



Spokane County Sheriff Chaplaincy

December 2025 Newsletter

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Sheriff Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Clade Clarke

If it was not for God's gift of love... all our hope is in you.

John 3:16 ESV 16 *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*

As I think about this time of year, the journey takes me through Thanksgiving, which leads to the Advent season, Hanukkah, and Christmastime. I find myself thinking more about John 3:16 and a song by Chris Tomlin titled Jesus Messiah. Both the scripture and the song point to the thought that if it were not for God's love, we would be totally at loss in this world. In life, we have physical signs of love. I know my wife loves me because she tells me and shows me signs of affection. Same with my children, my grandchildren, and even my colleagues and friends. With them, we have the words and the warm hug, a gift from someone special in our lives, that becomes a comfort and assurance of love. But do you know you are loved by God?

The Apostle John reminds us of the gift of love in the first part of John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."* that God's love is immense and a sacrificial love. God's love is beyond physical love, straight to an unconditional agape love—God's love. This love is more than a feeling. God always has and always will love you, no stipulations, no strings attached. God's love is eternal, no matter what you have done or will do. The second half of the scripture, *"...that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life,"* completes the gift of love in an agape relationship that is unconditional. Pieces of Chris Tomlin's song, *"He became sin who knew no sin. That we might become His righteousness. He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing, Love so amazing... Jesus messiah, name above all names, Blessed redeemer, Lord of all... all our hope is in you... the light of the world."* (Tomlin 2008)

God did give his son because he so loved us. There is no less, no more you need to do. It is a relationship God gives us. God gave this gift through His son, Jesus, the Messiah, Emmanuel. We must accept and believe. God's goal in this for you is to offer His salvation of eternal hope. It is blind faith that we

fully trust and believe that God loves you. With the gift of love that we receive, we, in turn, are responsible for sharing that agape love with all around us. Sharing that love by our personal testimony of faith and trust in the God who so loves us through His son.

We pray: God our Father. God the Son. God the Holy Spirit. As we receive your agape love that you gave us through your Son, we know by faith and the hope that we are a child of the Most High God. Help us to impart this love to a world that needs the light. We thank you for giving the Gift of love to me, to us. If it was not for God's gift of love... all our hope is in you...

Come Join Us!

Annual Christmas Wreath Laying Ceremony - Monday 12/22 @ 11am



The Spokane Law Enforcement Museum's "Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Project" Committee will be dedicating a Christmas Wreath for our 2nd Annual Christmas Wreath Laying Ceremony on Monday, December 22, 2025, at 11 a.m., to ***honor and remember all our Washington State Law Enforcement Officers who have died*** in the line of duty! The public is invited to a brief ceremony at 1100 W. Mallon Avenue in front of the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Undersheriff Kevin Richey and Chief Kevin Hall will present the wreath as our SCSO Chaplains and SPD Chaplains offer a prayer of remembrance.

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Are you a Spokane County employee? Did you know you can support the chaplaincy and our mission? Learn more and sign-up online:

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



Welcome Chaplain Cade Clarke

Chaplain Cade Clarke relocated to the Spokane/ Lincoln County area in 2016. He pastored and headed a food bank ministry in a rural church in Harrington, Washington, for nine years. He has been a bivocational pastor for over 35 years. He has been a butcher, a baker, but not a candlestick maker. He has pastored in Indiana, Illinois, and Colorado Springs, Colorado. He has been a hospital and hospice chaplain in the places he has lived and pastored. He has a Pastoral Ministry and Leadership and Ethics degree from Nazarene Bible College.



In November 2024, Cade stepped out of full-time ministry to pursue an online seminary degree in Hospital Chaplaincy. Over the last two years, he began to pray about being a police chaplain. With colleagues and friends in police and hospital chaplaincy in the area, they began to counsel and pray with him. He went online to the Spokane County Sheriff's Chaplains page and filled out the questionnaire in pursuit of following a call to be a pastor to the law enforcement community. In August 2025, he joined the Spokane County Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy, and Chaplain Cade graduated from the First Responders Chaplain Academy.

Chaplain Cade has been married to his wife, Bonnee, for almost 30 years, and they have faithfully served in ministry together. He has an adult daughter, son, and two grandchildren. Chaplain Cade and his family are relocating to the Spokane County area this spring. He enjoys his family time and his church. They like to hike and pursue outdoor activities.



Previous Month's Action Report

12

Chaplains

3

Support Staff

18

Callouts

1,384

Volunteer Hours

5

Ride-Alongs



Holiday & Heroes

By Marilyn Van Tassel

Another successful "Holiday and Heroes" 2025. Thank you to everyone who stepped up and took a child or two to ensure every child was covered for this year's event. Every child I saw and talked to was having a great time.

It is great that our community comes together to support this effort.

It takes many citizens (donations), volunteers, and businesses to make this happen every year. To me, the real Heroes are the young men and women in the Spokane County Explorers program who plan, fundraise, and rally all year for this event. I have been involved for over 15 years; every year has been exciting and fulfilling for both the officer and child.

I pray this event continues to prosper and bless many children in the future.

A Servant's Heart is putting others' needs before your own, serving with genuine love and humility, and finding fulfillment in helping others rather than seeking personal gain, recognition, or reward.

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

Supporters of the Month

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