



PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
How goes your Lenten journey? This marking of time, the season from the cold hard ground to Spring and new life? Lent marks these weeks leading towards Easter and invites us to dwell and consider Jesus' road to Jerusalem, his entry into the city and his passion, death, and resurrection. The song Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land (ELW, Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 333) draws on the image of wilderness and paints a picture of Jesus' constant and powerful presence in the midst of the storms and struggles of our lives.

"Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land. Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm". In the midst of our weariness and challenges in our lives, Jesus offers refuge and sustenance in our daily lives. Throughout the month of March, Jesus encounters a number of different people in John's gospel. Nicodemus, the leader of a synagogue meets Jesus and night and has questions and is also confused. Jesus meets the woman at the well and their conversation leads to the woman bearing witness to Jesus' grace and truth and sharing her story with the people of her town.

Jesus encounters a man born blind in John 9:1-41. Throughout this encounter with Jesus, the man washes in the pool of Siloam and receives his sight. Jesus exits the story for 26 verses, yet the man witnesses to Jesus' gracious power and testifies to God's activity in Jesus. The questions and conversations invite us to dive into the stories of John's gospel which reveal Jesus as the light of the world and the giver of living water to us in our lives.

Jesus do not turn away from us or cast us out, but instead engages us and meets us right where we are in our lives. Jesus invites us into conversation with Him, engaging our questions, our troubles, challenges, and confusion.

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POP Pantry Needs For March

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 of at the office in an envelope, marked "Caritas Pantry" and a volunteer will do the shopping for you!



Thoughts From The Council President

March is here - usually we hear the saying " March comes in like a lion & goes out like a lamb". Honestly, it seems the Lamb has been with us much of this winter!

I have thoroughly enjoyed not having to drive on icy roads or shovel snow, so far. I'm hoping the Lamb stays with us now till Spring.

As we all know, the Lamb of God doesn't have anything to do with the weather. Spiritually, the Lamb symbolizes innocence, purity, gentleness and sacrifice.

But more significant Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, but more importantly signifies redemption, hope, divine guidance & the triumph of meekness over power often appearing as a symbol of new life.

As we prepare our hearts for the Lenten Season I pray for a renewed empowerment of faith, hope and guidance.

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, March 21, 2026

POP Fellowship Hall

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

Serving You This Month

Mar	Altar Guild	Communion Servers	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
1	Susan Ames	Susan Ames	Mike Sanborn	No Flowers Lent	Bernie Polikowsky	Joe Rock	Renford
8	Holly Christoff	Holly Christoff	Cliff Hendrickson	No Flowers Lent	Matt Christoff	Mel Nebelsieck & Dick Hawley	
15	Ginny Zimmerman	Ginny Zimmerman	Rebecca Hendrickson	No Flowers Lent	Bernie Polikowsky	Sue & Paul Parrish	
22	Sue Parrish	Sue Parrish	Marie Tamura	No Flowers Lent	John Renford & Ami Elliott	Doug Elliott	
29	Marie Tamura	Marie Tamura	Rod Tamura	No Flowers Lent	Bernie Polikowsky	Peggy & John Renford	Tamura



Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, March 1

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm: 121

2nd Reading: Romans 4:1-5,13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 15

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm: 23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Sunday, March 29

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 27:11-54

Sunday, March 8

1st Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm: 95

2nd Reading: 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 22

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: 130

2nd Reading: Romans 8:6-11

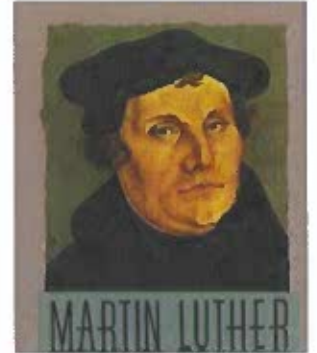
Gospel: John 11:1-45




News from POP

Luther's Prayers

*O Father, unfortunately we know our bodies to be inclined to sin. The world, the flesh, and the devil wish to rule in us, and so cast out your honor and name. Therefore, we implore you, to help us out of our misery. Let your kingdom come so that sin may be expelled, and that we may live holy and acceptable lives in your sight. You alone rule within us, so that with our inner and outer powers we may be obedient and be subject to you.
Amen.*



Birthdays	Anniversaries
<p>3/3- Karen Rogge 3/7- Susan Burgermyer 3/11- Isaac Edwards Dave Golden 3/12- Donna Claypool 3/16- Iris Pehan 3/19- De Dupuis 3/21- Victoria Brown Curt Froscheiser 3/24- Jeff Bottjen</p>	<p>3/14- Dave & Lynne Jacobsen</p>  A cluster of colorful fireworks in shades of red, blue, green, and yellow, exploding upwards.

Upcoming March Events

• **Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship Services**

Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesdays, March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th 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.

• **Spring Clean Up**

Saturday, March 28th at 9am, see article with information in this Newsletter!

• **Pastor Joel- Office Hours**

Pastor Joel will have office hours on Tuesdays 12:30pm-2:30pm & Thursdays 10am-12pm. He is also available by appointment.

Pastor Joel's #509-951-0223.

• **Bible Study- Now @ Riverview Retirement Community**

Join us for Bible Study on Thursdays from 1-2pm on Zoom or in person, for conversations about the Bible, faith, life and more! **We study the scripture to be used in the next Worship Service.** If you would like more information please contact the office.

509-465-0779 or popoffmgr@comcast.net

Riverview Retirement Community- Chapel, 1801 E. Upriver Dr.

SPRING CLEANUP 2025 (Mark your calendar: March 28th)

Yes it's about that time again. It's time to spruce up around POP and get ready for Easter. Actually after taking a walk around the grounds things don't look bad, thanks to those of you who have taken charge of a certain area and maintained it through out last year. There's a signup list on the bulletin board for those of you that would like to commit to the same or different area this year.

The plan is to make **Saturday March 28th** our cleanup day, weather permitting. 9:00 am has seemed to work good for most that are willing to help in the past. If we get a good turn out should be done by noon.

It probably would be a good idea to bring a shovel, lawn or garden rake, hedge clippers (gas powered if you have them), hand shears, broom, kneeler, snow shovel makes a great dust pan. Good idea to put your name on them. There always seems to be something left behind. A few large plastic lawn garbage bags would be helpful.

The following are areas that need attention.

1. Trim and shape the hedge along Indian Trail
2. Parking lot islands. (clean & trim shrubs and bushes, rake up leaves)
3. Rake up acorns beneath Oak tree next to AC units
4. Pick up trash and debris in the Natural Area
5. Pull weeds and general maintenance of Pacific Park sign
6. Shrub beds near 3 crosses and in front of church look pretty good (areas that someone has taken ownership and kept them looking good all year)
7. Parking lot curbing will have to be attended to later in the spring. It would be great if someone would step forward to keep the grasses and weeds under control throughout the rest of the year.

Thanks to everyone and Blessing to you and POP Property Committee



Financial Update

Thank you for your continued support of Prince of Peace. A chart showing Offering (\$18,812) and Expenses (\$31,651) for January 2026 is posted near the kitchen. Generous giving in December 2025 helped us meet our expenses and allocate funds toward Benevolences.

If you have questions please talk to Marie Tamura, Prince of Peace Treasurer.



Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, March 4, 2026



Quilts for Kids: Not Meeting



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, March 24 & 31, 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.



Community Events

Save the DATE

YOUNG LIFE IN SPOKANE INVITES YOU TO AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT

Bing Crosby

YOUNG LIFE AT THE BING

A FUNDRAISING EVENT
FEATURING A CONCERT BY JONAH WERNER

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Join us for dessert, music, storytelling, laughter, and encouragement. This community event celebrates what God is doing in the lives of young people in Spokane and shares what is next.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH
7:00 - 8:30PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
THE BING CROSBY THEATER
901 W SPRAGUE AVE

SCAN THE QR CODE TO **RSVP**
FOR THIS FREE EVENT, OR TO MAKE
A DONATION IN YOUR ABSENCE

Questions? Contact spokanemetroyounglife@gmail.com



Habitat for Humanity
Spokane

SAVE THE DATE
MAY 7, 2026

hope builders

Annual Fundraising Luncheon

Thursday, May 7 • **Spokane Convention Center**
11:00AM - 12:00PM Interactive Exhibit + Silent Auction
12:00PM - 1:00PM Programming + Lunch



Please register online!

habitat-spokane.org/HBL

Presenting Sponsor:



Christ offers light, living water and the promises that in our weariness, God meets us, drawing us close and filling us

with the Holy Spirit's presence, purpose and grace as we bear witness to Jesus in the world.

Jesus is a rock in a weary land. Jesus is the living water that provides new life, hope and healing amid the storms and struggles. Jesus reveals God's heart of compassion and courage, truth telling and wholeness as we abide with the life-giving Christ who meets us today and always.

Peace,


Pastor Joel

P.S. I'm holding office hours on Tuesdays at 12:30 to 2:30 PM, Thursday at 10 AM to 12 PM and by appointment. Stop by if you'd like to chat or have a question or concern.

P.P.S Even though we're in the Gospel of John in March, we'll return to the Gospel of Matthew. Join me in reading Matthew's gospel during the season of Lent! We'll gather a couple weeks after Easter for conversation, questions, and learning more about Matthew's Gospel. We'll meet at Prince of Peace.

Date and time, T.B.D.

March 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane " Sunday School	2 5:00pm Executive Council	3 5:30pm Praise Group 6:00pm Fellowship/Outreach 6:00pm Finance 7:00pm Committee Night	4 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Worship Service 7:00pm Adult Choir	5 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	6 Church Office Closed	7
8 POP PANTRY SUNDAY 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	9	10 5:30pm Praise Group	11 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Worship Service 7:00pm Adult Choir	12 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	13 Church Office Closed	14
15 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane " Sunday School	16	17 5:30pm Praise Group 6:00pm Shrove Tuesday	18 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Worship Service 7:00pm Adult Choir (following worship)	19 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	20 Church Office Closed	21 7:00am Men's Breakfast
22 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane " Sunday School	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 @ Riverview	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 PALM SUNDAY 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane " Sunday School	30	31 9:00am Charity Quilters 5:30pm Praise Group 