

April 2016



Worship in April

*Sunday Services at 9:30 am
Education Hour at 10:45 am*

Sunday, April 3

*Second Sunday of Easter
Believing Thomas!*

Sunday, April 10

*Third Sunday of Easter
Feed My Sheep*

Sunday, April 17

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Good Shepherd*

Sunday, April 24

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
The New Commandment*

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 14

Book Group

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Wednesdays

April 6, 13, 20, 27

Wonderful Wednesday

See page for details

*See page 5 for information about
Christian Education and*

Coming June 20 to 24
Arts Ministry Program
for ages 12 and up
In Support of the
Labyrinth Project

Study of 1 and 2 Timothy Begins Wednesday, April 6

In the struggle to be faithful, especially in the whirlwind of the life we choose to lead, we might be tempted to look beyond scripture for meaning and purpose. How can these ancient texts stay relevant?

1 & 2 Timothy would not be my first choice to search scripture's comment to our rapidly changing world. These two books seem to hide out at the back of the New Testament as we race by to get to Revelation, a book to which people continually seem to be drawn. But Thomas Long, a much respected preacher and teacher in the church, has a new commentary, just published, on these two Epistles addressed to Paul's loyal and beloved child in the faith, Timothy.

In his introduction, Long speaks to the relevance of 1 & 2 Timothy. The books address the *spiritual, but not religious* 'crowd.' Their concern is not so much with church order and roles, but with relationships within the believing community. They are also passionate about handing down the faith to the next generations. Wow. Long promotes the very concerns Prince of Peace and the entire church are confronting on a regular basis. Let's study these two Epistles!

The Pastor's Spring Bible Class will study 1 & 2 Timothy based on Long's new commentary. Join us as we give some much-needed attention to these two biblical books. We meet Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the lounge on April 6, 13, and 27, and again on May 11 and 18.

***Christ Actually* Returns for One Session on April 3rd**

One other note: I will pick up the book *Christ Actually* for discussion in the Christian Education Hour on April 3rd. We had great discussion on this book in February. I look forward to more on April 3rd.

— Pastor Froehlke

Activity Abounds

You may have read last month of our plans to present the *Seven Last Words from the Cross* by German composer Heinrich Schütz on Palm Sunday. Unfortunately, we had to postpone this major work, but I hope to offer it next year. Instead, we heard a full reading of the Passion according to Luke. It's not often that we get to hear extended Biblical passages in a worship setting. As Pastor mentioned, the Passion is a story meant for participation. So, as we start Holy Week, it only seems fitting that we hear the whole story, spending the rest of the week reflecting and experiencing it bit by bit, letting it into our hearts.

Of course, we all are at church on Sundays for worship. Some of us are able to attend on Wednesdays and Thursdays for Bible Study, Confirmation, music rehearsals, etc. Some of us pop by from time to time to speak with Pastor or check on something with Kathy. But, consider a Saturday morning ... specifically, consider the Saturday morning before Palm Sunday. One would think that, with all the activities coming up the next week, the church would be vacant — no activity, everyone resting on a Saturday morning. However, that's not what you'd find on this particular Saturday.

The labyrinth task force met to review the design for the proposed meditation garden. Leaders from our Christian Education and Arts Ministry arrived to prepare the fellowship hall for the next day's Lenten Fair (that was great, by the way). A few disciples met at the church to engage in shared exercise. And, a Girl Scout troop (led by Jen Di Gioia and assisted by Rachel New) was finishing up an overnight lock-in. On a Saturday morning, the church was buzzing with widespread activity! It should not go overlooked that the girl scouts, as part of their service project, spent many hours through the evening cleaning up the church. They helped polish our handbells, clean/stain all of the pews in the worship space, vacuumed throughout, cleaned bathrooms, and attended to many of the newly formed spider webs that seem to crop up this time of year. You can see them in action in the photo on page 7.

I just thought that the congregation should be reminded of all the activity that continues to flourish at our church building. We should be proud that we're not just a 'once-a-week' building. There's important spiritual, developmental, therapeutic, artistic, and neighborhood activities seemingly every day at PoP. Thanks to all who are involved in these varied and important ministries (especially Kathy, who oversees the calendar and Wendy, for her continuing work with the Cherry Tree Club). God is good! Peace, Doug

Tidings, the newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, is published monthly. Articles, story ideas, and comments can be emailed to loismcase@gmail.com.

Deadline for the May issue is Sunday, April 24

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PoP Philharmonic on April 3

Our band of instrumentalists will once again assemble on Sunday, April 3. As in times past, I will arrange a special selection for our players. The deadline for inclusion in the ensemble is Easter Sunday. Please email me or let me know if you plan to play so that I can include you and your instrument in our ensemble. I'll be distributing parts via email during the week following, and we'll meet before service on April 3 to rehearse the selection.

Worship Ensemble Schedule

April 3

PoP Philharmonic

April 10

Adult Choir

April 17

Adult Choir/Celebration Ringers

April 24

Adult Choir/Nightingale Bells

April Events



April TASK Donation is Canned Juice

The Social Outreach team has designated canned juice (64 oz) as the contribution of the month for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the breezeway.

The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen feeds those who are hungry in the Trenton area and offers programs to encourage self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life of its patrons. For 30 ways to help TASK, visit trentonsoupkitchen.org.



Wednesday Away at Cross Roads Coming April 6

Here I am

Listening for the Still, Small Voice

Rev Barbara Hetzel

For more information, visit
crossroadsretreat.com

Pastor Froehlke to Lead Retreat at Cross Roads

The Cross Roads' Wisdom Tree Ministries has been created in order to continue vibrant life and continue faith formation for older Christians. This new ministry of Cross Roads celebrates every stage of life, including the transition into retirement and beyond.

The first event is a four night, five day retreat April 17-21 entitled *Cane and Able*.

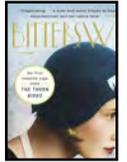
Imagine spending a peaceful few days in the beautiful countryside of northwest New Jersey, having the time to enjoy good conversation with peers, participate in workshops, reflect on contemporary issues, enjoy excellent food, and most importantly just relax in comfortable and accessible surroundings. Designed for folks who are 50 years or older, this event

Book Group to Meet April 14

At the home of Audrey Wright,
36 Sutton Court, Pennington
Please RSVP to 651-5640 or awright@princeton.edu

Bittersweet - Colleen McCullough

From the author of *The Thorn Birds* comes a new novel set in New South Wales, Australia. In the years following WWI, four sisters (two sets of twins) set about achieving their dreams in a world that holds limited possibilities. One wants to be a doctor, another to marry, a third to never marry, and a fourth to be recognized for something besides her beauty. All four enroll in a training program for nurses. Eventually each must decide her own destiny.



Coming May 12

At the home of
Anne Patterson
8 Greenfield Court South, Princeton Junction
Please RSVP to 799-8849 or annepatt@att.net

Me Before You - JoJo Moyes



Louisa, still in her twenties, takes a much needed job as companion to Will Traynor, a rich thrill-seeker millionaire now confined to a wheelchair after a serious accident. Bitter and acerbic Will seriously tests her patience. Nevertheless she gamely struggles to create 'adventures' for him to give him a reason to continue living. He in turn encourages her to expand her world view. Emotionally wrenching!

will bring together individuals who are looking for ways to enrich and enhance their lives by participating with others in learning, exploring, and enjoying themselves. Participants will be able to select activities that appeal to them, such as small group discussions, Bible study on the book of John, hiking, fishing, or simply just hanging out and enjoying the camaraderie of the group.

Pastor Froehlke will be teaching at this retreat centering upon the *I Am* statements from John. Speak with Pastor if you're interested.

New to Prince of Peace Gathering Sunday, April 17

Pastor Froehlke invites all who are new to Prince of Peace to join him for conversation on Sunday, April 17th during the education hour.

The Deliberative Voice

*Pastor Gregg Kaufman to Discuss
Gender-Based Violence on April 21*

Prince of Peace's former pastor, Rev. Gregg Kaufman, is working with the ELCA on the issues of gender-based violence. Pastor Kaufman has been involved with the ELCA Social Document *Gender-based Violence: What Steps Should the Church Take?* He has reached out to Prince of Peace to participate in an endeavor to engage Lutherans in a dialogue regarding this difficult subject.

Pastor Kaufman will be with us on Thursday evening, April 21st, and is inviting participants to join this discussion. Speak with Pastor Froehlke if you are interested. A booklet explaining this initiative is on the table in the vestibule.

Early Christianity in India Program To Be Presented April 24th

Prince of Peace's Indian disciples will lead a discussion on Christianity in India during the education hour following worship on April 24th.

The session will include a chance to enjoy Indian appetizers. Mark the date on your calendar.

You Can Help Enliven Prince of Peace's Facebook Page

Thank you to all who participated in the church's social media survey. The results showed that Facebook is the site congregants use most.

In response, the communications team is working to increase participation on the church's Facebook page. You can help increase our reach by *liking* us, commenting on posts, and contributing yourself.

The site is <https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>. On it you can see photos from worship and the performance piece pictured below, inspirational quotations and graphics, comments from fellow Prince of Peacers, and more.



A scene from the powerful performance art presentation offered on Sunday, March 13. To see more photos visit the Prince of Peace Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/popnjchurch>

Christian Education Calendar

April 3

Superheroes of the Bible: David

Pre-school - 5th Grade

Fellowship Hall

Christ Actually:

The Son of God for the Secular Age

Adults and Youth

Pastor Froehlke and Doug Helvering

Lounge

Confirmation Class

Kyle Kirchhoff — Youth Room

April 10

Superheroes of the Bible: Thomas the Apostle

The Apostle who traveled the farthest

to spread the Good News

Pre-school to 5th Grade — Fellowship Hall

Bible 101: Exploring the Gospels

Adults and Youth

Mike Fabian — Lounge

Confirmation Class

Kyle Kirchhoff — Youth Room

April 17

God and Me

Pre-school to 5th Grade — CTC Room

***Newcomer Fellowship & Conversation
with Pastor Froehlke***

Lounge

The Gnostic Gospels: What do they tell us about Jesus?

Adults and Youth

Mike Fabian — Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Class

Kyle Kirchhoff — Youth Room

April 24

God and Me

Pre-school to 5th Grade — CTC Room

2nd Century Christianity in India

Adults and Youth

The Wilson Family — Fellowship Hall

May 1

Spring Caroling

Congregation-wide Event

May 8

Honoring our Mothers Through Scripture

Pre-school to 5th Grade — Fellowship Hall



Wonderful Wednesdays

April 6

Confirmation

All Ensembles

Potluck

Pastor Class on Timothy I & II

April 13

Confirmation

All Ensembles

Pizza Night (\$4 contribution)

Pastor Class on Timothy I & II

April 20

Confirmation

All Ensembles

Salad Night (\$5 contribution)

April 27

Confirmation

All Ensembles

Pasta Night (\$5 contribution)

Pastor Class on Timothy I & II

May 4

Confirmation

Burger/Hot Dog Cookout (\$5 contribution)

Midweek Worship

Wonderful Wednesday

Evening Schedule

5:30 to 6 pm

Joyful Noise (K-1st grade)

Chimes of Worship (2nd-5th grade)

PoP Tots (Newborns-4 years)

6 to 6:40 pm

Kids of the Kingdom (2nd-5th grade)

Celebration Ringers (6th grade-high school)

Celebration Singers (6th grade-high school)

6:40 to 7:20 pm

Community Meal

7:30 to 8:30 pm

Adult Education or Worship



The first three crosses of the Cross Wall, one from a dear friend, one from Mexico, and one from the Taos Pueblo.

Prince of Peace Begins Cross Wall

In celebration of the cross and the diversity of believers that kneel before it, Prince of Peace has begun a Cross Wall.

Located in the narthex on the far side of the lounge area near the window, this new cross wall will be an opportunity for congregants to create a tapestry of crosses that reflect our diverse heritage as Christians and our global travels.

As you visit friends and family in your country of origin or travel to new destinations, both near and far, consider picking up a small cross in any form as a remembrance of those travels and your home congregation and donating it to the cross wall.

When you return, you can leave your cross in the church office with a note detailing the story of the cross and your travels or you can email the information to Brandi Hebert and Lois Case. Brandi and Lois will hang the crosses on the wall and include the information about the cross in a book that will collect all our stories. We will also feature a picture of the cross and your story in the next issue of Tidings.

As the Cross Wall grows, we will incorporate it into activities developing our spiritual formation at the church. God speed and safe travels this Spring Break & Summer Season!

Thank You's

Hello Prince of Peace!

Thank you all SO much for the wonderful Valentine's Day care package! It was such a delight getting to have a little piece of my PoP congregation here with me down in Virginia! My roommates have LOVED the treats and I have loved showing them how little acts of kindness like this represent our PoP community; a big family with giving hands, and huge hearts. Couldn't be prouder to be a part of a congregation like this!

Sending lots of love,
Robin Slothower

Dear Prince of Peace,

Thank you for my wonderful Valentine's Day box; even after four years, I still look forward to it showing up at my doorstep! I will be sure to share all the delicious goodies! The peace of the Lord be with you all!

Love, Amy Slothower

Dear Prince of Peace,

What a totally unexpected, delightful and wonderful surprise. Thank you so very much.

Our home sits on a hill and UPS, FedEx, and USPS drivers can't quite figure out which of our two entrances is the one we regularly use. Actually we use the Mud Room entrance and our care package was left at the other door. So, I guess we discovered it a day or two after the package was left. Not to worry though, none of our nighttime critters discovered it before we did.

— Kevin Ellis

Hello POP!

Thank you for the delicious valentine's day box! It is always a treat!

Thank you for all the love and support.

Sincerely, Abigail Winder



*If There Were More People Like You
In the World
There'd Be More Smiles
Like Mine*

Thank you for your care package! I am graduating from William Paterson University in May, and I have loved getting these boxes from Prince of Peace each year. Thank you!

— Helena Schoppe

Girl Scouts Do Major Clean-up for Prince of Peace



Girl Scouts from Troop 70105 cleaning the pews before Palm Sunday.

A Note from Jen DiGioia, Troop Leader

The girls and I really appreciated that PoP was willing to let the girls use the space for their lock-in sleepover. They had a wonderful time and were more than happy in return to make sure the church was clean and ready for Easter.

Our troop has a special bond to PoP because in the past, we have reserved the space for every one of their bridging ceremonies since they were Daisy Scouts, and last year PoP came to the rescue for the troop in a huge way by letting us use the space at the very last minute for a World Thinking Day event when we were shut out of our other location the morning of the event... without PoP saving the day for us, the girls in my troop would not have been able to earn their Bronze award that day.

For this past weekend's lock-in sleepover, the girls in Troop 70105 accomplished all of tasks that the staff had requested of them, along with a lot of other things too. We dusted and polished all of the pews and wood surfaces in the worship room as well as vacuumed the entire worship room and removed any cobwebs as far up as we could reach, we cleaned swept and vacuumed throughout the entire building, cleaned the bathrooms and kitchen, and the girls used magic erasers to get as many of the scuff marks off of the walls in the hallway as possible... while all of this was happening, Rachel New and I also polished all of the handbells, so they would sparkle when they ring on Easter Sunday morning.

Even with all of that work going on, the girls still found the time to socialize a lot, watch a movie, eat dinner, breakfast, and tons of snacks... and I think they might have even slept a tiny bit too!

Easter Baskets Bring Joy to Children Served by LSM/NJ

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed an Easter Basket to the Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ (LSM/NJ) Easter Basket project this year. Twenty-two baskets and a chocolate bunny were delivered to the LSM/NJ Office on March 14 to be distributed to children served by LSM/NJ at Easter.

Joining with a number of other congregations across New Jersey, Prince of Peace has once again reached out to the wider community with this expression of love and joy.

Lutheran Social Ministries, the children who were recipients, and PoP's Social Outreach Team are most appreciative and thank you for your partnership in ministry.

A Note from Mike Nyquist

Dear Prince of Peace,

As you know, we loved our time at POP and our church family – so many wonderful memories. If all goes well we hope to spend some time in Princeton Junction this spring. Our granddaughter graduates from high school in late May, and if all goes well we'll be able to worship with you all then.

Till then ...

Blessings and Peace,
Mike Nyquist

Mike and Martha Nyquist are wonderful friends of Prince of Peace. They held many leadership roles when at the church. They retired to VA. There are some of us around who remember them and would enjoy the info. — Martha Winder



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Sunday Schedule

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