

## Spokane County Sheriff Chaplaincy

## **April 2024 Newsletter**

**Lead Chaplain**Robert Kinnune

**Deputy Lead Chaplain**Garry Losey

**Senior Chaplain**Jake Burkholder

#### **Chaplains**

Rochelle Renninger Ryan Stemkoski Joe Fruci David Losey Jaylynn Lawrence \* Marilyn Salmon \* Steve Beck \*

#### **Support Team**

Yvonne Losey Christy Fiske Renee Townsley Mike Fiske

\* Currently Probationary Chaplains in training

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# **Sheriff Chaplain's Corner "GOD CARES"**

We live in a world torn by distress and full of worry, concerned about what might happen in our lives and the lives of our loved ones and friends. Deuteronomy 31:6 states, "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." What a promise for God to give us, hope not only for today but for every day that is coming in the future. God always goes before us to watch over us. He gives us an example of His care in the story of the European water spider, which I found on the internet author unknown.

"The European water spider lives at the bottom of the lake, but it breathes air. This amazing creature does a somersault on the surface of the water, catches a bubble of air, holds it over the breathing holes in the middle of its body while it swims to the bottom of the lake, and spins a silk web among the seaweed. Then it ascends and brings down bubble after bubble until a little balloon of air is formed where it can live and eat and mate. Its brain is about the size of the head of a straight pin. We properly draw a lesson from such an astonishing technology about God's creative wonder, but let's not miss an even more important point. If God is so concerned to provide for spiders, how can we doubt that He will take care of us.

In Matthew 6:25-26 we are told, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

In 2 Kings 6:8-17, we find the story of the King of Syria who sent an army to capture Elisha because Elisha was interfering with his desire to

capture the King of Israel. Elisha's servant saw the Assyrian army and was afraid and so Elisha asked God to open his servant's eyes and when he did and the servant saw heavenly host surrounding the Assyrian army to protect His son Elisha. God never forsakes His children.

The last part of Matthew 20:28 says this, "And behold I am with you always, even to the end of the age." God will never leave us or forsake us. God will always be there in our time of need if we call on Him with all our Heart.

#### Deputy Lead Chaplain Garry Losey



#### Chaplain Garry Promoted to Deputy Lead Chaplain!

Some exciting news! As our Spokane County Sheriff Chaplaincy expands so does our leadership team. Chaplain Garry was recently promoted to Deputy Lead Chaplain and will have a variety of wide ranging leadership duties, including overseeing our ministry efforts at the Spokane Valley Police Department. When you see him out and about, please join us in congratulating him. Halleluiah!



The Spokane County Sheriff Chaplaincy cordially invites you to:

#### The Knock At The Door!

Fellowship Dinner- 5:30 P.M. Presentation - 6:15 P.M.

Spokane Valley Adventist Church 1601 S. Sullivan Rd. Spokane Valley, WA 99037

The Story of How a Nation Honors the Fallen & Their Families With Tools & Insights For Care During Crisis, Trauma & Loss!

**Speaker:** Chaplain (Lt. Col.-Ret.) John C. Wheatley, Ed.D., AAPC, ACPE Deployed to Pentagon on '9-11' rescue and recovery mission and a Liberty University instructor.

#### **Support the Chaplaincy** with Payroll Deductions

Are you a Spokane County employee? Did you know you can support the chaplaincy and our mission to support our Deputies and community members automatically with payroll deductions? Learn more and sign-up online:

https://scsochaplains.org/payroll-deduction/







#### Two New Chaplains Added to the Team!

We are also excited to welcome two new chaplains to our team. Chaplain Steve and Chaplain Marilyn We asked each why they felt called to the chaplaincy:

"I have always wanted to be used by God to bring comfort to those who are hurting. When my family and I moved back to Spokane after spending more than 10 years as overseas missionaries, I felt the nudging of the Holy Spirit to become a chaplain. I am looking forward to this new ministry opportunity and I am excited to see how God will use me to support the deputies and the people they work with." - Ch Steve Beck



The care in the work of chaplaincy is so important. It serves as a bridge to those experiencing difficult times to bring hope and peace. My why is to ease the way by the power of the Holy Spirit of those suffering. My prayer is to bring a sense of calm while sorting out difficult issues with those affected by tragedy. My privilege as a Critical Care nurse has afforded me the ability to be at the bedside of those individuals and their families that are working through some of the most difficult times of their lives. What an honor to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a whole different space. - Ch Marilyn S.

## Talk to a Chaplain

Whether you're an officer, county employee, community member, or just need someone to talk to, our chaplain team is here for you.

- 24x7 Support Spiritual
- Guidance & Referrals
- Pastoral Counseling
- Conversation
- Crisis Intervention
- Weddings & Funerals

### **Supporter of the Month**



Valley Assembly Church in Spokane Valley

We are grateful to Pastor Kent Mankins and his congregation for their generous support to the Chaplaincy mission.



