



PRINTS OF PEACE

Monthly Newsletter
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
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Serving at Prince of Peace

Ministers:
All Members

Pastor:
+ Andrew Jones

High School Ministry Leader:
+ Chase Gilliland

Church Office:
+ Erin Smith, Secretary

Service Times
+ Saturday, 5:00 PM
+ Sunday, 9:00 AM

Sunday School
+ All ages 10:15-11:00

**2025 Congregation
Officers:**
+ David Cluver, President
+ Chase Gilliland, Vice President
+ Katelynn Gilliland, Secretary
+ Janice Koss, Treasurer

MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a family of
believers, united to
know Christ, and to
make him known.*



Following the decision of the Church Council at their February council meeting, the worship format for the third Sunday of each month will change slightly. Beginning in March, the third Sunday of the month will feature only contemporary music throughout the service. We will continue to celebrate Holy Communion on that weekend, and our worship order will remain the same as it has been for several years.

For the past year or so, our worship on the third Sunday has been heavily contemporary, with normally one hymn mixed with contemporary music. The one hymn that we have been singing will be replaced by a contemporary song, so that all music on that day will be contemporary.

Pastor Andy



Join us during Holy Week as we follow Christ to the cross and celebrate His resurrection

Palm Sunday – March 29 at 9:00am with Children’s Procession

Maundy Thursday – April 2 at 7:00pm with Holy Communion

Good Friday – April 3 at 7:00pm

Easter Carnival – April 4 at 10:00am

Easter Vigil – April 4 at 7:30pm with Holy Communion

Easter Sunrise Worship – April 5 at 7:00am with Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast – April 5 at 8:00am

Easter Festival Worship – April 5 at 9:00am with Holy Communion



Join us at 10:15am each Sunday for Adult and Children's Sunday School classes! Children's classes are PreK-K, 1st-3rd, and 4th-8th.

First Sunday Funday is on March 1!
If you would like to volunteer to lead a Sunday Funday craft, contact Chase Gilliland at 217-778-0892 or

chase.gilliland1@gmail.com

Lenten SCHEDULE

Lent Mid-Week Soup Supper and Worship

Wednesdays Feb 25 – March 25

Soup Supper at 6:00pm

Worship at 7:00pm

If you are willing to bring a soup to share, please sign up in the Narthex with your name and the soup you will be bringing.



Due to the Lenten services on Wednesday evenings, choir will not have rehearsals on Wednesdays. Choir will have rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 8:00am on the Sundays that we are scheduled to sing. Those rehearsals will be Sundays, March 8th and March 22nd. Normal choir rehearsal will resume on Wednesday, April 8th.



PALM SUNDAY KIDS PROCESSION

We will celebrate Palm Sunday on March 29. Children are invited to process with palms at the beginning of the service. Please arrive by 8:50am so that they can be prepared for this important part of our worship. Look for Sherrill Mohr that morning.

Easter Lilies



The worship committee is seeking donations for lilies to beautify the sanctuary of our church at Easter. This will also help defer cost to the church. We appreciate any amount being placed in an offering envelope designated "LILY DONATION." Thank you so very much! The Worship Committee



Thank you for everyone's peanut butter & jelly donations! There is no distribution in March. April's distributions will be on Thursday, April 2 and April 30 at 5:00pm at St. Joseph United Methodist Church.



There are no Confirmation classes until April 12. Lenten worship is each Wednesday at 7:00pm, with soup supper at 6:00pm. Confirmands are expected to attend all worship services.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	5PM	9AM
Jan 31/Feb 1	29	84
February 7/8	28	98
February 14/15	18	94
February 21/22	28	93

LENT MID-WEEK ATTENDANCE

7PM

Feb 18 Ash Wednesday 91



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour the night before.



Thank you so much for all the cards and especially the Valentines from the little ones. Brightened up my day!
Blessings to all,
Zona Meier



Church COUNCIL

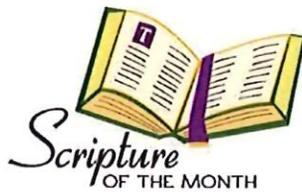
2026 Council Members

President	David Cluver
V.P./Christian Ed	Chase Gilliland
Secretary/Evangelism/Outreach	Katelynn Gilliland
Treasurer/Finance/Stewardship	Janice Koss
MRD	Rob Benoit
Music/Worship	Zack Wingler
Fellowship	Mernice Wakefield
Property	Devin Althoff
Learning Center	Sandy Ferguson

Council highlights from the February meeting

- The third Sunday each month will use contemporary music only beginning in March.

Full Council minutes are available every month to read in the Narthex.



March 1 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 121; Rom 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17

March 8 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exod 17:1-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

March 15 – 4th Sunday in Lent

1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

March 22 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Ezek 37:1-14; Ps 30; Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

March 29 – Palm Sunday

Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Matt 26:14-27:66



The 2026 Chili Cook-Off winner is Amy Hager!
Congratulations Amy!



POPS PLUS

POPs Plus will meet at The Ribcage, St. Joe on Thursday, March 19 at 11:30. If you would like to join us, please sign up in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Linda Green at 217-417-7360.

Pray and Play Fellowship



WHO: POP MEMBERS

WHEN: The second Thursday of each month

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: West Fellowship Hall
This is a gathering for those who would like to play board games or card games. Come join in the fun!



ImpactLife is hosting a blood drive at Prince of Peace on Monday, March 2 from 4:00pm - 6:30pm in

the East Fellowship Hall. To schedule a time to donate, visit



https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/141669 or scan this QR code.



The Men's Group meets every Saturday morning at 7:00am. All men are invited to join us for a time of study and fellowship.



NEWSLETTER CHANGES

Beginning with the May edition, we will ***NO LONGER*** be mass-mailing the monthly newsletter. April's newsletter will be the final one mass-mailed. A limited number of newsletters can still be mailed upon request, but will ***PRIMARILY*** be available via email, in the Narthex, and on the website. Please let Erin know your preference, along with your email address or updated mailing address, **BEFORE April 24, 2026**. If you would like to be removed from the mailing list, please inform Erin of that as well. You can contact Erin via phone at 217-469-7422, or email at officeadmin@popstjoe.com.



Ratification Results

Dear Pastors and Congregational Leaders,

Thank you for your faithful leadership and participation in the ratification process for the proposed constitutional amendments approved at the Mission Convocation in Pittsburgh last August.

As of February 13, 2026, a total of 335 congregations (62%) submitted votes. 50% of NALC congregations (543 as of August 8, 2025) that were members at the time of the Mission Convocation must vote in order for the amendments to be ratified. We are grateful for the time, care, and prayerful discernment your congregations gave to this important work of our church body.

Ratification Results

Based on the votes received, the following outcomes are confirmed:

- **Amendment One:** Constitutional and Bylaws / Scrivener's Errors
Approved — 334 for, 1 against
- **Amendment Two:** Article on the North American Lutheran Seminary
Approved — 325 for, 10 against
- **Amendment Three:** Article 16 — Legal and Financial Matters
Approved — 334 for, 1 against

Updated Constitution

Below is the updated NALC Constitution reflecting the amendments as ratified by the congregations. This version is now the governing constitutional document of the North American Lutheran Church. We encourage pastors and congregational leaders to review the updated Constitution and share it with council members and other appropriate leaders within your congregation.

With gratitude,

Pastor Amy Little

General Secretary, NALC



MARCH NEWSLETTER

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BIBLE VERSES OF THE MONTH:

JOHN 14:6, PROVERBS 20:11, EPHESIANS 4:32

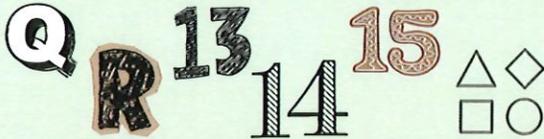
MARCH 2026

WEEKLY THEMES

- W1: Dr. Seuss Week
- W2: Spring
- W3: St. Patricks Day
- W4: Healthy Bodies
- W5: Easter



LETTERS, NUMBERS, COLORS
& SHAPES OF THE MONTH



IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 8:** Daylight Saving Time Begins
- **March 11:** Spring Picture Day
- **March 20:** First Day of Spring
- **March 29:** Palm Sunday

ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE

We continue to build independence at school, and small opportunities at home can make a big impact. When you allow your child to try things on their own—putting on shoes, cleaning up toys, or carrying their belongings—you are planting seeds of growth in confidence and responsibility. Even when it takes a little extra time, those moments of practice help children grow and flourish.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR EASTER

As we begin to see signs of spring, we are reminded of the new life and hope we celebrate at Easter. Budding trees and blooming flowers give us a beautiful picture of renewal. In our classrooms, we will use this season to help children understand the joy and hope we celebrate at Easter.



Throughout March, teachers will share Bible stories, songs, and conversations that point to the true meaning of Easter. Children will learn that Easter is a celebration of Jesus' love and the hope we have because of Him.



Families can continue preparing their hearts at home by:

- Reading a Bible story about Easter
- Saying a prayer thanking God for His love and the gift of Jesus
- Talking about how spring reminds us of new life
- Encouraging acts of kindness as a way to share Christ's love

We invite you to join us for our Easter service at Prince of Peace on Sunday, April 5th at 9:00 AM!



Follow POPCELC and join the PIO page on Facebook!



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gayle Bartell

Lyn DeWeese

Molly Fenters

Mike Halbach

Dale Kopmann

Brad Mohr

Jeff Mohr

David Swinford

Paul Swinford

Carol Wubker

Anna Boulahanis; daughter of Wakefield's
Kim Brooks-Allen; friend of POP
Tim Brooks; friend of POP
Carmen Brown; grandmother of Zack Wingler
Dustin Buford; friend of Greg & Becky Mills
Tammy Croe; cook at POP Early Learning Center
Patrick Donovan; son of friend of Carmine Dwyer
Susan Fiscus; friend of community
Caleb Franklin; friend of community
Pam Furrer; friend of community
Beth Givan; cousin of Vicky Hastings
Duke Goodwin; friend of Gerald & Darlene Sappenfield
Bobbi Grigsby; daughter of Terri Modd
Wendy Grunwald; mother of Ryan Munsterman
Brittany Harlan; friend of POP
Seth Hatchel; cousin of the Winglers
JJ Kasprzak; son of Lauren Fenters-Kasprzak
Sally Lee; cousin of Becky Mills
Jesus & Elena Lucio; parents of Miguel Lucio
Ann Ludwig; friend of POP

Sandy Maury; friend of POP
Mike Mennenga; nephew of Mernice Wakefield
Chris Miezio; friend of POP
Jennifer Mitchaner; friend of Carmine Dwyer
Sharon Mowry; friend of POP
Michelle Orvis; friend of Terri Modd
Amy Parry; niece of Terri Modd
Sue Phillips; friend of POP
Linda Rasmussen; mother of Tracy Wilson
Vicki Ray; friend of Jamey & Katelynn Gilliland
Courtney Reynolds; sister of Katelynn Gilliland
Mildred Rincker; mother of Sharan Carmichael
Mike Romine; friend of Lowell & Micki Suits
Shirley Rothermel; mother of Susan Allen
Kayla Sabin; daughter of Stephanie Wingler
Mitch & Marla Schoolcraft; friend of Grindleys
Larry Sparks; friend of the community
Chad Walker; family friend of Goldensteins
Harold Young; cousin of Micki Suits
Joe Young; son of cousin of Micki Suits

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Evan Buch Nephew of Todd and Cindy Goetting
Matthew Collins Friend of Dale and June Kopmann – Stationed in Middle East
Lane DeMay Great nephew of Larry and Mernice Wakefield – Stationed in Decatur, IL
Tyler Haake Illinois Air National Guard
Jesus Olmedo Nephew of Miguel Lucio – Marine, Las Vegas, NV
Dyllan Trautmann Grandson of Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield – Stationed at AFB in Eielson, AK
Forrest Volz Friend of Pastor Andy and Joy – Marines, Stationed in Colorado



February 28/March 1 2nd Sunday in Lent

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Jason Emmert

GREETERS: 9:00 Jamey & Katelynn Gilliland

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Carmine Dwyer

ALTAR FLOWERS: OPEN

March 7/8 3rd Sunday in Lent

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Mark Howard

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Pat Camp

ALTAR FLOWERS: OPEN

March 14/15 4th Sunday in Lent

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Dwayne Gilliland

GREETERS: 9:00 Sandy Ferguson and Pat Camp

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Jodi Gilliland

ALTAR FLOWERS: Pastor Andy Jones in celebration of Joy's birthday

March 21/22 5th Sunday in Lent

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Roger Koss

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Janice Koss

ALTAR FLOWERS: Gary & Sandy Ferguson in memory of Charles Ferguson

March 28/29 Palm Sunday

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Katelynn Gilliland

GREETERS: 9:00 OPEN

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Mike Voges

ALTAR FLOWERS: Tom & Sue Grindley in celebration of their granddaughter Emma McKinney's 18th birthday

USHERS

Amy Ward & Jeff Klotz

CHURCH OFFERING COUNTERS

Jamey Gilliland
Kelsey Munsterman
Darren Franzen

SACRISTANS (Communion Prep & Clean-up)

5:00

Lois Hewerdine

9:00

March 1: Scott & Lori Stewart

March 15: Sandy Ferguson

Fellowship Servants

March 1: Carmine Dwyer & Susan Ross

March 8: Rob & Mary Benoit

March 15: Zack & Stephanie Wingler

March 22: Mike & Tami Voges

March 29: Larry & Mernice Wakefield

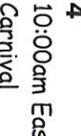
MEALS on WHEELS (MONDAYS)
Ann Hoops





MARCH

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship	2 9:00am Quilts of Valor	3	4 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lent Worship	5	6  World Day of Prayer	7 7:00am Men's Study
	No Confirmation until April 12	6:00pm Fellowship 6:00pm Women's Bible Study	5:30pm Christian Education				5:00pm Worship
8	3rd Sunday in Lent 8:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship Pastor Andy at Zion Lutheran, Philo	9 BILLS DUE IN OFFICE 11am-6pm Early Voting, West Hall 2:00pm Ladies Outreach 6:00pm Women's Bible Study	10 11am-6pm Early Voting, West Hall	11 11am-6pm Early Voting, West Hall 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lent Worship	12 11am-6pm Early Voting, West Hall 1:30pm Pray & Play, West Hall	13 11am-6pm Early Voting, West Hall	14 7:00am Men's Study 10am-4pm Early Voting, West Hall
	Daylight Saving Begins 						5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion
15	4th Sunday in Lent 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship 1:00-4:00pm Early Voting, West Hall	16 11am-6pm Early Voting, West Hall 6:00pm Women's Bible Study	17 6am-7pm Election Day, West Hall 	18 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lent Worship	19 11:30am Pop's Plus, Ribcage, St. Joe	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE First Day of Spring 	21 7:00am Men's Group
							5:00pm Worship
22	5th Sunday in Lent 8:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Worship 10:15am Fellowship Pastor Andy at Zion Lutheran, Philo	23 6:00pm Women's Bible Study	24 6:30pm Council	25 BILLS DUE IN OFFICE 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lent Worship	26	27	28 7:00am Men's Study
							5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion
29	Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School & Fellowship 	30 6:00pm Women's Bible Study	31 6:30pm Parents' Support Group 7:00pm Stewardship	April 1 	2 7:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion 	3 7:00pm Worship 	4 10:00am Easter Carnival 7:00pm Easter Vigil, Details TBD 



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