



THE MESSENGER

MAKING GOD VISIBLE BY WELCOMING, SHARING & SERVING

WORSHIP

Sundays at 9:00 am

Online Worship at your convenience!

<https://tinyurl.com/popworship>



Feb 22- First Sunday in Lent

March 1- Peli Sunday & Noah's Ark Musical

March 8- Third Sunday in Lent

March 15- Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22- Fifth Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday March 29- Bells Ring & Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd Worship at 6:15 PM

Good Friday, April 3rd Worship at 1:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5th Worship at 9:00 AM

Ash Wednesday Worship Feb 18 at 6:15 pm

Wednesdays in Lent

Feb 25 - Mar 4 - Mar 11 - Mar 18 - Mar 25

Lenten Soup Suppers at 5:00 pm

Lenten Wednesday Worship at 6:15 pm

**Blood Drive
April 16 12-6 pm**



ONGOING GROUPS & MINISTRIES

We are a community of people...

ROOTED IN THE WORD

Men's Group- Sundays 7:30 am 2x/mo

Faith Connect (Year Around Sunday School)- Sundays near the end of worship

Peli Chapel- Wednesdays 10:15 am

Confirmation Class- Wednesdays 7:15

Martha Circle- meets 2nd Tuesday every other month at 1:30 pm

Soul Reads- meets 2nd Tuesday each month at 10:30 am

INSPIRED BY THE CROSS

Peace Conversations- Mondays at 8:00 am

Refugee Response- meets 2nd Mondays at 3:30 pm on Zoom

Cemetery Board- meets 1st Tuesday each month 6:00 pm

JAM CLUB- 3rd- 7th grades (seasonal) after school on Thursdays 3-5pm

Bereavement Group- Thursdays at 1:30 pm

Connect & Reflect- 9th -12th grades, most Sundays 7:00 pm

MAKING GOD VISIBLE

Worship- Sundays at 9:00 am & Wednesdays at 6:15 pm

Drum Circle- 1-2x/month 10:30-11:30 am

Prayer Chain- emails sent as needed

Prayer Shawls- independent crochet/knit ministry

Stewardship Team- meets as needed

YNOW: Youth Night of Worship- Sunday nights monthly

BY WELCOMING, SHARING & SERVING

Council- 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm

Food Ministry- meets as needed

Peli Advisory Board- 2nd Wednesday at 4:30 pm

Buildings & Grounds- meets as needed

Voices of Peace- Sundays 10:30-11:30 am

Bells of Peace- Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Quilters- 2x/mo on Mondays 9:00 am

Faithfully Fit- Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Endowment- quarterly and as needed

Red Cross Blood Drive- April 16

Contact MichelleT@popluth.org to get connected to these ministries

FAITH FORMATION

Contact Kendra Wieser at kendraw@popluth.org

Faith Connect

Year-round
Sunday School

Feb 15 God Is Love Tea Party & Craft



Feb 22 What is Lent: Focus, Pray & Share

March 1 Noah's Ark Craft & Build Your Own Ark Snack

March 8 Focus on God, Fast from Distractions

March 15 Praying & Pretzels

March 22 Sharing & Preparing Care Kits

March 29 Palm Sunday Egg Hunt



April 5 Easter Take & Make Craft

April 12 Thomas Sees

April 19 Road to Emmaus

April 26 The Good Shepherd



JAM Club (3rd -7th grades) 3-5 pm

Thursdays April 16-23-30-May 7

Registration info coming soon!

FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN



FOOD PACKING EVENT APRIL 11
1:15-3:30 WINONA HIGH SCHOOL
EMAIL TDISCHER@ACEGROUPCC

YOUTH MINISTRY 8th-12th Grades+

Contact Beth Gonia at bethg@popluth.org



Congratulations to McKinley Stremcha and Daniel Larson who will serve as our church council youth representatives!

What's Happening for Youth Ministry?

8th-9th grade Confirmation Wednesdays 7:00-8:15 pm

- Confirmation Student & Mentor Meeting February 18, after worship

8th-12th grade Youth Night of Worship (YNOW)

- March 8 & April 12, 6 pm at LCUMC

Workcamp 2026 Meeting Early March TBD

Senior Sunday for HS Graduates May 17 at 9 am worship service

Baccalaureate May 21, 7 pm at La Crescent United Methodist

Connect and Reflect (9th-12th) 1-2x a month on Sunday nights at 7 pm



Scan the QR code for the Spring 2026 Youth Calendar

MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you need more Love, Grace, Hope, and Healing in your life?

Please join us for **Drum Circle 2/13, 3/12, 3/26, 4/16 & 4/30**



from **10:30 - 11:30 in the music room**



Have you ever considered giving handbells a try?

NOW is a great time to come check it out,

I'm new to handbells too, and we can learn together!

We rehearse **Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:45**
and will be **playing for worship on 2/22, 3/29 and 5/10.**



Do you enjoy singing?

Please join us for our first **"Voices of Peace" choir practice**
on **Sunday, March 1** from 10:30 - 11:30 in the music room!

We plan to sing Rounds, Hymns for Worship, and also
prepare anthems for Lent and Easter!



Do you play a musical instrument?

I'd love to get together and collaborate on a piece of music
to offer up for an upcoming worship service- let's talk!

Please email me at **mariah@popluth.org** with your interest
or any questions, thoughts, ideas you have about the
music ministry here at Prince of Peace. Thank you for
your welcome and encouragement this month!

I am so thankful to be here! -Maria

PASTOR'S PAGE

Last week this meme appeared in my Facebook feed:



rachelhasthemic 9h
The way people are clutching their pearls and accusing protesters of being "too organized" and that it's proof they must be funded by some nefarious organization.
It's like they've never encountered a Lutheran potluck.

athimbleplan 6h
I've seen Lutheran church women put together a funeral luncheon for 200 people in half an hour. Every one of them owns a giant coffee urn and 50 9x13 foil pans. You want funeral potatoes or hotdish in quantity? Call them.

It made me laugh aloud, and I said, "I know those women!" Then I sent it to others I knew would appreciate it, too. Of course at PoP, it's not just the women, but men and young people, too, as we all regularly rally, not just to provide a meal for a funeral, but to share what we have with people in need.

In conversations with many people over the last month, I've heard myself say, "it's not easy to be human these days." Because we are

witnessing and participating in a time of immense unrest and anxiety. Many of us have friends and relatives in the Twin Cities and are rightly concerned for their safety and well-being.

The feelings I hear expressed most are sadness, disbelief, and helplessness. That cluster of feelings are typically categorized as GRIEF. So when I have wondered WHAT TO DO right now, it has been helpful for me to think about how we respond to grief. The coffee urns and foil pans tell me we have some practice with this! Here, at our best, is what we do for the funeral, and I think it's a very good place to start as we determine how to respond to this moment in our collective life.

1. We say more prayers – things like "help us in the midst of things we can't understand" to remember that life is hard and we can't always make sense of it, and God is still with us – holding us.
2. We center the ones closest to the loss, the ones hurting most. They become more important than other, smaller things.
3. We adjust our lives to the extent we are able to meet those needs, changing our priorities and schedules to meet the moment. We endure the disappointment that may cause others.
4. We work together with others, even if it means we work with people we don't like or normally get along with, because that stuff just doesn't matter in a moment like this.
5. We hit the "protective mode" button for those who are hurting most. As much as we can, we shield the vulnerable from anything that would add to their suffering.
6. And we come together. To pray, to eat, to cry, and to laugh. In this way we practice the hope we have in Jesus – the one who never fails us.

Do not underestimate the importance of the last one. Keep coming together. Keep looking each other in the eye. Keep asking "how are you doing?" and mean it. Keep loving your neighbor. Let's make sure everyone knows the power and love of a Lutheran potluck. 😊

I'll see you soon,

Pastor Libby



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