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Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

Maundy Thursday
⇒ April 2

Good Friday
⇒ April 3

Resurrection Sunday
⇒ April 5

Spring Clean Up Day
⇒ April 11

**Second Sunday of
Easter**
⇒ April 12

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As spring unfolds around us, we are reminded of God's promise of renewal and new beginnings. The changing season invites us to reflect on our own hearts—what needs to be softened, released, or made new. Just as the earth awakens, so too are we called to grow in grace, extending forgiveness to others and ourselves. In Christ, we are continually offered mercy, no matter the season of life we find ourselves in. May this time of renewal draw us closer to one another and to God's unfailing love.

With peace and hope,
Church Council President
Pam Novotnak

Stewardship Moment

Congratulations Prince of Peace! We recycled 42 lbs. of non-working Christmas lights.

We had 45 lbs. last year, so I didn't think we could be near that on a second try.

Thanks so much for keeping 42 pounds out of the landfill.

Sherre Faulkner
Stewardship Deacon

The Prince of Peace council members meet monthly. If you have questions or ideas, please contact one of the council deacons or attend a monthly meeting.

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Witness, Open



Maundy Thursday

On Thursday, April 2, we will hear the story of the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples. This service includes a reading from the gospel of St. Matthew, hymns, prayer, and Holy Communion. Worship begins at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

Good Friday

On Friday, April 3, we will hear about the arrest, crucifixion, and burial of Jesus. This service begins at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

Resurrection Sunday

On Sunday, April 5, Prince of Peace will celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the grave in triumph over sin and death. Join us for coffee cake and fruit after the service in the fellowship hall.



Get your cleaning supplies out! Rain or shine Spring Clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday April 11th. All those who are able are asked to be at church from 8am-12pm. If you're not able to participate, Brad Mueller will have a list of items that can be completed at other times.

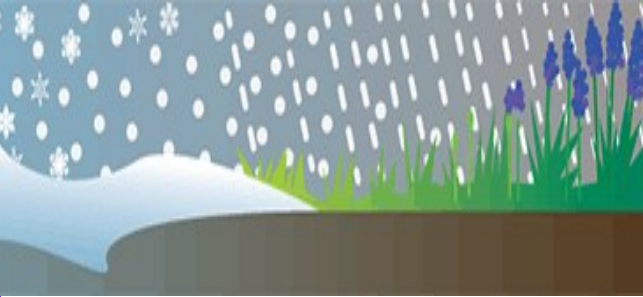
IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing, strength, and guidance for: Nancy S., Andy, Bob, Nate, Gabe, Eli, Amy, Mary Jo, John, Jack, Rick, Shari, Norbert, Linda, Bill, Joan, Louie, Norm, Justin, Polly, Jay, Joe L., Mike, Sonja, Jeff, Louise, Theresa, Kevin, Cathie G., Krista, Myles, Rick, Donny, Sue, Laurie, Tammy, Lora, Trevor and Nick.

For those suffering loss: Prayers for the family and friends of Todd Denham.



APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm	3 Good Friday Service 6:30pm	4
5 Worship 9am Fellowship 10:15am	6 Prayer Group 9:30am	7	8 Altar Guild 6:30 pm	9	10	11 Spring Clean-up Day with Lunch 8:00am— 12:00pm
12 Worship 9am Fellowship 10:15am Lynn Denham Nicholas Hall 12-3pm	13 Prayer Group 9:30am	14 Church Council 6:30pm	15 Book Club 12:00 pm	16	17	18
19 Worship 9am Fellowship 10:15am	20 Prayer Group 9:30am	21 Naomi Circle 1pm 4-H 6:30-8:30 pm	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 9am Fellowship 10:15am	27 Prayer Group 9:30am	28 Mary-Rachel Circle 1pm	29	30		

April Serving Schedule

If you are not able to make your allotted time slot,
please find a substitute and notify the church office.

April 5

AV: Char Mohns

Acolyte: VOLUNTEER

Greeters: Carol & Jerry Yarolimek

Ushers: Greg & Luann Bartz

Reader: Cindia Baltz

Communion Assistant: Pam Novotnak

Counters: Sandy Buske & Char Mohns

April 19

AV: Kara Wallace

Acolyte: Greg Bartz

Greeters: Carol & Jerry Yarolimek

Ushers: Dorothy Bush & Debbie Tracy

Reader: Cyndy King

Communion Assistant: Richard Mackenthun

Counters: Greg Bartz & Kara Wallace

April 12

AV: Ava Lynch & Darran Landenberger

Acolyte: Damon Lynch

Greeters: Pam Novotnak & Bill Diemel

Ushers: Kathy Leahy & Sherre Faulkner

Reader: Pam Novotnak

Communion Assistants: Sue Peterson

Counters: David Lynch & Pam Novotnak

April 26

AV: Stacy Diemel

Acolyte: VOLUNTEER

Greeters: Cyndy King and Bill Diemel

Ushers: Greg & Luann Bartz

Reader: Cindia Baltz

Communion Assistant: Cyndy King

Counters: Dan King & Luann Bartz

Stock Pew Racks for April: Char Mohns

Celebrations



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

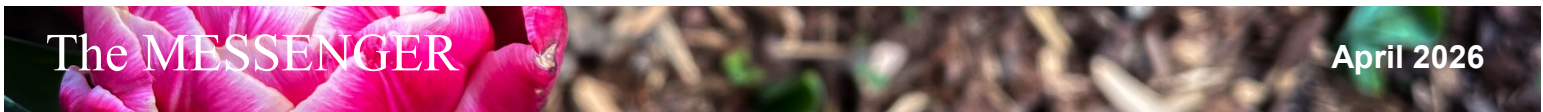
1 Cathie Goldsworthy
20 Joan Sabin
Carol Yarolimek
22 Lily Jensen

April Anniversaries

2 Greg and Luann Bartz
28 Bill and Stacy Diemel

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Coming Up...

Worship Services

- 2 Maudy Thursday
- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Resurrection Sunday
- 12 Second Sunday of Easter
- 19 Third Sunday of Easter
- 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Book Club



Join the Prince of Peace book club as they read A Most Clever Girl by Stephanie Marie Thornton. The group will meet for discussion and fellowship on Wednesday, April 15th at 12:00 pm at the church.