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"They have taken my Lord away," Mary said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!"

John 20:13-16



In 1958, Grace Owen Muzzy was a guest on "I've Got a Secret". Her secret stumped the panel until it was revealed that Grace was the holder of the lowest Social Security Number: 001-01-0001. Her name and number were broadcast all over the country. Today, this would be unthinkable. Your SSN is your means of identification on all government records and many other places including bank accounts. We guard our SSN religiously lest someone get a hold of it and steal our identity. Your SSN is how you are known... officially. But not, of course, to your friends and family. We know one another by name.

Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb on Sunday morning to properly complete the burial begun so hastily on Friday evening. She discovered the entrance stone was rolled away and assumed someone had moved the body. She reported to the disciples and asked everyone she saw where the body had been taken. She was focused on her task of caring for her Teacher as best she knew how. As she wept in frustration and grief, she saw through her tears another man who asked who she was looking for. She did not recognize Him by stance or voice... until He called her by name.

We are so used to being anonymous in the crowd – going to the grocery store or public events – wading through a sea of humanity with blank faces. Have you been pleasantly surprised by someone knowing you? You walked into the room expecting to have to introduce yourself and someone greeted you with a smile, with a handshake, or – most personally – greeted you by name?

But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1

God knows all about you. He knows your past. He knows your future. After all, He knit you together in your mother's womb. But God is not content to know about you. God also knows you. He knows your hopes and fears and secrets. And God calls you. He calls you to know Him. Not just to know about God, but to know God – your Creator, your Savior, your Sustainer. God calls you by name.

God gives us many ways to call Him – names of description – throughout His Word. God also gives us His Name – "Yahweh". God gives us the personal name of our Savior – "Jesus". And through faith given by the Holy Spirit, God gives us His family. Together, we receive the Name of God and God calls us by name as He gathers us. And He sends us out. God is not a secret to be kept. He sends us out into our homes and communities – carrying His name, sharing His truth and mercy, calling one another by the name He gives "brothers and sisters in Christ".

Your brother called by name,

Pastor John

The Word in May

5/7/2023	5/14/2023	5/21/2023	5/28/2023
Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60	Acts 17:16-31	Acts 1:1-11	Numbers 11:24-30
1 Peter 2:2-10	1 Peter 3:13-22	1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11	Acts 2:1-21
John 14:1-14	John 14:15-21	Luke 24:44-53	John 7:37-39

SERMON THEMES IN MAY

May 7: Living Hope – The Rock
 May 14: Living Hope -- Sharing Hope
 May 21: Ascension
 May 28: Pentecost

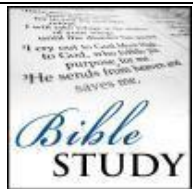
BIBLE STUDY IN MAY

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

Beginning in May – The Case for Christ

Adult Bible Studies:

- ✦ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:15 a.m. – “The Case for Christ” beginning in May
- ✦ **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 with any questions.



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.



There will be an informational meeting before the new session begins in the fall.

Official Acts April:

Funerals

4/15 Sharon Anne Daniels (NM)
 4/22 David Daniel Antonacci (NM)

Confirmation

4/30 (at Prince of Peace)
 Blake Madson
 Lydia Maletich

5/7 (at Immanuel)
 Jonathon Shultz
 BraeLynn VanDyke

SHARING JESUS WITH ALL GENERATIONS – BUILDING TO REACH MORE:

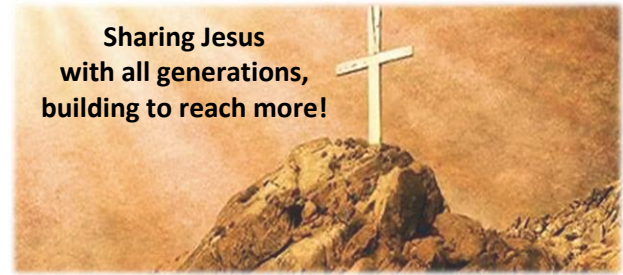
We are in the process of realizing the Lord's Vision for the future – new staff, additional building space and new ministry opportunities!!

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.



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, May 7 at 9:15** in the library. Drop your kids at Sunday School and then come to discuss parenting as a Christian. In May we will be having a short Bible Study as well as fellowship time. 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:

We welcomed Mike Kuelker for a Potluck and Presentation Saturday, April 22.

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

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.

Properties Team: Check the bulletin board to sign up for summer mowing and minor repairs. Please contact Dan or Cathy Reichow with any questions at 419-392-1470 or creichow1958@gmail.com.

The
Property
Team

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.

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.



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.

- ✓ 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.

May Breakfast will be serving the Ladies of LWML



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.

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. Talk to Jordan Jones of the Outreach team to see how you can help!

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.



Vacation Bible School

June 19-22 6:00-7:30 pm

Invite your friends and neighbors!

See the table in the narthex to register and learn about ways to donate materials and time!



Please be aware while entering and exiting the parking lot.

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

We are the end of our 34th year, and well on our way to our 35th! We have 25 children enrolled for next year and room for 25 more. You built this awesome classroom, and He has provided the children and their families. I wonder what He has in mind for the new building. We have trifold brochures available in the coat room. If you know of someone who is interested or if you would like to post it at your workplace, we thank you for your help.



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

If you are planning on an end of the year gift for your Prayer Pal, it would need to be here at school by May 15. This would be their last regular school day.



During May, Maumee Bay Center will be visiting our classroom. They will bring reptiles to share.

Our Teddy Bear Picnic is planned for May 18.
This will be our last day of school.



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

As we proclaimed in The Proclaimer last time, the books have been rearranged on the shelves according to topics. We hope this will make it easier for folks to find a book that might be of help or interest to you. There are cards in the books, but, at this time, there is no need to use that to check out the book. Just take it with you as needed and bring it back and put it on the shelf, where you found it, for others to use.

AS WE WALK IN OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH, there are things we need to learn or would like to learn. This month we feature some books that can help us work through issues and problems that are part of developing our Christian Walk.

These books are on the 3rd, 4th and 5th shelf down, on the LEFT SIDE of the book cases: shelves labeled **THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.**

EXPERIENCING GOD by Henry Blackaby is a Classic. In its 175 pages the author intends to help us learn how to live the full adventure of knowing and doing the Will of God. He tells how to find where God is already at work, to come alongside of Him and get in step with Him. This will help you experience Him as never before.

LET GOD LOVE YOU by Lloyd John Ogilvie. A pastor writes 60 Love Letters about his many discoveries that God loves us. It is just 160 pages short.

WAIT AND SEE by Wendy Pope. This is a practical textbook on “waiting” in the Christian life. A Leaders Guide companion book has a DVD for 6 sessions. ***This could be an aid in starting a Small Group Bible Study*** on the topic of “Waiting.”

HOW TO GET ALONG WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE by Florence Littauer, 160 pages. This book will give you fresh direction and encouragement along with the skills you may need to get along with “Your Difficult Person.”

HOW TO GET IT RIGHT AFTER YOU’VE GOTTEN IT WRONG by Gary Oliver. **God can turn our *setbacks* into *comebacks*.**

BORN AGAIN by Charles Colson. Something good came out of the Watergate Scandal in the Nixon Whitehouse. This is an insider’s view of this era in our history that is honest and forthcoming. What led to spiritual revival in a man who was tough, wily, nasty and tenaciously loyal to the President? What Colson learned about himself and His Savior while he was in prison.



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.***



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)

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 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

+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 Bower, 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 – Call Day is April 26!

-Deaconess Intern Amy Genszler



**Discipleship at
Home and in
Community**

May 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 Elders Meeting	2 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	3	4	5	6 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM LWML Rally
7 9:15 AM Raising Kids God's Way	8 7:00 PM Preschool Program	9 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 7:00PM Preschool Program	10 7:00 PM Preschool Program	11 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15 7:00 PM Mission and Ministry Meeting	16 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	17	18 TeddyBear Picnic (Last Day of Preschool)	19	20
21 12:00PM- 6PM OregonFest on Dustin Road	22	23 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	24	25 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study	26	27 10:00 Drive Through Food Pantry
28	29 Memorial Day	30 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	31			

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May Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
30	1	2 Blaine Peters Erin Stine <i>Dave and Marcia Breier</i>	3 Caleb Waldvogel Dan Reichow	4 <i>Bob and Judy Young</i> Charlie Miller	5 <i>Sam and Sherrie Henneman</i>	6 Al Hoar Cameron Brice
7 Olin Richards	8 Carlee Hart Roy Mays <i>David and Jackie Reynolds</i>	9 Charmaine Brinkman	10 Cullen Vanderhorst	11 Sarah Henneman	12	13 Brody Stelmaszak
14	15 Jason Bachar	16 Jordan Blausey <i>Ben and Talia Breier</i>	17 Christian Peters	18 Mark Smith	19 <i>Richard and Linda Stanley</i>	20 Aaron Young
21 Brett Bell Stephanie Blausey	22 Dominic Maletich Sharon Brown	23 Jeffrey Brower <i>Kyle and Melissa Barry</i>	24	25	26 Karina Repp	27 Andrew Fennewald
28 Adam Lants	29 Cale Pfefferle Kate VanCamp	30 Samantha Hoover	31 Lauren Roe <i>Chico and Ariel Mireles</i> <i>Richard and Deanna Snyder</i>			



Volunteer Schedule for May 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	Richard Stanley	Jim Bragg	Lauren Roe
Acolytes			
Elder	Lyle Stine	Don Halka	Tom Smith
Communion Servers (Wine)	Talk with the Elder for the service		
Altar Guild			
Pew Care			
<p><i>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

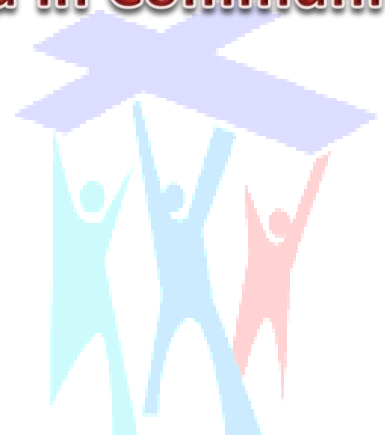
else with "special skills" like these? You can

serve your church family! Contact Pastor John at

any time!

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