



Tidings

Love God - Follow Jesus - Invite All

Lent 2026

Midweek Lenten Events - March 18 & 25

6:00pm Dinner—donations go to additional meal costs and children's weekly education projects

6:00pm Dessert competition—donations go to the charities listed for each week

6:45pm —We'll welcome guest leaders from Muslim, Jewish, and Christian traditions
There will be a variety of activities, crafts, and other studies for all ages.

7:40pm—Holden Evening Prayer

Holden Evening Prayer service, offered in person in the Worship Center and livestreamed on Facebook. Also available to view on YouTube after the service.

March 29 - Palm Sunday @ 9:45am

Weather permitting, meet outside to process with palms into the worship center.

April 2 - Maundy Thursday @ 7:30pm

The traditional Maundy Thursday service, in person and livestreamed.

April 3- Good Friday Family Morning Program @ 10:00am

Details below.

April 3—Good Friday Worship @ 7:30pm

The traditional Good Friday service, in person and livestreamed.

April 4 - Easter Vigil @ 7:30pm

The traditional Easter Vigil service, in person and livestreamed.

April 5— Easter Breakfast @ 9:00am & 10:45am

April 5- Easter Celebration Worship @ 9:45am

A service of celebration! Worship in person and livestreamed



Good Friday Morning Family Program

You are invited to this Good Friday morning program, April 3 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. It is a family-oriented event designed for children 10 years old and younger and accompanied by their parents. There will be an opening devotion, crafts, and a snack. Guests and friends are invited. Please join us!

Pastor's Perspective—Update

Pastor Erin Clausen (she/her)

I often introduce worship services by saying “It is my honor and my joy to worship you.” These words reflect a deeply held conviction about my role as your pastor and the relationship we share through worshipping together. As a congregation, you have been gracious in understanding my need to take time to focus on my mental and physical health. I am grateful for your care for me (and my family) and for your prayers. I know that it has been a challenge for the congregation to be without pastoral leadership, although I have also heard some fun stories about Sunday morning worship leadership! It has also been a challenge for me to be away from all of you during this time.

As you know, I returned to pastoral duties on a very part-time basis at the beginning of February. Because of the demands of worship leadership and preaching, we decided that reconnecting with staff and pastoral care needs would be my first step. As we approach Easter, I plan to begin to return to some worship leadership. You can expect to see me throughout Holy Week. Following that, I plan to lead worship and/or preach some Sundays each month. I will continue to work part time in the office for now, as I work back toward working full time. The exact schedule for this has not yet been determined and needs to be approved by my medical team and the bishop before I am free to share it with you. I am always happy to answer questions – feel free to ask any questions you have, and I will answer to the best of my ability.

While mental health challenges tend to be hidden, physical challenges may be less so. You likely have noticed that I continue to wear a knee brace. I live with a condition in which my joints are increasingly unstable. As such, you can expect to see braces, supports, Kinesio Tape (especially on my wrists) and the like depending on the day. Again, you're welcome to ask me about any of these and I'll answer questions to the best of my ability...although often the answer is just “my joints are getting older.” Please know that I have an excellent medical team who are taking care of both my physical and mental needs. Tom and the girls have also surrounded me with love and care to promote my healing and health. So, your prayers continue to be welcome, but you do not need to expend energy worrying about me. And when you have questions or concerns, please just ask.

I am honored and grateful to serve as your pastor, and I am excited to return to worship leadership as well. May God bless us on this journey together!

Super Heroes Helping the Homeless

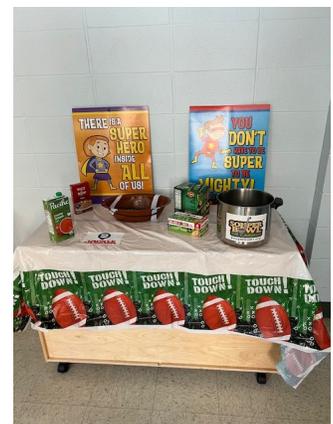
Since its inception, the National Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign has generated over 220 million in food relief for local charities.

Our church and Sunday School children donated bags of healthy snacks and nonperishable foods plus \$865.00 which were sent to Journeys for their food pantry.

The center is now open 7 nights a week providing meals and overnight shelter for the homeless in our community.

Many thanks to the Super Heroes who participated in our collection which will help our hungry neighbors.

God's work—our Hands!



Reverence in Worship

Pastor Erin Clausen & Board of Worship

A couple of years ago I had the privilege of worshipping in Lutheran churches in South Africa. It was an intriguing and sometimes uncomfortable experience. In many ways, the service felt familiar. The Lutheran church there – like the Lutheran church here – was established by northern Europeans. Like here, the northern European cultural religious heritage remains strong. The unwritten rules for when to sit and stand, when to sing or be quiet, how to file up for communion, etc. were all familiar to me. Even many of the hymns were familiar, despite being sung in different languages. Meanwhile, the traditional South African tribal religions include dancing, loud singing, clapping, and general noisy celebration and lament. These elements of worship also wend their way into Lutheran services in beautiful – if sometimes surprising – ways. Meanwhile, in the midst of this cacophonous celebration, whenever the acolytes entered the worship center to light candles or prepare communion, a reverent hush would fall over the congregation, and everyone together would watch and pray.

As we read the Bible, we discover that different Biblical communities participated in worship in different ways. Each expression of worship is faithful in its own way, unique to the community in which it arises. We also read Biblical evidence of arguments about what facilitates worship, what is “pleasing to God,” and what distracts or even angers God. These ages-old arguments remind us that worship is intended to center on God’s presence. Our worship space is holy space – set apart to remind us of the presence of God. The space itself and everything we do in that space is intended to invite reverence and awe for the holiness that dares to come close to us ‘mere mortals.’ As we approach worship with reverence, we experience worship as community while also feeling personal. We engage in reverence in culturally specific ways – based on heritage, religion, family, world events, denomination, and everything else that makes up our culture.

At Prince of Peace, we explicitly say that we want to invite all people. Knowing that welcoming all means that we welcome those like us AND those unlike us, our invitation necessitates our willingness invite discomfort. Sometimes those with whom we worship will share our cultural sensitivities, and sometimes we will be different or even at odds with each other. Sometimes we will feel ‘in sync’ with those with whom we are worshipping, and sometimes we need to learn from each other – or try on a form of reverence that is unfamiliar.

As we encounter each other during Holy Week, I invite you to pay attention to the ways you engage in reverence. Notice that Holden Evening prayer invites you into quiet and calm. As you attend on Palm Sunday and the Vigil of Easter and Easter, we will engage in joy. You may experience your heart lifting as you stand to sing or hear the gospel (good news). You may feel the exuberance that leads to applause for the Holy One following singing or preaching. You may sink into the presence of the Spirit by choosing to sit or kneel. As you attend Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, reverence looks and feels different. You may experience the heaviness and silence of this part of the story. You may choose discomfort as your feet are washed. You may discover tears on your cheeks or the desire to sit near to someone else.

In some of the cottage meetings, we have heard that some people feel unsure or uncomfortable about when and where different expressions of reverence may be appropriate for this community which welcomes all, especially when they sometimes feel uncomfortable. The Board of Worship has discussed this, and instructions on the screen or from the presider will suggest when expressions such as silence or standing are invited. Careful listening and prayer are always appropriate when musical ensembles are singing/playing, since these are reverently practiced to guide our souls toward communion with God. Of course, we always welcome children in worship, and we know that children are sometimes noisy and often busy, and as Jesus said “let the children come (as they are *sic*)” so do we! At the same time, parents teach reverence through bringing children to the table to receive Christ.

As we move together through these holy days, notice the ways that reverence shows up for you – and for others. If you feel moved by the Spirit to pray quietly or reflect, do so! If you feel moved by the Spirit to stand, dance, applaud, or even laugh – do so! If you notice others participating in these ways and feel moved to join in, do so! And if you feel moved to participate in different ways, it’s OK to do that too!

Throughout this season, pay attention to your own worship practices. Be attentive to what you do: why you move, stand, sing, clap, watch children, commune. Consider your cultural heritage and what has formed these practices for you. Be intentional about how you worship with body, mind, and soul. I also invite you to be intentional about trying something different. Notice someone whose practice differs from yours and ask them what makes their worship practice meaningful to them. Try out something new – even when it feels uncomfortable. You might discover a new way to experience God. Even if not, you may understand yourself and your neighbor more deeply. In all of our worship, let us be intentionally reverent and center glory to God in all that we do.

After Cottage Meetings...now what?

by Terri Lamberti

Last month my Tidings article explained what a Cottage Meeting is and invited everyone to attend. There were meetings scheduled online, in members homes, at church, in the daytime and in the evening. Thanks to those who could attend a meeting as your participation is integral in helping shape the future of Prince of Peace.

Comments and questions from the Cottage Meetings are being compiled by Jim Wilkins (the Council Executive Secretary) from the eleven meetings held. Council will first review everything and see if there are obvious areas for focus. This important information will help Council develop strategic ministry planning for the immediate future as well as for the long term.

Some of the information shared at meetings may not apply to a strategic plan but all ideas and comments appropriate for specific Council Board Chairs will be reviewed and may help guide their activities in the coming year. Sometimes we think we have it “all figured out,” when someone’s comment exposes something we have never considered or didn’t realize was a concern. Your input is invaluable and we are grateful for your willingness to share in the safe environment created by these Cottage Meetings.

Each meeting was led by a Facilitator with comments noted by a Recorder. There was a lot of time taken to first recruit these amazing individuals and then train them in being good listeners. We asked Tom Pfeifer, Stephen Minister Leader, to help train the Facilitators and Recorders in these important listening skills. Everyone at a meeting was invited to share their comments and opinions and the Facilitators were tasked in keeping the meeting moving forward. MANY THANKS to these wonderful Facilitators and Recorders:

Lisa Benson – Recorder at 5 meetings!

Carol Pfeifer – Recorder at 2 meetings

Lynne Benson – Facilitator

Tom Pfeifer - Facilitator

Jason Bogner – Facilitator at 2 meetings

Jacqi Schuetze - Recorder

Linda Heisel – Facilitator

Chris Urban – Recorder at 2 meetings

Glenda Kline-Mali – Facilitator

Mark Walther – Facilitator at 2 meetings

Renee Lucas – Facilitator at 2 meetings

Jill Wilkins – Facilitator and Recorder

Additionally, these meetings could not be held if it weren’t for the hospitality of our gracious hosts. Whether the meeting was held online, around a meeting room table at church or around a dining room table or living room at the host’s house, your comfort and safety were their top priority. MANY THANKS to these super hosts: Leslie and Mike Beck, Mark Benson, Madelynn and Rick Brossard, Bill Eremia, Laura and Mike Gibbs, Lauren Heisel and Tiffany Jensen, Grete and Mark Gamb, Mary and Roger Simonis, and Karyn and Carl Zielinski.

And last, but not least, MANY THANKS to Jacqi and Andy Schuetze for organizing and coordinating the sign up of members to attend meetings and helping with the recruitment of Facilitators and Recorders. Their commitment to Prince of Peace is much appreciated and greatly admired.

We are very blessed at Prince of Peace to have so many members committed to the future of this congregation. It’s never too late to share your comments and opinions. Feel free to contact any member of the Church Council or the Executive Team. You can find their names and contact information on the Council Corner bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. (Additionally, this is where you can also find minutes from the most recently approved council meeting.)

Council will be very busy in the coming months finalizing the budget for 2026-2027 and discerning the direction your comments from the Cottage Meetings will take us. And to share from a prayer you heard at the Cottage Meetings...we pray God will help us celebrate the strengths he has placed within our church family and to see with clarity the areas where he is calling us to improve.



Journey Through Holy Week

by Scott Uddenberg

From the Gates of Jerusalem to the Open Tomb

Holy Week is the most sacred season in the Christian year — a week unlike any other. Beginning with the joyful shouts of Palm Sunday and moving through the solemn intimacy of Maundy Thursday, the grief of Good Friday, the watchful hope of the Easter Vigil, and finally the triumphant joy of Easter morning, this is the story at the very heart of our faith. We warmly invite you to walk this journey with us, step by step, as our community gathers to tell and retell the story of Jesus: his entry into Jerusalem, his suffering and death, and the miracle of the empty tomb.

The Sacred Triduum: Three Days That Change Everything

At the heart of Holy Week are the Triduum — the three sacred days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. The word *Triduum* means simply "three days," and these days form one continuous act of worship, one unbroken story. They are not three separate events — they are three movements of a single, saving drama. To enter the Triduum is to be drawn into the very depths of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. We encourage you to experience all three services as a connected journey: from the table to the cross, and from the darkness of the tomb to the blazing light of resurrection.

Holy Week Services & Schedule

Palm Sunday | March 29 | 9:45 AM

Worship with Processional

Our Holy Week journey begins with celebration! We gather outside the north doors before worship to form our processional — waving palms as we follow Jesus into the sanctuary, just as the crowds followed him into Jerusalem with shouts of "Hosanna!" Come ready to sing, march, and welcome the King. All are welcome to join the procession.

Maundy Thursday | April 2 | 7:30 PM

Communion & Stripping of the Altar

On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his disciples at the table, broke bread, and shared the cup — giving us the gift of Holy Communion. The word *Maundy* comes from the Latin *mandatum* — commandment — recalling Jesus's call to love one another as he has loved us. We will gather at the Lord's Table and close the service with the ancient and moving ritual of Stripping the Altar, in which the sanctuary is slowly emptied of its adornments, leaving us in silence and darkness — a powerful reminder of the desolation of that night.

Good Friday | April 3 | 7:30 PM

The Passion of Our Lord

Good Friday calls us to stand at the foot of the cross. We will hear the Passion story proclaimed in full — the betrayal, the trial, the crucifixion — and we will respond in a profound and embodied way: with hammer and nail. Each worshiper is invited to pound a nail into the cross as a personal act of acknowledgment that our sin is part of the story, and that Jesus carried it all. It is a raw and holy moment that you will not forget. Come and bear witness.

Easter Vigil | April 4 | 7:30 PM

The Vigil of Easter — Announcing the Resurrection

We gather in the darkness of Holy Saturday to wait, to watch, and to listen. The Easter Vigil is one of the oldest and most beautiful services of the Christian year. It is a service of light breaking into darkness, of ancient stories reminding us who God is and what God does, and of the first triumphant announcement: **Christ is risen!** This is where Holy Week crests — the moment the story turns. Join us as we celebrate the first Easter together.

Easter Morning | April 5 | 9:45 AM

Festive Worship with Brass Ensemble & Children's Sermon

He is risen — He is risen indeed! Easter morning is a feast for the senses and a celebration for the whole community. We will worship with the joyful sound of our brass ensemble filling the sanctuary, and our children will be specially welcomed with a children's sermon just for them. Bring your family, bring your neighbors, and bring your brightest spirit. The stone has been rolled away, and we have every reason to rejoice!

An Invitation to the Whole Journey

You are warmly invited to every service this Holy Week. Each gathering is meaningful on its own, but together they tell the whole story — from the palm branches waving at the city gate, to the bread broken at the table, to the nails in the cross, to the silence of the tomb, to the morning that changed the world forever. Whether you are a lifelong churchgoer or someone exploring faith for the first time, there is a place for you in this story. Come and see.

"Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here." Mark 16:6



Stephen Ministry The Ides of April?

By Janet Ichida



“Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes.” **Romans 13:7a**

When I think of April, Tax Day quickly comes to mind. We remember ‘the ides of March’ from high school, but what threat would Shakespeare give to the Ides of April? Not many of us look forward to this fateful day when we give big hunks of our salaries to the federal and state governments and say, “Keep it!” Now most of us understand national health programs like Medicare and Medicaid. Even national defense is required, especially in the world today! But next on the list of where federal tax money goes is interest on the national debt. Wow! Not so popular of money destinations is to pay back the national debt? What about any of our personal debt? My mortgage costs could go right to the government, but it doesn’t work that way. Over half of the state tax money is split between education and healthcare. Better choices!

Both of my grandsons are in high school and spent time this past summer with part time jobs. *(You did know I was a grandma, didn't you?)* They were a little surprised that their small paychecks had a chunk taken away. Welcome to the real world. Amounts vary from 10% to 37%. They will both have money coming back. Bob and I are busy completing information for our yearly forms. Our medical portion is growing bigger with medications, doctor appointments and of course, my stroke. (Any guesses on the total of that one?)

Are you dreading the ides of April or do you get all your money back? Are you ok with Tax Day but dread divorce day? Are your 2026 medical costs already soaring too high? Do you have multiple kids in college - wonderful ways to spend money, but enough is enough! Did your credit card bills somehow manage to somehow zoom to a new height? Is your paycheck not zooming alongside it? Sorry! Stephen Ministry cannot lend you money to help out, but we can be there to commiserate with and pray for.

So, pay those taxes and forget about a refund (but take it if you get it!) I like to read the next verse that comes after this month’s verse. Roman 13:8 is *“Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.”* So, keep loving and if you need an ear to listen or shoulder to cry on, give us a call. We also all have hands that fold in prayer.

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Hello Spring! Painting Workshop
March 29th 2026 - 12pm

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Board of Serving Ministries

by Chris Chason

Celebrating The Values We Share With Other Faith Communities

The Children of Abraham Coalition sponsored the annual Peace Camp in February, and our congregation was one of the faith communities that hosted it. Some of our confirmation and high school students spent two days in activities with their Jewish and Muslim peers in order to develop friendships, learn about, and understand each other's faiths, learn how to speak out against prejudice, and become peacemakers. As you heard during their presentation during worship on March 8th, it was a very meaningful event for our youth.

The Children of Abraham Coalition is active throughout the year. They recruit volunteers for Feed My Starving Children packing sessions and host a "Potluck for Peace" in the fall. Many faiths are represented, not just the three Abrahamic faiths (Jewish, Muslim, Christian). For more information, go to <https://coacpeace.org>.

This year we have had multiple opportunities to learn about other religions. Clergy and other faith leaders have given us many insights at our Lenten Wednesday night dialogues with Pastor Erin. We were guests of the Muslim community at their Iftar (their dinner breaking the daily Ramadan fast) at the end of February. They were gracious hosts, provided a traditional meal, and welcomed our questions about their faith.

One of the benefits of these interfaith events is realizing that we have much in common. In the 3 Abrahamic faiths, adherents follow the command to help other people. Christians use several words –agape, benevolence, charity; the Jewish faith uses the word Tzedaka, and the Muslim faith uses the word Sadaqah. These words describe acts of charity, righteousness, justice, response to the needs of others, good deeds, etc.

Upcoming Opportunities for Learning About and Supporting Viator House of Hospitality

We will be welcoming Father Corey from Viator House of Hospitality as our final interviewee on Wednesday March 25th. You may remember that he was the speaker at our Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve service last November. He offers tours of Viator House where you can learn how the house functions with boys from many different countries sharing that space; how volunteers can make a difference to the young men, and how you can support their mission of hope, healing, and opportunity for these asylum seekers who escaped from death threats, persecution, violence, trafficking, and other forms of abuse.

A tour of VHH is being planned for this spring. If you have not already expressed your interest in attending, contact Emily Uddenberg or Andy Schuetze so that you can be contacted when we have confirmed the date.

The Viator House of Hospitality annual Village Dinner fundraiser will be on Sunday evening April 26th at 6 pm at the Maggiano's restaurant in Schaumburg.

Tickets are \$80.00 per person, or a table for 10 is \$750.00. The ticket price includes a family-style dinner with appetizers and dessert. There are always inspiring speakers who tell compelling stories about the difference VHH makes in the lives of the young men who have benefitted from all the services VHH provides, including a supportive environment where they can practice their faith.



To purchase Village Dinner tickets and tables, use this link: [TICKETS!](#)

In the spring, we will be supporting VHH by collecting supplies that they have requested. Details will be announced when we know what items they need most.

PoP for Confirmation and Emerge

by Emily Uddenberg

I wanted to take some time to share with you this wonderful ministry that our older youth have been a part of here at Prince of Peace. Perhaps you may or may have heard, for the last four years, really as long as I have been in my position as Director of Youth Ministries, we have been a major partner in something called Peace Camp - a two day, mostly student led interfaith opportunity for kids of the Islamic, Muslim, Christian, and most recently the Ba'ai communities come together to teach and learn about these other religions in a safe platform. The original organizer, whom we have all now come to know through several of his ministries, is Father Corey Brost. While this congregation mostly knows Father Corey's work with Viator House, he also has an initiative called Children of Abraham - a collection of interfaith kids who get together several times a year to share traditions with others beyond their weekly gatherings.

For the last ten years these events have expanded their boundaries to include even more kids of many faiths by offering Peace Camp. This year there were over 80 kids who participated, the biggest and most successful event to date. College and high school youth, who began this process as campers, lead junior high youth through various team building activities and discussion prompts to gather information on each religion. Several religious leaders offer presentations, or in my case, open up the floor for questions. Some recurring questions over the years are the reasoning behind Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny and identifying all of the musical instruments in our worship space.

This year trying to understand all of the things regarding the trinity is where things got dicey for me - there were just fantastic questions that don't necessarily have perfectly clear answers. By the end of the experience, the kids find both similarities and differences in their respective religions and collectively make a plan to bring peace into their everyday lives. The major action kids pick up on is to stand up to ignorance or misinformation, especially on social media, or bring in a trusted adult for help in extreme scenarios.

Each host site prepares snacks for all to enjoy, because we all will show up for snacks. Each host site also offers places to prepare for prayer and create space where prayer sessions can be observed. I like to have the kids experience the Prayer Labyrinth if the weather is good! This partnership has allowed Prince of Peace to maintain regular relationships that have been part of the Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve services, and as part of this year's Lenten discussions, we offer the leaders of these different congregations a space to share their truths.

One final thing to share - Peace Camp is global! Receiving a message from other communities across the pond, with the same goals as kids in the United States really solidified the impact work like this can have with the kids. It's such a special experience for Prince of Peace to be included in such a special partnership. We thank God for unexpected friendships. We thank God for the chance to grow. We thank God for the opportunity to share His love with new communities. We thank God for leaders who create leaders. We thank God for the kids who are brave and willing to give their testimonies of good and peace in their worlds. Amen.

Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from June 22 - 26.

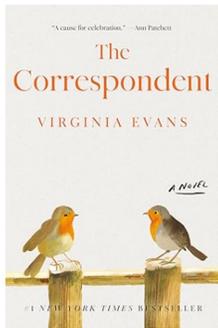
Rain Forest Falls is this year's theme.

This program is designed for children who were 3 years old by last September through those children currently in fourth grade.

Watch for registration information in April.



Prince of Peace Book Club Selection for April



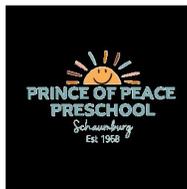
The PoP Book Club will be reading “The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans for April. The morning meeting will meet on Friday, April 24 at 10 AM, in conference Room 213. The evening meeting will meet on Wednesday, April 29 at 7 PM, also in Room 213.

Filled with knowledge that only comes from a life fully lived, *The Correspondent* is a gem of a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we might never meet in person. It is about the hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that occur during a lifetime.

Sybil Van Antwerp has throughout her life used letters to make sense of the world and her place in it. Most mornings, around half past ten, Sybil sits down to write letters—to her brother, to her best friend, to the president of the university who will not allow her to audit a class she desperately wants to take, to Joan Didion and Larry McMurtry to tell them what she thinks of their latest books, and to one person to whom she writes often yet never sends the letter.

Sybil expects her world to go on as it always has—a mother, grandmother, wife, divorcee, distinguished lawyer, she has lived a very full life. But when letters from someone in her past force her to examine one of the most painful periods of her life, she realizes that the letter she has been writing over the years needs to be read and that she cannot move forward until she finds it in her heart to offer forgiveness.

Please join us for a robust discussion. If you have questions please contact Kathy Tweeten at 847-971-0192 or kat8@aol.com.



Early Childhood Programs at Prince of Peace

By Michelle Heberling, Director

Greetings from the preschool!

All of us in the preschool are anticipating sunshine, spring, and warmer weather! This is especially true in our morning drop off. We are outside in rain, snow, wind, heat, and cold with a smile. Kudos to all our teachers who welcome each child in with a warm hello no matter the weather. We are blessed to have such a great staff team who have such a heart for our preschoolers.

Last month was filled with St. Patrick's Day shenanigans, chapel, a doctor visit, a dentist visit, and a new prayer group. We felt the weight of things going on in our families and felt a strong desire to commit these things to prayer. We meet twice a month to pray over the preschool families, students, staff, and the church. Anyone can add a prayer request to the box on the desk.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter. May the joy and hope of the resurrection fill you today and every day. He is Risen!

Schaumburg Township Food Pantry Items Needed

by Sue Patt



Spring is closer and a time for renewal and gratitude for the warmer, longer days. This is great time to remember that our community food pantry is now serving over 1400 clients a month. Please keep supporting them in any way that you can.

www.schaumburgtownship.org

personal hygiene items – soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner	fruit snacks
feminine hygiene items	jelly – any kind
adult incontinence items	gluten free pasta
baby diapers – sizes 5, 6, 7	culturally responsive spices
canned fruit – all varieties	salt and pepper
canned carrots	mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, BBQ sauce
salad dressing – all kinds	tomato paste, tomato sauce
ramen noodles	Large, canned soups
low salt items	Pasta Roni and Rice A Roni
cake mix, frosting, brownie mix	Hamburger Helper
muffin mixes	cooking oil
canned chicken	coffee and tea

Board of Stewardship What does “Stewardship” mean to you?

by Will Damico

I realize I need to revisit the meaning of the term Stewardship to fulfill a request to revise the description of the mission of the Board of Stewardship for the updated Congregation Constitution. I realize that the meaning of words can differ based on the context and that many people hearing the same statements are hearing the statements in different contexts.

It seems that “Stewardship” is often interpreted as the church requesting money. The Congregation Council, in emphasizing that the cottage meetings weren’t a request for money, said they weren’t about “stewardship.”

I see the mission of the Board of Stewardship as broader than giving money. If one looks at the dictionary definition of “stewardship,” one will find something related to being given the responsibility to care for or manage the property of someone else.

I want to restate the description of the Board of Stewardship as the following:

The mission of the Board of Stewardship is to educate the congregation on the importance of making use of the gifts God has given each person. We will do this by encouraging people to reflect on and realize the talents they have and to appreciate the money they have been able to earn with those talents and then to go the further step of appreciating what God can do with those time and talents to improve the world. The Board of Stewardship gives people a chance to put their time, talents and treasures into action through coordinating the annual mission fair to learn where their talents can be put to use and encouraging gifts from their treasures through periodic messages about how their contributions are being used and an annual opportunity to make a promise to themselves and God by making a pledge of support.

The Board of Stewardship is falling short of these responsibilities. One of the big reasons is we only have two active members, and those members represent a definitive lack of diversity. We can really use not just more members but younger members who are likely to have different views of how they use money and different practices for how they transfer money.

If you have any questions or suggestions, email bdstewardship@princeofpeace.net.



Second Saturday Date Night

Fifty Fifty Band

April 11 @ 6:00 pm

Date Nighters are welcome to support Mike Gibbs and his band Fifty Fifty. They will be performing in the CLC as part of the community engagement concert series. Doors open at 6pm with food and appetizers. The band will play at 7pm.

Please purchase tickets at church after worship or use the link below. Hope to see you there!!! RSVP to Jill via Text 847-754-7657 and we will try and get seats together. This would be a great event to invite friends to attend!

SPECIAL EVENT IN THE CLC:




Fifty/Fifty
Saturday April 11, 2026
 Cocktails / Appetizers: 6pm
 Show: 7pm - 9pm

TICKET INFORMATION:



Advance purchase through QR code, at church, or at the door
Ticket Price: \$30

Fifty/Fifty has been rocking the greater Chicagoland area for over 20 years. They play a diverse collection of classic rock spanning the decades. Many songs you will know by heart inviting you to tap your feet and sing along. Fifty/Fifty features our own Mike Gibbs on bass. You don't want to miss this great opportunity bringing you back to a time when music was what it should be while listening to one of Chicago's treasured bands!

For Questions, Please Contact:
 Church Office: 847-885-7010
 Mark Walther: 224-281-1166

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[Click here to register for the concert](#)

Adult Learning Opportunities

(Meeting locations may change)

Passages meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday evenings at 6:30pm Contact Karen Wagner at wagner@princeofpeace.net for questions.

Men's Bible Study Group meets on Mondays at 7:00pm in Room 213 and virtually. Contact Tom Pfeifer at jets820@comcast.net.

Rebekah Circle - meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm. Please contact [Pam Johnson](#) with questions.

Vines & Branches—meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Please contact [Renee Lucas](#) with questions.

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Prince of Peace Mission Statement

Love God – Follow Jesus – Invite All

BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY APRIL 10
Doors OPEN at 6PM
Games BEGIN at 7PM
 \$500 in Bingo prize money

\$30 / 10 games
\$2 / Dabber (or BYO)
\$7 / Dinner:
 Lucky Number Meal Deal includes
 Italian Beef Sandwich / Chips / Water or Soda

\$5 / Dinner:
 Lucky Number Meal Deal includes
 Large Slice of Pizza / Water or Soda

\$3 Ice Cream Sundaes
\$1 Popcorn
\$1 / bottle: water / soda

No alcohol allowed. Must be 18 or older.
"Split the Pot" Raffle: \$1 / each or \$5 / 6

Lots of valuable FREE PRIZES will be given away!

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Our next Bingo Night will be held on Friday May 1
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2026 DATES

BINGO

		APRIL 10		JULY 10
JAN. HAPPY NEW YEAR!			JUNE 5	
	MARCH 6			AUG 7
FEB 6		MAY 1		

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM
 GAMES BEGIN 7:00PM

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Upcoming Events

April 2—Maundy Thursday @ 7:30pm
 April 3—Good Friday Morning Family Program @ 10:00am
 April 3—Good Friday @ 7:30pm
 April 4—Easter Vigil @ 7:30pm
 April 5—Easter @ 9:45am
 June 22-26—Vacation Bible School



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Worship Schedule:

Sundays, 9:45am
 Sunday School, 9:00am, beginning in September

Also available via Livestream on Facebook
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Schaumburg
 Services posted on our YouTube channel after Livestream:
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Schaumburg

Prince of Peace Staff - Here to Serve!

Pastor	Erin Clausen (she/her)
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Director of Music	Scott Uddenberg (he/him)
Director of Youth Ministries	Emily Uddenberg (she/her)
Organist	Collin Crowl (he/him)
Preschool & Kindergarten Director	Michelle Heberling (she/her)
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Editorial Note: The May 2026 Tidings deadline is Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 at Noon.

If you would like to receive your monthly *Tidings* Newsletter via email, please submit your email address to the church office, 847-885-7010 or
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LENT 2026
INTERGENERATIONAL EVENTS AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wed., Mar. 18	Lenten Event #4	
	6:00 pm	Salad supper (Chicken provided) /Chocolate dessert competition (to benefit <i>Church World Service</i>)
	6:45 pm	Adult and Confirmation discussion Activities for children through 6 th grade
	7:40 pm	Worship: Holden Evening Prayer Service
Wed., Mar. 25	Lenten Event #5	
	6:00 pm	Tex-Mex supper & Cookie competition (to benefit <i>Feed My Starving Children</i>)
	6:45 pm	Adult and Confirmation discussion Activities for children through 6 th grade
	7:40 pm	Worship: Holden Evening Prayer Service
Sun., Mar. 29	9:00 am	Palm Sunday – Sunday School
	9:45 am	Worship
Thurs., Apr. 2	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday service
Fri., Apr. 3	10:00 am	Good Friday Children's Program
	7:30 pm	Good Friday service
Sat., Apr. 4	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil service
Sun., Apr. 5	9:45 am	Easter , Easter Breakfast, No Sunday School