

Prince of Peace Tidings

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Fifty Days of Grace

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Easter Sunday is April 20! Here at Prince of Peace, we will again have two unique services on Easter morning: Easter Sunrise at 6 a.m. and Easter Day at 9 a.m. But like Christmas, which we celebrate over 12 days, Easter is also not just one day. Easter is 50 days!

The celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord stretches from the Feast of the Resurrection until the arrival of the Day of Pentecost. The fifty days of Easter are a time of grace, a time for God's people to return to their true home, freed from every bondage and slavery. These days of Easter are days of overwhelming joy!

In Christ,
Pastor Adelsen



Wednesday, April 2 @ 7 p.m. (Meal @ 6 p.m.)	Lenten Midweek
Wednesday, April 9 @ 7 p.m. (Meal @ 6 p.m.)	Lenten Midweek
Thursday, April 17 @ 7 p.m.	Maundy (Holy) Thursday
Friday, April 18 @ 7 p.m.	Good Friday
Saturday, April 19 @ 7 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 20 @ 6 a.m.	Easter Sunrise
Sunday, April 20 @ 9 a.m.	Easter Day

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Bible Studies at Prince of Peace

Sunday Adult Bible Study (10:30 a.m. Sundays)

Upon the completion of our study on what to look for in a church in *Will the Real Church Please Stand Up?* our next study will be on the **Book of Proverbs**. The central theme of Proverbs is wisdom: “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction*” (Proverbs 1:7).

The word **proverbs** comes from the content of this Bible book. For the most part, it contains short, two-line sentences that describe how God’s people can live positive, productive lives.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study (9:30 a.m. Wednesdays)

Beginning on April 2, we will begin a new study on the **Gospel of John**. John’s Gospel focuses beautifully on both the promise of everlasting life and the bodily resurrection of those who trust in Jesus. Throughout the study, we will take comfort in Christ’s many great and precious promises to His flock. His words are spirit, and they are life!

Men’s Bible Study (5 p.m., Tuesday, April 8 at Features in West Salem)

We are nearing the end of the Men’s Bible Study on masculinity as we have been reading *Man Up: The Quest for Masculinity*. The fallen world says all sorts of things about what masculinity is, but the Bible says something quite different. God gave men responsibilities that are distinct from those He gave to women. True men rejoice in their responsibilities to care for others, to sacrifice themselves for the ones they love, and to provide for their families.

Women’s Bible Study (9 a.m. Saturday mornings)

We meet mostly using Facebook messenger and are currently studying **Chosen** by Donna Snow, which is a study on the book of Esther. Interested in joining? Talk to Carrie Horstman, Sarah Kolander, Ginny Emmons or Debbie Dunnum.

LWML Notes

We won’t be meeting in April. Our next meeting will be May 3. Check out the quilts and crafts in the fellowship hall! All the items are for sale, and the proceeds will go to support our LWML. Quilts are being sold for \$25 minimum, and for the other crafts, buyers can determine the price.

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Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life

LIFE NEWS—APRIL 2025



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Life Newsbytes

Planned Parenthood kills babies. Over 350,000 babies every single year lose their lives at a Planned Parenthood abortion center. *So why are we still funding it?* That's the question Marjorie Dannenfelser of SBA Pro-Life is asking ... "The New York Times recently published a lengthy article exposing Planned Parenthood's lack of standards and cruel attitude toward patients," Dannenfelser said in an email to Life News. "Planned Parenthood's blatant disregard for life and the health and well-being of the people that they claim to serve has gotten so bad that even the press can't keep these stories from coming out anymore ... Aside from being the biggest abortion business in the U.S., Planned Parenthood has been able to dodge the PR nightmare that comes with doing such a poor job with anything other than killing babies in the womb. Until now," she added. Dannenfelser explains how Planned Parenthood puts the lives of women having abortions in jeopardy by slowing down their access to lifesaving medical care in cases of botched abortions ... "If Planned Parenthood can't be bothered to get an ambulance on-site ASAP to save their own patient from their lackluster 'health care,' why do they deserve your hard-earned tax dollars??? They don't." Time to defund Planned Parenthood. (*lifenews.com, 3/5/25*)

Speaking up For Life

"In the resurrection we find solace in our mourning, in our uncertainty, and in our troubles. Our longing for escape finds its hope in the resurrection of Christ. It is God's approval upon the redemptive work of His Son. It is the assurance that as He was raised from the dead, so shall we, and all who have 'fallen asleep in Him' shall be raised to life eternal" *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources*

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"So, what can we do? We must keep doing what we have always done. We must continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We must be sure our own church members, families, friends, and co-workers understand the value that God places on all human life." *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*

"Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way." *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life*

For Such a Time as This by Pastor Michael Salemink



"And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14b).

Frodo: "I wish it need not have happened in my time."

Gandalf: "So do I, and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

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Are we living in the bad times or the good times? Have we come to the best of times or to the worst of times?

Perhaps both. Human selfishness has wrought considerable wickedness in our world. Sins such as our own have brought great evil upon us. Death threatens to run rampant over our land, and our people have made treaties with its demons in order to have a hand in their own demise. Its grip has grown already too great for any of us—or even all of us together—to arrest.



By abortion and assisted suicide, the Ancient Enemy nibbles and gnaws at either end of our race's lifespans. It convinces us to constrict both our own worth and our neighbor's to comparisons of popularity, to competitions of property, and to contests of potency. And we have nothing more than words with which to mount any kind of resistance to this intangible adversary.

But the words we have are not our own. They exert an authority that does not come from us. These words of Almighty God's truth impart an answer that commands the hearts of humankind. These words of Incarnate Christ's love apply an antidote that transforms the very times themselves. Even in the hearts of mortals, they constitute life-saving words that implement repentance and reliance. Even on the lips of sinners, they amount to life-giving words that enact reconciliation and resurrection. Gospel words of forgiveness, faith, and fellowship forge the former times into the fullness of time from this time forth and forevermore.

So let us rejoice, and let us exclaim. For the words of eternal life pertain to us, and they prevail in our time.

When the worst of times witness the Heavenly Father's victory, they become the best of times. Blessed are we to behold it and to have a hand—that is, a voice to be heard—in such a time as this!

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Our April birthdays

Lori Schmidt	April 11
Renee Schwinefus	April 12
Todd Seefeldt	April 20
Jeramy Schaub	April 23
Linda Williams	April 24
Kady Antony	April 25
Mel Alsobrooks	April 29
Margot Pyatt	April 29
Barb Alsobrooks	April 30
Emma Ford	April 30

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April Schedules

Ushers

April 6-Mike & Carolyn Dosland
April 13-Dan & Kari Moen
April 20 (Sunrise Service)-Randy & DeAnne Otto
April 20 (9:00 Service)-Roger & Ginny Emmons
April 27-Russ & Sharie Brunk

Greeters

April 6-POP Family
April 13-Barb Hinds & Chris Leis
April 20-POP Family
April 27-Randy & DeAnne Otto

Money counters

April 6-Elaine Schmidt & Debbie Dunnum
April 13-Barb Alsobrooks & Lori Peters
April 20-Ona Childs & Barb Hinds
April 27-Chris Leis & Debbie Dunnum

Song Leaders

April 6-POP Choir
April 13-Holly Ford
April 20-POP Choir
April 27-Brooklynn Scholze

Altar Guild

Barb Hinds
Ginny Emmons

****Will members please volunteer to usher during our Midweek Lenten services****

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bible study: 9:30 a.m. Soup Supper: 6 p.m. Midweek Lent: 7 p.m. Choir: after the service	3	4 Pastor's day off First Friday Fellowship	5 Women's Bible Study: 9a.m.
6 Divine Service: 9 a.m. Bible study for all: 10:30 Elders: 11:30 a.m.	7 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	8 Winkle at St. Matthew's Men's Bible Study at 5 p.m., Features, WS	9 Bible study: 9:30 a.m. Soup Supper: 6 p.m. Midweek Lent: 7 p.m. Choir: after the service	10	11 Pastor's day off	12 Women's Bible Study: 9a.m.
13 Palm Sunday Divine Service: 9 a.m. Bible study for all: 10:30 Council: 11:30 a.m.	14 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	15	16 Choir: 7:30 p.m.	17 Maundy Thursday Worship Service: 7 p.m.	18 Good Friday Worship Service: 7 p.m.	19 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 7 p.m.
20 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: 6 a.m. Divine Service: 9 a.m. Breakfast served between services	21 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	22	23 Bible study: 9:30 a.m.	24	25 Pastor's day off	26 Women's Bible Study: 9a.m.
27 Divine Service: 9 a.m. Bible study for all: 10:30	28 Divine Service: 7 p.m.	29	30 Bible study: 9:30 a.m.			

EVENTS

First Friday Fellowship

Everyone is invited to the church on April 4 at 5 p.m. We will begin with prayer and devotions and move on to an activity—movie or games.

Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 19, 7 p.m.
Easter Sunrise, 6 a.m.
Easter Day, 9 a.m.

Easter morning breakfast

Join us for breakfast Easter morning between the services! There will be a [sign up](#) sheet in the narthex if you would like to bring some food for the meal.

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