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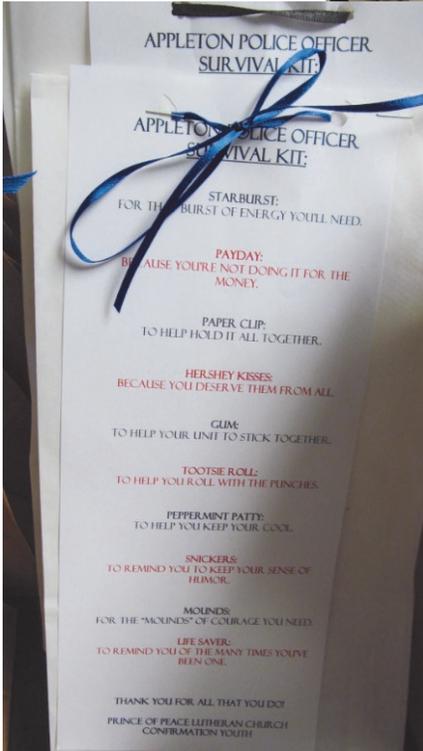
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## Confirmation Youth Reach Out in Love through Service Projects

Our Confirmation students have been very busy over the past month!

We wanted to take a moment and share some of their hard work.

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, the students participated in a multiple service project evening. They decorated placemats for *Meals on Wheels*, assembled several more blankets to be donated to *CASA of the Fox Cities*. (CASA advocates for abused and neglected children in our local courts, and they give blankets and stuffed animals to children when they go to visit them.) PoP students also made 100 "Police Survival Kits" for the Appleton Police Department, to show them how much we appreciate them and all they do for our community. (*Special shout out to the delivery squad of Emma, Ian & Ann Bullock and friend Leah.*) All the students worked really hard for the entire time, putting their hands to God's use in a spectacular way. (*More photos and information inside on pgs. 11-12*)



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March 26, 2018

Confirmation Youth  
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
 2330 E. Calumet St.  
 Appleton, WI 54915

Dear Confirmation Youth:

Thank you for the generous donation of bags full of treats and kind sentiments for our police officers. These creative "survival kits" made our day and brought smiles to many faces here!

I know I speak on behalf of all of the men and women of the Appleton Police Department when I say "thank you" for your thoughtfulness. This must have been a huge endeavor to put all of these together. It was very encouraging to receive these and to know we have your support.

I wish you the best as you approach your confirmation and beyond!

Sincerely,

Todd L. Thomas  
 Chief of Police



**"We Are A Family of Christians - Growing In Faith & Reaching Out In Love"**

Attendance	By Service/Total	
<b>Feb 25</b>		<b>281</b>
First Service	86	
Second Service	145	
Third Service	50	
<b>Feb 28 (Lent)</b>		<b>180</b>
<b>Mar 4</b>		<b>298</b>
First Service	75	
Second Service	162	
Third Service	61	
<b>Mar 7 (Lent)</b>		<b>182</b>
<b>Mar 11</b>		<b>284</b>
First Service	105	
Second Service	129	
Third Service	50	
<b>Mar 14 (Lent)</b>		<b>156</b>
<b>Mar 18</b>		<b>385</b>
First Service	97	
Second Service	190	
Third service	98	
<b>Mar 21 (Lent)</b>		<b>125</b>
<b>Mar 25</b>		<b>351</b>
First Service	107	
Second Service	170	
Third Service	74	
<b>March 28 (No Service)</b>		

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### 2017-18 Church Council Elected Leadership

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### DO YOU KNOW...

...we keep archived recordings of all the [Sunday sermons](#) on the PoP Website.

...you can find the current [monthly newsletter](#) and back issues in our website archives.

...[volunteer/community services](#) we support through our Social Concerns Ministry are posted online along with links to sign-up for them.

...you can print [FORMS](#) for Building Usage/Room Requests, Simply Giving, Communications requests etc. from our website. (Fillable forms in the works!)

...you can download a pdf copy of the [member directory](#) (PW: POP12345) off our website; members with email addresses included can also access via a [mobile device app](#).)

... we also share resources on our PoP Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/princeofpeace.appleton/> Including:

- [Daily Prayers](#) posted every morning at 6:00 a.m. (reprinted from the ELCA's Prayer Ventures feed)
- [Event links](#) for special worship services and activities scheduled at Prince of Peace.
- [Job Postings](#) (e.g. Canticle Choir PT position is still available).

Eastern Wisconsin Tour

## Bells of the Bluffs Handbell Ensemble

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
2330 E. Calumet Street.  
Appleton, WI 54915

Saturday, April 28, 2018  
7:00 PM

### Ring in Spring



Ring in Spring with Bells of the Bluffs Handbell Ensemble  
Chase away the winter blahs with the  
"Ring in Spring" concert  
presented by Bells of the Bluffs Handbell Ensemble  
on Saturday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m.

The program will include a sunny mix of classical and modern music and feature an amazing range of musical effects possible with handbells, chimes, percussion instruments and the group's exclusive bass pipes apparatus. Bells of the Bluffs is devoted to igniting passion in handbells and is in its fifth year of sharing the joy of handbell music with audiences of all ages. The 14-member group is a community handbell ensemble made up of ringers from east-central and southeastern Minnesota, western Wisconsin and the Twin Cities metro area. Learn more at [bellofthebluffs.org](http://bellofthebluffs.org) and find Bells of the Bluffs on Facebook and YouTube.



### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: PERSONAL CARE KITS

WELCA is looking to begin assembling Lutheran World Relief "Personal Care" Kits! What a simple, yet much appreciated, opportunity for our members as disciples of Jesus to give of ourselves by offering gifts of dignity and health to people in need around the world! Items wanted to fill our personal care kits are:

- Bars of soap totaling 8-9 oz. in original packaging
- Adult Size toothbrushes in original packaging
- Sturdy, wide-toothed combs (no picks)
- Metal Nail Clippers

Light-weight bath size towels (20" x 40" up to 52" x 27"); darker colors recommended.

Please bring donations to church and place them in the little room through the door at the northeast corner of the Library, in the white baskets you'll find there. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!



See Kiosk  
for more  
information



### Volunteer Opportunity

A peaceful and park-like setting is a benefit to volunteering at Riverside Cemetery. Currently we are seeking individuals to assist in planting and maintaining flowers for our gardens as well as individual planters.

If this is something of interest to you and you would like to learn more:

Call our office at 920-733-5629

or

Email us at [info@riversidecemeteryappleton.com](mailto:info@riversidecemeteryappleton.com)

or

Stop by the office at: 714 N. Owaissa Street, Appleton



# PASTOR'S PAGE

## ABUNDANCE

In the story of the two fish and five loaves, Jesus feeds the crowd and “all ate and were filled.” Earlier in this story Jesus asks the disciples to feed the crowd but they respond, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” The disciples only saw what they did not have, the lack of food. How can five loaves and two fish feed a crowd? Impossible. What are the disciples forgetting about? They are forgetting about Jesus and his power to bless abundantly.

How has Jesus blessed you abundantly? You may think of your family, friends, community. You may think of your material possession; home, food, clothing...etc. You may think of your education, employment, achievements ...etc. You may also think of how Jesus blessed you abundantly through his life, death and resurrection. It is because of Jesus giving his life for us that we have the gift of eternal life, which is resurrected life to come, but also life lived now in the forgiveness, love and presence of Jesus Christ. Christ now lives in us through the Holy Spirit blessing us with peace, comfort and joy, blessing us with healing, strength and hope for the future, blessing us abundantly.

When we live in the abundant life Jesus gives, we live in courage and faith, openness and trust. We live believing there is enough blessing and resources to go around and that we can share with each other. When we live in abundant life, our hands are open to receive from Christ but also to give. We give because we are thankful for all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ. We give to show our love for God who has first loved us and has called us to carry on the ministry of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We give financially to the ministry of Prince of Peace out of love and thankfulness to God.

We also give financially because, through this congregation, we can make a difference in lives of people. By growing in our loving connections to each other, our community and the world, we will continue to make a difference. To help us as a congregation to grow in our loving connections, a task force has chosen three priorities from our 2015 Long Range planning to develop. Those priorities are: to integrate and enhance education and worship, to equip and mobilize people, and to increase the congregation's digital presence. With input from the congregation, we will seek to develop and carry out these ministry goals for which we need financial support. The Council and the Pastors will be asking you to prayerfully consider a gift to our special appeal to strengthen the life and ministry of Prince of Peace.



*(See pg. next page for more about the Special Spring Appeal from Council President, Tom Scheurman)*



May God's abundance  
fill your hearts with joy today and always!

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Prince of Peace,

We are entering into spring, the blessed time of Easter and the resurrection. Spring is a season of renewal, of new growth and bright promise for the future.

Likewise, Prince of Peace is similarly in a 'spring season', about to embrace our own new promise for the future of our community in Christ, requiring everyone's loving care and commitment.

Which is what our **2018 Spring Special Appeal** embraces -

**"Growing Loving Connections...**

**... With Christ**

**... Each Other**

**...Our Community"**

Having listened to you, our members, and spending long hours collaborating with knowledgeable sources, we've developed an actionable set of priorities (*refer to Exh. A: Forum Handout, below*) for our ministry here at PoP.

Throughout the following months (April and May) you will learn more about this appeal and our goals. *Thinking boldly* about our future, we now need to *act boldly* to commit our efforts to achieve these goals. Goals which come with an investment (note, it's not a 'cost' but an investment), as these initiatives are planned to sustain our growth both now and into the future. As such, the Spring Special Appeal for \$130,000 will support the programs that we believe will accomplish the tasks at hand.

We as a family of Christ have all of the resources we need to accomplish our discipleship for Christ. We have been richly blessed. We ask everyone to prayerfully consider helping to achieve our goals at this time. Please take a minute to think about your family here are Prince of Peace and how you can invest yourself thoughtfully, physically and financially, in an effort to move our ministry forward.

We are excited and confident about what we can do to grow our faith and connections with Christ, each other and our community. Please support this Special Spring Appeal to the best of your ability as we engage new ideas and venues together.

On behalf of our entire Church Council,  
Tom Scheurman, Council President

P.S. If you were unable to attend the meetings held at PoP March 25th regarding the "Growing Loving Connections" initiatives below, please go to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/princeofpeace.appleton/posts> to find a video replay.

## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Community Priorities-2018

Priorities (What we want)	Resources (What we use)	Action Plans (What we plan to do)	Measures (Quantitative and/or Qualitative)	Analysis (What the measures tell us)
<b>1. To integrate and Enhance Education and Worship</b>	-job description -call committee -POP paid staff - members to respond - task force of parents who attend the Wednesday night service	1.Hire a youth coordinator  2.Connect youth and adults in education and worship opportunities  3.Provide education programs for parents during Confirmation classes on Wednesday	1. Hire coordinator by August 1-15. The position will be designed to connect youth and adults.  2. Encourage participation at Wednesday night worship in Sept/Oct  3.Create a schedule of adult programs on Wednesday night starting in Fall 2018	Complete In January 2019
<b>2. To Equip and Mobilize People</b>	- Social Concerns Ministry - Pastor Roger - POP paid staff - Reimagining Church Action Team	1.Offer rich adult education programs for all ages  2.Offer staff professional development and education for members  3.Build connections through inter-generational service events (i.e. Crossways)	1.Adult Educ. Ministry Team formed in May to create programs for this fall  2.Pastor Roger leads staff to research opportunities by 9/1 for staff and members  3.Ask Social Concerns Committee to create 2 intergenerational events by 12/31	Complete in January 2019
<b>3. To Increase the Congregation's Digital Presence</b>	-Social Media and Communications Task Force with Laurie Hanson and other POP members -A local social media company to be the POP consultant -Feedback mechanisms to gauge effectiveness -Volunteers to write on Facebook and blog	1. Create a Communications and Social Media Task Force  2.Hire a consultant to evaluate our digital presence  3.To plan and implement a platform to evaluate how effective we communicate with members	1. Create Task Force by May 15th  2.Consultant hired by July 1st  3.TBD by consultant and council	Complete In January 2019

# MISSION POSSIBLE...



## NEW BOOKS:

In **31 Proverbs to Light Your Path** author Liz Curtis Higgs examines favorite proverbs chosen by her readers, all of which reveal how faithfully God honors His promises. Through honest stories and personal examples sprinkled with Higgs unique blend of humor there are practical applications from these nuggets of ancient wisdom. The included study guide makes it a good choice for small-group Bible study.

**Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God is Speaking** by Priscilla Shirer delves into this important spiritual discipline that is often difficult for believers to understand. Why does God speak loudly and clearly to other people but seems silent in your life? Maybe you are missing what God is telling you. The author explores how to listen for God's voice in our lives.

Author Michael Yaconelli addresses the subject of what a "good" Christian is in his book **Messy Spiritually**. The book is a strong antidote for spiritual perfectionism and feelings of not being "good" enough. Cut loose from the trap of shoulds and discover the deep spirituality of God's love in spite of your failures, shortcomings and imperfections. God meets us where we are and transforms us in the midst of our messy lives.

## NEWLY DONATED:

In **Getting to Heaven: Departing Instructions for Your Life Now**, Don Piper and Cecil Murphey go beyond the life-transforming miracle of Piper's 90 Minutes in Heaven to explain how to experience a fulfilled and abundant life in preparation for eternity.

## HELP NEEDED:

The Little Free Library could use some adult fiction books: mysteries, romance, humor, historical novels etc. Pre-reading children's books are also needed. If you have any you are willing to donate, please leave them on the desk in the library with a note designating they are for the Little Free Library.

Your help is appreciated.



## HOMELESS CONNECTIONS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY-

Volunteer to serve an evening meal (4th Wed. of mo).

Or donate a dessert to pass.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4eaeac2da4f58-homeless>

And, "Thank you!" to Thrivent for the \$250.00 action grant to assist in our monthly service efforts. If you want to share in this rewarding ministry, please use the above link to sign-up to serve as you are able.



Prince of Peace volunteers reaching out in love at Homeless Connections thanks to Thrivent Grant support.

Social Concerns members and friends serving recently at Homeless Connections: (L to R) Nancy Jones, Deb Fleming, Cindy (front) & Bill Robarge (back), John Kostelny, Ron Jones and Trisha Kostelny.

## FUNDRAISING WONDERFUL!

So, when this church comes together for a good reason, they come with their talents and their pocket-books! Our **"SOUPer Lunch on a CHILI Day"** fundraiser for the Mbatia family raised \$1849.00!

**(See photos right showing all the fun had by all ...)**

It couldn't have happened without:

- Our cooks: Dick Nicolaison, Mary Volkman, Karen and Mike Bultman, Leah Johnson, Kelley Carpenter, Sue Knudson, Rahab Irungu, Sondra Joten, Jackie Piette, Colleen Perrine, Bob Merrill, Cindy Robarge, Dave Pynonnen, Nancy Jones and Dean Buffington
- Our servers: Greg Diloretto, Sue Olson, Joyce Lee, Jackie and Ella Piette, Chris Volkman, Mike Bultman, Rahab Irungu, George Mbatia and Lynda Chavez (also condiment organizer)
- Our artists: Karen Bultman and fellow artists for providing art for sale at the event
- Table décor and set up: Kathy Buffington
- Wilmar Chocolate sampling: provided by Fischer Ulman Construction
- Grant provider: Thrivent for a \$250.00 grant to put on the event
- Giving extraordinaire: To Michelle and Joel Landsverk, for your generosity of matching funds for the day
- To those attending and those not in attendance who chose to make a donation anyhow!

# A SOUPER LUNCH ON A CHILI DAY



Note, as of this newsletter, thanks to PoP members' generous support through this event, matching funds and other fundraising efforts, we are on track to cover the Mbatia's living and education expenses through December 2018. Everyone involved has made such an impact - "Thank you!" only begins to express how grateful the Mbatia family and all involved are.



# APRIL 2018 | WORSHIP SUPPORT

## ASSISTING MINISTERS

April 1 Mark Steine 8 & 9:20/Kris Gurholt 10:45  
 April 8 Pete Miller  
 April 15 Brad Priebe  
 April 22 Jean Herron  
 April 29 Nancy Scheuerman

## USHERS

8:00 am Bill Robarge / Greg Knudson  
 9:20 am Dean Gruner / Ben Johnson  
 10:45 am Scott Perrine / Ed Benedict

## ACOLYTES

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:20 am</u>	<u>10:45 am</u>	<u>Wed. Service</u>
Apr 1/4	Peyton Kloehn	Logan Lowry	TBD	Cody Mussell
Apr 8/11	Will Nickel	Cori Riese	Macie Rodriguez	Allison Saucerman
Apr 15/18	Caden Rauhen	Nathan Stegath	Katlin Steward	TBD
Apr 22/25	Vivian Tripp	Max Wheeler	Ben Engebos	Carley Evers
Apr 29/May 2	Eliana Humski	Karin Juhl	Kat Landsverk	Matt Leder

## GREETERS

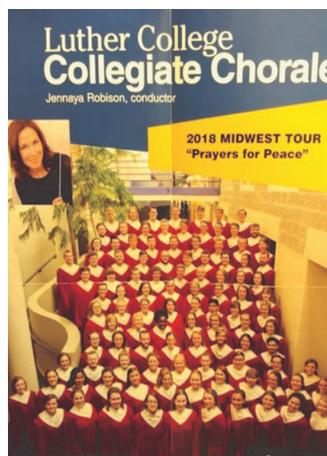
	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:20 am</u>	<u>10:45 am</u>
April 1			
East	Bill & Cindy Robarge	Julie Lawler/Joyce Lee	Chris & Mary Volkman
West	Tim & Judy Norum	Dennis Sauberlich	Jeff & Pam Wickman
April 8			
East	Anne Jackson/Sharyn March	Ben & Lisa Johnson	Lempesis Family
West	Pat McCarthy	Gary/Michelle Wiesman Family	N/A
April 15			
East	Peggy Miller-Ponschock	Evers Family	Wingender Family
West	Spielvogel Family	Romnek Family	N/A
April 22			
East	Dean & Kathy Buffington	Ron & Carol Rank	Gene Begalske
West	Greg & Sue Knudson	Chris Howard Family	N/A
April 29			
East	Dean & Kathy Buffington	Ron & Carol Rank	Gene Begalske
West	Greg & Sue Knudson	Chris Howard Family	N/A

**PARAMENTS & CANDLE VOLUNTEER:** (Purple)

**NURSERY CARE PROVIDERS:** Lynda Chavez / Anna Wingender

## UKULELE CHECK OUT—

Curious what all the ukulele buzz is about? Now you can take a uke home and give it a try! Ukulele is a fun and easy instrument to pick up and play—you can learn chords without needing to read notes. We have two ukuleles available for week-long check out. Connect with Anna Reinhold or Brigetta Wingender if you are interested!



For local music venues of interest, stop by the bulletin board outside the Music Office to see what's playing near by. Such as the Luther College Collegiate Chorale, Sunday, April 15 at 4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Neenah, or an Organ Concert at 3:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran. (Great for students needing Band extra credit points!)



# APRIL 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Comm. (Choir + Brass) 9:20 AM Worship with Holy Comm. + NO FF (Choir + Brass) 10:45 AM Worship with Holy Comm. (Brass)	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wkly Mtg 7:00 PM NA Meeting	<b>3</b> SPRING ELECTION POLL SITE 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Blue Grass Rehearsal 6:30 PM Property Ministry	<b>4</b> NO Canticle Choir 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM <i>Kostelny/Fischer-Ujman Training</i> 9:00 AM Quilters Meet 9:30 AM Soil Deo HB 5:00 PM Peace Ringer HB 5:30 PM OASIS Rehearsals 6:15 PM OASIS Wed Worship 7:10 PM HH Health Ministry / NAMI Program 7:15 PM 6-8th Gr Confirmation Small Groups	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM Gathering Room Reserved 6:15 PM Social Statement Hearing 6:30 PM Pop A Stitch	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 9:00 AM <i>Re-imagining Church ECSW Group Meeting</i> 9:30 AM Centering Prayer Group
<b>8</b> EASTER 2 / Blessing of the Prayerground 8:00 AM Bread for the World/Letters Annmnts 8 & 10:45 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Comm. (Solo Deo) 9:20 AM Baptism: Seashore 9:20 AM Worship with Holy Comm. + FF (Solo Deo) 10:45 AM Worship with Holy Comm. (Blue Grass)	<b>9</b> 8:30 AM CWU Board Mtg 10:00 AM Salvation Army 1:15 PM SARAH Circle (B.Mendiya/D.Cook) 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wkly Mtg 6:30 PM Library Reserved 6:30 PM NAOMI Circle (TBD/P.Christianson) 7:00 PM ESTHER Circle (A. Anderson/N.Becker-Nagan) 7:00 PM NA Meeting	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM RUTH Circle @ Pop/Jean K. (Jeannine B) 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Fellowship 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM <i>Fox Valley Memory Project</i> 6:30 PM Social Concerns Ministry Mtg	<b>11</b> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters Meet 9:30 AM Soil Deo HB 5:00 PM Peace Ringer HB 5:30 PM OASIS Rehearsals 6:15 PM OASIS Wed Worship 7:15 PM 6-8th Gr Confirmation - LAST CLASS 7:15 PM Canticle Choir	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM Gathering Room Reserved 6:00 PM Personnel Meeting 6:30 PM Special Task Force Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 9:30 AM Centering Prayer Group
<b>15</b> EASTER 3 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Comm. (Peace Ringers) 8:30 AM Bread for the World / Letter Writing 9:20 AM Worship with Holy Comm. + FF (Peace Ringers) 10:30 AM FROLIC Faith Class (Birth-3 Yr. Old Families) 10:45 AM Worship with Holy Comm. (PoP ROX)	<b>16</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wkly Mtg 7:00 PM NA Meeting	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Global Missions Meeting 6:00 PM Council Meeting 6:30 PM Blue Grass Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters Meet 9:30 AM Soil Deo HB 5:30 PM OASIS Rehearsals 6:00 PM 8th Gr Confirmation Dinner 6:15 PM OASIS Wed Worship 7:15 PM Canticle Choir	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM Gathering Room Reserved 1:30 PM Book Club 6:30 PM Pop A Stitch	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> PRAY. ACT. FAST. - Day of Global Fasting 7:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 9:30 AM Centering Prayer Group
<b>22</b> Bread for the World/ Bless the Letters 8 & 9:20 am Earth Day EASTER 4 - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Comm. (Blue Grass) 9:20 AM Worship with Holy Comm. + FF (Canticle Choir) 10:45 AM Worship with Holy Comm. (Confirmation)	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wkly Mtg 7:00 PM NA Meeting	<b>24</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM Helping Hands Ministry Meeting 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Fellowship	<b>25</b> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters Meet 9:30 AM Soil Deo HB 5:30 PM OASIS Rehearsals 6:15 PM OASIS Wed Worship 7:15 PM Canticle Choir	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM Gathering Room Reserved	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 9:30 AM Centering Prayer Group 7:00 PM BELLS of the BLUFFS
<b>29</b> EASTER 5 8:00 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:20 AM Worship with Holy Communion + FF 10:45 AM Worship with Holy Comm. (PoP ROX) 1:00 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved	<b>30</b> 6:30 PM BS Troop 127 Wkly Mtg 7:00 PM NA Meeting					

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# YOUTH, FAMILIES & OUTREACH

For any Faith Formation/Confirmation/Youth Outreach questions or concerns, please contact us through the church office or by email:

Anna Reinhold (Birth - 5K) [areinhold@popappleton.org](mailto:areinhold@popappleton.org)

Brigetta Wingender (1st -9th Grade)  
[bwingender@popappleton.org](mailto:bwingender@popappleton.org)

## POP PRAYERGROUND

The PoP Prayerground in the Narthex has been taking shape these past few weeks! Thank you to everyone who has given us feedback and ideas for enhancing the space. In addition to books and activities geared towards children, there are also parent resources available to look at while you're at church, or to check out and take home with you. If there are any book titles, for children or for parents, which you would like to see in the Prayerground, please connect with Anna Reinhold or Brigetta Wingender. There will be a blessing of the PoP Prayerground on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the 9:20 service.



*Note, the strategically thought out placement of the furniture in th Prayerground (above), to keep Little Lambs corralled safely during the bustle of fellowship time.*

## FAITH FORMATION KIDS WILL SING AN EASTER SONG ON APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>

On April 8<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of the 9:20 service, our Faith Formation kids will help us celebrate our risen Lord by singing a special Easter song in front of the congregation! The kids will need your help for the call and response, so be ready! You won't want to miss it!

## FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

- April 1—No Faith Formation (Happy Easter!)
- April 8—Kids sing Easter song at 9:20 service
- May 20—Faith Formation Teacher Appreciation Sunday
- May 20—Last Day of Faith Formation (large group in the Fellowship Hall)
- June 23—PoP Camp at Calumet

## FROLIC FAITH CLASS



Frolic Faith classes are designed for children ages birth to 3 yrs. old to participate with their parents/guardians. Each lesson has a theme (i.e. new friends, patience, sharing...) and consists of circle time, story time, songs and play time. (See photo excerpt pg. 11)

Classes are offered once a month. Snacks are provided and older siblings are always welcome! **Our next Frolic Faith class will be Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:10 a.m. in the nursery.**

We invite you to join us for this special time to grow in faith with your child and connect with families at Prince of Peace. You do not need to register for these classes, however if you have any questions, please contact Anna Reinhold ([areinhold@popappleton.org](mailto:areinhold@popappleton.org)).



## Save the Dates!

**PoP Camp at Calumet**—PoP Camp at Calumet (previously known as VBS) will be **Saturday, June 23** at Calumet County Park during the Family Camping weekend (June 22-24). This is an all-congregational event! People of all ages and in all stages of life are welcome to come for fellowship and fun! Stay tuned for information regarding registration and camping weekend details. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Brigetta Wingender or Anna Reinhold!

Family Camping Weekend – Day of Activities: PoP Camp at Calumet (see above), Potluck, and Sunset Service. We hope you will consider joining us for PoP Camp at Calumet! However, if just hanging out at the park is more your style, there will also be other outdoor games and fellowship opportunities happening throughout the day on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Family Camping weekend will be June 22-24** at Calumet County Park. Come out for some or all of that weekend to hang out. Campsites are available for \$56 for 2 nights; use the sign-up sheet on the Witness board in the Narthex to reserve a spot. You can also contact Brigetta Wingender for additional camping details.

## Frolic Faith Class (February 25th)

The theme of our February Frolic Faith Class was 'Movement and Praise.'

The little ones played the shakers and showed us their dance moves as we praised Jesus together! Playtime included more dancing, tower building and demolition (that's the best part!) and reading books.



At the end of class, we went to the Prayerground in the Narthex and let the kids explore some more! The Duplos were a BIG hit. At these monthly Frolic Faith Classes, parents get to teach their little ones about God's love for them and have fellowship



time with other parents at Prince of Peace. If you have a child or children ages 0-3, come check out Frolic! Older siblings are welcome to hang out with us too. We have two more classes before summer break-- Sunday, April 15 and Sunday, May 6 from 10:30-11:10 a.m. in the nursery. If you want to learn more about Frolic, feel free to connect with Anna Reinhold.



On March 7<sup>th</sup>, we had a fun night where we did some Bible Skills, we talked about the layout of the Bible, and how it is broken down in to sections (law, history, the Gospels, etc). We also presented students with color-coded bookmarks that show the breakdown of the books. The color-coding matches Bible tabs that we worked on attaching to their Bibles on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The purchase of these Bible tabs was made possible by an anonymous donation from a Prince of Peace family. We want to thank these donors for giving us the opportunity to purchase these tabs, which we hope will be instrumental in our Confirmation kids learning even more about the most wonderful book EVER!



TEAM  
BUILDING  
EXERCISES  
ROCK!



Following our Bible conversation where we talked about, looked up and read aloud verses of the Bible that related to compassion, trust, patience and forgiveness, the students participated in a team-building activity.

Cindy Kohler instructed the teams of 7 that they had to get across the Fellowship Hall using only 6 bases to step on. Another catch was that their feet were not allowed to touch the actual floor, and they all had to remain connected through holding hands, or some other way, while also having one person holding onto a hula hoop. The kids worked together and there were tons of laughs and a few attempts at sabotage along the way!

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT NIGHT CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE...



Students making place-mats for Meals on Wheels

March 15<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Czarnik-Neimeyer and Chris Wardlow of Catalpa health, led a presentation on ACT (Acknowledge Care Tell). This is a Suicide Prevention presentation geared towards our Confirmation students' ages. We want to thank both Cindy and Chris for sharing valuable information with the students, and attending parents, on ways they can get help for friends in crisis.



Making blankets for CASA



Our last evening of Lent was spent on a Prayer and Scripture event. We had the CLR dedicated to learning the Stations of the Cross, led by Pastor Jennifer. Another location had the students reading through the Gospels, focusing on the Easter story. They then watched a super funny "remake" of the Easter Story, and compared what actually happened, to the portrayal in the video.



Finally, at a final location, the kids had an opportunity to put pen to paper and place stickers on a map, indicating someone or something they were praying for in that location.



## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2018 ...

... got underway on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Under the wonderful instruction of Mary Volkman, the class learned all about the Sacrament of Holy Communion, including what it means to receive Communion, the story of Passover, the symbolism of Holy Communion, and how we receive it.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the class took part in a craft to commemorate their First Communion. Many were joined by their parents as they each created their own individual cross to remember their First Communion, including a special gold plate with their name and date of their First Communion.



Finally, on March 11<sup>th</sup>, participating in 'The Paschal (Seder) Meal,' and in a Communion walk-through was the last step in their instruction prior to receiving their First Communion. The Paschal Meal was led by Pastor Jennifer and Mary Volkman with the food prepared by Lori Erdmann. (Anna Wingender helped to serve the food.) The students had an opportunity to sample all of the components of the meal including horse-radish, charoset, bitter herbs and lots of Sparkling Cider. They did a great job and their parents were there to observe and support them in this highly symbolic event.

Following the meal, the kids and parents headed into the sanctuary, where Pastor Roger talked with them about how to receive Holy Communion; they even got to have a first taste of the wine and the wafer. First Communion was received by the students over the course of two separate days, March 18<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>. They were welcomed to the Lord's Table, receiving Communion with the rest of the Congregation each Sunday. As a gift from Prince of Peace, each received a commemorative stole and a cross necklace as keepsakes to remember this step on their Faith journey. Also, as a way for everyone to know who was taking part in their First Communion. Thank you so very much to Mary Volkman, Lori Erdmann, Pastor Jennifer, Pastor Roger and Anna Wingender for your gift of time shared with these amazing kids.

We would like to extend the Brightest of Blessings to our First Communion Class of 2018 - Brayden Berry, Sarah Campbell, Irelyn Christianson, Luke Johnson, Addie Rauen, Kyler Ross, Brianna Sackett, MacKenzie Schuller, Carter Steward, Ali Wenig, Cole Wingender and Caitlyn Woerishofer.





## Helping Hands Outreach

How can we reach out to one another as Christians this spring? Ask yourself what can we do for one another? Helping Hands is a great outreach to provide connections among our fellow members! Remember, the next time you or someone is in need, call one of the Helping Hands leaders. Reach out and touch someone!

Our leaders are:

Erin Larson (chair), Bob Merrill, Sharon Erickson, Pam Christianson, Jeannie Thompson, Barb Behm, Roger & Leah Johnson, Jeannine Bultman, Jenni Doris and Cindy Romnek

A friend of mine, Jodi, is a counselor in the Fox Valley area and facilitates support groups and therapy sessions. On a daily basis, Jodi provides uplifting advice and suggestions for her clients. One day she had several of her clients sitting in the same room. And the scenario goes like this:

*Three people sitting on couches in an office, were asked by Jodi to choose one word that described how they felt about life. The first was a 15 year old girl who was the victim of physical abuse at the hands of her step-father. She described herself as HELPLESS. The second was a mother of three, whose life was like a treadmill stuck on high. Her 40 plus hour job, coupled with shuttling kids to a myriad of activities and capped by caring for her cancer stricken mother, led her to say she felt OVERWHELMED. The 64 year old man who completed this counseling triad was back in society from 6 months of rehabilitation for drug addiction, and simply said he felt WEAK.*

Most of us can identify with these folks. We experience feeling helpless, overwhelmed and weak. We can't offer a super-vitamin or a financial windfall. We can't make people treat you better or send you a cape-wearing super hero. However, God offers to empower us in ways we cannot understand.

Prince of Peace encourages all of us to look to *ourselves less and to the Lord more*. We will discover His strength and guidance, as we look to the cross, read the Scriptures, and bow our hearts in prayer. Each of these tools will allow us to experience a better life on earth and anticipate the best life for eternity.

We invite you to share your gifts and to be able to open your hearts to help create a welcoming place and honest conversations at Prince of Peace.

## You can make a difference at Prince of Peace and in our Community!

Prince of Peace engages a large network of volunteers for its various ministry teams and small tasks. We need your God-given gifts to serve a mission-driven and growing church. Serving opportunities are seven days a week! We need families and individuals to "Build the Body of Christ!"

And we need volunteers for this upcoming summer:

- \*POP Camp at Calumet County Park
- \*Greeters during the summer worship services
- \*Volunteers for the PoP Rummage Sale
- \*Christmas in August
- \*Soloists

We connect people into the life of the church through opportunities listed in our church bulletins, newsletters, bulletin boards, testimonials and website. We would love to sit down with you, to match your gifts and interests with the needs of the church. You may want to sample several different areas of ministry/teams until you find an area that feels "right" for you. We invite you to serve with your God-given gifts and to grow deeper in your faith here at PoP.

## Where do I go from here? Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 p.m. in the Congregational Life Room is our last Spring Mental Illness session!

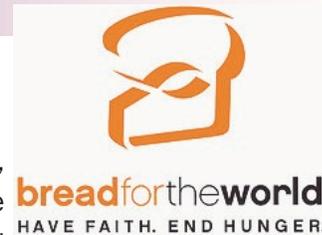
As a parent, one of the scariest things is not knowing where to go to get help for your child! Join us to hear firsthand from a parent's perspective, about the challenges and shared joys about a daughter's journey with mental illness. Learn about community resources for mental health services and how to access those resources. Don't pass this wonderful opportunity to find how we can help our loved ones. *Break the stigma!*

## 2018 Offering of Letters: For Such a Time as This

### What is the Offering of Letters?

Bread for the World's annual Offering of Letters campaign engages churches, campuses, and other faith communities in writing letters to Congress. Each year, for the focus of the campaign, we choose specific legislation or a legislative emphasis that can make a real difference to people struggling with hunger and poverty.

People write letters, usually as a group, and present them as an offering to God before mailing them to Congress. Hundreds of Offerings of Letters are held each year, resulting in tens of thousands of letters to Congress. Supported with prayer, these letters are a bold witness to God's justice and mercy. They have, and continue to have, a significant impact on the decisions made in Congress.



### What is the 2018 Offering of Letters About?

Every day, millions of people in the United States and around the world feed and support their families in part because of lifesaving programs funded by our government. We are making progress toward the end of hunger, but we live in challenging times. Our gains are increasingly vulnerable due to the actions and inactions of governing officials. Our great democracy gives all Americans access to powerful decision makers. Just as Esther in the Old Testament was called to be an advocate with the king of Persia for her threatened people, we are called to speak up with leaders in Congress to protect vital programs for people who struggle with hunger and poverty. We must call on our leaders to ensure that all people, regardless of where they live, have the opportunity to reach their God-given potential. The actions that Congress takes have far-reaching impact on the lives of millions of people in the United States and around the world living in hunger. The federal budget is the investment of our tax dollars. This investment must reflect our nation's priorities & values.

You serve God when you put your faith into practice. And just as Esther fasted and prayed as she prepared for advocacy with the king, the people and churches who participate in Bread for the World's annual Offering of Letters also pray for God's saving presence and direction in our nation's life.

### Take Action

Right now, the biggest threat to people struggling with hunger and poverty continues to be the threat of large budget cuts. Your advocacy is critical in ensuring that spending bills provide the strongest support possible for anti-hunger and anti-poverty efforts in the United States and around the world.

We are raising our collective voice to ask Congress to invest in and protect key programs that help improve the lives of men, women, and children facing hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world.

Your messages to Congress will urge legislators to make funding decisions that can jump start and accelerate progress against hunger. Writing a personal message is simple and should take only a few minutes.

SOURCE: <http://www.bread.org/offering-letters-campaign>

### HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

**Take a few minutes to join other PoP members in the Congregational Life Room on April 15 anytime between services or after third service. (There will be orientation sessions at 9:15, 10:00, 10:30, and 11:45.)** We will have information and supplies, address your questions, and discuss how to write letters to your members of Congress. You can choose to write a letter (or three!) on the spot or take materials with you and write letters at home. Short letters are best! Our goal is to generate 100+ letters from Prince of Peace members to Congress.

If you write at home, please return letters by April 29. We will offer and bless the letters on April 29 before we send them on their way to our representatives and senators. We can do this, and Bread for the World has shown time and again that the Offering of Letters makes a real difference.

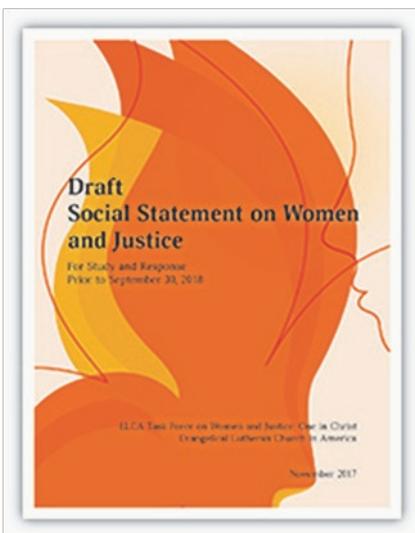
Here is a link for at-home letter-writers: <http://www.bread.org/offering-letters-campaign> (Includes link to sample letter)

# The East Central Synod of Wisconsin invites you to participate in a hearing on the “Draft of a Social Statement on Women and Justice.”

## What is a social statement?

ELCA social statements are teaching and policy documents that provide broad frameworks to assist in the discernment of social issues in the context of faith and life. They are meant to help communities and individuals with moral formation, deliberation and thoughtful engagement as we participate in God’s work in the world. Social statements also govern policy related to social issues for the ELCA as an institution and guide its advocacy and work as a publicly-engaged church. They result from an extensive process of participation and discernment and are adopted by a two-thirds vote of an ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

**The current Social Statement process is on Women & Justice and is now in the draft statement comment period.**



- [Click here](#) to download a digital copy of the draft.
- Physical copies of the draft can be ordered [here](#) .

## Additional Resources which can aid your reading of the Draft:

[FAQ](#): This document answers frequently asked questions about the draft and the social statement process.

[Overview](#): This document outlines a brief synopsis of the draft.

[Brochure](#): This downloadable brochure explains more about the comment period and how to participate.

[Timeline](#): This page charts the work of the task force through 2019.

**Hearings are an opportunity for ELCA members to share with the social statement task force their concerns, appreciations and suggestions about the draft of a social statement. They also provide a place of sharing in which participants can hear what others have to say about the draft.**

A record of comments from each hearing is shared with the task force, who will consider this feedback while editing the draft to create the proposed social statement. The proposed statement is scheduled to be released in February 2019. Hearings are a very important step in the social statement process. Receiving input from all spheres of the church is essential to create a strong social statement.

## The East Central Synod of Wisconsin is hosting two local hearings:

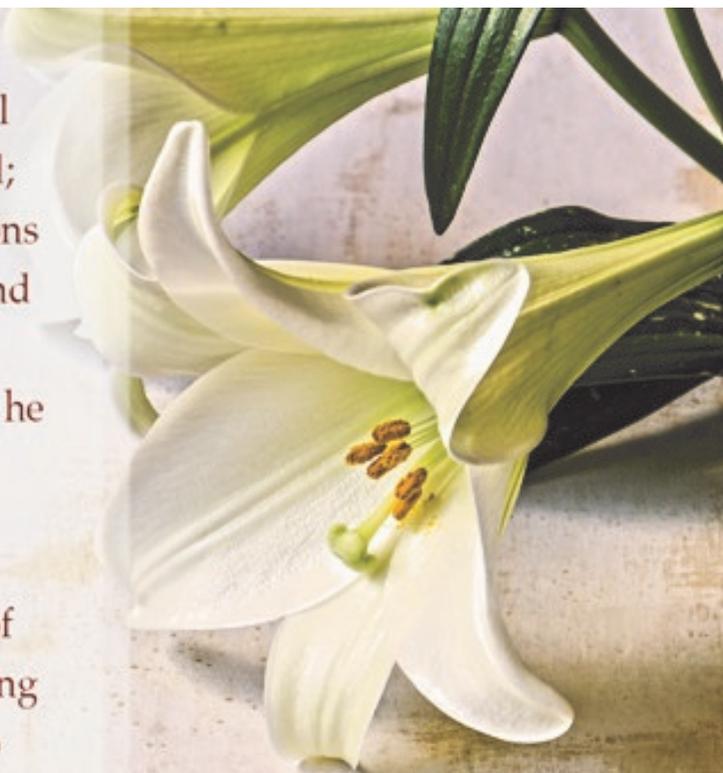
**April 5, 7:00 – 8:30 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2330 E. Calumet St., Appleton**  
**April 30, 7:00 – 8:30 at Trinity, 1410 Rogers St., Stevens Point**

If you plan to attend a hearing, please read the social statement prior to the hearing, noting your comments by line number. Copies will be available for use at the hearings. **RSVP appreciated to [Darlene.Kalfahs@ecsw.org](mailto:Darlene.Kalfahs@ecsw.org) or call the ESCW office at (920) 734-5381.**

"All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ... and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it."

*This is the wisdom of God.*

Jesus' crucifixion is the death of our death. His innocent suffering has reconciled all of creation to God. He has done it.



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