



# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

May 2025 Newsletter

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Worship: Sundays @ 9:00 AM

Prince of Peace Livestream

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

## Pastor's Ponderings

Grace, peace and mercy unto you. Amen.

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, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>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 we are 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 kinds of disciples 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 Prince of Peace, 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 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 shares 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 day 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,  
Vicar Myron Crawford



You are invited to come on out for the last Journey Together All Ages Sunday School on Sunday, May 4 at 1015am.

We will be working on discipleship and making prayer shawls together.

All ages and abilities are welcome!

### Community Book Study

Come together with others from some of the surrounding faith communities as we read the book UnClobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality by Colby Martin.

You are encouraged to purchase the book from your favorite book retailer and begin reading it and be ready to discuss the book at three different sessions on May 5, 12 and 19 at 630pm at Prince of Peace.

SOUTHEAST CLERGY COVENANT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

# COMMUNITY BOOK STUDY

**UN CLOBBER**

RETHINKING OUR MISUSE OF THE BIBLE ON HOMOSEXUALITY

If you are curious, want to be affirming, might be confused about what the Bible says, are part of the LGBTQ+ community or love someone who is, are skeptical, but open to considering new ideas, are an atheist, agnostic, irreligious or just angry at the church for the ways she has failed to love, you are welcome with open, loving arms to be a part of this community book study.

PURCHASE THE BOOK. READ IT. COME READY TO DISCUSS.

**MAY 5, 12, 19 2025**

COME AND LEARN HOW WE CAN BE BETTER AND HOW WE CAN DO BETTER

STARTING AT 630PM

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - 448 S HOWELL AVE

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### Need to reach Pastor Myron?

If it's important, or in case of an illness, a difficult diagnosis, a hospitalization, a prayer concern, or you just would like for him to pay a visit, first, try calling church.

If he is not there, you can do one of the following: Leave a message at church or text or call his cell phone – 651.253.5379 or Email him at [pastorofpop@gmail.com](mailto:pastorofpop@gmail.com)

Also, if someone would like to be added to the prayer list at Prince of Peace, please contact the church office at [churchofpop@gmail.com](mailto:churchofpop@gmail.com) or call 414-483-3828 and leave a message.

### Coffee with Clergy

Come on out for Coffee with Clergy the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 8am at Hawthorne Coffee Roasters, which is just north of Prince of Peace. The next day will be Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

### 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.

If you are interested in signing up, please register online at <https://bit.ly/PoPGathering>.

**Upcoming dates: Sat. May 3, Sat. June 21.**

### Pride Parade and Pride Worship

Prince of Peace will again be walking with the Greater Milwaukee Synod in the Pride Parade on Sunday, June 8. The parade kicks off at 2pm. We are encouraged to be in place by 1pm.

Prince of Peace will also be hosting the Pride Worship service this year for the Milwaukee area on Thursday, June 12 at 630pm. This is open to all people and is a wonderful community wide worship service!

PoP is looking for ushers, greeters and some others to help make sure that the night goes well.

For both of these events, please sign up in the narthex.

## May Birthdays

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

## May Schedule

### Usher:

May 4 John Newborn  
May 11 Jim Schneider  
May 18 Joe Schultz  
May 25 Rich Bigalk

### Assisting Minister:

May 4 Tami Molenda  
May 11 Tami Molenda  
May 18 Charlotte Gomez  
May 25 Joe Schultz

## Tie Blanket Craft Day for Casa Maria

The next Tie Blanket Making Craft Day will be Saturday, May 10 beginning at 9am.

All ages and abilities are welcome to help make some blankets for Casa Maria Catholic Worker.

Casa Maria's ministry focus is on opening their home to women and children in need of short term housing, refugees and asylum seekers and families with longer term need.

Additionally, they provide food, clothing, and used furniture to guests.

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## Summer Supper Services for 2025

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is partnering with Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church and Cudahy United Methodist Church to bring these faith communities together with the Summer Supper Services.

Come and gather together the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm for a potluck supper with outdoor worship at 6:30pm.

Invite your friends and neighbors as we gather together! Bring your own chair and a dish to share!

**June 18 at Tippecanoe**

**July 15 at Prince of Peace**

**August 20 at Cudahy United Methodist**

Bring your own chair and a dish to share!

## **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

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### **Congregational Council**

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*Worship & Music/Cantors (Eileen Hamilton), Fellowship (Vicki Metz), Ushers (Erik Jackson),*

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*Stewardship Program, Time/Talent Directories, Special Fund Raising*

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Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM

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