

Prince of Peace News and Notes for March 17, 2024

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Serving the Lord and One Another Today: *Ushers:* Willie & Leatta Danielson; *Greeters:* Randy & DeAnne Otto; *Song leader:* Patty Horstmann; *Money Counters:* Elaine Schmidt & Ona Childs.

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: *Ushers:* Elaine Schmidt & Garry Hensley; *Greeters:* POP Family; *Song leader:* Sarah Kolander; *Money Counters:* Chris Leis & Barb Hinds.

Do you have an announcement that you want to share with the Congregation? Send it to office@wspop.org by the end of the day on Tuesday and it will be printed in this week's bulletin. You can also publish key information in the newsletter by submitting it the same way. Newsletter information is due by the end of the day on the Wednesday before the last Sunday.

Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday, Monday and Wednesday: 85

Weekly Budget Need: \$3703.36

March 10 offering: \$3670.00

Special Gifts:

LCMS District Missions for January: \$804.26

2023 Year Total/Missions: \$10,800.00

Lenten Midweek Services: Our Lenten midweek theme this year is the second and third chief parts of the catechism. (The Creed and Lord's Prayer). Come and join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ each Wednesday. Soup supper begins at 6 p.m. Evening Prayer vespers service is at 7 p.m. 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.

Check your March newsletter for an update on the School Feasibility Study.

Prayers and Devotion in the Divine Service: Did you know that our hymnals have prayers for worship inside the front cover? Did you know that Luther's Small Catechism is included in the hymnal (LSB 321-330)? Be sure to check out "Christian Questions with Their Answers" (LSB 329-330).

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.

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: Mark 10:45 – **“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”** Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example of self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

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 continue our study on the six chief parts of the catechism. Today, we continue our focus on the Fourth Commandments in Luther's Large Catechism.

Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: Jesus Christ embodies the God who abides beside us in our ailments and frailties. Our incarnate and crucified Savior suffers with and for those who cannot sustain or save themselves. He regards even human beings beset by weakness or sickness high enough to take on our condition Himself (Hebrews 5:7-9). The Gospel just leaves no room for abortion or assisted suicide.

Questions on IVF? In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) has been in the news lately. What exactly is IVF? Is IVF ethical? If you are curious about the talk on IVF, check out the table in the narthex, which has information from Lutherans for Life.

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