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*Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.
Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,
you his servants, the descendants of Israel,
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.
He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
He remembers his covenant forever,
the promise he made, for a thousand generations,
I Chronicles 16:8-15*

God's Word constantly tells us to REMEMBER. Remember what God has done. Remember who we are. Remember whose we are. Even as God was rescuing His people from Egypt, they are told to "*Remember this day when you came out of Egypt, where you were slaves. For by the strength of his hand the Lord brought you out from there.*" Exodus 13:3 They are to have special days and seasons set aside to remember God's work in the life of His people.

The season of Lent (40 days before Easter) is a season of remembering. We are told on Ash Wednesday "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return." It is a sobering reminder of who we are before our Creator. Throughout Lent, we reflect on this truth – without God, we are doomed in our sin. But the "40 days" of Lent do not include the Sundays (go ahead, count it up for yourself). Each Sunday (throughout the year and especially in Lent) is a mini-Easter. We celebrate the Living Lord. And we do

exactly what Jesus commands at His table, "Do this in Remembrance of Me". I Corinthians 11:24-25

"Remembering" in God's Word is not simply "recalling the fact of..." We are not simply reminded that something happened once. "Remembering" also includes an element of "reliving". God's people for thousands of years have "Remembered" God's rescue from Egypt by sharing the Passover meal – including hours of questions and answers which retell (and in the food, even reenact) the events of the Passover and Exodus. When we share Communion, we are not just "Recalling that it happened", we are reliving and sharing in the Lord's Supper with Christians of all time and place.

Remembering is not always easy. In daily life, we are often distracted by the immediate needs – of ourselves, our family, jobs, those around us. We are focused on today – and often worried about tomorrow. By remembering – retelling and reliving – what God has done throughout history, and what God IS doing today, we are empowered by God for the future. Jesus promises this remembering as a gift of the Holy Spirit. "*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*" John 14:26

As God gathers us in Worship, we are refreshed in the remembering. When we remember what God has done in all our yesterdays, we are reminded that yes, God can handle this day and the next.

Remembering you in my prayers (*Philippians 1*),
Pastor John

THE WORD IN MARCH

3/3/2024	3/10/2024	3/17/2024	3/24/2024	3/31/2024
	Proverbs 22:1-12		Exodus 20:1-6	Isaiah 25:6-9
I Corinthians 6:16-20		Philippians 4:4-13		I Corinthians 15:1-11
Matthew 5: 21-30	Luke 19:1-10	Matthew 6: 25-34	Mark 11:1-25	Mark 16:1-8

WORSHIP THEME IN MARCH ***"Living the Law of the Lord"***

March 3– In the Body
 March 10 – With Our Neighbors
 March 17 – Needs and Wants
 March 24 – (Palm Sunday) Mighty Jealous God
 March 31- Resurrection! The Living Lord

BIBLE STUDY IN MARCH

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

Sunday 9:15 am

Repentance and Restoration: The Book of Joel

Official Acts February

New Members Received by Transfer- Richard and Sally Jaske



Order Your Easter Flowers Today!

Flowers to decorate the Chancel for Easter Sunday must be ordered by March 14.
 Pick up an order form in the Narthex or contact Madison in the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES!!

Thank you so much to those who have volunteered and taught Sunday School so far this school year! I think the kids are enjoying our guest teachers and the different activities they have gotten to experience. We appreciate your support!
 Make sure you **sign up to teach Sunday School for one week**. No experience necessary and we give you all the supplies and lesson materials! Find a friend and teach together! Thank you!



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.

Talk to Pastor John if you need to get connected!!



Adult Bible Studies:

✚ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:15 a.m. – Repentance and Restoration: The Book of Joel

✚ **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 men are studying *Respectable Sins*.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY at 7:00 p.m.

The women are studying *God's Relentless Love: The Book of Hosea*

✚ **MEN'S BREAKFAST 1st Saturday of the month 8:00AM**

✚ **NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – Would you like to talk about what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace? We are reworking this class. Join the conversation on **March 12 at 6:00 pm**. Sign up on the bulletin board. Can't be there March 12? Sign up anyway!



Raising Kids God's Way – An 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 24, at 9:15** in the library. We have started a Bible study book called ***Parent Differently***. Cost is \$15. Come to discuss parenting as a Christian. Talk to Amy Genszler or Jordan Jones for more information!

SHARING JESUS WITH ALL GENERATIONS – BUILDING TO REACH MORE:

Expanded Family Ministry at Prince of Peace

Watch for exciting progress as the Lord leads us in

Sharing Jesus with All Generations, Building to Reach More!



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



Easter Egg Hunt!!! Saturday March 23 at 11:00 AM!! Please donate Easter candy for this outreach event! There is a basket in the Narthex for your donations!

LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: If anyone is a Thrivent member and would like to apply for a \$250 Action card, we would greatly appreciate it. It will be used to provide personal care products to help people in need in our community.

POP is hosting a **once-a-month food pantry** through Seagate Food Bank. It is on the **last 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.

MISSION UPDATES:

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

Becky Kuelker will be visiting in April. Need some vanilla? Sign up by **March 15!**

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.



Online giving just got easier! **Download the Vanco app.**

Search for "Prince of Peace" (be careful there are many of us!) or use the invite code: GDFARS

Properties Team: Check the bulletin board to sign up for 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.

THERE'S A BOOK FOR THAT...

If you are curious to learn more about the Resurrection of Jesus, check out our library for books that encourage us to think. **First Easter** by Paul L. Maier lends fresh and scholarly support to the things we believe about "The week that changed the world." **First Easter True and Unfamiliar Story** uses words and pictures to bolster your faith in the Biblical accounts.

For the family there are DVDs of the Life of Christ as well as some fun versions of what we believe about Easter, produced by **Veggie Tales**. They are **'Twas the Night Before Easter**, and **An Easter Carol**.

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 "*God's Relentless Love: The Book of Hosea*". 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 2024 TOLEDO ZONE WINTER RETREAT

Saturday, March 16, 2024

"TREASURED" Bible study by Deb Burma

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Ohio Living Swan Creek 5916 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo

Registration: 9:00 a.m. - Retreat begins: 9:45 a.m.

Cost: \$20.00 (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

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!



Looking for Christian Fun and Fellowship? *Join the PoP Dartball team.*

No experience required.

What is Dartball?

Talk with Ron Wells (419) 320-0490 or contact Pastor John!

Men of the Church:

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



Join us at 8am on the 1st Saturday of every month for a time of fellowship around good food, a study from God's Word, and time for prayer together. You will meet brothers from other congregations who visit us. You will be uplifted and blessed. Why not invite a friend

to come with you? [We plan to finish by 10am].



Thursday Men's Bible Study

You are invited to our regular studies on two Thursdays of the month, starting on March 14, 7:00-8:30PM and because Maundy Thursday falls on the 4th Thursday, we plan to meet on March 21, at 7:00-8:30.

This year we will be discussing a topic that should interest every Christian: **Respectable Sins**. Because we know that Jesus forgives all our sin, is it okay for us to go on sinning? In Romans, God's Word challenges us to "put away" the sin that so easily entangles us.

Come! JOIN US in the study where God teaches us how His Word speaks into every situation in life that we face. The fellowship will bless you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's time to start planning this year's Vacation Bible School. We will be having a meeting on **Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm** to start planning this year's event. Please attend if you would like to help with preparations, or if you would like to volunteer to be in charge of a certain part of the event, such as snacks, crafts, or small group story time! We would love for this to be a team effort this year to use everyone's input and experience from previous years to continue to improve our event. If you have any questions, please see Alison Laurell!!

Would you like to see students in our area be able to study the Bible DURING SCHOOL HOURS?

If you haven't yet, show your interest at LifeWise.org/interest . Signing the list at this time is simply a statement of support – it will not obligate you or PoP to anything. The next stage is to form a Community Steering Committee, sign up at LifeWise.org/steering . If you need help accessing the website, ask Pastor John.



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 30.*

We wish you a blessed Lenten season!



Registration begins for church members and current students March 1st .

Pre-registration forms are available in the coatroom

We are looking for substitute teachers

(needed periodically thought the year).

Anyone interested should contact Miss Wendy.

Preschool will pay for your fingerprinting and background check.

Director/Teacher – Wendy Kelly

Teachers – Marianne Kelly and Jamie Campbell

Sub – Erin Stine, Madison Campbell

Preschool Phone: 419-693-8661



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)

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.**



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 and Charmaine Brinkman, Carol Cicak, Pam Downour, Mary George, Bob Haas, Deb Hartke, Robin Hill, Chris Hoover, Tom Jones, Josh, McCoy, Phil Miller, Betty Newton, Ron Oldenettel, Philip Shasteen, Paige Smith, Deanna and Richard Snyder, Kym Snyder, Jacob Stine, Lily Stine, Mike Thanasiu, Perri Tiefel

+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

-The Pregnancy Center, Toledo (Bella Vita Network)

+our 'adopted' seminary students –

-Deaconess Intern Amy Genszler

Deaconess Intern Amy has a new email: deaconessamy@princeofpeaceoregon.com



Would you be interested in meeting for prayer time once a month?

Contact Pastor John.



Save the date:

*There will be a solar eclipse visible in our area **April 8 at 3:15pm.***

Let's get together and witness God's amazing Creation!



Thoughts for LENT

Lent is a time when we reflect on some basic truths of life:

- **God loves you**
- By our choices, we reject God's love
- Because of our choices, we are broken
- We cannot fix ourselves on our own
- God has provided His son, Jesus, to act for us
- **Jesus' death is the payment for us**



Easter (and every weekend) we celebrate God's gifts:

Mercy –

He took our punishment for our rejection

Grace –

He gives us His eternal promises of love and life

The **Sunday Series** is

2/11 – Transfiguration - Only God

2/18 – The Lord’s Name and Sabbath

2/25 – Under Authority

3/3 – In the Body

3/10 – With Our Neighbors

3/17 – Needs and Wants

3/24 – Palm Sunday – The Mighty Jealous God

3/28 – Maundy Thursday – Is it I?

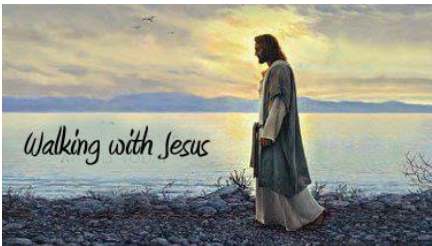
3/29 – Good Friday – Walking to the Cross

3/30 – Easter Vigil – Waiting, Theirs and Ours

3/31 – Resurrection Day – Living Lord



Wednesdays in Lent



What Witnesses Saw

Each Wednesday:

Soup Supper provided at 6pm

(Hymnsing begins at 6:45)

Devotional Service at **7pm**

2/14 – At the Water (Matthew 3:1-17)

2/21 – On the Way (Mark 8:31-33)

2/28 – At the Temple (John 2:13-22)

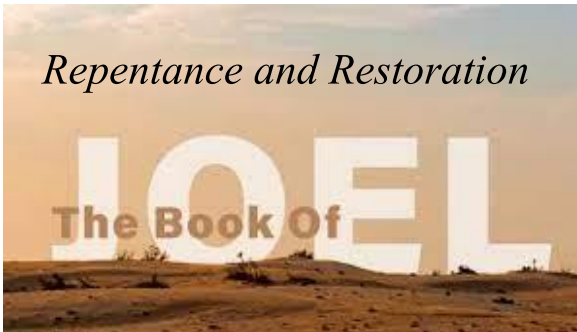
3/6 – At Night (John 3:1-21)

3/13 – In the Thunder (John 12:20-36)

3/20 – On the Donkey (Matthew 21:1-11)

(Preschool children will sing during the 3/20 service)

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:15am



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>
					1	2 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
3	4 7:00 Dartball Tournament at First St. John's	5 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 7:00 Elders Meeting	6 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Service Choir Practice	7	8	9
10	11	12 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 6:00 PM – Good News Conversation	13 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Service Choir Practice	14 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study & Confirmation Class	15	16
17 12:00 PM Family Confirmation	18 7:00 PM Mission and Ministry Meeting 7:30 Dartball - Away	19 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	20 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Service Choir Practice	21 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study & Confirmation Class	22	23 10:00 AM Drive-Through Food Pantry 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
24 Palm Sunday 9:15am Raising Kids	25	26 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	27	28 Muandy Thursday Service 7:00 PM	29 Good Friday Service 7:00 PM	30 Easter Vigil Service at 5:30PM
31 Easter Sunday 8:00 Service 9:00 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Service						

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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>
25	26	27	28	29	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</i> <i>Blausey</i>
10 Melissa Foley	11 Amy Genszler David Robinson	12	13 Emily Young	14 Pastor John	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</i> <i>McCallum</i>	23
24 Ava Mendoza Sue Jones	25	26 Wade Bell	27 Pastor Donald Weiss Gene Rigg	28 Aiden Hartke Noah Hartke	29 <i>Brian and Rebecca</i> <i>Cornell</i>	30 Vicki Melms
31 Jada Lewandowski	1	2	3	4	5	6



Volunteer Schedule for March 2024	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	Lyle Stine	Gary Garbers	Melle Koch
Acolytes			
Elder	Phil Miller	Jim Bragg	Tom Smith
Communion Servers (Wine)	Talk with the Elder for the service		
Altar Guild			
Pew Care			

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!

Discipleship at Home

and in Community



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