

CONNECTIONS

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Death and Resurrection

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ~ Romans 6:4



Easter Images. Easter is full of fun and friendly images. We talk about butterflies that begin as caterpillars without a lot of value and who become something beautiful through their “death.” Easter conjures up visions of bunnies and springtime and eggs, again signs of new life in nature around us. Eggs are an especially good image, being something wonderfully alive that comes from what seems like a hard and disappointing rock of an egg.

New Life. These images make great sense when we focus on the celebration of Easter. Jesus’ death seems like the end, but we are surprised with God’s new life and new beginning. Jesus’ resurrection points to new life for all people. His death meant the end of our death, and his resurrection calls us into new life with God, a new life that is amazingly better than our previous lives.

Death and Life. While Jesus’ death and resurrection are the most important death and resurrection we celebrate during Easter, it is also a good season to consider smaller deaths and resurrections in our lives. Each time we face an ending, we also face the opportunity for a new beginning. Each time we let go of something that has been a part of our lives, we make room for something new and exciting. We die to the old thing, and rise to a new thing.

Vision 2020 and Beyond. This year Prince of Peace is also looking at the little deaths of the past and the new life we have in the future. That is not to say the church is “dying,” but only that we are facing some changes that will affect how we choose to move forward with our life together. Some things may continue to be a great way for us to live. Other things might need some tweaks and changes. Some things might be at a point of death. But however that looks when we figure it out, we are facing something new together, a new life with each other and with God. We may not know exactly how that will look in another year or so, but God does. And we can walk forward into that new life knowing that we have the best example of death and resurrection to follow; the example of Jesus, who shows us that death is not the end, but only the beginning of new and amazing things.

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*Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Amber Craig*

EMERGENCY PHONE INFORMATION: *If you have a pastoral emergency when the church office is closed, call the church number, 371- 2226, extension 324. Leave a message and phone number where you can be reached. Immediately after you hang up, a designated on call pastor or deacon will receive a call that there is an emergency message. He/she will retrieve the message from the mailbox and call you back.*

Pastor's Pen



*“What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.”
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, verse 3*

Easter comes late this year. As I write this in the first week of March it seems like winter will never end. As you read these words you may be beginning to think that Lent will never end.

There is a reason we travel this Lenten journey with Jesus and follow him into to Holy Week. It gives us a chance to consider our brokenness and then to be overwhelmed by the love that sustained Jesus through his passion so that we might experience his love and salvation.

Along the way we are moved with the power of the story and with the music that though it may not be the happiest music we sing all year is music that opens the depths of our hearts.

Easter is a happy day – a day of celebration. Jesus is alive and death is defeated! But it comes at a price – the humiliation, suffering and death of Jesus the Son of God.

Jesus walked this path for you and for me. He invites us to join him, through Lent, into Holy Week, and at last to the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Jeff



Christ on the Way to Calvary

Titian c. 1560

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Palm Sunday - April 14th**
 - **8:00 & 10:30 a.m.** - Palm/Passion service with palm procession & Choir Cantata
- **Maundy Thursday - April 18th**
 - **7:00 p.m.** Agape Meal with Holy Communion *(See more information on next page)*
- **Good Friday - April 19th**
 - **7:30 p.m.** Tenebrae: Service of Shadows
- **Easter Sunday, April 21st**
 - **9:00 a.m.** Family Service
 - **11:00 a.m.** Festival service
 - Both with Holy Communion

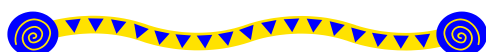


YOUTH NEWS

FOR APRIL 2019

CLOWN TROUPE

Clown troupe is in full swing! Rehearsal times are from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Sunday evenings unless otherwise noted.



Rehearsals

Resume in May!



Sr. High Youth Group

We will be planning **at least one youth event each month** through the school year. These events will fall on a variety of different days and will often be fun activities or service opportunities. All youth in 9th through 12th grade are welcome to attend!



Next Activity

Watch for news on the next activity coming in May!



Maundy Thursday Service and Agape Meal

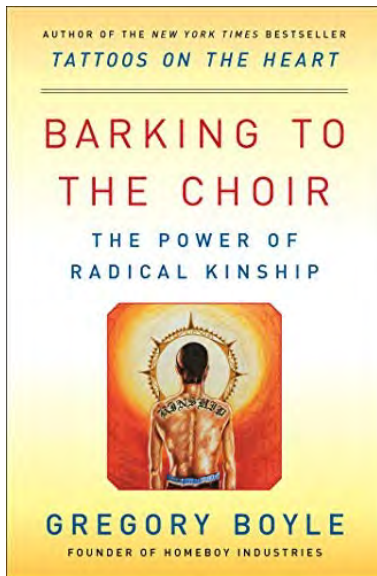
Our Maundy Thursday service will take a different shape this year.

We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm on Thursday April 18th and together share an Agape Meal. This is an ancient practice of combining a meal and a worship service as in a similar way Jesus and the disciples gathered together on the night in which he was betrayed.

Together we will not only share a meal but we will hear the story of that night and have opportunities to participate in ritual acts including individual absolution, holy communion, foot washing (for those who desire to participate) and the stripping of the altar.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcoming Area for those who can assist by providing lasagna or other needed dishes and supplies.





Thursday Morning Women's Fellowship

Please join us as we read and discuss

***Barking to the Choir:
The Power of Radical Kinship***
by Gregory Boyle.

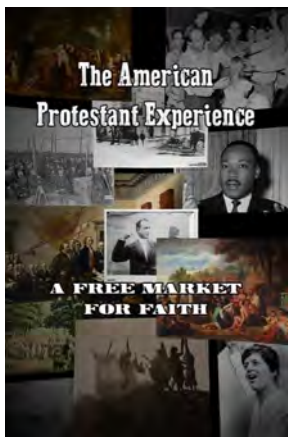
Join us any Thursday morning at 9:45 am

In a moving example of unconditional love in difficult times, Gregory Boyle, the Jesuit priest and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Tattoos on the Heart*, shares what working with gang members in Los Angeles has taught him about faith, compassion, and the enduring power of kinship.

Need more details?

Call Cheri at 518-877-8132

The American Protestant Experience: A Free Market For Faith



A 10 session discussion with video

"...the most unique quality of American religious life is the innovation and experimentation that takes place here. This makes this country a free marketplace for faith."

As always we will have fun, food and great discussions!

Mondays at 2:00 pm

Prince of Peace, Room 20

REQUEST

Do you have a cause that you volunteer for,
or are passionate about?

We would love to hear more about it during REACH time! The REACH team is looking to focus some of our weeks on causes and volunteer opportunities that are important to the people of Prince of Peace. If you have something you care about and would either like to talk about it yourself or can help us get connected with someone else could talk about it, we would love to hear from you. Please talk to or email Denise Johnson to find out more! denisejohnson.ny@gmail.com

NURSERY HELP NEEDED!

The nursery is an important part of our church life together for families with young children in need of a place to let their energy out. For it to be effective, we need to staff it with volunteers! If you would be able to help in this way throughout the year, please speak with Pastor Amber. The goal is to create a group of people to volunteer in the nursery so that it is always staffed and the same people do not need to be in there all the time. For the safety of our children, we will be doing a background check on all volunteers. If you are under the age of 18 and would like to help in the nursery, please also let Pastor Amber know. The extra help is often appreciated!

Palm Sunday Choir Cantata - Please Join Us!

Sunday, April 14th - 8am & 10:30am



One of the church's greatest gifts to humanity is its fostering of music over the centuries. In Jesus's time and before, worshippers sang psalms to glorify God and ask for forgiveness. Christian music has since evolved from chants to intricate choral music, from orchestral oratorios and cantatas to praise bands.

It is in this spirit that we offer this year's Choir Cantata with reading of the Passion according to St. John. This year's Cantata will include Christian Passion music from throughout the history of the church. Please join us!

SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH

COMING SOON

WHEN: Saturday Morning, May 4th - 9:00am - 11:00am

WHERE : Regional Food Bank, 965 Albany/Shaker Road, Latham, NY

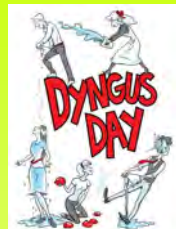
Everyone is welcome and families encouraged. Sign up sheet on bulletin board

Wear warm clothing, everyone must wear CLOSED Toe Shoes

WE ARE SET UP TO BRING UP TO 20 VOLUNTEERS

Important (& Fun) April Holidays & Observances

- 12 - Big Wind Day; Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day; National Licorice Day
- 13 - International Plant Appreciation Day; National Peach Cobbler Day; Scrabble Day
- 14 - National Dolphin Day; National Pecan Day; Palm Sunday
- 15 - Income Taxes Due; Patriot's Day; Titanic Remembrance Day; World Art Day
- 16 - Mushroom Day; National Eggs Benedict Day; National Librarian Day; Save the Elephant Day
- 17 - Bat Appreciation Day; National Cheeseball Day
- 18 - International Juggler's Day; National High Five Day; Newspaper Columnists Day
- 19 - Good Friday; National Garlic Day; Passover begins at sundown
- 20 - Chinese Language Day; Husband Appreciation Day; Look Alike Day; Volunteer Recognition Day
- 21 - Easter Sunday; Kindergarten Day
- 22 - Dyngus Day; Earth Day; Girl Scout Leader Day; National Jelly Bean Day
- 23 - National Zucchini Bread Day; World Laboratory Day
- 24 - Administrative Professionals Day; Pig in a Blanket Day
- 25 - East Meets West Day; Take Your Child to Work; World Penguin Day
- 26 - Arbor Day; National Pretzel Day; Richter Scale Day
- 27 - Babe Ruth Day; National Prime Rib Day; Tell a Story Day
- 28 - International Astronomy Day; Great Poetry Reading Day
- 29 - Greenery Day; National Shrimp Scampi Day
- 30 - Hairstyle Appreciation Day; National Honesty Day



An update on Albertina & Rodrigo

As many of you know, the Sunday School provides support for three children around the world. For Christmas and the children's birthdays, we let them know they are thought of and loved by sending an additional gift. Alberina and Rodrigo have sent letters letting us know what the gift meant for them. Please see the attached letters and picture made by Rodrigo. Rodrigo's letter came as a typed translation of his original letter but the picture attached is drawn by him.

Peace, Cheryl

Letter from Rodrigo:

Details of use of gift: I will buy a pair of sport shoes.

Dear Sponsor Prince of Peace of Lutheran Church,

Hello! How are you? I am sending a friendly greeting and I want to thank you for the gift that you sent me. I want to tell you that I am back in classes and I am very glad to see my friends and my teacher. I will say goodbye with a hug. I wish that God blesses you always. Thank you!

Rodrigo



Letter from Albertina:

25th January, 2019.

Dear Prince of Peace Lutheran church,
How are you? My family and I are doing fine.
Well, am very grateful for the Christmas gift that you ~~send~~^{sent} for me. I recieved the sum total of \$25.00, which in our currency is K 297.63. I used this money to buy clothes for my self and food for my family. While we now in the rain season, we planted Maize, groundnuts and cassava, just looking for a huge harvest.
Thank you so much for the love and support shown upon me and my family. May the good lord Almighty continue blessing you.

Yours
ALBERTINA

ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM

FAIR TRADE

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, WE OFFER:

COFFEE

Organic Breakfast Blend Regular
Organic Breakfast Blend Decaf

TEA

Organic Chamomile Decaf
Organic Rooibus Decaf
Organic Earl Grey
Organic Chai
Organic Green Tea



CHOCOLATE

Organic Very Dark Chocolate Bar (71% Cocoa)
Organic Milk Chocolate w/hint of hazelnut (38% Cocoa)
Organic Dark chocolate Minis (55% Cocoa)
Organic Hot Chocolate Mix



OTHER

Organic Mixed Berry Chewy Cereal Bar
Organic Cashews
Organic Almonds



All Fair Trade products buy direct from small farmers who grow products using ecologically sustainable farming practices. Their trading partner, Equal Exchange, donates \$.20 for each pound of Fair Trade coffee, tea, & cocoa we sell.

Celebrate!

By: Rebecca Coffey

Hallelujah! It's time for celebration! Let's celebrate Easter and his rising! Let's celebrate the Earth and all of its inhabitants!

This is the time for rebirth! Easter is joyous time to celebrate all that we have on this Earth. It is important to remember that Earth Day is celebrated this April as well. April 22nd to be exact!

Everyone has heard Reduce-Reuse-Recycle, but what about also remembering to REPLENISH and RESTORE? Even if you reduce your waste, reuse daily items, and recycle all items you can, are you giving back to the Earth all that it has given you? One way is to plant a tree to replenish and restore. Then, tell the tree you love it! We need its' carbon dioxide to survive and it needs our oxygen to survive. Therefore, with many things on our Earth, if we do not replenish and help to restore, there will not be items to reuse and recycle.

The 5 Rs (as I am now calling them) can apply to your relationship with the Earth and our Lord. Ask yourself what you are doing to daily reduce, reuse, recycle, replenish, and restore- yourself, the Earth, and your faith!

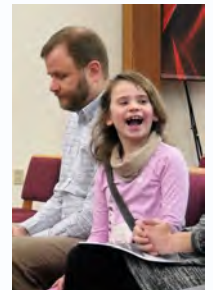
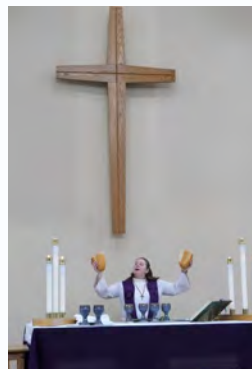
Are you looking for ways to get involved and spread the word about the importance of Earth

Day? Check out this site!

<https://www.earthday.org/>



Prince of Peace In Photos!





Lutheran World Relief

Lenten Soap Collection



Lutheran World Relief since the end of WWII has served people in need around the world. Through the Quilts, Fleece Tied Blankets, Kits, Soap and assistance through other programs they practice what Isaiah 40:1 says, *"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God."*

Prince of Peace will again host the third stop of a semi-truck in Upstate New York sponsored by LWR to collect area donations of Quilts, Fleece Tied Blankets, Kits and soap on May 11, 2019. For the third year to help fill the truck with donations, we are collecting new bars of soap for LWR during the six weeks of Lent. Soap keeps hands clean, aids with self-esteem, but most of all helps people stay healthy.

Donate any brand of soap in its original wrapping – bath size bars (4 to 5 oz.) are preferred. Multi packs you find at Sam's or BJ's would be great.



Here is what we collected during Lent the last two years:

2017 - 511 bars of new soap, weighing 144 lb

2018 – 640 bars of new soap, weighing 164 lb.

2019 – ??? Could we reach 700 bars of soap?

Check out other ways you can support **Lutheran World Relief** or view some of the videos of their work around the world at lwr.org

Look for the specially marked basket at church starting on Ash Wednesday, March 6 for your soap donations and watch our "soap tower" grow during Lent.

Thanks for stretching your hearts and hands to help your brothers and sisters in need.



CROP WALK. Reserve the date **Sunday May 5** to join the POP Team in this year's Schenectady CROP 5K Hunger Walk. The CROP WALK is a community-wide event sponsored by Church World Service and organized locally by the SCHENECTADY INNER CITY MINISTRY (SICM).

Why: To raise funds and awareness to combat hunger in the Schenectady area and around the world.

Event: The WALK is a 5K (about 3 miles) loop with one rest stop. For those who desire a shorter walk, you may follow the Golden Mile route (not an official race).

Registration: 1:00 – 2:00 PM ~ Walkers turn in funds; enjoy live band; followed by a brief opening ceremony and the Walk kicks off immediately after.

Where: The WALK will begin from the downtown Schenectady Emmanuel Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terrace and loops around downtown/Union College, other points downtown and back to the Church. Parking is available at the MVP Garage and other nearby lots. Carpooling is encouraged.

Who can take part: Walkers of all ages are welcome. POP will have a team of walkers attending this year. POP recruiters will provide envelopes to walkers to get sponsors.

Incentive: Every walker will receive a CROP t-shirt at registration. Walkers raising \$100 or more will receive a clip-on portable hiking silverware set (funds must be returned within 2 weeks).

Online SIGNUP: Register to walk and/or donate online. Just follow the link on the POP web site. On the "Team POP" web page click on "Join Our Team" to become a Team walker. Sign-up and use the e-mail function to ask your family and friends to sponsor you. Or click "DONATE" to make a contribution either to the Team or to a team member.

POP recruiters: Steve Dzembo and Jim Galarneau



Celebrate! April Birthdays

1st - Lucas Yoquinto, Joel Manke, Juliana Reimers, Jonah Rogerson

2nd - Madison Roberts



3rd - Amy Munson, Eva Pezzolla, Adam Tedrick

4th - Barbara Boespflug, Cynthia Treacy

5th - Jeff Salmon, Laurie Grande

7th - Christina Greenfield

8th - Kris Blumbergs

9th - Roger Behrens

10th - Julie Lamm, Kevin Henges, Jennifer Panarese, Art Etringer

11th - Robert Anderson

12th - Kathryn Christensen

13th - Deborah Alber, Larry Petersen

14th - Nancy Kowalski, Ginny Wink, James Bryant, Elijah Pezzolla

15th - Jay Benner, Brady Roberts

16th - Kathleen Gibson, Lisa Haase

18th - Kimberley Logan, Logan Roberts

19th - Linda Lewis

20th - Kirk Manke, Brenda Jensen

21st - Lauren Haase

23rd - Susanna Price

24th - Vicki Behrens, Marie Mosier

25th - Jessica Flood, Else Grams

26th - William Hoelscher

27th - John Baniak, Lou Fisher

28th - Jennifer Barnes, Ellie Condelles

29th - Jessica Christensen, Katie Goot, Madelyn Johnson



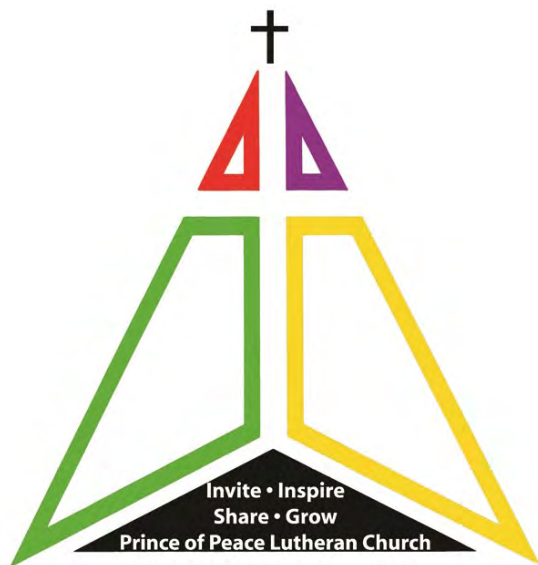
April Server Schedule			
<p>April 14 - 8:00am Palm Sunday/Cantata</p> <p>Bread: Valois Berger Coffee: Mark Steele Ushers: Rob Anderson Matt Petersen</p>	<p>April 14 - 10:30am Palm Sunday/Cantata</p> <p>Bread: Valerie Shaw Coffee: Natalie & Anthony Kaplan Ushers: Deane Vedder Bob Morehouse</p>	<p>April 21 - 9:00am Easter Sunday</p> <p>Bread: Mary Beth Dunn Reader: Tom Miller Ushers: Rob Anderson Matt Petersen</p>	<p>April 21 - 11:00am Easter Sunday</p> <p>Bread: Debbie Waugaman Reader: Susan Zappen Ushers: Deane Vedder Bob Morehouse</p>
<p>Counters: Robin Domm Susan Anderson Deacon: Nancy Hoelzer</p>		<p>Counters: Bill Yoquinto Donna Turner Denise Johnson Deacon: TBD</p>	
<p>April 28 - 8:00am</p> <p>Bread: Susan Anderson Coffee: Jen Rice Reader: Matt Petersen Ushers: Rob Anderson Matt Petersen</p>	<p>April 28 - 10:30am</p> <p>Bread: Judy Rogers Coffee: Mary Sheldon Price Reader: Winnie Petterson Ushers: Deane Vedder Bob Morehouse</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday - April 18th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:00 p.m. Agape Meal with Holy Communion <p>Good Friday - April 19th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:30 p.m. Tenebrae: Service of Shadows	
<p>Counters: Janet Green Judy Rogers Deacon: JoAnn Koenig</p>			
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Claimed by Grace,
We seek to
Welcome All, Worship Joyfully,
Grow Spiritually
and
Share God's Love



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We sincerely hope you enjoy

CONNECTIONS!

If you know of any friends or neighbors who might be interested in learning about Prince of Peace, please feel free to forward the electronic copy to them.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

*Contemporary worship on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

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UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

April Daily Activities

- 4/10** *Lenten Services - 6:00 PM; Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 PM*
- 4/11** *Thursday Morning Women's Fellowship - 9:45 AM*
Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 4/13** *Cantata Rehearsal - 10:00 AM*
- 4/14** *Palm Sunday - Worship - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM*
Sunday School - 9:15 AM
- 4/17** *Confirmation - 6:30 PM; Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM*
- 4/18** *Thursday Morning Women's Fellowship - 9:45 AM*
Maundy Thursday Worship/Dinner - 7:00 PM
- 4/19** *Good Friday Worship - 7:30 PM*
- 4/21** *Easter Sunday Worship - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM*
- 4/22** *Prayer Group - 1:30 PM*
- 4/24** *Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM;*
Contemporary Service Rehearsal - 8:00 PM
- 4/25** *Thursday Morning Women's Fellowship - 9:45 AM*
- 4/28** *Worship - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM*
Sunday School - 9:15 AM; REACH - 9:30 AM

April Weekly Activities

- Sundays:** *Worship - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM*
(Easter 4/21 - 9 & 11 AM)
Sunday School - 9:15 AM (Except 4/21)
- Wednesdays:** *Choir Rehearsal - 4/10: 7:30 PM*
4/17 & 4/24: 6:30 PM
- Thursdays:** *Thursday Morning Women's Fellowship*
9:45 AM

