



Tidings

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April 2024

LENTEN PROTEIN DRIVE

Thank you all for the food donated to the Lenten Protein Drive! We collected 275 pounds of food during Lent for the Lenten Protein Drive for Least of These Food Pantry in Ozark. Thank you to all who donated! *POP Outreach Team*

CALLING ALL PRINCE OF PEACE VETERANS!



We are forming a Veterans monthly breakfast group here at Prince of Peace. *If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact the church office at 417-881-0833 or email princeofpeaceelca@gmail.com.* Also, please indicate what day might work for you. This will be a great time for us veterans to share stories and experiences with those that have served. *Bill Hake*

A NOTE OF THANKS!

We just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the Fish Fry on Friday, March 22! We had a lot of fun and hope you did too! We were able to raise \$496 to go to Least of These Food Pantry in Ozark! Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who cooked, cleaned, served and sang! *POP Fellowship Team*



**2024
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About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with approximately 4.5 million members in more than 10,000 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

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Youth	

Council Meeting Minutes are attached on the bulletin board located outside the church library and are available for all members to review. *denotes a non-council, team leader

WORSHIP WITH US

**Saturday Evening Worship Service
at 5 pm with Holy Communion**

(casual, praise music)

**Sunday Worship at 9:30 am
with Holy Communion**

(Traditional)

Welcome to the Table of Our Lord!



We welcome all baptized Christians to the table of our Lord who come seeking reconciliation and restoration, with God and with the people of God, through the assurance of Jesus' real presence with us in the sacrament. Adults and children who have not yet been instructed in the sacrament are welcome to receive a blessing. Since we seek to include everyone in this holy meal we offer: the Host in the form of gluten free wafer upon request along with regular bread and red wine or apple juice, is presented in individual cups to protect health.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES!

1. Place your offering in the offering plate located at the back of the church either before or after the worship service;
2. Mail offerings to the church at 815 E. Farm Road 182, Springfield, MO 65810;
3. Give electronically by downloading the "VANCO MOBILE" app on your telephone or tablet via Google Play or the App Store; select Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Springfield, MO and give at your convenience;
4. Go to pop-elca.net home page, scroll to the bottom where you will see the opportunity to give online;
5. Scan the QR code. Once scanned with a QR reader on your phone or tablet, it will immediately take you to where you can give your offering through the "VANCO MOBILE" app



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APRIL NOISY OFFERINGS

POP April Noisy Offerings will go to ELCA Rev. Dr. Bradn Buerkle who currently serves as a Dean for far rural eastern Russia. Our Companion Synod, chaired by Rev. Gary Teske, and part of the Central States Synod, works with Bradn and ELCUSFE Bishops and Pastors in Russia as well as missionaries, Bishops and Pastors Papua New Guinea.

ELCA MISSIONARY PROFILE



The Rev. Dr. Bradn Buerkle

Children: Malvey, Martin, Lukas

Russia

Bradn, based in Moscow, directs an educational program for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and the Other States (which includes the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and Far East and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in European Russia). Jointly appointed by the ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Lower Saxony, he organizes and teaches seminars for pastors and lay leaders in church centers and in isolated regions of the country. He was involved in implementing the Global Ministry initiative "Equipping for Service," which was part of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.

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EDUCATION

B.A. English, Russian, Russian Area Studies
M.Div.

Ph.D.

St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif.
University of Helsinki
Helsinki, Finland

HOBBIES

Literature and running

CALENDAR

Bradn's Birthday	March 3	Ordination date	Nov. 30
Natasha's (wife) Birthday	March 27	Wedding Anniversary	Dec. 27
Malvey's Birthday	Sept. 30	Martin's Birthday	March 8
Lukas' Birthday	March 14		

CONNECT

Companion synods: Northwest Washington (1B), Northeastern Minnesota (3E), Central States (4B)
Home synod: Montana (1F),

From the ELCA Global Mission email received in the church office recently:

Dear Friends,

We want to **thank you for your support of ELCA missionaries!** We believe that we are called into community with our siblings in Christ around the world. Your generosity helps to foster relationships far beyond the ELCA. Through your sponsorship of long-term ELCA missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) participants, you are walking alongside our companions across the globe as they spread the good news and serve our neighbors with love and care. Our whole fellowship is stronger because of you!



<https://campusministrymadness.org>

Support Your Team

Campus Ministry Madness

CampusMinistryMadness.org

Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry



University of Missouri

SPARTANS AND TIGERS AND BLUE DEVILS OH MY!

This year during NCAA March Madness, Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry (ELCM) is participating in Campus Ministry Madness, a fundraising challenge between Lutheran Campus Ministry sites across the country. Did you know that 89% of students who participated in campus ministry planned to continue being active in a faith community? Your support of Campus Ministry allows students to have a space to explore and grow in their faith and prepare themselves for a deep faith life after they graduate. Help ELCM reign supreme or give to your alma mater to support the transformational work happening at our Campuses nationwide! Give today at <https://campusministrymadness.org>

YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS



Photographs for the purpose of updating the photo board in the Fellowship Hall and for the purpose of an in-house produced photo directory this year were snapped the weekends of March 23/24 and Easter Sunday. If you missed the opportunity, another date will be announced soon. *Dave Jahnke & Chris Hingst, Evangelism*

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Monday Night Bible Study is studying the study on the **Book of Acts**. We meet Monday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We are using a Navigators Life Change series Study Guide. There is one book left in the library on the rolling metal cart for retrieval. There will not be Monday Evening Bible Study on April 1 and April 8. We will resume on Monday, April 15 at 6:30 pm. *Tracy Richter*

CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children is on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in “Dani’s Room.”

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School has concluded for the spring and will resume in September.



PRINCE OF PEACE FOOD PANTRY

POP has a Food Pantry located in the lower level of the building. The pantry is located in the cabinets in the last classroom on the right before you exit to the lower level parking lot. Bags are located on the wooden table and basic pantry items are included. If you would like to donate to the pantry, you can leave your donations in the same room on the table, or in the cry room on the table. Diane Washburn and Kathy Corwin routinely go through the donations within the pantry and remove items that have aged and slipped out of date. *Out-reach Team*

SEWING & CRAFT DAY AT THE CHURCH

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 9 am until approximately 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Leania Carter coordinates the group. We assemble in the Fellowship Hall with our respective craft projects and also work on community outreach projects. (*i.e. bibs and blankets for Newborns in Needs, etc.*) We enjoy a devotional at our mid morning coffee and snack break as well as enjoy a sack lunch together around noon. Even if you do not have a craft project to bring along, join us for fellowship!

KOLR 10 HIGHLIGHTED JULIE GREEN IN MARCH

KOLR 10 highlighted POP member Julie Green during March as one of the remarkable women in our community. She was highlighted for connecting people through history, which has been Julie Green's goal for the last eight years with the Stone County Historical Museum and Genealogical Society, a non-profit run by Julie along with ten volunteers. If you would like to read the article or watch the video, copy and paste the below link into a new web browser and enjoy! <https://www.ozarksfirst.com/news/remarkable-women-julie-green/>

DIRECTORY UPDATES

New Email addresses for:

Darrel & Betty Arnold: darrelbetty@gmail.com

New Address for:

Niklas & Kelsey Brinck,
Emilia & Klara
2381 West Darby
Springfield, MO 65810

Caroline Wake (moved in March)
1225 S. Ingram Mill Road, A105
Springfield, MO 65804



A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE LEARNING MINISTRIES TEAM!

We had a great time at the Children's Easter Festival on Saturday March 23rd! The Learning Ministries Team would like to thank everyone that assisted with the event and donated items for the event including:

- Ben & Joan Harrell for donating empty & toy-filled Easter eggs.
- Brad Beattie & Price Cutter for donating cookies and bottled water.
- Pastor Carl, Gayle & Amos Bell, Pam Duneman, Tonya Messner, Dave Jahnke,

Katherine Hayes-Wallenburg, Gail Ernst, Ross Jahn, Herb Peterson, Brett Onstott, Chris Hingst, Carolyn & JR Frazier, and Brandon & Angie Messner

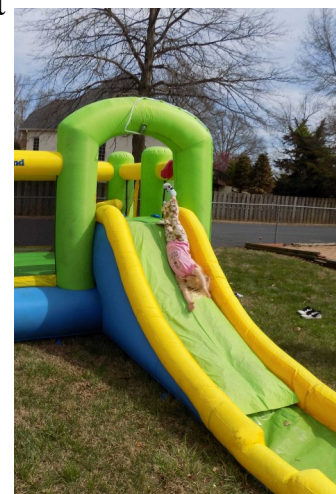
for volunteering at the event.

- Diane Washburn for donating palms to place on the cross.
- Jason Farley and his petting zoo from Creeds Town Ranch for attending the event.
- Robin Fleetwood with Face Painting by Tangles for attending the event.
- All members of the congregation who donated candy for Easter eggs.
- All members of the congregation who donated to the March Noisy Offering that helped fund activities at the festival.

- Heather Roberts for ordering supplies and printing flyers for the festival.

Thanks to everyone and Happy Easter from the Learning Ministries Team!

Blessings, Angie Messner, Chris Hingst, & Dave Jahnke



CARE RIDES

Need a ride to church, church events, doctor appointments, picking up medication, and/or grocery shopping, etc.? The Congregational Care Team can help! We do need sufficient notice and a specific time frame to schedule. If you need this service or want to volunteer with this ministry, please call Sue Bergeson at 641-750-1144. If she does not answer, please leave a message and she will return the call. *Thank you and God's Blessings, Your Congregational Care Team*

CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE

Remember to check out the church calendar online for the most up to date information on what is happening here at Prince of Peace by visiting our church web page at www.pop-elca.net! Additionally, please remember to inform the church office when meeting dates are determined so the meetings can be added to the church calendar.



SAVE THE DATE - June 1, 2024

1st Annual OZARK CLUSTER Meeting

Dear Fellow ELCA Ozark Cluster Women,

The 1st Annual Ozark Cluster Meeting will be on June 1, 2024 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, MO. The theme will be "Just Love." The day will begin with a registration and a light brunch time at 9:00 a.m. and end in the early afternoon. There will be speakers, devotions, a Bible Study, an offering, a Central States Synod update, a delicious meal, singing and games.

We welcome and encourage you to join us for a fun and exciting day.

Ozark Cluster Planning Committee:

Becky Verslues, Coordinator 573-694-3348

Leania Carter

Mick Friberg

Gloria Sharp, Central States President

Janice Gerken, Central States Treasurer

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

SERVANTS OF THE LORD

If you are unable to serve on a Sunday for a job assignment, please find a replacement on your own. You may then call the church office with changes. Thanks! *Patty Killian*

<u>Saturday</u>	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
Acolyte	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker
Worship Asst.	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner
Greeter	Volunteer Needed	Peggy McCabe	Volunteer needed	Peggy McCabe
Children's Message	Chris Hingst	Gail Ernst	Angie Messner	TBD
Musician	Lauren Jackson	Lauren Jackson	TBD	TBD
Sunday	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Acolyte	Lila Teaster	Elijah Otzelberger	Bella Guillen	Oliver Kavanagh
Worship Assistant	Julie Karlson	Brandon Otzelberger	Brett Onstott	Nyssa Brockhoff
Greeter	Jim & Carol Kerns	Kathy Corwin	Patricia Van Aken	Kent & Leania Carter
Usher	Joel Karlson	Herb Peterson	Ross Jahn	Bill Ernst
Hosts	Greg Verheyen & Jackie Higgins	Brad Beattie & Gina Steffins	Bill & Gail Ernst	Mark & Pam Duneman
Children's Message	Chris Hingst	Gail Ernst	Angie Messner	TBD
Communion Set-Up	Samantha Otzelberger	Samantha Otzelberger	Samantha Otzelberger	Samantha Otzelberger
Musician	Gail Ernst	Donna Mohr	TBD	TBD
Tellers	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Kathy Teaster & Paula Kavanagh	Kathy Corwin & Cherie Guillen	Susan Stelford & Ross Jahn



Linda Converse	April 1
Mary Potthoff	April 2
Jerry Van Aken	April 3
Patty Killian	April 3
Danielle Kolie	April 7
Angie Messner	April 11
Diane Washburn	April 11
Sarah Derr	April 13
David Hightower	April 15
Les Rohr	April 18
Kent Carter	April 19
Jeremy Stelford	April 21
Jason Flood	April 23
Gail Ernst	April 26
Valerie Onstott	April 27
Bruce Moore	April 30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Shea & Isaiah Reece, 6 yrs April 14
Susan & Rodney Stelford, 40 yrs April 24

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign-up to give flowers during 2024! Please check the upper level hallway for the latest altar flower sign-up sheet. You have the choice of bringing your own flowers, or you can ask the church office to order flowers to be delivered to the church *for you for only \$25*. If you opt to bring your own flowers, please bring them and place them on the stand adjacent the altar before the Saturday Evening Worship Service at 5 pm. *Thanks!*

ELEVATOR

Prince of Peace has an elevator located on the north end of the building, with an emergency phone which dials OTIS Elevator Company inside in case of emergency.

April 2024 Daily Devotions

Thoughts to Ponder by

Pastor Larry L. Sydow, Retired
larry.sydow@gmail.com

Prayers by Pastor Bruce Freeman, Hospice Chaplain
bruce259@msn.com

Retired and former POP Pastor Larry Sydow emails the church the devotionals each month. You can pick up a printed copy of the Devotional booklets on the credenza facing the stairwell in the church narthex.

APRIL CALENDAR AT PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Monday, April 1		Easter observance-church office closed today
		NO Monday Evening Bible Study
Tuesday, April 2	7:00 pm	Worship Team Meeting (ZOOM)
Wednesday, April 3	6:00 pm	Long Range Planning Committee (Library)
Saturday, April 6	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society meet in the Rock Room
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, April 7	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Dani's Classroom</i>)
Monday, April 8		NO Monday Evening Bible Study
Tuesday, April 9	6:00 pm	Outreach Team Meeting (<i>Library</i>)
	6:30 pm	G.R.O.O.V.E. Meeting (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
Wednesday, April 10	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (ZOOM)
Thursday, April 11	9:00 am	Sewing & Crafting Group Day (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, April 13	10:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society Party on the north parking lot (until 4:30 pm)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, April 14	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Dani's Classroom</i>)
	6:00 pm	Ozarks Antique Automobile Club (<i>Fellowship Hall until 8:30 pm</i>)
Monday, April 15		<i>May Tidings Newsletter submissions due in the church office</i>
	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study resumes (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, April 16	11:00 am	Faith & Climate Forum at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 914 West Blvd S., Columbia, MO
Wednesday, April 17	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (ZOOM)
Thursday, April 18	9:00 am	Sewing & Crafting Day at the Church (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, April 20	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society (<i>Rock Room</i>)
	10:00 am	G.R.O.O.V.E. Monthly Club Meeting (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, April 21	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Dani's Classroom</i>)
	12:30 pm	Facility Use -Reese Minasian (<i>Sanctuary & Narthex until 7:30 pm</i>)
	6:00 pm	O.A.A.C. Meeting (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
Monday, April 22	6:00 pm	Ozarks Gem & Mineral Society Club Meeting (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (Library)
Wednesday, April 24	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (ZOOM)
Thursday, April 25	9:00 am	Sewing & Crafting Day at the church (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, April 27	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society meet in the Rock Room
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, April 28	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Dani's Classroom</i>)
	12:30 pm	Reese Minasian Facility Use (<i>Sanctuary & Narthex until 7:30 pm</i>)
Monday, April 29	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)



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