



Prince of Peace Lutheran

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*As a Christ
Centered
Community,
We Commit
Ourselves To All
People
Through Love,
Worship &
Service.*

Ponderings by Pastor Molly

"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word, I put my hope." (Psalm 130:5)

Dear Beloved at Prince of Peace,

Do you have a hard time waiting?

I'll be honest: I've had it with waiting. We've been waiting for two long years – waiting for a vaccine, waiting to get rid of these darned masks, waiting to go freely about life. And now, we are waiting to see what will happen in this protracted and horrible war in Ukraine.

Prolonged waiting takes a toll, especially when we wait for something that affects our very survival. Even now, while it seems pandemic is abating, people are experiencing an even heightened sense of anxiety and depression.

The Bible is filled with folks who waited:

- David waited 15 years to be king.
- Moses waited 40 years to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. He fled Egypt and wasn't called back to lead his people until he was in his 80s.
- Sarah waited 25 years for her appointed child, Isaac. So long, that she took matters into her own hands and had her husband sleep with her handmaid Hagar to give her a son.
- Rebekah waited 20 years to give birth to Jacob and Esau.

Do you ever wonder what they were doing, as they waited? I'm pretty sure that they were like us - very tired of waiting, maybe even anxious and depressed. But as we remember their wait, we also remember the fulfillment of God's promises to them.

And while we don't like this long waiting, perhaps this is where we can grow the most - as individuals and as a community. We turn to others, and God to not only to sustain us through the wait, but also nurture in us a God-centered imagination and hope for things to come.

Prince of Peace awaits a new pastor and will rejoice when she/he comes. But this "in-between" time is important. Impatience should not get the better of us. Instead- like those Biblical "waiters" – we can ponder where God is in our lives, and the life of the congregation.

The Mission Exploration Team is leading us through a process which goes deeply into our imaginations and hopes for things to come. Through surveys, focus groups and other events, this time of waiting can be a time of blessing.

I am glad I can be here to wait with you, and to experience the blessings along the way!

Pastor Molly

News from POP Day Care!

ENROLLMENT:

We are looking to add children to our 2–3-4-year-old classroom. We do have openings now.

STAFF:

We are in need of 2 full time teachers and one part time teacher.

FUNDRAISERS:

The annual day care rummage sale will be Saturday June 18.

You can start dropping off donations at any time.

OTHER NEWS:

The day care is having the chain link fence replaced on both playgrounds, sometime in the end of May. We will have a fresh layer of woodchips added after that.

This spring we will be working on our garden area and giving outdoor equipment a fresh coat of paint.

Special Request from the MET Team!

Dear Prince of Peace Members,

The Mission Exploration Team (MET) would like your input. This information is vital to our team completing our Mission Site Profile which is used by our Call Team and the Synod to find the Pastor that best fits Prince of Peace's needs. Complete the two questionnaires and feel free to use additional space if needed. Please return the completed forms to Prince of Peace by May 8th, 2022.

Copies of the forms are in the Narthex or contact the church office.

Spring is here!

POP is looking for a few volunteers for spring clean-up around the church and daycare grounds, as well as weeding and grounds up keep during the summer.





The Gathering is serving carry out meals. Prince of Peace is excited to join them in providing meals to those who would otherwise go without. PoP will be serving dinner at the southside location, Ascension Lutheran Church (1236 S. Layton BLVD), on **May 23rd from 3:30-6:00pm**. We are looking for 3 more volunteers to help serve the meal. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining us!



As a reminder, please send prayer requests and/or changes to Jennifer at the church office churchofpop@gmail.com or to Pastor Molly mdoreza@twc.com



2 Worship Options to Utilize & Share with Others

- 1) Worship in-person 9 am**
- 2) Worship at home 'in real time' via livestream via Facebook @PrinceofPeaceMKE**



On Easter Sunday, we raised **\$281.56** for Lutheran World Relief. All donations will be sent to our neighbors in Ukraine who are suffering and need our support and love. **Thank you to all the helpers who collected and to those who donated!**

A BIG thank you to everyone who donated shoes for Soles For Jesus!

Sunday School News!

May 15: Last Day of Sunday School
SS will provide a potluck after worship.

We will have cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Condiments.

**Any Volunteers to bring side dishes and desserts
are greatly appreciated.**

We will also have games and awards for the students.

Please note: No Sunday school Mother's Day May 8th.

Serenity Inns



Our next date for Serenity Inns is May 21st. If you are interested in donating a portion of the meal, dining with the residents, or both!

If you are interested in participating in this mission, please contact Maureen Newborn maureennewborn@gmail.com or the church office churchofpop@gmail.com.



May 1

Randy Hacker
Amanda Suchy
Kristin Waukau

May 2

Elaine Ede
Jodi Ellis
Antonio Wilson

May 3

Pastor Molly Doreza

May 5

Cliff Jensen
Jacob Vanderhoef

May 6

Isla Paprocki

May 7

Logan Delange

May 10

Erik Jackson
Lee Perry
Elsie Szukalski

May 12

Gabby Cvikel

May 15

Emma Hermann
Henry Kwasniewski
Gabriela Zwieg

May 17

Aimee Halvorsen

May 18

Ian Bigalk

May 19

Kassie Cvikel
Tami Molenda

May 21

Dan Clark

May 23

Kristin Miner

May 24

Joe Schultz

May 26

Maria Boyer-Jensen
Paul Eggers

May 28

Troy Hafemeister

If you have a article you would like to share in the newsletter, please let Jennifer know at churchofpop@gmail.com.

Please send your article no later than the 20th of each month.

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