



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

How is your Summer going? My family and I took a trip to the Oregon Coast and were able to splash in the ocean and watch the sunrise and sunsets. The expanse and constant crashing of the waves remind me of God's Holy Spirit that continues to move and help me adjust my steps when I'm walking on the beach. The waves, the moon, the tide, the creatures all move and flow, sometimes in rhythm and other times against their will.

The constancy of the wind and the water set a rhythm as I look out into the wide expanse of God's creation! We are the work of God's hands, created in the image of God, claimed as children of God and given opportunities to bear witness to Christ in all areas of our lives. The apostle Paul appeals to the Jesus followers in the church in Rome, "to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual/ reasonable worship" (Romans 12:1, NRSV). The gift of God's presence and power infuses and funnels through our entire life, through our words, actions, interactions, choices, and priorities.

This transformation happens, even when we can't see it! Shaping and molding us as constant as waves ebbing and flowing, as constant as the fruit and flowers bloom and grow in the Summer. And yet Christ molds and shapes us, can feel and experience as struggle and wrestling within ourselves, being drawn and giving our attention away from God's purposes.

And yet, God calls us to enter into the world, the challenges, struggles and joys of daily life, not drawing lines to exclude or keep at arm's length, but reflecting the promises and presence of Christ that lives within and among us.

We are all a part of the body of Christ and members of it! Even in Paul's list of gifts and callings, the list is not exhaustive. "For as in one body we have many members,

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POP Pantry Needs For August

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 we transition from the lazy, relaxed days of our "last splash of" summer, into the bustling rhythm of the fall, I find myself reflecting on the shifting of seasons in our church life. Summer often gives us space to rest, travel, and recharge. But August invites us to look forward.

What's on the schedule this month? As Mel Nebelsieck has been sharing with us, we will be enjoying a fun BBQ on Sunday August 9th. Details elsewhere in the newsletter. Hope to see you all there.

All too soon, our summer must end starting around the end of August and right into September. We all focus on getting back into our "routines". Back to school, for many and at Prince of Peace we look forward to a new Sunday school curriculum for our youngsters.

Choir practices begin, committees start meeting with some regularity and your elected Council resumes their meetings (actually we start in August). Lefse baking is on the horizon (YUM) and the craft fair takes much preparation.

I hope everyone is rested and charged to resume our vital work in the INDIAN TRAIL community.

As we prepare to launch our fall ministries, I invite you to ask yourself: *Where is God calling you to serve and grow in the coming year?* Do you want to get involved? I hope the answer is YES. We need each

member to help continue this ministry -

there is always something you can share with Prince of Peace. Don't be afraid to step up and volunteer. It's amazing how good you feel when you get involved and what great friends you find in doing so! Whether you are a longtime member or new

to our congregation, there is a place for your gifts here. Let us step into this new season together with joyful hearts, ready to do God's work with our hands.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer and be ready to step up and out

Blessings,

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

August	Altar Guild Communion Servers	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
2	Rebecca Hendrickson	Holly Christoff	Elliott	John Renford & Ami Elliott	Doug Elliott & Joe Rock	Renford
9	Susan Ames	Mike Sanborn	Gilliam	Bernie Polikowsky		Gilliam
16	Holly Christoff	Susan Ames		Bernie Polikowsky	Paul & Sue Parrish	
23	Sue Parrish	Rod Tamura	Hendrickson	Matt Christoff	Mel Nebelsieck & Dick Hawley	Rebecca Hendrickson
30	Ginny Zimmerman	Cliff Hendrickson		Bernie Polikowsky		

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, August 2

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm: 145: 8-9,14-21

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 16

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm: 67

2nd Reading: Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28

Sunday, August 30

1st Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm: 26:1-8

2nd Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday, August 9

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm: 85:8-13

2nd Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 23

1st Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm: 138

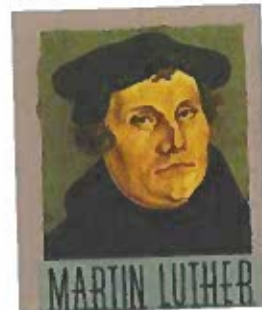
2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



News from POP

Luther's Prayers



O God, these are your words: There is greater joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine who do not repent. All the righteous and the angels will crush sin under their feet and will cover it. O my God, I fell my sins and am judged already. I am greatly in need of a shepherd to seek me. For this reason I rely completely on the gospel. O Lord, I know that I am a straying sheep and that you are the Shepherd and One who seeks the lost. I want to hold to this assurance. In the mirror of your law I see that I am a scarred and lost sinner. Save me, O God, for the sake of your only begotten Son. For Amen.

Birthdays	Anniversaries
August 1- Eunice Erickson August 12- Frank Christoff August 13- Margaret Clark August 15- Joe Rock August 21- Peggy Renford Rene Bottjen August 23- Penny Harrington August 30- John Renford Abby Liesen Simon Feist	August 3- Dick & Carol Hawley August 6- Doug & Ami Elliott August 10- Orv & Arlene Kirkevold August 12- Randy & Kathy Fleiger August 18- Bill & De Dupuis August 21- Todd & Karen Chaffins August 25- Seth & Stephanie Feist August 26- Cliff & Rebecca Hendrickson



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

SPOKANE LAKE PARK
9322 W OWNBY
NINE MILE FALLS



DIRECTIONS:

From Hwy 291 past Nine Mile Falls Business Area, take a left at the dam, Charles Rd. Then take a right after you pass Lake Spokane Elementary, Tormey Rd. Stay right at the fork onto Ownby. The Park is on the right.

PARKING:

Please do not block the boat launch or trailer parking areas.

AMENITIES AVAILABLE:

- Port a Potty
- Volleyball net, no ball provided
- Horseshoe Pit with horseshoes
- Children's playset
- Swimming area with beach, not lifeguard
- Pic Nic Tables with benches are provided
- Some lawn chairs will be available.
- May be a good idea to bring your own.

■ The POP Picnic is rapidly approaching... Sunday Aug 9th noon to ?. Please, please even if you might attend the picnic on August 9th please sign up on the bulletin board. Your name and possible number of attendees. Having a head count will help a lot.

■ If you plan to bring a food item that needs to be kept cool please include that on the food sign up sheet. We need to know approximately how many trays of ice to provide.

■ Thanks,
■ Mel N, Shelley L, Dick H.

Financial Update

Thank you for your continued support of Prince of Peace. Since sharing our financial situation with you in May, we have seen an increase in giving that put us closer to breaking even financially. I always report to you in actual numbers (offering vs. expenses) and not what we hope for in the budget. While we continue to operate on a month-to-month basis, we should be able to pay our staff and our expenses through the end of the year. Of course, we want to pay our staff well into and through 2027! New charts have been posted for you to review.

I know there is a feeling that we have an obsession with money; however, both the Finance and Executive committees are working together to ensure we pay our staff (68% of the budget) and meet our monthly expenses (26% of the budget). Again, these are real-time expenses and not a proposal. In the spring, we did some research on how we could reach out to our members to communicate our financial concerns to you. "Be honest, hopeful, and actionable" was the online recommendation. Both the Finance and Executive committees have taken those words to heart in communicating with you.

If you have any questions or concerns, know that I am happy to meet with you.

Marie Tamura, Treasurer

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.*

August — Sharing God's Word

Verse: *"Always be ready to answer to everyone who asks you to explain the hope that you have."* — 1 Peter 3:15

Question: How has God given you opportunities to share your faith—big or small—this year?



Save the Dates!

Thursday, October 1st- Lefse Mixing
Friday, October 2nd- Lefse Baking



Friday, October 16th- Craft Fair Set up
Saturday, October 17th- Craft Fair

Sign up lists are on bulletin board in hallway across from mailboxes.

This year there are 2 raffle quilts and tickets will go on sale
Sunday, September 24th!

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Bible Study: NOT MEETING



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, August 11, 2026



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, August 25, 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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UnGala Trailblazers

October 16, 2026

Centennial Ballroom Spokane Convention Center

Open Doors and Games at 4:30 PM | Program at 6 PM | Desserts at 8 PM

Break in your hiking boots and ready your packs, because UnGala 2026: Trailblazer is almost here!

This year's Family Promise of Spokane UnGala is taking us into the great outdoors, where every trail tells a story and every journey leads us a little closer to home. Join us for an evening of fun, adventure, stories around the campfire, and several opportunities to give, including paddle raises, a live and silent auction, and more.

For now, just save the date.

October 16, 2026

We'll send your trail guide (and all the fun details) soon.

See you then.



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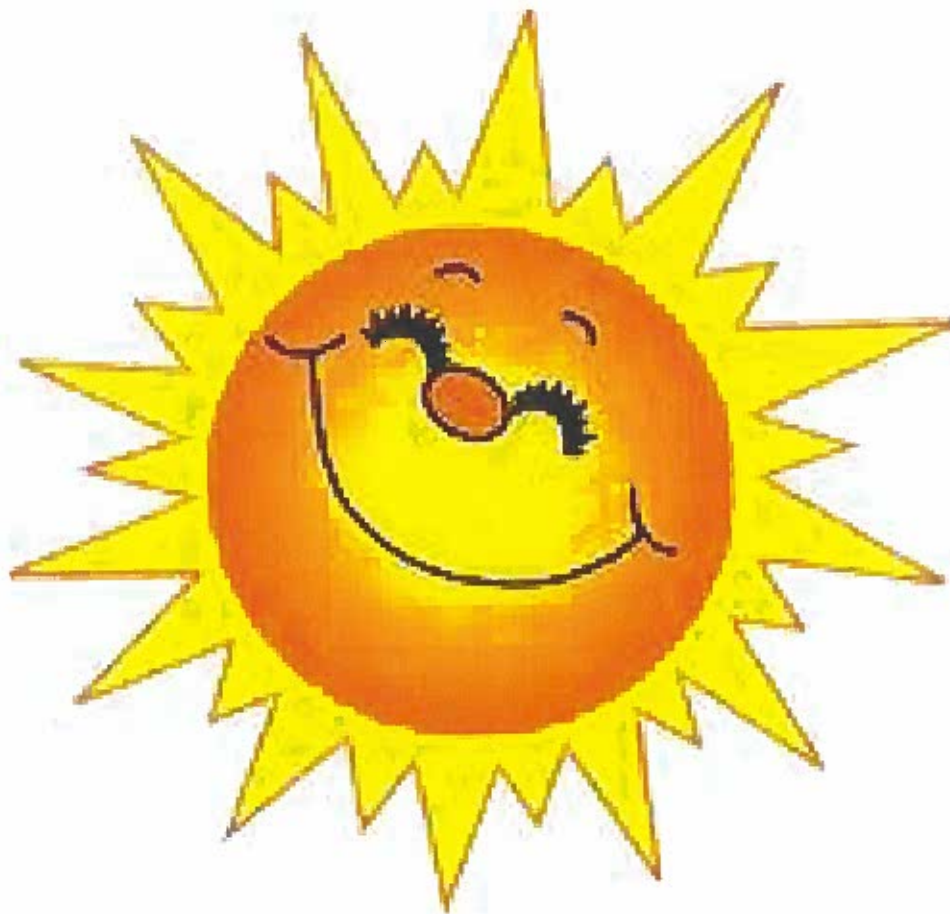


and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" (Romans 12:4-5, NRSV). What gifts, strengths, interests do you put into practice as a follower of Jesus?

Sometimes it might be easier for other people to point out another person's gift. No matter your gifts and calling, you are needed to help strengthen and activate the body of Christ for the sake of others, our neighbors, and the world!

"Be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect". (Romans 12:2, NRSV). Who is Christ calling us to be and do? Where is God leading us as fellow workers and witnesses to Christ's love, strength, and hope?

Peace,
Pastor Joel



August 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	Church Office Closed	1
2 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	3 10:00 am Executive Council	4 6:00pm Fellowship/Outreach 7:00pm Committee Night	5	6 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	7 Church Office Closed	8
9 POP PANTRY SUNDAY 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	10	11 9:00am Quilts for Kids 	12	13 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	14 Church Office Closed	15
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