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From Pastor Joel Skindlov

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Blessed November to you! The leaves changing colors, the temperatures cooling off and the daylight hours lessen, God promises to be with us in every season of our lives. All Saint's Sunday gives us pause to grieve and remember the dearly departed and lean on Christ's promise of everlasting life and the continuation of God's activity, through us, to love and bless the world.

Where does November find you? Overwhelmed by your schedule, preparing for Thanksgiving and the holidays? Keeping your head down as you engage in the daily schedule of work, friends, and family? November marks both the ending and beginning of the church year.

Sunday, November 22nd, commemorates Christ the King or the Reign of Christ, as we are reminded that Jesus' Lordship continues to reveal God's power and work through self-giving love, sacrifice, and service. The apostle Paul proclaims, "[20]God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all" (Ephesians 1:20-23, NRSVUE).

The end of the church year reminds followers of Jesus that Christ's power, majesty, honor and glory are revealed in both his suffering death and glorious resurrection.

Jesus does not skip over suffering, tragedy, agonizing waiting, isolation or weariness. Christ enters into our pain and joys, sorrows and celebrations, offering God's presence to redeem, renew, and restore our lives and world as we watch, wait and participate in Jesus' rule on earth as it is in heaven.

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POP Pantry Needs For November

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 of at the office in an envelope, marked "POP Pantry" and a volunteer will do the shopping for you!

Thoughts From The Council President

Welcome to November, which signifies many things. First in my mind is the celebration of Thanksgiving. My heart overflows with gratitude not just for the abundance of food on our tables, but for the unfailing grace of our Heavenly Father. It's a time to gather and give thanks for all the blessings we share. I pray that your Thanksgiving be filled with his Peace, the warmth of family, friends and the joyful assurance that you are deeply loved by God.

2nd thought of November is of course Stewardship. We have our annual Stewardship Drive, which begins on Sunday November 8th this year. In the **(ELCA)**, stewardship is defined as the mindful, cruciform (cross-centered) management of God's abundance, grounded in the free and abundant love and grace received through Christ. We are asked to offer a pledge of our financial commitment for the coming year. In addition we can also complete the Time and Talent sheets that give us the opportunity to volunteer to help during the year on various committees.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and generous support of Prince of Peace. Your Tithes, time and prayers make a direct impact on our ministry.

"I'm thankful for you today and always. Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with love and laughter."

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

Saturday, November 21, 2026

POP Fellowship Hall

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

Serving You This Month

November	Altar Guild Communion Servers	Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers	Media	Ushers	Fellowship
1	Rebecca Hendrickson	Cliff Hendrickson	Elliott	John Renford & Ami Elliott	Joe Rock & Doug Elliott	Renford
8	Holly Christoff	Rebecca Hendrickson		Bernie Polikowsky		Potluck
15	Jan Gilliam	Susan Ames		Bernie Polikowsky		
22	Marie Tamura	Randy Holland	Golden	Matt Christoff	John & Peggy Renford	Gilliam
29	Ginny Zimmerman	Holly Christoff		Bernie Polikowsky		Elliott

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, November 1
1st Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm: 34:1-10,22
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, November 8
1st Reading: Amos 5:18-24
Psalm: 70
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 15
1st Reading: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
Psalm: 90:1-12
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

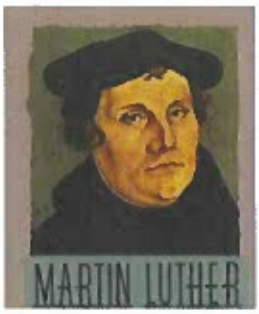
Sunday, November 22
1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24
Psalm: 95:1-7a
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, November 29
1st Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm: 80:1-7,17-19
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

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



Dear God, I am a poor and offensive person. Who am I that my soul is named the bride of God, and the Son of God its bridegroom? The eternal Majesty has condescended to come into my poor flesh and blood and truly unite himself with me. This is an honor not even bestowed upon the angels in heaven. From head to foot I am full of pollution, corruption, leprosy, sin, and offense before God. How then can I be considered his beloved, and be one in body with the high, eternal, glorious Majesty? Since you want it so, oh be praised and thanked in all eternity.
Amen.

Birthdays

November 4- Ami Elliott
November 7- Mary Froscheiser
November 15- Mary Golden
November 17- Harper Skindlov
Hannah Skindlov
November 18- Jon Heimbigner
November 21- Kim Floyd
November 26- Jacob Basgal
November 29- Holly Christoff

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.*

November — Prayer

Verse: *"Have no anxiety about anything... but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."* — Philippians 4:6

Question: What worry are you learning to release to God through prayer?

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 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.

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As we head into the holiday season we want to keep our neighbors effected by the fire in our prayers. This will be a difficult celebration for them, missing their homes, traditions that are lost and neighbors they are separated from this year.

We are supporting them by:

- Our **POP Tree of Sharing** providing gifts to students from Indian Trail Elementary and their siblings at the middle schools and high schools. We have received a grant from the Synod that should allow us to have a gift card for each family. We will continue to support Cooper Elementary with the Tree of Sharing , also.

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."

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.

Upcoming November Events

- **Stewardship Sunday — November 8**

Stewardship packets will be available for pickup on November 8. Please review the materials and prayerfully select a pledge amount that is right for you.

- **Congregational Potluck — November 8**

Join us for a congregational potluck after worship. Please bring a dish to share.

- **Tree of Sharing- November 15**

The Tree of Sharing will be up with tags ready to be taken. This year will be supporting Indian Trail Elementary families who were extremely effected by the Old Trails Fire and Cooper Elementary. **Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 13th.**

- **Pledge Sunday — November 15**

Please return your pledge card and Time & Talent sheet to the church by Sunday, November 15. Your pledge will help us finalize the 2027 budget.

- **Praise & Pie—November 25**

On Wednesday, November 25, please come and enjoy some pre-Thanksgiving worship and pie at 7pm.

- **Decorate the Sanctuary- November 29**

Following Worship Service, lets prepare the sanctuary for the season of Advent!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who help make crafts, set up and work the craft fair!! Always a huge outreach to our community!

Women of the ELCA

Bible Study: 9:30am Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Quilts for Kids: 9:00 am Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Charity Quilters: 9:00 am Tuesday, November 17, 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

SPOKANE YOUNG LIFE INVITES YOU TO

OUR CITY, OUR KIDS

YOUNG LIFE'S NIGHT OF HOPE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026 | 6:30 PM

HEMMINGSON BALLROOM AT GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

Featuring premiere magician, Ty Gallenbeck

Join us for a fun and inspiring evening as we celebrate what God is doing through Young Life in our community.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT(S) HERE

The Sunflower Project: A gift to the victims of the Old Trail, Autumn Lane Fire known as the Spokane Complex Fires

I am writing to local churches to help get the word out about my efforts for gifting the survivors and fire victims and wanted to share this initiative with a wider community. I need your help to connect with those who would benefit. The only way for the recipients to find me is for people to spread the word for me and help them to find the project. My passion as a fine arts painter extends beyond creating meaningful works to fostering hope through The Sunflower Project. Sunflowers carry a beautiful lore, symbolizing hope and resilience, qualities that inspired me to start this project. Through these paintings, I aim to bring comfort and optimism to those facing hardship while celebrating the enduring power of creative expression. I am also asking your church and your parishioners to pray for the project, to take a special weekly moment and openly pray that my project is successful. This project will take me at least a year to complete. By requesting a special moment of prayer each week, the project should be covered with the Lord's blessings, and the victims will feel that they have not been forgotten, not even one of them. I am inviting you to be a part of my project through prayer. Below is the link to The Sunflower Project page on my website. There you can see new artworks added to the gallery as I paint them. If you are curious about free art classes to the disenfranchised, that is also on my website. That project is entitled The Seven Sisters Project. Directions for receiving an artwork are on the webpage.

Thank you

Cecile Grace Charles, artist

https://www.cecilegracecharles.com/the-sunflower-project

https://www.cecilegracecharles.com/seven-sisters

Blessings, Cecile

This reality is here and now for us, yet does not see it's full fulfillment until Christ's second coming. In the meantime, we are Christ's body, enacting and embodying Jesus' mission to bear witness to Christ in word and deed and serving those around us. We watch and wait and participate in God's kingdom, God's way of working through the world, through humans, through people like you and I.

We reflect the light of Christ in our lives as we continue into Fall. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus continues teaching his disciples about the good, challenging, and "ordinary" work of feeding, caring for, visiting the sick, those in prison, and people in need. Jesus, in Matthew chapter 25 continues painting pictures of God's rule, of the way Jesus works in our lives and our world.

In Matthew 25:34-40, Jesus reveals the amazement of meeting Christ in people we might least expect, " [34]Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:34-40, NRSVUE).

Your acts of care, love, attention, and support make a difference! They make an impact, even when it might not seem like it. It seems the "righteous", in the story from Matthew's gospel, were going along with their daily work and tasks and were surprised that when feeding the hungry, clothing people, making quilts, donating items to victims of the fires, listening and responding to the hurt, the lost, lonely or imprisoned, you encounter the living Christ.

God's majesty enters into the grocery store visit, giving a person a ride to an appointment, caring for family and friends, your daily job, and many more ways! Thank you for sharing of your time, talent and resources! Your work and witness in Christ make a difference and reveals the presence of Jesus!

Peace,

Pastor Joel

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).

November 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	2 9:00am PS Chapel	3 9:00am PS Chapel 4:00 pm Praise Group 6:00pm Fellowship/Outreach 7:00pm Committee Night	4 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	5 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	6 Church Office Closed	7
8 POP PANTRY SUNDAY 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane " 	9 5:00pm Executive Council	10 9:00am Quilts for Kids 4:00 pm Praise Group 	11 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir	12 1:00pm Bible Study @ Riverview	13 Church Office Closed	14
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22 9:30am Worship Streamed on Facebook at "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Spokane "	23	24 4:00 pm Praise Group	25 6:15pm Men's Choir 7:00pm Adult Choir 	26 Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving	27	28
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