

TIDINGS OF PEACE

April 2026

Pastor's Message

“Jesus’ Resurrection and Destruction ”

In the Palm Sunday sermon, I mentioned how two different things are held together in Jesus.

The humility and the kingship—held together in Jesus.

The suffering and the glory—held together in Jesus.

The cross and the crown—held together in Jesus.

The justice of God and the mercy of God—held together in Jesus.

All of those are seen most clearly on Good Friday.

But there are also things that are not held together by Jesus. There are things that will be destroyed by Jesus. The Apostle John writes, “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work” (1 John 3:8b).

Think about that for a moment. Jesus’ resurrection was the means by which to destroy the devil’s work—especially the work of death.

Death is not held together with life.

Sin is not held together with righteousness.

Darkness is not held together with light.

These are not reconciled—they are defeated.

On Easter morning, Jesus does not negotiate with death—He overcomes it. He does not manage sin—He forgives

it. He does not coexist with the grave—He walks out of it.

And that changes everything.

It means that what weighs on you most heavily does not get the final word. It means that your sin, your guilt, your fear, your grief—none of it defines your future. It means that even though we still live in a world where death is present, it no longer reigns. Jesus reigns.

Easter is not just the celebration of something that happened to Jesus—it is the declaration of what now belongs to you.

Because He lives, you live.

Because He was raised, you will be raised.

Because He has destroyed the devil’s work, you are no longer bound by it.

Next Sunday, April 5th, we gather to celebrate that victory. And as I reflect on that date, I’m reminded that it is also tied to my own story—my grandmother’s birthday and the day of my confirmation back in 1998. In different ways, those moments were about life, legacy, and faith being handed down. And that’s what Easter continues to be: the passing on of a promise that is bigger than any one of us—the promise that Christ is risen, and therefore death is undone.

So come. Come to worship. Come to the empty tomb. Come and hear again what is true, even when life feels uncertain: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia. And in Him, the devil's work is undone.

May God bless you this month!
Pastor Chris

Congregational Meeting: April 12th

The Church Council, in a special meeting on March 22nd, called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, April 12th at 9:30 a.m. This congregational meeting will be for the church to hear and decide on a request for a Nepali Christian Church to use our facilities on Sunday afternoons. The congregation is invited to attend this meeting. There will be no Sunday for adults or children on this day.

Diapers and Wipes for the Kay family

The Kay family thanks everyone for the diapers and wipes for their daughter! Your generosity is appreciated!

April Communion

Communion will be celebrated four times in April, and they will be **April 2nd (Maundy Thursday), 5th (Easter), 12th, and the 26th**. We will celebrate communion during the in-person service.

Recycled Aluminum Cans

Noelle and her fourth-grade class thanks the congregation for such a

phenomenal haul of donated and soon to be recycled aluminum cans. The fourth-grade class is going on their first ever field trip at the end of April.

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, or contact Pastor Chris at 480-540-5701 or 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. Pastor led bible study. We are beginning to come to the end of the study of Hebrews. ***There will not be bible study on April 5th or April 12th.***

Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study – This bible meetings on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 (10:15 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.

Sunday school

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

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 12th** 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.***

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

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

Monthly Prayer Meeting

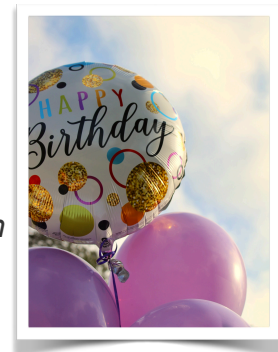
We hold a monthly prayer meeting the first Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. at the church. This ministry is a time for people of the church to come together for prayer. The prayers can be for you, a loved one, the church, etc. The prayer meeting lasts from around 30 to 60 minutes. ***In April this meeting is being moved back to the 2nd Sunday (April 12th).***

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff and Cindy R. - 4th of April

Celebrations of Life

- 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:	\$16,613	\$97,406
Expenses:	\$19,046	\$113,549

A graphic for Maundy Thursday Service featuring a chalice with wine and a piece of bread on the left, and several lit candles on the right, all set against a dark, textured background.

Maundy Thursday
Service
April 2nd
Service at 7 p.m.
Prince of Peace Lutheran
530 McNaughten Road

A graphic for Good Friday Tenebrae Service featuring a large black cross on the left and several lit candles on the right, set against a dark, cloudy background.

Good Friday
Tenebrae Service
April 3rd
7 p.m.
Prince of Peace Lutheran
530 McNaughten Road

A graphic for Easter Service featuring a stone rolled away from a tomb entrance, with a bright sunrise visible through the opening, set against a dark, textured background.

Easter Service
April 5th
8 and 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast at 9:15 a.m.
Prince of Peace Lutheran
530 McNaughten Road

Join Us for a Community Party!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 13th, from 12-2 PM** and come celebrate with us! We'll have water balloons, bounce houses, and more—fun for the whole family!



Get ready for an exciting week of **Vacation Bible School** from **June 22-26, 2026!**



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.'

ORGANIST: Maria G.

MORNING DEACON: Michael P.

PA SERVERS: Mike P.

COUNTERS: Philip S. / TBD

SERVICE HELPERS

April 5 (Easter Sunday)

ELDER SERVING: Dave A.

FLOWERS: Easter Flowers

GREETERS: John & Dolores K.
Stephanie S.

LECTORS: Jessica M.J. / Pastor Chris

USHERS: Knellers / Korto K.

PA SERVERS: Mike Petti

April 12

ELDER SERVING: Joe K.

FLOWERS: Gogolin's (Ron's Birthday)

GREETERS: Willie and Debby F. /
Michele D.

LECTORS: Willie F. / Monica T.

USHERS: Fieldings / Philip S.

PA SERVERS: Mike Petti

April 19

ELDER SERVING: TBD

FLOWERS: Michele D. (Son's birthday)

GREETERS: Richard R.
/ Willie and Debby F.

LECTORS: Debby F. / Dawn R.

USHERS: Jessica M.J. / Michele D.

PA SERVERS: Mike Petti

April 26

ELDER SERVING: Open

FLOWERS: Church Provided

GREETERS: Richard and Laura B. /
Pat K.

LECTORS: Fieldings / Jeff R.

USHERS: Dawn R.

PA SERVERS: Mike Petti