



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

From Pastor Joel Skindlov

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What does it mean to be Lutheran? What is a Lutheran, anyway? October marks the commemoration of the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther, a monk, preacher, and professor, posted the 95 theses in order to help correct and instruct the medieval church's teachings that you needed to earn God's grace and favor. Since 1517, Lutherans, one of the branches of the Christian tree, has continued to share both the truth of our lives and the gift of God's empowering and freeing grace that allows us the freedom to love God and care for our neighbor.

One of the results of Martin Luther's movement was to reform and renew the church and continual look toward God's Word, the Bible, the person of Jesus Christ as Lord and the living Word, and the gift of the Holy Spirit that equips us to share the story of Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension in ways that connect with people. The message remains the same, but the methods, strategies and venues offer rich soil to continue helping folks from every age and stage of life to encounter the living Christ in their lives and our life together.

As we continue listening and responding to the call of the Holy Spirit, Christ continues to lead us amid the many changes and challenges we face, both as individuals and community. From my perspective, a person who lives their life in a Lutheran "key" lives from the gift of God's grace, given to us freely, generously, sufficiently, and graciously. God does not wait for us to get our act together or think, dress, or do certain things.

Instead, Christ comes to us, through the Bible, through conversations, through prayer, through the gift of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and living out our Christian

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POP Pantry Needs For October

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

As I sit at my Computer and realize we are approaching Fall very fast and 2026 is coming to an end! October brings much excitement of fun and fellowship during our annual Craft Fair and Bazaar. Much preparation and many hours go into the planning of this event and I encourage each of you to help make it a huge success once again this year. Proceeds go to help many organizations keeping in mind, our mission of serving those in need.

During the past month or so we sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness." I keep singing (in my head), especially the last verse "Pardon for Sin and a Peace that endureth, Thine own presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside - Great is Thy Faithfulness, all that I have needed thy hand has provided - Great is Thy Faithfulness". These words are a reflection on God's unchanging nature, constant reliability and daily provision through every season of life and remind us of the Lords forgiveness of sin, giving us inner peace, daily strength and hope for a better tomorrow.

I pray we experience this strength and hope looking forward through the end of the year. As I had mentioned back in my first message, 2026 is the Year of Courage.

I continue to pray for the Courage to continue our Mission at Prince of Peace. God called us here and God is standing with us.

Blessings to you all. Susan

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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, October 24, 2026

POP Fellowship Hall

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

Serving You This Month

October	Altar Guild Communion	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
4	Susan Ames	Holly Christoff	Sanborn	John Renford & Ami Elliott	Joe Rock & Doug Elliott	Tamura
11	Ginny Zimmerman		Elliott			Council
18	Holly Christoff	Rebecca Hendrickson	Fernan			Surprise!
25	Rebecca Hendrickson	Rod Tamura			John & Peggy Renford	

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, October 4

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: 80:7-15

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 11

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm: 23

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



Sunday, October 18

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm: 96:1-13

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 25

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: 46

2nd Reading: Romans 3:19-28

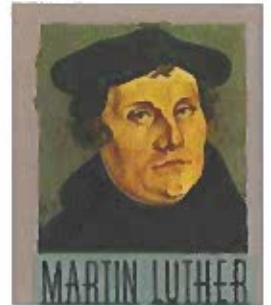
Gospel: John 8:31-36



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

News from POP

Luther's Prayers



O dear Lord, God and Father, enter not into judgement against us because no person living is justified before you. Do not count it against us as a sin that we are so unthankful for you ineffable goodness, spiritual and physical, or that we stray into sin many times every day, more often that we can know or recognize, Psalm 19:12. Do not look upon how good or how wicked we have been but onl upon the infinite compassion which you have bestowed upon us in Christ, you dear Son. Amen.

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Oct 1- Jan Gilliam Oct 6- McKenzie Elliott Oct 11- Melissa Skindlov Oct 12- Linda Fernan Pastor Joel Oct 14- Evelyn Heider Oct 16- Lynne Jacobsen Oct 21- Mel Nebelsieck Oct 25- Earl Smith Oct 26- Stephanie Perreiah Oct 27- Sharri Polikowsky Oct 30- Bernie Polikowsky	Oct 1- Rod & Marie Tamura Oct 3- Mike & Susan Sanborn Oct 18- Dave & Lindy Moeller  A cluster of colorful fireworks in red, blue, green, and yellow, exploding upwards.

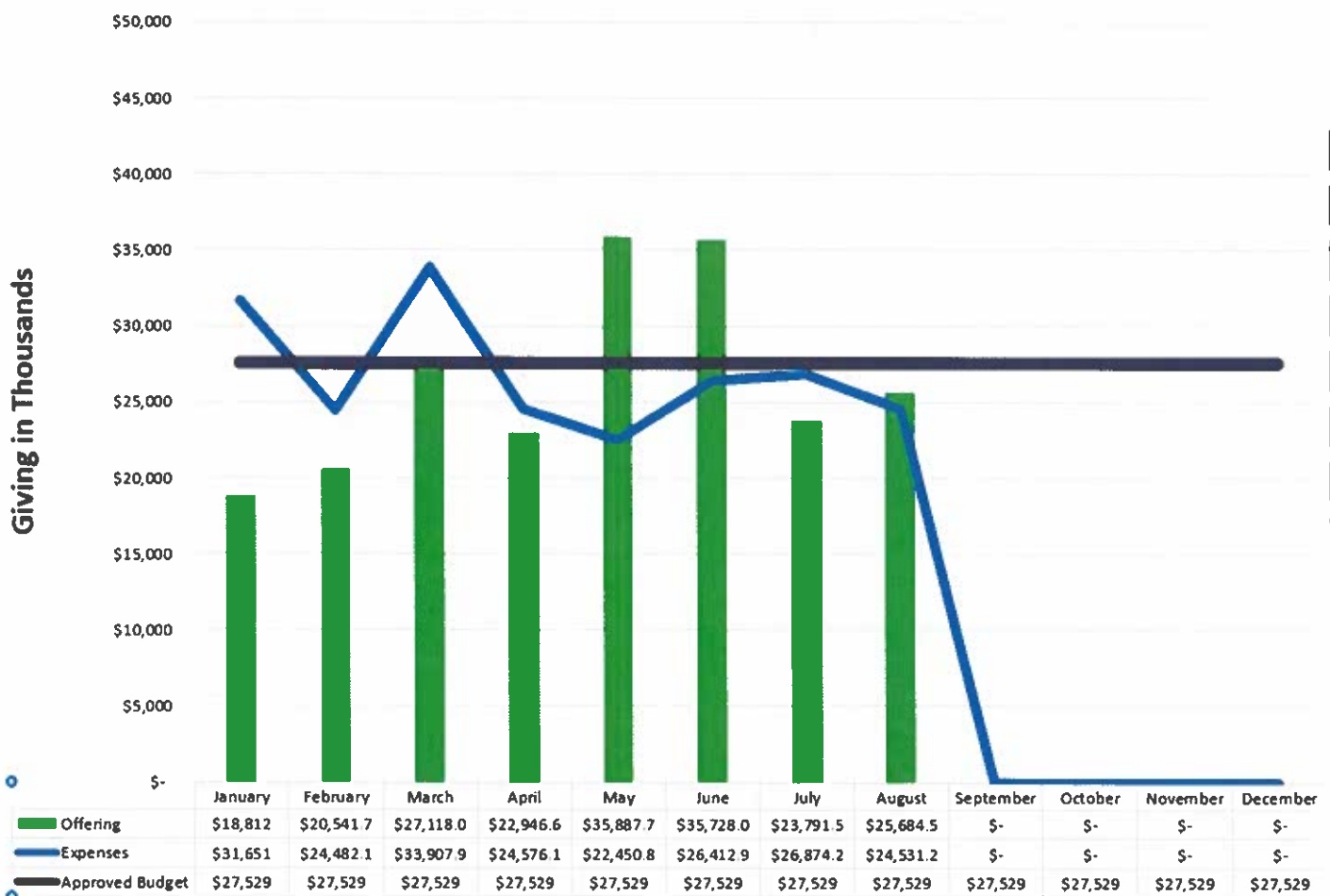
Financial Update

Thank you for your continued support of Prince of Peace. We cannot successfully serve our community without the time and talents each of you offers. Every member plays a vital role in keeping our church active and engaged in our neighborhood.

As you can see from the chart, our monthly giving and expenses continue to fluctuate. We have started working on the 2027 Budget. The Council will host Fellowship along with a Bare Bones Budget meeting on Sunday, October 11. We invite you to attend for a preview of our 2027 Budget as you consider your pledge for 2027. Please note that it may become necessary to hire a paid treasurer should a volunteer not surface, as I will not be continuing in this role.

Thank you again for your generosity.

2026 Monthly Giving



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.*

October- Community/Fellowship

Verse: *"Let us consider how to stir up one another on to love and good deeds."* — Hebrews 10:24

Question: Who has inspired you to live out your faith more boldly?

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."

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.

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 is red, while the rest of the letters are black.



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, October 7, 2026



Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, October 13, 2026



Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesday, October 27, 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 paddple 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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faith in our daily life.

Lutherans come from many different cultures, upbringings, ways of seeing and being in the world. Christians in a Lutheran "key" see the world as it is and also trust that God in Christ continues to work in our lives in the here and now, and promises to comfort and care for us in the life eternal.

Two passages that come to mind, for me, are Ephesians 2:8-10, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them" (NRSVUE).

The other verse comes from Galatians 5:13-15, "It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom." (The Message).

Christ's self-giving love on the cross grants us access to that same self-giving love and care. It includes ourselves and other folks around us. God chooses us, has chosen you and gifted you to serve as a light in the world!

Let me know your questions and the goals and dreams that God is putting on your heart and mind. As we enter the Fall and Winter season, we will be expanding our Tree of Sharing. The ministry will help families affected by the wildfires and families in need. Stay tuned for more information.

God grant us the strength, grace, and courage to continue living out Christ's love and care toward one another and the world God loves so much!

Peace,

Pastor Joel



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Upcoming October Dates

- Thursday, October 1-Lefse Mixing
- Friday, October 2- Lefse Baking
- Wednesday, October 7-Bean soup mixing/packaging following Women's Bible Study
- Sunday, October 11- Pre Budget Presentation following worship service
- Friday, October 16-9am Craft Fair Set Up
- Saturday, October 17- 9am-3pm POP Craft Fair
- Saturday, October 24-7am Men's Breakfast

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Lefse Mixing 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	2 Lefse Baking Church Office Closed	3
4 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	5 5:00pm Executive Council	6 6:00pm Fellowship/Outreach 7:00pm Committee Night	7 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	8 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	9 Church Office Closed	10
11 POP PANTRY SUNDAY 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane " PRE BUDGET MEETING	12	13 9:00am Quilts for Kids 	14 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	15 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	16 Church Office Closed	17 POP Arts & Craft Fair 9am-3pm
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