

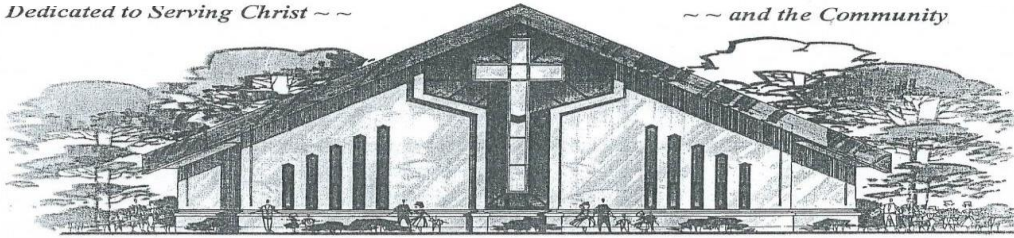
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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~ ~ and the Community



April 2024

NEWSLETTER

“No need of sun and moon: the Lamb will be its lamp”

If you haven't heard, there is a rather unique event happening this month. On April 8th, there will be a total solar eclipse that will happen across our country. It has not happened since 2017 and it will not happen again until 2044. In Wisconsin, it will not be a total solar eclipse, but a partial one. Nevertheless, it is always fascinating to see this phenomenon.

Now most of us won't attach any special significance to this eclipse. It is just the natural movement of the earth and moon happening to align, as a total solar eclipse is the moon passing between the sun and the earth to create this unusual event.

However, in the Bible, the sun being blotted out or darkness coming upon a land was always a sign of God doing something important on earth.

The first instance in the Bible was God sending the ninth plague upon Egypt. It is where the Lord told Moses, **“Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt. So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.”**

Now obviously, no naturally occurring event could cause such a phenomenon in Egypt. If you study solar eclipses, they pass over a land rather quickly. It is estimated that this total solar eclipse will last around four minutes in most places. God caused a darkness to come over a part of Egypt for three days. It was of course to signal God's judgment on Egypt and their Pharaoh for rejecting His demand to let His people go and worship Him through Moses.

It was also to show that He alone was God, as the Egyptians worshipped the sun God Ra, as well as other deities related to this god, which they believed controlled various aspects of the sun rising and setting. They also believed in a sky goddess named Hathor, who supposedly was the goddess of love and joy. The Lord God was showing He alone should be worshipped and adored as the creator of the sun and moon. The Lord warns about worshipping the sun, moon, and stars in Deuteronomy 4:19 and 17:3.

We also see the Lord controlling the sun at the request of Joshua in Joshua 10:12-14. Joshua asks God to make the sun stand still so they could have victory over their enemies and the Lord grants it. It says the sun did not hurry to set for about a whole day (Joshua 10:13).

Job glorifies the Lord God in Job 9:7 for His control of the sun when he says, “**who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars?**” In the Psalms, it testifies to the Lord’s control of the sun and the moon, such as Psalm 74:16, where it says, “**Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun.**” In Psalm 148:3, it says, “**Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.**”

We also see this control in the Lord using the blotting out of the sun as a sign of judgment. In Isaiah 13:10, it says, “**For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light. The sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light.**” They were the heavenly signs that were to accompany His judgment upon Babylon.

He also promises this as judgment over Egypt a second time. He says in Ezekiel 32:7, “**When I blot you out, I will cover the heavens and make their stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light.**”

In Amos 8:9, He promises this as a sign of judgment over Israel, when he says, “**And on that day, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.**”

Of course, at Jesus’ crucifixion, darkness came over the land for three hours until Jesus’ death. Luke tells us it is because “**the sun’s light failed.**” It was signaling that Jesus was taking upon himself judgment for our sins. It is where the blotting out of the sun is usually a sign of God acting in judgment upon sin.

The final sign of this will be at Jesus’ return on the last day. It says on that day in Matthew 24:29, “**the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light...**” It is because Jesus will come as the Judge of the living and the dead on that day.

Therefore, signs in the heavens are to be heeded. Now is there any divine significance to this eclipse? We have not been given a direct prophecy that it is so, but all these events in the heavens are to remind us that we are not long for this world. One day, our current sun and moon will cease to shine, as the Scriptures tell us, but it won’t matter when we are believers in Jesus on that day because we will be raised to experience an eternal day.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 13:43, “**the righteous (that is the righteous in Him by faith) will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.**” It is referring to what we will receive as Christ’s believing sheep on the last day in the resurrection. We will rise to receive the judgment of pardoned and forgiven from Jesus and we will shine in His kingdom forever.

In fact, Revelation tells us this, “**And the city (the New Jerusalem) has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.**”

Our current sun and moon had the original purpose under God of marking seasons and days and years. It was also to govern the light that God had already created on the first day, but in the new heaven and earth, time will not need to be marked and light will not have to be governed because Jesus will be the light of that place and we will shine with Him in glory.

As it says about the saints of Christ in the new heaven and new earth, “**They will see his face and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. (Revelation 22:4-5).**”

Therefore, appreciate the sun and moon while we have them. Let them serve both as a testament to our Lord as creator, as well our reason to live in repentance and reverence towards Him always, but also may they point us to Christ and the glorious promise of salvation in Him. We have the promise of shining like the sun with Him through His forgiveness and grace, and what a glorious day it will be when the sun will cease to shine because Jesus will be our ever and constant light. Enjoy then the upcoming eclipse as a sign of things to come! Amen.

Peace to you in Christ!

Pastor Chris

	<u>Worshipped</u>		<u>Communed</u>		<u>Offerings</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
March 4	186	195	157	108	7411	8020
March 10	155	247	120	104	5640	9297
March 17	186	179	157	87	8992	4692
March 24	192	166	154	94	4866	4937
March 31	337	175	259	92	8062	4070
Averages	211	192	169	97	6994	6203

INFORMATION FOR VOTING IN 2024

(all on Tuesdays)

April 2nd

Spring Non-Partisan
General Election and
Presidential Preference Election



August 13th

Fall Partisan
Primary Election



November 5th

Fall Partisan
General Election and
Presidential Election

Prince of Peace Youth Group

Scrip –Youth Group Fundraiser: Gift Card Order due April 21st

Use for Easter Baskets or pay for everyday expenses, AND help our church's youth at the same time. Available cards include Kohls, Target, Walmart, Best Buy, Office Depot, Amazon, Home Depot, Menards, Pick N Save, Festival, Walgreens, Kwik Trip, BP, Speedway, Panera, Starbucks, and more.

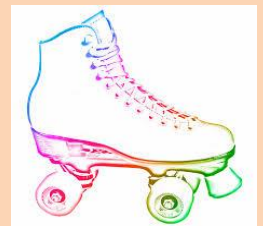


Pre-paid orders **are due by Sunday, April 26th**, to get cards the following week. Order forms are in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Janke, 262-880-6207 or gmaiorana@aol.com.

MONTH (UPCOMING HOLIDAY)	Order by (Sunday noon):	Cards Available by:
APRIL (Mother's Day & Grads)	4/21	4/26
MAY (Dads & Grads-Take 2)	5/19	5/23
JUNE	6/23	6/28

YOUTH GROUP ROLLER SKATING

We will be going roller skating on **Sunday, April 14th**, at Traxside Roller Rink in Burlington. The event is open to all Youth. Younger siblings are welcome to attend also. Cost will be \$10.00 per person and includes pizza and soda. The concession stand will also be available for other purchases. We will meet at church at 1:00 pm that day to caravan/carpool down to the rink. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Sign up (and pre-pay to Pastor Chris or Julie Maiwald) by April 3rd so we can give the roller rink an accurate count of how many people to expect as the rink is reserved solely for our group that day.



FUSED GLASS FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH GATHERING

Join us on **Friday, April 19th, from 6:00-8:00 pm**, or on **Saturday, April 20th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm** for a fused glass class. You have the option of making either two plant stakes or three sun catchers (see samples below). The cost is just \$45.00 per person and open to ages 10 and up. These would make great Mother's Day gifts! We will be serving light refreshments at this event. Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex. Space is limited to 20 per class so sign up soon! Classes need to be paid for by April 1st. Payment can be given to Amy Herron, Cara Shaffer, or Julie Maiwald.



SAVE THE DATE – ELVIS IS IN THE BUILDING



Our Youth Gathering kids will be hosting their 4th Annual Elvis Show on Saturday, **November 9th**, 2024 here at Prince of Peace. The “Voice of Elvis” will entertain us that evening with a special Veteran Tribute Show. Tickets are \$40.00 for regular seating and \$45.00 for VIP seating. Ticket prices includes a buffet dinner with dessert and one beverage. Additional desserts and beverages will be available for purchase. Tickets will go on sale closer to summer. Contact Julie Maiwald if you need more information.

RUMMAGE SALE



KID'S RUMMAGE SALE

The Kid's Spring Rummage Sale will be on **April 26th**, from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm and **April 27th**, from 7:30 am to 11:00 am. Please consider volunteering - we will need help with set up on 4/24 from 5:30 to 7:30/8:00 pm, and 4/25 from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We will have spots for sellers - sellers earn 75% of their sales and the other 25% goes to the church. The sale also donates back to an organization in the community that supports children. Please sign up to help in the Welcome Center. This is one of the church's largest fundraisers and the sale also provides the church with the opportunity to give back to the community. We hope you will consider selling, buying, or volunteering! Please contact Cara Shaffer at carashaffer@wi.rr.com or 262-498-9004 with questions.

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THE TALENT SHOW

The Board of Fellowship will be sponsoring another Talent Show. It will be held on **Saturday, April 20th at 5:30 pm** (following the service). If you have a talent you would like to share please sign up on form located in the Narthex under the project tree. Subs, chips, and drinks will be provided. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and laughter.



The Giving Tree



The Fellowship Committee would like to thank the Prince of Peace Family and Friends. Prince of Peace sincerely thanks everyone whose prayers and donations have helped reach many of the goals of the Giving Tree. Through the amazing response of many members and visitors, we have reached 75% of the total estimated cost. This generosity is a blessing to Prince of Peace and the Lord!!

Here are some updates on some of the projects:

1. The new refrigerator is already making church events easier. Everyone loves the larger size and the working ice maker. The previous refrigerator is still in the kitchen and is being used for child care/preschool.
2. The communion rail cushions are a comfortable addition (even though we are still working on how to keep them in place).
3. You will notice, during Easter, that instead of removing Jesus from the cross, he will be covered with a black cloth. This is being done to reduce the risk of damage to him and to the individuals who remove and remount him.
4. The new windows are going in and should result in some energy savings, be more secure, and work correctly. Church members are volunteering to install the windows.

If anyone has any ideas for the Giving Tree, please tell a member of Fellowship or Pastor about them. As ideas come up, the Giving Tree will be updated with new items. It is always your choice if, or what, you contribute and any amount is appreciated. Thanks also to those who chose to donate anonymously.

Thank God for Prince of Peace and its members and friends!!

Bible Study Opportunities



Sunday Morning Bible Class: Offered both in-person and online through Zoom at 10:30 a.m. The link is sent in email. Studying the topic: “Hot Topics”

Tuesday Morning Bible Class: Meets at church at 11:00 a.m. Studying Philipians.

Friday Men’s Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. every Friday at Prince of Peace. We are studying the book of Hebrews.

Saturday W.O.W (Women of Worth) Gathering: Every 2nd Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Their gatherings consist of a devotion/study, food, and an activity/craft. This month they will have Jim and Susan Kaiser speaking about their mission work in Ethiopia.

Saturday Men’s Breakfast Bible Study: Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am. Studying a video series called, “The Priesthood of All Believers”. Next Study is April 20th.

Saturday Bible Study for College/Post-College Age: Led by Joe Herron. They are examining the book “5 Things You Can Do to Witness Christ.” Saturdays at 10:00 am. Contact Joe at 262-744-2730 for specific days if interested.

WOMEN OF WORTH LADIES FELLOWSHIP NEWS

WOW picks back up on **Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 am.** WOW monthly gatherings are for ALL women of the church.

We would love for you to join us for the wonderful food and fellowship that we enjoy. Please let us know if you are interested by contacting Erika Skuhra at 262-818-3675, Corinne Lockie at 262-383-1235, or Dana Johnson at 309-363-6031.



CARING HEARTS MINISTRY



The Caring Hearts Ministry will be meeting during Sunday School on the **1st Sunday of each month.**

Caring Hearts is part of the Stephen Ministry program here at Prince of Peace. This program is open to all women who may need another woman to talk with. If anyone has any questions, please contact Tracie Ratz at 262-681-2987.

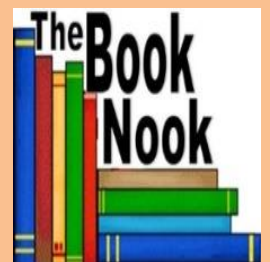
BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



We are looking for book donations for the updated library. Any appropriate books such as devotions or history would be appreciated.

PRINCE OF PEACE BOOK NOOK

Do you love to read, and have books that you would like to recycle? Please drop them off for others to enjoy! All appropriate books are welcome. If you see a book you would like to read, we ask for \$1.00 donation. All proceeds will be used for church repairs.



HOLY COMMUNION FOOD NEEDS FOR APRIL

For the month of April, the food pantry is asking for the following items.



Chicken Noodle Soup

Spam

Canned Chicken

Mixed Vegetables

Small Condiments

Canned Pineapple



They are also looking for children's Bible storybooks, Brown Paper Bags and lightly used plastic bags. Thanks to all of you who donate to our pantry. We could not continue this ministry without your help!

AMAZING GRAYS SENIORS LUNCHEONS

Senior luncheons will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month thru May 2024.

The schedule is as follows:

Luncheons at Raymond Community Church (8217 West 6 Mild Road, Franksville) are scheduled for January, March, and May.

Luncheons at North Cape Lutheran Church (2644 Raynor Avenue, Franksville) will host the luncheons in December, February, and April.

Entertainment will begin at 11:00 am and the meal will be served at noon.

There is no cost, but a freewill offering is accepted and all area seniors are welcome.



Preschool & Childcare



April News from Child Care

REGISTRATION 2024-2025

Prince of Peace Preschool, as of March 1st, has open registration for the 2024-2025 school year. Please note that registration is open to the community and taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. The programs currently being offered are:

M-W-F mornings (4 year olds) 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

T-TH mornings (3 year olds) 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Year round child care (2-1/2 – 9 years old) open from 7:00 am - 6:00 pm



If you know anyone who is interested in preschool or child care, please make sure they contact us.

Word of mouth is our best advertising source! We appreciate so much any recommendations you may give about our program of eligible students! Thank you for supporting us in this way!

SUMMER CHILD CARE: Our Child Care program will be continuing its year-round program through the summer. It will begin on **Tuesday, May 28th**. Activities are already being planned. *If you anticipate needing child care this summer, please let us know soon as we fill up quickly.*

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Our 11th Annual Classic Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Pre-registration forms will be available on the website in the near future. We had over 200 cars in attendance last year and are looking forward to another great year. Packer HOP LeRoy Butler will be joining us and will be selling autographed copies of his cookbook, pictures, jerseys, and other merchandise. We will also have fresh, delicious concessions on hand and a few of our local vendors. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Able or Julie Maiwald.



CALENDAR

Please take careful note of the special days and days closed on the Center calendar. Also, note that holiday breaks may be slightly different than Racine Unified's although we try to follow their schedule fairly closely.

We are now enrolling 3K (currently full), 4K and childcare for the 2024-2025 school year. If interested, contact Carla Abel by phone at 262-639-1277 or email at poppssc.racine@gmail.com



April Birthdays

- 3 Gerry Breitzman
- 3 Kevin Charpentier
- 4 Sawyer Otto
- 6 Olivia Zancanaro
- 7 Nevaeh Pittsley
- 9 Patricia O'Dell
- 10 Samantha Moshinski
- 10 Faye O'Dell
- 11 Patrick Davis
- 11 Gina Janke
- 11 Angela Rendler
- 11 Barbara West
- 11 Courtney Wolf
- 12 Jake Mycon
- 13 Phoebe Durik
- 14 Dana Johnson
- 15 Dylan Fox
- 15 Mason Moshinski
- 20 Harvey Kligora
- 21 Aliza Gonzales
- 22 Ben Fraser
- 23 Michael Schroettner
- 24 Joe Herron
- 24 Steve Roehrig
- 25 Lacey Milton
- 26 Abby Guziewicz
- 26 Katherine Lockie
- 27 John Reske
- 28 Jack Leiber
- 28 Jackie Reeves
- 29 James Maiwald
- 29 Mary Remus
- 30 Justin Hayes



April Anniversaries

- 6 Glenn & Kim Haake
- 21 Jeff & Cheryl Neff
- 24 Lonnie & Sandra Resch
- 29 David & Gina Janke

****If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office.**

Lutherans For Life

April 7 – Easter II

How remarkable that our Lord's beloved Apostle St. John describes the Gospel of Jesus Christ as "the Word of Life" (1 John 1:2). He also declares all believers qualify as "little children" (2:1). And he proclaims that God has given His Son to redeem "the whole world" – every member of the human race, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. Even personal choice or political controversy can't keep us quiet about it!

April 14 – Easter III

With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as "Author of life" (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

April 21 – Easter IV

The Gracious Savior brings a delightful clarity to life-and-death issues and situations. Killing and destroying belongs entirely to the work of the devil (John 10:11). The people of God advocate and extend abundant, everlasting life to the Lord's every last little lamb. Unto all our neighbors, with both our voice and our goods (1 John 3:17), may we "come that they may have life and have it abundantly!"

April 28 – Easter V

It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord's perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 11:00 am Bible Study Voting - Spring Election Day	3	4 6:00/6:30 pm Board Meetings	5 9:30 am Men's Bible Study	6 (10:00am- visitation) 11:00 am Ken Luedtke Funeral 4:00 pm Worship/ Communion
7 9:00 am Worship/Communion 10:30-Bible Class/Sunday School hour	8	9 11:00 am Bible Study	10 6:00 pm Confirmation Class	11 6:30 pm Council Meeting	12 9:30 am Men's Bible Study	13 10:00 am WOW Meeting 4:00 pm Worship/ Communion
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