

Prints of Peace



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This has been a long, cold winter. But spring is coming upon us. Did you know that the word *Lent* comes from an old English word that means “spring?” (Think of *Lent* = *lengthen*, like the daylight is doing.)

Throughout Lent this year, I am focusing on stories from the Hebrew Bible (aka the Old Testament) in my sermons. Together, we are seeing how God’s promises are from of old, and how there is just as much good news (“gospel”) in the Old Testament as in the New. In a world that’s ever changing, and in a church that changes as well, we can hold fast to the one thing that has never, and will never, change: God’s covenant love for us.

I invite you to join me in Lent this year, each Sunday in March. And as March rolls into April, I invite you to join me in Holy Week, and especially the Great Three Days, the time when we focus most closely on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the culmination of Lent, the high point of the church year, the observance and celebration of our salvation!

Our services are listed below. I hope you can make these services part of your Lenten observance this year. All are welcome.

Sunday, 3/29, 9:45 a.m.: 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.

Tuesday, 3/31, 7:00 p.m.: Taizé Service. The music of the Taizé community in France is beloved by Christians around the world. These simple, repetitive, meditative songs can be a deeply moving spiritual experience. This year’s Taizé service will also include a service of Healing.

Wednesday, 4/1, 7:00 p.m.: 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, 4/2, 7:00 p.m.: 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. This service includes laying on of hands for confession and forgiveness, Holy Communion, and the stripping of the altar.

Friday, 4/3, 7:00 p.m.: 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, 4/5, 6:00 a.m.: 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! If you’ve never attended a Vigil before, try it out!

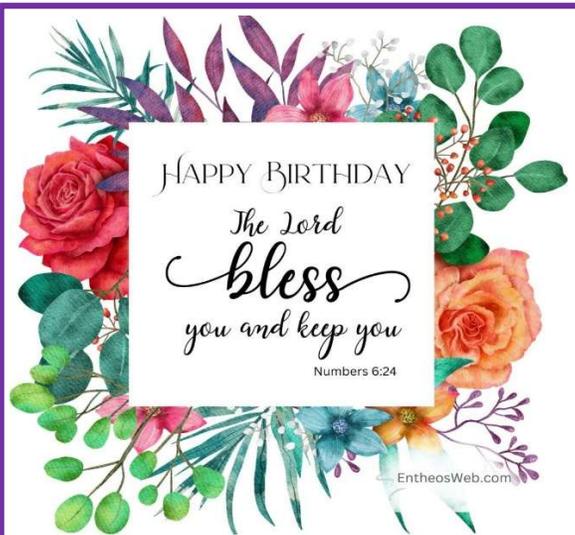
Sunday, 4/5, 9:45 a.m.: Resurrection of Our Lord. Our regular worship service on Easter Day is filled with decorations, songs, and alleluias. Bring bells to ring!

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

In Christ,


Pastor Scholtes





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

- Stella Nelson
- Everett Reimer Jr.
- Gladys Steinmetz
- Joe Scholtes
- William Heitzman, III
- Lori Kuhs
- Kody Garis
- Sadie Baker
- Valerie Kessler
- Taylor Duffin
- James Jennings
- Aria Hughes
- Gillian Smith
- Brian Hower
- Allison Manicke
- Lois Neiley



Join us for

Worship On-site (9:45 on Sundays)

Online / Facebook

Watch our worship each week at our website (popbangor.org/video-worship). Or watch it on our Facebook page (facebook.com/popbangor).

Holy Week/Easter Worship

(See Pastor's Letter for more information)

Palm Sunday (March 29): 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday – Friday (March 31 – April 3): 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday (April 5): 6:00 a.m. & 9:45 a.m.

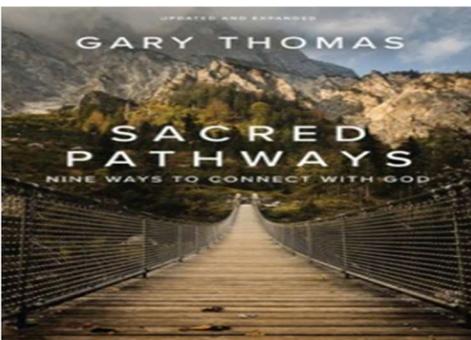
February 2026 Council Meeting Highlights

1. Approved POP's Treasures to use Church's 501c3 to apply for food donations for when we make food for Safe Harbor.
2. Helpers helpers donation to purchase 140 cans of soup to match what the congregation donated on Souper Bowl Sunday.
3. Watch out for 2025 year-end financial reports.



Lenten Bible Study:

Have you ever wanted to discover your soul's path to God? Do you know which of the nine pathways you are strongest in? Join me for a 5-week book study based on *Sacred Pathways* by Gary Thomas. Come on a journey to explore the nine distinct spiritual temperaments, their traits, strengths, and pitfalls. We will meet every Tuesday through March 24th at 6:30 p.m. Soup and drink will be provided, bring a sandwich. Dinner from 6:30-7, study from 7 till 8:15 p.m. Any questions, see Tina Johns



For God so loved the world that He sent his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have *eternal life.*

John 3:16

Thank You
VOLUNTEERS



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

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29	Resurrection Day April 5 Both services
Greeters	Traci Rumsey, Connie Itterly	Sherk and June Jones	Holly Blakeslee, Brenda Hughes	Lisa and Wayne Jones	Sara Godshalk, Sue Reinhart	Sign-up
Lay Readers	Kale Baker	Connie Itterly	Tina Smith	Alex Scholtes	Sherry Hock	Sign-up
Assisting Ministers	Tina Johns	Kale Baker	Marlene Stana	Connie Itterly	April Miller	Sign-up
Com. Assts.	Jim Jennings, Marlene Stana	April Miller, Brooks Baker	Tina Johns, Brooks Baker	Marlene Stana, Tina Smith	Jim Jennings, Tina Johns	Sign-up
Ushers	Sue Reinhart, Sara Godshalk	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Traci Rumsey, Connie Itterly	Brenda Hughes, Kale Baker	Marlene and Butch Stana	Sign-up
Power Point Camera	Jim Jennings	Tara Flyte	Antonioli Family	Tina Johns	Cathy Mullen	Sign-up
Acolytes	Alex Scholtes	Taylor Baker	Ben Scholtes	Fabian Vargas	Landon Horn	Sign-up
Offering Counters	Connie Itterly	Georgia Suranofsky	Brenda Hughes	Mary O’Meally	Tina Johns	Sign-up
Pew Tenders	Sherry and Maci Hock	June Jones	Sara Godshalk	Traci Rumsey	Sherry and Maci Hock	Sign-up
Bread Baker	Alex Summy	Tara Flyte	Tina Smith		Sue Reinhart	Kim Jennings

Real Readers: Join Us! We meet at 2 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month...

- March 5 – “Raising the Titanic” by Marta Molnar (Sherry)
- April 2 – “Only by Your Touch” by Catherine Anderson (Liz)
- May 7 – “The Women” by Kristen Hannah (Jean)
- June 4 – “Sandwich” by Catherine Newman (Sandy)
- July 2 – “Clear” by Carys Davies (Karen)
- August 6 – “My Friends” by Fredrik Backman (Cheryl)
- September 3 – “The Paper Palace” by Miranda Heller (Terry)
- October 1 – “Broken Country” by Clare Leslie Hall (Patti)
- November 5 – “The Secret of Secrets” by Dan Brown (Cindy)
- December 3 – “Atmosphere” by Taylor Reid (Janet)



A little bit of everything for everyone. New members are always welcome!



**Join Us for POPS (Prince of Peace Seekers) in the conference room
Thursdays @ 10 a.m.**

Please 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 in the Conference Room. Coffee, tea, and snacks are available.

During Lent, now through March 25, Pastor Scholtes will lead a six-week book study from Augsburg Fortress called "Together by Grace." on the Gospel of Matthew. There will be no cost for participants. He'll have handouts each week, instead of using a student book. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Karner or Janet Martocci.

Join Us for Coffee Hour!



The Hospitality Committee will always provide coffee and tea and will be providing "sweets and treats" the first Sunday of each month. Congregation members are invited to supply some treats the balance of each month. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex for those who wish to participate. Coffee hours end on May 17th. Thank you, —*the Hospitality Committee*



Recently we had an emergency at church where we had a blockage with our sewage pipes which affected the men and women's rest rooms and the boiler room. Because of the blockage, the technician advised us that one of the worst things for a septic, especially one that has a cast iron pipe is the usage of flushable wipes. They apparently attach to the pipes and then when the other waste comes through it eventually starts to clog. Going forward, we advise the usage of a plastic bag that is available on the back of the toilet to dispose of the wipes and then throw away in the garbage can. We thank you for your understanding in this very sensitive situation.

A quick note from property—Heat, Lights and Doors: While we are now in the middle of winter, we would like to remind everyone about our heating system at church. We have a programmable system. It is currently programmed for our current usage and kept at a moderate temperature when not heavily used. We ask that you do not change or touch the system. If you need to use a room, please ask pastor, or a property member for assistance. Of course, the fellowship hall is electric, so you can turn on the heat and turn off units when finished. Also, after meetings and gatherings at POP, please make sure that all lights are turned off and all doors are closed and locked before you leave. Thank you. —*Dennis Horn, Property Committee*

2025 Giving Statements:

If you would like a copy of your 2025 Giving Statement, please contact Brenda Hughes.



How can I make a difference at Prince of Peace?

There are so many ways you can volunteer here at Prince of Peace and support our ministries. If you missed it about a month ago Kermit and I had a discussion about volunteering and from that discussion came the brightly colored index cards on the counter in the narthex for you to take and fill out. I realize that not every volunteer opportunity is listed on the front side of the card but feel free to turn the card over and add anything that may have been missed. Once completed, you can give to me on Sunday mornings. As always please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have. —*April Miller, Volunteer Coordinator*



2nd Sunday in Lent (3/1)	Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 3-17; John 3:1-17
Monday, March 02	Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6;
Tuesday, March 03	Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13;
Wednesday, March 04	Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11;
Thursday, March 05	Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23;
Friday, March 06	Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22;
Saturday, March 07	Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6;
3rd Sunday in Lent (3/8)	Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
Monday, March 09	Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13;
Tuesday, March 10	Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4;
Wednesday, March 11	Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39;
Thursday, March 12	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32;
Friday, March 13	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9;
Saturday, March 14	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9;
4th Sunday in Lent (3/15)	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
Monday, March 16	Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20;
Tuesday, March 17	Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14;
Wednesday, March 18	Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34;
Thursday, March 19	Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11;
Friday, March 20	Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19;
Saturday, March 21	Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53;
5th Sunday in Lent (3/22)	Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
Monday, March 23	Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12;
Tuesday, March 24	Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10;
Wednesday, March 25	Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33;
Thursday, March 26	Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11;
Friday, March 27	Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30;
Saturday, March 28	Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34;
Passion Sunday (3/29)	Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matt 26:14 – 27:66
Monday, March 30	Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 31	Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corin 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

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!



Social Ministry Project for 2026:

2025 was a busy year for us, but the needs of our local community keep growing, and we are God's army to do what we can to help! For the first quarter (January thru March) we are collecting socks and underwear for our veterans, both male and female. As you know most of our veterans sleep in tents in the woods, and since this is winter, thermal underwear is probably best, but any will do. You can place your donations in the box in the narthex. The project will **end on Sunday, March 29th**. As always, if you prefer not to shop a committee member will be happy to do it for you. Committee: Mary O'Meally, Sherry Hock, and Holly Blakeslee

Luke 3:11: Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.

P.U.M.P Special Requests Update:

P.U.M.P. requests peanut butter, cereal, rice, and any kind of pasta. As always, staples are always appreciated too. Social Ministry wants to thank you for the items donated, and your continued and generous support of P.U.M.P!



Join us for our St. Patty's Family Game Night

Friday, March 20 from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

(Come when you can)

Everyone is welcome!

Bring your favorite game to share.

Chicken Noodle Soup and fresh bread will be provided for dinner.

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex

Questions? See Tina Johns

Sunday, March 29 from 11 a.m. - 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. Rain or shine. Come for part, come for all. Bring a basket. Bring a friend. This is an all-age event, even for the adults.
Questions? See Tina Johns



POP'S Treasures:

Our next sale will be on March 13th (10 a.m. -2 p.m.) and the 14th (9 a.m. -Noon) with drops on March 16th and 23rd, (1-2 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.) By now I'm sure everyone at POP knows about this ministry because it has been made abundantly clear that people are talking at work and community events, etc. about the mission work done at POP's Treasures. The growing number of volunteers put in A LOT of time making sure this program fulfills the mission that was approved by council 2 1/2 years ago. We all should be very proud of this little church in the country that is making a difference in many lives by our outreach. Make sure you reach out to the workers at POP's so they can tell you all about it. —**Jackie Horn**

Come and Shop



Dear Friends at Prince of Peace,

I'd like to take pen in hand to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for Erica during her illness and passing.

Life has been intolerably difficult without her. I take comfort knowing where she is, whom she walks with free of the illness and pain and is whole again.

I will be leaving the congregation soon as I am relocating to be closer to family well beyond the Slate Belt area.

Thank you again and farewell.

In His Service,
--**Robert E. Schuette**



2026 Stewardship Campaign

Thank you for your commitments!



Our theme this year was “*what we can do.. responding to God's generosity*”. Thank you for your commitments that reflect your gratitude to God and all the ministries He has put before us. Our offering helps us grow and sustain our infrastructure as we continually strive to live out our purpose statement to actively seek and serve Christ in all people through our ministries of worship, learning and outreach.

Here is an update on the campaign commitments through February 15th. 35 commitment cards have been handed in. This represents 50 members of the congregation. We will announce the total amount to be given next month. **THANK YOU!**

Joyful Noise Good News!
Collection for January totaled \$87.00!
Your giving in 2026 totaled \$87.00!
Thank you for your continued generosity!



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Social Media Manager: Nick Walters

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

- **Pastor: Rev. Michael J. Scholtes**
- **Minister of Music: Martin Yazdzik**
- **Bookkeeper: Rev. Joyce Weishaupt**
- **Financial Secretary: Brenda Hughes**
- **Custodian: Brittnee Evans**
- **Parish Nurse: Justine Saviet, RN**
- **Administrative Assistant: Annette Buss**

Congregation Council Members

Kale Baker, President	Jackie Horn
April Miller, Secretary	Justine Saviet
Tina Johns, Vice President	Brenda Hughes
Alex Scholtes, Youth Rep.	Connie Itterly
Jean Janosa	Kerri Miller
Mary O'Meally	Brittany Walters
Rev. Michael J. Scholtes	Holly Blakeslee

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 2026 Newsletter is:

Tuesday,
March 10th at Noon

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

****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.

Graceful Generosity

Published to help you grow as a steward of God's grace.

A Stewardship Thought

God-pleasing stewards are faithful in their prayer life, reading God's Word, worshipping, and receiving God's Sacraments. God-pleasing stewards are faithful stewards of the Gospel and personal witness. God-pleasing stewards are faithful stewards of the compassionate love of Jesus for others. God-pleasing stewards are faithful stewards of their time, talents, and treasures. God-pleasing stewards are faithful stewards of the kingdom of God in their families, in their work, and in daily living.

On the Lighter Side

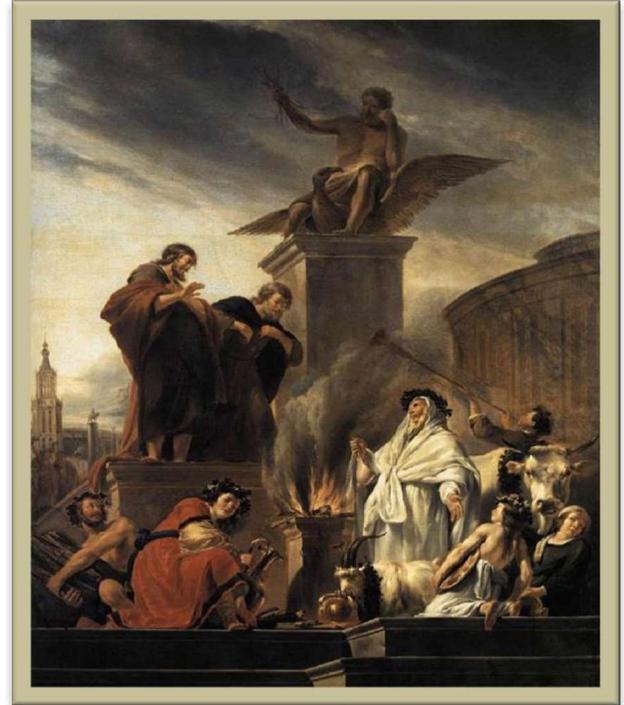
A fellow office worker tells his friend, "My good man, you really should consider attending our church service on Sunday." "We respect all denominations. We especially respect twenties and fifties."

Testing your Knowledge of Scripture

Do you know who Joseph the Levite was in Scripture?

If you said Barnabas, you were right. In Acts 4:36-37 we read, "*Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.*" In the early church, there were no needy people because no one claimed that any of their possessions were their own. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, they shared with one another. Those with plenty gave to those in need. Barnabas willingly gave the land he owned for the work of the apostles.

With God's help, you can give freely and generously of the blessings that God has entrusted to you.



Not to Be Served But to Serve

The words of Matthew 20:28 - "*Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many*" – remind us that the life of Jesus was one of total sacrifice. It is clear that Jesus wanted to develop a servant spirit in his disciples and in us. He said in Matthew 20:26, ". . . *whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.*" He lived for his heavenly Father and for others. In the same way Jesus served his Father, we exist to serve him. Being conformed into the image of God we will take on the role of servants.

The concept of serving rather than being served is not a natural one. We have an inborn desire to want to be served ourselves and to have our own needs met rather than to see to others. We by nature prefer to be "number one". In addition, our apathy contributes to our lack of interest in sharing. God loves changing our mindset from wanting attention for ourselves to serving others. Seeing others as our brothers and

sisters in Christ helps us to follow God's command to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:31).



A life of service and servanthood is contrary to what our society promotes. We are told that we should aspire to fame, power, and wealth. In servanthood there is no glory, spotlight, or fame. A meaningful relationship with Christ is not possible if we put ourselves first and only seek the goals that are important to the world we live in. Living a life of service, we give of ourselves without striving for financial rewards or glory. Unlike the praise we receive from God, worldly praise has no lasting value. Along with the Apostle Paul we say, “We

are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts” (1 Thessalonians 2:4). As a servant, Jesus was not looking for praise from the masses, because he was only interested in glorifying his Father.

Second Corinthians 12:15 says, “*So I will gladly spend for you everything I have and expend myself as well.*” Because of our desire to serve Jesus, we begin to identify with the interest that he has in other peoples’ lives. We forego our interests and begin to live a life of Christian service. “*You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love*” (Galatians 5:13).

Our freedom should express itself in the form of service. God brings us into a proper relationship with himself so we can understand what service he expects from us. Jesus lived a life of compassion for others. He continually served the hungry, handicapped, and homeless, and we are called to be imitators of Christ (Ephesians 5:1). When we commit to serving others, it is not done for our own satisfaction or to put ourselves on a pedestal. We serve out of love for Christ and to be worthy of his calling.

Tithing is not a gimmick to solve the economic problems of churches; it is a significant act of remembering who we are.

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!



Feeding Body and Soul at Hope's Table

Written by: April Mulvey, Synod Authorized Outreach Ministry (SAOM) leader at Hope's Table

Hope's Table: 601 N Front St Reading, PA 19601

Every Tuesday the doors open around 4:30 in the afternoon. During those chilly winter months, our guests are greeted by Sara, who pours each a cup of hot chocolate. Anita is back in the kitchen, where the aromas of the night's dinner are wafting through the hallway. Scott is preparing his music and Judy is either mingling with our guests or helping Anita. As I am preparing the table for worship, I am talking with everyone and listening to the chatter in the room. Before dinner is served, I go around the room asking everyone for prayer requests and the guests fill me in on the happenings of the week. Welcome to Hope's Table.

My journey to serving at Hope's Table is slightly unconventional. I did not grow up in the church. In fact, the first time I attended a church service (outside weddings and funerals) I was sixteen years old because I grew up in a dysfunctional family system. My first exposure was when my grandmother took me to her church. I grew up in a home that did not show the love and compassion of the Gospel of Christ, and I carried that into my adult years. I ended up in a 12-Step recovery program, but I was still missing "something."



That "something" was the God piece in my life and it was not until I got involved in a church and with people who loved me unconditionally, and told me God loved me even more unconditionally, did my life drastically change to the path that put me where I am today being the SAOM leader at Hope's Table. My background in life allows me to relate to the guests that walk into the doors of Hope's Table in ways that are truly personal and empathetic, and I can connect with them and their needs in times of pastoral care because I know some of the struggles they endure. I relate to the brokenness, the loneliness, the desperation, because I was once there too, but the power and love of God have done miraculous things! It put me back together.

That is part of my hope for Hope's Table. We are not *just* a food ministry. We not only feed the body, we nourish the soul as well. We come together, even if it for only one hour a week, and break bread together, and although we are not defined as a "congregation" by the ELCA, we are a community of the *ekklesia*. Church, since the pandemic, may need to be redefined and ministries like Hope's Table help pave the way for that re-define.



If someone is curious about how to get involved with Hope's Table, my best advice would be to come and check us out! Show up! Come and see us in action on Tuesday. Come and sit with our guests and get to know them. Come and volunteer to serve dinner and then we can get you scheduled for service work. Come and see just how blessed we are to be in their presence.

Hope's Table has taught me so many lessons about myself and about the world over this past year. I have learned more about the structure of the synod and church this year and how all those smaller cogs in the wheel have to be put into position and work in unison, or the grander machine does not work. It is not just about one single church or ministry; there is a grander picture at play—like a drop in a bucket of water that sends ripples over the surface. There is much, much more to leadership than the worship at Hope's Table. The decisions we make do not just affect us. They affect the synod, and the ELCA, as a whole.

Having support from the synod has left an immense positive effect on me throughout this whole journey. In those moments when I may doubt myself, or not believe in myself, the synod staff have all uplifted me and given me support. The synod has also supported the mission of Hope's Table as vital to the community, proving once again, that God's people are seen and their needs are heard; that they are not ignored except on a Sunday morning. This continues to demonstrate that my service is properly placed.

I am excited to serve as Hope's Table's SAOM leader and the possibilities and doors that will open for us. I am also excited to be attending the Fresh Expressions National Gathering 2026 at the end of February with other colleagues from NEPA Synod in Ocala, Florida. It is proving to be an inspiring year. I have big dreams for Hope's Table!



And why should I? I serve an even bigger God who has done amazing things.

Three Gatherings Across the Synod - Each event runs 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. with three speakers focused on its theme.

Learning Ministry Days



Register at godslove.org/LMD26

 **Mar 7, 26** - *“How Do We Lift Every Voice: Exploring Worship, Music and Family Ministries”* (Atonement Lutheran, Wyomissing)

 **Apr 25, 26** - *“How Can We Walk Together: Mental Health and Spiritual Wholeness”* (Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus)

 **Sept 19, 26** - *“Who Do We Trust: Truth, Scams and AI”* (Zion United Lutheran, Brodheadsville)

