Prince of Peace News and Notes for March 24, 2024

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

Serving the Lord and One Another Next Sunday: Ushers: Roger & Ginny Emmons (9:00); Greeters: POP Family; Song leader: POP Choir; Money Counters: Barb Hinds & Debbie Dunnum.

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Our Response to God's Gifts

Attendance last Sunday, Monday and Wednesday: 78 Weekly Budget Need: \$3703.36 March 17 offering: \$2159.00 Special Gifts: LCMS District Missions for January: \$804.26 2023 Year Total/Missions: \$10,800.00

Holy Week Services: Come and join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Holy Week at Prince of Peace. Join us for the following services: Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), 7 p.m.

The Resurrection of Our Lord: Come and celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord at POP! Easter Services: Saturday, March 30 at 7 p.m. (Easter Vigil); Sunday, March 31 at 6 a.m. (Easter Sunrise); and Sunday, March 31 at 9 a.m. (Easter Day). Easter breakfast follows the Easter Sunrise Divine Service.

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.

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 Fifth Commandments in Luther's Large Catechism.

Life Thought from Lutherans for Life: Sinful nature prizes popularity, property, and power. It despises dependence and discards aging or gestating neighbors because of it. But Jesus proves that God has designed humankind to rely on Him and each other. His salvation comes about by humbly and happily entrusting oneself to an Almighty Father (Philippians 2:6-8). We need not take life and death into our own hands when we can rest upon His.

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