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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The apostle Paul proclaims, "Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God" (Romans 6:1-2, NRSVUE). We have access to Christ's grace, to Jesus' presence, power, and promise. There is NO "Authorized Personnel Only" sign in God's realm. The apostle Paul states "Since", no If, Maybe, Could Be, When you get your act together....

Since declares the work of God's activity in, with and through Jesus Christ and even our faith in Jesus is a gift from God.

In Christ, we have the peace, wholeness, and love of God moving in and through us. As a community founded in Christ, we share God's presence, bearing witness to the Holy Spirit at work in, with and through us. Christ Jesus walks beside us in the particular tasks, joys, and struggles that are part of being a human, living on earth. The presence of the living Lord contains the here, but not fully realized embodiment of Christ with us, for us, beside us. We see, recognize and experience glimpses of Christ's presence as individuals and communities in our daily lives. As Christians in a Lutheran key, God promises to meet us, free us from sin, death, and the devil, and enlighten us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit as we fear and love God and care for our neighbor.

Martin Luther, in his writing and organizing of the Small Catechism, wrote about the 10 commandments, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, and the Confession and Absolution.

Luther asks, What does this mean? In other words, So What? Now what? Why and in what ways does it matter? Since God justifies, we, as humans, can stop trying to earn God's favor, look good in God's eyes, attempt to climb the endless ladder up to God, and receive God's good gifts by the faith of Christ Jesus. Don't get me wrong, since I was

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POP Pantry Needs For June

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

Here we are entering the 6th month of the year - June already. Time seems to slip away faster and faster each month.

As I reviewed my monthly prayers in May, I found a common theme of Trust. Trust in Gods wisdom, Stop Trusting Yourself, Trust his Saving Grace, Trust in his Protection, Trust in his Promises, Trust in his Faithfulness, Trust his Ways. This basic theme seems appropriate and yet, too easy, right?

Not always. Even when I hear about Trusting, I find myself second guessing many of my decisions. Believing that Trusting God means letting go of the need to control the outcome, is sometimes very difficult for me!

Proverbs 3:5 encourages us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." My Lutheran identity is anchored in the promise that God is faithful, even when we are weak!

I am leaning heavily on Gods trust for the future of Prince of Peace, we have some serious financial issues and I deeply pray for his guidance in keeping this flock on North INDIAN TRAIL Road. I am praying for his steadfastness shaping our future and giving us the courage to stay strong together. As we move forward, may your hearts be filled with the peace that passes all understanding.

We are centered on Prayers and I will add this one:

Dear Lord, you are our strength and our shield. As we enter the summer, teach us to cast our cares on You, knowing that You are holding our lives, our community, and our futures in Your hands. Help us trust You without understanding, and to find joy in Your presence. Amen.

Summer brings warm sunshine and reflects brighter days ahead. Enjoy and remember to say Thanks & Happy Fathers Day

Gods Blessings to you all,
Susan Ames

Serving You This Month

June	Altar Guild	Communion Servers	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
7	Rebecca Hendrickson	Rebecca Hendrickson	Randy Holland	Elliott	John Renford & Ami Elliott	Doug Elliott & Joe Rock	Jacobsen
14	Holly Christoff	Holly Christoff	Mike Sanborn	Heimbigner	Bernie Polikowsky	John & Peggy Renford	Christoff
21	Jan Gilliam	Jan Gilliam	Holly Christoff		Bernie Polikowsky		
28	Marie Tamura	Marie Tamura	Susan Ames		Matt Christoff	Paul & Sue Parrish	

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, June 7

1st Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm: 50:7-15
2nd Reading: Romans 4:13-25
Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

Sunday, June 14

1st Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm: 100
2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:23



Sunday, June 21

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm: 69:7-18
2nd Reading: Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 28

1st Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm: 89:1-4,15-18
2nd Reading: Romans 6:12-23
Gospel: Matthew 10: 40-42

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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



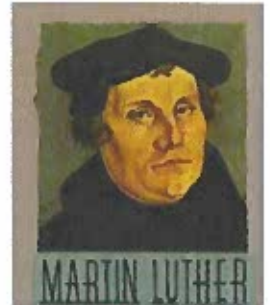
Saturday, June 20, 2026

POP Fellowship Hall

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

News from POP

Luther's Prayers




Lord, it is for your honor and to your service that I now ask. Oh be praised and glorified. I plead, fully aware that you have glory, and that I am a poor, undeserving sinner. I cannot be without your help. You are willing and able to grant it to all who ask for it. Oh see my need and misery, and help me for your honor's sake. Amen.

Before you go on vacation this summer...

While you are gone we will keep the lights on and the doors open!
We will welcome all people to share God's Good News with us.
Your faithfulness in remembering your pledge will help us fulfill our ministry with in this community we serve.



Birthdays	Anniversaries
June 1- Matthew Christoff June 9- Hadley Skindlov June 15- Dave Moeller June 16- Kathy Fleiger June 17- Dick Hawley June 23- Bruce Anthony June 30- Jerry Webster	June 12- Jon & Karen Heimbigner June 14- Joe & Kathy Rock June 28- Dave & Mary Golden 



2026 High School & College Graduates

- Andrew Ames (grandson of Susan Ames)-graduating from Gonzaga University
- Spencer Ames (grandson of Susan Ames)-graduating from Central Catholic in Portland, Oregon
- Dylan Jackson- graduating from Shadle Park High School & Spokane Falls Community college with an AA Degree. Dylan will attend Gonzaga University in the fall.
- Samantha Stiles (granddaughter of Paul Parrish)-graduating from Davenport High School

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.*

June – Community/Fellowship

Verse: *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* – Matthew 18:20

Question: When have you felt God's presence through the fellowship of others?

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

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of Prince of Peace, As I shared on Sunday, May 17, a letter was sent to all of you about our financial situation. Both the Executive and Finance Committees will continue to monitor our finances to ensure we pay salaries, benefits and other financial commitments to keep Prince of Peace in a full ministry status. As additional funds are placed in the offering beyond pledged giving, we will be able to forecast the future with more assuredness.

We are truly grateful for all that is given with time and talents as we need all of us working together! Thanks be to God for the members of Prince of Peace!

Marie Tamura, Treasurer



Bible Study: 10:30 am Wednesday, June 3, 2026



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, June 9, 2026



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, June 23 & 30, 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

Boots & Pearls Hootenanny

2026 PARTNER CHURCH TABLE PACKAGES

Lutherhaven Ministries // August 22, 2026



Boots & Pearls is Lutherhaven Ministries' annual celebration and fundraiser at Camp Lutherhaven on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene. We'd love for your congregation to come! Together, let's celebrate the ministry you help make possible. Through your partnership, campers hear the Gospel and grow in their relationship with Jesus. Join us for a fun evening together with a boat cruise, shared meal, live music, a meaningful program, and a paddle raise, as together we celebrate and support the life-changing work God is doing through this ministry.

Partner Church Table Package

A shared evening experience for your congregation

- Admission for 6 guests
- Reserved dinner table for your group
- Church name displayed at the table
- Recognition as a Boots and Pearls Partner Church (program + screen)

Price: \$540



Partner Church Weekend Experience

Turn Boots & Pearls into more than just a night

- Includes everything in the Table Package, plus:
- Shuttle to and from the boat
- Overnight stay with linen package
- Brunch the following morning
- Optional Sunday morning devotion (based on participation)
- Beach access Sunday morning

Approximately \$140 total per person depending on lodging style (Individual rooms, shared rooms, or a private cabin option are available). Contact info@lutherhaven.com and we'll help find the best fit for your group!

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three years old, if not before, I've been under the impression that my way is best, that the world should revolve around me, myself, and I. Humans, including myself, find creative ways to justify ourselves.

And yet, "Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5, NRSV), we recognize the ways that Christ Jesus continues to love, care, and support us, even when we've messed up or missed the mark.

In fact, "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:5-8, NRSV). In the midst of our broken and messy world, God could have thrown up God's hands and said, I'm outta here, I've tried numerous times and I'm done.

Instead, while the world, people, individuals, you and I rebel, ignore, justify, gloss over, look to put ourselves in the place of God, God sends Jesus to reveal the heart and soul of the Triune God, and gives his life for us. This ongoing reality seems dim and blurry many times, wars, rumors of wars, fighting, arguing, hunger, division and dissension fill the news and our feeds, and yet Christian in a Lutheran key, share the story of God's love, in word and deed, in, with and for our community.

In Christ, we have access to this powerhouse love of God that surrounds and fill us and there is nothing we do to deserve, earn, or acquire God's attention and promises. They are gifts to us. No strings attached, no fine print, no monthly subscription, or garnering a number of likes, views or emojis in order to enter God's grace.

The gift of faith, a trust and daring confidence in Christ's presence, provision, and promises allows us to recognize the other gifts and opportunities that we have and we can offer through the great adventure of following Christ Jesus.

The Holy Spirit continues to nudge and tap us on the shoulder as we follow Christ. As we listen, pray, engage, and respond, God in Christ continues to work in and through us. God in Christ promises to meet us and walk with us each step of the way, as Jesus proclaims, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20, NRSV).

Peace,

Pastor Joel

P.S. Join us for the Gospel of Matthew Bible Study, Saturday, June 27th, 10 AM to 12 PM! We'll look at Matthew chapters 10 to 15. All are welcome!

POP Summer Concert Lineup

20th Annual Series

Come enjoy sunny concerts on Tuesdays in July!

6:30pm-8:30pm

The series is partially underwritten through a Community Engagement Grant secured by concert partners North Indian Trail Neighborhood Council, and an outreach grant from Advent Lutheran Church. Private Sponsorships have also been helpful in covering the costs of bands.

July 7---Dueling Cronkites, Classic Rock and Americana



July 14--Slapshot, Classic Rock, Blues and More

July 21--Big Phat Band, 80s Pop and Rock Hits

July 28--Sonic Groove, 90s to Current Rock/Alternative



June 2026

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