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*And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2*

When you sit in the sanctuary at Prince of Peace, how many crosses do you see? The most obvious one is in front on the wall directly over the altar, but there are many others – on the pulpit and lectern, the processional crucifix, on top of the Christian flagpole. There is at least one cross in each of the Bible Windows. There are many more.

The cross is the basic symbol of the Christian faith. All we are and all we believe have their foundation in the cross. Not that we worship the cross, but rather the One who was hung on a cross to redeem us from sin. Without Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, Christianity would be just one among the world's religions. But the mercy of God given on the cross sets the truth apart. This is why Paul writes, *"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."* [1 Corinthians 2:2]

The cross is an interesting shape. It is so simple – two plain lines meeting at right angles. A child can draw it. Even stylized renditions are recognizable as a cross. We can see crosses everywhere in life – from telephone poles to road crossing signs. Wherever a vertical line meets a horizontal line, we are reminded of God's mercy in Christ Jesus.

I have a collection of crosses – most are also a reminder of a relationship with a specific Christian brother or sister. But one of my favorite crosses at Prince of Peace often goes unnoticed. To be honest, it was not intended as a cross. I see it whenever I am facing the congregation, especially during services when I stand behind the altar. This large cross is formed by the balcony window and the support for the steeple.

This cross, as all crosses, first reminds of the Savior. This cross, with its large bolts connected to the support beams, is an integral part of the building – holding it together. The cross reminds that Christ alone is the foundation, the connection, the support that holds His Church together. The Lord's Church, of course, is not the building. The Church is the people that God gathers and together receive His gifts and share in His ministry to others. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity... through the cross... [Ephesians 2:15-16] The balcony cross reminds of this truth also is it sits above the congregation, reminding that Christ is Lord over His church.

The balcony cross also serves as a specific reminder as we once again prepare to celebrate Lent and journey with Jesus to the cross. Beyond the balcony cross is a window – emptiness – rather than a wall. Just as beyond the cross of Christ on Good Friday is the Empty Tomb of Easter. Even as we reflect in Lent, we celebrate (Sundays) the reality of today – we have a risen, living Lord. The further reality of the window is that beyond the cross is the world. Beyond the cross of Christ is the world to which we are called to share His love.

When you sit in the sanctuary – before worship, during the offering, (even if your mind wanders as Pastor John is preaching...), look at the many crosses. Look at the world beyond. Know that the mercy of God through Jesus is for you. The love of God supports you and connects you to His Church. And you get to share His cross, His love with the world.

*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. [Galatians 6:14]*

With you under the cross,  
Pastor John

## The Word in February

2/5/2023	2/12/2023	2/19/2023	2/26/2023
		Exodus 24:8-18	Genesis 3:1-21
Colossians 2:6-14	I Corinthians 11:23-32	2 Peter 1:16-21	Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 28:16-20	John 6:26-35, 47-58	Matthew 17:1-9	Matthew 4:1-11

### WORSHIP THEME IN FEBRUARY

February 5: Foundations of Faith - Baptism  
 February 12: Foundations of Faith – Lord’s Supper  
 February 19: Foundations of Faith – Jesus Only (Transfiguration)  
 February 26: Who Is This Jesus? – Obedient Son of God

### **BIBLE STUDY IN FEBRUARY**

*Invite your friends and neighbors to Sunday morning Bible Study – we have coffee and goodies!*

“Foundations of Faith”

We are exploring more deeply our Sunday theme for the day using materials similar to our Good News Class: exploring what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace. Foundations of Faith – Ways God gives for us to receive and live the mercy of Jesus Christ

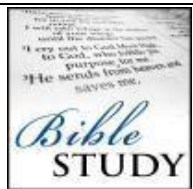
Beginning February 26:

“That You May Know”

We will follow Jesus’ journey from the Last Supper to the cross as recorded in the Gospel of John 13-19

### Adult Bible Studies:

- ✚ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:15 a.m. – Foundations of Faith
- ✚ **ZOE BIBLE STUDY** – at 7:00 p.m., the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month – Isaiah
- ✚ **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month – 10 Imperfect Men.
- ✚ **THURSDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month – Great Women of the Bible.
- ✚ **MEN’S BREAKFAST** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 8:00AM
- ✚ **NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – If you would like to explore what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace, contact Pastor John for questions or to sign up!



### SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

We are having a great time in Sunday School! Join is on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. This program is for children in grades pre-k through 5th! Any questions, please contact Alison Laurell at 419-699-9687.

## Catechism – Walking in the Promises of God

First Communion and Confirmation classes at Prince of Peace are for all

students entering 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade. **First Communion** is a two-session class for students and parents. Contact Pastor John to schedule class. **Confirmation** is a two-year class for families with students 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Student Confirmation classes are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Families meet once a month.



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### **Official Acts January:**

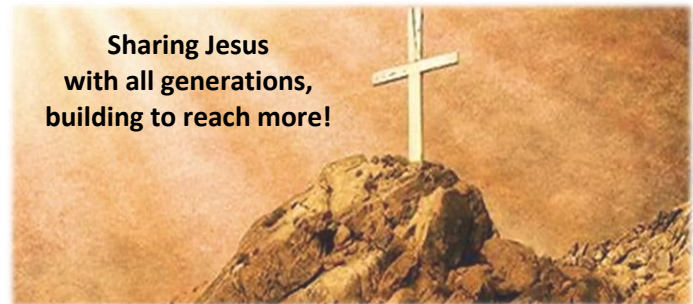
Wedding: Caitlin Krieger and Justin Fletcher

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## **SHARING JESUS WITH ALL GENERATIONS – BUILDING TO REACH MORE:**

We are in the process of realizing the Lord's Vision for the future – new staff, additional building space and new ministry opportunities!!

**Expanded Family Ministry at Prince of Peace!** The Lord has given the vision, our congregation has approved the Capital Fund Drive, the process is underway to continue the vision of the past 60 years!



**If you missed the meeting with the architect in January,** you can always share your thoughts and ideas with Cathy Reichow or Pastor John.

**If you missed attending a presentation,** watch a recording on our Facebook page with a link to the YouTube video: *PoPCampaign*.

**If you were unable** to bring a Capital Fund Drive commitment pledge to the Lord, you can always place it in the offering plate in the future.

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## **Raising Kids God's Way**

Watch for a new opportunity to get together with other parents – sharing ideas on how to raise kids to know Jesus in today's society. We are hoping to meet on a Sunday morning during Sunday School. Talk to Amy Genszler or Jordan Jones if you are interested!

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**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** Food Pantry supplies are getting very low. Any food or personal care items you would like to donate, would be appreciated. We are also in need of Thrivent members to request a \$250 action card, which would be used to purchase items. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to know how to get a card, please contact Corrine at 419-699-7724.

POP is hosting a **once-a-month food pantry** through Seagate Food Bank. It is on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10-11am. If you would like to help with the Saturday distribution, or the Friday pick up and packing of food, please contact Cathy Reichow.

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**Cherry Street Mission Team:**

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

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**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.

**Thank you to all those who have donated yarn the past couple of months! We appreciate the support and prayers!**

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**MISSION UPDATES:**

The past 2 years have 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 can help support one or more of our missionaries.

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

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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 [creichow1958@gmail.com](mailto:creichow1958@gmail.com).

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**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 [creichow1958@gmail.com](mailto:creichow1958@gmail.com).

The  
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Team

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**Stewardship Team:** Would you like to be involved with the stewardship team? Cathy Reichow has taken this leadership position and would love to talk to you about what all this team is up to! Contact her at 419-392-1468, or at [creichow1958@gmail.com](mailto:creichow1958@gmail.com).

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**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. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and Facebook Live around 7:20. **Join us as we continue our study of Isaiah!**


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## 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 at 8:00 a.m.**



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- ✓ 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 10 Imperfect Men is the study.**

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## Women of the Church:

**THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. We are studying "*Great Women of the Bible*". Contact Jodi Halka or Amy Genszler for information.

## **LWML**



Ladies, get in touch with your inner artist and join us at Uncork the Artist (5830 Monroe Street) on **Saturday March 18 at 12:00 noon**. Molly Miller will coach us to get our creative juices flowing as we each create our own unique painting! We would need at least 10 ladies to come, so invite your friends! There is a sign-up sheet with design choices on the bulletin board. Cost is \$35, payable on the day of the event.

## **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.

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**FLOWERS!!! WE HAVE MANY OPEN FLOWER DATES!!! PLEASE SIGN UP!**

A SIGN UP FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR IS AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

**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.

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## **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

March 2 TobyMac Concert at the Huntington Center. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board!!

March 5 Faith & Family Night at the Walleye game. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board!!

**LET'S GET TOGETHER AND HAVE SOME FUN OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY!!!!**

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***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.***

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Please be aware while entering and exiting the parking lot.

**We do still have openings, so please spread the word.**

During the month of February, the children will learn of Jesus' love for us. They will make a surprise for their prayer pals so check your church mailboxes. We will celebrate Valentine's Day with Grandparents in our room this year. Yay!

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



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## Wednesdays in Lent

Soup Supper - 6pm  
(Hymnsing begins at 6:45)  
Devotional Service at **7pm**



2/22 – **Ash Wednesday** – Songs of Repentance

3/1 – Songs of Wisdom

3/8 – Songs of Lament

3/15 – Songs of Praise

3/22 – Songs of Gathering

3/29 – Songs of the Messiah

**(Preschool children will sing during the 3/29 service)**

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### HELP WANTED:

We have an elderly sister who would like a ride to church.

She lives on Pickle Road and would love to attend church but she is no longer able to drive.

If you know someone who would like to help, please contact Pastor John.



**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. Joe Daniels	419-266-5426	(Cornell > Geldien)
c. Mark Sattler	419-699-7723	(Genszler > Jones)
d. Lyle Stine	419-340-7818	(Keiser > Maletich)
e. Gary Garbers	419-693-7651	(Mayer > 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)

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## PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

If you need prayer (or know someone who does) contact the Prayer Chain. If you would like to join the Prayer Team in praying for our brothers and sisters regularly, join the Prayer Chain.

We thank Judy Young for her many years of service coordinating the Prayer Chain and thank Tina Daniels for continuing this important ministry. Contact Tina at [tinajoeboob@gmail.com](mailto:tinajoeboob@gmail.com)

### Remember in Your Prayers:

**+for healing** – Jackie Bailey, Millie Bailey, Tom Bragg, Gertrude Brant, Charmaine Brinkman, Chuck Brinkman, Marilyn Brown, Bob Haas, Deb Hartke, Robin Hill, Tom Jones, Wendy Kelly, Connie Kuch, Eric Losie, Phil Miller, Paige Ozanski, Megan Reifsnyder, Jackie Reynolds, Gene Rigg, Deanna Snyder, Tony Williams, Kevin Wilson

*We will be "resetting" the prayer list this month.*

*If you would like to remain on the prayer list, please contact the church office.*

**+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, Andrew Pindor

**+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
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Cherry Street Ministries, Toledo
- The Pregnancy Center, Toledo

**+our 'adopted' seminary students** –

- Andrew Frerichs
- Deaconess Intern Amy Genszler



**Discipleship at  
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# February 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	2 7:00 PM Zoe Bible Study	3	4 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
5	6 7:00 Elders Meeting	7 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	8 7pm Choir practice	9 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study Confirmation Class	10	11
12 12:00 PM Family Confirmation Meeting	13	14 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	15 7pm Choir practice	16 7:00 PM Zoe Bible Study	17	18
19	20 7:00 Mission and Ministry Meeting	21 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	22 Ash Wednesday 6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:45 PM Hymnsing 7:00 PM Service 7:45 Choir practice	23 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study Confirmation Class	24	25 10:00 Drive Through Food Pantry
26	27	28 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study		March 2 TobyMac concert		

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# February Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
29	30	31	1 Brennan Roe	2 <i>Charles and Kathy Fletcher</i>	3	4
5 Jason Smith Richard Snyder Sr	6 Stephanie Shafer	7	8 <i>Ron and Kelli Wells</i> Zander Keller	9	10	11
12	13 Ann Thanasiu Jonas Roe	14 Jessie Lants	15 Addison Stine Ben McCoy Chelsea Vogelbacher DJ Miller	16	17	18
19 Kelly Lorah	20	21	22 Abby Laurell	23	24	25
26	27	28 Emily Mendoza	1	2	3	4

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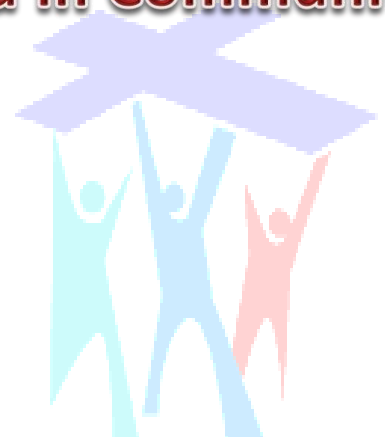


Volunteer Schedule for February 2023	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters			
Ushers			
Projection			
Camera			
Sound Board			
Readers	Richard Stanley	Gary Garbers	Tony Maletich
Acolytes			
Elder	Lyle Stine	Jim Bragg	Joe Daniels
Communion Servers (Wine)			
Altar Guild			
Pew Care			
<p><i>We will be creating a service list for the year – whether you currently serve or would like to learn contact Pastor John to make sure you are in the rotation!</i></p>			

**We have many faithful people at Prince of Peace willing to serve in many ways.**

How has God gifted you to serve in His Church?  
 Can you pour a glass of juice? Can you read?  
 Can you pick up papers? Do you know anyone  
 else with “special skills” like these? You can  
 serve your church family! Contact Pastor John at  
 any time!

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