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“Why do you seek the living among the dead?” Luke 24:5

When I was in 1st Grade, I had an argument with my teacher. She said trees are alive and I insisted they are not. “Alive” in my mind meant breathing and moving – like animals and people. My teacher insisted that trees are living because they “breathe” in a different way (photosynthesis) and especially because they grow.

What do we mean when we proclaim “Jesus is alive”? Do we mean a metaphysical, symbolic, “spiritual resurrection” that defies explanation? No. We proclaim the simple truth: Jesus Christ -- true God and true man, born of Mary from Nazareth -- is alive. He died to take the punishment for our sin. And He was raised to life again -- true, full, body and soul life. He truly lives in His resurrected body. He breathes and eats (Luke 24:43) and will return to raise all people on the last day (I Corinthians 15:22).

What does it mean to you to be alive? Are you alive because you breathe and eat – because you go about daily tasks? Or are you living and moving and growing? You are given life and breath – not only taking oxygen (and other chemical compounds) into your body, but breathing in the very Breath of God, the Living Holy Spirit. (John 20:22)

How are you living today? How are you growing in the truth and knowledge, and love, and forgiveness of God? Sometimes Christians, rightly resting in God’s gift of faith, forget that we are also called to grow. One of my favorite events in the scriptures is in Mark 9. Jesus (and Peter, James, and John) return from the Mount of Transfiguration to find the other disciples struggling to heal a demon-possessed boy. The boy’s father pleads with Jesus, “If you can do anything, please help”. Jesus replies “‘If?’ All things are possible for one who believes.” The father cries out, “I believe. Help my unbelief!” In this father’s profound plea, we see the truth of our life and faith. We who cling to Jesus – trusting Him for all life – we still harbor reservation and doubt. Our “old Adam” clings to us. So even (and especially) in faith, we must grow. Where does the growth of faith come from? The father does not say, “I believe, and I will keep growing in my belief.” He pleads to the Lord “help my unbelief”. Like all of us, he knows faith is not something we create, but a gift of God.

How and where does God give His gifts – that we may grow in faith? God’s gifts are given by the Holy Spirit through the means He promises – His Word and Sacraments. God pours out life as He gathers us in worship, as we grow in His Word in devotions, Bible Study, and prayer. Together we grow in the love and gifts of the Holy Spirit. In the Crucified and Risen Christ, we have life abundant. (John 10:10) Together, we live today in the promise of eternal life. *“...Be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.* I Timothy 6:18-19

Blessed to live and grow with you,
Pastor John

THE WORD IN APRIL

4/7/2024	4/14/2024	4/21/2024	4/28/2024
Acts 4:32–35	Acts 3:11–21	Acts 4:1–12	Acts 8:26–40
1 John 1:1—2:2	1 John 3:1–7	1 John 3:16–24	1 John 4:1–11 (12–21)
John 20:19–31	Luke 24:36–49	John 10:11–18	John 15:1–8

WORSHIP THEME IN APRIL "Living Love"

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

Sundays 9:15 am

SCUBA – Deep Dive into Acts 1 and 2
Bring your Bible or a journal to write notes as we explore the first two chapters of Acts verse by verse!

Official Acts March
Funeral 3/14/2024 Joshua Patrick McCoy

Annual Congregational Meeting for election of Team Leaders is Sunday, April 14 9:15am.
Come be a part of what the Lord is doing among us!

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! There are only 4 more slots to fill. Sunday School takes a summer break so the last session will be on **May 19**. Thank you!



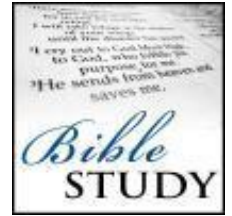
Catechism – Walking in the Promises of God First Communion and Confirmation classes at Prince of Peace are for all students entering 4th -8th grade. **First Communion** is a two-session class for students and parents. Contact Pastor John to schedule class. **Confirmation** is a two-year class for families 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. – SCUBA: Deep Dive into Acts 1 and 2
- ✝ **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 **April 16 at 6:00 pm**. Sign up on the bulletin board. Can't be there April 16? 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, April 21, 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

Construction has started – please be careful!

Please pray for the many construction workers and all involved!

Remember: Growth is messy. "Blessed are the Flexible!"

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*.



SAVE THE DATE!!!! Family Game Night, Friday April 26 at 5:30 pm!! Watch for a sign up sheet and get ready to play games, share fellowship time, and maybe even enjoy a bonfire, weather permitting!!

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 us on April 13 at the 5:30 service followed by a potluck and time to hear about the mission work in Mexico. Watch for a sign-up sheet to join us for the potluck!

Christians in the Holy Land: On April 6,7 2024 and during all services, we will be hearing a ministry moment about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after each service we will be hosting in the Narthex a nice display of handmade olivewood religious articles from Bethlehem available for purchase. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angles and many other religious crafts that could make a nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and Christmas gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on it for their daily bread.

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
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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.

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 the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

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

The theme for VBS has been set! It is **Wild Life: Where Kids Discover How Special They Are to God!** If you are interested in helping out with preparations, or being involved with a certain activity like snacks, crafts or small group story time, we would LOVE for you to join us!! VBS will be held from **June 17-20** in the evening. 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 www.LifeWise.org/steering. If you need help accessing the website, ask Pastor John.



Preschool News

Open Registration begins April 1. If you know someone looking for preschool, or has a preschool age child, please feel free to pass on a registration form to them. Word of mouth is our best advertisement. A trifold brochure with information about the school as well as pre-registration forms can be found in our coat/cubby room. Thanks so much!!

Our Spring Programs will be held on May 6 for pre-K, May 7 for T-Th classes, and May 8 for M-W-F classes if you would like to attend for your Prayer Pals. If you would like to help by baking cookies for the program nights, a sign-up sheet will be on the **Church** bulletin board.

The children will do a St. Jude's fundraiser event. This will run during Spring Break and will finish up on April 12. We are asking the children to do jobs around the house to earn money to share with the children and families at St. Jude's. It's just another way they learn about helping others as Jesus would.

If you would like to donate to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, you can go online to www.fundraising.stjude.org and look up our school's name to donate. Thank you!

We wish you a blessed Easter.

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

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday June 30 is Faith and Family at the Mudhens game!
Watch the bulletin board to sign up for tickets for this event!!



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)

Call Day is April 23 and 24 for our Concordia Seminaries! Please pray for the men and women as they receive their calls into ministry as vicars, deaconesses, and pastors.

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

Contact Pastor John.



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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. Contact Tina Daniels at tinajoebobb@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, Phil Miller, Ron Oldenettel, Peters, 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 our construction workers – for safety as they take part in God's work

+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



April 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 7:30 Dartball Away at St. Mark's	2 9:00 AM-Weekly Readings Study 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	3	4	5	6 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 6:30 PM Christians in the Holy Land
7 Christians in the Holy Land	8	9 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	10	11 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study & Confirmation Class	12	13 6:30 PM Potluck with Becky Kuelker
14 9:15 Congregational Meeting -- Elections 12:00 PM Family Confirmation	15 7:30 Dartball Away at St. Lucas	16 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study 6:00 PM – Good News Conversation	17	18	19	20
21 9:15 Raising Kids God's Way	22 6:30 PM Dartball Banquet at Messiah	23 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study	24	25 7:00 PM Men's and Women's Bible Study & Confirmation Class	26 5:30 PM Family Game Night	27 10:00 AM Drive-Through Food Pantry 5:30 pm Confirmation
28 Confirmation	29	30 9:00 AM – Weekly Readings Study				

2024

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Elizabeth Hall	2 Lucy Richards	3	4 Bob Pfefferle Jason L. Mendoza Logan Halka	5 Josh Henneman	6
7 Caryn Brown Chris Peters	8 Mike Lewandowski	9	10 Gavin Lewandowski	11 Joe Daniels	12	13 Karen Foley
14	15	16	17 Connie Mulinex <i>James and Judy Brower</i>	18 Elijah Gareau	19	20 Alison Laurell Ava Shafer
21 Aeden Alder Mike Snyder Vincent Maletich	22 Lynn Walls	23 Chaunda Hame	24	25	26 Ed Bell <i>Mark and Corrine Sattler</i>	27
28 Jason L. Mendoza Jr.	29 Jordan Jones Rita Kingsbury	30 Mary McCallum	1	2	3	4



Volunteer Schedule for April 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	John Ewald	Dave Breier	Connie Kuch
Acolytes			
Elder	Lyle Stine	Phil Miller	Joe Daniels
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

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