

Reconciling in Christ Congregation

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH welcomes all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. We welcome all without regard to where you are on your personal faith journey, whether you are a life-long Lutheran, you come from another faith tradition, you are doubting, or whether you have no faith practice at all. **OUR UNITY IS IN CHRIST**, who embraces all.

INTRODUCTION

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.



Please remember in prayer:

Each week we pray for our church family.

*Mary, John **MacDonald**
Ana, Kerry, Kimberley **Mack**
Amy, Scott **MacNichol**
Eric, Linda **Malmberg***

SEASON of LENT

MARCH 2 & 3, 2024
Saturday Minister
Pastor Michael Gebhart
Sunday Minister
Pastor Annemarie Cook
Assisting Minister
TBD
Music Director
Rafael Scarfullery

**LARGE PRINT SERVICE
BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE.**

**THE SERVICE CAN BE
FOLLOWED FROM THE
PEW BOOKLETS.**

SOCIAL MEDIA NOTICE



At most POP events, photos are often taken and shared on our various POP social media accounts. That shared content is our chance to attract and invite people who want to learn more about the people and ministries at POP. We hope you agree! If you are not comfortable with your photo being shared on social media, please let the church office know. We are happy to respect your wishes.

WORSHIP SERVICES

**SATURDAY SERVICE
5:30 PM**

Communion will be celebrated.

**SUNDAY SERVICE
9:15 AM**

Communion will be celebrated.

SUNDAY ZOOM

March 3 @5:30pm

Zoom information can be found in the eWeekly Newsletter.

**Lenten Services on
WEDNESDAYS
12:15 PM & 7:30 PM**

KIND REMINDER:

"We kindly ask those who attend worship services, refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort of other congregants."

ALTAR FLOWERS

To the glory of God.

ETERNITY CANDLE

*In memory of my mom,
Mary Pricket, Pamela Hann*

*To sign up for a dedication,
the link is in the eWeekly Newsletter.*



WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE

MARCH

The Lakota Way

by Joseph M Marshall III

Hosted by

Carol Kammerer

at her home.

Friday March 15 at 7 PM

APRIL

Book of Longings

By Sue Monk Kidd

Hosted by Lorraine Hoilien

POP (Mary's Room)

April 19 – 7 PM

MAY

West with Giraffes

by Lynda Rutledge

Gail Stulb will host.

SOCIAL MISSIONS MINISTRY

SPRING MEALS PROGRAM

During school vacations, children who are eligible for free school breakfast /lunch programs can be left hungry. As we do during summer and school vacations, Social Missions will be providing meals for these children in need. Please support this project with a financial donation or by purchasing \$25 Walmart gift cards, which can be ordered through our **Youth's SCRIP program**.

Be sure to designate your donations as "Spring Meals." Let's see that no child goes hungry.



MARCH 2

Women's One-Day Retreat

The Lutheran Church of Our

Savior, Haddonfield, NJ

9 AM to 2 PM

MARCH 23

Property Work Day

Spring Cleaning!

8:30 AM to 12 Noon

MAUNDY THURSDAY

12:15 AM & 7:30 PM

PRAYER VIGIL

7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

12:15 AM & 7:30 PM

EASTER VIGIL

7:30 PM

MARCH 30

Mary Magdelene Egg Hunt

10:00 AM

MARCH 31

Easter Services

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

EASTER BREAKFAST

SERVED

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

SAVE THE DATES!

JULY 31 through AUGUST 2, 2024

PoP & CrossRoads Day Camp!

POP CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAY, March 24 - 3:00 PM

PoP Sanctuary – Piano Recital – Martha De Luna



We are excited to present the second of our "Concert Series". The second concert will be a 'Piano Concert' featuring **Martha De Luna** (Rafael's wife). The concert is free to all – so please invite your family and friends. Martha is a multifaceted musician and creative artist whose talent and virtuoso playing are incomparable.

In her musical profession, she's a composer, orchestral/choral conductor, pianist, harpist, organist, and singer; however, she also plays as an amateur many other instruments. She has won top prizes and awards for her piano performances in the Dominican Republic and the USA, and her improvisational skills mesmerize audiences.

PROPERTY WORK DAY

Sat. March 23

8:30 AM - Noon

We will be preparing for spring! Bring rakes and gloves.



DID YOU EVER WONDER...?

Our Food Pantry does indeed receive food in the form of canned goods, cereal boxes and even fresh produce! But the pantry supplies many other items as well. We offer paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, even toothbrushes and feminine products!

When families are in need, the pantry tries to supply them with things to help make ends meet when they are unable to do so themselves. We also supply our guests with special treats like recipes and the ingredients to make them, as well as cake mixes for those extraordinary times when celebration seems like a foreign idea in times of food insecurity.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please see **Susan Fahey** at susan.fahey@comcast.net or **Nancy Korhumel** at nkorhumel@gmail.com

ADULT FORUM

SUNDAYS AFTER SERVICE

Mary's Room - March 3

(Save the dates: March 17, April 14, April 21, May 5)

* CALL PROCESS INFORMATION SESSIONS:

(March 10 and April 28)

Join us for discussions and learning.

On March 3rd, Melinda Clay Ota presents:

"5 Step Process to Switch Your Brain"

Romans 12:2 says, "Be transformed by the renewing of your minds," but how do we turn our thoughts from negative to positive? Using Dr. Caroline Leaf's Five Step Process to Detox Your Brain, we will explore these practices to create and maintain positive thoughts. In her book, *Switch on Your Brain*, she uses scripture and neuroscience in developing her method to overcome negative thinking patterns. (Prior purchase or reading of the book is not necessary.)

FOOD MINISTRY/ PANTRY

A New Year! A New Idea!

It's the one-year anniversary of the opening of the new Food Pantry space and we're celebrating! How may you ask? For starters, the weekend of **March 2 and 3** we will be honoring our donors, our volunteers, and guests. We have special things planned (think cake!) for that day so make sure you join us in celebrating this terrific outreach.

And the new idea we have is this: each month we'll request certain items for the Pantry and provide a basket in the narthex (the open space before entering the sanctuary) to collect the items. At the end of the month, children and perhaps other volunteers will come forward during the service and offer these baskets to be blessed.

To kick off this new idea, during March, we will be collecting the following items:

Juice boxes / Granola bars / Cereal / Jelly / Desserts (i.e. cookies or mini muffins)

Please join us as we celebrate our ability to share the love of God with one another and consider contributing if you are able.

EASTER BREAKFAST

March 31

It is tradition that the Sr. High Youth makes and serves breakfast for the church on Easter Sunday.

Time for Youth to help set up and take down is from 7:30 AM – 12 (serving breakfast from 8:30 AM – 11 AM); pancakes, sausage, fruit cups and pastries.

More information soon!



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

\$15 each

Easter Flowers and Dedications will be available this year. Deadline for ordering will be **March 22nd**. Forms in the narthex.

Please Remember in Prayer:

If you noticed a prayer request name has been removed, and you would like to resubmit your request, please email the church office, or fill out a blue or yellow prayer card in the narthex.

Tom Page, Nancy Bradshaw, Ann Arber, Nancy Fitch, The Herman Family, Robbie Schules, Janet Ruoff and Family, Kisha and son, Rosemary Seghatoleslami, Paul, Marcia Phillips, Jamie Murphy, Cindy Clark, Lorraine Petracel, Wayne & Susan Woodruff, Rev. Gary & Jessi Woodruff, Harry Baram, Mateo David, Jason Cochran, Carol Kirk, Nancy Easterly, Carol Gonzalez, Juliana Matushoneck, Jennifer Barclay, Megan Kessler, Maria Minadeo, Daniel Barkley, Dick Flach, Kerrigan Flach, Jura, Nancy Bacon, Betty Guerin, Beverly Smith, Bob & Marion Haller, Carolyn Bottega, Gloria Stridick, Melodee Ashby, Normajean Rosenau

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

The POP Mission Endowment Fund is actively accepting applications for the 2024 grant distribution. The purpose of this fund is to strengthen and extend God's mission. Funds may be used to support needs outside of the POP operating budget for a POP project or a non-profit organization. Please contact one of the committee members for an application and to share your recommendations. **Applications must be received by 3/31/24.**

Committee members:

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Just Kindness

Annual Food Drive • March 2024

This March marks the third year of our **JustKindness food drive** in memory of **Jess Korhumel**. Jess always had an innate desire to help others. Whether it was through a small trinket or a quick smile, Jess was always looking to make someone's day a little brighter. This drive is just one of the ways we honor Jess' kind and caring spirit. Please consider donating to help feed our community members that are experiencing food insecurity. All proceeds go to the Prince of Peace Community Food Pantry. A small act of kindness goes a long way ♥♥♥

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- **Applesauce (plastic jars)** • **Pasta Canned Fruits or Vegetables** • **Macaroni & Cheese** • **Peanut Butter and Jelly (plastic jars)** • **Rice**

Other non-perishable donations are welcome!

Please no expired food or food which requires refrigeration or freezing.



venmo

You can also make a monetary contribution to the Prince of Peace Community Food Pantry via **Venmo to @JustKindness**

Please write **"JustKindness Food Drive"** in the description.

Food can be dropped off at the church or during Food Pantry Hours:

Mondays: March 4 and 18, April 1: 5–7 PM

Fridays: March 1 and 15: 9 – 11 AM