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When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:28

Do you watch "the News", listen to "the News", get "the News" updates on your phone? Do you rely on a particular "News source" or try to sample various sources? Do you say "I don't trust any news source" and then still sneak some into your life? Can you even help it or does "the News" invade your life wherever you are? We all receive more "news bits" – pieces of information – in a day than people a few decades ago did in a lifetime. Is it bad news or good news? Does knowing more make you feel more secure or less?

It seems the world is full of bad news – the latest war, disease, disaster (natural and man-made) – we are told to fear and prepare (presumably by continuing to tune in to that news source). Even if we could shut out and ignore world or national "news", we all have plenty of news that strikes closer to home – illness, job loss, troubled finances, relationships, and loss.

For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. Psalm 112:6-7

Maybe you hear Bible verses or Christian brothers and sisters tell you "don't be afraid" and you think "I can't help how I feel!" Feeling afraid is no sin – just like feeling happy, sad, or angry. It is not a question of how you feel, but what you do with the feelings. "In your anger do not sin." Ephesians 4:26 When you have positive feelings (like happiness) do you act on it and praise the Lord? When you have negative feelings (like anger) do you recognize it and pray for peace? The world tells us we cannot help our feelings, they are a basis (and excuse) for what we do. But God's truth is the opposite – when we act (in love, joy, peace...) even when we do not feel it, the actions often produce the feeling. (Yes, there are exceptions and it can sometimes take a long time, but generally that's how it works.)

It is very easy to be afraid of bad news and our fear often shows itself in anger and/or looking to ourselves to "fix it". But God reminds us that nothing is "news" to Him. God "makes nations great, and He destroys them; He enlarges nations, and leads them away" (Job 12:23). I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things. (Isaiah 45:7). Nothing that happens is "news" to God, but He is the God of Good News. God keeps His promises as He did when He sent His angels to proclaim, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). More than thirty years later, Christ the Lord suffered and died on the cross to atone for the sins of the world. It seemed like bad news to the disciples. But on Easter morning, an angel announced the astonishing good news to the women who came to Jesus' tomb: "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay" (Matthew 28:5-6).

As long as this fallen world endures, we will hear bad news. God's Word warns that the bad news will increase as the Last Day approaches. Even when we feel afraid, God's promises are sure in our crucified and Risen, Living Savior. *In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.* John 16:33 Jesus has conquered sin, death, and the devil for you. He promises His presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Like a child holding on to her Father's hand, we cling to God as His Good News resounds in our lives.

Clinging to God, Pastor John

The Word in April

4/2/2023	4/9/2023	4/16/2023	4/23/2023	4/30/2023
Isaiah 50:4-9	Acts 10:34-43	Acts 5:29-42	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Acts 2:42-47
Philippians 2:5-11	Colossians 3:1-4	1 Peter 1:3-9	1 Peter 1:17-25	1 Peter 2:19-25
Matthew 21,26,27	Matthew 28:1-10	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:13-35	John 10:1-10

SERMON THEMES IN APRIL

April 2: Palm Sunday April 9: Easter

Beginning April 16: I Peter – Living Hope

April 30: Confirmation

BIBLE STUDY IN APRIL

Invite your friends and neighbors to Sunday morning
Bible Study – we have coffee and goodies!
"That You May Know"

We will continue with Jesus' journey as recorded in the Gospel of John 20-21

Sunday, April 9 -- Easter Breakfast at 9:15!

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 1^{st} and 3^{rd} 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
- The 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.



<u>Catechism – Walking in the Promises of God</u> 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 March:

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!!

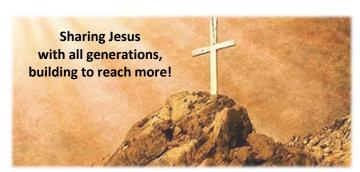
Expanded Family Ministry at Prince of Peace! The Lord has given the vision and the process is underway to continue the vision of the past 60 years!

You can always share your thoughts and ideas with the Building Team – contact 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.

Come to the Special Voter's Meeting for information and vote on the next steps April 2 9:15am



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, April 16 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:

Please feel free to drop off needed items directly to CSM.

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.

<u>Properties Team:</u> 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 <u>creichow1958@gmail.com</u>.



<u>Stewardship Team:</u> 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!

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.

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.

LWML Rally at Prince of Peace. Saturday, May 6 – Watch for details!

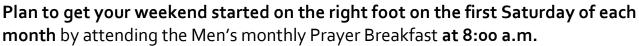
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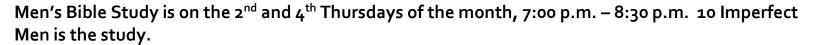
Men of the Church:

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST MONTHLY





- ✓ 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.



OREGONFEST - MAY 21 12:00 PM- 6:00 PM

The City of Oregon has brought back Oregonfest from a 3-year break!! There will be food trucks, vendor tables, a parade, a plant sale and much more!! Prince of Peace has signed up for a table in the Quality of Life tent and we are so excited to share what our church is doing with the community. Our table will have information about Prince of Peace church, our preschool, our building project, VBS, Sunday School, Bible Studies, and anything else we want to share. Watch for details and who to contact when it gets closer!!

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. We have a member in need of a portable Oxygen machine



Please be aware while entering and exiting the parking lot.

We are registering for the 2023-2024 school year, so please spread the word.



The Preschool will be on Spring Break April 1 through April 10. When we return, our theme will be: He has Risen, New Life and talking with Jesus, "How to Pray". The children will have an opportunity to say their own prayers.

Our Spring programs will be May 8, 9 and 10 at 7pm. **All are welcome.** For Prayer Pals, if you are not sure what class your Prayer Pal is in, we will post a list on the church bulletin board.

May 8 Pre-K Class May 9 T-TH Class May 10 M W F Class

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

PRINCE OF PEACE LIBRARY

Did you know that Prince of Peace has a library? Well, it does! Maybe you have attended a meeting in our library or dropped off something for church because you were told to take it there. Did you ever LOOK at the bookshelves? Don Weiss has taken time to go through and organize the books on the shelves and you can borrow them!

The books have been rearranged on the shelves according to topics that might be of interest to you. As you grow in faith and in your walk with Christ, take a look for information that might help you, or help you to help others in following Jesus.

The topics for books on the shelves in the first three columns as follows: (From left to right as you look at the shelves)

COLUMN	1
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Financial Peace & Men's Books Women's Books & Marriage The Christian Life (3 shelves) The Church and Church Growth

COLUMN 2

Devotions
Prayer Books
Great People in the Church
Grief & Healing
Teen Books
Children's Books

COLUMN 3

DVDs Children – Teaching –
Family Films
Family Life Education
Bible Study Helps
Bible Resource Books
Music & Hymnals
Catechisms

Feel free to borrow books or DVDs from our Church Library!!



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		(Cornell > Geldien)
c. Mark Sattler	419-699-7723	(Genszler > Jones)
d. Lyle Stine	419-340-7818	(Keiser > Maletich)
e. Gary Garbers		(Mayer > Peters)
f. Jim Bragg	419-690-2608	(Pfefferle > Sarns)
g. Don Halka		(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. Contact Tina Daniels at tinajoebobb@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

- +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 (Bella Vita Network)

+our 'adopted' seminary students -

- -Andrew Frerichs
- -Deaconess Intern Amy Genszler



Discipleship at Home and in Community

	April Acti	vities at F	PoP			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
2 Palm Sunday9:15 AM Special VotersMeeting	3 7:00 Elders Meeting	4 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	5	6 Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	7 Good Friday 12:00 PM Tre Ore Service at Trinity Lutheran on Glendale 7:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service	8
9 Easter Sunday 9:15 Easter Breakfast	10	9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	12	7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study Confirmation Class	14	15
16 9:15 Raising Kids God's Way 12:00 PM Family Confirmation Meeting	17 7:00 PM Mission and Ministry Meeting	18 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 7:00 PM Good News Class	19	20 7:00 PM Zoe Bible Study	21	22 10:00 Drive Through Food Pantry 6:30 Potluck with Mike Kuelker
9:15 Voters Meeting/Elections	24	25 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 7:00 PM Good News Class	26	27 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study Confirmation Class	28	29
10:30 Confirmation					2023	9 Page

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Elizabeth Hall
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lucy Richards		Bob Pfefferle Jason L. Mendoza Logan Halka	Josh Henneman		Caryn Brown Chris Peters	Mike Lewandowski
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Gavin Lewandowski	Joe Daniels		Karen Foley		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Connie Mulinex James and Judy Brower	Elijah Gareau		Alison Laurell Ava Shafer	Aeden Alder Mike Snyder Vincent Maletich	Delia Mestousis Lynn Walls
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Chaunda Hame			Ed Bell Mark and Corrine Sattler		Jason L. Mendoza Jr.	Jordan Jones Rita Kingsbury
30 Mary McCallum						

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Volunteer Schedule for	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM		
March 2023	5.30 F W	0.00 AIVI	10:30 AW		
Greeters	All God's people!				
Ushers	Talk with the Elder for the service				
Projection					
Camera					
Sound Board					
Readers	Lyle Stine	Jim Brower	Connie Kuch		
Acolytes					
Elder	Lyle Stine	Mark Sattler	Tom Smith		
Communion Servers (Wine)	Talk with the Elder for the service				
Altar Guild					
Pew Care					

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!

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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