



Peace Signs

Events & Opportunities at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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Our Mission

Proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and welcoming all to grow with us in God's love through: worship, learning, service and fellowship.

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This Week's Highlights

Wednesdays in Lent at Prince of Peace

March 17, 24

6:30pm

Soup & Bread Supper

7:00pm

Confirmation Classes &
Adult Class entitled "The Lord's Prayer"

7:45pm

Evening Prayer Around the Cross

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for a simple supper, a class and a Lenten service of prayer, hymns, scripture readings and a time of individual candle-lighting. Make these meaningful evenings a part of your Lenten journey.

Order Your Easter Flowers

Help us adorn the sanctuary on Easter morning with tulips and lilies! Order forms (\$8.00 per plant) are available at the display table in the Fellowship Hall. The flowers will be yours to take home after the last Easter Day service. The deadline to place an order is *Sunday, March 28*.

Spring Forward

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour between Saturday night and Sunday morning. Even though the time changes, the worship service times remain the same.

You Can Now Tweet on Twitter



Beginning *Monday, March 15*, you can follow Prince of Peace on twitter. To find us, you need to set up an account at www.twitter.com; once this has been done, simply search for POPDublin. Why would you want to follow us? Each morning a Bible verse relative to the church year will be tweeted – a good way to start or end your day with your own private devotional. In addition, any other news that needs to be circulated to you, i.e. weather closings, meeting changes, etc. will be on our site. You may also follow others who are signed up at this site and follow them; however, we will not be following you. Once again, if you are having trouble with this social media, simply call the church office and ask for Lori or Cathi and one of them will try to help you. Let's stay connected!
[614-766-6377]

Stay Connected on Facebook



Have you ever seen someone at a Prince of Peace event and just cannot put a name to the face? Do you have a facebook profile? Prince of Peace has a group on facebook to allow members who have a facebook profile to better connect with each other. To join the group, log on to your facebook profile and enter Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Dublin, Ohio into the “search” box. Currently, 45 group members are represented on this sight. If you do not have a facebook profile and want information on how to set one up, please call the church office and either Lori or Cathi will be happy to help you through it. Please become part of the group and stay connected! [614-766-6377]

Pastor's Reflections

If you're anything like me, you watched at least some of the recent Olympic games. Because I ski, I watched as many skiing and snowboarding events as I could. I appreciate the skill and athleticism involved in racing down a mountain at 70 to 80 miles per hour with two boards attached to the feet.

But I was also intrigued by the sport of curling. I know that many people wouldn't call it a sport because, other than the two doing the "sweeping", there is very little sweat produced. I think my interest in curling is because of the skill involved. I wonder how much practice it takes before one can slide a 44 pound stone 150 feet, spinning it slowly enough that the stone actually curves several inches, missing a "blocking stone" by less than an inch and hitting a second stone directly behind the "blocking stone."

If you watched any of the Olympic Games, then you saw world class athletes showing off their immense talents. And perhaps, if you're anything like me, you envied some of their expertise. Most of us can only dream that we could compete with Olympic athletes' talents.

But that doesn't mean that we don't have world class talents ourselves. You and I are children of God, and we have been given certain gifts and abilities to fulfill our mission as the people of God. We may not be world class athletes, but we can still change the world. When we use our time and talents, lives are changed, especially when we work together. As of February 24, almost \$ 6 million dollars has been donated to the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund designated to the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Appeals are now being made for the people of Chile who have experienced earthquakes and tsunamis.

On a more local scale, our members continue to support soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters and a variety of other organizations that help those in need. From Habitat for Humanity to Faith Mission to the Dublin Food Pantry, many members of Prince of Peace share their gifts with others. These acts of service will not make the evening news, but they are just as world-changing as any Olympic event.

Lent is a great time to begin a new discipline. As we focus on what Christ has done for us on the cross, we can also reflect on what we can do for others. Prince of Peace is involved in a wide range of service opportunities – pick one (or more) and get involved. If you're not sure what to do, ask one of the pastors or check the "Ministry Groups" listings by the Welcome Center.

As you continue to journey through Lent and into Easter, reflect on all the gifts with which God has blessed you. Then look around and see how God can use you and your gifts for service in God's Kingdom.

*Yours in Christ's Service,
Pastor Craig Swanson*

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Adult Study

Come and join us at 9:30am for Adult Study located in the Music Room upstairs. Our topics coming up are the following:

March 14

The Christian Funeral: Part I

Taught by Pastor Craig Swanson

March 21

Session IV

The Songs We Sing: Music in the Church and the Church in Music

"We've No Less Days to Sing God's Praise: Early American Hymnody"

Taught by John Nevergall



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Each Thursday Morning

In the Conference Room
near the church offices

11:00am – 12:00pm

Led by one of the pastors



Thursday Evening Bible Study

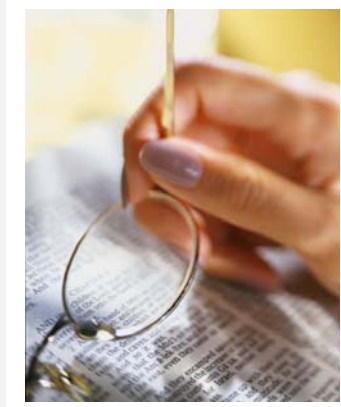
March 11, 18, 25

In the Conference Room
near the church offices

6:15pm – 7:15pm

*Caring and Community:
A Study of Ephesians*

Taught by Pastor Gail Swanson



Women's Bible Study

April 7 – May 12
Christianity & World Religions
by Adam Hamilton

Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask is a small-group study that explores four major world religions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism - and compares the beliefs of each religion with those of Christianity. This six week study deals openly and honestly with questions people ask about other religions, including why we believe the claims of Christianity over those of other faiths. As part of the study, author Hamilton interviews a religious leader from each tradition. He treats the world religions with great respect, recognizing the contributions of each. He closes by distilling the essential beliefs of Christianity, in light of the religious beliefs that have been presented.

Winter & Spring Confirmation Program at Prince of Peace

All confirmation students are asked to sign up for our next sessions of classes at the display table in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Classes

March 3, 10, 17, 24, April 7
7:00 – 8:00pm

Sunday Classes

March 7, 14
12:30 – 3:00pm

Sunday School News

During the month of March, Sunday School students and families, as well as the entire congregation at Prince of Peace, have the opportunity to donate items to the Dublin Food pantry. To date we have collected approximately 250 pounds of food. Your generosity is helping others. Currently, the items needed are the following: canned corn, dried beans, flavored pasta side dishes, plain pasta other than spaghetti, pancake mix and syrup and feminine hygiene products. Collection boxes are located in the Sunday School hallways and the Fellowship Hall.

TGIGF - Thank God It's Good Friday Searching for Volunteers

The Children's Ministry Team once again presents TGIGF! On *Friday, April 2 from 9:30 - 11:30am* children age 4 through Grade 4 are invited to join in a time of learning centered on the events of Holy Week, Jesus' death and resurrection. Children will hear the Easter story and visit the craft, games and science areas. **Volunteers are needed** to help make this a special time for children. Look for the sign up display in the Fellowship Hall to register your child and to help with the event. Check out the QUILT on display outside the sanctuary. These quilt squares were made by the children who attended TGIGF 2009.

Little Shepherds PreSchool

Prince of Peace owns a Christian-based preschool which is licensed by the State of Ohio Child Care Bureau and is accredited through February 2015 by the National Association of the Education of Young Children. In addition to our faith based curriculum, we follow the State of Ohio Early Learning Content Preschool standards.



The month of March is here and that means a visit from the Turtle Lady! Nancy Lockard has been visiting preschools with her turtle friends for over 3,000 visits, and she will be joining us this month. The week of spring break begins *Monday, March 29 and concludes Friday, April 2*. Preschool follows Dublin City Schools' spring break. The week before our break, the children will learn all about the Easter story.

Registration for school year 2010-2011 continues. We have several class groups that still have openings. Kindergarten Enrichment registration will begin in April. Class offerings, fees, schedules and applications are available on the website. Questions? Please contact Director Sue Miller. [lshepherdschool@aol.com]

Preschool Position Available

We are seeking candidates for an assistant teacher position for next school year. The position is part-time, September through May, Monday through Thursday mornings. Please contact Director Sue Miller [lshepherdschool@aol.com] for more information.

Congregational Care

Please remember in your prayers...

the following members:

Marion Amfahr
Leota Gilbert
Sally Nesdore
Bob Pettit

Natalie Augello
Nathan Heiss
Lorraine Pautsch
Glen Schade

Neil Edwards
Nancy Neal
Margaret Steele

the following family members and friends:

Lorraine Classen
Lori Gervelis
Ruth Russell
Dan Simon

Linda Evarts
Kathy Larson
Sarah Strause

Molly Fahy
Brooklyn Meddles & Family

the following Prince of Peace families:

George Fink Family
Matt & Sharon Fisher Family
Spence & Kelly Fisher Family
Ken & Loisanne Flaherty Family



Can We Pray For Your Loved One?

If you have a prayer need, you are welcome to either email or call the church office [614-766-6377; cgalli@princeofpeacedublin.org] or submit the prayer concern to the prayer concern box located in the Fellowship Hall on the table near the mail boxes. We keep the person's name on the prayer list until the end of the month at which time you are welcome to resubmit the name on a monthly basis for as long as is necessary. Please call the church office if you need additional information.

Military Personnel and Families Support Group

Prince of Peace is beginning a ministry to provide military personnel and their families support through letters, packages, prayers, and personal contact with family members. The first meeting is being planned for April. Church members who are interested in serving in this ministry should email or call Pastor Craig Swanson [pastorcraigs@aol.com; 614-766-6377] OR Fred Schnitzspahn. [bikingfred@columbus.rr.com; 614-219-2632]).

Your help is requested in the following ways:

- ❖ Call or email the church office with information regarding those loved ones currently serving in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force or Coast Guard. Please include the name, rank, and duty location of the service member, and also your relationship to him/her (“cousin of Pastor Craig”, “friend of Fred Schnitzspahn”). We would appreciate having a picture of the service member if one is available. The information and pictures will be displayed at a military support ministry table in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ The names and addresses of military personnel who are deployed and serving in distant lands are also needed so that they can be supported with prayers and packages from home. Please contact the church office with information regarding deployed military personnel known to you.

A New Ministry at Prince of Peace – Healing Hearts

Prince of Peace is beginning a new support group led by Pastor John Morris called “Healing Hearts”. This group is designed for people who have had a loss in their life. The loss could be from a death in the family or the end of a significant relationship; it could be because of a divorce, a termination of employment, or even the loss of an active life due to illness. Whatever the loss, we are called as a Christian community to share each others’ burdens and to proclaim the hope that sustains us in Jesus Christ.

We will gather once a month over the lunch hour. The first meeting will be held on *Wednesday, March 17 at noon at the church*. Pastor Morris will provide drinks and a dessert; please bring a brown bag lunch of your own for your meal.

Sometimes we will simply share our stories and offer support. Sometimes we will have a Bible study to explore what Christians believe about death and resurrection. Sometimes we may have a guest speaker join us. But mostly we will be here to pray together and stand with one another through our losses.

Fellowship

It's Time for our Annual Women's Retreat!

We've waited a whole year – and now it's time! The Annual Women's Retreat will be held on *Friday and Saturday, April 16-17 at Camp Mowana in Mansfield, Ohio*. Each year the women of Prince of Peace leave their cares behind in Dublin and get away together for a time of fellowship and fun.

Our retreat theme is *Becoming New* based on 2 Corinthians 5:17. You can arrive at camp as early as 12 noon on Friday. Planned activities will start at 7:00pm with a potluck supper. We'll enjoy a Bible Study, a craft project, home-cooked meals, devotions, yoga, a session on herbal teas, some "spa" time and lots of fellowship and relaxation – and then return home after dinner on Saturday evening.

This is a wonderful way to connect with the women of Prince of Peace. The cost is \$120 for a double room and \$160 for a single. Registration has begun. Please see the display in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will come along!

Men's Breakfast Group

March 12 & 26

7:00am

Fellowship Hall

All men of the congregation and their friends are invited to this gathering for a light breakfast, discussion and fellowship. For more information, please contact Pastor Craig Swanson. [614-766-6377; pastorcraigs@aol.com]

Adult Food & Forum

Thursday, March 25
12:00 Noon
Prince of Peace
Fellowship Hall



Join us for a box lunch
followed with
a presentation by

Joe DeLoss
from Lutheran Social Services

Joe will be talking to us about the Freshbox Catering program at Lutheran Social Services and will be providing the box lunches. We will need an accurate count of how many will be attending on this day so that we will have lunches for all.

The boxed lunches cost \$9. Your donation of any amount would be appreciated.

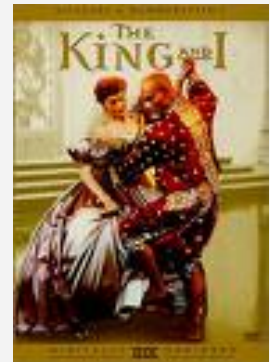
Please RSVP to the church office [614-766-6377] by **Monday, March 22** so that we will know how to plan.

The Adult Food & Forum is an opportunity for the adult members and friends of our congregation to get together for food and fellowship.

**Music at Seven Concert Series
at Prince of Peace**

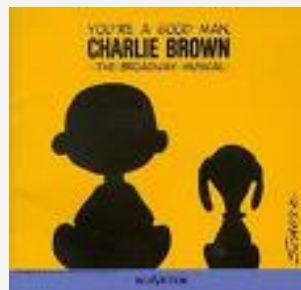
presents

**“I Could Have
Danced All Night”**



**An Evening of
Broadway Favorites
Sunday, March 21
7:00pm**

**Join us for a great evening of music
Selections from “My Fair Lady”... “The King and I”...
“Les Misérables”...and more!**



Worship & Music

Music Opportunities for All Ages at Prince of Peace

Vocal Choirs

Praise Choir

Kindergarten – Grade 2
Rehearsals: Sunday mornings
10:35-10:55am in the Chapel

Alleluia Choir

Grades 3-6
Rehearsals: Sunday afternoon
5:00-5:45pm in the Music Room

Adult Choir

High School Youth & Adults
Rehearsals: Thursday nights
7:15-9:00pm

Bell Choirs

Tone Chime Choir

Grades 6 - 8
Rehearsals Resume Next Fall

Hand Bell Choir

High School Youth & Adults
Rehearsals: Monday nights
7:00-8:30pm in the Sanctuary

Instrumental Ensembles

Prince of Peace Symphonic Band
Youth & Adults
Next Opportunity to play:
April 25 - 9:30 & 11:00am



Special Music Event

100% Chance of Rain

A delightful musical about Noah's Ark!

presented by

the Alleluia Choir & the Praise Choir Children

**Sunday, May 2
12:15pm**

in the Fellowship Hall



Tuesday Prayer Services

**Morning Prayer
7:00am**

**Evening Prayer
7:00pm**

**Each service lasts
20-25 minutes.
All are welcome.**

Readings & Psalm for Next Week – Lent 5

**Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8**

Youth & Family

Support Our Prince of Peace Youth by Shopping!

You can help if you shop at Kroger and already have “Kroger Plus Card”. You do NOT need the old “Gift Cards” that we have used in the past.



The Easy Way to register at www.krogercommunityrewards.com

1. Select “Ohio”
2. Scroll down to “Participant” and click on “Enroll”.
3. Sign in (if you have already registered) or sign up (if this is your first time).
(You may have to return an e-mail if you are signing up for the first time.)
- 4. In the “Find Your Organization” box, enter 80930.**
5. “Prince of Peace Lutheran Church-Dublin” should appear under “select your organization”. (click the circle)
6. Once you “Save Changes” you should see our name under “Community Rewards Information.”)

High School Youth (Grades 9-12)

Sunday, March 14

6:30pm – Dinner & a Movie; we'll see *Evan Almighty*; the movie will begin at 6:30pm so that we can have some time for discussion and still wrap things up before the night gets late. Don't miss it!

Sunday, March 21

6:00pm – NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!! We will have a special guest, Ethan Beiler, from Habitat for Humanity. Ethan will be giving us some information about the upcoming "Shack City" on April 24 (spending one night in a cardboard shack/box). Members of Prince of Peace high school youth group will be asking for people to sponsor them in helping to raise funds for homes in the greater Columbus area. We hope to have a great turnout from our youth. ***Things are very bad out there for many people, BUT we can do SOMETHING, (and have a little fun doing it).***

Sunday, March 28

No Meeting – Spring Break

Sunday, April 4

No Meeting – Easter



Sunday, April 11

6:30pm – Dinner and a Movie: Our film for April has not yet been chosen. If you have a suggestion, please pass it along to Pastor Craig Swanson or John Nevergall.

Middle School Youth (Grades 6-8)

Friday & Saturday, May 7 & 8

On this weekend we will participate in a hunger themed overnight retreat at Ohio State University. Games and other activities will be used to help us become more aware of the issues. We will be asking for pledges to help us raise money for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. This fun event will help feed many people. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Junior Youth (Grades 3-5)

Friday, March 19

6:00pm – Dinner & a Movie; make your own tacos and burritos and stay for a viewing of the film *Evan Almighty*. We will be wrapping up by 8:00pm. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall so that we know how much food to buy.

Parish Information

Baptism Schedule

April 3 Pastor John
Easter Vigil

May 1-2 Pastor Gail

June 5-6 Pastor Craig

Parish Directory

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who helped with the “work day” at First English Church several weeks ago. We did a great deal of weather-proofing, insulating and other energy improvements. If you couldn’t make it this last time but would like to help, we have a list of some jobs that still need to be done and can be done at your convenience. Most of these jobs are small – some are more involved. Contact Pastor Craig Swanson if interested. [614-766-6377; pastorcraigs@aol.com]

Did You Know?

Each week a committee of volunteers washes, irons (if necessary) folds and returns all of the laundry that has been used in the kitchen during the previous week. Countless hours have been spent by these members to ensure that when a group is ready to use the kitchen, the kitchen is ready for them.

Calendar of Events

March 14-21, 2010

Sunday, March 14

8:15, 9:30&11:00am Worship
9:00am POPs Café
9:30am Sunday School
10:35am Praise Choir (Grades 2-5)
12:30pm Confirmation Class
4:30pm Praise Choir (Grades 2-5) &
 Alleluia Choir (Grades 6-8) Rehearsal
6:30pm High School Youth

Monday, March 15

7:00pm Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 16

7:00am Morning Prayer
7:00pm Evening Prayer
7:30pm Pipe Organ Task Force

Wednesday, March 17

12:00pm Healing Hearts
6:30pm Soup & Bread Supper
7:00pm Confirmation & Adult Class
7:45pm Evening Prayer Around the Cross

Thursday, March 18

11:00am Bible Study
6:15pm Bible Study
7:15pm Adult Choir

Friday, March 19

6:00pm Junior Youth Group

Saturday, March 20

10:30am Weight Watchers
5:30pm Worship

Sunday, March 21

8:15, 9:30&11:00am Worship
9:00am POPs Café
9:30am Sunday School
10:10am Sunday School Music
10:35am Praise Choir (Grades 2-5)
5:00pm Alleluia Choir (Grades 6-8)
6:00pm High School Youth
7:00pm Music at Seven Concert Series

March 22-28, 2010

Monday, March 22

Tuesday, March 23

7:00am

Morning Prayer

7:00pm

Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 24

6:30pm

Soup & Bread Supper

7:00pm

Confirmation & Adult Class

7:45pm

Evening Prayer Around the Cross

Thursday, March 25

11:00am

Bible Study

12:00pm

Adult Food & Forum

6:15pm

Bible Study

7:15pm

Adult Choir

Friday, March 26

7:00am

Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, March 27

10:00am

Adult Choir Practice

10:30am

Weight Watchers

10:30am

Praise Choir (Grades 2-5) &

Alleluia Choir (Grades 6-8) Rehearsal

5:30pm

Worship

Sunday, March 28

8:15, 9:30&11:00am

Worship – Palm Sunday

9:00am

POPs Café

9:30am

Sunday School

10:35am

Praise Choir (Grades 2-5)

5:00pm

Alleluia Choir (Grades 6-8)

No High School Youth

PEACE SIGNS, the weekly newsletter of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, provides quick updates and reminders about events happening in our congregation. The deadline for each week's *PEACE SIGNS* is Tuesday at 5:00pm. Submit items to the church secretary's mailbox or via email to cgalli@princeofpeacedublin.org. Items may be edited for accuracy or brevity by the pastor(s) prior to publication.