

# The Vine

APRIL 2019  
PRINCE OF PEACE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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## What is Our Story?

—Pastor Betsy Hoium



Our theme this year is “Telling Our Story” and as we approach Holy Week and Easter, that story really comes into focus. How are we as individuals and as a community part of Jesus’ story of arrest, torture and crucifixion? And how is Jesus part of our story?

For many of us, the story that begins with the joy of Palm Sunday, includes the very first Last Supper; and, then the darkness of Jesus’ death on Good Friday is so familiar it is almost ritual. It is a rite of passage to get to the celebration of Easter morning with flowers and music and lots of excitement.

But think about someone hearing this story for the first time. How would this tragic death of God’s only son be perceived? Why does Jesus have to die such a gruesome death on the cross? Can we comprehend the magnitude of the gift that God has given to us?

This year we are immersing ourselves in Matthew’s Gospel and hearing the story from the voice of one writer. I encourage you to take the time to read the story in Matthew 21:1-10 and chapters 26-28. Dwell in the story as it unfolds.

“Telling our Story” has taken on many angles this year.

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### Wednesday evenings during Lent

6 p.m. —Soup Suppers  
benefit Youth Summer Trips

7 p.m. —Lent service  
@ Holden Evening Prayer  
with “Stories for the Journey”

## Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 14,  
Palm Sunday Breakfast  
by the Youth Group  
to benefit Youth Summer Trips

Maundy Thursday, April 18,  
services @ 12 noon & 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19, services  
@11 a.m.—Family service  
@12 noon—luncheon  
@7 p.m.— “Journey to the Cross”  
special music service

Easter Sunday, April 21 services  
@ 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

## **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

2561 VICTORIA ST. N.,  
ROSEVILLE, MN 55113  
651-484-4144

**Sunday worship at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

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## **April Worship Schedule:**

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer with  
"Stories for the Journey"

Led by: The Now & Then Singers

Flute: Betsy Hoium

Storyteller: Antoinette Sveom

Sunday, April 7, 8:30 & 10:45

Traditional with communion

8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10:45 a.m. Lightshine Youth Choir

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer with  
"Stories for the Journey"

Led by: Linda & Melissa Hernes

Storyteller: Deborah Cordes

Violin: Christina Melina

Palm Sunday, April 14, 8:30 & 10:45

Band Led, Worship Team

with Youth Breakfast @ 9:40 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 18

Two services 12 noon & 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19 Two services

11:00 a.m. Sunday School Choir

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 21, 8:30 & 10:45

with communion

Chancel Choir and brass

No Adult Forum or Faith Formation

Sunday, April 28, 8:30 & 10:45

Masterworks Service

Chancel Choir at both services

Sunday, May 5, 8:30 & 10:45

Band Led with communion

8:30 a.m. Worship Team

10:45 a.m. Lightshine Youth Choir



## Adult Forum Topics in April

Please join us at 9:40-10:40

Sunday mornings

**April 7**—During Lent we have been exploring a few characteristics of God and how they may be lived by people of faith. This week we look at Judgment. Judgment can be a scary thought. How can we understand “judgment” as a character of a loving and gracious God? Carol Swanson will lead us in this exploration.

**April 14**—Palm Sunday: no Adult Forum

**April 21**—Easter: no Adult Forum

**April 28**—Pastor Justin Grimm, Director for Evangelical Mission and Next Generation Ministries for the Saint Paul Synod, will join us to talk about his work and reflect on Matthew 28:16-20.

**May 5 and 12**—The social concerns and adult education committees invite you to a discussion of **Evicted**, Sundays May 5 and 12.

**Evicted, Poverty and Profit in the American City** by Matthew Desmond tells the life stories of eight families in Milwaukee who live in poverty and strive to keep a roof over their heads, and the stories of their two landlords.

One reviewer wrote, “**Evicted** is astonishing — a masterpiece of writing and research that fills a tremendous gap in our understanding of poverty.”

This book is being used in St. Paul through the Isaiah Program, and the UCC church is asking all members to read it.

Books are available in narthex for \$13.00. Ramsey County Library has it, too.

## DESIGNATED OFFERINGS AT LENT WEDNESDAY SERVICES

### April 3 ALL SQUARE

“Don’t judge, just eat.” A civil rights social enterprise with a craft grilled cheese restaurant and professional development institute supporting ex-offenders.

### April 10 FRIENDS OF HURUMA

Funds will be dedicated towards a \$2,000 matching grant opportunity in support of the launch of a new partnership with this orphanage in Iringa, Tanzania.

### April 18-19 DISCRETIONARY SUPPORT FUND

Funds that are made available by our pastors to those in a time of need.

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## Pastor Peter: My Own Lenten Journey

As the longer season and explorations of this Epiphany has given way to the 40-day journey of Lent, I find myself drawn to some new disciplines that are re-framing my pastoral work.

I've embraced that challenge of St. Paul Area Synod Bishop Patricia Lull to read daily the Great Commandments and Commission and then to pray, "How can you use me, God?" For someone who is charged with keeping a clear vision before this community, I suspect this practice is a good starting place. Secondly, I'm fasting from social media (specifically Facebook) for Lent and discovering both gifts and challenges as a result. Lastly, I've recommitted to a daily visit to the gym and a refocusing on my physical health. I'm grateful for the continued support of this community that enables these practices to take root in my life.

Here are a few of the things I've been working on over the past month...

### ***Helping our Leaders Lead***

Two of our new council members, Andrea Clepper & Kim Wetteland, joined Pastor Betsy and me at the Synod Toolkit & Conference Assembly. We each attended an opening worship where Bishop Lull preached on her Lenten challenge, a variety of workshops geared for congregation leaders, and the North Central Conference meeting, where Pastor Betsy was elected Dean. It was a great opportunity for them to see how our congregation relates to the 100+ other congregations of our synod. We do still need to identify another delegate to the Synod assembly (May 17 & 18, 2019), preferably a "young adult" and someone under 35 (male?). We also really need to fill the third spot on the Nominating Committee. The Committee seeks your suggestions, which you're welcome to pass along through me.

### ***The Language of Lent***

"Notable Quotables: Words for the Journey" is our theme for Sundays during Lent. God's story continues to be our companion and the lectionary texts during these weeks include some of Jesus'

most quoted expressions. We'll place Jesus' teachings in these theme verses into context to consider how they're also drawing us closer to the cross. In Jesus, God is preparing us for something of true consequence.

On Wednesday evenings, we're listening to "Stories for the Journey," embedded within Holden Evening Prayer. Each week, a different member of our community is sharing a first-person story of journey and they are proving to be powerful and profoundly thought-provoking. I'm so grateful for each storyteller's vulnerability and bravery. If you would like to listen to these stories, you can find them listed alongside our sermon archives on our website.

During Lent, let's discover together how God still speaks to us through scripture, through the world around us, and through each other.

### ***Scores of Pastors & Deacons Descend Upon PoP***

As we do several times a year, all the pastors and deacons of the St. Paul Area Synod join together for a morning of conversation, fellowship, and worship. Prince of Peace will host the next gathering on Thursday, March 28. Under the theme *Pastors and Deacons in Ministry Together*, we will celebrate the vibrant ministry of deacons in our congregations. We will also hear more about the specific resolutions coming before the Church-wide Assembly and join in conversation with the deacons serving in our synod. During worship there will be an opportunity for all present (including candidates, seminarians and interns) to renew the vows made at ordination, consecration and baptism. We're proud to be hosting this gathering and sharing our facilities with the broader synod.

I hope your own Lenten journey is bringing you more deeply into relationship with God and with your neighbor. Our Prince of Peace calendar is full of opportunities to do just this; so take advantage of as many as you can. I look forward to walking together with you. Or, if you're so inclined, I'll see you at the gym. Pastor Peter Christ



## LOCAL FOOD SHELF EMERGENCY - the clock is ticking!

The Roseville Area Keystone Food Shelf will be closed due to its property owner Presbyterian Home taking the space over for offices.

A new home is needed for the Roseville Area Keystone Site. If you know of another possible site, please call Christine Pulver, Director of Keystone Community Services, at 651-504-4463.

The new site needs to be 2,000 to 3,000 square feet, near public transportation, have a loading dock, and about twenty parking spaces. Keystone also operates a "food mobile" which has stops at senior housing, sites where folks with disabilities live, and in public housing areas. There has been a 20% increase in usage of the Keystone food shelves in the last year, serving 8,000 clients per month. Our Roseville Area site has the highest usage.



# OK's

### Thursday, 4/11 @11:30 a.m.

Cost is \$15.00. Social hour @11:30am, luncheon at noon, followed by the program. Make your reservation in the narthex on Sundays, March 31 or April 7, or by Monday noon, April 8, by calling Helen Danielson at 651-765-1940 or Vera Ista, 651-484-4443.



### John Sweeney presents 85 YEARS OF MEMORIES OF A SMALL TOWN BOY

You will see images, video segments, and hear sounds that will rekindle long, dormant memories from your life. Slides will illustrate:

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|  one-room schoolhouses |  radio shows we listened to |
|  early church life     |  movies we watched          |
|  toys we had           |  music we listened to       |
|  games we played       |  cars we drove              |

### CHANGES IN THE WEATHER – What's the Big Deal? Minnesota Weather—What's changing? What's not changing?

**Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Prince of Peace Church**  
**Dr. Ken Blumenfeld, the Senior Climatologist for**  
**the Minnesota Climatology Office**

Dr. Blumenfeld helps to align the state's agencies, communities and citizens with up-to-date and scientifically accurate information about Minnesota's changing climate.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters – Roseville Area.

**No cost. All are welcome to come.**





Our theme for Lent is

“Notable Quotables: Words for the Journey.”

Some of Jesus’ most famous words are the Great Commandment and the Great Commission from the Gospel of Matthew. Bishop Patricia Lull has challenged us and all the congregations in the St. Paul Area Synod to read these words and pray this prayer each day during Lent.

### The Great Commandment

He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

—Matthew 22:37-39

### The Great Commission

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

—Matthew 28:16-20

**Prayer** Dear God, How can you use me? Amen.

#### **What is Our Story?** *continued from page 1*

We have learned to tell stories from Pastor Jodi Hauge in an Adult Forum and a Storytelling Workshop. We have heard stories from others in our community on Wednesdays in Lent. And our “Telling the Story” segment in Sunday morning worship has familiarized us with behind-the-scenes stories of many of our ministries.

At a recent gathering of congregation leaders, we asked the question “How has the ‘Telling the Story’ theme impacted you?” We got numerous responses that included:

- Hearing the same story in worship, adult education, and children’s faith formation makes it easier to understand. Kids especially pay more attention because they know this story.
- How many times do we have to hear something for it to sink in? 7 times in 7 ways
- Sometimes we tell the story with words and sometimes we tell the story by our actions.
- Part of the story is community and relationship.
- We are not only telling our own story, but also the bigger story beginning with the Old Testament.
- Now I feel our identity is storytellers.
- It’s been great to teach people how to tell their story and to model that.
- Telling my story in Wednesday worship felt vulnerable, but it was a good stretch.

How has the “Telling the Story” theme impacted you? Is there more that you would like us to do with storytelling? We’d love to hear your input!

Grace and peace, Pastor Betsy



## Pastor Ruth: Fear & Resurrection



Twice in our Easter Gospel from Matthew we hear, “Do not be afraid!”

What I love about this is that obviously there is no hiding our fears from God. No matter how many fake smiles we wear or how much of a brave front we put on, God knows that we have fears.

An Angel tells us, and Jesus tells us, “Do not be afraid,” and with that we are being beckoned into Easter resurrection life.

Fear is a funny thing, isn't it? Fear implies anxiety and loss of courage. We fear the unknown, or might be reluctant to face a person or situation we are afraid of. When you think of fear, what do you think of? Maybe it's a plane crash, or an earthquake, or tornadoes.

All reasonable things to fear. But I don't think those are the kind of things the angel/Jesus/God is talking about. Fear, as it applies here, are all those things that make us dead to new life. The fear that keeps us from asking for help. The fear that keeps us from asking for forgiveness or forgiving someone else. The fear that keeps us from living fully into who God created us to be. The fear that keeps us from risking speaking up for ourselves or others. The fear that keeps us from challenging the status quo so that all may be seen and heard including the most vulnerable among us. The fear that keeps us from learning new ways of being for the sake of the environment, or racial justice, or the hungry. The fear that keeps us from really claiming our identity as children of God. The fear that makes us play it safe and not really believe in the power of the resurrection that has been given to us.

This is the fear that God calls us to die to in order to claim new life. And when we know the death of those fears we can rejoice in the good news of Easter!

And so as we approach Easter I have a suggestion for you. Set aside some time to read Matthew 28:1-10, and reflect on these questions:

- What fears live in your heart?
- Think about the guards, who became like dead men because of fear. Has that ever happened to you? Where was God in that experience?
- The women, probably equally amazed and terrified, are told “Do not be afraid.” How would you have responded to that angelic message?
- “With fear and great joy” the women ran to tell the disciples the good news! We are probably not ever going to live without fear, but it can be mixed with joy. Have you had an experience where fear and joy were intertwined? What did you learn about fear and joy when they were experienced together?
- What fear might God be calling you to put to death in order that you might know new life?

Friends in Christ, do not be afraid, Christ is risen!

Peace, Pastor Ruth





## From Milt: Important Parts of Milt's Story

This year April is the month that we end the Lenten journey to the cross. I hope you've found "Notable Quotables" and the Wednesday night story-

rytelling interesting and worshipful.

As we head into the end of Lent/Holy Week and Easter, I want everyone to think about which teachings of Jesus have the most meaning for you. When you have a few in mind, ask yourself why these teachings are the most meaningful to you.

I've found over the years that sometimes some teachings get so familiar that I've become sort of numb to them. They still seem important, but the reason why they seem important is gone, or fading. Sometimes I find that something has replaced it in importance. Other times I find that the reason the teaching was important to me isn't of the same importance as it once was. As our lives change, the teachings that mean the most to us may change too. I think this is part of an active faith, part of what is going on in our life, and sometimes it could be that a teaching has been presented in a way that you hadn't heard before, which brings new life to that particular teaching.

I also want you to think about telling your Christian story, or a story that had a large impact on your life. What story would you tell? For me, my family is an extremely important part of my story, both my biological family and those that have entered my life and have become family.

My "family" is my backbone of my faith. They're my sounding board, inspiration, and most importantly, the love of Christ that is always present in my life. My "family" is always there walking by my side, or carrying me when needed. I hope all of you have a "family" of love.

Music is also an important part of my story. Being able to use a gift to enhance worship, or just to have some fun, is truly a remarkable experience. Music has also brought so many incredible people into my "family." It is an incredible joy to be able work with so many remarkable musicians. Music also brings Jesus' teachings to life in so many ways. Music enhances my worship experience and my

life, through playing and listening. Family and music are truly important parts of my story; but when I think about what gives me the most life, new excitement, and challenges, it has to be all the youth that have come into my life.

I've been working with youth in some capacity for almost 40 years and still wonder what my "KIDS" are doing and pray that they are safe. It seems funny that some of these "KIDS" are probably almost 50 now, but once a youth in my life, always a youth in my heart. I get asked how I can spend so much time with youth, but I can't imagine how someone doesn't have them in their life. Youth can bring up questions of faith that cause me to search for answers. Youth can drive me crazy and cause me to ask for strength. Youth can bring a smile into my life that reminds me Christ is alive. Youth can make me need to ask for forgiveness—when I've lost my temper or just plain screwed up.

In general, youth keep me on my toes and my faith alive. It is always amazing to me how much a youth has to offer if given the chance. To get the full value of youth one must take the time to let them in your life. Just like any relationship, it needs time to grow. The more it grows, the more your life will benefit. I hear people say youth are the future, or the youth now a days just don't get it; but I find most of the youth I've encountered amazingly talented and caring people and a vital part of life. Most importantly, youth help keep me feeling alive.

My story: "FAMILY," MUSIC and YOUTH!!!

What's your story????

With the help of all those in my story, I hope I can be a true beacon of Christ's light to the world. The refrain of ELW 720, *We Are Called* says

"We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God."

My "story" is a great example of this and for that I'm so very grateful. Without family, music and youth in my life, I know my life wouldn't be filled with as much love. May God bless.

Strive to be a beacon of Christ's love in the world.

Milty





## SPRING MASTERWORKS

Please make plans to join the Prince of Peace Chancel Choir, Seasonal Singers and instrumental musical guests for our presentation of the **sacred music of composer Dan Forrest**, on Sunday, April 28, at the 8:30 and 10:45 am worship services!



Composer  
Dan Forrest

The choir will present new as well as familiar anthems such as A Mighty Fortress is Our God and Nearer My God to Thee interspersed with the Bible verses that inspired the music. Invite friends and family to join us on April 28 to hear this stirring collection of beautiful anthems!

## A Musical Mother's Day

**Join us and sing!**

Calling **all men:** to honor all mothers on **Mother's Day**, we are once again inviting the men of the congregation to sing in a men's ensemble on **Sunday, May 12,** at the **8:30 and 10:45 a.m.** worship services.

**We will rehearse twice,  
on Weds., May 1 and 8,  
at 7:30 p.m.,  
in the choir room  
for about 20 minutes.**

We will sing early in each service so you may leave after we sing and we will not sit in the choir loft so you will be free to sit with your families. Please consider being a part of this wonderful (and easy!) event.

**See you at our first rehearsal  
on Wednesday, May 1!**

## Sunday School Choir

The excitement of spring is felt throughout the Sunday School rooms each Sunday morning. Join in the fun at any time and please do not miss the joyful voices singing in church services the following dates and times:

Good Friday, 4/19/19 at 11 a.m. service  
Sunday, 5/19/19 at 10:45 a.m.



The Sunday School Choir leading the congregation in song March 24.



## Pastor Betsy: Explaining Good Friday to Children

Jesus' death and resurrection is the crux of our Christian faith. However, I find the story of Baby Jesus a much more fun story to tell to kids. A new baby, animals, the smell of hay, shepherds hearing the news, kings following a star – it is so much more understandable. Many kids have younger siblings or cousins, and they have toys and blankets from when they were a baby.

But a story of violence and death, and then someone coming back to life is a much heavier story. We are not as comfortable talking about death or about Jesus' death in particular. I remember one time I was doing a children's message on Good Friday, and one of the kids pipes up,

***“But he doesn't stay dead.”***

Exactly! We have a God who breaks boundaries and the greatest of these is Jesus bursting out of the tomb, very much alive!

Which leads to the question of how do you introduce kids to the story of Jesus' death and resurrection in an age-appropriate way? The *Spark Story Bible* is a good resource for parents and grandparents to read with kids. You can talk about the story and the pictures and answer the questions that they have. Sticking with the questions they have is a good way to be at an age-appropriate level. Kids often understand more than we give them credit for.

Another great way to help kids understand the story is to come to our Children's Good Friday Worship Service at 11 a.m. on April 19. We will experience the story from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday to Easter through song, story and movement. Kids – and adults – learn in a variety of ways and we want to help everyone better understand Jesus' story and how it relates to our lives. The service will be followed by a grilled cheese lunch. Please invite family and friends!

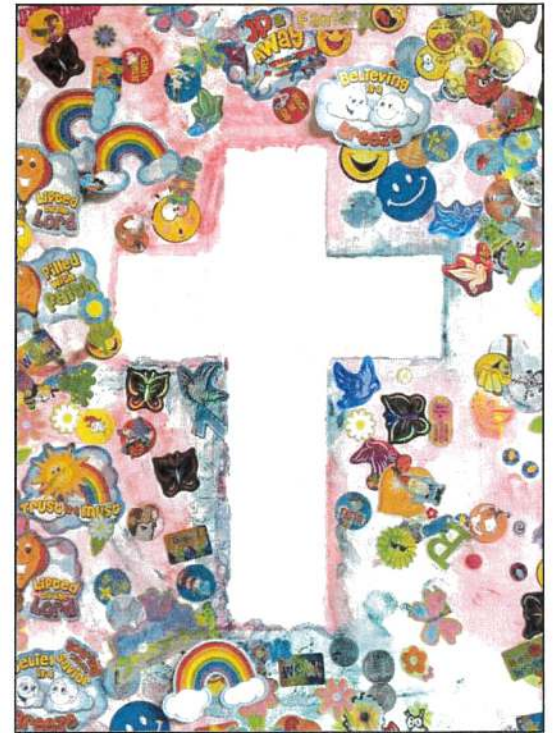


### Good Friday, April 19

**@11 a.m.—Family service**

**@12 noon—luncheon in the Fellowship Hall  
including Grilled Cheese sandwiches**

**@7 p.m.—“Journey to the Cross”  
special music service**





# Great Contributions for MN FoodShare in March

Prince of Peace can be very proud of its contributions of lots and lots of jars of peanut butter and other food donations to our local Keystone Food Shelf at Hamline Center. As of March 30, monetary contributions have totaled \$2,638, which will go to help stock the 284 food shelves throughout Minnesota.

***A HUGE thank you to all who participated in this drive to help feed the hungry in Minnesota.***



All this peanut butter and food was collected, plus \$2,638 in donations.

***Volunteer for food distribution at Central Park Elementary and Roseville Area Middle School.***

To access the Sign up list, please go to [www.poproseville.org/missions](http://www.poproseville.org/missions).



## Central Park Elementary Distribution

**Arrive at 9:30 and plan to spend about 1 1/2 hrs.**

Place food in backpacks the first week of the month, typically on a Friday.

**Roseville Area Middle School Distribution: April 26, May 23 & 31**

**Arrive by 2:25 to sign in & pass out bags to students, finishing by 2:50.**

Distribute food at RAMS every week except the 1st week of the month.

Contact for questions: [jenniferlduncan@comcast.net](mailto:jenniferlduncan@comcast.net)

**April Matching Grant Challenge to Support Friends of Huruma, the orphanage ministry we support in Iringa, Tanzania.**

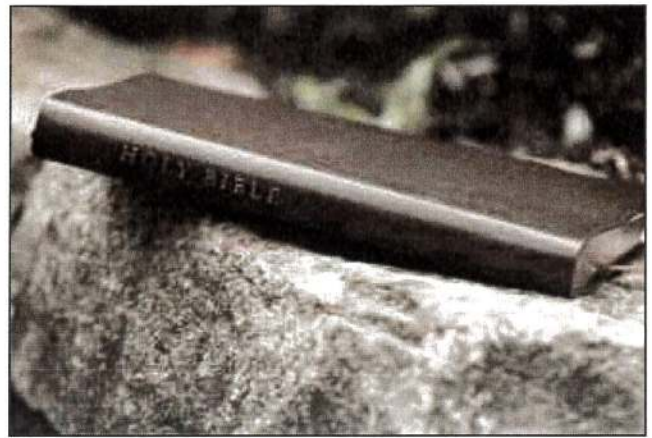
Help us meet a \$2,000 matching grant opportunity - every dollar you contribute will be doubled, including the special offering taken on Wed., April 10.





## Women's Circles Bible Studies

The study for April is from the Gospel of John, "Seeing the Risen Christ – coming to faith." In this fourth and last Bible study of the series, Meetings with Jesus, we will study John 20 and John 21 and meet the Risen Christ through his appearances with Mary Magdalene, Thomas, and Peter, the Beloved Disciple.



All women are welcome to attend any of the women's bible study circles. Call a hostess for directions or for more information.

**Rebecca Circle meets in the home Mon. evening, April 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

Hostess – Serene Thornton, 651-558-6333 Bible Study Leader – Carol Swanson

**Women of the Well Circle meets in home Mon. morning, April 8 at 9:30 a.m.**

Hostess – Betchen Oberdorfer, 651-631-0770 Bible Study Leader – Betchen Oberdorfer

**Lydia Circle meets in the church library Tues., April 9 at 9:30 a.m.**

Hostess – Vera Ista, 651-484-4443 Bible Study Leader Sharon Rachner

**Ruth Circle meets in the church library Wednesday, April 10 at 1:30 p.m.**

Hostess – Sharon Stillings, 651-633-8577 Bible Study Leader – Judy Florine

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### **Attention to Women:**

## **32nd Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Convention**

**May 3-4, 2019**

St John's Lutheran, 20165 Heath Ave., Lakeville

You are invited to join women from around the St. Paul Area Synod for a weekend of Worship and Eucharist, Bible Study, learning sessions, and business meetings. Speakers include St. Paul Area Synod Bishop Patricia Lull.

Registration forms are in the office tract rack.



**The material offering for the convention is  
NEW SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR  
FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN  
and will be given to Lutheran Social Service.  
A donation box will be in the narthex all of April.**

For more info, contact Esther Tatley-651-490-5850/Anne Haugan 651-484-3856.





## Habitat for Humanity Spring Plans

This year we will be building a twin home at 581-583 Whitall in St. Paul. Signup sheet is in the hallway on the bulletin board. Contact Chris Henningson (chenningson2@aol.com) for more information.

These slots are open

Tuesday, April 9 (1)

Monday, June 3 (3)

Monday, April 22 (2)

Tuesday, June 4 (3)

## Growing Through Loss

provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues.



Place	Abiding Savior Lutheran Church	
Time	Tuesdays	6:45-9 p.m.
Agenda	Registration	6:45-7 p.m.
	Speaker	7-7:45 p.m.
	Small groups	8-9 p.m.

Schedule:	April 16	<b>Characteristics of Grief</b> —speaker Paul Johnson, bereavement educator
	April 23	<b>The Transformative Nature of Grief</b> —speaker Paul Johnson
	April 30	<b>Honest Hope Even While Grieving</b> — speaker Ted Bowman, trainer, consultant, educator and author
	May 7	<b>Taking Care of You: A Part of the Grief Journey</b> speaker Louise Britts, bereavement coordinator, Optage
Other classes May 14, May 21. Information in Growing Through Loss pamphlets in the narthex.		

## The Blessing of the Library Books

Let's all celebrate the renewed library at PoP. All members, friends, and visitors at PoP are invited to celebrate the renewal event on April 28. The schedule for sessions are arranged so you can still attend your regular Sunday morning schedule, and attend the event.

The schedule is as follows:

**April 28, 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.**

(Choose the time which best fits. Experience the joyful event and the prayer for God's blessing.)

There will also be prizes and games, plus a "hands on" book experience for all PoP folks-- infant - seniors.

***What a joyful time this will be for all!***







## PoP's Easter Flower Garden

Please help transform the church for Easter morning with donations or a flower purchase. Flowers can be taken home after the 10:45 service.

Flowers have been pre-ordered with sufficient quantities for all!

Use your best judgment when selecting flowers to take home.

Please estimate an average of \$10 per plant for your contribution.

Below are some examples of flowers that are being purchased.



### April Birthdays

April 1	Nate Ackman	April 16	Gus Haugan
April 2	Maggie Lewandowski		Jerry Rowe
April 4	Gordon Anderson		Don Birkeland
	Wesley Kors	April 18	Tori Walker
April 5	Esther Tatley		Leah Lolmaugh
April 7	Ayden Lolmaugh	April 19	Anna Pettinelli
April 8	Lois Carr	April 20	Kristina Krepela
	Jerry Schewe	April 22	Deb Cordes
April 9	Bev Bail		Juno Moore
April 10	Nell Sponheim	April 23	Kathy Tunseth
	Dylen Wetteland		Tammy Heimer
	Kayla Borkin		Anna Miller
April 12	Logan Johnson	April 24	Gordie Gutzmann
April 13	Linda Wagner	April 25	Steve Beste
	Lauren Pettinelli		Henry Kwapick
April 14	Taryn Wetteland	April 26	Josie Hogen
April 15	Nancy Murch	April 28	Ryan Burke
	Karen Carr		Zach Duncan
			Grant Anderson



## April at Prince of Peace

### Monday, April 1

9:00am Monday Morning Crew  
5:00pm Worship Committee  
7:00pm Basketball with Milt

### Tuesday, April 2

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play  
9:30am Old Guys at PoP  
10:00am The Gathering Session  
2:30pm YogaDevotion

### Wednesday, April 3

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play  
1:00pm Staff Meeting  
6:00pm Lent Soup Supper  
6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm Lent Service--  
"Stories for the Journey"  
7:40pm Chancel Choir  
7:45pm NY Mission Trip meeting

### Thursday, April 4

7:30pm Theology on Tap

### Friday, April 5

2:30pm Cookie Baking  
6:00pm First Communion Class

### Saturday, April 6

1:00pm 90th Birthday Party  
for Lois Carr  
6:30pm Meditative Drumming

### Sunday, April 7

8:30am Worship Service  
9:40am Children and Youth  
Faith Formation  
9:40am Adult Forum  
10:45am Worship Service  
1:00pm Worship Service -  
Eternal Life Church  
4:00pm Confirmation

### Monday, April 8

9:00am Monday Morning Crew

### Tuesday, April 9

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play  
9:30am Old Guys  
2:30pm YogaDevotion  
6:30pm Building Committee  
7:00pm Congregation Council

### Wednesday, April 10

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play  
1:00pm Ruth Bible Study Circle

### Wednesday, April 10—continued

6:00pm Lent Soup Supper  
6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm Lent Service--  
"Stories for the Journey"

7:40pm Chancel Choir

7:45pm Band Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 11

11:30am OKs Program

### Friday, April 12

2:30pm Cookie Baking

### Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday

Deadline for Easter flower orders  
8:30am Worship Service  
9:40am Palm Sunday Breakfast  
10:45am Worship Service  
1:00pm Worship Service -  
Eternal Life Church

### Monday, April 15

9:00am Monday Morning Crew  
6:00pm Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, April 16

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play  
9:30am Old Guys  
2:30pm YogaDevotion  
6:00pm Cub Scouts pack meeting  
6:30pm League of Women  
Voters Forum

### Wednesday, April 17

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play  
1:00pm Staff Meeting  
6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, April 18

### Maundy Thursday

12:00pm Noon service  
7:00pm Evening service

### Friday, April 19 Good Friday -

Office Closes @ 12pm  
9:00am Confirmation  
11:00am Family Service  
12:00pm Good Friday Luncheon  
2:30pm Cookie Baking  
7:00pm Journey to the Cross --  
evening service

### Saturday, April 20

9:00am Easter Decorating  
6:30pm Meditative Drumming

### Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday

8:30am Worship Service  
10:45am Worship Service  
1:00pm Worship Service -  
Eternal Life Church

### Monday, April 22 Office Closed

### Tuesday, April 23

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play  
9:30am Old Guys  
2:30pm YogaDevotion  
6:30pm Cub Scout Committee

### Wednesday, April 24

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play  
6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm PoP Rocks Youth Group  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

### Friday, April 26

2:30pm Cookie Baking  
5:00pm Community Night

### Sunday, April 28

### Spring Masterworks-

at both 8:30 & 10:45 services

8:30am Blessing of the Library  
8:30am Worship Service  
9:40am Children and Youth  
Faith Formation  
9:40am Adult Forum  
9:40am Blessing of the Library  
10:45am Worship Service  
10:45am Blessing of the Library  
1:00pm Worship Service -  
Eternal Life Church

### Monday, April 29

9:30am Monday Morning Crew  
5:00pm Adult Ed committee

### Tuesday, April 30

8:45am ECFE Drop In & Play  
9:30am Old Guys

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2:30pm - 4:30pm

### Feed My Starving Children

#### Mobile Pack I

@ Incarnation Lutheran

5:00pm - 7:00pm

### Feed My Starving Children

#### Mobile Pack II

@ Incarnation Lutheran





PoP Rocks Youth Group packed meals at Feed My Starving Children in February.



Panoramic view of the FMSC MobilePack at Incarnation Lutheran Church

***An activity for people of all ages!***

# POP Packs Hope

**Tuesday, April 30,**

**two times: 2:30-4:30 p.m. & 5-7:00 p.m.**

We'll be joining our friends at Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview for their annual "All Hands on Hope" MobilePack event to support Feed My Starving Children (FMSC).

As a Christian non-profit organization, FMSC is called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. With God's help, FMSC works together with organizations and ministries like Incarnation and Prince of Peace and others across the globe to end hunger.

FMSC's process is simple. Donations given by people just like you fund the meal ingredients (rice, veggies, soy & vitamins). Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved!

**There are two ways to get involved:**

1. **Join a volunteer team** for a two-hour shift where, along with hundreds of other volunteers, we'll pack meals and help them reach their goal of packing 750,000 meals over a 4-day period. We have two team time slots for Prince of Peace on **April 30: 2:30-4:30pm and 5:00-7:00pm**. No special skills are required and work can be done by folks with all kinds of abilities. The minimum age is 5 and children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up in the narthex or online at our website [www.poproseville.org](http://www.poproseville.org).
2. **Sponsor a packer** (or at least 1/2 a packer). Our goal is to fundraise enough to pay for all the meals we hope to pack. A \$50 gift will cover the cost of the ingredients for all the meals one person will pack during their 2-hour shift. Go to our Online Donation portal at the Prince of Peace website to make a gift — please indicate "FMSC" in the "special designation" field.

**Join us for the  
Spring PoP  
Sock hop!**

Mark your calendars for the  
next **Community Fun Night!**

**April 26  
5 - 8 pm**



Potluck will  
be served.  
Bring a dish  
to share!

**Sock Hop**



pictured: Pastor Betsy's poodle skirt