



# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

May 2024 Newsletter

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As a Christ centered community,  
we commit ourselves to all people  
through love, worship & service.

## Pastor's Ponderings

Psalms 118:24 states the following:

“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

This is a passage that most of us have heard at some point in our Christian life. This happens to be a strong statement for the psalm writer. In the midst of all that is going on in their life, they acknowledge that no matter what, that they should be glad and rejoice knowing that the Lord has made the day. This happens to be a call and response that some clergy choose to use with their congregations. It is also a phrase that winds up being a mantra for some, as well.

I bring this up because I know that there have been challenges for this community throughout the years. There will continue to be challenges in the future, as well. There is no congregation that does not have their own issues, no matter the size or location or denomination. Through it all, we need to remember that through it all, “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

I state this, because through the pandemic, transitions of pastors, new council members, and so much more, there are plenty of reasons to be thankful.

I started this past July and have seen great changes for the positive since I have arrived.

So, I want to say “Thank You” to all of the people that have stepped up to help when needed and called upon. From having funerals, to Christmas Eve and Lenten services. To the Sunday School teachers and helpers for creating quality, safe spaces for the youth of the church. To the Congregational Life crew that helps with events and planning and more. To the amazing musicians, cantors, choir members and instrumentalists that bring wonderful talents for us to enjoy. For those who prepare the elements so that we may take part in the Lord’s supper together. To our custodian, secretary and financial secretaries, so that we can continue to function. For all of you that do little things around the church and the community that go unnoticed and do not look for recognition. For those that are able to attend worship and those that are not. For all that I have forgotten about and those that I do not know about. I give thanks.

There can be so much to be grateful for. Not just at church, but in our lives. Many times, we do not see it or recognize it. It can be difficult, but if you need to, think smaller. Look for the whispers not the windstorms. Seek out the dew drop instead of the thunderstorm. For God is bigger than we can imagine and smaller than we can conceive. I am looking forward to more blessings that we can only dream of, not just for this church, but for each of you, as well.

In Christ’s Peace,  
Pastor Myron Crawford

## Summer Supper Services

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is partnering with Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church to bring our faith communities together with Summer Supper Service.

All are welcome to come and gather together the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm for a potluck supper with outdoor worship at 6:30pm.

There will be activities, music, food and more. Invite your friend and neighbors as we gather together!

**May 15 and July 17 - PoP will host**  
**June 19 and August 21 - Tippe will host**

Bring your own chair and a dish to share!

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## Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes for May  
Wednesdays at 445pm at PoP:

May 1: Stewardship  
May 8: Theology of Cross vs Glory  
May 15: Saved by Grace Through Faith

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## PoP is the Pride Parade

Prince of Peace will walking in the MKE Pride Parade on Sunday, June 9.

Lineup is at 1pm and starts at 2pm.

If you are interested in walking with Pastor Myron in this great outreach event, there is a signup on the bulletin board.

We will be handing out candy along the route. If you are willing to donate some candy or funds, please sign up on the bulletin board, also.

We will be getting t-shirts too!

## Coffee with Clergy

Come on out for Coffee with Clergy the third Tuesday of each month from 8-10am at Hawthorne Coffee Roasters, which is just north of Prince of Peace. This month it will be May 21.

This is a time have conversation, learn about what is going on, share some stories and have a beverage and a snack.

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## Bible Study

Beginning on **Tuesday, May 7 at 10am** at church, Pastor Myron will be hosting a weekly Bible study that will focus on the gospel lesson for the week ahead. This is a weekly study. All are welcome!

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## PoP Book Club

Come and join Pastor Myron as he discusses the book "Searching for Sunday – Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church" by Rachel Held Evans.

You are encouraged to purchase the book by your favorite retailer, read the book and be ready for discussion on **Monday, May 20 at 6pm** If you are interested in participating, there is a sign up in the narthex at church or contact Pastor Myron.

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## Glitter and Be Gay

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is proud to host educator, Josiah Crawford-Olesen, on **Sunday, May 19 at 1030am** for his presentation and conversation called "Glitter and Be Gay - How Can We Live at the Intersection of Queerness and Christianity?".

Queer people have been present since the beginning of the faith, yet are often thrown to the side as the "other" in the church.

How do we as a modern church advocate for our siblings and create a safe space where all truly means all?

Come and learn a brief history of the modern queer identities and communities, and how they intersect with our faith. Such as pronoun usage and the differences between gender and sexuality.

All are truly welcome to bring your questions and bring your ideas - as Christ promotes community and learning, so should we.

## May Birthdays

01: Randy Hacker  
02: Elaine Ede, Antonio Wilson  
06: Isla Paprocki  
07: Logan DeLange  
10: Erik Jackson, Lee Perry, Elsie Szukalski  
15: Emma Hermann, Henry Kwasniewski  
18: Ian Biglalk  
19: Kassie Cvikel, Tami Molenda  
23: Kristin Miner  
24: Joe Schultz  
26: Paul Eggers

## Food Drive

Beginning May 5, PoP will be collecting items for the Bay View Community Center.

Items needed are pasta, cereal, mac and cheese.

Please place donations in the narthex starting from May 5 to June 30.



## Come and Serve at The Gathering

The Gathering is an organization that provides free meals each week, cooked on-site in four Milwaukee locations, to those who would otherwise go hungry.

Prince of Peace gets to help out with preparing, packaging and distributing meals for approximately 150 people at Ascension Lutheran on S. Layton on Saturday, May 11 from 10am – 1pm and Monday, June 24 from 330pm – 6pm.

If you are able to help us fight hunger, please register online at <https://bit.ly/PoPGathering>.

## Church Historical Research Team

Do you like genealogy? Are you a history buff? Do you have an interest in church history? Would like to learn more? Do you have knowledge of the story of PoP?

PoP is looking to get a team together to start working on going through some of the historical documents, pictures, records and such and help create displays to show where PoP has been and where we are going.

This team would consist of about three to six people. You would set your own dates and times to work together.

Please sign up in the hallway if you are interested. Contact Pr Myron with questions.

## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is getting new t-shirts and sweatshirts!

Hot off the presses!

Orders are due no later Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

You can choose what product and color that you want and pay at church by Wednesday, May 15.

Kids T-shirts are \$12.

Adult shirts are \$20.

Sweatshirts are \$30.

All shirts will be available for pickup by Sunday, June 2 at church.

If you would like to order one, please use the link:

<https://bit.ly/PoPNewSwag>



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Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM

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