## Prince of Peace News and Notes for April 28, 2024

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Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Ushers:* Elaine Schmidt & Garry Hensley; *Greeters:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Song leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Money Counters:* Chris Leis & Elaine Schmidt.

**Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday:** *Ushers:* Roger & Ginny Emmons; *Greeters*: POP Family; *Song leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Money Counters*: Ona Childs & Debbie Dunnum.

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## Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday: 56
Weekly Budget Need: \$3703.36
April 21 offering: \$2060.00
Special Gifts: \$200.00/Good Samaritan Fund
LCMS District Missions for February: \$804.26
2023 Year Total/Missions: \$11,604.26

**Wednesday Bible Study on Revelation:** Curious on the Book of Revelation? Please join us at 9:30 a.m. for the Wednesday morning Bible Study!

Youth Catechism Class: Catechism class on Wednesday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m.

**New Member Class:** For anyone interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church or for members who would like to brush up on the Catechism, a new member class will be forming in the coming weeks. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Adelsen.

**Sunday Adult Bible Study:** For many of us, we think of Confirmation Sunday as a graduation into the Lutheran Church. But it isn't. Confirmation is not the end, but a steppingstone as the Holy Spirit works in us. We continually learn throughout our life in Christ through study and catechesis, and in receiving Christ's gifts in the Divine Service each week. Come and join us this morning as we focus on the Ninth and Tenth Commandments in Luther's Large Catechism!

Stewardship Thoughts: John 15:2 – "Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing – and it always comes with some pruning.

**Sounding the Scriptures POPcast:** Faith comes by hearing! POP sermons are now available to listen to at <a href="http://wspop.org/sermons---2024.html">http://wspop.org/sermons---2024.html</a> via Spotify. Download the Spotify app and check out this link: <a href="https://open.spotify.com/show/27gLS12vjGx23YjuAM3XLH">https://open.spotify.com/show/27gLS12vjGx23YjuAM3XLH</a>

**Scrip Sales** – Scrip gift cards are available for purchase after our worship service in the fellowship hall.

**Life Thought from Lutherans for Life:** It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord's perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.

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