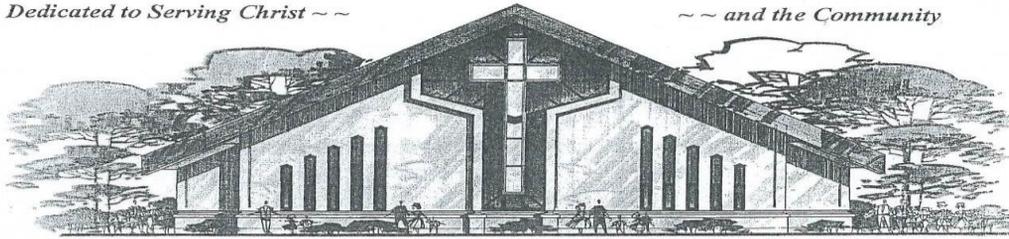


# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**March 2020**

**NEWSLETTER**

## Fasting-Should we do it for Lent?

*(The article is based off of an excursus in our Lutheran Study Bible on "Fasting". Much of the information and quotes in this article will be from that source).*

Last Wednesday, we began the season of Lent. It is this penitential season in the church year focused on self-examination and repentance over our sins in preparation for another observance of Good Friday and Easter. It is a season where traditionally we think about ways that we can enhance our worship and focus on Christ as our Lord. Through the years, a question I have gotten regarding Lent is whether we should give something up for Lent or fast in certain ways, like the Catholics. This article serves to address that question.

First off, the practice of fasting goes clear back to the Old Testament as a means of denying yourself in preparation for something or as an expression of sorrow or repentance over one's sins. The first mention of fasting in the Old Testament is God telling his people to fast in association with The Day of Atonement in Leviticus 16. The Day of Atonement was the day in which a goat was sacrificed on behalf of the people to make atonement to God for their sins against Him. As it says in Leviticus 16:31, **"It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you and you shall afflict yourselves (meaning to fast); it is a statute forever."** During that fast, they would fast from morning until evening.

We also see God's people fasting in the Old Testament during times of impending danger, mourning, sickness, threat of war, distress, and sorrow, like when David fasted after learning of Abner's death in 2 Samuel 3:35. We also find the religious leaders of Israel calling for fasts at times of national crisis, like in Judges 20:26, 2 Chronicles 20:3, and Jeremiah 36:9.

We also find Jesus teaching on fasting in His sermon on the mount in Matthew 6. He says in v. 16, **"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. ...But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by Your Father who is in heaven. And your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you."** Now Jesus brings up this topic in His sermon because fasting was a common practice of the Jews of the first century. In fact, Pharisees at the time of Jesus mandated twice-weekly fasting.

However, fasting was not supposed to be a required act of the Law in such a way, making it something that had to be done, rather it was to be something someone did as their own expression of devotion and repentance to the Lord. If you recall, Jesus fasted for forty days after his baptism in the wilderness for the purpose of showing His reverence and devotion to His Father. It is therefore something we can do for the Lord, not because we should feel compelled to, but as our own voluntarily act of reverence and humility toward our Lord. In fact, if you notice in those words of Jesus, he takes it for granted that his disciples will fast, as he says, “And when you fast”, not “And if you fast”. However, their fasting was not to be done for show or to bring glory to one’s self or to somehow earn God’s favor through it, but as an expression of love and faith toward God. It is why we find the early Christians fasting in Acts 13:2-3 and 14:23, as well as early church fathers encouraging fasting.

With that in mind, should we fast or give something up during Lent? The answer is it is up to you. It falls under our Christian freedom as one’s saved by the grace of God and not by our adherence to the Law. It is why we as Lutherans do not mandate fasting during Lent like the Catholic’s do.

However, it can be a form of self-discipline that can help focus you during this season of Lent, which is actually why the season of Lent was established in the first place. It was for the purpose of fasting, as Pope Leo in 461 AD officially established the season of Lent as a 40 day period of fasting and prayer in preparation for Easter.

Therefore, as you prepare for Good Friday and Easter through Lent, I suggest praying for the Lord’s direction as to how you might best reflect upon and prepare for another year of remembering Jesus’ death on the cross and His resurrection during Holy Week. If you do choose to fast or give something up in preparation, good for you. Let me know how it goes for you, but if you don’t, that is okay too. But one thing I do strongly encourage is to attend our extra Lenten worship services on Wednesday’s at 6:30 during Lent or to go through a Lenten devotional for some extra reading and reflection upon God’s Word during this season. Either way, I pray the Lord’s blessings upon your preparations, as we worship our crucified and risen Lord Jesus.

*Pastor Chris Lockie*

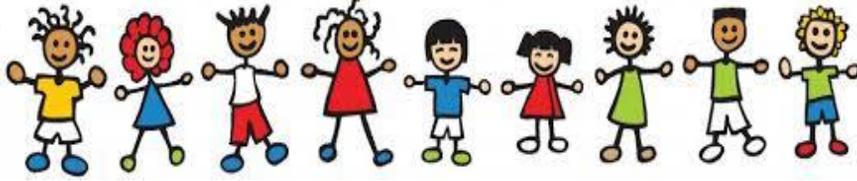
**Our Worship & Our Gifts to the Lord**

*“Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary  
I am the Lord.”*

**Leviticus 19:30**

	<b><u>Worshipped</u></b>		<b><u>Communed</u></b>		<b><u>Offerings</u></b>	
	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Feb.	2	175	126	148	5730	5179
*Feb.	9	290	42	99	4136	7492
Feb.	16	184	133	126	7135	6187
Feb.	23	175	125	154	10492	5067
<i>* PS/CC Children's Service</i>						
<b>Averages</b>	<b>206</b>	215	<b>106</b>	131	<b>\$ 6873</b>	\$ 5731

# Preschool & Child Care



February may be the shortest month of the year, but we sure did pack enough LOVE into it to last several months through! The Bible mentions, shows acts of, and tells us how to love more times than we could ever possibly count. Therefore, we used this Valentine month to remember to "Love One Another" just as the Bible commands we do. We also showed love by sharing Valentines with our friends and singing one of our favorite Jesus songs, "A Little Bit of Love Goes a Long, Long Way."

This month our units were: America and presidents, post office, construction and the circus. Both classes got patriotic as Presidents Day approached and carried flags as they marched in a parade to Stars and Stripes Forever. The 3K class made American flags and the 4K class imagined what they would do if they were President – look above the cubbies downstairs for their projects.

Of course, loving one another became the theme of our Jesus time this month, with the stories of the Good Samaritan and the Lost Son. These stories helped us remember that Jesus loves EVERYONE, even sinners like us, AND we are to love everyone too! Jesus' love changed the Lost Son's life, and it changes ours too! Soon we will be reminded that God loves us so much He came to Earth to die for us. As we prepare for the Easter season ahead, we are reminded of what Christ has done for us all because GOD LOVES US SO MUCH!!!

**REGISTRATION:** As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, Prince of Peace Preschool has open registration for the 2020-21 school year. Registration is now open to the public, and taken on a first come, first serve basis.

**CHILD CARE:** Please remember that we are not a drop-in child care. You need to have a reservation so that we can meet the state child: teacher ratio. We are unique in that you pay only for the hours you schedule in Child Care. Please also keep in mind that we need twenty-four notice for all reservation, changes in schedule or cancellations.

**FYI:** we recently had our license revised to accept children through age 9.

## Jesus Time

Encourage your child to keep the Bible story pictures in the JESUS BOOK brought home from preschool.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it"*

Proverbs 22:6

## This & That

**March 7**

**Pancake Breakfast 8:30 to 10:30**

**March 10 & 11**

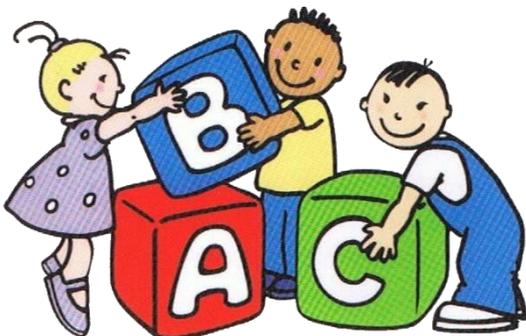
**Picture Days**

**March 12 & 13**

**Parent Conferences (No PS CC Open)**

**March 16 & 17**

**Green Days**



•Don't forget to like us on Facebook!



Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission

Everyone is  
welcome

**Spring Rally**  
**Saturday April 25, 2020**  
**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**4340 Six Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402**

**8:00 AM Refreshments**  
**9:00 AM Rally Begins**

**Speaker: Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative**  
**Bible Study: Rev. Brian Liermann**

**Ingathering: Socks (men's & woman's), soap, shampoo, dental floss, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand towels, wash cloths, bottled water, peanut butter, soups, ramen noodles, spaghetti, pastas, macaroni & cheese (boxes and/or microwave cups), applesauce cups, oatmeal packets, canned tuna, canned chicken. There is a container in the Narthex for all donated items. Please help us help our Veterans.**

### **Daylight Savings Time**

Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Remember to set your clocks *AHEAD* one hour.

**FYI: SATURDAY CHURCH WILL REMAIN AT 4:00 pm THROUGH THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL, AND RESUME AT 5:00 pm ON SATURDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

### **Men's Bible Breakfast**

Will be held on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.  
All men of our congregation are invited to join us for a bible study fellowship, and breakfast. Bring a friend.

#### **Up Coming Bible Opportunities**

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**Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Pastor's Class : "A 5 week study on the Passion accounts from the Gospels.

**11:00 Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** A new study through the Book of James.

**For Other Bible Study Opportunities:** See the sheet on the Welcome Center.

# LENTEN SCHEDULE

## Sermon Texts and titles

Midweek of Lent 1	Wednesday March 4
"The Upper Room: A Place of Service" ( <i>Luke 22:14-38</i> )	
Midweek Lent 2	Wednesday March 11
"Gethsemane: A Place of Strength" ( <i>Luke 22:39-46</i> )	
Midweek Lent 3	Wednesday March 18
"The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love" ( <i>Luke 22:47-53</i> )	
Midweek Lent 4	Wednesday March 25
"The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal" ( <i>Luke 22:54-62</i> )	
Midweek Lent 5	Wednesday April 1
"The Trial: A Place of God's Will" ( <i>Luke 22:63-23:25</i> )	
Maundy Thursday	Thursday April 9
"The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness" ( <i>Luke 22:7-23</i> )	
Good Friday	Friday April 10
"Golgotha: A Place of Simple Love" ( <i>Luke 23:44-49</i> )	
Easter:	Sunday April 12 (8 am & 10:00 am)
"The Empty Tomb: A Place of Remembering" ( <i>Luke 24:1-11</i> )	



## PRINCE OF PEACE TALENT or not SHOW

Saturday March 28, 2020

(After 4 pm Church Service)

Dinner will be served during show

Show us your talent or not talent, or fun talent to share  
(up to 5 minutes in length).

If interested contact Liz Slamka at (262)-497-5087 or see the signup sheet in  
the Narthex.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Once again this year, we are ordering Easter plants from Milaeger's. There is a wide variety of the plants that you can choose from. Please see the sign-up board in the Narthex for all the types, and prices. All orders must be placed by Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Payments must be received by time of order placement. Please make checks out to Prince of Peace, and write "flowers" in the memo line. You can use the envelopes in the pews to put your payment in.

## **\$100,000 CHALLENGE**

Prince of Peace is likely to be facing some God-sized challenges in the foreseeable future. We have been blessed with a beautiful sanctuary and facility—which is now beginning to show its age. We have recently been forced to replace three of four heating units above the “new” (14-year old) sanctuary, at an unbudgeted cost of nearly \$8,000. We also need to have tuck-pointing repairs done in the spring—at a cost of another \$8,000. And most importantly, we are anticipating a need to replace (and update) the roof—at a projected cost of \$100,000. In order to cover these maintenance expenses, the Board of Stewardship is proposing a special fund drive and asking for pledges that would be over and above our members’ normal giving. We recognize that \$100,000 sounds like an insurmountable goal. However, if each of our active families would pledge \$1,000—or \$30 per month over the next three years--the goal would be met! There will be a picture/outline of a church building, together with pledge forms, posted in the narthex in the near future to help track progress toward this goal. Please prayerfully consider how God would have you support this effort as faithful stewards of His house.

**HOW ELSE YOU CAN HELP OUR ROOF FUND;** by purchasing note cards (pack of 12 only \$8.00). The note cards were designed by members of our congregation, and make a great Christmas gift! Proceeds go directly to the Roof Fund! There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center .Also, check out our progress on the Roof Board in the Narthex. Any questions, contact the church office at (262)-639-1277.

### **PERHAPS YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH “DEAR ABBY.”**

Have you ever wished you could share a burden with a fellow Christian without having to approach them personally? Prince of Peace is inviting you to submit personal struggles via email to [Stephenministryracine@gmail.com](mailto:Stephenministryracine@gmail.com). One of our trained Stephen Ministry leaders will respond to you, offer prayer support, and help you decide whether additional support may be appropriate. Be assured that **strict confidentiality** would be maintained.

### **Easter and Everyday Gift Cards SCRIP ORDER**

**Need gift cards for Easter gifts, groceries, gas and other purchases? Pre-pay for cards by March 15<sup>th</sup> to get cards the following week. This is a great way to pay for items and services that you would get normally and help the POP youth in fundraising for their Youth Gathering in Houston. Stores listing and order forms are in the Narthex near the east entrance table.**

**Questions? Contact Gina Janke at 262-880-6207.**

# Lutherans For Life

## **March 1 – Lent I**

Abortion and assisted suicide promise control. But they don't seize power from death. Instead, they simply submit to death's reign (Romans 5:14), accepting defeat and calling it a treaty. These practices and ideologies constitute sinfulness. We need not surrender, for Jesus embodies a new model of humankind. His forgiving grace works in us a faith that gives freedom to receive life and celebrate it even amid difficulty and suffering (Romans 5:17).

## **March 8 – Lent II**

We scarcely need more help than when "coming in" (approaching birth) or "going out" (approaching death). In these times of weakness, neither pills nor legislative bills will avail unless they come from our Lord. Since Almighty Maker keeps our coming in and going out (Psalm 121:7-8) as a gracious Savior, He gets to direct the decisions about how one lives and when one dies.

**March 15 – Lent III** – Jesus graciously offers the water of abundant and everlasting life to an adulterous woman (John 4:14-18). He has just as much compassion for those who have participated in violences against life. Let us point out how these famines starve hearts so that we may proclaim Him who showers forgiveness and deliverance. If He draws water from rocks (Exodus 17:6), how much more life will He pour forth from our lips!

## **March 22 – Lent IV**

"[T]hat the works of God might be displayed in him" (John 9:3). Wondrous honor He has given to our every affliction, even the fiercest ones. The Jesus Who has borne our sicknesses and carried our sorrows incarnates our pains unto salvation. Why consider assisted suicide when our discomforts afford us front-row seats to witness the movements of the Almighty – and the privilege of participating firsthand?

## **March 29 – Lent V**

Life issues like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis cast long shadows. Sometimes our mortal eyes only behold despair and death in such circumstances. But our Lord Jesus loves nothing more than lost causes (Ezekiel 37:5-6). He walks hope into the darkest valley, and where our resolve ends, His resurrection begins. Trusting His presence and promise and power takes hold of a life not even crisis or cancer can touch (John 11:25).

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Worship/Communion Praise Service 9:00 am</p> <p>Fellowship 10:00 am</p> <p>Family Education Hour 10:15 am</p>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:00 Board Meetings</p>	<b>6</b>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>PS/CC Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>Worship/Communion 4:00 pm</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b></p> <p>Worship/Communion Praise Service 9:00 am</p> <p>Fellowship 10:00 am</p> <p>Family Education Hour 10:15 am</p>	<b>9</b>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>11:00 Midweek Bible Class</p> <p>6:30 Choir Practice</p> <p>6:30 Adult Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>5:15 Lenten Supper</p> <p>6:30 Lenten Service</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:30 Council Meeting</p>	<b>13</b>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:00 Men's Bible Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 Elder's Meeting</p> <p><u>Youth:</u> Feed my Starving Children</p> <p>Worship/Communion 4:00 pm</p>
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<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Worship/Communion 9:00 am</p> <p>Rendler Baptism</p> <p>Fellowship 10:00 am</p> <p>Family Education Hour 10:15 am</p>	<b>30</b>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>11:00 Midweek Bible Class</p> <p>6:30 Choir Practice</p> <p>6:30 Adult Confirmation Class</p>				

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