

The POP Line

The Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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FROM THE What did you gain from Lent this year? What changes in your life have you made since hearing the Gospel proclaimed?

Think about this for a second. Many of us do not make many changes in our life when we get to a certain point. How long have you lived in your house? How old are your automobiles?



My father used to have a pair of slippers. They were comfortable and familiar to him. He liked them so much that when they started to fall apart he continued to wear them. My mother would buy him a new pair of slippers for Christmas and he would still wear the old pair. I think my mother finally had to throw away the pieces of his old slippers to get him to wear a new pair of slippers.

Now why would I bring up a story like this? I think we get too comfortable in the way we do things, and the way we live our lives. When someone challenges us on this we rebel, or we pull back.

One of the things I hope that we learn during Lent is not to get too comfortable in our way of living. Christ's Gospel should be always challenging us in the way we live, the way we interact with one another, and in the way we present the Gospel to others.

Christ came to challenge us, to get us to look at ourselves and realize that we have gotten too comfortable with what and who we are, and that that is not good enough.

This month we celebrate Easter the culmination to Lent. Easter is also a time for us to look at the old way and realize that Christ has established a new way to do things.

Easter is a time of renewal, and re-newing. We have been redeemed and forgiven, but we are also new creations in Christ. We do not need to cling to the old ways, we do not need to turn back to the old ways. Yes we may be comfortable in the old ways, but is that where we belong?

Have we gotten too comfortable? If we have, is it not time for a change? Sweep out the old and bring in the new with Spring cleaning?

Renew, reinvigorate, but most of all rely on Christ to change your life. My God bless your celebration of the Easter Victory, and I pray that he challenges you to renew your life in Him.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Marshall

******* Staff**

Pastor Stewart A. Marshall
 Council Members
 President Burle Dawson
 VP Bob McClellan
 Secretary Jan Lehmann
 Fin. Secretary Amanda Heick
 Treasurer Steve Helling
 Board Positions
 Chairman of the Elders Max Maxwell
 Elders Burle Dawson, Max Maxwell, Bob Jenkins,
 Bob McClellan, Leh Lehmann
 Stewardship Vacant
 Worship Outreach Christa Tinlin
 Education Director Pam Lopez
 Lay Ministry Vacant

******* Serving at POP**

Teachers:
 8:00 Adult SS Pastor Marshall
 Pre-k through K Joy Leslie
 1st through 4th Bob McClellan
 5th through 8th Nancy Maxwell
 High School Max Maxwell
 Adults Pastor Marshall
 Youth Leader Nancy & Max Maxwell
 Dorcas President
 Pam Lopez, Vice President
 Joan Collier, Secretary
 Isobel Tierney, Treasurer
 Altar Guild
 Susie Trenkler, Ingrid Skoda, Jan Lehmann,
 Jan Friend, Donna McClellan, Pam Lopez
 Fellowship Donna Marshall, Chairperson
 Fellowship Staff Sandy McKeegan, Nancy Maxwell,
 Milrae Seaman, Roxanne Kruse, Karen Kjeldgaard,
 Pam Lopez, Jan Friend, Jan Lehmann, Happy Dawson,
 Smith Family
 Gardens Susie Trenkler
 Nursery

Church Office
 Monday closed
 Tuesday
 Wednesday Pam Lopez
 Thursday Jane Arthur/Donna Marshall
 Friday Hilde Hodnefield/Donna Marshall
 Prayers Donna Marshall
 Shepherd Staff Donna McClellan
 Church Historian Dick Tierney
 Thrivent Cong. Coordinators Donna Marshall,
 Donna McClellan, Pam Lopez

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRAURY

General Fund:\$8990.30
 Window Fund:\$1470.00
 Monthly Budget Needed ...\$9331.96
 Total Deposit for month:...\$10460.30
 Monthly Total Short\$341.66
 Average Attendance.....69

Respectfully submitted by:
 Amanda Heick, Financial Secretary

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

April 5 Lopez Family
 April 12 Easter-Everyone
 April 19 Maxwell Family
 April 26 Steve & Aundie Helling

For fellowship all you need to bring are snack items. Nothing fancy and nothing heavy.

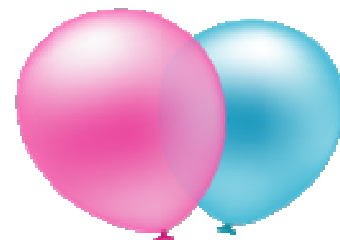
Please see Donna if you have any questions.



Fred Polidore Jr.....4
 Alexandra Trenkler.....8
 Don Williams15
 Justin Niles.....16
 Dennis Maxwell19
 Irma Spencer.....19
 Gabriel Lopez.....23
 Mike Smith24
 Matthew McKeegan25
 Sue Daniel.....25
 Ronda Riffle26



Josh & Laurie Noble.....12
 Reggie & Joy Leslie20
 Otto & Patti Bylsma29



SERVANTHOOD FOR APRIL

APRIL 5

ELDER	Max Maxwell
USHER	Bob McClellan
USHER	Derek Daniel
ACOLYTE	Andrew Wilson
READER	Amanda Heick
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Aundie Helling
FLOWERS	Norm & Jackie Kinney
FELLOWSHIP	Lopez Family

APRIL 12

ELDER	Bob Jenkins
USHER	Bruno Trenkler
USHER	Betty Adcock
ACOLYTE	Dustin Daniel
READER	Emily Heick
FLOWERS	Maxwell family
FELLOWSHIP	Everyone Easter Potluck

APRIL 19

ELDER	Bob McClellan
USHER	Joe Adcock
USHER	Dick Tierney
ACOLYTE	Cody Kruse
READER	Roxanne Kruse
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Aundie Helling
FLOWERS	Irma Spencer
FELLOWSHIP	Maxwell Family

APRIL 26

ELDER	Burle Dawson
USHER	Steve Helling
USHER	Aundie Helling
ACOLYTE	Katie McKeegan
READER	Jan Lehmann
FLOWERS	Otto & Patti Bylsma
FELLOWSHIP	Steve & Aundie Helling



Anyone who wishes to bring flowers to decorate our altar area for Easter is asked to bring Easter Lilies, or any cut flowers appropriate for decorating the Altar on Saturday, April 11 between 10 & noon. Any questions contact Jan Friend.



Everyone is asked to please bring a breakfast item for our Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday between our Sunrise Easter Service and our 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship.

RELAY FOR LIFE T-SHIRTS READY FOR ORDERING

POP Relay shirts honoring and memorializing our family and friends are now available for purchase. The shirts are \$10. up to size XXL, \$11. for size XXXL and \$12 for size XXXXL. The design and order forms are available in the fellowship hall. Deadline to order is April 19th so they can be printed in time for the Relay.

AN OPEN HEART

Novelist Anne Rice was baptized as a child. But as she grew up, the church seemed out of touch to her. "The church couldn't have been correct," she says now. So she lingered in atheism.

Although Rice tried to find peace in unbelief, she was restless. When she married and had a daughter, trouble hemmed her in. At age 5, the girl died of leukemia.

Eventually, Rice was compelled to re-examine her religious stance. She realized that as an atheist, she would never see her daughter again. She couldn't live with that horrible thought, so she returned to faith in God and the comfort of the church.

Rice chronicles her religious journey in the memoir *Called Out of Darkness: A Spiritual Confession*. It's the story of how she made her "decision of the heart."

ALLELUIA!
CHRIST IS ALIVE!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
If you would like to see pastor please call
ahead to make an appointment or call him @
774-0204 or 618-4311

DORCAS GUILD

Dorcas Guild says hello! As you know, part of the Guild's service is to prepare for communion and maintain the altar care. To this end, Pastor will be addressing the subject during our April meeting. We will learn the proper procedures and the reasons for our processes. We welcome any lady of POP to attend. Hopefully more of our POP ladies will want to get involved in this worthy labor of love.

Just a reminder that there will be a meal after church on March 29 to support efforts for Relay for Life. The theme is "Foods Around the World". We ask you bring an ethnic, regional dish... or just your favorite family recipe. We will accept donations for the American Cancer Society.

Also, collecting items for the theme baskets for our Silent Auction for ACS is ongoing. Please drop them at church. They will be collected and put to good use.

Enjoy the magnificent dogwoods and azealas!!

Joan Collier
Secretary

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

This is a little story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

+ Christian Symbols +

Lily

The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Palm Sunday is almost here. Some of our Sunday School students will be participating in a "parade of palms" during the service that morning. Please be sure to join us for this special service as we prepare for Holy week

culminating with a joyous celebration of Christ's victory on Easter.

To help celebrate Christ's joyous victory Christian Education will sponsor an Easter



Egg hunt for the children in attendance at Prince of Peace on Easter morning. We are currently collecting individually wrapped candies to stuff the plastic eggs. A basket is in the fellowship hall for this purpose. The hunt will be held shortly after the conclusion of the second service. Be sure to bring your basket and join in the festivities.

Submitted by
Pam Lopez, Director

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

During January and February 2008 \$23.33 was generated by the sale of greeting cards to cover the expenses of the Foundation and \$455.80 was contributed to the Linda McCaffrey Christian Education Designated Fund.

Contributions for the month of March will be published next month, if they are available.

There is currently \$1589.80 in the Linda McCaffrey Christian Education Designated Fund and \$7.19 in the fund to meet future expenses.

Highlights for April 2009

Post Cards and Greeting Cards featuring the Art Work of Linda McCaffrey are available from Don McCaffrey. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the sale of these items are donated to the Linda McCaffrey Christian Education Designated Fund.

Respectfully Submitted by
Don McCaffrey



Youth happenings at POP

April 10th: caravan to Six Flags over Georgia to participate in the Christian Music Fest weekend. We will leave church at 6AM and spend the day at the park, sleep at Sleep Inn and return on Saturday. If you still owe money for the trip, please clear your balance as soon as possible.

The youth continue to work hard on Saturdays for anyone interested in obtaining our highly skilled labor force. We accept any and all donations for our work. See Nancy to coordinate.

Coming in May!! YARD SALE: date to be announced, but start collecting your junk/treasures for us. We are beginning our New Orleans youth gathering fund raising.

All youth and parents interested in 2010 Youth gathering, plan to attend an informational meeting on APRIL 19TH RIGHT AFTER SERVICE IN CLASSROOM 4.

Respectfully Submitted
Nancy Maxwell

Resurrection means reconciliation

Jesus' resurrection is the very foundation of Christianity. If Christ had never been raised from the dead, we'd have no Christian religion.

God's power was at work in Christ's death and resurrection. "It was on the resurrection fact that the church was built," said New Testament scholar James Stewart.

Paul understood that the resurrection was the bedrock of our Christian faith. "If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain," he wrote to the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 15:14, NRSV). The apostle went on to say, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (verse 17).

The resurrection proves that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Its authenticity means that by faith in Christ, we are reconciled with God.

Billy Graham said the risen Christ is the bridge between us and God. "One of Christ's hands holds the hand of God; his other hand holds ours," said the evangelist.

Just for **KIDS**

OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

“Praise be to the **God** and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ!** In his great **mercy** he has given us **new birth** into a **living hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an **inheritance** that can **never perish, spoil** or **fade** — **kept in heaven** for you”



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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Ozark, AL

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