

The MESSENGER

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From the Pastor

From the Lion's den...

"Then the lion cried out, 'I stand upon the tower, O Lord, and watch. All day and all night I am at my post.'" Isaiah 21:8

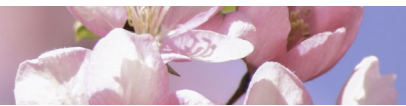
Dear Friends in Christ and Fellow Ministers: As you are probably aware, I have agreed to extend my time with you through the month of October this year. But, that time will end when you have an accepted call for a new pastor. Prior to the extension, I had a mission trip to the country of Latvia scheduled for the middle three weeks of May. This will be my 31st trip to Latvia, and this year is the 30th anniversary of my first trip to work with the Lutheran church in the country of Latvia. So, I will be overseas the middle three Sundays of May, leading worship at Prince of Peace on May 1st and back again for May 29th.

Before I leave, there is a special presentation that I would like to share with all of you (y'all). Before coming in as interim pastor, I shared with your leadership my presentation on the challenges of being both faithful and relevant as The Church in the 21st Century culture that is not only postmodern, but now both post-Christian and even post-truth. The presentation is called "Where the heck are we? How the heck did we get here? And what the heck are we supposed to do now?" As we are nearing the end of our time together, and as we have been studying together the threat of false teachers as we have been warned by Paul, Peter, John and even Jude, I feel that it is important to give all of you the same opportunity to experience the presentation that your leadership had before I arrived. Because of my unavailability during the month of May, I would like to share this presentation with you in the sanctuary in April before I leave. The best times to make the presentation it seems to me are Sunday following fellowship time, Sunday evening, or Wednesday evening (church nights).

I really want to make it accessible to as many of you as possible. So, I am seeking your input. What day of the week and time would work best for you to be able to attend? I could make the presentation on Sunday, April 24th after fellowship hour (since His Subjects practices in the worship space during fellowship hour); or on Sunday evening, April 24th, at 6:30; or I could do it at that time on Wednesday, April 20th, or April 27th. Please contact the office to share which works best for you.

Thank you, and I hope to see you there.

Yours and His, but not in that order,
Pastor Bob



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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Vision Statement

Praise His Name & Love Him
Obey His Word & Serve Him
Pray His Promises & Believe Him

Council Update

- 1) Mask optional. Love required. – found sign on another church
- 2) Garage Fund – Our garage is falling apart. We are setting up a fund. On our envelopes is a line designated “special gift”. We hope you prayerfully consider donating to this necessity. Our goal is to raise approximately \$10,000.
- 3) Due to a meeting with the Rockton police, we are going to be changing our door code. This is a security, insurance and protection issues. We are currently checking into our options and will keep you informed. This change will be effective May 1st. If you feel you need to know the passcode, please let Kara know. The council will consider and approve these requests.
- 4) Remember God’s Got This!

Yours in Christ,
Pam Novotnak, President

Adorning the Altar

Prince of Peace will be decorating the sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday with lilies, tulips, and hyacinths. If you would like to order a flower in memory of/or in the honor of a loved one, please complete the order form by April 3. The price for lilies is \$13.00. Tulips and hyacinths cost \$10.00 each. Please make checks payable to the Prince of Peace Altar Guild.



In Our Prayers

Healing, strength, and guidance for: Jennifer, Marshall D., Jim, Matt, Lisa, Bob, Kristan, Andy, Nancy, Katy, Michael Hopkins, Delores Mattis, Edmund, Diane, Carol, Nancy Laursen, Duke, Jerry Peterson, Kristi, Zack, Dave Olson, Kris, Jerry Kaczmarek, Lora Conrad, Aaron, Mary, Jimmy, Judy Hines, and Brian Tracy.

Prayers for our Service Men and Women: Carl Specht, Ella Pearson’s grandsons Rob & Samuel Walker, Sherre Faulkner’s nephew Rod Flom, Tom & Jean Lenhart’s grandson Cody Merrett, Penny Pfile’s nephew William Kerr II, Bob & Karen Lowery’s grandson Steve Broomfield, Dorothy Bush’s nephew Cody Bush, David & Reita Baird’s son-in-law Quentin VanDewoestyne, and Duke & Sue Ducett’s nephew Danny Wagner.

Please pray for those suffering loss: The family and friends of Nicole, Tom Frederick, Daryl Green, Steve Hoey, Kevin Olson, and Len Szczerzinski. David C. on the loss of his son Joe. Patricia Lachler and family upon loss of step-grandson Steven. Dave Hobbs upon loss of wife Marcia.

April 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>The mission of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is to sow <u>FAITH IN CHRIST</u>, strengthen <u>FAMILIES</u>, serve our <u>COMMUNITIES</u>.</p>						<p>1</p> <p>2 Men's Group 7am</p> <p>Nicholas Hall reserved—4-H 9-11am</p>
<p>3 Easter flower orders due</p>	<p>4 Prayer Group 9:30am</p>	<p>5 Annunciation Co-Op 8am-12pm</p>	<p>6 5:30pm Supper 6:30pm Worship</p>	<p>7 Annunciation Co-op 8am-3:30pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 </p>	<p>11 Prayer Group 9:30am</p> <p>Church Council 6:30pm</p>	<p>12 Annunciation Co-Op 8am-12pm</p>	<p>13 Altar Guild 6:30pm</p>	<p>14 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm</p>	<p>15 Nicholas Hall reserved—4-H 9-11am</p> <p>Good Friday Service 6:30pm</p>	<p>16 Men's Group 7am</p>
<p>17 </p>	<p>18 Prayer Group 9:30am</p>	<p>19 Naomi Circle 1pm</p> <p>4-H Club 5:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Annunciation Co-op 8am-3:30pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 Prayer Group 9:30am</p>	<p>26 Annunciation Co-Op 8am-12pm</p> <p>Mary Rachel 1pm</p> <p>Rockton Quilt 6-9pm</p>	<p>27 Book Club 6:30pm</p>	<p>28 Annunciation Co-op 8am-3:30pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>



Holy Week and Resurrection Day

Palm/Passion Sunday

On Sunday, April 10, we will listen to readings from Luke's gospel about the journey of Jesus to the city of Jerusalem and the events leading to his crucifixion. The congregants (if able) will meet in the fellowship hall where they will receive a palm. After the reading of the processional gospel, Pastor Bob will lead us to the sanctuary for worship.

Maundy Thursday

On Thursday, April 14, we continue the "Angels in the Bible" series with the angel of death. 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 15, the gospel of St. John shares about the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Pastor Bob will also share about the legion of angels. This service begins at 6:30pm. We need a few volunteers to read the Bible lessons. Please sign up or contact the office if available.

Resurrection Sunday

On Sunday, April 17, Prince of Peace will celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the grave in triumph over sin and death. Reita Baird and Sue Peterson will be hosting a light breakfast AFTER the service.



1	Cathie Goldsworthy
3	Chuck Martini
20	Barb Durnil Joan Sabin Carol Yarolimek
22	Lillian Jensen Cameron Schmidt
25	Karen Martini
28	Jack Peterson

April Anniversaries

2	Greg and Luann Bartz
12	Jim and Nancy Freedlund
28	William and Stacy Diemel

April Serving Schedule

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

April 3

AV: Kara Wallace

Acolyte: Ava Lynch

Ushers: Greg & Luann Bartz

Reader: Steve Shrider

Counters: David Baird & Luann Bartz

April 10

AV: Kara Wallace

Acolyte: Elliott Diemel

Ushers: Jim Freedlund & Pam Novotnak

Reader: Connor Diemel

Counters: Brad Mueller & Steve Shrider

April 17

AV: Char Mohns

Acolyte: Damon Lynch

Ushers: Dan King & Kathy Leahy

Reader: Sue Peterson

Counters: Dan King & Tom Lenhart

April 24

AV: Stacy Diemel

Acolyte: Connor Diemel

Ushers: Dorothy Bush & Jerry Yarolimek

Reader: Pam Novotnak

Counters: Greg Bartz & Sandy Buske

Stock Pew Racks for April: Sherre Faulkner

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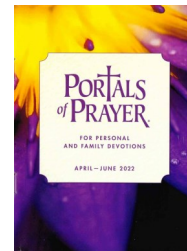
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Coming Up...

Book Club

Pick out a book from the Prince of Peace Church library and join the group on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30pm at the church. Be prepared to share why you choose the book and what the book was about.



The April-June edition of the “Portals of Prayer” devotional is now available. in the book rack. Each daily devotional includes a Bible reading, mediation, and prayer bringing Christ into every aspect of your life. Pocket and digest size editions available.