



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Newsletter**

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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Christ's grace and strength be with you as we enter the month of September. The Spokane wildfires ravaged our neighborhoods and the lives of people we know, love and care for. You might be one of those people still dealing with the aftermath. There are no easy words or platitudes to offer as so many people have lost their homes, sense of security and continue to deal with not only cleaning and recovery, but the sense of loss and grief.

Many times, September brings a sense of new beginnings with school starting back up and new and old routines that in some ways bring a sense of normalcy and excitement. That is true for many people.

Yet this September, also involves a lot of grief, pain and loss. Many people continue dealing with the devastation, disruption, and ongoing struggles with the response and recovery process from the wildfires.

The people of Prince of Peace, you and I, continue gathering together around God's living Word, remembering your Baptism and the Holy Meal of Christ's body and blood. Through God's provision and power you are making a positive difference in the lives of our congregation, neighborhoods and community!

As we share the story of God's love in, with and for our community, we continue to listen and discern how God calls us to be the hands of feet of Jesus right now and in the days and months ahead.

Christ leads the way and we follow and respond to our God who meets us in our questions, loss, grief and pain, while also providing hope, help, and compassion in Christ's name.

The apostle Paul encourages and instructs the church in Phillipi and now us as present day followers:

"If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender

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POP Pantry Needs For September

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 "POP Pantry" and a
volunteer will do the shopping for you!

Thoughts From The Council President

Wow, I'm almost at a loss for words - after the wrathful act of one person many lives have been changed forever. The loss of one's entire house leaves a huge gaping hole in our hearts. Such devastation brings out emotions that many of us have never had to experience. How we react to a tragedy can make a huge difference in our lives and those around us. With Gods grace and steadfast love we will come out of this stronger and appreciative of the blessings in our lives. I am in awe of all the agencies, businesses, friends and families that are stepping up to help all those who have lost much. We give thanks for these "angels" among us who are there just when they are needed. The outpouring of support from our members is also truly heartwarming. It is during these times of turmoil that we can live out our purpose statement: God's purpose for Prince of Peace is to share the story of Gods Love in, with and for the Community." Thanks be to God.

Blessings to each of you.

Susan

INSURANCE MESSAGE: During the weekend of the Old Trails Fire, our Insurance Company, Church Mutual sent a team of Wildfire Defense Services out to our property to see if we were in need of any debris removal or brush clean up around of building. Their report back to our Marketing person was that Prince of Peace is so well taken care of they did not need to do anything! I want to thank **EVERYONE** who has religiously been involved with the maintenance of our entire Property, in and out. A huge shout out to Bernie, for being the leader who gets the project done or finds the necessary people accomplish the task! Thanks to everyone and Good Job. Susan Ames as reported to her from Sharon Gill Rogers our Marketing Liaison from Church Mutual

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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, September 19, 2026

POP Fellowship Hall

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

Serving You This Month

September	Altar Guild Communion	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
6	Sue Parrish	Holly Christoff			Joe Rock	Education Committee
13	Holly Christoff	Randy Holland			Paul & Sue Parrish	Tamura
20	Sue Parrish	Mike Sanborn	Ames			
27	Jan Gilliam		Renford		John & Peggy Renford	

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, September 6

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11
 Psalm: 119:33-40
 2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-14
 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 13

1st Reading: Genesis 50:15-21
 Psalm: 103:1-13
 2nd Reading: Roman 14:1-12
 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35



Sunday, September 20

1st Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11
 Psalm: 145:1-8
 2nd Reading: Philippians 1:21-30
 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

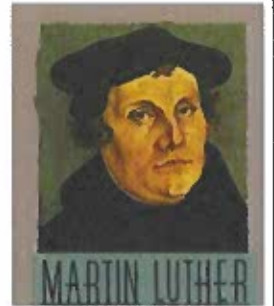
Sunday, September 27

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32
 Psalm: 25:1-9
 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-13
 Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Sept 2- Pete Bauernfeind Sept 6- Randy Holland Sept 8- Joene Liezen Sept 14- Michelle Slider Sept 15- Matt Liezen Sept 18- Paulla Lalley Sept 22- Susan Ames Pam Carlson Sept 23- Karen Bauernfeind	Sept 14- Mel & Pam Nebelsieck Sept 16- Paul & Sue Parrish Sept 18- Jerry & Bernie Webster Sept 21- John & Peggy Renford Sept 22- Kim & Diane Floyd 

News from POP

Luther's Prayers



Dear God, you do say through your beloved Son: Blessed are they who hear God's Word. O merciful and eternal God, it would be better for us gladly to call you blessed and to praise and thank you for having made yourself known to us miserable ones in such a friendly and fatherly way. You speak to us of the greatest and the highest things, which are eternal life and blessedness. You do not fail to call us graciously through your Son to hear your Word when he says: Blessed are they who hear God's Word and keep it. We are dust and ashes and stand in need of your word a thousand times more than you need hearers. O how inexpressibly wonderful and great are your goodness and patience! And how pitiful is the thanklessness and total blindness of those who not only fail to hear your word but also maliciously despise persecute, and blaspheme it. O God, the Father of all poor, forlorn souls, grant all of us your grace and enlighten us with your truth. Praise, honor, and thanks be to you throughout eternity. Amen.



If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend church due to illness, and would like to receive communion, please call the church office at {509} 465-0779

You're Invited to our Open House!

Sunday, September 6

"Let the little children come to me" (Matthew 19:14)

We are excited to invite you to stop by and see our newly revamped Toddler Sunday School room. This special space has been refreshed with our young children in mind, and we would love for you to take a look, celebrate the update, and share in our joy as we continue nurturing the youngest members of our church family.

This is just the beginning, the room is ready, and the stories and crafts are waiting. Now all we need is you. Please consider giving your time just once a month to help plant the seeds of faith in our young ones.

We hope you will join us at the Open House as we give thanks for this refreshed room and the children who will learn, play, and grow there.

Karen Chaffins and Sue Parrish

Financial Update

Galatians 6:2 states, "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." The explanation for this verse reminds us that helping others with their struggles is part of following Jesus, and that supporting one another shows his love in practical ways. The fires of August 1 certainly put the message of this verse into motion. Thank you for your commitment to our community and to Prince of Peace. As I mentioned on Sunday, August 23, we know we are asking a lot of everyone. Your incredible level of response and willingness to help have not gone unnoticed.

We have several events being organized for you to continue giving to the community, and we strongly encourage your participation in these upcoming outreach activities. In addition, we are currently planning our annual stewardship for November.

Thank you again for helping others during this very difficult time.

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.*

September- Hope

Verse: *"We have this hope as a sure and steadfast anchor for the soul, firm and secure."* — Hebrews 6:19

Question: What truth about God has been an anchor for you lately?

CHURCH COUNCIL

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!



Our church is entering an important time of transition, and we need members willing to step forward and serve on Church Council starting in 2027. Several Council positions will be open, including President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These are important roles, but they are not meant to be carried out by just a few people. Our church belongs to ALL of us, and its future depends on members being willing to share their time, talents and ideas. Please prayerfully consider serving on Council and feel free to talk with a current Council member or Pastor.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! For your tremendous response and generosity in keeping our POP Pantry stocked. Currently, we are replenishing the pantry at least twice a day. Please keep the donations coming; we could especially use personal hygiene and toiletries for both men and women.





SPOKANE FIRE RELIEF

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After the smoke clears and the firefighters and outside resources have left our neighborhood. The needs of those affected by the wildfire will not simply disappear. Right now, many fire victims and evacuees simply do not have anywhere to store donations at this time. For many families, October may mark the beginning of a long and difficult journey of rebuilding their homes, their finances and simply, their lives. As a congregation, our plans are to focus on offering practical help to impacted families in October.

Our current ideas include:

- Hosting the 2nd Harvest Mobile Market
- Hold a benefit concert in association with a local charity or outreach group
- Host a coat, mittens, gloves, socks, boots/shoe drive before winter
- Expand our POP Tree of Sharing to include Indian Trail and Woodridge Elementary Schools, Flett and Salk Middle Schools and North Central and Shadle High Schools.

These will be BIG undertakings and will require all of us to offer our time and resources to make them happen. These are opportunities for Prince of Peace to show our support for our community and to put our mission into action by "sharing the story of God's love in, with, and for the community."

How do I apply for a Thrivent action card?

One way to help with Wildfire Relief efforts is to apply for a Thrivent Community Impact Card (part of a Thrivent Action Team grant), eligible Thrivent members can submit an online application through the [Thrivent Action Teams Portal](#). The application takes about 5 to 10 minutes, providing up to \$250 in seed money for approved volunteer projects.

How to Apply

- **Log In:** Go to the Thrivent Action Teams page and sign in with your member username and password.
- **Share Project Details:** Fill out your volunteer project idea, proposed date, and community goal. (Ex: POP Food Pantry; POP Wildfire Relief Efforts; POP Tree of Sharing)
- **Order Promotional Items:** Select free promotional supplies like T-shirts or thank-you cards to include in your action kit.
- **Wait for Approval:** Review is fast, and once approved, your kit and pre-paid community impact card arrive by mail.

Requirements

- Must be a benefit member or associate member of Thrivent aged 16 or older.
 - Project must involve other volunteers and benefit the community.
- Purchases must go directly toward project supplies (not personal reimbursement).

The logo for Thrivent, featuring the word "thrivent" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter "t" at the end of the word is stylized with a red heart shape integrated into its vertical stroke.



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 now!!

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Bible Study: 9:30am Wednesday, September 2, 2026



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, September 8, 2026



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesdays, September 22 & 29, 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



October 10, 2026
at The Boxcar Room
(116 W Pacific Avenue, Spokane, WA)

Hope grows stronger when we gather.

Mark your calendar for Gathered for Good, our annual luncheon celebrating the power of community, compassion, and shared purpose.

Join fellow church members, faith partners, and community supporters for an inspiring afternoon as we come together to strengthen the programs that bring health, justice, and hope to children, families, and individuals across our region.



Questions? Call us at (509) 343-5060



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 padddle 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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affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:1-3, NRSVUE).

The comfort of Christ and the the partnership in the Holy Spirit have been evident through you, providing essential items, money, and your time to help, support, listen and serve those in need! As members of the Body of Christ, we will continue to reach out, to listen, to discern how God is calling us to embody Christ's strength, compassion, understanding, and grace as we respond in many and various ways.

The Executive and full Council are planning for Prince of Peace to host the 2nd Harvest Mobile Market later in the Fall. The Tree of Sharing will be expanded and look to meet the needs of families and individuals with needs for the Winter.

As we move into the Fall, we'll also learn and grow as disciples of Jesus. WELCA Bible Study starts up again on Wednesday, September 1st. Men's Bible Study and Breakfast starts up the 3rd Saturday in September and Thursday Bible Study meets at Riverview Retirement Community every Thursday at 1 PM. Confirmation classes will begin Sunday, September 21st after Sunday Worship. Confirmation youth grades 6th to 8th are invited to participate.

The task force working with Living the Resurrection meets again on Saturday, August 29th to work on the next phase of the mission and vision planning for Prince of Peace. We are reminded of God's faithfulness in the midst of loss, grief, frustration, and uncertainty. The prophet Jeremiah spoke to God's people while they were in the midst of disaster, disruption, and disorientation. God's people saw the reality on the ground and in the midst of the struggle and loss, God's messenger Jeremiah spoke, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV). For many people, the signs of hope might be fleeting or non-existent right now, yet in the meantime, God's Holy Spirit continues to stir, continues to nudge, continues to speak to us and through us as Christ's messengers, sharing the compassion, care, and hope of the Lord as we walk alongside others in these challenging and grace filled times.

Peace,

Pastor Joel



CARITAS FOOD BANK

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WALK FOR A BUCK

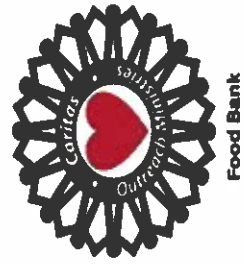
ALL SEPTEMBER

If you and your friends walk daily would you consider donating a dollar for every mile you walk? Keep track of your miles and put away a dollar for each mile you walked and at the end of the month donate the total \$\$ to Caritas FB.

If interested please submit your name at staff@caritasoutreachministries.org

The walker with the largest donation will have an opportunity to select from dinner certificates, camping equipment etc...

These fundraisers are in leu of our silent auction that we are not having this year.



September 2026

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