

October 2025 Newsletter

Volume 31 Issue 10

From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The apostle Paul, in his letter to the church in Phillippi, gives the church an exhortation, encouragement, and instructions toward living with and among one another. "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:8-9, NRSV). How challenging it is, at least for me, to focus on these characteristics of the Christian life in the last few months! The death of the young children who died at St. Annunciation Catholic Church and School in Minnesota, Harper Moyski and Fletcher Merkel, the death of Charlie Kirk, and the deaths of Minnesota state senators Melissa and John Hortmann and their spouses. The brokenness and messiness of our world, of our communities, and the hum of frustration, anger, despair, and confusion that seems to permeate our world. Despite all this, Christ grants us opportunities to engage in the challenging and difficult parts of life, amid disagreement and division, that can lead to discoveries and insights.

What does new life, what does God's peace, God's wholeness, Christ's flourishing for all, look like, sound like in our present day? I'm struck by Paul's exhortation, with its encouraging and challenging words to the church in Philippi, toward these ways of being in the world. Shortly before these verses, Paul remarks about Euodia and Syntyche, women who are co-workers with Paul, in sharing the gospel of Jesus. There seems to have been an argument, falling out, or disagreement that Paul encourages them to work toward a positive resolution. It's not recorded in the Bible what becomes of Euodia and Syntyche, but I'd like to imagine, with the support of other folks, they offered forgiveness, if not also reconciliation.

What does it look like to live out of the Spirit of Christ's characteristics when the world, when our lives seem tossed and turned around? I'm not saying these ways of responding and living are easy, far from it!

(continued on page 13)

8441 N. Indian Trail Rd. Spokane, WA 99208 509.465.0779 Email:

officemanager@popspokane.org www.popspokane.org

Inside this Edition

	_
Pastor's Letter	Pg 1
President's Letter	Pg 2
Serving You	Pg 3
Bible Readings	Pg 3
POP News	Pg 4
October B-Days	Pg 4
WELCA News	Pg 8
Save the Date	Pg 10
Calendar	Pg 14

POP Pantry Needs For October

Food:

Small peanut butter jars, jelly/jam, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned tuna/chicken, individual trail mix, meat sticks, granola bars, soup, å 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 of at the office in an envelope, marked "Caritas Pantry" and a volunteer will do the shopping for you!

Thoughts From The Council President

Dear Friends,

We just celebrated the 30th anniversary of Prince of Peace. What an accomplishment. And that means that we have been in our building for 25+ years! That is an accomplishment too. But time has a way of sending a message in older buildings and it is that we need to take care of it. What I'm getting at is that we have some major work that needs to be done on our facility. As you have probably noticed, our lights need to be updated and that doesn't mean just changing a light bulb. It involves lifts and electricians and rewiring and new light bulbs. Something you may not have noticed is the windows on the south and west side of the church are starting to have structural deterioration and need to be replaced. Not all of them, but a few, and of course it doesn't come cheap. The crux of the problem is that we have a small savings account and large maintenance expenses. At the last council meeting we discussed this issue - should we ask for a special offering, or use the rest of our savings or explore other options? The council was undecided. We still need to maintain our current income to pay the bills but also need to find a solution of how to pay for the additional expenses. Our building is more than just a structure, it is where maintenance we worship and have fellowship, where we meet and pray, and where we greet new families. It is our home, and we need to keep it safe and welcoming and functional for years to come.

Blessings, Sue

FYI: a congregational finance meeting will be held soon - please plan to attend.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church publishes a monthly newsletter for members, friends and churches in the area. News articles, address changes, questions or comments should be addressed to:

Newsletter Editor

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 8441 N. Indian Trail Road Spokane, WA 99208 Phone: (509) 465-0779 Website: www.popspokane.org Email: officemanager@popspokane.org

STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Joel Skindlov Office Manager: Ami Elliott Music Director: Janet Robel Custodian: Mark Smith Preschool Directors: Sue Cole & Stephanie Perreiah

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, October 18, 2025

POP Fellowship Hall

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

Serving You This Month

Oct	Altar Guild	Communion Servers	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
5	Rebecca Hendrickson	Rebecca Hendrickson		Sanborn		Doug Elliott	Susan Ames
12	Ginny Zimmerman	Ginny Zimmerman	Mike Sanborn	Fernan			Potluck Brunch
19	Sue Parrish	Sue Parrish	Rebecca Hendrickson				Surprise!!
26	Susan Ames	Susan Ames	Cliff Hendrickson	Chaffins		Mel Nebelsieck & Dick Hawley	Chaffins

Financial Update

New charts have been posted showing our 2025 monthly giving in comparison to our monthly expenses. In addition, a chart showing our giving for 2023— 2025 has also been updated. I hope you can take the time to review these charts and prayerfully reflect on the congregational giving patterns.

Please mark your calendars for an important financial meeting on Sunday, October 19. We have information to share regarding the budget and maintenance of our Ichurch building.

Thank you for your continued support! Marie

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, October 5

1st Reading: Habakkuk1:1-4;2:1-4

Psalm: 37:1-9

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 12

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c

Psalm: 111

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



Sunday, October 19

1st Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm: 121

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 26

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: 46

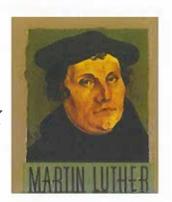
2nd Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

News from POP

Luther's Prayers

Lord, what you do not do remains undone. If you will not help, I shall gladly surrender. The cause is not mine. I will happily be your mask and disguise if only you will do the work. Amen.



Birthdays	Anniversaries
October 1- Jan Gilliam October 6- McKenzie Elliott October11- Melissa Skindlov	October 1– Rod & Marie Tamura October 3– Mike & Susan Sanborn October 18– Dave & Lindy Moeller
October 12– Joel Skindlov Linda Fernan October 14– Evelyn Heider October 16– Lynne Jacobsen October 21– Mel Nebelsieck October 25– Earl Smith October 26– Stephanie Perreiah October 27– Sharri Polikowksy October 30– Bernie Polikowsky	

Upcoming October Events

 Sunday, October 12th- Potluck Brunch Following worship service.

Please bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy some fellowship!

- Thursday, October 16th-POP ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR- COOKIE PACKAGING DAY

 If you would like your cookies packed and priced, please have to the church by 12pm
- · Friday, October 17th- 9am POP ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR- SET UP
- Saturday, October 18th-9am-2pm
 POP ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

All proceeds go to benefit local charities that service women & children.

Sunday, October 19th- after worship service
 Congregational Finance Meeting

Please attend this important Finance meeting after church on to discuss our current financial issues. Your input will be welcome as we work together to take care of our church home.

 Sunday, October 26th- Reformation Sunday & Confirmation Sunday

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!





Women ELCA

Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, October 1, 2025



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, October 14, 2025



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, October 28, 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!

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 Events



You're Invited to Our Annual Fall LCS Luncheon!

Saturday, October 18th | Social Hour 11:30AM | Lunch 12:30PM Mukogawa U.S. Campus 4000 W. Randolph Rd., Spokane, WA 99224

We'll gather in fellowship, strengthen bonds, and support the vital services that bring health, justice, and hope to our communi-

Interested in being a Table Host? Please contact Megan Eickmeyer at meickmeyer@lcsnw.org

509-343-5060

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



Our Contact Information

Family Promise of Spokane 2002 E. Mission Ave Spokane, WA 99202 (509) 747-5487

http://www.familypromiseofspokane.org

Same day as POP's Arts & Crafts Fair.... Make it a day to shop for Fall Décor or Christmas Gifts!



The Whitworth Auxiliary

Presents



The Annual Auxiliary Fall Bazaar

Saturday, October 18, 2025

St. Luke Lutheran Church ~ 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

9704 N Division St

Baked Goods, Crafts, Christmas and Fall Decor, Rada Cutlery,
Collectibles, and Gently Used Items
Variety of Raffle Items
~Stop by and enjoy our "Pie Cafe" ~

All proceeds benefit Whitworth students





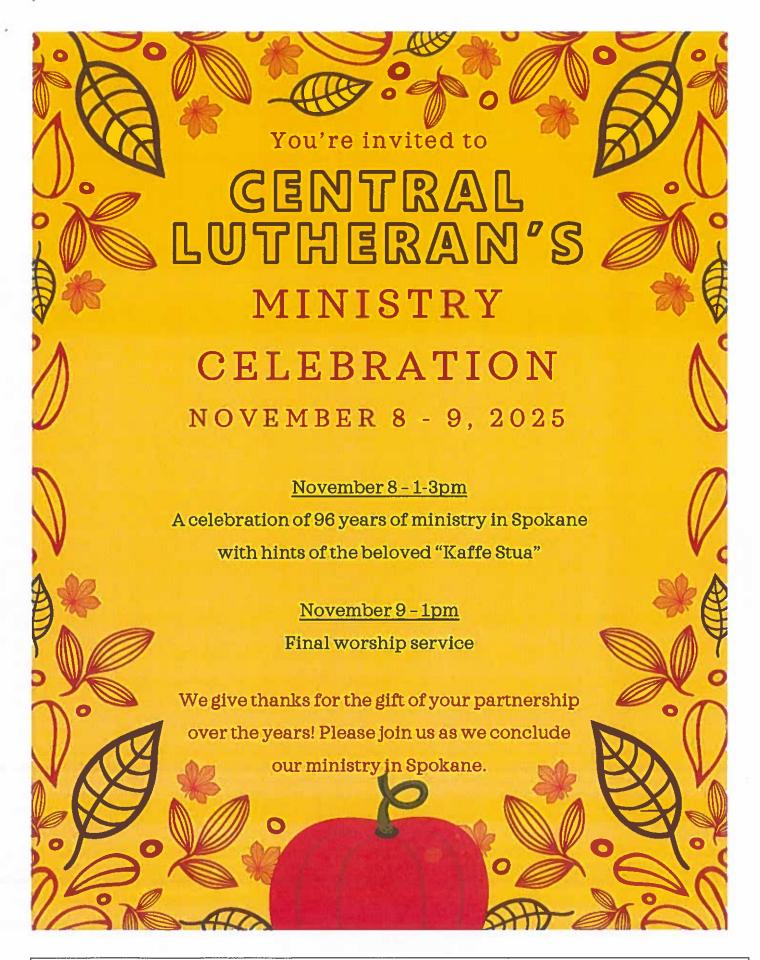
The Whitworth Auxiliary is made up of members who love Whitworth and who raise money for the university.





- We provide funds for student aid through the Thrive Fund and Belonging Program.
- We provide funds for the President's Discretionary Fund.
- · We give an annual student scholarship for juniors and seniors.
- We help support the International and Polynesian student clubs.
- We support the School of Education's food bank, Professional Closet, and gas card programs.
- We contribute pillowcases and funds for Camp Kesem.
- And more...





Yet, how can we live together amid our disagreements, divisions, and strongly held beliefs?

First off, it is Christ Jesus, who has and continues to turn the world upside right. It is through God's power, presence, wisdom, and strength that we might even consider following and responding with honor, justice, and excellence that move toward the wholeness, belonging, and connection that God desires in us and through us.

Pray by speaking and listening to God, as well as through communal and personal confession and forgiveness. Check out Psalm 63 and Psalm 46 to see a couple of pictures of God. Christians in a Lutheran key have the gift of Confession and Forgiveness. In this Christian practice, we tell the truth about ourselves, the ways we have been aligned with Jesus, and the ways we have missed the mark. We also hear the truth of God's great love for us, "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ....But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us," (Romans 5:1,8).

Discern the next right step. Christ Jesus leads the way, and we have a part to play. What might it look like to offer a little more kindness in your neck of the woods? God in Christ offers each one of us God's kindness and grace. How might we notice Christ's presence in ourselves and others we meet? It might be noticing those times and places where it already happens in your life. It's not a sprint, yet we have people around us supporting, encouraging, and exhorting us through life's journey.

Beloved people of God, I continue to hold you all in my prayers! God grant us grace and strength, as we continue to share the story of God's love in, with and for our community.

In Christ's peace, Pastor Joel



October 2025

SAT	4	£	18 9:00 am Arts & Crafts Fair	25 7:00 am Men's Breakfast	
FRI	3 Church Office Closed	10 Church Office Closed	17 Church Office Closed	24 Church Office Closed	31 Church Office Closed
THU	2 1:00 pm Bible Study	9 1:00 pm Bible Study	1:00 pm Bible Study	23 1:00 pm Bible Study	30 1:00 pm Bible Study
WED	1 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	8 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	15 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	22 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	29 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir
TUE		7 5:30 pm Praise Group 6:00 pm Fellowship/Outreach 7:00 pm Committee Night	14 9:00 am Quilts for Kids 5:30 pm Praise Group	21 5:30 pm Praise Group	28 9:00 am Charity Quilters 5:30 pm Praise Group
WON		G	13 10:00 am Executive Council	20 7:00 pm Council Meeting	27
NOS		5 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane " SUNDAY SCHOOL	12 POP PANTRY SUNDAY 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	19 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane " SUNDAY SCHOOL Finance Meeting	26 REFORMATION 9am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "