

Prints of Peace



The calendar has some interesting coincidences this year with Lent. Lent began on Ash Wednesday, which was also Valentine's Day this year. The date of Easter falls at the very end of the month of March, March 31. I invite you this March to participate in Lent as much as you are able. I want to especially invite you this year to some new services we're offering in Holy Week.

Ancient Prayers for Modern Cares

Join us as we continue and conclude our series on the Psalms this month. The Psalms are the hymnbook of the Israelites, and these poems/songs are a great source of depth and faith for us even today. Each Sunday morning, I will be preaching on the assigned Psalm for the day. Each Tuesday evening at 6:30, I will lead a Bible study on the previous Sunday's Psalm. (These Bible studies will also be offered on Zoom and shared on our YouTube page afterward. See PastorMail for the Zoom link.) Each Thursday morning at 10:30, I will lead the weekly "POP's Seekers" coffee hour in a devotional reading of the upcoming Sunday's Psalm. I believe that through this, we will all have a chance to dive more deeply into our shared faith.

Holy Week Services

This year, we will offer a different type of worship service each day in Holy Week, from Sunday, March 24 through Friday, March 29. All are welcome at all of these services. Please join us!

Sunday, 3/24, 9:45 am: Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion. This special Sunday service begins with Palm Sunday, the day we celebrate Christ's arrival at Jerusalem in glory the Sunday before his crucifixion. The service then pivots to Sunday of the Passion, remembering the story of his arrest and death. This service features palm branches to wave, and the dramatic telling of the Passion story from memory.

Monday, 3/25, 7 pm: Healing Service. This 30-minute service will include laying on of hands and oil of anointing for healing. We do not promise a cure, but we offer the hope and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday, 3/26, 7 pm: Taize Service. The music of the Taize community in France is beloved by Christians around the world. These simple, repetitive, meditative songs can be a deeply moving spiritual experience. We will have a guest guitarist to lead us.

Wednesday, 3/27, 7pm: Stations of the Cross walk. We are blessed with beautifully painted Stations of the Cross on the walls of our sanctuary during Lent. I will lead us in a guided walk through these stations, with prayers and readings for each station.

Thursday, 3/28, 7 pm: Maundy Thursday, the first of the Great Three Days. We will remember Christ's institution of Holy Communion, as well as his betrayal and arrest. The service ends with the stripping of the altar.

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Friday, 3/29, 7 pm: Good Friday, the second of the Great Three Days. We will remember Christ's suffering and death for our sins. The service features the Adoration of the Cross and the Bidding Prayer.

Sunday, 3/31, 6 am: Vigil of Easter, the third of the Great Three Days. This unique service begins outside with the lighting of the new fire. It continues in darkness with several readings and an affirmation of baptism, culminating in the bright celebration of Christ's resurrection. Bring bells to ring!

Sunday, 3/31, 9:45 am: Resurrection of Our Lord. Our regular worship service on Easter Day is filled with decorations, songs, and alleluias. Bring bells to ring!

I hope you can join us for worship during Lent and the Great Three Days.

In Christ,



Pastor Scholtes

Endowment Update:

The Endowment Trustees would like to announce the 2024 Endowment Fund disbursements and new approximate fund balances:

2024 Endowment Disbursement = \$12,500. This has been directed to the following sub funds in the following amounts:

Non-Budgeted Property Fund = \$7,750, new approximate balance = \$18,800

Office Technology = \$3125, new approximate balance = \$7,050

Outdoor Enhancements = \$625, new approximate balance = \$ 2,150

Wider Church = \$375, new for this year

Mr. Fix-It = \$625, new for this year

Endowment Fund balance after disbursements = \$222,000 new approximate balance

Please keep in mind that over 95% of the monies detailed above are invested in mutual funds and are subject to daily changes in market value.

-Jim Jennings

You are invited... Earth and All Stars Concert:

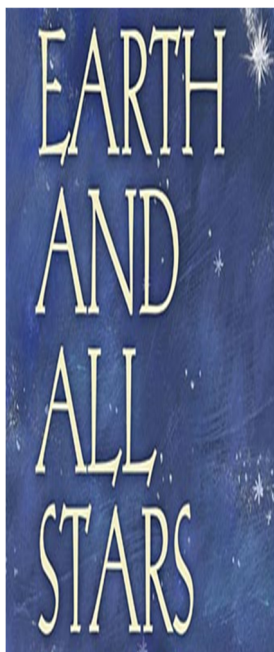
Trinity Lutheran Church in Bangor, PA is pleased to invite you to Earth and All Stars on April 21st at 5 p.m. The church is located at 404 Broadway Bangor, PA 18013. The festival is lead by organist, composer, and conductor Mr. Alex Wilson.

Mr. Wilson currently serves as Associate Director of Music and Organist at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant, SC. Mr. Wilson looks forward to leading the congregation and choir in song!

Would you like to be part of the choir? There is a choir present at the festival, so that means all your beautiful voices are needed! **Rehearsals are as follows:** April 19th: 6-8:30 p.m., April 20th: 10 am-1:30 p.m., April 21st: 3-4:30 p.m.

There will be breaks taken during each rehearsal so don't panic! This is a short-term commitment so just show up to rehearsals and sing! If you are interested in singing in the choir please contact Trinity Lutheran's Director of Music, Mr. Jeffrey Raub at (484)-541-8322 or email allcreationsings1@outlook.com. Please respond with your voice part and what church you are coming from so we can recognize your congregation in the program. If Mr. Raub does not pick up the phone, please leave a message.

There will be a reception after the festival has finished!



A Story of Generosity

My friend "Winnie" and I have been friends for 8 1/2 years, and we frequently go shopping together. We love going to boutiques, thrift stores, consignment stores, etc. She is always amazed by something I do regularly: whenever someone admires something I'm wearing in the way of jewelry, I take it off and give to the person. Later "Winnie" often asks me, "How can you do that?" My reply to her is, "I'm just doing what God wants me to do, and it makes me happy to make someone else happy." She said she didn't think she could do that.

Well, we recently went shopping in a consignment store, and "Winnie" bought a jacket, which she loved. After a couple of weeks, she wore it one day to visit her mother at a nursing home. An aide at the home complimented her on the jacket. "Winnie" told me, "I did a 'Mary,' I gave it to the aide." I asked her how it made her feel, and she said happy. Her act of generosity made the aide happy, and "Winnie", and also me!

It's amazing how much joy a simple act of generosity can bring, and it's so heartening to see that my actions have inspired someone else to share how God wants us to act as His stewards. --*Mary O'Meally*



POP's Treasures Update: New Endeavor Blesses Us in Ways We Did Not Imagine

It has been a transformative year in the boutique! We started our year off in May and found ourselves being surprised monthly by the outpouring of generosity from the community through their donations and support with our sales. Everyone has been truly kind, and we enjoy seeing our "regulars" monthly, along with some new faces! We spread the word on Facebook, signage, and an occasional ad. This boutique was set up for outreach, by finding the needs and supporting it financially. The initial idea was to have a free food/clothing location for those in need. Instead, we offer a thrift boutique where the prices are fair, and presented in a way that resembles a retail gift shop. While thrift shops are not a new concept, we try and enhance everyone's shopping experience by visual refinement, while doing it on a dime. We have been truly humbled by the interest in our mission, along with interest of our church. We have welcomed a few families interested in our worship and interested in our purpose. We have had wonderful compliments on our boutique and continue to be surprised on Facebook where people now mention us when others want to donate items. It has truly been a blessing to POP church! We would like to take the time and let you know the organizations that will benefit from 2023 collections. They are: P.U.M.P., Valley Youth House, Safe Harbor, Slate Belt Animal Advocacy Group, and we also purchased 10 bee hives, 5 mosquito nets, a rooster, 20 chicks, and a family farm of animals (1 cow, 2 pig, 2 goats, 12 chickens, farming tools, and seeds) from Good Gifts. We offered a free clothing giveaway on February 24 with clothing donations from the rummage sale.

We hope you will consider playing a role in these outreach activities, whether it be through donations, time and talent, or just spreading the word about this program. While we can do good for others, I am amazed at how this program has afforded us outreach from our guests back to us. For that alone, we are truly blessed.

—*Jackie Horn*



Recycle Packaging + Store Drop-Off = Trex Decking

The NexTrex Challenge Continues: Prince of Peace is participating in the NexTrex Recycling Challenge. Recycle your household bags and wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing. (Plastic must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue.) **From the store:** produce bags, store bags, ice bags. **From the pantry:** Ziploc and other re-closable bags, cereal box liners, case overwrap, bread bags. **From your front door:** newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, plastic e-commerce mailers. **How does this benefit Prince of Peace?** If we meet our donation goals, we will receive 1 free Trex outdoor bench every six months and we are helping our community. Questions? Contact Jackie Horn

February Council Meeting Highlights:

1. Council retreat June 1, 2024 9 a.m.—Noon
2. Welcome new members: Lisa and Wayne Jones, - grandchildren Romeo Vargas and Fabian Vargas. Brittany and Nicholas Walters, children Peyton and Dominic; Christina (Tina) Smith and child Ethan.
3. New members were accepted into membership during worship on Sunday, February 18.

Donations for the Egg Hunt:

We will be accepting donations of wrapped candy and small toys to fill the eggs for the Annual Egg Hunt. Please have all candy and small toys to the church by **3/10/24**. See Tina Johns for more details.



Join us for the Annual Egg Hunt:

Sunday, March 24 —11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us for crafts 11-11:30, lunch 11:30-12:15, egg hunting, and checking for prizes 12:15-1 p.m. Come for part, come for all. Bring a basket. Bring a friend. This is an all-age event, even for the adults. Rain or shine. See Tina Johns for more details!



P.U.M.P Update:

Donations of **canned vegetables, cereal, pasta and mac n' cheese** are greatly needed and much appreciated right now. Thank you for your continued generous donations!



The POP scholarship committee is pleased to announce that the Anthony D. and Jeanne M. Turtzo scholarship application form is now available for completion.

All POP college students entering their second, third or fourth year of college/university for the 2024/2025 school year are eligible. The scholarship will be awarded to up to three students. Application forms and instructions can be downloaded from the church website at popbangor.org, or alternatively send a request by e-mail to poplcbangor@gmail.com. Completed applications are due Monday, May 6, 2024.

Membership Directory Updates:

New members:

Tina Smith and Ethan
150 Lenape Trail
Mt. Bethel, PA 18343
862-849-6802

Nicholas and Brittany Walters, and Peyton and Dominic
755 Rutt Rd.
Bangor, PA 18013
484-903-3242 (Brittany)
484-903-7752 (Nick)

Wayne and Lisa Jones, and Romeo Vargas & Fabian Vargas
40 N 9th St.
Bangor, PA 18013
610-417-7350 (Lisa)
610-442-5797 (Wayne)

Join us for Our Annual

Easter Sunday Breakfast...

March 31 -serving from 7-9 a.m. If anyone is able to bake it would be much appreciated. Also needed: 20 lb. of potatoes, 1 gallon 2% milk, 1 qt 1/2 & 1/2, fruit salad, and 15 dozen eggs. If you would rather not shop, monetary donations are also accepted to purchase items. Contact Laraine Brands at 908-310-1196 or larainebrands@gmail.com



Make 2024 Your Best Year Yet!

Communication is the bedrock of a strong marriage. Enhance your couple communication skills with Marriage Encounter! The next event is scheduled **April 5 - 7, 2024** at the historic **Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, Pennsylvania**. Apply **now** at GodLovesMarriage.org, or contact Larr & Denise Etzler at seamsandscissors@yahoo.com or 814-389-2973 for more information. Pre-registration is required – don't miss out!



Date:	Greeters	Lay Reader	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Power Point and Camera	Acolyte	Offering Counters
March 3	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Kim Jennings	Connie Itterly	Sherk and June Jones	Jim Jennings	Isabel Baker	Scott Schipps
March 10	Sherk and June Jones	Alex Scholtes	April Miller	Traci Rumsey, Sue Reinhart	Tara Flyte	Alex Scholtes	Brenda Hughes
March 17	Sara Godshalk, Sue Reinhart	Kale Baker	Bob Schuette	Marlene and Butch Stana	Antonioli Family	Landon Horn	Dave Karner
March 24	Traci Rumsey, Connie Itterly	Quincy Miller	Kale Baker	Sara Godshalk, Vivian Fahr	Cathy Mullen	Alex Scholtes	Connie Itterly
March 31	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Sherry Hock	Marlene Stana	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	John Martocci	Landon Horn	Tina Johns
April 7	Vivian Fahr, Traci Rumsey	Isabel Baker	Laraine Brands	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Kim Jennings	Isabel Baker	Georgia Suranofsky

Communion Assistants:

- March 3 April Miller, Marlene Stana
- March 10 Diane Hahn, Tina Johns
- March 17 Laraine Brands, Brooks Baker
- March 24 Marlene Stana, Jim Jennings
- March 31 April Miller, Tina Johns
- April 7 Connie Itterly, April Miller

Thank you for your willingness to serve!!

If you are unable to fulfill an assignment, please find someone to take your place and let Pastor Scholtes know of the change as soon as possible. For last minute changes be sure to leave the message on Pastor Scholtes' voice mail at 610-588-2355 or email him at PastorMJS@gmail.com.

- March Altar Guild: Tara Flyte, Ashley Flyte
- April Altar Guild: Kim Jennings, Sara Godshalk

Sunday Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

Come join us and bring someone with you! Coffee hours are hosted each week by two or more people. If you are interested in hosting coffee hours, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall. Hosting involves setting up coffee and tea and supplying baked goods/snacks. Members of the Coffee Hour Team are available to help if needed: Karen Karner, Janet Martocci, Cathy Mullen and Sue Reinhart.



Bread Baker/Providers:

- March 3 Pat Manicke
- March 24 Janet Martocci
- March 31 Sue Reinhart
- April 7 June Jones

POP's Treasures Boutique News:

POP's Treasures needs some new/gently used items for the boutique. The store was cleaned out of most items and will need to replenish for the shoppers in the coming months.

Please consider the boutique with your treasures!

(No electronics please!) Committee members:

Valerie Kessler, Jackie Horn

March Shopping Days:

Friday, March 8: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 9: 9 a.m. to Noon

Weis Grocery Receipts:

Thank you to all who save their Weis receipts for Prince of Peace!

Keep those grocery receipts coming! Please note we can only use slips from the Blue Valley store, and we cannot use receipts for gift cards, milk, tobacco, sales tax, alcohol and pharmacy items. These items are deducted from the slips. Thank you for your continued support.

—Janet Martocci



“You Have Heard it Said” Stewardship Campaign Results



We have surpassed the goal of \$10,000.00! The results through February 4th are \$10,101.00. Another update will be provided in March. 39 commitments were made which represents 57 members of the congregation. 27 commitments reflect increases, and 12 commitments indicate keeping their offering at the same level. THANK YOU to everyone who returned their intention. The Narrative of Support published for the Annual Meeting in November, had a paragraph titled “How You Can Help”, the “ask” was “Could you consider the possibility of growing your giving by 5% in 2024?”. The budget presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting in November targeted an increase in offerings of \$10,000.00 or about a 5% increase from previous offerings. With your help we reached that goal!

Our campaign was filled with testimonials, skits, activities, and sermons that helped us explore a new theme each week about our faith and finances. Go to this link youtu.be/NynsU0qzmTE to see a video about what happened during the campaign.

Helper’s helpers of all ages came out to help assemble Layette Baby Kits on January 28th. Go to the link to see photos of the event <https://photos.app.goo.gl/vt6rWKU3ZaBqJjWQ7>

*The Joyful Noise donations total \$91.36 for January.
Do you know who we will be sharing with in 2024?*



Real Readers Book List:



**JOIN
US!
We
meet
at
2 p.m.**

- March 7 – “Small Great Things” by Jodi Picoult (Liz)
- April 4 – “Beneath a Scarlet Sky” by Mark Sullivan (Terry)
- May 2 – Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby VanPelt (Linda)
- June 6 – “The Covenant of Water” by Abraham Verghese (Karen)
- July 11 – “The Tiffany Girls” by Shelley Noble (Patti)
- August 1 – “What the Fireflies Knew” by Kai Harris (Cindy)
- September 5 – “A fever in the Heartland” by Timothy Egan (Cheryl)
- October 3 – “The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo” by Taylor Jenkins Reid (Maureen)
- November 7 – “The Children’s Blizzard” by Melanie Benjamin (Wanda)
- December 5 – “Mr. Dickens and His Carol” by Samantha Silva (Sherry)



This is a heartfelt thank you to anyone who made our Ash Wednesday luncheon a success. Thank you to God who gave us a beautiful winter wonderland day to come together. Thank you to the kitchen ladies who came a day early to cook and set up due to snow forecast. Thank You to the pineapple pie makers and to those who prepared or donated other food items for our meal. Thank you to those who helped clean up. I couldn't do it without any of you. Thank you to those who offered to help—it's wonderful to have "backups". Thank you to those who attended and brought friends. I hope you all enjoyed it and feel it was time well spent. Thanks to all again! --*Carolyn Leidy*

Thank you everyone for the card shower, cards, phone calls, gifts and visits. It warms a person's heart to know that we still are thought of. I have moved and my new address is: Clover Rest Home, 28 Washington Street, Colombia, NJ 07832, 908-496-4477 —*Charmaine Collins*

Thank you: Prince of Peace Family, Thank you for the meals and visits during my recovery.
— *Lisa Jones and family*

Thank you letters were received from the Portland-Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry (P.U.M.P.) for donations and from Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – ELCA Good Gifts for a \$1,000.00. Both letters are posted on the Gratitude Board by the church offices.

Prince of Peace Seekers (POPS) News:



Come and ignite your spiritual imagination! We meet each week for a time of spiritual growth, discussion, and fellowship. We continue to meet from 10 a.m. -Noon and are now meeting in the Conference Room. Coffee, tea, and snacks are available.

Pastor Scholtes is leading a Lenten Series called Ancient Prayers for Modern Cares: Dwelling with the Psalms weekly through March 21. As part of an emphasis on the Psalms this Lenten Season, there will be a devotional reading of one psalm a week. There will be no gathering on March 28.

Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Karner or Janet Martocci.



As you know the project for the remainder of February and March is Valor House, they help homeless vets, male and female. Thank you for your generous donations to this ministry, please continue to bring in the following items: deodorant; toothpaste; Q-tips; tampons/maxi pads; peanut butter; and canned fruit with a pop-up lid. The last date to bring donations in is **Sunday, March 17th**. There's a basket in the Narthex to place them in. Looking ahead, the project for the next quarter is Valley Youth House, more information to follow. Thank you again for your support to our projects and ministries. --*Mary O'Meally*



Friday, March 1	Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40
Saturday, March 2	Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8
3rd Sunday in Lent (3/3)	Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
Monday, March 4	Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23
Tuesday, March 5	Psalm 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19; Hebrews 9:23-28
Wednesday, March 6	Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19
Thursday, March 7	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-6
Friday, March 8	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Daniel 12:5-13; Ephesians 1:7-14
Saturday, March 9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Numbers 20:22-29; John 3:1-13
4th Sunday in Lent (3/10)	Num. 21:4-9; Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephes. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
Monday, March 11	Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6
Tuesday, March 12	Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13
Wednesday, March 13	Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20
Thursday, March 14	Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13
Friday, March 15	Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10; Hebrews 4:14-5:4
Saturday, March 16	Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11
5th Sunday in Lent (3/17)	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ps. 119:9-16; Hebr. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
Monday, March 18	Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Tuesday, March 19	Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24
Wednesday, March 20	Psalm 119:9-16; Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23; John 12:34-50
Thursday, March 21	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Philippians 2:1-11
Friday, March 22	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:1-9; Philippians 2:12-18
Saturday, March 23	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:10-16; Mark 10:32-34, 46-52
Palm Sunday (3/24)	Mark 11:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1 – 15:47
Mon. of Holy Week (3/25)	Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
Tues. of Holy Week (3/26)	Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
Wed. of Holy Week (3/27)	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
Maundy Thursday (3/28)	Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday (3/29)	Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1 – 19:42
Holy Saturday (3/30)	Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66
Resur. of Our Lord (3/31)	Acts 10:34-43; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

Read these on your computer or on your phone! Go to DailyLectio.net, where you can sign up for daily emails, or download the app for iPhone or Android!



Please keep these people in prayer on the anniversary of their birth!

- Patrick Itterly, March 2
- Stella Nelson, March 2
- Everett Reimer Jr., March 3
- Gladys Steinmetz, March 3
- Joe Scholtes, March 3
- Marissa Hill, March 5
- William Heitzman, III, March 5
- Lori Kuhs, March 6
- Kody Garis, March 6
- Thomas Chamberlin, March 6
- Sadie Baker, March 7
- Grace Gardella, March 7
- Rebecca Flyte, March 9
- Valerie Kessler, March 11
- Tylor Duffin, March 13
- James Jennings, March 14
- Kevin Gillow, March 14
- Olivia Fraunfelter, March 17
- Dennit Golden, March 18
- Aria Hughes, March 20
- Gillian Smith, March 21
- Brian Hower, March 25
- Alison Krock, March 28
- Allison Manicke, March 30
- Lois Neiley, March 31

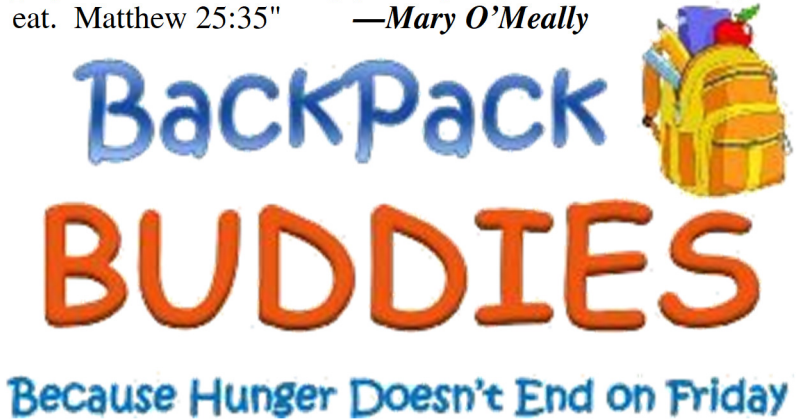


Online / Facebook / Telephone

Watch our worship each week at our website (popbangor.org/video-worship). Or watch it on our Facebook page (facebook.com/popbangor). You can also call in to hear our worship each week at 877-POP-2-POP (877-767-2767). New videos and audio files will be added each Monday.

Social Ministry Update:

Slater Family Network has reached out to us regarding their "Backpack Buddy Program". They are desperately in need of the following items: juice boxes, jelly and healthy snacks. This will be an ongoing project for us since food insecurity among kids is at an all-time high. In the past this congregation has been very generous in making sure the backpacks are always full. There's a sample of items to donate on the counter in the Narthex, and a basket to place your donations in. Social Ministry thanks you for your continued support of this and all our ministries and projects. "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. Matthew 25:35" —*Mary O'Meally*



A Note from Council:

We are asking the congregation to please be respectful to our sanctuary. Please dispose all empty wrappers and gum properly at the end of the service.

The property committee is requesting that anyone that places cardboard in the kitchen for recycling, to cut or breakdown the cardboard and place it in the recycling can.

Our building is being used more frequently and by different people. That means we need to be more mindful of how we leave our room when we leave it. If there is dirt, clean it up, or vacuum. Please empty your garbage can into the large can in the kitchen. After food activities, especially on Sunday, the trash needs to be taken out and placed in the large garbage can outside the kitchen door. There will be opportunities with outside groups, rentals, and our own church groups where we want to have a clean space for everyone to experience. Please put all food away, empty the receptacles and leave the space better than how we found it.

Thank you!





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Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:
Sundays at 9:45 a.m. – Join us!!

- **Pastor: Rev. Michael J. Scholtes**
 - **home: 610-588-2314 - PastorMJS@gmail.com**
 - **Volunteer Pastoral Assist. Larry Rissmiller**
610-588-4669
 - **Minister of Music: Martin Yazdzik**
 - **Bookkeeper: Joyce Weishaupt**
 - **Financial Secretary: Mary O’Meally**
 - **Custodian: Brittnee Evans**
 - **Parish Nurse: Justine Saviet, 610-730-7895,**
cesarijustine1080@gmail.com
 - **Administrative Assistant: Annette Buss**
 - **Admin. Asst’s Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,**
Wednesday, Friday 9am–Noon
Thursday: 1 to 4 pm
- Admin. Asst’s email: poplcbangor@gmail.com**

Congregation Council Members:

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| Larry Rissmiller – President | Brenda Hughes |
| Connie Itterly - Vice President | Jackie Horn |
| Tina Johns - Secretary | Traci Rumsey |
| Kale Baker | Kerri Miller |
| Sara Godshalk | Jean Janosa |
| Mary O’Meally | Jill Hill |
| Rev. Michael Scholtes | Allison Manicke |

Would you like to place an article in the monthly newsletter? Highlight your ministry? Post a Thank you? Make an announcement?

EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

April 2024 Newsletter is:

Tuesday, March 12 at Noon

****Please submit items in a Word Document not PDF format, thank you!****

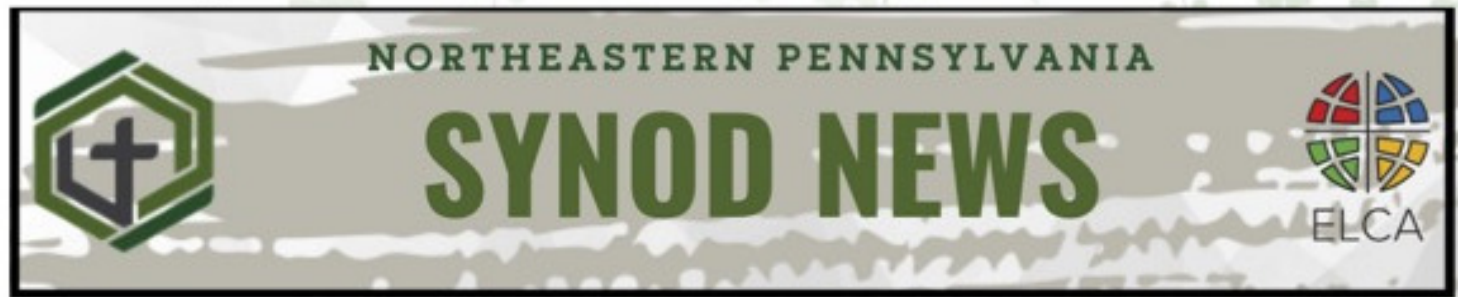
You may email your submissions to poplcbangor@gmail.com

Or give a handwritten items to Annette Buss

****Items received after the deadline will go into next month’s newsletter.****

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

We, the people of Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, will actively seek and serve Christ in all people.



Cultivating Generosity

Throughout the fall our congregations are often focused on stewardship and gratitude for the generosity of members. Folks provide stewardship talks, members complete commitment cards, and sermons are proclaimed to encourage generosity of time, talent and finances. But did you know that our ELCA Congregation and Synod Support Team offers training and recommendations on cultivating generosity?

This past fall, in partnership with the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving, stewardship leaders from eight congregations, representing four ELCA synods, came together for a training series called "Cultivating Generous Congregations" (CGC). Over seven weeks leaders from these eight congregations gathered online as a cohort with the Lake Institute's trained faculty and each other. Cultivating Generous Congregations maps the new landscape of religious giving and provides congregational teams with tools to build a culture of generosity unique to each congregation's needs, challenges, and opportunities. CGC explores theology, the role of adaptive leadership, fiscal transparency, and the importance of giver care, with action steps to impact the exploration of generosity and energize congregational generosity to take the significant and necessary steps to creating lasting cultural change.

Following the final session, the eight congregations received a year of access to the Lake Institute's numerous stewardship resources, as well as optional coaching to assist in the implementation of these practices. Mission Support funds the opportunity for congregations and leaders to learn from stewardship experts and one another and to grow together so that their local mission, and how God is growing generosity, can be told in more effective ways in today's culture.





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Northeastern Pennsylvania SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2024

“HUNGRY FOR LIFE TOGETHER IN CHRIST”

Saturday, June 8, 8:30am-4:30pm

TWO ATTENDANCE OPTIONS FOR VOTING MEMBERS:

In-person and online (Zoom)

Registration: \$130 (same for both attendance options)

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 16

Watch for email that day, with detailed info and registration link

Info also posted that day on our synod website: www.godslove.org

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