

# TIDINGS OF PEACE

April 2024

## Pastor's Message

### "Our Easter Acclimation"

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! This is the Christian and Easter refrain that we proclaim on Resurrection Sunday. But, it does not have to be solely reserved for Easter. Since Christ is risen, we now live in the dawning light of His resurrection. For the past thirteen years, since I arrived, we have done an "acclimation of hope," and the refrain that we speak is this: Christ has come! Christ is risen! Christ shall come again! We proclaim Christ's resurrection every Sunday.

If someone asked you, why do you go to church every Sunday, you can give a terrific witness by saying, "Because Christ is risen from the dead!" Everything that we do, everything that we believe hinges upon Christ's resurrection. It is like the Apostle Paul said in 1st Corinthians, "if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (15.14). Since Christ is risen from the dead, our faith is not a vain exercise, it is not worthless. It is now the most precious thing for we stake our present, future, our entire lives on His resurrection which then allows our present, future, and our entire lives to be changed. We can live with hope and confidence, knowing that since Christ is risen, then we are good, no matter what happens. Jaroslav Pelikan was

an LC-MS trained and ordained pastor who taught at Yale Divinity school for a number of years. He famously said, "If Christ is risen, nothing else matters. And if Christ is not – nothing else matters." I love that line – it is so true and captures so well that everything hinges upon Jesus' resurrection. I want to list a number of questions for you to consider as we live in the light of Christ's resurrection. May the Spirit of the Lord bless you as you reflect upon these questions!

Since Christ is risen from the dead, how does this impact / change the way I see myself?

Since Christ is risen from the dead, how does this impact / change the way I see others?

Since Christ is risen from the dead, how does this impact / change the way that I live in relation and relationship with fellow Christians, LC-MS brothers and sisters, and those who confess faith in Christ Jesus, but may not be a part of the LC-MS?

Since Christ is risen from the dead, how does this impact / change the way that I live and serve with my fellow brothers and sisters at Prince of Peace?

Since Christ is risen from the dead, how does this impact / change the way

I live and act towards my spouse, my children, my friends, and family?

Since Christ is risen from the dead, how does this impact / change the way I hear about our politics, the economy, wars and famines in the world?

Since Christ is risen from the dead, how does this impact / change the way I utilize the time, talents, and gifts God has blessed me with?

Since Christ is risen from the dead, how does this impact / change the test, trials, and suffering that is inherent in this sin-broken world?

Christ is risen from the dead! Everything changes because of it. We now get to live in the beauty, hope, confidence, and assurance that our lives, present, and future are defined by His resurrection. We now have a living hope for our hope is in the one who is living!

May we live in the hope and certainty of Christ's resurrection! God bless you this month!

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### Community Party

Mark your calendars for our community party. It will be Saturday, June 1st, late morning to early afternoon. We will have bounce houses, water balloons, lunch, and fellowship opportunities. We will also need volunteers to help with the event. Look for a sign-up sheet, online and in-person, as we plan to bless our community with a fun afternoon on June 1st.

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### Underwear Collection

Thank you for the blessing you all were for the underwear collection for a local school. We collected over 25 packages

of underwear; it was more than 150 pairs of underwear.

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### Prince of Peace / ETSS Community Garden

We're gearing up for another season of gardening, and all members of Prince of Peace are invited to apply for a garden plot. You may contact Tom Kluesener at 614-558-4335 or John Kneller at 614-432-6691 for instructions and an application form. The application deadline is April 15, but your chance of getting a plot is improved by submitting the application as soon as possible. Most plots are 10ft x 11ft and 10ft x 14ft, and a few are 10ft x 5ft.

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### Shoe Donation

Thank you to everyone who has brought in tennis shoes to donate as we seek to bless our community and the environment by reusing, repurposing and recycling used tennis shoes. Bring you shoes in on any given Sunday put them in one of the boxes designated for shoe donations.

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### Joining Prince of Peace

If you would like to become a member of Prince of Peace, please contact the church office at 614-863-3124, [info@poplutheran.net](mailto:info@poplutheran.net), or contact Pastor Chris at 480-540-5701 or [alivefromfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:alivefromfaith@yahoo.com) and we can discuss the next steps to welcome you into formal membership at Prince of Peace. Pastor Chris recognizes that everyone takes this step in their own time, so if or when you desire to do so, please reach out.

## Bible Study

**Sunday morning @ 9:30 a.m.** We are currently discussing Paul's letter to the Ephesians. There will be no Sunday morning bible study on March 31st.

**Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study** – This bible study resumes on Wednesday. We are not meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

**Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study:** Meets at the Fieldings home on the 1st Saturday of the month.

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## Sunday school

Sunday school for our kids (pre-school – 6th grade) Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m.

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## April Communion

Communion will be celebrated on **April 14<sup>th</sup>** and **28<sup>th</sup>**. We will celebrate communion during the in-person service.

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## Thank You: Easter Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who provided the food and set-up, cleaned up from our wonderful Easter breakfast. We had plenty of food and served over 60 people.

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## L.S.S. Food Donation

The Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Central Ohio is in need of food donations due to the greatly increased number of clients and the ability to buy less and less bulk from the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. If you will donate, please bring your food donation to the church

on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** and we will take everything down there on behalf of the congregation. The items they are requesting are fruits, vegetables, tuna, peanut butter, other 'shelf', non-perishable items, and personal care items. Jesus said in Matthew 25.40, "Whatever you did to the least of these My brothers, you did it for Me." Thank you for your willingness to help those in need. ***You can bring your food donation to the church and it will be unloaded for you.***

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## Flower Signups

If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar, please see the sign-up sheet near the church office. Cost is \$25.00

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## LWML Monthly Mission Grant: LCMS Office of Pastoral Education

Set Apart to Serve is a Synod-wide initiative that focuses on forming and recruiting fulltime church workers to teach the saving faith to God's people. Since Christ provides workers for His church through His people, every congregation needs to talk intentionally to our youth and adults about church work to stimulate enrollment in Christian education, deaconess, director of parish music, director of family life, and seminary programs.

This grant will partially fund anticipated expenses of a broad, rigorously planned, and well-constructed, multi-year sustained effort across the LCMS to affect a positive, cultural change in

the way church worker vocations are perceived. Prospective students will be encouraged and inspired to consider and prepare to serve the Church in lifelong professions that advance the Gospel both in the U.S. and abroad.

### Streaming of Worship

We will continue our Sunday live stream worship services for the next several months. Service will be at 10:30 a.m. If you cannot make it to service, we are posting the recording of it on our website (Poplutheran.net) under the sermon section.

In order to participate in the worship service, please download the worship folder. It should always be posted to the website by Saturday morning. You can access the worship folder at: [Worship Folder](#)

On the same page as the worship folder, you will find the link to the live stream. I have included it here in the newsletter as well. The live stream link is: [Live Stream](#)

### Updating Contact Info

If you would like to update your information for the church, please contact the church office at 614-863-3124 and a link will be e-mailed to you. You may also contact the church office at [info@poplutheran.net](mailto:info@poplutheran.net)

### Monthly Prayer Meeting

We hold a monthly prayer meeting the first Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. at the church. This ministry is a time for people of the church to come together for prayer. The prayers can be for you, a loved one, the church, etc. The

prayer meeting lasts from around 30 to 60 minutes.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff and Cindy R. - 4th of April

### Celebrations of Life

Yarma B. - 2nd  
Cameron H. - 4th  
Pat K. - 6th  
Jim K. - 6th  
Dave Q. - 10th  
Evelyn Y. - 11th  
Ron G. - 13th  
Nicodemus W. - 14th  
Luke M. - 17th  
Scott S. - 18th  
Elena J. - 21st  
Katie H. - 25th



### February Ministry Support Report

	This Month	YTD
Income:	\$15,586	\$109,827
Expenses:	\$16,346	\$100,263

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a Thrivent member and have eligible Thrivent Choice Dollars to designate? If so, consider Prince of Peace. We have a special fund dedicated to Thrivent Choice dollars that the Thrivent members authorize for projects and purchases. You can check your Thrivent choice dollar amounts and direct them from the following webpage: [Thrivent Choice](#) or you can google "Thrivent Choice Dollars."

## Online Offerings

You have the opportunity to support the mission and ministry of Prince of Peace through an electronic transfer of funds (EFT). It is a convenient way to support the Lord's work here at Prince of Peace. You can set up a recurring debit or manually input your ministry support weekly, monthly, or quarterly. Below are the steps to setting up your EFT for ministry support.

Go to [POP Website](#) and click the 'donate' tab. Enter the Amount and frequency and date(s) that you want to give. Enter the information on next page (incl. banking info). Enter a password if you want to create a profit and then submit it by clicking 'Process.'

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*Sorry, if your birthday or anniversary was missed!*

*Please give Pastor Chris any missing information. Thank you.*

ORGANIST: Maria P.

MORNING DEACON: Michael P.

PA SERVERS: Mike P.

COUNTERS: Phillip S. & Tom K.

## SERVICE HELPERS

### April 7

ELDER SERVING

**FLOWERS:** Klines - Pat's B-day

**GREETERS:** John & Dolores K.  
Stephanie S. & Noelle E.

**LECTORS:** Jessica M.J. / Andrew E.

**USHERS:** Knellers / Tom K.

**PA SERVERS:** Mike Petti

### April 14

ELDER SERVING

**FLOWERS:** Ron's B-day

**GREETERS:** Willie and Debby F. /  
Michele D.

**LECTORS:** Debby F. / Phillip S.

**USHERS:** Fieldings / Phillip S.

**PA SERVERS:** Mike Petti

### April 21

ELDER SERVING

**FLOWERS:** Marian H. (Son's b-day)

**GREETERS:** Richard R. / Willie and  
Debby F.

**LECTORS:** Willie F. / Dawn R.

**USHERS:** Jessica M.J. / Thomas T.

**PA SERVERS:** Mike Petti

### April 28

ELDER SERVING

**FLOWERS:** Open

**GREETERS:** Richard and Laura B. /  
Pat K. And Ali S.

**LECTORS:** Pastor Chris / Jeff R.

**USHERS:** Dawn R.

**PA SERVERS:** Mike Petti