

BLUEPRINTS

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter

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A Message from Jocelyn Doré

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

I've been watching a lot of tennis lately. It feels like a meditative practice because the game progresses fairly slowly and there is a lot of quiet and a lot of time between serves. Also, the commentators don't say much. One thing I've noticed about every match I've seen is that the winning player (and sometimes the losing player) waves and expresses gratitude to the crowd at the end of the match. They wave to all four sides of the arena, leaving no one out. Some players press their palms together and bow. I've even seen some players appear to grasp their heart and then toss it into the crowd over and over. It is a beautiful thing to behold: this expression of gratitude from the athlete back to the crowd that supported him or her.

Awards season is (hopefully) behind us and I must admit, I watched a few. The acceptance speeches range from rambling to succinct but somewhere in the middle there is appreciation. The winners thank their parents, their co-nominees, their 8th grade drama teachers, and God.

Have you paid much attention to the dedications in books? I often wonder who the recipients of the dedications are. Sometimes there is evidence of an inside joke, or some reference to the topic of the book, but most often, there are just names. I have this image of an author sitting down every day with a certain person in mind as they add pages to their manuscript. It is quite an act of sustained honor: "every time I do this, I do it for you. You are in my mind and in my heart whenever I work toward completion of this book."

So I wonder: Why should athletes and authors and Hollywood have all the fun? Our everyday lives, I would argue, are no less important.

To whom do you dedicate this day? Would our day proceed differently if we started each day with a person in mind, a person to hold in our hearts, even during the most mundane tasks? It might add some levity to our moments of frustration. "I would like to dedicate this freshly scrubbed toilet to my daughter." "I rake these leaves in my own yard out of gratitude for my father, who taught me the value of hard work outdoors."

What if we deliberately, mindfully started a random Thursday asserting: Today is for God. Not a day when we are necessarily going to church, but to have everything we do or say to come from an intention to improve our relationship with God? How might that change your merge into traffic? What might that do to your call to customer service about a problem with your internet service? We certainly might spend a little less time on our phones if we keep God at the tip of our tongue and the front of our minds.

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A MESSAGE FROM JOCELYN DORÉ (CONTINUED)

There are some larger-than-life moments in our lives that do feel momentous, and most of them seem to come early in life, I've found: Confirmation, graduations from schools, perhaps marriages, new jobs, new babies, baptisms. These are occasions when there might be a celebratory meal, an opportunity to stand up and give a toast, to make our own little awards show speech to give gratitude to the people who helped get us where we are. I can attest to coming to a time in my life when the victories are a little smaller and without quite so much confetti. Lost teeth (thankfully not my own, yet.) A 15th anniversary at the same job. A normal outcome on a stress test. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Let us be ever grateful and dedicate our time and our daily activities in such a way that it honors God and our loved ones.

Thanks be to God. (this article is in honor of my husband) Tocelyw Dové

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The council is happy to announce that the call committee has brought forth a pastoral candidate. His name is Pastor Paul Lutz. Pastor Paul was brought to council by the call committee some weeks ago. After interviewing the Pastor the council voted to move forth with the call process. A compensation package was put together and the process has moved on to the next stage. So mark your calendars. Your first opportunity to meet the Pastor and his wife will be on April 6th at 5:00PM at Prince of Peace. The council will be hosting a meet and greet for Pastor Lutz and his wife to meet members of the congregation. We will have refreshments and I'm sure a cake is involved. On Sunday, April 7th, there will be one service at 9:30AM. Pastor Lutz will preach to the congregation and the congregation will vote on calling the new Pastor. Very exciting times indeed. You must attend the 9:30AM service if you want the opportunity to vote. Everyone is welcome to attend the congregational meeting, but only members of the church are allowed to vote.

Please come be apart of this exciting time at Prince of Peace. Feel free to bring your questions for the Pastor. The council looks forward to answering any questions you may have about the process. This will be a great experience for us all. I'd like to thank all the council members and the call committee members for all their hard work. It's been such a rewarding experience thus far and there's so much more to come. God bless you all and lets make this a great celebration of faith.

Peace, Andrew Confortini

SPECIAL 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE CONGREGATIONAL VOTE ON CALLING NEW PASTOR

April 7

Acolyte

Ava Cantone

Altar Guild

Nancy Carlson Cathie Fegley Martha Hoglund

Assisting Minister

John Schwanke

Communion Assistants

- 1. Marci Sharp
- 2. Susan Lehman
- 3.

Communion

Host

Sue Ferguson

Greeters

Don & Sue Ferguson

Lector

Mary Ewert

Ushers

- 1. Phil Burdick
- 2. Jim Sharp
- 3. Julie Parker
- 4.

Offering Tellers

Kim & Tom Maier

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 8:15AM

April 14 Palm Sunday	April 28
Acolyte	Acolyte
Zach Johannsen	TBA
Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Polly Groff Susan Lehmann Julie Parker	Marilyn Roginski Edith Sherman Louise Kleppin
Assisting Minister or Communion Assistant 1. 2.	Assisting Minister or Communion Assistant 1. 2.
Communion Host	Communion Host
Polly Groff	Carolyn Palmer
Greeters	Greeters
1. 2.	1. 2.
Lector	Lector
Ushers	Ushers
Phil Burdick 2.	Phil Burdick 2.

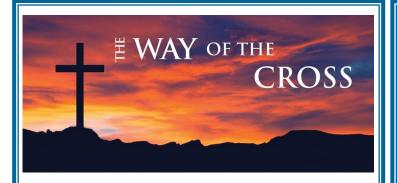
APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - 11:00 AM

April 14 Palm Sunday	April 28
Choir	
Acolyte	Acolyte
Andrew Confortini	Maggie Mattera
Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Polly Groff Susan Lehmann Julie Parker	Marilyn Roginski Edith Sherman Louise Kleppin
Assisting Minister or Communion Assistant 1. Andrew Confortini (AM) 2.	Assisting Minister or Communion Assistant 1.
Communion Host	Communion Host
	Carolyn Palmer
Greeters	Greeters
1. 2.	1. 2.
Lector	Lector
Ushers	Ushers
Julie Parker Rudy Confortini	1. 2.
Offering Tellers	Offering Tellers
Cindy Rosato Marci Sharp	Brenda Hamilton Jim King

WORSHIP SCHEDULE			
Saturday, April 6	5:00 PM	Word & Sacrament	
Sunday, April 7	9:30 AM	Special Worship Service Congregational Vote on Calling New Pastor	
Saturday, April 13	5:00 PM	Word & Sacrament	
Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday	8:15 AM 9:15 AM 11:00 AM	Word & Sacrament Way of the Cross Event Word & Sacrament	
Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday	7:30 PM	Word & Sacrament and Tenebrae	
Friday, April 19 Good Friday	7:30 PM	Good Friday Liturgy	
Saturday, April 20	7:30 PM	Easter Vigil	
Sunday, April 21 EASTER SUNDAY	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Word & Sacrament Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt Word & Sacrament	
Saturday, April 27	5:00 PM	Word & Sacrament	
Sunday, April 28	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Word & Sacrament Sunday School Word and Sacrament	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We need worship assistants for all Sunday services in April and Holy Week Services including Easter. If you are willing to help, please sign up at the table in the Narthex or call René in the church office.



A Church-wide event between Palm Sunday services

April 14th (9:15-10:45am)

On the way to the Cross, Jesus made many personal detours to show us the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus made it personal for you and me by paying our price and offering us eternal life.

Will you let the story of the cross go in one ear and out the other when it comes to the claims of Christ and what he did for you?

Or - will you make it personal?

Everyone is invited on Palm Sunday to take the 13-station self-guided journey and personally connect with the events of Holy Week. The event is suitable for all ages and parents should stay with their children.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK

The Brookfield Ecumenical Good Friday Walk will be held on Friday, April 19th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Congregational Church of Brookfield on Route 25. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The walk lasts between 1 1/2 - 2 hours and people can come and go as their schedules permit. It is a meaningful event for children and adults. walk includes stop the on scripture, prayer, and reflection offered by one of the pastors in Brookfield. If it rains the walk will be held in the Congregational Church. The walk is a wonderful opportunity to gather together in community, to enjoy the beauty of nature and to reflect on our Lord's sacrifice for us and for the world.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Services for Holy Week will be held on:

Palm Sunday/The Passion of Our Lord

Saturday, April 13th 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 14th 8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 18th 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday

Friday, April 19th 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 20th 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday/The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 21st 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST

The Easter Breakfast for the whole congregation will be held on Easter Sunday, April 21st, between the worship services. Please sign up on the table in the Narthex if you are attending and/or are able to bring something for the breakfast. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children during the Easter Breakfast.

Parish Life is looking for people to help setup, cleanup and serve at the Easter Sunday breakfast to be held from 9:30AM to 11:00AM. If you can help please contact Joan Manka at (203) 748-8877, leave a message. Set-up will be at 10:00AM Saturday morning (4/20).





NAOMI CIRCLE

Naomi Circle will meet on Monday, April 1st at 1:00 PM in the Green Room.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Save the Dates
More Details To Follow

April 13th

Youth Group Hike Location: TBD 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

May 19th

End of the Year Party 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group will meet on Tuesday, April 16th at 9:30AM in the church office reception area.

BLESSING OF QUILTS AND BABY BLANKETS

We will be blessing the Quilts that Naomi Circle has made and the blankets and baby hats that members of our congregation have made on Mother's Day, May 12th. If you have made any blankets or hats, please leave them in a bag under the mailboxes with my name on it by May 5th.

Thanks

~ Marci Sharp

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: "LET US PRAY"

The women's Bible study will continue with a guide on the Apostles Creed. It will be in three sections.

- 1. Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Green Room. "We believe in God..."
- 2. Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Green Room. "I believe in Jesus Christ..."
- 3. Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 10:00 A.M in the Green Room. "I believe in the Holy Spirit..."

Sign up Sheets will be in the Narthex before each session. Please take a study guide and read before the session.

~ Nancy Carlson

Sunday school!



Over 35 students are enrolled in Sunday School and ten 7th-12th graders are Shepherds!

Each week the children engage in lessons, music class, and activities that build their faith and link to the lectionary.

INTERESTED IN HELPING?

Share your talents with our Sunday School kids! Email or call Heather (heather.pontonio@gmail.com / 203-947-9744) if you can help!

LESSON TOPICS

4/7/2019 Mary Anoints Jesus

4/14/2019 Luke's Holy Week

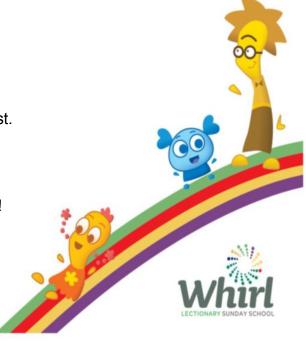
4/21/2019 Jesus Is Risen

4/28/2019 Alpha and Omega

EASTER MORNING

Sunday School will host the Easter potluck breakfast. Please sign up in the narthex to bring a dish to share.

Easter Egg hunts will take place during the meal. Please have your child bring their basket with them!



NOTE OF THANKS

Prince of Peace donated over 55 gifts to the Salvation Army for Christmas last year. Below is a letter from them.



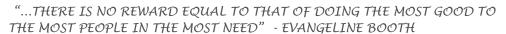
To our friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

We would like to say thank you for your participation and support in our Angel Tree Program this past Christmas season. We want you to know that without you and your involvement, our mission wouldn't be accomplished. We appreciate all your time, efforts, and kindness during a very busy season, to make sure that our children in our community had a gift to open on Christmas morning.

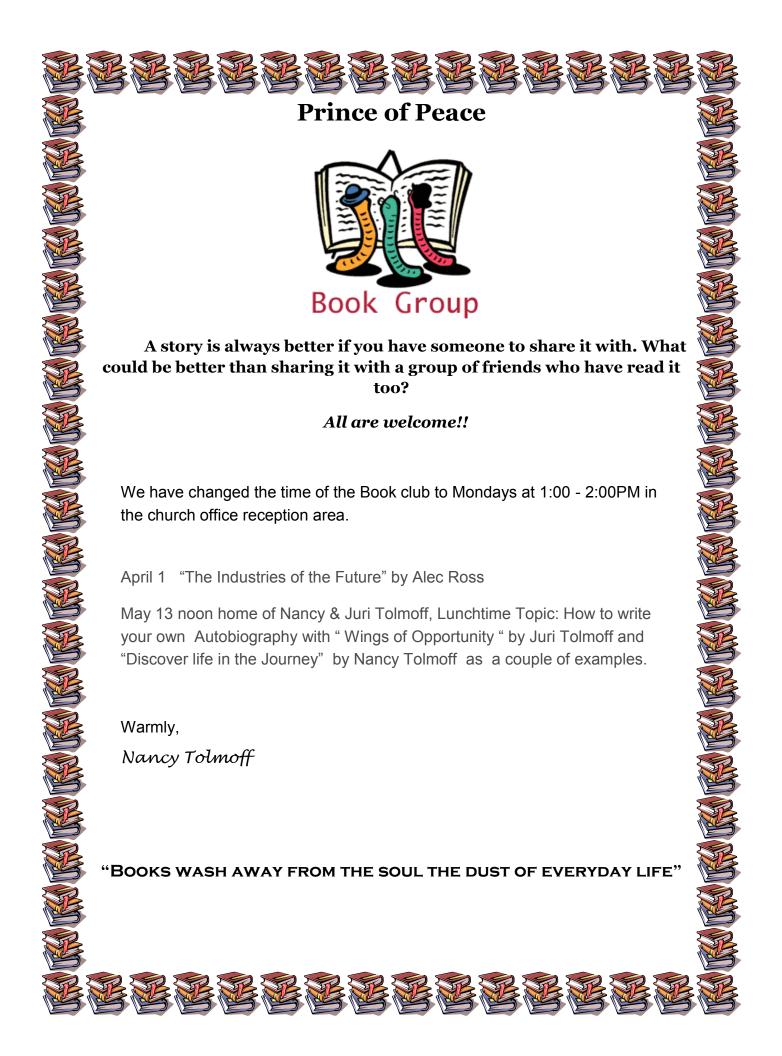
During this three month process of preparing and registering families, we were able to provide food and toys for over 500 children. You helped make a difference in these families' lives, and for that we are so grateful. We look forward to a continued partnership with you and fulfilling our goal in "Doing the Most Good" for our community in Danbury.

Thank you.

Major Gíselle Acosta & Major Israel V. Acosta Salvation Army
Danbury Corps







APRIL BIRTHDAYS		
1	Lisa Webb	
2	Cynthia Johnson	
3	Peter Fegley, Lisa Manka	
6	Steve Davies, Alexis Bernardez	
7	Garrett Arnold, Dee Omasta, Anna Keith	
8	Diane Peterson, Ginger Coogle, Julie Parker	
11	Joan Estes, Don Groff, Daniel Macdonald, Amanda Neeb	
12	Brianna Fettinger	
13	Glenn Arnold	
14	Doug Diefenbach, Isabella Parkel	
16	Matthew Adam, Danielle Conley	
18	Kara Arnold, Pam Hohenshelt, Michael Staub	
19	Jon Schroeder, Pamela Matzner	
20	Bill Schroeder	
21	Kevin Fay, Corey Conley	
22	Don Peters	
24	Keena Martel, Debbie Nobes	
26	Ashley Arroyo	
27	Steven Hohenshelt, Diana Koehm, Margaret Nicolais	
28	Patty Fecarotta, Melanie Lambert, Christopher Walsh	
30	Jake Bernardez, Bill Neeb	

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES		
4	Linda & Kevin Coyle	
7	Dory & Ron Kutz	
20	Melinda & Dennis Schroeder	
23	Monica & Russell Walsh	
25	Nancy Humphreys & Anthony D'Ausilio	
30	Kim & Tom Maier Ginger & David Coogle Bob & Danielle Conley	

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in Blueprints and you would like it to be please contact Rene at the Church office.

SYMPATHY

Gay Uhde, a Charter member of Prince of

Peace passed away on March 11th. Our

thoughts and prayers are with the family and

friends of Gay.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

April's FNL is April 12th. The 19th is Good Friday. Since no one has signed up and not to miss another month, we will have it at Franco's. He is willing to give us the same deal. Appetizers of cheese and crackers and bruschetta by the bar; the choice of dinners will be Chicken Marsala, Fish of the day, Penne a la vodka or a pork dish. It will be \$25/head with tip and tax included.

Franco's is centrally located, 3/4 mile north of the church on Federal Rd. (across from the cemetery) and other then the curb, there are no stairs!

Sign up sheet is in the narthex, hope you will join us.

~ Laura Neeb



If you would like to contribute a plant(s), please indicate below. The plants may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Those plants not picked up will be planted at the Prince of Peace Cemetery.

Please put this form, along with your check, in Rene's (church secretary) mailbox or mail it to Prince of Peace (P.O. Box 5184, Brookfield, CT 06804). If you don't want to purchase an Easter plant, you can make a donation to the Love Fund in honor of or in memory of someone, The Love Fund is the pastor's discretionary fund, used to help church members and other local people facing a financial crisis.

Please Note: Orders MUST be placed on or before April 7th. Name: Telephone: Plant # of Plants **Total Amount** Pot Size Price Ordered Due: 4" (mini) \$5.00 each **Daffodils** 6" pot \$9.00 each Lilies 6" pot, 5 blooms \$13.00 each 10" pot (3 stem) \$35.00 each 6" pot, 5 blooms **Tulips** \$9.00 each 8" pot, 10 blooms \$19.00 each 10" Pansy \$20.00 each Hydrangeas 6" pot, 3 blooms \$20.00 each Love Fund: \$ PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Given in Honor of Given in Memory of Given in Thanksgiving to God

CAMPUS CONTACT

We'd like your help collecting items to go into care packages for our college students participating in our campus contact ministry. Please bring any of these items that you can collect to church with you on or before Sunday, April 28th so that we can get the packages out to the college students in time for exams. We will be packing up the items on April 29th at 1:00 PM if you would like to help. Many hands will make the packing go faster!!!!

microwave popcorn
microwavable soup cups
microwavable macaroni and cheese
cold drink mixes
single packs of tea and instant coffee
candy and gum
packaged snacks

NOTE TO PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS. IF ANY COLLEGE ADDRESSES HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE FALL, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP. I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT SINCE IT IS COSTLY TO SEND THEM OUT AND HAVE THEM RETURNED FOR WRONG ADDRESS.

My e-mail address is: bowmanrae@aol.com

Thanks,

Marcí Sharp

NAUGATUCK VALLEY CONFERENCE WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING GATHERING 2019

"A PATH TO PEACE & WHOLENESS"

PLACE: IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 25 Great Hill Rd., Oxford, CT

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

TIME: 9:00AM - 2:00PM

(We will begin with morning coffee, refreshments, & fellowship in Borchert Hall)

COST: \$15.00 per person (includes luncheon)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DeAnne Gauya - "Create Less Stress and More Joy in Your Life"

PREACHER: Deacon Natalie Bloomquist PRESIDING: Rev. Niki Harvell MUSICIAN: Lynne Kearney

Please Bring:

IN KIND/LOVE OFFERING

Women are invited to bring Love Offerings of <u>non-perishable meat and protein</u> (tuna, beef stew, chicken, peanut butter, ham, fish, canned beans, etc.) and <u>personal care products</u> for The Spooner House, operated by Area Congregations Together, Inc. with the mission of providing food, shelter and support services to people in need. All of their energies are devoted to helping their clients establish a self-sufficient living situation. We will be assembling personal care kits for clients. Suggested items include Shampoo, Toothbrush/Paste, Deodorant, Comb, Bar Soap, Wash cloth & Hand towel, Disposable shavers/shaving cream, square boxes of tissues, white crew socks, small packages Band-Aids, wrapped candy, breath mints, etc.

MONETARY OFFERING

The monetary offerings will be equally divided between New England Women of the ELCA and "Seymour Pink," a Community's Fight Against Breast Cancer.

PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers are needed to serve as our Conference Co-Convener, Recording Secretary, & Financial Secretary (2 yr. terms).

DIRECTIONS TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (25 Great Hill Road, Oxford, CT 06478):

From I84W: **Take exit 15** toward Southbury (CT-67/US-6). Keep Left at fork on ramp. Turn Right onto CT-67. Go 8.5 miles and turn Right onto Great Hill Road. (Webster Bank is on the left.)

From Rte. 85: **Take exit 22** (CT-67 toward Seymour/Oxford). Go 1.5 miles. Take a Left onto Great Hill Road. (Webster Bank is on the Right.)

The church's phone # is (203) 888-4713.

Please use a separate form for each person. Make your check payable to <u>NEW ENGLAND WOMEN OF THE ELCA.</u>

Invite a friend to join you! Mail your completed form and check to:

Paula Rosenbeck, Shepherd, 356 Torringford West St. #313, Torrington, CT 06790 (860) 567-9505 or teetee108@yahoo.com

	Detach form below a return by may 10 ".	
PHONE: ()	E-MAIL:	
MAILING ADDRESS:		
STREET	CITY/STATE/ZIP	
CONGREGATION:	CITY:	

(We will be carpooling from church, leaving about 8:15 a.m. You need to send in your own registration form but please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Narthex.) Contact: Marci Sharp with any questions. (203-775-4657) (over)



A WORD ABOUT OUR DAY TOGETHER

Women will gather informally for registration and morning coffee and fellowship, hosted by the women of St. Paul's, Torrington, in Borchert Hall. This is always a fun time to greet old friends and meet new friends! We'll have a table on which to place your in-kind/love offerings.

We will begin the day with worship led by the women of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Deacon Natalie Bloomquist (Cross of Christ, Waterbury) will preach and Pastor Niki Harvell (Immanuel, Oxford) will preside over the table.

Brief business will include a Roll Call of attendees, a word from the Synodical Board representative, election of officers (we need to elect 3 leaders), and a word from our churches on special events.

We will hear from DeAnne Gauya, who has been helping people develop healthier lifestyles and actualize their potential for health and well-being for the past 30 years. "How to Create Less Stress and MORE JOY in your life starting TODAY" will be the theme of her presentation.

We will then gather for a rotational activity in Borchert Hall, which will include four stations focusing on the theme of the day, peace and wholeness. We will relax as we color mandalas to take back to our churches; there will be a gardening/planting activity; a labyrinth for personal reflection; and finally, a drumming for relaxation session, led by Nancy Janutolo.

During our luncheon and free time, we will assemble personal care kits for clients of Spooner House. See the reverse side for details of what can be included.

The luncheon will be prepared by the women of Immanuel, Oxford. A brief installation of officers and closing devotions, including prayer movement/gesture, led by women of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Thomaston, will close out our day together.

Please invite women from your church, your family, and your friends to join you! This is an opportunity to gather as sisters in Christ and to engage in activities to allow peace and wholeness into your life.



Worship Services

Word & Sacrament..........
Saturdays, April 6, 13 & 27 at 5:00PM
Saturday, April 20 at 7:30PM (Easter Vigil)
Sunday, April 7 at 9:30AM
Sundays, April 14, 21 & 28 at 8:15AM & 11:00AM
Thursday, April 18 at 7:30PM (Maundy Thursday)
Friday, April 19 at 7:30 PM (Good Friday)

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Our vision...

"Prince of Peace is a loving and caring family of Christians. We gather to hear the Christian story in word and song and to experience that story through the sacraments. The members of our family are involved in a mission of Christian unity. Through worship and Christian fellowship we are empowered to commit our talents in a way that makes a difference in our lives and the lives of those we touch."

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