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For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.” Corinthians 13:12

I remember many times as a child playing on the floor in our living room and looking up at my mother who was watching over me. She was invariably also working on some sort of needle craft – embroidery, sewing, counted cross stitch, etc. As I would watch her pull threads this way and that, I could never figure out what she was working on. Eventually, my curiosity would get the better of me and I would stop whatever I was doing and ask; and she would invite me to come and see. From underneath, all I could see was a tangled mess, but when I looked from my mother’s perspective, the beautiful design would be taking shape. Over the years, I learned to always look from the top – and if I really wanted to see what the end goal was, I would look at her pattern.

The poem “My Life is But a Weaving” by Grant Colfax Tullar describes life as a woven work of art. God creates and works and weaves, but the design is difficult to see from underneath. Only by looking from God’s perspective do we see all the colors and how each one – black, silver, gold – are all needful. The many threads are crossed and tangled with one another when seen from below, but the design takes shape one thread at a time as seen from above.

This poem and this perspective are a helpful reminder this year, and every year at this time – when the snow is covering and the cold rain falls. Although we endure bundling up and shoveling, we know the snowpack is needed for crops and the replenishment of the earth. It is God’s work and His design of the seasons. We look forward to the spring buds and green grass that will soon come up.

But we know even more than what we experience in the cycle of seasons. As Christians, we are thankful that God does not leave us “looking from underneath” but reveals His plan – not only in this world, but for eternity. God does not hide His intentions, but has revealed Himself to His creation all throughout history. *God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.* John 3:16-17

God’s plan is the promise of eternal life, but is not limited to “someday”. We join in His promises today: as we join the angels in praises whenever we sing (Isaiah 6); as our prayers are added to the prayers of all believers (Revelation 8:4); as we partake in His meal with Christians of all time and places (I Corinthians 10:17).

We may not know the result of every thread in the weaving, but God has shown us the pattern. The Holy Spirit has given us the faith to know that Jesus’ salvation won on the cross is for you and me. We have been given a restored relationship with our Heavenly Father. And through this gift, we have faith for each day. This spring, we thank God that although we do not see the full picture clearly, God has revealed Himself to us in Jesus our Savior (John 14:9). *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* Romans 8:28

In the Solid Hope of our God,

Pastor John

BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP IN MARCH

March 7	Third Sunday in Lent	Ruth 1:8-17		
March 14	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Matthew 1:18-25		
March 21	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Acts 6-7		
March 28	Palm Sunday	Mark 11, 14, 15		

WORSHIP THEMES IN MARCH

February 28: Courage – Daniel

March 7: Courage to Follow into the Unknown

March 14: Courage to be Shamed by the World

March 21: Courage to Kneel

March 28: Courage in the Crowd

BIBLE STUDY IN MARCH

Beginning February 28: Jesus on Trial

The **Sunday Series** is COURAGE: Biblical Stories of finding Courage in Christ

2/28 – Daniel

3/7 – Ruth

3/14 – Joseph

3/21 – Stephen

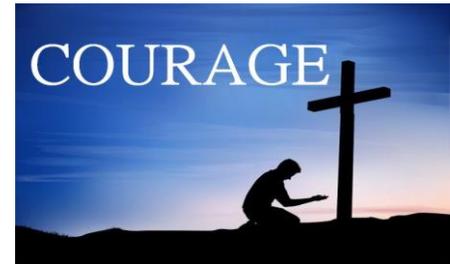
3/28 – Palm Sunday – Courage in the Crowd

4/1 – Maundy Thursday – Courage of a Servant

4/2 – Good Friday – Courage of the Savior

4/3 – Easter Vigil – Courage of the Pharisees (Joseph/Nick)

4/4 – Resurrection Day – Courage of the Witnesses



Wednesdays in Lent

Each Wednesday: (*Hymnsing begins around 6:30*) Devotional Service at 7:00 p.m.

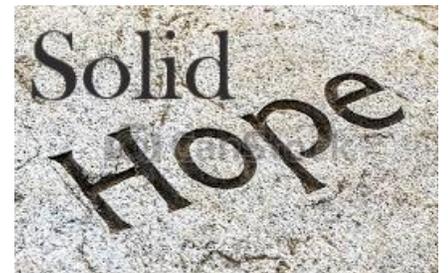
3/3 – Speaking in Hope

3/10 – Washed in Hope

3/17 – Fed by Hope

3/24 – Hope in Forgiveness

(Preschool children will sing during the 3/24 service)



Hungry for the Word of God? “Zoe” means “life” and Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life” (John 6:35). Come enjoy time together digesting the Word. 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and Facebook Live around 7:20. Studying Romans II.



We are now gathering for all services indoors.

As with many things in life today, this decision was met with great joy and great concern. The decision to move inside was made with much conversation and even more prayer - especially considering our brothers and sisters who should not or will not meet indoors at this time.

Please continue to follow safe procedures in Christian care for others:

- If you are not feeling well, stay home and join in worship online
- If you are in a higher-risk health category, stay home and join in worship online
- If you gather in person for worship, wear a face covering
- If you gather in person for worship, engage in fellowship keeping a safe distance
- Above all, keep your brothers and sisters in prayer

Please respect others' level of comfort with gathering, wearing face coverings, etc. There are many reasons for each person's choices. As we continue in this process, we live together in God's grace. Freely you have received, freely give. (Matthew 10)

Each week, bulletins are available to download from the website for those worshipping online or gathering in person.

Throughout the past months, we have been in prayer and discussion about the Lord's vision for Prince of Peace. Our God continues to be at work in 2021! The Overall Vision Plan has been given to Elders and Mission and Ministry Council. As our Leadership refines the vision and takes the first steps, continue to keep them and the process in your prayers. Your input and conversation over the past many months have been invaluable! This is the Lord's Vision for all His people at Prince of Peace -- watch for even more ways to participate as the Vision is narrowed and the work increases!!

Choir practice resumes in March! Rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m., following the Lenten services. Everyone welcome as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter!



Thanks!

LENT AND EASTER WORSHIP:

In loving Christian care for our brothers and sisters, some modifications will be made this year to our traditional schedule.

Wednesdays:

- We will refrain from gathering for soup suppers.
- The hymnsing will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- The devotional service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday (April 1st):

- We will have service at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 2nd):

- We will hold two (identical) services: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil (April 3rd):

- We will have service at 5:30 p.m.

Easter morning (April 4th):

- We will hold three services at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Services will also be online.

Signups for Good Friday and Easter will be available through the website home page. As with Christmas, signups are not required, but encouraged in order to ensure room for guests.

We continue to pray fervently to the Lord for a quick end to the pandemic -- and the fear and hardship it is causing. **If your family is experiencing hardship** at this time, **we can help** through programs here at Prince of Peace and contacts with many other avenues of help. **If you have not experienced hardship**, consider a special **Thank Offering to the Lord** for His continued blessings.

In March, 2020, we suspended activities and services. Over the past year, the world and our Prince of Peace family has experienced many challenges. As always, through times of challenge, God has not only remained the Faithful One, but has poured out blessings beyond what we could have anticipated. **We will celebrate a special time of prayers of Thanksgiving and Hope Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m.** Gather together at PoP or on Facebook Live.

 **FOOD PANTRY** update: The mini food pantry has been heavily used since the beginning of the year. Our supplies are low and we are in need of almost everything. Some of the most used items are cereal, crackers, boxed potatoes, noodle sides, pancake mix and syrup, fruit, veggies, baked beans, kidney beans, spaghetti, laundry soap, dish soap, toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant. Thank you!

Here are some resources for anyone who is experiencing food insufficiency, or needs help finding utility, rent, or any other type of financial assistance.

*United Way: Call 211 or go to <https://www.unitedwaytoledo.org/get-help/united-way-2-1-1-support/>.

*Lutheran Social Services: Call 419-243-9178 or go to <https://www.lssnwo.org/>

God Bless, Corrine S. Sattler

Catechism – Same God, Same Faith, New Process

Last year, we have started a new process for Catechism (First Communion and Confirmation) at Prince of Peace. All students entering 4th-8th grade who have not yet completed First Communion Instruction and/or Confirmation are encouraged to attend with a parent.

Student Confirmation classes are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Families meet once a month. Confirmation/Family meetings resume in January.

First Communion classes – contact Pastor John to schedule a class for your student.



POP Vision Coordination Team: You may contact Seth Alder, 419-509-9888, mr1alder@gmail.com; Wendy Alder, 419-346-1684, wdalder69@gmail.com; Levi Halka, 567-377-7278, Levi.Halka@rockets.utoledo.edu; Richard and Linda Stanley, 419-450-0392, sillysally@bex.net; Erin Stine, 419-450-9749, Erinlynn584@yahoo.com; Lyle Stine, 419-340-7818, Steamfitter2010@yahoo.com and Lauren Roe, 419-654-2736, laurenroe89@gmail.com.

Cherry Street Mission Team:

Collections are suspended – please feel free to drop off needed items directly to CSM.



Knit and Pray:

Do you know someone who is going through a hard time and would appreciate knowing that Jesus is with them? Please give them one of the prayer coverings and a printed prayer paper to let them know they are not alone. The closet is full of yarn for you to take to create prayer blankets. **Knit and pray is suspended for now.**

Next meeting is tbd.

We are supporting Seminary students – Mark Renner is ordained and called as Pastor to Hosanna Lutheran Church. We continue to support Miguel (Rachel) Gonzalez. If you would like to send them a personal note of encouragement, please contact the office and we will get you their address!

MISSION UPDATES:

As we missed several months of being together for regular worship, we also missed time with our missionaries. We look forward to the times when regular travel resumes and our world-wide missionaries are able to join us more regularly to share God's work.

This time of pandemic has been especially difficult and uncertain for missionaries. As we all rely on God for all needed things in life, **please consider a special gift** if you are able to help support one or more of our missionaries.

Some updates:

Mark Renner was ordained January 17th and installed as Pastor to Hosanna Lutheran Church in Columbia Station, Ohio on February 7th. We pray for the Renner family and God's family at Hosanna as the Lord reveals His ministry for them!

For updated news on all our missionaries and Adopt-a-Students, check the Missions Wall at Prince of Peace.

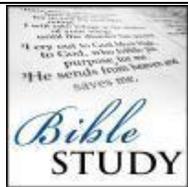


Easter Egg Hunt!!! Our Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 27th, at 11:00 a.m. We will need candy and prizes donated, as well as volunteers to help that day. Please contact Jordan Jones at joroo2005@aol.com for more information. Join us!!

We are taking orders for pavers for the Memorial Garden. There are two sizes - 4x8; 2 lines; \$75 and 8x8; 2 lines; \$125. Additional lines can be added for \$10. You can do up to three lines on the 4x8 and 4 lines on the 8x8. All proceeds will go into the Memorial Fund. Questions? Contact Cathy Reichow at creichow@danrsauto.com.

Adult Bible Studies:

- ✦ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:20 a.m. – Freedom in the One Gospel – the Book of Galatians
- ✦ **ZOE BIBLE STUDY** – at 7:00 p.m., the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month – Zoe Bible Study – Romans II
- ✦ **TUESDAY WEEKLY READINGS STUDY** – 9:00 a.m. at PoP – and on Facebook Live
- ✦ **THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month – 10 Imperfect Men
- ✦ **THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month – Love Rules
- ✦ **NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – for those wishing to learn more about being a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace. Questions or sign up – talk with Pastor John.



We are doing a DIRECTORY!!!! We will be having sign-ups for pictures (no high pressure sales at all) on April 15, 16 and 17th, so watch for more information and get signed up! Universal Church Directories will have photographers here and will be following all guidelines with regard to Covid-19. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have. We will also be able to take submitted photos for a fee. Join us and be part of our directory. You will be contacted (recorded call by Pastor John) and then follow up by UCD. This also means... I will need your updated information! Contact Julie for forms.

Men of the Church:

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST MONTHLY

Plan to get your weekend started on the right foot on the first Saturday of each month by attending the Men's monthly Prayer Breakfast.

- ✓ Each month enjoy a good breakfast (our cooks are great).
- ✓ Pray for each other and for Prince of Peace Congregation.
- ✓ We hope to see more men join us for this great time of fellowship.



Men's Bible Study is on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Study – 10 Imperfect Men

Women of the Church:

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The Women's Bible study is Love Rules. Contact Jodi Halka or Amy Genszler for information.



MITE COLLECTION

Please remember to bring in your MITE boxes at any time and drop them in the "big Mite Box" at the Information Table in the lobby! A supply of new Mite Boxes will be here soon. Watch for them on the table next to the large mite box in the narthex.



OLD GLASSES and CASES [an LWML project]

There is a box on the table near the entrance in which you can place any old eyeglasses and cases that you would like to discard. (One person's junk is another person's treasure.) These items are donated to MOST [Mission Opportunities Short Term], a LCMS Ministry working with many congregations in Michigan and Ohio, who fit them with new lenses and take thousands of pairs of glasses giving them to many folks, in countries where optical services are non-existent. This is an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

FLOWERS!!! WE HAVE MANY OPEN FLOWER DATES!!! PLEASE SIGN UP! *Flowers are \$30 per weekend.* Thank you!
FLOWER VASES: When you take your Sunday altar flowers home, please return the plastic cup liners to the church so that we can use them again. Thank you!
Please be sure to pay for altar flowers if you signed up to provide them. The cost is \$30.00 per Sunday and is payable to Prince of Peace. Use a pew envelope and indicate it is for altar flowers. Thanks for your cooperation. If you haven't paid, and it's been at least 2 weeks since your flowers were on the altar, Julie will place a reminder envelope with the date of your flower placement in your mailbox.



Official Acts February:

Funerals:

Amber Wolfe (NM)

Properties Team: We need volunteers for the Properties Team to do minor repairs. Please contact Dan or Cathy Reichow with any questions at 419-392-1470 or danrsauto@aol.com



ELDERS IN TOUCH.... our Elders Ministry Team is organized to be in touch with our members. They are working at contacting all of our members on a regular basis. Here is a listing of our elders and the alphabetical groups to which they are assigned. Feel free to contact Pastor John, or one of our elders if we can serve you.

a. Tom Smith	419-343-8553	(Alder > Coffey)
b. Bob Roe	419-266-5426	(Cornell > Geldien)
c. Mark Sattler	419-699-7723	(Genszler > Sam Jones)
d. Lyle Stine	419-340-7818	(Sue Jones > Kate Mayer)
e. Gary Garbers	419-693-7651	(Mays > Peters)
f. Jim Bragg	419-690-2608	(Pfefferle > Sarns)
g. Don Halka	567-377-2248	(Sattler > VanCamp)
h. Phil Miller	419-691-7727	(Vanderhorst > Zieroff)

*****As we prepare our newest directory, we need information! There are person and household forms in the office. Please take the time to fill these out so we have accurate records for statistical reporting, as well as for updated contact information. Turn into the office or give to Pastor John when you have completed. Thank you!*****



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A DIGITAL COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER INSTEAD OF THE PAPER COPY BEING SENT TO YOUR HOME, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE SO WE CAN ADD YOU TO THE LIST WHO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SAVING US COST – POSTAGE, PAPER, INK, MACHINE USE – AND TIME TO ASSEMBLE! ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED. THIS WILL ALSO SAVE US EXTRA POSTAGE COST.

Check out the website (www.princeofpeaceoregon.com):

- For more devotions
- For Bible Studies
- For worship materials
- Sermons, songs, and each week – bulletins to download



During the month of March, the classroom dramatic play will be a veterinary office. The topic of discussion will be Jesus' miracles and His great love for us. The children will sing at church Wednesday, March 24th during the Lenten service that evening.

Director/Teacher – Wendy Kelly
Teachers – Marianne Kelly and Jamie Campbell
Sub – Erin Stine
Preschool Phone: 419-693-8661



Sign Up Sheets on Bulletin Board:
 Altar Flowers

Save Your Aluminum Beverage Cans and put them (crushed) in the bin by the church garage at the north end of the parking lot. This recycling project provides funds for our AGAPE FUND. **(No plastic bottles please – only aluminum!)**



Spread the News!!! We are pleased to announce that Prince of Peace has received thousands of dollars through Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice* Program. By directing Choice Dollars®, eligible Thrivent members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel should receive charitable grant funding from Thrivent. If you are an eligible member, please consider us when directing Choice Dollars. To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.



IF YOU ARE A THRIVENT MEMBER, PLEASE LET US KNOW. YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO HELP US RECEIVE ADDITIONAL MISSION MONEY!!

God at Work

How has God been at work in your life?

God is at work in your life in big ways and small ways, through everyday occurrences and miracles. Let's encourage one another in God's work. Share a story of God's work in your life – maybe it's how God brought you to faith, maybe it's a "small" event recently or years past. Write a note or email. Put the story in Pastor John's mailbox or email him at pastorjohn@princeofpeaceoregon.com. (Your story will not be shared without your permission.)

Remember in Your Prayers:

+for healing – Russ Bell, Marilyn Brown, Delia Mestousis, Kate Mayer, Deb Hartke, Bob Roe, Mike Thanasiu, Rocco Donofrio, Sue Jones, Glendora Boway, Dwight Griffin, Kym Snyder, Carol Cicak, Tom Bragg, Jason Rhuland, Chris Peters, Sue Pfefferle, Bill Kelly, Carol Rigg, Paige Ozanski, Chuck Brinkman, Michael Wells, Becky Kuelker, Fred Bordner, Jean Newman, Vicki Melms, Steve Jones, Pat Miller, Pam Downour, John Danford, Joyce Smith, Barbara Camp, Deanna Snyder, Don Williams, Lyle Brinkman, Richard Stanley, Matthew Mosier, Bob Young, Andrea Martin, Jim Fennewald, Tony Williams

(Please contact the office if you would like someone added to the prayer list, or no longer would like your name on the list.)



+ for those dealing with the reality of the pandemic for friends and family

+for your church – our vision and leaders and the commitment to follow God's will

+for those serving in the armed forces – Ty Garbers, Ricky Pratt, Cole Pollex, Andrew Genszler, Stacy Galla, Nate Millard

+for our missionaries –

- Pastor Tim Heiney, Global Lutheran Outreach in Guinea, West Africa
- Pastor Dave Erber, LCMS missionary in Nigeria, West Africa
- Mike and Becky Kuelker, IAM missionaries in Mexico
- Joe Boway, New Life Lutheran Church missionary to the children in Liberia
- POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach), a mission to Muslims
- Cherry Street Ministries, Toledo
- The Pregnancy Center, Toledo
- Rachel Meyer, LCMS missionary in Uganda, East Africa

+our 'adopted' seminary students –

- Miguel and Rachel Gonzalez
 - Pastor Mark and Dana Renner
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March Activities at PoP

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Every Saturday/Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM (Saturday) Worship 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Youth Time 2:00 PM A.A.						
	1 7:00 PM – Youth Praise Team Practice Elders Meeting	2 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 7:00 PM – Praise Team Practice	3 6:30 PM – Hymnsing 7:00 PM – Devotional Service	4 7:00 PM – Zoe Bible Study	5	6 8:00 AM – Men's Breakfast
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21/28	22/29 7:00 PM – Youth Praise Team Practice	23/30 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 7:00 PM – Praise Team Practice	24/31 6:30 PM – Hymnsing 7:00 PM – Devotional Service (preschool singing) (24 th)	25 7:00 PM – Men's and Women's Bible Studies 7:00 PM - Confirmation	26	27 11:00 AM – Easter Egg Hunt

March Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

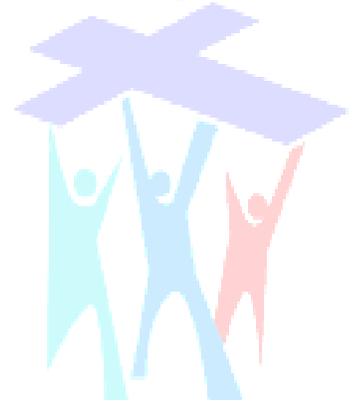
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 Lilith Cornell	3	4	5 Tad Young	6 Sami Roe
7 Ty Garbers	8 Isabella Shafer	9 <i>Ron and Stephanie Blausey</i>	10 Melissa Foley	11 Amy Genszler David Robinson	12	13 Emily Young
14 John Genszler	15	16	17 Ed VanCamp Pat Miller	18 Glenn Geldien	19 Connie Kuch Lucas Zeh	20 Sulli Lants Tom Wells
21	22 <i>Howard and Mary McCallum</i>	23	24 Sue Jones	25	26 Wade Bell	27 Donald Weiss Gene Rigg
28 Aiden Hartke Noah Hartke	29 <i>Brian and Rebecca Cornell</i>	30 Vicki Melms	31 Jada Lewandowski			

2021

Volunteer Schedule for March 2021	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	*	*
Ushers	*	*
Readers	*	*
Acolytes	*	*
Communion Servers (Bread)	*	*
Altar Guild	*	*
Pew Care	*	
Goodies:	As we gather indoors for worship again, if you are willing to serve, please contact Julie or Pastor John.	



Discipleship at Home and in Community



We have many faithful people at Prince of Peace willing to serve in many ways. If you have served or are willing to serve in worship, please turn in an I/T survey. Encourage others in the ways they can serve, too. If you do not fill out a sheet, we have to assume you are no longer able to serve in that capacity. Let's encourage one another in the many ways we can serve the Lord together gladly!

***If you would like to help in any of these areas, contact Pastor John. Thanks!!**

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Saturday Worship: 5:30 PM

Sunday School: 9:15 AM

Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM

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