



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What's your why? Your purpose for this phase of your walk with Christ? Paul's letter to the church in Rome, the book of Romans, reveals the God in Jesus who claims us and reminds us that God's love, grace, and strength will not let us go, despite the real-life circumstances that surround us. Who or what can separate from the love of Christ? As the apostle Paul lists the many challenges and tribulations in life,

"I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angles, nor rulers, not things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8: 38-39, NRSV).

You matter because Christ has claimed and embraced you with God's love, grace, and strength! The Holy Spirit continues to call us, both as individuals and a community of Jesus followers, to share and bear witness to God's presence here on earth through each one of us!

Throughout Paul's letters to different house churches, he paints multiple word pictures that illustrate a community founded and sustained in and through Christ. "You are God's field, God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9, NRSVUE). "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it"

(1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSVUE). "you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19, NRSVUE).

Being the church takes all of us, and each of you has an important journey of faith in Christ that continues to unfold each day. Listening to one another's stories of strength and vulnerability, of joy and disappointment, reminds us that Christ's love, mercy, and strength are present with us, despite the challenges we face as individuals, households, and as a congregation.

The power of the Holy Spirit working through each of you

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POP Pantry Needs For July

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

Now that June is behind us and we enter into July, most of my Spring planting is finished and my head keeps hearing “Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil”. I know I have used the words of this song in many of my prayers and messages over the past few years, but it never gets old and always brings me back to the person I wish to be. All through the month of June our Gospel readings have come from Matthew. However it’s not until Chapter 13 that we have the parable of the Sower - the seed is the Gospel itself and the promise of unconditional forgiveness and love. What more can we want? We pray for the Holy Spirit to cultivate the soil of our lives, clearing away our anxieties, selfishness and distractions so we can genuinely hear and trust God’s promises. When Gods Word takes root, it changes how we live. I continue to pray and say “Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil.”

Happy 4th of July and Gods Blessings 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



See you in September

POP Fellowship Hall

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

Serving You This Month

July	Altar Guild	Communion Servers	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
5	Ginny Zimmerman	Ginny Zimmerman	Cliff Hendrickson	Fernan	John Renford & Ami Elliott	Joe Rock & Doug Elliott	Renford & Elliott
12	Holly Christoff	Holly Christoff	Randy Holland	Christoff	Bernie Polikowsky		
19	Jan Gilliam	Jan Gilliam	Rebecca Hendrickson	Fernan	Bernie Polikowsky		Christoff
26	Sue Parrish	Sue Parrish	Marie Tamura		Matt Christoff	Peggy & John Renford	

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.



Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, July 5

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12
 Psalm: 145:8-14
 2nd Reading: Romans 7:15-25a
 Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

Sunday, July 12

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13
 Psalm: 65:1-13
 2nd Reading: Romans 8:1-11
 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23



Sunday, July 19

1st Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8
 Psalm: 86:11-17
 2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-25
 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

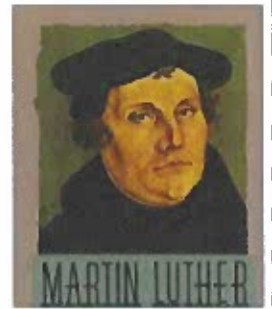
Sunday, July 26

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12
 Psalm: 119:129-136
 2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-39
 Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

News from POP

Luther's Prayers

O Father and God of all comfort, through your word and Holy Spirit grant us a firm, glad, and grateful faith. By it may we easily overcome this and every other trial, and at length realize that what your dear Son Jesus Christ himself says is true: "But take courage; I have conquered the world" (John 16:33) Amen.



Birthdays

July 6- Hannah Lee
July 16- Robert Brown
July 18- Karen Tuff
July 19- Arlene Kirkevold
July 20- Ashley Christoff
July 24- Kathy Rock
July 26 Bill Burgermyer
July 30- Bonita Roach



Save the Date-POP Picnic

POP church Picnic-Sunday, August 9th Noon-3pm at Spokane Lake Park.

We are looking for 6-8 volunteers to help with set up and clean up from approximately 11am to 4pm.

There will be a sign up posted if your are able to help. There will also be a sign up for food posted later.



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.*

July — Prayer

Verse: *"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*
—Colossians 4:2

Question: What is one thing you are praying for with gratitude this season?

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

Thank you for your continued support of Prince of Peace! As I shared in June, your generosity in May helped us to make up some of the deficit we experienced in the first half of the year. Since we are working on a month-to-month basis with our finances, we were able the April Benevolences, set aside part of the May Benevolence, meet our payroll obligations and pay our regular monthly bills. Both the Executive and Finance committees are working together to brainstorm options to help us get through this financial struggle. I know we will be able to find some viable solutions as we continue to pray for God's guidance.

And while my focus centers around giving, please know that I also place a very high value on the generosity of your time and talent . . . all of us working together in, with and for the community will help us enrich each other and those we serve.

Marie Tamura, Treasurer

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Bible Study: NOT MEETING



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, July 14, 2026



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, July 28, 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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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



reveals the God we know in Jesus as the source, ground, and wisdom of our lives. What does loving God and caring for our neighbor look like in your daily life? In our life together as the body of Christ of Prince of Peace?

Martin Luther offers an expansive view of faith in daily life. Since nothing separates us from God's love in Christ, we are free to put our talents, our strengths, and our very lives into service for one another and the people around us. This happens in many spheres of our lives, from the job that we go to on a daily basis, to raising children, being a friend, playing a sport, or helping people in need. This is but a small list of the ways God is at work in the world through us. Christ calls, equips, and serves as opportunities to respond to a variety of vocations or callings. The freedom we receive from Christ encourages and challenges us to help and serve other people as we offer our thanks and praise to God.

The Living the Resurrection process, renewing our mission, vision, and values, invites members and friends of Prince of Peace to share their experience and connection with the church. The prompts and questions invite folks to share:

1. What do you love about Prince of Peace? 2. Tell me about a time you engaged in God's work. 3. What do you think God hopes the future holds for Prince of Peace?




It's not too late for you to share your perspective! Thank you to everyone who has responded to these prompts, both the opportunities and challenges that we face, with honesty, faithfulness, and care.

What are some of the circumstances of our lives together that we can add to Paul's list from Romans chapter 8? Neither a changing world, financial challenges, frustration, loss, grief, weariness, nor the unknown can separate us from the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

As we continue to listen and respond to the Holy Spirit's leading, grant us wisdom, courage, and discernment as we share and embody Christ's love and service for the sake of our world.

Peace,
Pastor Joel

July 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	3 Church Office Closed	4  Happy 4th of July
5 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	6 10:00am Executive Council Church Office Closed	7 6:30pm Summer Concert Duelling Cronkites	8	9 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 POP PANTRY SUNDAY 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	13	14 9:00am Quilts for Kids  6:30pm Summer Concert Slapshot	15	16 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	17 Church Office Closed	18
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