

Prince of Peace News and Notes for February 4, 2024

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Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Ushers:* Roger & Ginny Emmons; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Song leader:* Brooklynn Scholze; *Money Counters:* Lori Peters & Chris Leis.

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Ushers:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Song leader:* Holly Ford; *Money Counters:* Elaine Schmidt & Debbie Dunnum.

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Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday and Monday: 49

Weekly Budget Need: \$3703.36

January 28 offering: \$4980.00

Special Gifts:

LCMS District Missions for December: \$843.00

2023 Year Total/Missions: \$10,800.00

Lenten Midweek Services: The penitential season of Lent begins on February 14 (Ash Wednesday) at 7 p.m. Soup supper begins at 6 p.m. The Lenten midweek services this year will focus upon the second and third chief parts of the catechism (The Creed and Lord's Prayer). For more information on the Lenten services, please see the February newsletter or wspop.org

The Wednesday Bible Study on Revelation: Curious on the Book of Revelation? Please join us for the Wednesday morning Bible study! We meet each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Scrip News: You can help support the church by purchasing scrip cards. A percentage of the sales goes back to the church. Cards are for sale weekly in the Fellowship Hall between the worship service and Bible study. Questions or special requests for cards? Contact Barb Hinds or Chris Leis.

Financial Peace University: FPU meets on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Please arrive by 5:15 p.m.

Hymnals – If you would like to purchase a hymnal for your personal use or wish to make a donation to the church for them, please see the sign up sheet in the narthex.

Stewardship Thoughts: 1 Corinthians 9:25 – “Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.” Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. Having received new life in Christ by His grace, He now calls us to follow Him deliberately, with self-control and intention.

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 stepping stone 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. This morning, we begin a new study on the six chief parts of the catechism. Today, we will focus on Luther's preface to the Large Catechism.

Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: Our Almighty Maker has blessed us with bodies for enjoyment. He has entrusted them to our control (1 Corinthians 9:26-27), but this means more than the mere “my body, my choice” indulgence of appetites. The greater gratification comes from receiving and serving even the least neighbor (1 Corinthians 9:22). Who are we to lie silent about the sanctity of life and thereby withhold the divine invitation to such a delightful discipline?

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Lutheran School Study Team Update: The New Lutheran School Study Team has been informed that Joel Landskroener has been assigned as Consultant for the Study Project. Mr. Landskroener is the Executive Director of Mayer Lutheran High School in Mayer, Minn. Please go to www.mayerlutheran.org to view the school's web site and a newsletter column by him. Mayer is located in Carver County, west of the Minneapolis metropolitan area, about 175 miles from La Crosse. Thanks be to God for this important step in our Study process.

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