

# PRINCE OF PEACE NEWS

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## I Miss Worship

**“6 I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD, 7 proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds. 8 O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. 9 Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, 10 in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes. 11 But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. 12 My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.”** (Psalm 26:6-12/A Psalm of King David)

Life has changed! Millions of people are temporarily out of work! No March Madness! Schools are closed or using online classes. Precious Playmates Daycare is currently closed! The financial markets have dropped! We have experienced empty shelves in stores! The news tells us of the growing number of infected individuals with the COVID – 19 virus, and the death toll continues to rise! **And we are no longer in public worship.**

I cannot remember a time when I did not attend worship. And I don't like it a bit. As Pastor, I want to open the doors and return to our regular worship schedule. However, this would be irresponsible if we were to spread the virus to our fellow man. So, we have gone to online services and we pray for the day we can return to our weekly worship. When will we return to worship? Only time will tell.

**During this pandemic, God wants our attention.** No matter what is occurring in life, God encourages us to turn our attention to Him. Since the fall into sin, God has called His people to repent of their sins and trust in His mercy and forgiveness. The world has been infected with a virus called sin and it takes many forms include plagues, wars, diseases, famine, natural disasters and eventually death. During these difficult times, God encourages us to turn to Him for peace, and joy that reminds us of His mercy and our

eventual entrance into eternal life with Him in heaven. **“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify Me.”** (Ps. 50:14-15) Jesus encourages us to: **“Call upon Me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will bring you rest.”** (Matthew 11:28)

During this pandemic, God offers us encouragement and hope. God's word tells us that there is nothing that can separate us from His love. **“31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?.....Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ..... 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.** (Romans 8:31-39)

While the world has changed, God has not changed. May Jesus words: **“In this world you will have tribulation. But take heart: I have overcome the world.”** (John 16:33) provide you with His peace and joy in the midst of this pandemic.

I look forward to the day we can return to the Lord's house to sing hymns, hear God's Word in public worship, and receive His blessed Sacraments.

Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor Nathan Janssen

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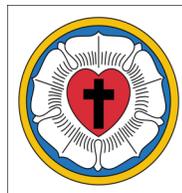
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### Meet our staff:

- ◆ Pastor: Rev. Nathan Janssen
- ◆ Director of Youth Ministries: Sharon Raney
- ◆ Secretaries: Sharon Raney & Beth Wallis
- ◆ Preschool Teacher: Maggie Dewey
- ◆ Preschool Aide: Savannah Griswold
- ◆ Daycare Director: Brenda Frederick
- ◆ Asst. Daycare Director: Cindy Rogers

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### ***31st Class Reunion at James D. Murder High***

It was to be the 30th Class Reunion at this year's Mystery Dinner Theater, but due to COVID-19 concerns, the 2020 Mystery Dinner Theater on May 1 has been cancelled. The Prince of Peace Players thank you for your support and hope to return next year for the 31st reunion instead...stay tuned for more information!

### **A word on offerings during the quarantine**

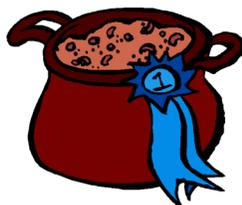
Many people have asked how to best deliver their offerings to the church during the quarantine period. You may mail them (3496 E. Morgan St., Martinsville, IN 46151) as we check the mail daily. You may drop them off in the office, but please call (765-342-2004) to verify someone is here before making a trip. You may wish to enroll in electronic funds transfer; there are several options available and you may make changes or cancel at any time (giving 3 business days notice).

Contact Sharon in the office at 765-342-2004 or [popchurchlcms@hotmail.com](mailto:popchurchlcms@hotmail.com) and she will be happy to mail or email enrollment forms to you.

### **Fourteenth Annual Chili Cook-off in the history books!**

The Youth Group would like to thank all those who entered a chili in the recent Chili Cook-off, which was held on February 23:

- The Johnsons – “Oh, My Deer!” chili
- The Hunts – “Hickory Hill Farm” chili
- Bethany Asher – “Breakfast” chili
- Sam, Lyna & Nathan Rinehart – “Arkansas Deer” chili
- Marissa Boler – “Electric” chili
- Alyssa Boler – “Chicken” chili
- Ellen Roth – “Not the Winner” chili
- Payton Boler – “Spicy Bean” chili



We all enjoyed the variety of options to sample! We are happy to announce the winner of the contest: BETHANY ASHER! Congratulations, Bethany; your name will be forever inscribed on the beautiful Golden Cooking Pot! This year's Tasters' Choice winner was ELLEN ROTH! Ellen's name will also be on the Pot. Thank you to those who came and tasted as well; through your generosity, we raised **\$507**. This money will help with expenses of our 2022 trip to Houston to attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering. Additional thanks to Thrivent for

### **Churches in Mission**

Churches in Mission will accept donations of food and hygiene items during the quarantine. Please take them directly to Churches in Mission, 60 West Pike St in Martinsville. Their service hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Likewise, if you or anyone you know is in need of assistance from Churches in Mission, help is available during those hours. You may contact Churches in Mission at 765-341-6652.

## **April Celebrations**



### **Happy Birthday**

- 1 Molly McKelfresh
- 3 Janice Eickhoff
- 4 Amaya Montgomery  
William Wallace
- 9 Lisa LaForte
- 10 Bob Yocum
- 11 Gavin Davis
- 12 Kathy Mulder
- 16 Cindy Rogers
- 19 Kirstie McClish
- 22 Piper Petersen
- 25 Tom Polster
- 26 Alexander Dobbs
- 29 Kathy French

### **Happy Anniversary**

- 9 Sam & Lyna Rinehart
- 15 Bob & Tish Abel
- 18 Duane & Cassie Otte
- 27 Joe & Dana Ramey
- 28 Tom & Brenda Polster
- 29 Lloyd & Jan Gosser
- 30 Roger & Rita Chambers
- 30 Tim & Emily Davis

*Did we forget someone? Please let the church office know.*



## Official Acts

### March, 2020

Deaths:

Mary Lou Peden-March 18, 2020



### CHURCH ATTENDANCE AT PRINCE OF PEACE FOR MARCH, 2020

	2019	2020
Feb 29/Mar 1	144	164
Mar. 7/8	163	126
Mar. 14/15	143	125
Mar. 21/22	128	
Mar. 28/29	158	
Average for month	147	

### Confirmation

This year Emily Mann will participate in the Rite of Confirmation. At this time the date of questioning and Confirmation are unknown, but continue to pray for Emily and know the day will arrive that we can celebrate this wonderful occasion with Emily and her family.



### Resources for help during quarantine

There are many free resources to assist you as we work and learn from home during the coronavirus pandemic:

- **Our church website:** Links to all recorded worship services are on the home page of our website at [www.popmartinsville.org](http://www.popmartinsville.org). In addition, you will find links to other helpful websites.
- **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod website:** Go to [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) to receive up-to-date information from our church headquarters.
- **Concordia Publishing House:** Our LCMS publishing partner offers an abundance of FREE resources for all ages during the pandemic crisis. Visit [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org) to access them.
- **Lutheran Hour Ministries:** Access the weekly Lutheran Hour broadcast and many other spiritual helps at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).

Do you need printed material rather than “virtual” help? ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ASK! Sharon will be happy to mail requested items to you. Just call the church office at 765-342-2004; leave a voicemail if there is no answer.



### Thy Kingdom Come Endowment Fund

By Greg McKelfresh

#### Update on the Prince of Peace Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund Board has been quite busy since our creation last June. At our recent board meeting on February 13th, the EFB:

1. Reported that a bank account has been established and \$350 has been contributed to the Endowment Fund and
2. Approved two policies.

Now that we have a bank account, members can contribute to our endowment fund at any time. Any amount will be appreciated. You might consider making a contribution from your tax refund, if you are fortunate to receive a refund this year. Be sure to mark the outside of your envelope “Contribution to the POP Endowment Fund”.

One of the policies that we approved was a Gift Acceptance Policy. This policy outlines the responsibilities of the EFB concerning gifts to the Fund and provides guidance to prospective donors when making gifts to the Fund. This policy also spells out the procedure for acknowledging all gifts to the Fund in a timely fashion. So, if you make a contribution to the Endowment Fund, you will receive a written acknowledgement for your gift.

The other policy that we approved at our meeting was a Distribution Policy. This policy provides guidelines for the distribution of income from the POP Endowment Fund to support the mission and ministries of the church to advance the Kingdom of God. The EFB did decide that no distribution of income from unrestricted funds would occur until the invested funds exceed \$100,000.

These two policies will need the approval of the Church Council before they are official policies of the EFB.

If you have questions about the Endowment Fund, please see one of the Board members—Dennis Eickhoff, Tom Gray, Greg McKelfresh, Larry Polster, or Donnie Sheldon. Also, Tom Jackson or Pastor Janssen can answer your questions.

Should you be interested in reaching out to Andy Behrmann with the LCMS Foundation here is his contact information.

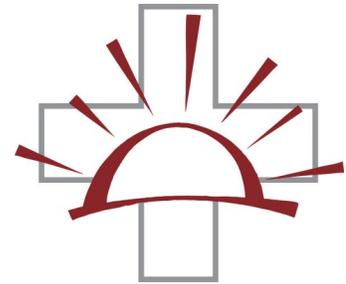
**Email Address:** [andy.behrmann@lfnd.org](mailto:andy.behrmann@lfnd.org)

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# Read the Bible in a Year

In 2020 we suggest reading the Bible in **chronological order**, sequencing events and books as they occurred in real time.

<b>April</b>	Psalm 11, 59	16, 19, 21
1 Judges 6-7	14 1 Samuel 21-24	23 1 Chronicles 1-2
2 Judges 8-9	15 Psalm 7, 27, 31,	24 Psalm 43-45, 49,
3 Judges 10-12	34, 52	84-85, 87
4 Judges 13-15	16 Psalm 56, 120, 140	25 1 Chronicles 3-5
5 Judges 16-18	-142	26 Psalm 73, 77-78
6 Judges 19-21	17 1 Samuel 25-27	27 1 Chronicles 6
7 Ruth	18 Psalm 17, 35, 54,	28 Psalm 81, 88, 92-93
8 1 Samuel 1-3	63	
9 1 Samuel 4-8	19 1 Samuel 28-31,	29 1 Chronicles 7-10
10 1 Samuel 9-12	Psalm 18	30 Psalm 102-104
11 1 Samuel 13-14	20 Psalm 121, 123-	
12 1 Samuel 15-17	125, 128-130	
13 1 Samuel 18-20;	21 2 Samuel 1-4	
	22 Psalm 6, 8-10, 14,	



## He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

While we all would love to hold Easter worship in the Sanctuary on April 12, it appears at this time we will need to again utilize online worship for our Holy Week and Easter services. It is our Prince of Peace tradition to place carnations on the Lenten cross on Easter morning. With social distancing guidelines in place, we invite you to participate in this tradition this year in a new way. Here's how to participate:

1. The Lenten cross will be placed just outside the main entrance of the church under the awning on **Saturday, April 11 from 12 noon until 4:00 p.m.**
2. At your convenience, you are invited to drive under the awning. Each member of your family will place a carnation on the cross.
3. To maintain appropriate distancing, cones will be placed for those waiting in line to allow proper spacing between vehicles. Please remain in your car with windows rolled up if you are waiting.
4. Hand sanitizer will be available. Each person taking a carnation should apply to his/her hands first. You may reapply after placing.
5. We will attempt to provide a time-lapse video of this experience on our Facebook page on Easter morning. (You are therefore encouraged to wear your Easter best clothes!)

### Prince of Peace Golf Outing—June 5



As of now, the Prince of Peace Golf Outing will be **Friday, June 5** at Martinsville Golf Club. Registration and check-in begins at 8:00 a.m., the shotgun start at 9:00 a.m., and lunch at 1:00 p.m. This annual event, sponsored by the Men's Club, raises money for many youth programs at Prince of Peace, including college scholarships and the LCMS National Youth Gathering. All golfers of all skill levels are welcome to our event! Start getting your foursome together, and watch for registration forms coming soon!

### Spring college & HS senior care campaign

Each April, the youth group organizes a college care campaign to show our love and support to our amazing college students. As you know, our students are at home finishing their semester with online instruction. It is still a stressful time & any notes (or emails!) of encouragement would be greatly appreciated. Our high school seniors have also been greatly impacted by the closure of school. If you are able to mail a note of encouragement to any or all of the following students, it would mean so much. Please mail to the students' home address. College students: Taylor Drake, Christina McKowen, & Grace Raney. High school seniors: Annabelle Cleary, Amelia DeBaets, & Hannah Raney. Need a directory? Sharon will be happy to email or mail you one if you have misplaced yours.



### 2020 VBS June 14-18

It's easy to get lost. That's why we need Jesus AND Rainforest Explorers VBS, where we will learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest AND in life. He leads us to the treasure of eternal life, and He'll never leave us! We pray that our VBS will still occur as planned in mid-June. Keep watching our website, Facebook page, emails, and newsletter for more information.

*I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!*  
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