

March 2016

Worship in March

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

Sunday, March 6

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scout Sunday

Ridiculous Grace

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Sunday, March 13

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Extravagant Acts

The Anointing of Jesus

Sunday, March 20

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Overflowing Love

The Passion of Jesus

Sunday, March 27

Resurrection of Our Lord

Amazing Life

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 10

Book Group

See page 3 for more information

Wednesdays

March 2, 9, & 16

Soup Supper at 6:30 pm

Worship at 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 24

Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7:30 pm

Friday, March 25

Good Friday

Worship at 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 26

Holy Saturday

Worship at 7:30 pm

*See page 7 for information about
Christian Education and
Wonderful Wednesdays*



The cross doesn't make sense. Why is the most recognizable symbol of our faith a brutal tool of Roman capital punishment?

As we enter these final days of Lent, moving towards the Passion, the question to ask is *Why the cross?*

John Stott, in his article *Naked Pride*, begins to answer my question. Please excuse the exclusive language.

The essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man. Man asserts himself against God and puts himself where only God deserves to be; God sacrifices himself for man and puts himself where only man deserves to be. Man claims prerogatives that belong to God alone; God accepts penalties which belong to man alone.

Why the cross? Stott continues:

It is only before the cross that we begin to gain a clear view both of God and of ourselves, especially in relation to each other.

I invite you into our holy season where our eyes, again, will take us to the cross. Upon the cross God accomplishes his intent to save humanity ever since our fall in Genesis 3.

— Pastor Froehlke

Music as Storyteller ...

Think back to December of 2011....that was four years and 2 months ago. What was happening at Prince of Peace during that time? We were in the very beginning stages of our faith journey after Pastor Lutz departed for his call in Lansdale, PA. It was an uncertain time, to say the least. At this time, I was halfway through my third year of service at Prince of Peace. And, amid the uncertainty, the music ministry offered a performance of Handel's *Messiah* (the Christmas portion). We did so with harpsichord, small string section, oboe, and trumpet, very close to the original chamber orchestration. This was our chance to grow in our faith and musically, as we prepared a major piece from the sacred repertoire. Like most oratorios, Handel's work tells a Biblical story through a combination of choral settings, vocal recitatives and arias, and instrumental sections. It's been too long since the music ministry undertook a major work. As this year's Lenten season comes to a close, we will again offer a major work of long-time and great importance.

Just as in years past, we will begin this year's Palm/Passion Sunday service with the reading of the processional gospel, process to *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, and hear a celebratory *Hosanna* anthem. But in



contrast to previous years, where we have read/told the passion story, we will, this year, tell the story through music. I've selected *The Seven Last Words from the Cross* by Heinrich Schütz. The work is about 18 minutes in length, and it will take the place of our standard readings and sermon. The work starts with a choral introduction, followed by a short sinfonia. Next, we will have several soloists from our own choir tell the story of the scene at the cross via this powerful musical setting. The piece was originally written in German, but we will be offering the piece with an English translation. We will hear from Jesus, the Thief on the Right and Left, and from a few storytellers along the way. The piece will conclude with a reprise of the Sinfonia and a culminating choral section.

Schütz was born 100 years before J. S. Bach. He is generally regarded as the most important German composer before Bach, and one of the most important composers of the 17th century. Every July, Lutherans commemorate Schütz along with Bach and Handel for their contributions to sacred music and the church. During this special worship service, all of the music will be offered from our organ with the help of the Madison String Quartet (a professional ensemble from northern NJ). In offering this piece (along with *Behold the Lamb of God* and *Hosanna to the King of Kings*), it is my hope that we will all be taken in by the storytelling and be moved to a deeper understanding of these important events from so long ago. The choir is already working on the music for this special occasion and look forward to sharing it. Don't miss it!

Also note that we have other powerful and poignant music planned throughout the rest of the Lenten season, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. And make sure you make time to attend the midweek Lenten services on Wednesday evenings. — 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 April issue is Sunday, March 20

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Ensemble Schedule is on page 4.

February Events

Wednesday Worship & Potlucks Continue

Holden Vespers and Soup Suppers continue on Wednesdays in Lent, March 2, 9, & 16. Soup is served at 6:30. Worship begins at 7:30. Soup signup is in the narthex.

March TASK Donation is Canned Vegetarian Beans

The Social Outreach team has designated canned vegetarian beans 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 Crossroads Coming Holy Wednesday, March 23

Here I am

Listening for the Still, Small Voice

Rev Barbara Hetzel

For more information, visit crossroadsretreat.com

Children's Easter Baskets Needed by March 13

Prince of Peace is collecting Easter Baskets for the children in the programs of Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ (LSM/NJ): Project Home, Lutheran Home for Children, and Affordable Family Housing. The children are of all ages, from babies to teens. You may either put together a basket (or baskets) yourself, or purchase one(s) that are already prepared. This can be a fun family activity and/or one done by yourself or with a group of friends. And your efforts will be much appreciated by the recipients.

Book Group to Meet March 10

At the home of Diane Urbanek
14 Monterey Drive, Princeton Junction
Please RSVP at 799-8925 or diurb@comcast.net

Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger

This story is both a mystery and a coming of age story. In it the main character, Frank Drum, looks back on his 13th summer and his life in a small Minnesota town. Back then the Twins were a new baseball team and an energetic and visionary young president inhabited the White House. Life seems good, but Frank's innocence is shattered when he confronts a series of deaths and begins to question all that he previously held as certain.



Coming April 14

At the home of Audrey Wright,
36 Sutton Court, Pennington
Please RSVP at 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.

The Book Group meets at 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Fellowship Following Sunday Services

Reminder: One Sunday of every month on the Volunteer schedule the fellowship slot is left blank.

If you would like to help provide a simple snack following the service, check the schedule posted outside of the church office, pick a date, and just add your name.

Families Invited to Host Students

The *Tree of Living Water International Students Summer Program* is looking for church families to host 9- to 18-year old students from Taiwan and China.

The program will run in July at The Wilberforce School in Princeton Junction. It is aimed at expanding the students' English language skills and helping them make new friends.

A stipend will be provided.

Families interested in hosting can get more information by contacting txjg@hotmail.com or phoning Jean Yu at 609-737-6849(h) or 609-213-5979 (cell).

Conversations with Pastor

Pastor will post a new schedule to join him in conversation if you were not able to sign up this winter. Watch for the sign up in the narthex. After Easter, he will be presenting a pastoral response, sharing all that he has heard and learned from these visits.

Worship Ensemble Schedule

March 6

Kids of the Kingdom/Joyful Noise/Chimes of Worship

March 13

Adult Choir

March 20

Adult Choir with Madison String Quartet

March 24

Maundy Thursday

Adult Choir/Nightingale Bells

March 25

Good Friday

Adult Choir

March 26

Holy Saturday

No Ensembles

March 27

Easter Sunday

Adult Choir/Nightingale Bells

Coming In April

The Deliberative Voice

*Pastor Gregg Kaufman to Discuss
Gender-Based Violence*

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.

New to Prince of Peace Gathering

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

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.



Palm Sunday Services

March 20th, 9:30 am

Procession of Palms

Special Music Telling the Story of the Passion

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 7:30 pm

Foot Washing, Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 25, 7:30 pm

Tenebrae Service

Easter Vigil Service

Saturday, March 26 at 7:30 pm

First Proclamation of Easter

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, March 27 at 9:30 am

Festival Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Followed by Easter Potluck Brunch



See page 10 for Easter Palms & Flowers Order Form

Orders are due on March 13th.

A Tasty Way to Invite People to Easter Services



Jelly Bean Prayer Bags

Look in the narthex for Prince of Peace's Jelly Bean Prayer Bags. These include a simple prayer that uses the colors of the jelly beans to remind us of the things God does for us. Also listed with the prayer are the dates and times for the Lenten and Holy Week services at church. Please take a bag or prayer card and invite someone to church.

Thank you to the Sunday School Children for assisting with the assembly of the Jelly Bean Prayer bags.

Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the Blood He gave,
Green is for the grass He made,
Yellow is for the Sun so bright,
Orange is for the edge of night.

Black is for the Sins we made,
White is for the Grace he gave,
Purple is for the Hour of Sorrow,
Pink is for the New Tomorrow.

A bag full of Jelly Beans
Colorful and Sweet
Is a Prayer, Is a Promise,
Is an Easter treat.

Christian Education Calendar For March

March 6

Crisis Ministry Service Project

Bring bags of fresh fruit to be sorted into paper bags for distribution at the Crisis Ministry Pantry.

Also, bring full-size or travel size hygiene products to be sorted into individual zip-lock bags and distributed at the pantry.

March 13

Arts Ministry

Congregation-wide Event
Fellowship Hall

Come join Nancy Herrington and Pastor Froehlke for an experience of Scripture through an arts medium. Congregants of all ages are welcome to participate. More information to follow.

March 20

Palm Sunday

Come participate in a new tradition this Palm Sunday by visiting the Lenten Fair in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen:

Learn about the meaning of symbols of the traditional Seder meal

Bake fresh pretzels and

Discuss this Germanic Lenten symbol

Color Easter eggs

and more

March 27

Easter Sunday Brunch

The congregation will gather for a casual Easter potluck. See sign-up in the narthex for more details.



March's Wonderful Wednesdays

Confirmation classes do not meet in March

March 2

All Ensembles
Soup Supper
Midweek Worship

March 9

All Ensembles
Soup Supper
Midweek Worship

March 16

All Ensembles
Soup Supper
Midweek Worship

March 23

Holy Week
No Wonderful Wednesday

March 30

Spring Break
No Wonderful Wednesday

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



Congratulations to Grant Gallagher, who received his Eagle Scout award at a ceremony on February 6. Grant's project was the installation of the rain garden at the back of the church parking lot.



Attention All Thrivent Members!

With Thrivent Choice®, you can direct where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go. Since 2010, members have used this program to direct \$300 million to churches and nonprofits nationwide.

Thrivent members become eligible for Thrivent Choice dollars based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership. Eligible members are designated Choice Dollars that they can direct to approved charities.

Prince of Peace and the Cherry Tree Club are both on the approved list. If you are not sure if you have Choice dollars available to you, sign on to your online account or contact your Thrivent financial representative.

Action Teams

Additionally, there are a variety of projects within the activity of the congregation where we could get some financial support from Thrivent through Action Teams. Projects can be submitted only by Thrivent members, but many others can and should be involved.

Please contact Joan New at JLNewcrew@aol.com if you are a Thrivent member willing to learn about Action Teams.

THANK YOU and AWESOME *You Did It Again!*

*160 pounds of Prince of Peace care
was shipped around the USA*

The Parish Care Team would like to thank to all the Joyful Disciples for their generous support of the Valentine Care boxes project. All of your goodies and dollars have filled 26 boxes to the brim and sent much love and care to our students away at school. When the package arrives the old fashioned way, our young adults are reminded that they are a part of our church family even though they are not here with us weekly, and their friends get to see what it is like to have a Church Family.

On Feb. 8th, 26 boxes were filled with lots of goodies and care. Some of the things filling the boxes were home baked cookies, instant mac and cheese, oatmeal packets, a drinking cup, a canvas tote bag, Girl Scout cookies, lots of different snacks and treats, pens, pencils, gum, hot chocolate, tea, popcorn, bouncy balls, laundry detergent pods, a sponge, a couple of baggies of candy (just to mention a few items) along with a Valentine card made by our Sunday school children. They were shipped to CA, CT, DE, FL, IL, MA, MD, ME, NJ, NY, PA, VA, WV from the Windsor post office on Tuesday morning. All boxes were delivered by Friday (12th) afternoon. Look for the Valentine Bag in the gathering area to read the thank you notes that have been sent.

Your donations of ~\$600 and 160 pounds. allowed us to make sure the boxes were overflowing with treats and shipped. We had a busy crew of all ages working on Monday night getting all the goodies in the boxes (~6 lbs./box), taping them shut and making sure they all had addresses.

Every year we worry about having enough home-baked goodies to fill all of the boxes. This year we had 10 bakers! To our Bakers — Sue Crossen, Kathy Morris, Anne Patterson, Joan Krauskopf, Kathy Nowak, Virginia Manzari, Diane Urbanek, Phyllis Church, Nancy Herrington, and Jackie Nagin — many thanks for your baking skills.

And many thank yous to those who donated snacks, goodies and dollars.

Along with the boxes for the students, we filled 4 goodie bags for our older members/friends who cannot get to church. Thank you to Jim and Martha Winder and Anne Patterson for delivering the bags. Visits were enjoyed by all.

Parish Care Notes

Cookie of the Month

We would like to have a few cookies baked and delivered to our church family members who cannot get to church often. If you would like to bake and/or deliver some treats please let me know.

Transportation

Once the weather breaks, we will be looking for some transportation to and from church on Sunday mornings.

If you can help with driving, please let us know.

Caroling -This Spring

In December several of us went to local assisted living residences to sing carols as part of our Christian Education Hour. We will be going again this spring to sing a few 'spring' songs. Look for details and date in gathering area. All voices are welcome. We had a great time and brought a lot of POP care to many folks. Plan on going with us!

Soups On

We would like to get a few folks together to make a couple pots of soup in the church. We can deliver some of the soup to a few folks that would enjoy a warm bowl of homemade soup and we can keep some in the church freezer for the times when we need to provide a quick meal. Looking forward to spending a few hours getting to know each other a little better and making a

nourishing meal. For more information, contact Martha Winder.

Phone Calls

We are in need of a few folks to help with making phone calls. This would be two or three calls once every four to six weeks. These are simple calls just to see how things are going and if there is anything the church can do.

Ongoing

Ginger Reiersen continues to keep our *Care Note* display in the breezeway filled. If you or anyone you know would benefit from one of the booklets, please take them from the display. If you have a topic that you would like to see in the display, please let us know; we will see what is available. Thank you to the Chris Wethe for a donation to restock our supply. Look for some of the new booklets dealing with prayer.

Ongoing

We continue with our monthly mailings to families with a new baby (*Splash*) and those who have lost a loved one (*Hope through Healing*).

Martha Winder
609-799-7280
maw14jpw@aol.com

Thank You's

Dear Prince of Peace Friends,

I have not forgotten how wonderful it was during College days to receive a box of goodies. It was a pleasant surprise recently to be included in the Valentine treats. Martha Winder and Anne Patterson delivered a bag with all sort of things for me to enjoy and even stayed for a visit. I thank them and all of the contributors.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Aldridge

Dear Prince of Peace,

Thank you very much for the Valentine's Day box, beautiful gesture. Have a great couple of months, and see you soon.

Tom Haddock



Thank You to Everyone Who Contributed To The Souper Bowl of Caring

Many thanks for the generosity of all the Prince of Peace contributors for gifts totaling \$589 on Super Bowl Sunday.

The money will be going to TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen) to help with their mission.



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Fri 9 am-Noon
Worship: Sunday, 9:30 am

Sunday Schedule

Worship at 9:30 am
Education Hour at 10:45 am

Office Hours

Mon-Th 9 am - 2 pm
Fri 9 am-Noon

Palms and Flowers for Easter

*Please complete the information below to order a palm, lily, or hydrangea plant
for Prince of Peace's Easter Worship Room adornment.*

Name _____

I would like to contribute : _____ (#) palm @ \$15 each.
_____ (#) hydrangea @ \$17 each (6 inch, 3 blooms)
_____ (#) lily plant @ \$10 each (4 to 6 blooms)

_____ Given in memory of _____

_____ Given in honor of _____

_____ Given in thanksgiving for _____

_____ Given to the Glory of God

* Orders should be placed by March 13

* Please include a check payable to Prince of Peace with *Easter Flowers* in the memo.

* Please take your plants after worship on Easter Sunday (or the following Sunday)