



Greetings from ASSE International,

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is currently looking for Host Families for exchange students who will be attending local high schools in the upcoming 2024-25 school year.

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to consider hosting an exchange student. Additionally, if you know of any outstanding families in your Congregation who would make great host families, we would greatly appreciate any referrals. Perhaps you would be willing to share the opportunity during church services? Perhaps by handing out the attached flyer?

We strongly believe that student exchange programs contribute to world peace at a grassroots level, and our host families play a crucial role in achieving that. ASSE students are all of high school age (15-18) and come to the United States with their own insurance and spending money, eager to learn about America through their host family and the local community.

Whether you are a young family, retired, a single parent, or empty nesters, hosting one of our students from countries like France, Italy, Ukraine, Denmark, and many others presents an extraordinary opportunity to personally experience their cultures and values while simultaneously sharing your own knowledge about the United States.

To get a glimpse of some of the hopeful students who are eagerly waiting to be matched with their host families, you can go to the web site to view their profiles and read some of their captivating letters. These students are genuinely grateful to you and the USA for giving them the chance to live with your family and become part of your community for a year.

ASSE is fully committed to turning their dreams into reality, and we hope that you or someone in your Congregation would be interested in opening your/their home to a new family member this year.

If you're interested, please go to web site to start the process without commitment of course, and we will be in touch to address any questions you may have.

If you are not able to host but believe the opportunity to be valuable to others in your community, sharing this email would be greatly appreciated. Together we can change the world, one exchange at a time!

Warm regards,

Saphia Lesch, ASSE Midwestern Regional Director

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Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community

4th Sunday of Easter



April 21, 2024

Service Time: 9:00 am

Pastor Cassandra Langr

Pastor Jeanette M Thorp, Supply Pastor

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April 21, 2024

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(please rise)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

HYMN: "COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING" LBW # 522

ADULT STUDY—Digging Deeper into the Scriptures of the Sermon has begun; the Only thing needed is a Bible, pen, paper, and questions or just ears to hear. If you have any questions, please email Pastor Cassandra.

SPRING PROJECT – Naomi Circle’s spring project is the collection of bread bag tags and plastic bottle tops. These items will be sent to create seedling trays or a wheelchair. Please notice the collection jar and information sheet in the narthex. This will also help keep them out of the landfill.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE PUZZLE IN THE NARTHEX? Have you noticed that it’s missing several pieces? For each pledge card that was returned in the Pledge Packet (whether or not you pledged) a piece was placed in the puzzle. So if you still have a pledge card, please bring it to the office or mail it in. We would really like to finish the picture. Thank you. **Your Stewardship Deacon, Sherry Faulkner**

FELLOWSHIP EVENT — Our Social group which includes folks from Prince of Peace and friends we've made at DeeDee's Main Street Coffee Shop are going to see "Unsung Heroes" - a true story about the remarkable life of Christian band For King and Country's Joel Smallbone. We try to go to Beloit Classic Cinema to enjoy their heated lounging chairs and on \$6 Tuesdays! A date is not set, but it will be in May. Keep your Tuesdays open if you'd like to go with us. Tickets will be purchased in advance so we may be seated together. See Lora Conrad or Google the title for additional details.

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Pastor Cassandra & Andrew on Vacation

(April 22nd)

9:30 am Prayer Group

Messenger Deadline

Tuesday (April 23rd)

1pm Mary Rachel Circle

6:15-9:00 pm Rockton Quilt Group

Wednesday (April 24th)

9:30 am—12:30 pm C.A.L.M. Coffee Club at Dee Dees

Thursday (April 25th)

8:00 am – 3:30 pm Annunciation Co-op

6:30 pm—Prayer Meeting

Sunday (April 28th)

9:00 am & 11:15 am Worship

10:15 am Education Hour



To: on the 22nd

Lillian Jensen &

Cameron Schmidt



April 28th - Bill & Stacy Diemel

DIALOG: (green LBW p.126)

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: **for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You provide for our every need.

C: **Accept our grateful praises.**

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: **We rejoice and bless your name forever.**

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: **We bless you and praise your loving grace.**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: **for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12 (pew Bible p. 885)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23

SECOND READING: I John 3:16-24 (pew Bible p. 987)

(please rise)

ALLELUIA: (WOV p. 31)

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL TEXT: John 10:11-18 (Pew Bible p.870-871)

(please be seated)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: *THE GOOD SHEPHERD* Pastor Jeanette

HYMN OF THE DAY: **LBW #474**

“Children of the Heavenly Father”



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



Healing, strength, and guidance for: Arianna, Marilyn, Vic, LeAnn, Corey, Tammy, Bill, Sue, Linda, Gabe, Jerry, Barb, Chad, Josh, Sheila, Eli, Darlene, Mary, Christine, Kassie, and, Kelly.

For those suffering loss: The family and friends of Melissa Stucky. For the family and friends of Renee Griffith Grantham (Pastor Cassandra’s seminary classmate).

Church Records for 3/10

Attendance: 42 (9 am) & 17 (11:15am) Collection: \$5299.00

Volunteer Schedule

	<u>4/28/2024</u>	<u>5/5/2024</u>
AV	Landenberger/ Lynch	AV Stacy Diemel
ACOLYTE	Ava Lynch	ACOLYTE Greg Bartz
GREETERS	Greg Bartz	GREETERS Kara Wallace
GREETERS	Nancy Freedlund	GREETERS Cyndy King
USHERS	Bill & Stacy Diemel	USHERS Sherre Faulkner
USHERS		USHERS Kathy Leahy
READER	Wendy Goldsworthy	READER Connor Diemel
CA	Sue Peterson	CA Sue Peterson
CA	Steve Shrider	CA Steve Shrider
CA	Jeanette Thorp	CA Sherre Faulkner
COUNTERS	Kathy Leahy	COUNTERS Brad Mueller
COUNTERS	Tom Lenhart	COUNTERS Pam Novotnak
LAWN CARE	Art Goldsworthy & Norm Larson	LAWN CARE Dave Baird & Rich Mackenthun

BLESSING:

P: The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make his face shine on us
and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor
and give us peace.

C: Amen

HYMN:

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LBW #456

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Presiding: Pastor Jeanette M Thorp
AV Kara Wallace
ACOLYTE Dan King
GREETERS Steve & Denise Shrider
USHERS Lora Conrad &
Darran Landenberger
READER Nancy Freedlund
CA Amy Lynch, Richard Mackenthun,
& Pam Novotnak
COUNTERS Sandy Buske & Dan King
LAWN
MOWERS Brad Mueller and Steve Shrider

APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit**

and born of the virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

**The Prayers—RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR
MORNING**

P: O Lord, I cry to you for help.

C: In the morning my prayer comes before you.

P: Give me the joy of your saving help again,

C: and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

P: Let my mouth be full of your praise

C: and your glory all the day long.

P: Every day will I bless you,
C: and praise your name forever and ever.

P: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. He redeems my life from the grave, and crowns me with mercy and loving kindness. Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you. We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Be with all those who have needs known unto you, those in our prayer lists, in our hearts and in our minds....
(pause) Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us.

C: Amen

PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you. *(greet those around you)*

OFFERING

(ushers bring forward offering)

OFFERTORY SONG *“Let the Vineyards”* WOV P. 35

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. We understand this to mean that Jesus is truly present with us in His body and blood through the bread and wine. We welcome all baptized adults and children who have been instructed to receive Holy Communion to share in the Lord's Supper.

(Help yourself to either wine (purple) or grape juice (white).)

Children not yet receiving may come forward for a blessing.)

COMMUNION HYMN:

LBW # 554

“This is My Father’s World”

(please rise)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. You have been united with Christ, now be at peace. **C: Amen**