



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

April 2024 Newsletter

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

Pastor's Ponderings

The apostle Paul writes in his letter to the saints that are in the city of Ephesus:

4 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, **2**with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, **3**eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4**There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - **5**one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6**one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. **7**But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Let's face it, there are a million reasons to not go to church. It's one more thing to add to an already overloaded schedule. "Christians" in the news aren't always the people you want to associate with. You may have memories of being bored or uncomfortable in the church of your past. Plus, church people can be really cliquy and judgmental, at times. Especially, if you are hurting or going through something.

We all have good days and not so good days. Some of us turn to faith when struggling, while others keep it in the forefront of all they do. If we are honest with ourselves: as individuals and a congregation, we all have a way to go in learning to be the disciples that Jesus calls us to be. But we are all on a journey. This is where grace comes in.

If we strive to walk in a manner worthy of which we have been called, with humility, patience, gentleness, with love and peace, authentically, and not with distance or judgement, we can not only live into the thought of being one body and one Spirit, but we can continue to show others in our lives and those that we have not met yet that they too can be loved by the one who offers abundant life with the gift of grace – Jesus.

Throughout my time at PoP, I have seen this displayed over and over again. Of course, like any family, there may have been differing opinions, but there is still a reliance on one another. This is the beauty of a smaller faith community. There are laughs shared over meals. There are stories being told by the “more mature” generation and people listening. There is joy when a child sings or speaks or squawks in the pew. In times of celebration, this community comes together and does it together. When there is tragedy, this community mourns together. If a member leaves for whatever reason, they have always been welcomed back with open arms. This is rare and beautiful.

I encourage you, better yet, as Paul says, I urge you to continue to walk in a manner worthy of your calling, whatever that calling may be, as it is different for each of us. Again, there will be good days and not so good days, but remember to be strong and bold, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you, and they will not fail you or forsake you.

In Christ's Peace,
Pastor Myron Crawford



You are invited to Game Day on Sunday, April 21 after worship!

Bring your favorite board games, cards or whatever and a snack to share for a time to just unwind, and have some fun, food and fellowship!

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 10 at 6pm at PoP

April 10: Holy Baptism

April 17: Holy Communion

April 24: Law & Gospel/Sinner & Saint

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 and be ready for discussion on Monday, May 16 at 6pm.

If you are interested in participating, there will be a sign up in the narthex at church or contact Pastor Myron.

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 to being

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 April 16th.

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

As usual, all are welcome!

Prince of Peace Day Care

We had a fantastic turn out for the bake sale, we raised over \$500.00. Thank you for continuous support.

We are still searching for two full-time certified teachers.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the Day Care Director, Angie Grill at popdaycare@yahoo.com.

First Communion

First Communion Class will be Sunday, April 7, after worship.

This class is open to anyone who has not had First Communion instruction. If you or your student(s) are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Myron at pasotrofpop@gmail.com by Apr 4.

There will be a celebration for those who take the class on Sunday, April 14 at the 9am worship. Friends and family are welcomes and encouraged to attend worship that day to support those who are participating in the Holy Communion feast.

Prince of Peace Care Team

Do you like visiting others? Do you miss people that you haven't seen in a while? Would you like to bring them Holy Communion? Then this opportunity is for you!

The Care Team is for those that are willing to visit people, including those that are in the hospital, homebound, sick and/or the elderly.

There will be a training on Sunday, April 28 after worship. Please sign up at church, if you are interested.

Questions, contact Pastor Myron at pastorofpop@gmail.com

April Birthdays

04: Evan Vey, Owen Vey
06: Addison Braatz, Lisa Piontek,
Alana Perry
07: Pete Janetski
09: Kavontae Richardson-Perez
10: Fernando Melendez
11: Sue Miner, Hillary Szukalski
12: Brayden Dilauro-Tabaka
14: Pamela Wind
18: Pam Brophrey
19: Kaitlyn Roslawski
21: Rich Lisle
29: Robb Hoppe
30: Viviann Senger

Flowers for the Altar



Would you be willing to help beautify the worship space on Sunday mornings with flowers? Now is your opportunity to be able to.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for you to pick a date to bring flowers in to church and to be set by the altar in honor or memory of someone or to celebrate something.

After worship that day, you are encouraged to take them home or gift them to someone else.

The Gathering

As we move into 2024 and you consider what ways you can be a light in our community, please consider joining us at The Gathering where we prepare, package, and distribute meals to around over 150 visitors.

April 13 is already full! Sign up for May 11!

You are encouraged to register 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.

CAST Members Needed!

Have you always wanted to be a part of something more? Do you have talents that may go unnoticed? Do you have insane organizational skills? Would you be willing to spend a few hours a month at PoP on a consistent day to help do some major work?

If so, then there is a spot open for you to be a part of a new group here!

By the way, CAST stands for Clean And Sort Team.

This team will tackle an area that might need some reorganizing, cleaning or sprucing up. It will be for about 3-4 hours one day per month.

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Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM

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