



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

February marks the beginning of the church season of Lent this year. The daylight hours are technically getting longer, yet the dreary clouds keep the sun from shining through to greet us. We have had eight straight days of overcast skies in a row in Spokane, and I'd like some sunshine to break through the clouds!

Lent consists of 40 days, not including Sundays, as we prepare to celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of Our Lord. Some people give something up for Lent, and some people add a spiritual practice, during these 40 days.

Matthew chapter four tells the story of Jesus' testing and tempting in the wilderness by the devil. We hear the back-and-forth tussle with the devil as the Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness.

The gospel story echoes with Old Testament passages, as Jesus speaks from the heart, "One does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Deuteronomy 8:3, NRSV).

There are many images for the season of Lent, as God renews us, ourselves, our relationships, our false narratives, and the truth about ourselves and the world.

After Jesus' baptism with the Holy Spirit and the voice from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased", Jesus was led into the wilderness. Jesus' identity has been confirmed, and now the Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness.

Jesus hears the devil's next "If", "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." (Psalm 91:11-12, NRSV). The devil uses the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament, coaxing Jesus to respond to the contortion of the passage.

Jesus responds, "Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test" (Deuteronomy 6:16, NRSV). Finally, the devil "took [Jesus] to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and the devil said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." (Matthew 4:8-9, NRSV).

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POP Pantry Needs For February

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

My fellow believers I come to you starting February as your new President of Prince of Peace. It's hard to believe I said "yes" to do this. In the past I have served as Secretary and Council member, but never believed I could take on the Presidents position. But here I am, beginning this journey thinking, "Today is the first day of the rest of my life". The Bible verse I first came across in trying to figure out what comes next was: Genesis 28:15 "And, behold, I am with you, and will keep you in all places where you go". So here we go. I'm praying for our new Council, new Executive officers, our Pastor and new volunteers. I certainly want to include prayers for the faithful servants who continue to say "yes" each week so our worship service is the needed experience for us. Belief will turn our worries into peace & our efforts into purpose. I know Jesus walks with us guiding and standing with us. I've utilized a motivational verse, Bible verse & then I decided to finish with a Chinese Zodiac! 2026 is the year of the Horse - The Year of the Horse brings movement & momentum. Where truth was revealed now we act. This is the year of courage & forward motion. Trusting instinct over familiarity, of choosing freedom. Clarity turns into action. Confidence grows through movement. The Shedding is done (referring to 2025 the year of the Snake). Now we run.... I hope you all choose to act and run with us. Don't wait, take a leap, go for it - God will be there...

Blessings and Love to you all

Susan Ames

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service - 9:30 am
Worship currently also streamed on FB at
"Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane"
Fellowship- 10:30 am

OFFICE HOURS

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



Saturday, February 21, 2026

POP Fellowship Hall

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

Serving You This Month

Feb	Altar Guild	Communion Servers	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
1	Sue & Paul Parrish	Sue & Paul Parrish	Holly Christoff	Gilliam		John & Peggy Renford	Gilliam
8	Rebecca Hendrickson	Rebecca Hendrickson	Kathy Fleiger	Christoffs	John Renford & Ami Elliott	Doug Elliott	Holly Christoff
15	Holly Christoff	Holly Christoff	Randy Holland			Paul & Sue Parrish	
22	Ginny Zimmerman	Ginny Zimmerman	Susan Ames	No Flowers Lent		Mel Nebelsieck & Dick Hawley	Tamura

Birthdays

2/6- Judy Reihman
 2/7- Lindy Moeller
 2/9- Paul Parrish
 2/25- Seth Feist
 2/26- Janice Hodneland
 2/28- Janet Robel
 2/29- Mike Sanborn

Anniversaries

2/10- Frank & Holly Christoff



Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, February 1

1st Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Psalm: 15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



Sunday, February 15

1st Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm: 2

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, February 8

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm: 112:1-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, February 22

1st Reading: Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7

Psalm: 32

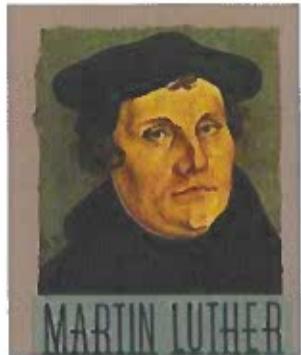
2nd Reading: 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

News from POP

Luther's Prayers

Lord, God, heavenly Father, I consider myself your dear child and you my beloved Father. Not because I deserve it, nor could ever merit it, but because my dear Lord, your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, would be my brother. Of his own accord he offers and makes this blessing known to me. Since I may consider myself his brother as he regards me, you will permit me to become and remain a child of yours, forever. Amen.



Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him" (Deuteronomy 6:13, NRSV).

The "if" in the devil's testing points to Jesus' identity as God's presence and agent in the world. Who are you? Who are we, as people of the body of Christ? Jesus affirms his identity and purpose in the wilderness and enters into his public ministry, revealing the power and purposes of God through teaching, healing, forgiving, and feeding people and those in need of God's gracious intervention.

What does Jesus reveal about our identity and our need?

What helps you connect more deeply with God? I appreciate walking outside and noticing the natural world. I try different prayer practices to help with my prayer life. For some people, picking a time of day and location helps center them with prayer and/or devotional reading. How is God's story similar to and different from our lives?

Renew us, as the people of God, as Christ leads the way.

Peace,

Pastor Joel

Upcoming February Events

- WE WELCOME BACK THE PRINCE OF PEACE TALENT SHOW!**

You thought it was gone, but due to a continued call to do it again, it is back!
When: Tuesday February 17th in conjunction with the Fat Tuesday celebration!
A signup sheet will be placed on the wall by the coffee bar.

Remember, what you may think you are not talented, that is wrong! If you want to show us that you can walk, talk, and chew gum, at the same time, that's good enough for us. Musical instruments, voice, your current hobby, jokes, are all talents we would like to see! Please join us for a fun time!

Questions? Feel free to contact me. Cliff Hendrickson

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy pancakes, sausage and fruit.

Needing Pancake makers and help in setting and cleaning up. Let a member of the Fellowship/Outreach Committee if you can help. (Peggy, Ami, or Rebecca)

- Ash Wednesday Worship Services**

Ash Wednesday worship service will be offered at 12pm and 7pm on Wednesday, February 18th.

- Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship Services**

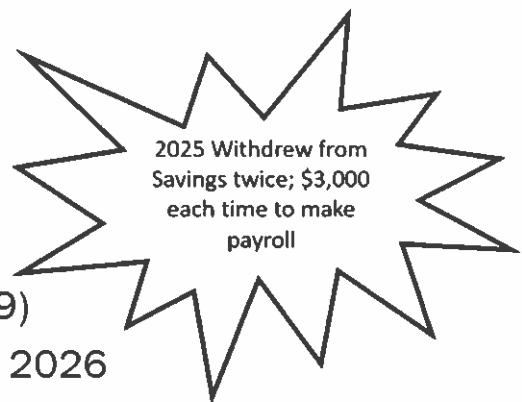
Lenten Soup Suppers begin on Wednesday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheet will be posted on the board near the kitchen in the next few weeks. Sign up for soup or bread to share before the Lenten church service.

Financial Update

Thank you for your support of Prince of Peace. Pastor Joel asked that I share this graphic from the budget proposal in the newsletter as he felt it provides a visual synopsis for all of you.

Proposed Budget Recap

- Pledged Amount = \$205,500
- Anticipated Income = \$222,700.00
- Anticipated Expenses = \$330,348.99
- Anticipated Profit / Loss = \$(107,648.99)
- Our account balances as of January 25, 2026
 - Savings = \$15,736.80
 - Operating = \$13,326.21 (1/31 payroll est \$7,500)
 - Building = \$13,258.72
 - Memorial = \$2,621.82
 - Endowment = \$31,084.44



Walking Through the Gospel of Matthew

Join us on Saturday, February 7th from 10 to 11:30 AM at Prince of Peace. We'll look at many of the themes and connections in the Gospel of Matthew. We'll read passages together, discuss, and join together in conversation.

No experience necessary and all are welcome!

Questions? Contact Pastor Joel, poppastor@popspokane.org; 509-951-0223 (call or text)



| Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, February 4, 2026



| Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, February 10, 2026



| Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesday, February 24, 2026



| 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 Show Funds Distribution

\$500 was given to each of the following organizations that support women and children in our community from our 2025 Fall Craft Show.

MADDIE'S PLACE: Recovery nursery for babies experiencing withdrawal due to prenatal substance exposure.

CARITAS: Serving those in need in NW Spokane by providing food, basic essentials, transportation and utility assistance.

LIFE SERVICES: Medical care and support from a Biblical perspective to anyone impacted by an unplanned pregnancy.

FAMILY PROMISE: Ending family homelessness

JOYA: Serving infants and toddlers impacted by developmental disabilities and delays

MEALS ON WHEELS: Provides meals and other critical services to the homebound

TRANSITIONS: Working to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S FREE RESTAURANT: Fills nutritional gaps for women and children in need

MISSION OUTREACH: Provides clothing, housewares and hygiene items to families and individuals every 60 days and diapers every 30 days.

SPOKANE HOPE: Mission is to bring listening and spoken language to local deaf and hard of hearing children.

February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at “Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane”	2 Church Office Closed 5:00pm Executive Council	3 5:30pm Praise Group 6:00pm Fellowship/Outreach 7:00pm Committee Night	4 9:30am Women’s Bible Study 6:15pm Men’s Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	5 1:00pm Bible Study	6 Church Office Closed	7 10:00am Walk through the Gospel of Matthew
8 POP PANTRY SUNDAY 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at “Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane”	9 10 9:00am Quilts for Kids 5:30pm Praise Group	10 9:00am Quilts for Kids 5:30pm Praise Group	11 6:15pm Men’s Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	12 1:00pm Bible Study	13 Church Office Closed	14
15 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at “Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane”	16 PRESIDENTS DAY Church Office Closed	17 5:30pm Praise Group 6:00pm Shrove Tuesday	18 ASH WEDNESDAY 12:00pm Worship Service 6:15pm Men’s Choir 7:00pm Worship Service 7:00pm Adult Choir (following worship)	19 1:00pm Bible Study	20 Church Office Closed	21 7:00am Men’s Breakfast
22 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at “Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane”	23	24 9:00am Charity Quilters 5:30pm Praise Group	25 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:15pm Men’s Choir 7:00pm Worship Service 7:00pm Adult Choir (following worship)	26 1:00pm Bible Study	27 Church Office Closed	28