pm Council Meeting	16 5:30 pm Praise Group	17 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	18 1:00 pm Bible Study	19 Church Office Closed	20 7:00 am Men's Breakfast
21 am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	22	23 9:00 am Charity Quilters 5:30 pm Praise Group 	24 6:15 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	25 Lefse Mixing 1:00 pm Bible Study	26 Lefse Baking Church Office Closed	27
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