



## PRINTS OF PEACE

Monthly Newsletter  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
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### Serving at Prince of Peace

**Ministers:**  
All Members

**Pastor:**  
+ Andrew Jones

**High School Ministry Leader:**  
+ Chase Gilliland

**Church Office:**  
+ Erin Smith, Secretary

**Service Times**  
+ Saturday, 5:00 PM  
+ Sunday, 9:00 AM

**Sunday School**  
+ All ages 10:15-11:00

**2025 Congregation  
Officers:**  
+ David Cluver, President  
+ Chase Gilliland, Vice President  
+ Katelynn Gilliland, Secretary  
+ Janice Koss, Treasurer

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

***We are a family of  
believers, united to  
know Christ, and to  
make him known.***



The Christian Season of Lent is a 40-day period of reflection and prayer when we remember the life of our Savior Jesus Christ - specifically His temptation, struggle, suffering, crucifixion, and death. The acts of abstinence and self-denial from worldly pleasures that we practice during Lent provide to Christians purposeful moments to pray, repent, and focus on gratitude. Often in today's modern world, fasting has been pushed aside for the comforts of the modern church.

The ancient and Biblical practice of fasting serves as a way through which God draws us closer to Himself. In his book "A Hunger for God," John Piper writes, "Christian fasting, at its root, is the hunger of a homesickness for God. Christian fasting is not only the spontaneous effect of a superior satisfaction in God, it is also a chosen weapon against every force in the world that would take that satisfaction away." The purpose of fasting must be to draw closer to God.

The spiritual edification of fasting encourages our reliance on God and repentance for when we don't rely on God. Fasting for Lent is primarily a spiritual discipline to orient our complete dependence on God. We repent for not always acknowledging God's presence and grace in providing for our every need. Our God is a loving God, and fasting is one way to refocus our lives upon seeking His kingdom of heaven first in our life.

When we fast or 'give-up' something for Lent, we are doing it in devotion to God. When we experience a desire for that thing or activity, we are reminded of our focus during this season, and are drawn closer to God. We can fast from many things during Lent: foods, activities, practices, even complete meals. But whatever it is that we fast from, we pray that God would show Himself in that time.

During our mid-week Lenten worship gatherings this Lenten Season at Prince of Peace, we will journey through a number of "Encounters with Jesus". They will be:

March 12: Zaccheus – Luke 19: 1 – 10

March 19: The Samaritan Woman at the Well – John 4: 1 – 30, 39 – 42

March 26: The Man Born Blind – John 9

April 2: Nicodemus – John 3 and John 19: 38 – 42

April 9: Pilate – John 18: 28 – 38

We will explore how these encounters changed the person's life, or did not change the person's life. Join us every Wednesday at 7pm. And be sure to join us for soup suppers at 6pm.

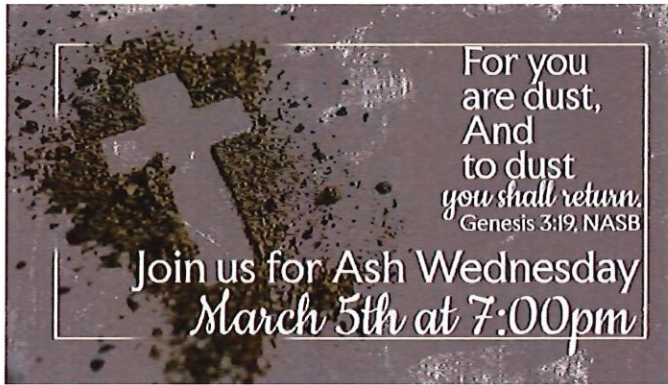
*Pastor Andy Jones*

# 2025 Church COUNCIL

President: David Cluver      Vice President: Chase Gilliland  
Secretary: Katelynn Gilliland      Treasurer: Janice Koss  
Worship: Zack Wingler      Fellowship: Mernice Wakefield  
Property: Rick Ackerman      MRD: Rob Benoit  
Early Learning Center: Vicky Hastings



*2nd Annual*  
**CHILI COOK-OFF**  
 Tuesday, March 4th  
 at 6 p.m.  
 in the West FS Hall  
 Bring your best pot of  
 chili to win this year's  
 trophy!



For you  
 are dust,  
 And  
 to dust  
 you shall return.  
 Genesis 3:19, NASB

Join us for Ash Wednesday  
*March 5th at 7:00pm*



**Lenten Soup Suppers**

6 p.m. Wednesdays  
 during Lent  
 before worship

**March 12**  
**March 19**  
**March 26**  
**April 2**  
**April 9**

Soup sign-up in the Narthex



## Confirmation CLASSES

Weekly confirmation classes are being replaced by weekly Lent worship services at 7:00pm. Confirmation rehearsal is April 23 from 6:30-8:30pm. Please plan to attend the Lent worship services.

## OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office hours are changing on Monday, March

3. The new hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30am to 12:30pm.



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday March 9. Set your clock ahead 1 hour!



## REPORT FROM THE NALC PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

The NALC Pastor's Conference gathered in San Antonio from January 28-30. The number of congregations in the North American Lutheran Church increased by more than 25 in the past year, and now stands at over 520 congregations. Our seminary network continues to expand in the number of students and faculty. There are about 300 people discerning a call to ordained ministry, ranging in age from high school through adult. 6 full-time staff work in the Texas office. 20 global workers serve around the world.



85 jars of each peanut butter and jelly are needed. Donations are taken to the Methodist Church so the food boxes can be packed for distribution. There is no distribution in March. The next distribution is Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	5PM	9AM
January 25/26	26	96
February 1/2	27	85
February 8/9	21	103
February 15/16	24	102
February 22/23	34	97



### MALAWI MISSION TEAM

A Malawi Mission Team for 2025 has been formed and is working toward serving in Malawi from May 19 – June 2. Joy and I, Jason Emmert and Amy Hager are teaming with a grad student from

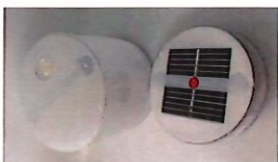
the U of I and 3 people from Alberta. Primary focus will be 4 days of Bible School teaching, including a bracelet craft for the children to wear afterward. Stories of the students and adults will be gathered. We hope to provide small solar lanterns for high school students for their evening studies, and vaccinations for their laying chickens. As always, soccer balls and other sports equipment will hope to be shared.

### MALAWI MISSION TEAM – MAY 19 – JUNE 2

In May, Jason Emmert, Amy Hager, Joy and Pastor Andy will travel to Malawi to work with the children and volunteers at the Kanyenyeva Orphan Project. They are

seeking to raise money to provide the following:

- vaccinations for chickens (\$100)
- supplies to lead Bible School for 800 children (\$100 - \$150)



- clothing for the project volunteers (at least \$500)
- inflatable solar lanterns for high school students (\$1,000 - \$1,600)
- flannel for making reusable sanitary products (any amount is helpful)
- sports equipment (any amount is helpful)

Their goal is to raise at least \$3,000.

You can support their work by:

- writing a check to Prince of Peace and put Malawi Mission Trip on the memo line or
- follow the QR code and donate through a Facebook fundraiser



# POPS PLUS

POPs Plus will meet at Charlie's Grubb & Sudds in Homer on March 20 at 11:30am. If you would like to join us, please sign up in the Narthex.

## Pray and Play Fellowship



**WHO:** POP MEMBERS

**WHEN:** The second Thursday of each month

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** West Fellowship Hall

This is a gathering for those who would like to play board games or card games. Come join in the fun!



## MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group meets every Saturday morning at 7:00am. All men are invited to join us for a time of study and fellowship.



Early Voting is Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> through

Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> in the West Fellowship Hall. Voting hours are Monday through Friday 10:00am to 6:00pm, Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm, and Sunday 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Election Day is Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00am to 7:00pm.



As many of you know, I fell on the ice and broke my ankle the first week of 2025. Since then, I have had surgery and weeks of wraps and a cast. I am now attempting to walk in a boot, but the process is very slow. Yes, it has been very trying for me since I am always on the go. I just want to thank everyone who has called, texted, or sent me a card. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers. Love Sherrill Mohr

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Dear Prince of Peace,  
Thank you all so much for letting us use your space! It was truly so perfect for our event. Also, thank you for being so patient with us in trying to communicate back and forth! Huge Thanks!!  
- SJO Student Council

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### Instructions for Logging onto Breeze

1. Go to [popstjosephil.breezechms.com](http://popstjosephil.breezechms.com)
2. If this is your first time logging in, and your name is in the church directory, click on "Create Account"
3. Enter your name and email address that you provided to the church
4. Click "Continue" and Breeze will send you an invitation to create a username and password. Then you will be able to log in and view the church directory, your giving history, etc.

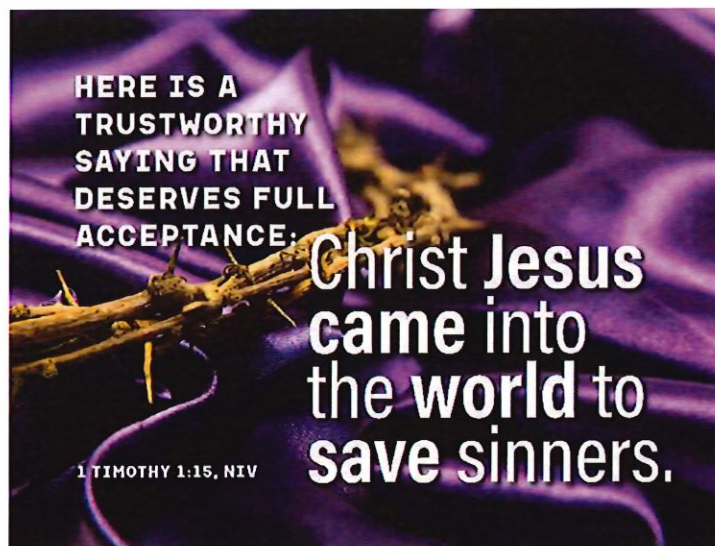
If your name is not in the church directory, or if you have trouble creating an account, please contact Erin in the church office for assistance. 217-469-7422 or [officeadmin@popstjoe.com](mailto:officeadmin@popstjoe.com)

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Begin watching the bulletins for information regarding donations for Easter Lilies.

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# BIBLE READING PLAN: *From Death to Life*

During Lent, Christians observe 40 days of confession, prayer and renewal. Just as our Savior fasted and faced temptation in the desert for 40 days, we use this season to grow our faith and prepare to minister.

Use this Bible Reading Plan to follow Jesus to the cross and then rejoice at his empty tomb on Easter. Travel through Scripture to reflect on who Jesus is and what he lovingly endured to give us life.



## The Dry Desert

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 [Ash Wednesday]
- Genesis 3
- Psalm 63:1-8
- Matthew 4:1-11
- Sunday: Hebrews 4:14-16



## Hope on the Horizon

- Numbers 21:4-9
- 2 Samuel 7:1-16
- Job 19:23-27
- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Daniel 7:13-14
- Zechariah 9:9-17
- Sunday: Romans 8:22-30



## Our Sacrificial Lamb

- Genesis 22:1-18
- Exodus 12:1-17
- Psalm 23
- John 1:1-34
- John 10:1-18
- 1 Peter 1:18-23
- Sunday: Revelation 5



## Hatred & Persecution

- Psalm 22
- Jeremiah 20:7-13
- Matthew 24:1-31
- John 11:45-57
- John 15:18-25
- 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- Sunday: 2 Corinthians 4



## Hosannas for a King

- Psalm 24:7-10
- Jeremiah 23:5-6
- Matthew 21:1-11
- John 18:33-40
- John 19:1-16
- Hebrews 1:1-12
- Sunday: Revelation 7:9-17



## Journey to the Cross

- John 2:13-22
- Mark 14:1-11
- John 13:1-17
- Matthew 26:26-30
- Luke 22:39-46
- Mark 14:27-31, 66-72
- Palm Sunday: Ephesians 1:18-23



## Victory Through Christ

- Isaiah 53
- Matthew 26:47-56
- Mark 15:16-20
- John 6:47-58 [Maundy Thursday]
- Matthew 27:32-54 [Good Friday]
- Psalm 16:5-11 [Holy Saturday]
- Easter Sunday: Luke 24:1-8;
- 1 Corinthians 15:47-57

Note: Sundays, known as "mini-Easters," are excluded from Lent's 40 days. But this reading plan includes verses for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Molly Fenters**

**Henry Fruhling**

**Mike Halbach**

**Dale Kopmann**

**Pastor Dennis Meyer**

**Pastor Sally Meyer**

**Sherrill Mohr**

**David Swinford**

**Paul & Barbara Swinford**

**Gerry Windler**

**Anna Boulahanis**; daughter of Wakefield's  
**Carmen Brown**; grandmother of Zack Wingler  
**Valerie Wallace-Camp**; daughter-in-law of Pat Camp  
**Caleb Franklin**; friend of community  
**Ella Frerichs**; friend of community  
**Tylor Fulk**; friend of community  
**Bill Gallo**; friend of the Wingler family  
**Gordon Gilly**; friend of community  
**Duke Goodwin**; friend of Gerald & Darlene Sappenfield  
**Cami Gotts**; friend of Pat Camp  
**Bobbi Grigsby**; daughter of Terri Modd  
**Bob Grona**; father of June Kopmann  
**Wendy Grunwald**; mother of Ryan Munsterman  
**Brittany Harlan**; friend of POP  
**Seth Hatchel**; cousin of the Winglers  
**Holly Hoffschneider**; cousin of Joyce Kessler  
**Larry Ingalsbe**; friend of Amanda Grindley

**Sally Lee**; cousin of Becky Mills  
**Ann Ludwig**; friend of POP  
**Sandy Maury**; friend of POP  
**Hannah Nirider**; niece of Jennifer Nirider  
**Michelle Orvis**; friend of Terri Modd  
**Amy Parry**; niece of Terri Modd  
**Linda Rasmussen**; mother of Tracy Wilson  
**Vicki Ray**; friend of Jamey & Katelynn Gilliland  
**Courtney Reynolds**; sister of Katelynn Gilliland  
**Mildred Rincker**; mother of Sharan Carmichael  
**Shirley Rothermel**; mother of Susan Allen  
**Kayla Sabin**; daughter of Stephanie Wingler  
**Wanda Shade**; mother of Stephanie Wingler  
**Becky Sweeney**; friend of Wakefields  
**Ken Turner**; friend of Katelynn Gilliland  
**Mike Trautman**; friend of the Sappenfield's  
**Joe Young**; son of cousin of Micki Suits

## THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

<b>Evan Buch</b>	Nephew of Todd and Cindy Goetting
<b>Matthew Collins</b>	Friend of Dale and June Kopmann – Stationed in Colorado Springs, CO
<b>Lane DeMay</b>	Great nephew of Larry and Mernice Wakefield – Stationed in South Korea
<b>Tyler Haake</b>	Illinois Air National Guard
<b>Jesus Olmedo</b>	Nephew of Miguel Lucio – Marine, Las Vegas, Nevada
<b>Michael Scott</b>	Friend of Swinford family – Stationed at AFB in Minot, ND
<b>Dyllan Trautmann</b>	Grandson of Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield – Stationed at AFB in Clovis, NM
<b>Shannon Vasquez</b>	Friend of Butch Bivens – Army, Stationed in Syria
<b>Forrest Volz</b>	Friend of Pastor Andy and Joy – Marines, Stationed in Hawaii



# MARCH NEWSLETTER

Room  
of the  
Month

Welcome to the Brown Bear Room, an active space for toddlers aged 15 to 24 months. Providing a warm atmosphere where kids can enjoy toys and discover the world around them. Teachers Ms. Abby and Ms. Madison lead interactive Circle Time sessions to foster curiosity, social skills, and learning each day, offering exciting adventures for these little explorers!



## Celebrating 20 Years in the Kitchen

For two decades, Tammie has been the heart of the kitchen at Prince of Peace Community ELC, preparing meals with care and dedication. From her famous meatloaf to watching children grow, her impact goes far beyond food. Her passion, consistency, and warmth have made a lasting difference in the lives of many.

To read her full story, scan the QR code.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would love to forge a stronger connection with the Church!  
Scan the QR Code with your Smartphone Camera to get connected.





# March

## March 1/2 Transfiguration of Our Lord

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 5:00 Lois Hewerdine  
9:00 Mark Howard

**GREETERS:** 9:00 Susan Ross

**LAY READERS:** 5:00 Lois Hewerdine  
9:00 Darren Franzen

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** OPEN

## March 5 Ash Wednesday

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Jason Emmert

**LAY READER:** Lori Stewart

## March 8/9 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 5:00 Linda Green  
9:00 Katelynn Gilliland

**GREETERS:** 9:00 Sandy Ferguson

**LAY READERS:** 5:00 Linda Green  
9:00 Mike Voges

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** OPEN

## March 15/16 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 5:00 Lois Hewerdine  
9:00 Aaron Hager

**GREETERS:** 9:00 OPEN

**LAY READERS:** 5:00 Lois Hewerdine  
9:00 Pat Camp

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Steve and Linda LeRette in celebration of their 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## March 22/23 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 5:00 Linda Green  
9:00 Dwayne Gilliland

**GREETERS:** 9:00 OPEN

**LAY READERS:** 5:00 Linda Green  
9:00 Jodi Gilliland

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Larry and Mernice Wakefield in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## March 29/30 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 5:00 Lois Hewerdine  
9:00 Jason Emmert

**GREETERS:** 9:00 OPEN

**LAY READERS:** 5:00 Lois Hewerdine  
9:00 Carmine Dwyer

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Tom and Sue Grindley in celebration of their granddaughter Emma McKinney's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday

## USHERS

**March 2:** Mark and Kim Howard

**March 9 – March 30:** OPEN

## CHURCH OFFERING COUNTERS

OPEN

## SACRISTANS (Communion Prep & Clean-up)

**5:00** Lois Hewerdine

**9:00** Scott and Lori Stewart

## Fellowship Servants

**March 2:** Larry and Mernice Wakefield

**March 9:** Mark and Kim Howard

**March 16:** Dwayne and Jodi Gilliland

**March 23:** Rob and Mary Benoit

**March 30:** Rob and Mary Benoit

**MEALS on WHEELS (MONDAYS)**  
Becky Mills





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>23 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship 11:30 Alpha	<b>24</b> 6:30 Worship 7:00 Stewardship 4	<b>25</b> 6:30 YGG 6:30 Confirmation @ St. John, Royal 5	<b>26</b> 6:30 YGG 6:30 Confirmation @ St. John, Royal 5	<b>27</b> 6:30 YGG 6:30 Confirmation @ St. John, Royal 5	<b>28</b>	<b>March 1</b> 7:00 Men's Study  5:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion  8 7:00 Men's Study  5:00 Worship  15 7:00 Men's Study  5:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion  22 7:00 Men's Study  5:00 Worship  29 7:00 Men's Study 10am-4pm Early Voting, West FS Hall Bring PB&J 5:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion  5 7:00 Men's Study  5:00 Worship
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