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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

3.28 **Passion Sunday with the blessing of Palms** - 9:30 a.m. Zoom worship.

(Pick up palm branches, palm pinwheels for children, and "Alleluia" signs for Easter at church on Saturday 3.27).



3.28 **Way of the Cross** - on the website. (A self-guided journey for all ages designed to help you reflect on the events of Jesus' crucifixion in a unique and meaningful way anytime during Holy Week).

4.1 **Maundy Thursday** - 7:30 p.m. Zoom worship. (Listen again to Jesus' command on the night of the Last Supper that we love one another and his invitation to wash one another's feet as a sign of service to our neighbors).



4.2 **Good Friday** - 7:30 p.m. Zoom worship. (Experience the Reading of the Passion According to St. John, The Bidding Prayer, a Procession with Cross, and special music, including "Were You There").

4.3 **Easter Vigil** - on the website. (A Service of Light, Readings, and Affirmation of Baptism to experience anytime before Easter).

4.4 NEW - **Sunrise Easter Service** - 7:00 a.m. in the Cemetery. (Bring chairs to sit in or a blanket to sit on the stone wall, bread and wine for communion, or use the small chalice provided, and follow along in this moving traditional Moravian liturgy celebrating how our Lord conquered sin and death while the sun rises over the trees).



4.4 **Festive In-person Easter worship** - 9:30 a.m. in the building. (Registration is required). We will adhere to Covid precautions, including a welcome interview, mask-wearing, and social distancing. There will be communion in the pew using an individual bread and wine set to be provided, Easter flowers, Easter hymns, and special music).

4.4 **Festive Easter worship** - 11:00 a.m. Zoom worship. (Experience Easter hymns, biblical storytelling, a children's sermon, and sermon, plus special music from members, national choirs, and friends during this worship celebrating the day of resurrection).

Spread the Word! Tell your friends and family! Invite your friends and co-workers. Unchurched people are more open to worship at Easter. And you are just the very one to invite them!

Why Eco-Palms?

The traditional palm branches we grew up with and sometimes made into crosses were fun for us but not for the plant. In order to harvest those palms the trees were sacrificed.



Now we use and support Eco-Palms, which not only protects the environment by protecting the rainforest where the palms grow but also helps support the harvesting communities and the families that harvest and select the palms.

What is Easter all About?

By raising Jesus from the dead, God says ... YES to Jesus' life, YES to Jesus' teaching, YES to Jesus' servanthood, YES to Jesus' kingdom, YES to Jesus' crucifixion, and God says YES to all of Lent and Holy Week:

- to the repentance of Ash Wednesday,
- to the discipline of Lent,
- to the servanthood of the foot washing,
- to the new covenant of the communion meal,
- to the vulnerability of the stripped altar,
- to the unity of all who are drawn together by the crucifixion,
- to the rough hewn cross as the sign of victory,
- to the light which shatters the darkness,
- to the baptismal dying with Christ.



In the Easter liturgy we say YES to God's YES. We affirm - the way of Jesus is the way of God! Baptized into Christ, we follow. Alleluia!

Prince of Peace Easter Garden

Contributions of flowers and donations to the Love Fund
are gratefully acknowledged from the following:

Given in honor of my wife, Gale B. Confortini, by Rudi Confortini

Given in honor of my grandchildren, by June Ginand

Given in honor of my new great grandson, by June Ginand

Given in honor of our grandchildren, Benjamin, Caleb & Brooklyn, by Allen & Pam Nemetz

Given in thanksgiving to God for blessings received, by Rudy & Gale Confortini

Given in thanksgiving to God for all the blessings of Easter and the beauty of spring, by Allen & Pam Nemetz

Given in thanksgiving to God, by Edith Sherman

Given in thanksgiving to God, by Donna Vitetta

Given in memory of Rudy's mom, Berta Hamilton, by Rudy & Gale Confortini

Given in memory of Rudy's son, John R. Confortini, by Rudy & Gale Confortini

Given in memory of Don & Karen Ginand, by June Ginand

Given in memory of Janet's father, George Bender, by Rev. Paul & Janet Lutz

Given in memory of Paul's mother, Laura Lutz, by Rev. Paul & Janet Lutz

Given in loving memory of our parents, by Allen & Pam Nemetz

Given in memory of Gary Weisensee, by Mary Weisensee



WORSHIP IN



Worship with us this season of Easter!

April 11th, the Second Sunday of Easter. We will worship with the New England Synod using a special recorded Easter Worship service. The link is available on our website whenever convenient for your worship schedule that day. No FM parking lot worship this month.

April 18th, the Third Sunday of Easter. We will return to our 9:30 a.m. Zoom worship to sing Easter hymns, listen to stories about hunger and nourishment. Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures.

April 25th, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. We will return to our 9:30 a.m. Zoom worship to learn about the Good Shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep. We will consider what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

The worship and Music committee will meet on Tuesday, April 6th. They would like to hear your thoughts, impressions, suggestions and words of appreciation about our worship life.

Members are: Tina Giubileo (Chair), Nan Carlson, Marci Sharp, Susi Lehmann, Gayle and Ken Schulz, Donna Vitetta, Heidi Adam, and Pastor Lutz.



COUNCIL UPDATE

The Congregational Council met on Thursday - March 18, 2021.

Here are the highlights:

- Do you need to do some Spring Cleaning? In April, we will be collecting items to bring to Savers to collect a donation to go towards the Daily Bread.
- Update from Council Retreat: In March or April we are looking to start outreach to the congregation with 2 people from council and/or forward leadership holding interviews.
- During Lent- on Wednesdays there will be 6:30 p.m. soup and bread supper over Zoom, 7:00 p.m. - Evening prayer and 7:30 p.m.- Bible Video Series.
- There will be no parking lot communion services in April. Look for other worship options beginning in May.
- The church office will be closed April 12th to the 16th. Pastor Ned will be on call.
- We were awarded a second PPP grant.

April 7th - Executive Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

April 21st - Full Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

OUR CONGREGATION'S COVENANT TO CARE FOR CREATION

The Council approved a congregational conversation around "Our Congregation's Covenant to Care for Creation".

Are we able to say thatAs a congregation committed to care for creation, we affirm God's creation in all its glory and beauty. We acknowledge God as the source of all things. We acknowledge Christ as the redeemer of all things. We acknowledge the Spirit as the sustainer of all things. As a result, we strive to respect all of life as sacred. We accept our vocation as Earth-keepers who care for creation. We accept our responsibility to live justly in relation to our fellow human beings in ways that all creatures may mutually thrive together.

Are you interested in being on a Taskforce to get the conversation going? Speak to Pastor Lutz or any member of the Congregational Council.





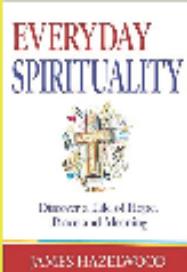
FAITH FORMATION

Prince of Peace, Brookfield, CT

PO Box 5184, 119 Junction Road, Brookfield, CT 06804

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Weekly discussion of "Everyday Spirituality" resumes on **Thursday, April 22** at 7:00 pm over Zoom



Included on our website each week, these flyers are a simple, yet effective, tool to help your family extend your faith formation practices in your home.

FAITH5



When modeled every week at church and practiced every night at home, FAITH5 carries the power to enrich communication, deepen understanding, and promote mental, and spiritual health. learn more at <https://faithink.com/about-faith5>

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The monthly WELCA Women's Bible study will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

For more information on these and other learning opportunities, contact the church office, Pastor Paul or check out the weekly update email.

Don't miss the weekly **CreatingCommunity** email devotion to help you and your household prepare for worship by dwelling in the word, responding to questions, praying and singing together. Sign up to have the devotion arrive in your email box every Monday.



NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Rev. Paul Lutz & Prince of Peace Parishioners,

Words cannot express my deepest gratitude for your thoughtfulness and generosity. My children and I are beyond grateful for your stimulus donation.

Thank you for your kindness and prayers for our family,

Warmest regards,
A Grateful Neighbor



NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Rev. Paul Lutz & Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

I wanted to thank you for the very generous gift given to me and my family at this time of need. The money will come in very handy covering expenses while my husband is unable to work while he cares for me. The generosity of your members, a congregation as a whole gives me great hope in a world that seems to be turned upside down these days.

It is the thoughtfulness given by your members that make people carry on and believe in the good will of men.

It is with the spirit of God that I am able to fight this fight to come out victorious in the end, then I can continue on to do God's good will.

Thank you all very much,
A Grateful Neighbor

LOVE/DISCRETIONARY FUND

Thank you to everyone who gave a part or all of their Stimulus check to help our two neighbors in need. We were able to help each family with over \$2,000 at a critical time in their lives.

At the same time, we continue to offer financial assistance to others in our community through the Love/Discretionary Fund. We average giving over a \$1,000 a month to help with rent, utilities and food items.

Please consider an on-going or special (from this recent stimulus check?) donation to the Prince of Peace Love/Discretionary Fund this Easter.



Why Do you Give?

In a typical church, the factors for member giving patterns are in order:

1. personal faith and generosity
2. making a real difference in people's lives
3. church manages finances well
4. state of the economy
5. reaching out to the needs in the world

What do you notice about this list? Where do you see your motivation for giving?

The season of Easter is a great occasion to reflect on why and how much you give. When was the last time you reflected on how your personal faith motivates your generosity?

How has the pandemic influenced your faith and generosity?

When was the last time you examined how your financial stewardship is making a difference in people's lives?

Thank you for your partnership in generosity.

New England Synod Assembly 2021

The 2021 New England Synod Assembly will take place virtually on Saturday, June 12, beginning at 10 a.m. Voting members will be admitted to a video call; visitors will be invited to watch the proceedings via livestream.

Prince of Peace will "send" Steve Davies and Tina Giubileo to the Synod Assembly. It is a great way to learn about the ministry of the ELCA in general and the work of our New England Synod in particular. Look for their report upon their return.

POP WOMEN'S RETREAT TO CALUMET April 16 -18

Calumet has assured us that they are taking all safety precautions. We will be the only group in the Conference Center so if desired, you can have your own room. Staff will wear masks and meals will be served cafeteria style instead of the usual buffet. Nancy Tolmoff will be leading the program...God's Gifts. Cost is \$190. **If you have not already done so, please let me know if you plan to attend no later than Monday, April 5th.** Marci Sharp (203- 775-4657) or e-mail me at (bowmanrae@aol.com).

Thanks, Marci



FUNDRAISER FOR THE DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

A CHALLENGE

An anonymous member has proposed a challenge. He has promised that he will donate a significant amount of money to challenge our Fundraiser for the Daily Bread Food Pantry. He will match the sum of money, up to \$500.00, which we make from Savers from our clothing and housewares donations. He feels that there may be others who would do the same from our community. Of course, you may do this anonymously or with recognition. We are grateful for this offer and hope that others may want to donate as part of our donation from Prince of Peace. Any amount will be accepted by the end of April.

DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry continues to distribute food twice a week. They reached 225 families last Tuesday. The staff is eternally grateful for our contributions. Prince of Peace has been involved with the Pantry for many years and continues to support this wonderful service. We were reminded that Jesus fed the 5,000 followers in last week's Lenten Gospel. When we contribute, we know that Jesus is there with us. When hungry people pick up food, Jesus is there with them.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

As of March 23, we have collected over 40 boxes of housewares and 95 plastic bags of clothing and cloth things. We are half-way there to reach our goal of \$500! Please continue to donate. Children's toys and clothing are needed as many families shop at Savers now. We will have a tally by mid April so keep it coming! The garage will be open on Saturdays and Sundays to accept items.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Call if you need help getting it to the garage.

Nan Carlson
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TWO EASY WAYS TO ENHANCE YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Do you shop at Amazon? Have Amazon Prime? Well the next time you shop go to Amazon Smile and select “Prince of Peace Lutheran Church”. Be certain to select the one in Brookfield CT. There are many others.) Then each time you make a purchase Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Prince of Peace. Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. But now you can support Prince of Peace by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.



Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If so, you have two ways to exercise your financial stewardship. The first is that your account is earning “Choice Dollars” that you can direct to Prince of Peace several times a year. There is no cost to you and any Choice Dollars not distributed from your account are lost. Second, you have up to \$500 available to you in a Thrivent Action Team kit. There is an application and the funds must be used to help others in the church or in the world but it’s yours for the asking. For more information talk to your Thrivent Associate or Joe Tucciarone, Financial Associate, New Milford, 800-972-5716.

REMEMBER PRINCE OF PEACE IN YOUR WILL

As Christians, what we leave behind is much more than a track record of daily events. A meaningful legacy enables the gospel’s message to ring clearly and ensures those who follow us will discover what it means to be church in the 21st century.

A gift in your will or other type of legacy gift can provide Prince of Peace with the opportunity to explore and develop ways of undertaking ministry differently. Support that continues beyond your lifetime lays the foundation for a stable and exciting future that will continue to bring Christ’s vital and vibrant message of community, compassion, and hope to others.

Speak to Rich Mercado, Treasurer or to your financial advisor for more information.

DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY IS SEEKING DONATIONS.

Please consider a food or monetary donation to the DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY during this pandemic.

Your food-insecure neighbors will benefit from your donations of their most needed Non-perishable items:

Canned tuna, salmon or chicken
Beans (canned or dry)
Peanut butter
Meal-in-a-can (beef stew, spaghetti & meatballs, etc.)
Soup (especially chicken noodle)
Rice (1, 2 or 3 pound bags)
Pasta
Macaroni and cheese
Canned corn
Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Breakfast cereal (hot or cold)
Marinara sauce and canned tomato products

Toiletries:

Shampoo
Deodorant
Toothpaste

Drop off your food items or checks (payable to DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY) to the church's freshly painted front door anytime. Your neighbors thank you.



Serving Greater Danbury Since 1984

Happy Birthday!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

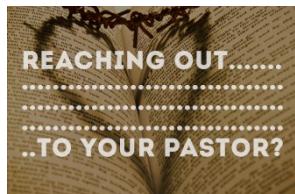
APRIL BIRTHDAYS	
3	Peter Fegley
6	Steve Davies, Alexis Bernardez
7	Anna Keith, Dee Omasta
8	Ginger Coogle, Julie Parker
11	Joan Estes, Don Groff, Daniel Macdonald
12	Brianna Fettinger
13	Glenn Arnold
14	Doug Diefenbach
16	Matthew Adam
18	Pam Hohenshelt, Michael Staub
19	Jon Schroeder
20	Bill Schroeder
21	Kevin Fay
24	Keena Martel, Debbie Nobes
26	Ashley Arroyo
27	Steven Hohenshelt, Diana Koehm, Margaret Nicolais
28	Patty Fecarotta, Christopher Walsh
30	Jake Bernardez

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES	
4	Linda & Kevin Coyle
7	Dory & Ron Kutz
20	Melinda & Dennis Schroeder
23	Monica & Russell Walsh
25	Nancy Humphreys & Anthony D'Ausilio
30	Kim & Tom Maier Ginger & David Coogle

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in Blueprints and you would like it to be please contact Rene at the Church office.

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HOW TO REACH THE PASTOR

Pastor Lutz is easily accessible. You can e-mail him (poppastorpaul@sbcglobal.net), call him on his cell (609.578.7921) or post on his Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PoP-Pastor-Paul-106119548198922>)

Worship Services

We are online for worship, study, giving and fellowship!

Go to our website to experience our virtual worship and giving opportunities.

See front page for all Holy Week services.

Join us on April 11 for a special recorded Easter Worship service available on our website.

Join us for Sunday's worship over Zoom on April 18 & 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Zoom Women's Bible Study happens on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Join us each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. for a Zoom Fellowship/Coffee Hour (immediately following zoom worship no need to call back in).

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Our vision...

"Prince of Peace is a loving and caring family of Christians. We gather to hear the Christian story in word and song and to experience that story through the sacraments. The members of our family are involved in a mission of Christian unity. Through worship and Christian fellowship we are empowered to commit our talents in a way that makes a difference in our lives and the lives of those we touch."

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