



FAITHWORKS

March 3, 2024
Lent 3

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Prince of Peace is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.

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Faith Works articles (**DEADLINE TUESDAY**):

office@poplutheranchurch.org

Check our church website for updated information and
sermons online: <http://www.poplutheranchurch.org>

Check us out on Facebook! Search for Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church, Clifton Park

Hearing assistance devices are available.

OFFICE Mon-Thursday 8-2pm (3-4 pm work from
home.) Lunch 12-12:30 p.m. Friday 9-noon. Office
closed on Fridays in July & August.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jayne Dozois musicdirector@poplutheranchurch.org

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - On Hiatus.

DEACONS: Eileen Bryant; Tom Craig; Diana Foote; Jim Netzer.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Ben Pearson- President, 865-771-7108 Christine Sheppard- Vice President, Katie Goot- Secretary
Pastor Amber Craig, Robin Domm, , Ian Hughes, Alice Ngowi. William (Lu) Shimer, Betsy Stambach-Fuller

FINANCIAL OFFICERS: Wayne Petterson,- Treasurer (518-383-6290)

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SUNDAYSCHOOL (10:40a.m.Sept.-June) Cheryl Fiore- Coordinator: (274-7588) sundayschoolatPOP@gmail.com

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER: (newsletter@poplutheranchurch.org) On Hold.

Welcome to Worship! We're glad you're here!

PLEASE SILENCE electronic devices **BEFORE** entering the sanctuary for worship. Thank you!

**INDICATES NEW OR REVISED INFORMATION THIS WEEK.*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a meal, prayer commentary and hymns. 6-7 p.m. on March 6, 13, 20. **There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome area** (Set up at 5:45 p.m.) Thank you.



***CHOIR** Isn't it great to see the choir back??? But it could be even better if YOU joined us!! We are rehearsing on Thursday afternoons at 1pm or at 7pm for those who aren't able to join us at 1pm, and at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings. We are practicing anthems ahead a few weeks so if you miss a rehearsal, you will probably still be comfortable with

the song to sing with us. Please consider joining us in singing praises to the Lord!

***GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Have you lost a love one recently? Feeling lost and alone?

We are considering starting a grief support group right here at Prince of Peace. We have a licensed mental health counselor lined up to lead us in discussions that help us during the grief process. Her personal belief is "that grief is the hardest work anyone will ever do" but you don't have to do it alone. Some who have gone through grief counseling say that counseling is so important to help us during this very difficult time of transition. If you are interested and would attend such a group, please call

the church office. If we have enough interest, we will continue to work to set this up. If you know of others in the Clifton Park area who would benefit from this please let them know and have them call the church office as well. This class would be held on a weeknight probably 6pm.

***JOURNEY CHURCH MISSION TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA**

Please join us to hear about Jacqueline Thibault's mission trip to South Africa. Her participation was funded with a grant from the Grace Endowment for Prince of Peace.

When: Sunday March 24th (Palm Sunday) after the 9:30 am service.

Where: Fellowship Hall

***NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

While we value and appreciate children in worship, and we are very happy with how the Kid's Korner in the sanctuary is working to include our children in age appropriate ways, we also recognize that some families may prefer a more traditional nursery setting with staff for their young children. To meet this need, we are looking for some volunteers to staff the nursery each week during worship and the Sunday school hour. This may eventually become a paid staff position, but for now we are simply trying to get a handle on the level of usage for our nursery. Volunteers would be "on call" in the nursery from roughly 9:15-9:45 on Sunday mornings. If there are children who need the nursery, they would serve from 9:15-11:45 if necessary. If there are no children by 9:45, the volunteer would be relieved of their duties for the day. Please consider serving the church and our young families in this way. For more information, contact Ben Pearson or Pastor Amber.

***FOOD SHARING SUNDAY on March 3, PANTRY NEEDS**

Cereal, oatmeal, canned fruit, hearty soups, beef stew. Items not covered under SNAP: Shampoo. Conditioner, Soap, Toothpaste. Detergent. Thank you for your support.



BOOK STUDY:

April 6, 2024 Taking Back America for God, Room 20/Zoom

Did you know that the Lutheran church was the first church to be called Evangelical? In this day and age the title of evangelical has been co-opted by politicians, the news, etc. In the era of fake news, it is important to know what the church is facing, especially in the presidential election. What can the church do in the era of hyper politicization, especially when it comes to our faith? The Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Team will be working its way through Taking America Back for God: Christian Nationalism in the United States by Samuel Perry and Andrew Whitehead, Taking America Back is a book that is a recommended read by the ELCA, Episcopal Church, and other denominations. We will meet on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00am. This will be offered in person and via Zoom. Tom Craig

Topic: Taking Back America for God Time: 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85626858359?pwd=NEJSbytSMVhoYTRZL3dsdGc4N2V6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 856 2685 8359

Passcode: 929617



SUNDAY MORNING AND TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Sunday morning and Tuesday Evening Bible Studies will be doing something slightly different this year. We will be looking at the same material on Sundays (10:30) and Tuesdays (6:30). We will delve into the *Book of Job*. We will discuss questions such as: Did God really gamble

Job's life? Why does God allow suffering? Both sessions will also be offered in person and via Zoom. For more information, contact Tom Craig at 518-949-6870 or tomcraig1980@gmail.com.



WORSHIP SERVICE GREETERS

Prince of Peace is beginning a greeter program. This will involve greeting everyone who comes in before our worship services at our front door with a smile, handshake, and/or a "Good morning!" **A sign up sheet is in the Welcome Space (on the table in the middle) for those who wish to sign up.** If you have any questions, feel free to talk with Bob Sanden or Tom Craig.

***BIRTHDAYS: Today** Nathan Rurycz, 5th Rose Grady, Evelyn Fuller.

QR CODE for our donation page. Also, located in our bulletin.



How to use the QR Code for making a donation:

1. You need a QR reader app on your phone. These are available free through the various app stores.
2. Open your app. It will look like you are taking a picture. When your phone beeps it will ask if you want to go to the website.
3. Hit yes. The website will ask you to log in or create a profile. Follow the directions.

For future use, once you have a profile you will be able to make your contribution in a few seconds.



Plan ahead for Grace Endowment for Prince of Peace grants!

The next campaign for Grace Endowment for Prince of Peace grant applications will be held in April this year.

Please contact your favorite charity and let them know about this program! **The last day to turn in an application for the Spring 2024 campaign is April 21st.**

Please join us for a

Care Links Wedding

Saturday, April 13, 2024 | 3-7pm

Mohawk River Country Club

847 Riverview Road, Rexford, NY 12148

Join us at our first Senior Services fundraiser, honoring and celebrating the relationship between the Care Links Volunteers and Care Receivers at the most exciting Senior Services social event of the year filled with laughter, fun, and a great deal of love!

Special presentations:

**"Care Links Volunteer of the Year" &
"Golden Inspiration" Awards**

Entertainment by



MADDALONE ENTERTAINMENT
CELEBRATING YOU

Tickets: \$55 per person
Sponsorships are available!

Registration Deadline
March 15, 2024

Performances by Zack and Terra

Register online at captaincares.org/care-links

For more information, contact Terra at 518-399-3262
or Terra@CaptainCares.org



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The Discipleship Olympics



“Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.” ~ Joel 2:12-13

This past month, I hope you have found some time to spend with friends and family who help you embrace and grow in your faith. I noticed quite a bit of fellowship taking place before, during, and after worship on Sundays. It is wonderful to have the time to share our stories and get to know one another better.



While we didn't have a lot of planned fellowship events this past month, there should be several coming up soon with Lent just around the corner. We will share food and fellowship this morning as we gather to celebrate the ministry done this past year and look to our future at the congregational meeting. We will also gather every Wednesday in Lent for food, fellowship, and worship from 6pm to 7pm.

I encourage you to keep finding ways to spend time with others who invite and challenge your faith, people who walk with us on our faith journey, especially as we turn to yet another spiritual discipline, the discipline of fasting. While fasting is often seen as abstaining from food, it can be any sort of abstinence, a delaying of gratification for the purpose of recognizing what God has done for you, a brief time of sacrifice.

I challenge you to fast, to give up something that matters to you for a set period of time.

We often think of fasting during Lent, when you might choose to give up something that you enjoy in order to better experience the sacrifice that Jesus underwent for you. Or, perhaps it is the adding of something you wish to improve on, which requires you to sacrifice your time or other habits to make room for the new one.



Lent is a natural time to practice a fast, but it is not the only time or way. People choose to fast by giving up food for a day or two. A more modern twist on this might be to go on a social media fast, or an electronic fast for a specific time. You might decide that in order to add in the yoga practice you feel would be helpful to your morning routine, you must get up a half an hour earlier, or forgo a bit of TV time to make it work. You also might decide to fast from certain language, or to take time to learn more about a topic that you don't understand.



No matter how you choose to observe a fast this month, it is practice meant to highlight sacrifice. In letting go of something that matters a great deal to us, we are slightly less encumbered as we listen and look for God in our world. We are a bit more in tune with the incredible sacrifice that Jesus made for us in giving his life. It is a way to make ourselves slightly uncomfortable so that we are intentional about recognizing our connection with God.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SERVERS: March 3, - March 10, 2024

Altar Care: Winnie Petterson **Ushers:** March 3- Mark Steele; March 10-Jim Greenfield; March 17- Ben Pearson; March 24 -Jim Galarneau March 31- Wayne Petterson & Chris Rurcyz **Greeter:** March 3- Any volunteers?

March Eternal Candle: Joe Gardner in memory of Lynn Waugaman. March Altar Candle: Available.

Date/Time	Deacon/ Worship Assistant	Counters	Reader of First Lesson	Host for Coffee Hour	Communion Prep	Online Stream	Acolyte
March 3 9:30 a.m.	Ann Crivello	N/A	Dorothy Stuart	Open	Debbie Berry	William Mwandambo	Kelsey Luke
March 10 9:30 a.m.	Tina Greenfield	Janet Green Fonda Thomson	Winnie Petterson	Open	Denise Johnson	The Fullers	Eva Pezzolla
March 17 9:30 a.m.	Winne Petterson	N/A	Melissa Gardener	Open	Janet Green	The Berrys	Connor Sentementes

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR: March 3, 2024- March 23, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9 a.m. Choir reh. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Bible Study Confirmation Sunday School	4 2:30-6 p.m. Tsl- Rm 10 6-6:45 p.m. Go Kids- Rm 10 6 p.m. Deacon mtg. 7:30 p.m. Worship team mtg.	5 2:30-6p.m. TSL - Rm 10 6 -9 p.m. Bunbury players- rm10 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	6 2:30-6p.m. TSL - Rm 10 5:30 p.m. AA meeting- Rm 20 6-7 pm- Lenten soup suppers- Rm10	7 10 a.m. TMWF- Rm 20 1& 7 p.m. Choir reh. 2:30-6p.m.TSL - Rm 10 4-5 p.m. Girl Scouts- Rm 20 6 -9 p.m. Bunbury players-rm10	8 12:30- 2p.m. Living resource- Sanctuary 2:30- 6p.m.TSL - Rm 10 7-8:30 p.m. NA group- rm 10	9 12:30- 5 p.m. Bunbury players-rm 10 10-12p.m. Diabetes Sisters –Rm 20 7-8pm Turning Point AA group-rm 10
10 Daylight savings time. 9 a.m. Choir reh. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Bible Study Confirmation Sunday School	11 2:30-6 p.m. Tsl- Rm 10 6-6:45 p.m. Go Kids- Rm 10	12 2:30-6p.m. TSL - Rm 10 6 -9 p.m. Bunbury players- rm10 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	13 2:30-6p.m. TSL - Rm 10 5:30 p.m. AA meeting- Rm 20 6-7 pm- Lenten soup suppers- Rm10	14 10 a.m. TMWF- Rm 20 1& 7 p.m. Choir reh. 2:30-6p.m.TSL - Rm 10 4-5 p.m. Girl Scouts- Rm 20 6 -9 p.m. Bunbury players-rm10 6:30 p.m. Council meeting- Rm 20	15 12:30- 2p.m. Living resource- Sanctuary 2:30- 6p.m.TSL - Rm 10 7-8:30 p.m. NA group- rm 10	16 12:30- 5 p.m. Bunbury players-rm 10 10-12p.m. 7-8pm Turning Point AA group-rm 10
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