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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed, Alleluia, God be Praised! Where do you recognize Jesus at work in your life and the lives of those around you?

Who is the Holy Spirit inviting us to be as the people of God in Christ Jesus? Where do we even begin? Begin with prayer. I know I'm probably preaching to the choir, and so, prayer, the blessed conversation with the Triune God, who promises to listen and respond. Prayer is talking to God, offering our thanks, our concerns, our heart's desire, and confessing where we've missed the mark; it can also be a request that God reveal Himself to us and through us. Prayer is also listening and wrestling to discern and make sense of what God calls us to be as Prince of Peace and for the sake of our community.

In our post-resurrection lives, God's undaunted promise of Jesus' presence continues to enliven and empower us! God is at work; the Spirit and the presence of the risen Christ lives among us, despite signs to the contrary. What is God up to? What is the Spirit up to? In the world, in our lives, and within and among the people of Prince of Peace? How might we discern and discover or rediscover the ways the Holy Spirit is, here and now, working in and through us?

Living the Resurrection is a mission and vision planning tool that I invite you to participate in over the next nine months. Currently, a team consisting of Matt Liezen, Holly Christoff, Lynne Jacobsen, Cliff Hendrickson, and me will interview members and friends of Prince of Peace. These are one-to-one conversations that focus on three prompts:

Value: Tell me about an experience that shows what you love most about our congregation.

Mission: Tell me about a time you engaged in God's work.

Vision: What do you think God hopes the future

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POP Pantry Needs For May

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

As I sit and contemplate my message for May, I ponder what comes for us in May. May (this year transitions Out of Easter to Pentecost - May 24th). The gift of the Holy Spirit's power to guide and strengthen us as we move through our daily life. As the church celebrates the victory of the resurrection, the theme is that Christ does not leave his followers, but provides help to sustain us in faith. This "invisible" God is here. As Peter shared in his first letter: "Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable & glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." Thanks be to God.

Each year in May we have Mothers Day. An opportunity to thank our Moms for their unconditional Love, Strength, Guidance and Devotion. What a blessing to have shared that experience with my Mom for 72 years. She also gave me the gift of her faith, of which she got from her Mom.

Happy Mothers Day to all Moms.

At the end of the Month we Celebrate Memorial Day, where we Celebrate the Lives of the Servicemen and Women who died in Service. Another Day of Remembrance. Seems May is truly a wonderful month to remember those who sacrificed much for many.

I hope and pray that we all continue to remember where we came from and by whose hand we have been blessed, either directly or indirectly.

If I knew how to speak Norwegian I would say all this in my "native" tongue in honor of Pentecost!

May Blessings to each of you,
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, May 16, 2026

POP Fellowship Hall

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

Serving You This Month

May	Altar Guild	Communion Servers	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
3	Paul & Sue Parrish	Paul & Sue Parrish	Rebecca Hendrickson	Sue Parrish	John Renford & Ami Elliott	Joe Rock	Renford & Elliott
10	Ginny Zimmerman	Ginny Zimmerman	Randy Holland	Frank & Holly Christoff	Bernie Polikowsky		
17	Marie Tamura	Marie Tamura	Cliff Hendrickson	Mary & Dave Golden	Matt Christoff	John & Peggy Renford	Tamura
24	Susan Ames	Susan Ames	Rebecca Hendrickson		Bernie Polikowsky	Paul & Sue Parrish	Mary Golden
31	Holly Christoff	Holly Christoff	Rod Tamura		Bernie Polikowsky		



Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, May 3

1st Reading: Acts 7:55-60
 Psalm: 31:1-5,15-16
 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10
 Gospel: John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 17

1st Reading: Acts 1:6-14
 Psalm: 68:1-10,32-35
 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11
 Gospel: John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 31

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a
 Psalm: 8
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, May 10

1st Reading: Acts 17:22-31
 Psalm: 66:8-20
 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22
 Gospel: John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 24

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm: 104:24-34,35b
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 Gospel: John 7:37-39



News from POP

Luther's Prayers



Dear Lord God, I cannot count the sins that I have done and still do. I have forgotten most of them and no longer feel my guilt. All that is in me and all power that is not grace is sin and is condemned. My works and my powers only make me despondent. I do not know what else to do but hope and pray for your mercy. As grace and faith control me, I am devout through Christ. Where these fail me, I know and confess that nothing good is left in me. No matter how long I live, it will never be different. If I had the holiness of all monks, there would still be nothing good in what I think, speak, live and do, if it did not have your divine grace and power. All my sins are forgiven out of pure grace. This is the joy and comfort which you gladly grant to me, a poor sinner. Amen.

Birthdays

May 1- Rod Tamura
May 9- Todd Chaffins
May 13- Debi Holland
May 16- Debbie McColgin
May 18- Karen Chaffins
 Bernie Webster
May 20- Sharon Ballou
May 24- Rebecca Hendrickson



Upcoming May Events

- **Signing Preschool Bibles**- The Preschool bibles will be on tables at the back of the Sanctuary for signing on Sunday, May 10th- Sunday, May 17th.
- **Church Office Closed**- The Church Office will be closed May 6th, 7th and 25th.

Newsletter Bible Study

Monthly Invitation Paragraph

Each month this year we'll reflect together on a Scripture verse and a question that invites us to think more deeply about our faith. This year we will focus on Sharing God's Word., Hope, Community/ Fellowship and Prayer and You're encouraged to share your thoughts, stories, or insights with friends and family. *The verses are from the Revised Standard Version.*

May — Hope

Verse: *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, as that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."* — Romans 15:13

Question: What helps you hold onto hope when circumstances feel uncertain?

Living the Resurrection! Share your story!

Living the Resurrection is a mission and vision vitality planning process that invites you to share your story about the values, mission and vision of our Prince of Peace congregation.

Three prompts will guide our conversations:

- 1) Value(s), Tell me about an experience that shows what you love most about our congregation.
- 2) Mission: Tell me about a time you engaged in God's work.
- 3) Vision: Share a word picture of what you think God hopes the future holds for our congregation.

The task force consisting of Matt Liezen, Holly Christoff, Cliff Hendrickson, Lynne Jacobsen and myself, Pastor Joel, will be reaching out to people to meet one-to-one for 45 minutes to 1 hour to share their stories about these prompts. Your participation is important and appreciated! We'll collect data (words and phrases) and put them into a chart for everyone to see and vote on, using sticky colored dots. Questions? Contact one of the task force members

Financial Update

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9, verses 7 & 8

On the last Sunday of April and during the next few weeks, you may be hearing more about reengagement. Not just your financial giving, but all aspects of your giving . . . your time, your talent, and your treasurers. We need all three (3) in order to have a fully functioning church. You are an essential part of Prince of Peace. Financial charts have been updated through the 1st Quarter and are posted near the kitchen. Even though our giving is running behind our actual expenses (by \$11,000), we had enough reserve funds in our Operating account to pay our Benevolences for the quarter. If we continue that pattern, we may need to make some difficult choices in the next few months. I hope you will feel compelled to pray the daily prayer you were provided at Sunday worship and by email so we can be guided by God to make decisions for our church. We need the strength of everyone.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of Prince of Peace,
Marie Tamura, Treasurer

Women ^{of the} ELCA 



Bible Study: 9:30 am Wednesday, May 6, 2026



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, May 12, 2026



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, May 26, 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

Habitat for Humanity®
Spokane

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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
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FREE
 Mother's Day Weekend
 Handbell Concerts by

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Community Handbell Choir

Friday, May 8 at 7 pm

Millwood Community Presbyterian Church
 3223 N Marguerite Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99212

Saturday, May 9 at 2 pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church
 1700 E Pennsylvania Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Fun music for all ages!

holds for our congregation?

Or: Paint a picture – with words – of what you think God hopes the future holds for our congregation?

A member of the team meets with you individually and listens to your stories that these prompts bring up for you. Your perspective and input is greatly needed and greatly appreciated! The goal of the conversations will be to identify the values, mission, and vision of Prince of Peace for our current and future ministry.

What's our purpose? Why do we exist and participate in the mission and ministry of Prince of Peace?

In Luke 24, two disciples walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus on the day of Jesus' resurrection, and they are met by Jesus on the road, but they don't initially recognize him!

And yet, Jesus asks questions of these disciples and then shares the Gospel story from the Hebrew scriptures, from the law and the prophets, revealing himself and helping the disciples on the road recognize and make their "hearts burn while he was talking to us on the road, when he was opening the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32, NRSV).

The Executive Council and Finance team met to discuss ministry and financial challenges and opportunities. From the discussion, the group discerned that a particular prayer for this time in the life of Prince of Peace needed to be written. It will be given to members and friends of Prince of Peace. Thank you to the Executive and Finance teams for your diligent and faithful work!

You will be receiving a copy of the prayer that the Council, Finance team, and I encourage you to pray each day, every day, and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to us, to speak to you as part of a daily prayer practice.

Christ says, "And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20, NRSV). The Holy Spirit enliven, empower, and sustain us, as we pray, listen, and respond to Christ's voice and movement for the sake of our community and world!

Peace,
Pastor Joel

May 2026

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