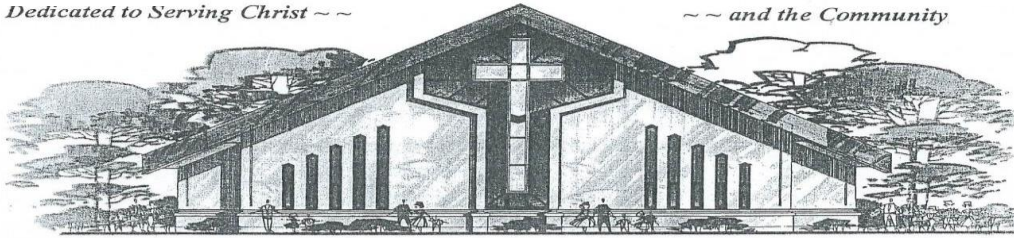


# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**April 2025**

**NEWSLETTER**

## “Are We in the Last Times? The answer is yes!”

Last Sunday after church, someone said to me through the receiving line. So Pastor, you think we are in the end times? It was based on the last words of my sermon. For them, this was surprising news, however for us as Christians this news really shouldn't surprise us. Scripture is very clear we are in the end times or the last days. Let me show you the Scriptures.

The apostle Peter believed it was the last days when he quotes the prophet Joel in his sermon on Pentecost in Acts 2:17 saying, **“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.”** He was saying the fulfillment of that prophesy was happening that day as he and the other disciples received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost to preach about Christ. Therefore, the last days included the time right after Christ's ascension and the birth of the church on Pentecost.

Peter echoes this again in I Peter 1:20 when he says about Jesus, **“He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you.”** Peter is saying again the last times started with the first coming of Christ.

The apostle John believed the same. He called the times of the first century “the last hour”, when he says in I John 2:18, **“Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.”** He was saying one of the signs that we are in “the last hour” of history is the arising of antichrists seeking to deceive people and lead them away from Christ before the end.

The writer of Hebrews echoes this as well when he says in Hebrews 1:2, **“But in these last days, He (the Father) has spoken to us by His Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.”**

The apostle Paul also seems to say this when he writes in I Corinthians 10:11 (which prompted the question), **“Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.”** He saw his time and the time of the early church as beginning the end of the ages as they followed Christ's coming.

Therefore you have four different writers of Scripture all being inspired to say the end times began with Christ and the first century church.

Now the next question that is frequently asked is this, “But how close are we getting to the end of “those last days or times or ages?” We cannot know for sure, but the signs are certainly there. Jesus’ disciples asked him about what would be the sign of His coming and the close of the age (Matthew 24:3). He said signs would be false prophets and false christs who would arise, as well as wars and rumors of wars. He said natural disasters like famines and earthquakes and great storms on the sea would be signs, but Jesus said, **“all these are but the beginning of the birth pains.”** Obviously, those signs have been happening in different forms for the last 2,000 years, so it is impossible to know how close we are getting to the end.

But what Jesus told us to do when we see these signs is to be awake and ready, for He tells us He will come at an hour we do not expect. As Jesus said, **“Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near (Luke 21:28).”**

All of this news is just meant to tell us that we shouldn’t get too attached to this world and its trappings because they will one day come to an end. However, for us as Christ’s church it will be our resurrection to the right hand of the Father and our joy beyond measure. It is why Jesus tells us to lift up our heads on that day and to look up because our Redeemer is coming.

Therefore, don’t be too alarmed it is “the last days”, because the Last Day means Jesus is coming back again and it will be good for us as His church. As Jesus said, **“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense or reward with me, to repay everyone for what he has done (meaning by faith in Him or not). I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end”**, as he says later, **“Surely I am coming soon.”** To which we are prompted to respond as Christ’s church, **“Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.”** Amen.

Peace to you in Christ!  
*Pastor Chris*

	<u>Worshipped</u>		<u>Communed</u>		<u>Offerings</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
March 2	<b>228</b>	186	<b>119</b>	157	<b>13,677</b>	7411
March 9	<b>142</b>	155	<b>122</b>	120	<b>6863</b>	5640
March 16	<b>152</b>	186	<b>76</b>	157	<b>3991</b>	8992
March 23	<b>189</b>	192	<b>109</b>	154	<b>6716</b>	4866
March 30	???	337	???	259	???	7141
<b>Averages</b>	<b>169</b>	221	<b>79</b>	169	<b>12,143</b>	6810

# EASTER SERVICES FOR APRIL



April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Midweek Lent Service – 11:00 am & 6:30 pm

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Midweek Lent Service – 11:00 am & 6:30 pm

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service – 6:30 pm

April 18<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Service – 7:00 pm

April 19<sup>th</sup>-Easter Saturday-4:00 pm



## Easter Day Services

April 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunrise Service at the crosses – 5:45 am

8:00 am and 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am

(between services)

## Easter Egg Hunt

The children's Easter Egg Hunt will be

On **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** from

**9:00 am – 10:30 am.** Children up to 12 years old are welcome to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt. The children will

hear a special message, search for eggs, and enjoy some special treats. Children should bring their own basket for the egg hunt, and bring a friend.



# Prince of Peace Youth Group

## Scrip –Youth Group Fundraiser: Gift Card Order due April 9<sup>th</sup>



Do you need Easter Basket items? Consider scrip (gift cards bought at face value) to benefit POP youth for the National Gathering. Use gift cards for presents and everyday expenses and help our church's youth at the same time. Some of the stores available are Kohls, Target, Walmart, Best Buy, Office Depot, Amazon, Home Depot, Menards, Pick N Save, Festival, Walgreens, Kwik Trip, BP, Speedway, Panera, Starbucks, and more. Order and prepay **by noon on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, to get cards the following week. Order forms are in the Narthex. For orders and questions, please private message me: Gina Janke, 262-880-6207 or [gmaiorana@aol.com](mailto:gmaiorana@aol.com).

MONTH (UPCOMING HOLIDAY)	Order by Sunday noon:	Cards Available by:
APRIL (Easter)	4/13	4/18
May (Mother's Day & Grads)	5/4	5/9
June (Dad's & Grades-Take 2)	6/8	6/13

Electronic cards & reloads available via mobile app, see QR code or <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=3A4C8ABB18119>



\*\*\*All cards listed on [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com)\*\*\*

# Organize Your Photos Once & For All

## Monday, April 14, 6:30 pm

*Here at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church*

Photos can feel like an endless pile of chaos! Just when you finish one project, more photos appear. Never mind the other types of memories like slides, film, memorabilia and more.

In this one-hour class, we'll share a simple, repeatable plan that you can rely on. Even when life gets in the way of organizing photos, you'll be able to pick up right where you left off with confidence. We'll cover:

### **Photo Software**

Learn about the four types and which ones are best for saving family photos

### **Three Simple Steps**

With these steps, save your family's memories one project at a time.

### **The Balancing Act**

Work efficiently while still preserving what is important

From print and digital photos to film, video and audio files, slides and negatives and memorabilia, learn how to preserve your family's memories, stories and legacy to enjoy and share to day and pass on the future generations.

***Class is \$30 ~ All class fees go to the POP 2025 Youth Group Trip***

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**Turn this form in with your payment to Julie Maiwald (Mailbox #38)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Please join us on **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** for our first ever Murder Mystery Dinner sponsored by our Youth Gathering kids. **Seating will begin at 5:00 pm.** It's sure to be a night of mayhem and suspense. This is a family friendly event. We will be serving a buffet dinner complete with beverage and dessert. Cost per person is \$20.00 and \$10.00 for children 10 and under. Additional beverages and desserts will be available for purchase as well.



## YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Our Youth will be hosting a Car Wash from **noon until 3:00 pm**. In case of inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**.



## CHANGE JARS

Please return Change Jars to Karli as soon as possible. Thank you!

## Prince of Peace Youth Group!

Our vision is to develop student leaders for the mission of spreading the Gospel to the next generation. Leaders who are able to strategize and implement evangelism and discipleship in peer and cross-cultural environments.

Jr. High (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades) – Meets the first and third Fridays at 6:00 pm

Sr. High (High School) – Meets every Wednesday at 6:00 pm

### Week Night Studies:

- An opportunity for in-depth student of specific Scripture to grow personal relationships with the Lord
- Series 1: Gory Deaths
  - Why are these stories in the Bible
  - How can they guide our lives
  - What do they show us about Jesus

### Sunday Afternoons:

- Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are encouraged to bring friends!
- Meets second and fourth Sundays at 3:00 pm
- Fun activities and a topical study with a Gospel emphasis

## VOTING IN 2025:

The State Supreme Court Justice race will be on the General election, on April 1<sup>st</sup>, as there are only 2 candidates. There will also be referendums. Polling places will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. For more voter information you can go to



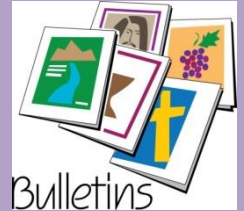
[www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)



## FLOWER AND BULLETIN CALENDAR



There is a new Flower and Bulletin on the bulletin board for 2025. If you wish to sign up, and have certain flower colors in mind, please let Wanda know. Thank you!



## CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS

This month we will be replacing the shingles on our aging church roof and we still need your support. Our goal was \$50,000.00 but we are way below that amount. Every gift, big or small, will help us meet our goal. Please consider donating – together we can meet this goal. Thank you in advance for your support.



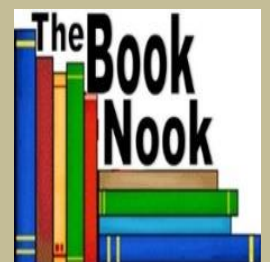
## HOLY COMMUNION FOOD NEEDS FOR APRIL



For the month of April, the food pantry is asking for the following items: 1 lbs. bags or boxes of rice, egg noodles, chicken noodle soup, jelly, spaghetti's, and macaroni and cheese. We are very grateful for all the food and monetary donations we receive. Thank you! To God be the Glory!

## 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.



# 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. Topic: **“Sunday’s Gospel”**. We are covering in-depth the Gospel or Scripture from that Sunday

## Tuesday Morning Bible Class:

Meets at church at 11:00 a.m. Studying the Gospel of John.

## Friday Men’s Bible Study:

9:30 a.m. every Friday at Prince of Peace. We are studying the book of Daniel.

## Saturday Men’s Breakfast Bible Study:

Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 8:00 am. However, in April, it will be Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> because of Easter. The Topic: “Blessed is the Man...”-A Study of select Psalms.

## 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.



# Preschool & Childcare



## April News from Child Care



### RUMMAGE SALE



The Kid's Spring Rummage Sale will be on **Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm** and **Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 am to 11:00 am**. Please consider volunteering – we will need help with set up on April 2nd from 5:30 to 7:30/8:00 pm, and April 3rd 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](mailto:carashaffer@wi.rr.com) or 262-498-9004 with questions.

### calendar



### CALENDAR

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.

### READY, SET... SPRING BREAK!

Preschool and Childcare are closed on 4/18<sup>th</sup> and 4/21<sup>st</sup>. Preschool is closed Tuesday, 4/22 thru Friday, 4/25. Childcare is open 4/22 thru 4/25.

There are several spots open in 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](mailto: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
- 18 Meggan Solfest
- 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
- 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 6 – Lent V**

The Lord our God forms persons and peoples for Himself (Isaiah 43:21). Our lives and every neighbor's body belong to the Almighty Maker. He intends each one not only for survival but for salvation in the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10). This means we get to receive all humankind's members as gifts and privileges and treat them as inestimably precious.

## **April 13 – Palm Sunday/Passion of Our Lord**

Incarnation, atonement, and resurrection from the dead have earned Jesus Christ authority over the manner of our living and the timing of our dying (Deuteronomy 32:39). Even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, we may commit human life's course to His loving care, for His own humble humanity has sanctified every moment of ours (Philippians 2:8-9).

## **April 20 – Resurrection of Our Lord**

Lethal measures like abortion and assisted suicide claim to express autonomy, but they really embody surrenders to death. Jesus Christ, sacrificed and arising again, liberates from submission to this ultimate enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26). Neither we nor our neighbors need equate human worth with length of days or lack thereof (Isaiah 65:20). Who will tell them? Why not us?

## **April 27 – Easter II**

"An angel of the Lord...brought them out and said, 'Go...and speak to the people all the words of this Life'" (Acts 5:19-20). Life—immediate, abundant, ongoing from fertilization to forever—belongs to the heart of the Gospel and the very identity of our Savior Jesus Christ. And is there any clearer Scriptural invitation for the sanctity of life to occupy all our conversation?

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER**



# April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		<b>1</b> Voting 11:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:30 pm Adult Choir 7-8:30 pm Basketball	<b>2</b> 11:00 am Lenten Service 5:15 pm Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm Lenten Service	<b>3</b> 6:00/6:30 pm All Board Planning Meetings 7-8:30 pm Basketball	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Men's Bible Study Kids Rummage 4:30-8:00 pm	<b>5</b> Kids Rummage 7:30-11:00 am 4:00 pm Worship/Communion	
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