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²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. Ezekiel 36:25-29

What is the farthest journey you have taken? Did you travel by car or airplane? Were you eager to get to your destination? Was the journey itself part of the purpose? Did you travel with others? Was there a leader on the journey? Did you have to stop and ask for directions?

Life is often described as a journey. We know where we have been, and we know the destination. We will pass through the gate and be welcomed home by our Heavenly Father. But what the journey holds on the way is not always clear. We may have traveling companions with us for days or decades. We stroll along under blue skies and hunker down under inclement weather. Our path is straight and well-lit at times and other times we face fog-enshrouded turns.

The season of Lent is also a journey. In our devotions and readings, we journey with Jesus. The journey is not always a straight line – of time or geography. We go from the Mount of Transfiguration – where Jesus is revealed in His glory. Along the way we journey with Jesus through His temptations in the wilderness, healing and teaching, rejection, and misunderstanding. Jesus' journey takes us to Jerusalem amid shouts of "Hosanna", and to the cross amid shouts of "Crucify Him."

The season of Lent is our journey. We begin with the stark reminder in ashes "dust you are and to dust you will return" [Genesis 3:19]. Along the way, the Holy Spirit guides in reflection and awareness as we, God's creation, examine our lives in the light of our Creator. Our journey is often uncomfortable as the need for the Savior is made plain.

Our Lenten journey does not end on the cross of Good Friday but continues to the empty tomb of Easter morning. Our reflection does not end with despair, but in hope – sure and certain hope. The message of Lent is the same as every day and season of the Church year – our God does not leave us to our own feeble devices, but God puts on flesh and lives among His creation – journeying with us – in order to take our sin to the cross and raise us to new life with Him. *God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* [Romans 5:8] This why the 40 days of Lent do not include the Sundays. We are reminded each week (and every day) of God's mercy.

May God bless the journey of Lent as the Holy Spirit guides you in faith and hope – growing in clarity and truth and in the sure and certain promise of salvation in Jesus and the gift of the Resurrection.

Your traveling companion,
Pastor John

The Word in March

| 3/5/2023 | 3/12/2023 | 3/19/2023 | 3/26/2023 |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Genesis 12:1-9 | Exodus 17:1-7 | Isaiah 42:14-21 | Ezekiel 37:1-14 |
| Romans 4: 1-8, 13-17 | Romans 5:1-8 | Ephesians 5:8-14 | Romans 8:1-11 |
| John 3:1-17 | John 4:4-26 | John 9:1-41 | John 11:1-45 |

WORSHIP THEME IN MARCH

Who Is This Jesus? –
Confronting our
Expectations of Jesus



3/5 – Israel's Teacher
3/12 – Prophet and Christ
3/19 – Sight to the Blind
3/26 – Resurrection and Life

BIBLE STUDY IN MARCH

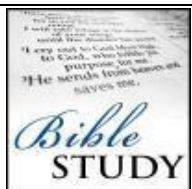
*Invite your friends and neighbors to Sunday morning
Bible Study – we have coffee and goodies!*



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. – “That You May Know”
- ✝ **ZOE BIBLE STUDY** – at 7:00 p.m., the 1st and 3rd 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 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 – Great Women of the Bible.
- ✝ **MEN'S BREAKFAST** 1st 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! **New class will begin on Tuesday April 18.** If Tuesday evening doesn't work, there are options!!



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 4th -8th 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 6th-8th grade. Student Confirmation classes are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Families meet once a month.



Official Acts February:

None

SHARING JESUS WITH ALL GENERATIONS – BUILDING TO REACH MORE:

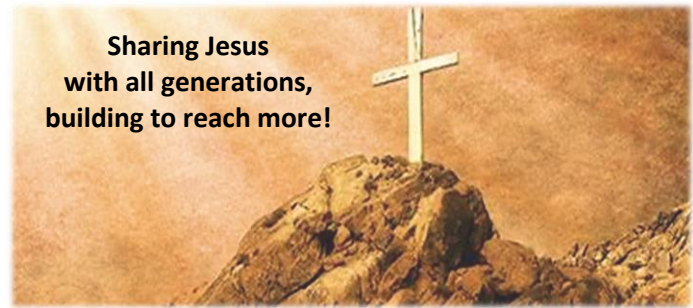
We are in the process of realizing the Lord's Vision for the future – new staff, additional building space and new ministry opportunities!!

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.



Raising Kids God's Way

There is a new opportunity to get together with other parents – sharing ideas on how to raise kids to know Jesus in today's society! We will be meeting on **Sunday, March 19 at 9:15** in the library. Drop your kids at Sunday School and then come to discuss parenting as a Christian. Talk to Amy Genszler or Jordan Jones if you are interested!

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!

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.

Cherry Street Mission Team:

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

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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.

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.

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.

The
Property
Team

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.

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. **Join us as we continue our study of Isaiah!**

March 2 will be live online only at 12:00

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. 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 (5380 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.

WHY DO YOU EXIST? – Toledo Zone Retreat

Saturday, March 18 at Ohio Living Swan Creek. 9:00am – 2:30pm

Led by Deaconess Sarah Rusche from Luther Home of Mercy.

Ingathering for Prince of Peace Food Pantry.

See the LWML in the narthex or contact Corrine Sattler for details.

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.

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.




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 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 10 Imperfect Men is the study.

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.

Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to



pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun *Set Apart to Serve* (SAS), an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

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.



Please be aware while entering and exiting the parking lot.

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

Thank you to our Prayer Pals, your Valentine surprises brought many smiles and much excitement. For our March theme, we will continue to learn of Jesus' miracles and love for us, and how to keep Him in our actions and words. We will finish the month with the Passion story. *The children and their families are invited to join you for Soup Supper and to sing during the Wednesday Lenten service on March 29.*

We wish you a blessed Lenten season!



Director/Teacher – Wendy Kelly

Teachers – Marianne Kelly and Jamie Campbell

Sub – Erin Stine, Jared Kelly, Madison Campbell

Preschool Phone: 419-693-8661

Wednesdays in Lent

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



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)



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.

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|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 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) |

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 tinajobobb@gmail.com

Remember in Your Prayers:

+for healing – Gertrude Brant, Chuck Brinkman, Marilyn Brown, Bob Haas, Deb Hartke, Robin Hill, Eric Losie, Phil Miller, Jackie Reynolds, Paige Smith, Deanna and Richard Snyder, Tony Williams

We have "reset" the prayer list during January.

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
Home and in
Community**

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 6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:45 PM Hymn Sing 7:00 pm Service 7:45 PM Choir Practice | 2 12:00 PM Zoe Bible Study 7:00 PM TobyMac Concert at the Huntington Center | 3 | 4 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast |
| 5 3:00 Faith and Family at the Toledo Walleye Game | 6 7:00 Elders Meeting | 7 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study | 8 6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:45 PM Hymn Sing 7:00 PM Service 7:45 PM Choir practice | 9 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study Confirmation Class | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study | 15 6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:45 PM Hymn Sing 7:00 PM Service 7:45 PM Choir practice | 16 7:00 PM Zoe Bible Study | 17 | 18 9:00 LWML Zone Retreat 12:00 PM LWML Painting at Art Lab 419 |
| 19 9:15 Raising Kids 12:00 PM Family Confirmation Meeting | 20 7:00 Mission and Ministry Meeting | 21 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study | 22 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 | 29 6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:45 PM Hymn Sing 7:00 PM Service 7:45 PM Choir practice | 30 7:00 PM Zoe Bible Study | | |
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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 <i>Kelly and Glenn Lorah</i> 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 Ava Mendoza Sue Jones | 25 |
| 26 Wade Bell | 27 Donald Weiss Gene Riggs | 28 Aiden Hartke Noah Hartke | 29 <i>Brian and Rebecca Cornell</i> | 30 Vicki Melms | 31 Jada Lewandowski | 1 |



| Volunteer Schedule for March 2023 | 5:30 PM | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Greeters | All God's people! | | |
| Ushers | Talk with the Elder for the service | | |
| Projection | | | |
| Camera | | | |
| Sound Board | | | |
| Readers | Jack DeJohn | Jodi Halka | Diana Miller |
| Acolytes | | | |
| Elder | Lyle Stine | Gary Garbers | Joe Daniels |
| Communion Servers (Wine) | Talk with the Elder for the service | | |
| 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

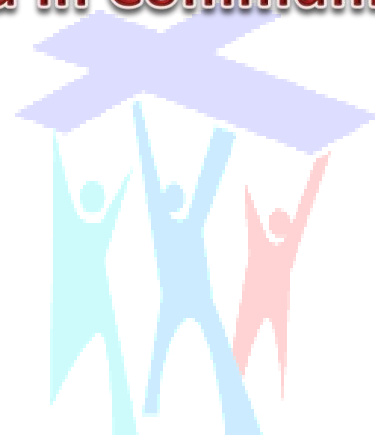
else with “special skills” like these? You can

serve your church family! Contact Pastor John at

any time!

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Sunday School: 9:15 AM
Sunday Worship: 8:00 and 10:30 AM
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