

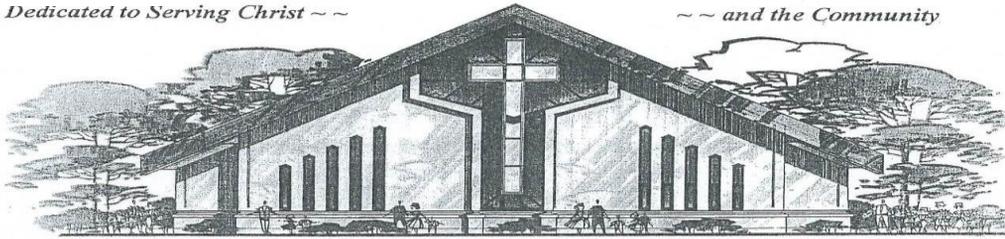
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dedicated to Serving Christ ~ ~

~ ~ and the Community



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NEWSLETTER

“The Comforter: He is there for you!”

Recently, I have been reading a new book by Max Lucado called, “Help is Here.” When I read the opening preface, it grabbed me. It read, “There is weariness among us. We are weary from the loads we carry and the challenges we face. We have questions we cannot answer and problems we cannot solve. We’d hoped that life would be an invigorating pilgrimage, a high-country adventure (you’d have to read the book). We never expected to grow so tired so soon. We grow weary on the walk. Yet what if there is help? Someone to walk with you and guide you, to shoulder the load. And what if this help was heaven-sent? ...Someone who is ever strong. Never tires. Always near. Unhindered by what hinders us. Interested...?”

I know I was. Come to find out, it is a whole book about the work of the Holy Spirit. Now the Holy Spirit is that third person of the Trinity we don’t emphasize or talk about in the same volume as some of our other Christian churches. The reason is because Jesus needs to be the focus. The Holy Spirit would testify to that. It has the role of bringing to remembrance what Jesus taught (John 14:26) and ever testifying about Jesus as most important (John 15:26).

However, the Holy Spirit should not be undersold as a gift from God who is to be our Helper and Counselor through life.

We first see the Spirit of God mentioned in Genesis 1:2. It is described as “hovering over the face of the waters.” Max Lucado has an interesting chapter on these verses arguing that it was the role of the Holy Spirit as part of the Trinity to bring order to the chaos of the darkness that existed before the Father spoke. Now it is hard to see from Genesis what role the Holy Spirit really had in creation, but the fact that it is mentioned so early is a sign for us. The Holy Spirit is important. It has always existed with the Father and it has an important role. It does the will of the Father.

For instance, we see the Spirit at work in various ways in the Old Testament. It says Joseph was gifted with the Spirit of God (Genesis 41:37) giving him the wisdom to interpret the Pharaoh’s dreams and lead Egypt. It says a man named Bezalel was gifted by the Spirit “with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and craftsmanship (Exodus 31:3).” He was gifted to build the tabernacle for God in the Old Testament.

In Numbers 11, we see the Holy Spirit coming down upon the seventy elders of Israel to help them judge and lead along with Moses. We see the Spirit mentioned throughout Judges, inspiring and helping the judges of the Lord (Judges 3:10, 6:34, 11:29, 13:25, 14:6, 19, 15:14). It says the Spirit was with Samuel (I Samuel 10:6) and David (I Samuel 16:13) and Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2:2).

It is always abiding with God's people to gift them and inspire them and fill them for service to the Lord.

Jesus describes the Spirit in this way. He says, **“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 describes the Holy Spirit as a *“parakleiton.”* It is a Greek word that can mean “helper, encourager, counselor, or comforter.” It can also sometimes mean “advocate”, such as in a court of law. John uses this sense of the word in I John 2:1. It is a word that has the sense of a friend, who personally urges the judge to decide in favor of the accused. It is a verbal adjective meaning, “one called to another's side to aid him.”

It is where as Max Lucado writes, there is help. Always. In our lives. It is the Holy Spirit that was sent to dwell with us and live in us to be our Advocate, help, encourager, counselor and comforter. His teaching is that if we are feeling down, anxious, stressed, and down-right burdened, remember you have help. It lives in you as a follower of Christ. It is the Holy Spirit.

In fact, the Scriptures tell us the Spirit is that help in our lives we can always draw on. As Max Lucado puts it, “He is the executor of God's will on earth today, here to infuse us with strength. Supernatural strength.”

We see this truth in Romans 8, where it says, **“Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.”**

It is saying the Holy Spirit that dwells within us as believers is there to help us when we are feeling weak in faith, weak in body, weak in grief or stress or anxiety. It will give us the words to pray when we don't have them and the strength we need to endure times of weakness.

In fact, there are two Greek words that Paul uses in that verse to cement that truth. The first word is translated “help”, but it literally means, “to come to the aid of.” The Spirit will come to our aid in our weakness. The second word is translated “intercedes”, but could be translated “pleads.” The Spirit pleads for us with groanings or sighs too deep for words.

It is where if you are feeling particularly worried or overwhelmed or weak in body, mind, or spirit, remember you have an indwelling Helper. The Holy Spirit. We can say to the Lord, “I am too weak to face this, give me your strength.” And you can know, whether you hear its voice or not, the Spirit of God's answer is. “I will give it because that is what I do. I am God's Advocate, the Father's Comforter for you.” Amen.

Pastor Chris Lockie

	<u>Worshipped</u>		<u>Communed</u>		<u>Offerings</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
February 5	303	240	0	0	9051	6681
February 12	180	162	104	134	9153	6014
February 19	175	167	73	130	6769	5828
February 26	180	163	106	134	5034	4411
Averages	210	183	71	100	7502	5734



This year for our Lent services we are going to be following the theme “The Sign of Jonah”. This series of special services explores the meaning of “The Sign of Jonah” as we follow Jonah on his journey....and Jesus on his way to the cross.

Bible Study Opportunities

10:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Class: Offered both in-person and online through Zoom. The link will be sent in email. Studying Revelation.

11:00 Tuesday Morning Bible Class: Studying 1 Corinthians.

Women’s Bible Study: Women’s regular Bible study is on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. at Natalie Bissegger’s house.

Weekly Men’s Bible Study: To be held every Friday at Prince of Peace now at 9:30 a.m. We are studying the book of Mark.

Men’s Breakfast Bible Study: Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am. Studying a video series called, “The Great Deceiver”.

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.



Preschool & Childcare



March News from Child Care



Preschool Green and Grandparents Day – March 16th and March 17th

Please send your child to school wearing GREEN on Thursday, March 16th (3K) and/or Friday, March 17th (4K) for our special GREEN DAYS! In preschool we are inviting grandparents to come the last hour of class (10:30 to 11:30 on the 16th for 3K and 11:00 to 12:00 on the 17th for 4K) for some special “green” fun. If grandparents are unable to attend, parents, relatives or family friends may come instead.

REGISTRATION 2023 – 2024

Prince of Peace Preschool, as of March 1st, has open registration for the 2023-2024 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:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (4 year olds)
- T-TH mornings:** 9:00 am – 11:30 am (3 year olds)
- Year round child care:** 7:00 am – 6:00 pm (2-1/2 to 9 years old)

If you know of 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 to parents of eligible students. Thank you for supporting us in the way!



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, 4K and childcare for the 2022-2023 school year. If interested, contact Carla Abel by phone at 262-639-1277 or email at

poppfcc.racine@gmail.com



Prince of Peace Youth Group

Scrip –Youth Group Fundraiser:

Gift Card Order due March 19th - Use gift cards for Easter basket stuffers and 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, March 19th** 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	Order by:	Cards Available by:
March	03/19	03/24

DINE AND DONATE

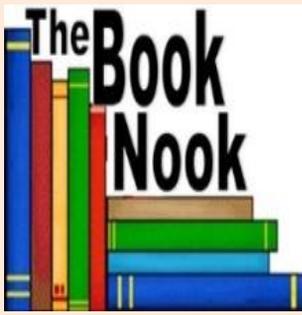
Our next Dine and Donate event for the Youth Group will be on Monday, March 27th, 2023 at M.A.C.S. Macaroni and Cheese Shop located at 120 W Town Square Way #500 in Oak Creek. Time for the fundraiser is from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. Fliers will be available in the church bulletin and on a table in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support!

Board of Education

We are in need of one person to help with Sunday School in our Pre K thru 1st Grade Class. This commitment would be for about one third of the Sundays in February through mid May, during the Sunday School hour after church. If this is something you would be willing to do we would be most grateful !!

Please call, or text, Dana Johnson at 309-363-6031.





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 go to the roof fund.

WOMEN OF WORTH LADIES FELLOWSHIP NEWS

If you haven't been to a WOW gathering we would love to see you. Women of Worth (that's you!) gather at 10:00 am on the second Saturday of each month. This is a time to set aside for you to take a break, be served a lovely breakfast, enjoy the fellowship of the women in our church family, and hear a devotion.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, March 11th.

We are in need of a food coordinator, as well as a devotion or activity, for our meeting on the 14th.

Please let us know if you can help out 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.



HOLY COMMUNION FOOD NEEDS FOR MARCH

- Canned Corn
- 1 lb. boxes or bags of Rice
- Easter Candy
- Bar Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Brown Paper Grocery Bags
- Clean, lightly used Plastic Bags



Recently the amount of food received has been decreasing each month. This makes the donations you give more important than ever so that healthy, balanced meal items can continue for those in need in our community. **Thank you so much for your continued support.**



Fellowship Calendar of Events

- March 1st – Lenten Dinner at 5:15 pm
- March 2nd – Fellowship Meeting at 6:00 pm
- March 8th – Lenten Dinner at 5:15 pm
- March 12th – Donut Wheel
- March 15th – Lenten Dinner at 5:15 pm
- March 22nd – Lenten Dinner at 5:15 pm
- March 29th – Lenten Dinner at 5:15 pm



Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Worship Services

We will have worship service Maundy Thursday on **April 6th**
at 6:30 pm and Good Friday worship service
at **April 7th** at 7:00 pm.



Good Friday



EASTER BREAKFAST

On **April 9th** there will be an Easter Breakfast
in between 8:00 am and 10:30 am Easter Service.
Please sign up to bring your favorite dish.



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th, 2023
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.



March Birthdays

- 2 William Wellerritter
- 3 Fennic Kilb
- 5 Connor Borkowski
- 6 Jayne Badtke
- 6 Douglas Johnson
- 8 Alyssa Bukowski
- 9 Michaela Kauth
- 10 Emily Grant
- 10 Shirley Ludvigsen
- 10 Corrine Lynn
- 12 Nickole Wefler
- 13 Katherine Klingelhofer
- 13 Tim Schroettner
- 13 Bentley Wefler
- 17 Amanda Koch
- 17 Elliana Lampshire
- 17 Timothy Ludvigsen
- 19 Suzette Koceja
- 19 Jack Makovsky
- 20 Corinne Lockie
- 20 Jan Schroettner
- 21 Berkeley Hibbard
- 24 Keith Mills
- 25 Lillian Pritzl
- 28 Constance Busby
- 29 Julie Maiwald
- 29 Tom O'Dell
- 31 Kayla Gonzales



March Anniversaries

- 3 Michael & Ruth Benben
- 6 Robert & Suzette Koceja
- 17 James & Cynthia Sullivan
- 22 Randall & Dana Johnson

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

Lutherans For Life

March 5 – Lent II

Father Abraham was justified (Romans 4:2-3); that is, he had a reason for coming into being and continuing to live. Abraham was not justified by works, that is; this reason arose from elsewhere than his own origin, appearance, or ability. Abraham was justified by grace; that is, God's creating, redeeming, and calling defined his identity. The Gospel proclaims the sanctity of life to all Abraham's offspring (Romans 4:16)!

March 12 – Lent III

Jesus delights to invite the Samaritan woman into His fellowship and forgiveness for her sordid past (John 4:13-18). So He has received each of us, notwithstanding our mistakes and failures. And so He insists we know the joy and hope of explicitly articulating the same grace to any who suffer the guilt and grief of aborting their own children. He holds their lives as precious as those already lost.

March 19 – Lent IV

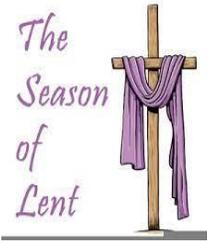
Jesus clearly instructs us not to regard physical impairment as reason for condemnation to death (John 9:3). Yet our culture often uses disability as excuse for abortion and euthanasia. The Lord our God works wonders through our neighbors' brokennesses just as He does through our own. So we may cheerfully, compassionately, courageously persuade our communities to turn away from doctor-assisted deaths.

March 26 – Lent V

Almighty God wondrously and abundantly brings forth life where we only behold despair and darkness (Ezekiel 37:3-6). How much more dear does He hold embryonic neighbors, impaired persons, and aging ones than piles of bones? And would we not witness—and deliver!—miracles in voicing it to them and for them, especially amid surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis?

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>5:15 pm Lenten Dinner</p> <p>6:30 pm Worship Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00/6:30 Board Meetings</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:00 pm Worship/Communion</p>
<p>5</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study Class</p> <p>1:00 pm Basketball</p> <p>5:00 pm New Member Meal</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:00 am Bible Class</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:15 pm Lenten Dinner</p> <p>6:30 pm Worship Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 am WOW Meeting</p> <p>4:00 pm Worship/Communion</p>
<p>12</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</p> <p>9:00 am Worship/Communion</p> <p>10:30 am Bible Study Class</p> <p>1:00 pm Basketball</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:00 am Bible Class</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:15 pm Lenten Dinner</p> <p>6:30 pm Worship Service</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm Elder's Meeting</p> <p>Grandparents Day in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p>4:00 pm Worship/Communion</p>
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