

# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

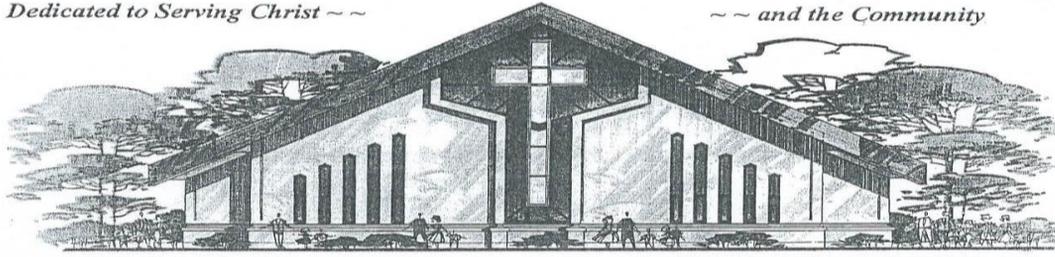
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*Dedicated to Serving Christ ~ ~*

*~ ~ and the Community*



**April 2018**

**NEWSLETTER**

## We Live by Faith, and not by sight

**“We live by faith, and not by sight.”** You probably recognize those words from 2 Corinthians 5:7. They were words written by the Apostle Paul when he is encouraging his fellow believers in Corinth that, despite their struggles and persecutions, they could continue to live by faith knowing they had a great hope for their future. It was the hope that one day they could be away from the struggles of the body and at home with the Lord in heaven. It is the hope found in the good news of Easter that Jesus lives, so we can also live beyond death through Him.

It is that message we heard again at Easter, yet despite that knowledge, do you ever struggle with that “not by sight” part of that verse? We know our future in Christ, but I know sometimes the waiting by faith until that day can be difficult. Our human nature can long for proof, for confirmation, for our faith to be put at ease by sight when questions and trials arise.

Take the disciple Thomas for example. I think we probably all know the account. Here Thomas, one of Jesus’ twelve disciples, wasn’t there when Jesus first appeared to the disciples after His resurrection. They reported to him that they had seen Jesus, but Thomas refused to believe it. He said, **“Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”**

Thomas wanted proof and who can blame him. This was shocking, unbelievable news he had been told. He needed to see Jesus for himself and Jesus then gave him the blessing of his faith becoming sight. He got to see Jesus’ hands and side and it was enough to move Thomas to proclaim, “My Lord and my God.”

It is where I think we all have our times in life as Christians that we wish we could have a Thomas-like experience. To get to behold our Risen Lord on earth. To get to be able touch his nail marks and side, yet do we really need that special blessing of Jesus coming to us to believe? The reason Jesus does not descend down every time we might want to see him and receive proof for our questions and trials in life is because He has already provided for us all the proof and assurance we need.

We have the accounts of his life from eyewitnesses who died a martyr's death defending their belief in Christ. We have what Jesus gave us to remain with us and live in us to create and sustain us in our faith. It is the Holy Spirit. As Jesus said about the Holy Spirit, **"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper to be with you forever; the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."**

Jesus tells us it is the Holy Spirit who will remind us of Jesus' teachings and guide us in all truth about Him (John 14:26 & 16:13). Romans 8:26-27 tells us the Spirit helps us in our weakness by giving us words to pray, as it says **"the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."**

It is where the Spirit is the gift of God that lives within us to remind us and assure us in those times when our faith wants to be sight that we do have a place to go to see and hear Jesus and it is to His Word.

It is why the apostle Paul describes God's Word as the sword of the Spirit. It is the weapon to be used against the assaults of Satan. It is the weapon to be used against his temptations to doubt and to wonder. It is the weapon against those times when we long for our faith to be sight. It is why Martin Luther penned the words in "A Mighty Fortress",

*"Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us, We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us. This world's prince may still, scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none. He's judged, the deed is done; One little word can fell him."*

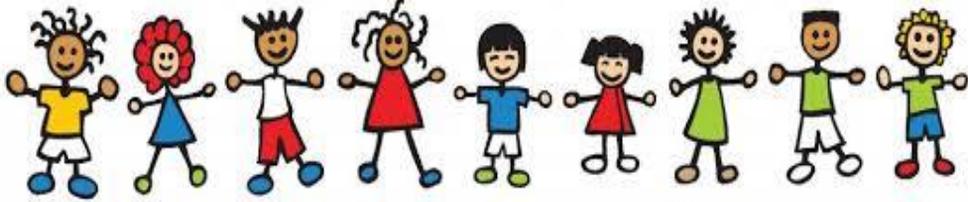
It is the Word of Christ that fells Satan and through it, we can see the greatest truth. The truth that, while we can't see our Lord, we have His promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us and that nothing can separate us from His love, and with that promise we live by faith, knowing one day our faith in Christ will be sight. For in the words of Jesus, **"Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live."** Amen.

*Pastor Chris*

**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>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
March	4	<b>204</b>	165	<b>144</b>	125	<b>\$ 7948</b>	\$ 8167
March	11	<b>182</b>	169	<b>137</b>	119	<b>7538</b>	9540
March	18	<b>199</b>	182	<b>146</b>	128	<b>5692</b>	5495
March	25	<b>193</b>	172	<b>172</b>	119	<b>4433</b>	4382
<b>Averages</b>		<b>194</b>	172	<b>149</b>	122	<b>\$ 6402</b>	\$ 6896

# Preschool & Child Care



March is supposed to come in like a lion and out like a lamb, but according to our class weather watching, it was a mix of lamb and lion days. The children prefer lion days because we get to ROARRRRR loudly each time a lion day occurs!

March of course was a month of weeing green. Everything was green on our Green Days, even the mil and water! The 4K Class walked to Willow Green Assisted Living Center and had a green devotion and did some green projects with the residents there. We even ate a green snack with our new friends! The 3-year olds had some fun learning about frogs and acting like frogs with some extra silly frog masks and really enjoyed the story Green Eggs and Ham.

The 4-year old class spent much of their time in March concentrating on communities. Special attention was given to some of our favorite community topics including the post office (it was fun mailing letters to our houses), restaurants (our Class room became a restaurant during snack), and dental health (we had a dentist office in our classroom, and brushed eggs). But our favorite part was building our own "Preshool City" in the classroom! We also learned about families, why God gave us families and how God created every family to be different and special!

During this season of Lent, we are focused on remembering what Jesus has done for us. We reviewed the fall into sin and remembered our own sins as we created a cross full of sin spots in our classroom. Our stories prepared us for Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross for us, and the Easter celebration that follows when He defeated death and rose from the grave. This is the most important story we could ever share; praise God for His great love for us!

**REGISTRATION:** As of March 1<sup>st</sup> there is open registration for the 2018-19 school year. This 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 to 12:00 pm

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

Year round child care (2½ to 6 years old) open from 7:00am to 6:00 pm

## Jesus Time

is a very special and important part of the day at our center. Each week a Bible story, it's theme, and important Bible words are learned.

*"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

May 10<sup>th</sup>

3K Mother's Tea 10:30-11:00

May 11<sup>th</sup>

4K Mother's Tea 11:00-12:00

May 12<sup>th</sup>

POP Kid's Rummage Sale

7:30 a to 12:30 pm

SUMMER CHILD CARE

Will begin on Tuesday, May

29th

•Don't forget to like us on Facebook!

# The Flock Has Arrived!

Join the fun in FLOCKING A FRIEND! Our YOUTH GROUP is having some fun this year while raising funds to attend the National Youth Gathering in 2019.

**\$40.00 for NO  
FLOCKING  
INSURANCE!**

**\$20.00 for a  
72 hour flock of  
flamingos!**  
*(We will try an honor special requests  
for specific days)*

Each flocking will last for 72 hours unless the unsuspecting family pays to have the flock removed early!

Choose your flocked family wisely – they will have the option to find out who flocked them by paying a small fee!

It is all in good fun! Celebrate a birthday, anniversary or graduation with a visiting FLOCK OF FLAMINGOS! Additional signs or balloons can be made upon request for additional fee.

**To have a family flocked – complete a FLOCKING FORM located on the Youth Board and put in box #85 with payment.**

# HAPPY FLOCKING!

# Flocking Form

Flock Recipients: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested dates to be flocked: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*We cannot guarantee that the flock will be moved to the family on the requested dates if they are already visiting someone those days..**

Special Request (balloons or extra signs can be made for an additional fee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Person responsible for flocking: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Include \$20.00 payment with form and place in box #85. Checks should be payable to

Prince of Peace with a note that it was for Flamingo Flocking.

You are responsible for supplying the correct address. Please keep in mind that we cannot flock an apartment complex.

# Prince of Peace Youth Group

We have been working hard at coming up with fun things to do that will raise funds for the youth trip to MN in Summer of 2019 for the National LCMS Youth Gathering.

Thank you to all of you who filled a jar this past month for us. We raised just around \$850.00 towards the trip! That is AWESOME and such a blessing!

On March 17<sup>th</sup> we held our first Paint Night and had 14 people attend this event. This raised \$325.00 towards the trip! We will be hosting another Paint Night at the request of those that attended. Please watch for the next one!

With it costing close to \$1000 per student and chaperone to attend, all these contributions help out so much. We are so very thankful to our congregation for supporting our efforts to raise money so we can attend the gathering.

Don't forget about these upcoming events:

- **Pixology Picture Scanning Event** – We are bringing back the popular event of picture scanning. April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Pixology and our Youth will be scanning your photos for you. The first 50 scans are free and then .15 cents for every picture after that.

- **YOU'VE BEEN FLOCKED!** Rumor has it that a flock of flamingos will be making POP their home for VBS. However, they will be making special visits to homes! Watch for your opportunity to send the flock for a visit. You might want to consider purchasing flock insurance! Flocking Forms are available on the Youth Bulletin Board.

- **Meals To Go!** We will be having a cook out on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our Youth Weekend. We are offering a hot dog, hamburger or brat meal to go! These are pre-order meals. Order forms are on the Youth Bulletin Board. Payment is due at the time of ordering.



# Meals to Go Order Form

Youth Group is offering an All American Backyard Meal to Go at the upcoming Youth Weekend on April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. You can take your meal to go or find a seat after service and enjoy some company.

We are offering a complete meal that includes a Hot Dog, Hamburger, or Brat with a bag of chips, cookie and soda.



**Complete the order form below and include it with your payment.** Please put it in the Youth MEALS TO GO Mailbox . Checks can be made out to Prince of Peace with a note in the memo "Meal to Go". **Orders are due by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle which day you will be having your meal:**

Saturday Meal 4/28/18

Sunday Meal 4/29/18

**Meal Choice:**

Hot Dog Meal                      \$3.50                      # of meals \_\_\_\_\_                      Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

Brat Meal                              \$5.50                      # of meals \_\_\_\_\_                      Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

Hamburger Meal                      \$5.50                      # of meals \_\_\_\_\_                      Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*All Chips will be plain potato chips. Cookies will vary on type.\*\***

**Soda Choice (One can of soda is included with each meal):**



Coke                      # of Cans \_\_\_\_\_

Diet Coke                      # of Cans \_\_\_\_\_

Sprite                      # of Cans \_\_\_\_\_



## Men's Bible

### Breakfast



Will be held on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 am.  
All men of our congregation are invited for  
a bible study on the topic of:

“Fatherhood.”

Enjoy fellowship, and breakfast of course.  
Hope to see you there, and bring a friend.

## Basketball



Men,  
come join us at  
Prince of Peace  
for a game of  
basketball on  
Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
4 to 5 pm

## LWML

All women are invited to:

Zone 21 Spring Rally

Saturday, April 28, 2018

8:30 to 11:30 am

Grace Lutheran Church  
3700 Washington Ave., Racine, WI

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Program begins

### What is a Heart to Heart Sister?

Speaker: Mai Nhia Thao

Bible Study: Rev. Conradt,  
Zone 21 Pastoral Counselor

Ingathering for Works of Mercy:

Items Needed:

***Toothpaste, toothbrushes, liquid  
body soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer,  
wet wipes and deodorant.***

(There is a box in the narthex for the ingathering  
items.)

## Family Movie Night

Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Bring a blanket, or chair.

Refreshments will be served.

“The Star”



Men's Softball

Our Prince of Peace softball  
League will be starting with a  
practice

On Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm at Cliffside Park

If you are interested in joining  
the team, You are invited to  
show up.



BIG CHANGES have come to the POP Kid Rummage! And we are SO EXCITED! We are celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> year holding the sale! We have moved forward with streamlining our system. Starting with the Spring sale our whole sale is on one system. Everything from registration, bar code labeling system, volunteer registration and more. We increased the seller fee to \$10 and that has covered the cost of the program and the barcode scanners we will need for the sale. The turn around on seller payments will be days instead of two weeks.

If you are looking to volunteer, but do not sell in the sale, you can sign up for a shift through a link on the church website. It is on the Current Sale tab under the Rummage. If you are not comfortable with this process, please feel free to contact Dena Guziewicz or Cara Shaffer to sign up for a shift. We still have plenty of tasks that help us make the rummage happen twice a year.

Thank you for all the support over the past 10 years. We are still going strong and growing. Let's keep it up for another 10 years and counting!

Dena

# Lutherans For Life

## **April 1 – Resurrection of Our Lord**

“Who will roll away the stone for us?” (Mark 16:3). Does abortion solve surprise pregnancies or only add death to sin? Does assisted suicide settle incurable conditions or only pile guilt upon grief? Death offers no answers but only deepens despair with darkness. Christ is risen for just such situations! Jesus brings life and salvation, hope and joy, peace and purpose. His dying and rising rolls back the stone, revealing a forgiving Father and a gracious Savior in this with us! **Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, work out Your resurrection within and among us. Amen.**

## **April 8 – Easter II**

Sometimes the unassailable sanctity of life goes unseen (John 20:25). Sometimes age, appearances, inabilities, or errors seem to conceal it. We do not need productivity, popularity, prosperity, or prettiness to prove a person’s worth. By becoming incarnate from conception to crucifixion, Jesus proclaims every one of us precious. By resurrection and forgiveness, Jesus pronounces even the least of these priceless (20:29). **Prayer: Heavenly Father, enable us to believe and receive Your gifts even without seeing. Amen.**

## **April 15 – Easter III**

Almighty God calls us, even us, His own children (1 John 3:1). He accepts us, adopts us, and adores us as helplessly dependent little ones. Indeed, He made Himself just such a child to show us how special this is! Can we also look upon helpless and dependent persons—like embryos or incapacitated patients—not in pity or competition but with Father-like appreciation? If we see Him as He is, we shall become like Him (3:2)! **Prayer: Omnipotent and gentle God, let no one deceive us about the value Your love gives all humankind. Amen.**

## **April 22 – Easter IV**

Lord Jesus shepherds such fragile creatures as us with God’s presence and power (John 10:11). He shepherds through the very valley of the shadow of death itself (Psalm 23:4). In low points like terminal diagnoses and dark places like complicated pregnancies, the devil descends to pilfer and plunder life’s God-given abundance from us. We need not fear, for the self-sacrificing Resurrected One (John 10:18) promises to replenish anything evil deprives. He will not allow us to lack as He carries us to glory and honor. **Prayer: Faithful Guardian, sustain us in danger and make us agents of Your coming kingdom. Amen.**

## **April 29 – Easter V**

“[A]part from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5b). This holds as true of any of us as it does of unborn or elderly individuals inhabiting life’s edges. “In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us” (1 John 4:10a). Rather than our accomplishments or qualifications, His creating, redeeming, and calling our entire race gives human beings significance. If God so loves us, we also get to love one another (4:11). **Prayer: God of truth and love, grant us so to know Your devotion that we also delight to show it. Amen.**

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Worship/Communion 5:00 pm
8 Worship/Communion 9:00 am Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Family Education Hour 10:15	9	10 Bible Study 11:00 am 6:30 New Member Class	11 6:00 Confirmation	12 6:30 Bd/Meetings	13 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	14 3:00 Kielski/Schroettner Wedding Worship/Communion 5:00 pm Lay Baptism
15 Worship/Communion 9:00 am Sunday School Children Sing Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Family Education Hour 10:15 a.m.	16 6:00 Mom's Bible Study	17 Bible Study 11:00 am 6:30 Choir Practice 6:30 New Member Class	18 6:00 Confirmation	19 6:30 Council Meeting	20	21 9:00 Men's Bible Breakfast Worship/Communion 5:00 pm
22 Worship/Communion 9:00 am Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Family Education Hour 10:15 a.m. Men's Basketball at POP 4-5 pm.	23	24 Bible Study 11:00 am 6:30 Choir Practice 6:30 New Member Class	25 6:00 Seder Meal for Confirmands	26	27 Family Movie Night 6:30 pm	28 Worship/Communion 5:00 pm
29 YOUTH SUNDAY Worship/Communion 9:00 am VandenBerg Baptism Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Family Education Hour 10:15 a.m.	30					

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