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The Promoter

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Rockton, Illinois
FEBRUARY 2018**

Giving Up For Lent

What are you giving up for Lent? Before you decide, let me share a story by Philip Yancey.

A vagrant lives near the Fulton Fish Market on the lower east side of Manhattan. The slimy smell of fish carcasses and entrails nearly over-powers him, and he hates the trucks that noisily arrive before sunrise. But midtown gets crowded, and the cops harass him there. Down by the wharves nobody bothers with a grizzled man who keeps to himself and sleeps on a loading dock behind a Dumpster.

Early one morning when the workers are slinging eel and halibut off the trucks, yelling to each other in Italian, the vagrant rouses himself and pokes through the Dumpsters behind the tourist restaurants. An early start guarantees good pickings: last night's uneaten garlic bread and French fries, nibbled pizza, a wedge of cheesecake. He eats what he can stomach and stuffs the rest in a brown paper sack. The bottles and cans he stashes in plastic bags in his rusty shopping cart.

The morning sun, pale through harbor fog, finally makes it over the buildings by the wharf. When he sees the ticket from last week's lottery lying in a pile of wilted lettuce, he almost lets it go. But by force of habit he picks it up and jams it in his pocket. In the old days, when luck was better, he used to buy one ticket a week, never more. It's past noon when he remembers the ticket stub and holds it up to the newspaper box to compare the numbers. Three numbers match, the fourth, the fifth - all seven! Things like that don't happen to him. Bums don't win the New York Lottery.

But it is true. Later that day he is squinting into the bright lights as television crews present the newest media darling, the unshaven, baggy-pants vagrant who will receive \$243,000 per year for the next twenty years. A chic-looking woman wearing a leather miniskirt shoves a microphone in his face and asks, "How do you feel?" He stares back dazed, and catches a whiff of her perfume. It has been a long time, a very long time, since anyone has asked him that question. He feels like a man who has been to the edge of starvation and back, and is beginning to fathom that he'll never feel hunger again.

This is what Lent is really about - that in Christ Jesus, we homeless vagrants win the lottery. Lent tells the story of how it happened.

Pastor Hank Corcoran

FEBRUARY

Worship

Messages

February 4 - "Jesus prayed. He was heard. He heard."

February 11 - "Covenant Concepts"

February 18 - "Created in the Image of God"

February 25 - "Dance Before the Lord"

Home Eucharist Ministry - The team will have a brief meeting with Pastor Hank immediately after worship on February 4th.

The Eucharistic Team will be visiting those that are home bound, providing communion and fellowship. If you know of anyone that would like to receive such services please call the office (815-624-2115). Their next scheduled visit will be Sunday, February 4th, between 10:15-11:00am.

Weekly Children's Bulletins – Each Sunday we will have children's bulletins available for youth ages 3-6 and 7-12 during the worship service. The bulletins include activities related to the gospel for that day. Please ask the ushers for a copy for your youth.

Prayer Huddle - The group meets every Monday at 9:30am at the church. All are welcome to join us in praying for the requests that are listed on the Connection Cards from Sunday's worship service.

Are you DRAMAtic? - We need adult volunteers to perform monologues during our mid-week Lenten worship services. A script will be provided (and does not need to be memorized) for the volunteers. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. We are looking for 4 males and 2 females.

Supper & Lenten Services

"Not as I will, but as you will," Jesus prayed to his Father the night before he went to the cross for our salvation. And that is our prayer as well this Lent as we seek to do God's will in our lives, as we draw near to the observance of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection during Holy Week. Each mid-week service focuses on a different aspect of God's will at work among us. Biblical characters are used as insightful reference points each week to guide us in following our Lord more nearly day by day. Please join us for a time of fellowship and worship beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

Wednesdays, February 14-March 21

6:00pm Supper - Nicholas Hall

7:00pm Worship Service - Sanctuary



Fellowship

February Book Club – Join the group and read "Angels of Humility" by Jackie Macgirvin. Meet for discussion and fellowship at Pam Novotnak's house. Date of meeting is to be determined.

February Movie Night – Join us for the movie "The Young Messiah" on Saturday, February 10th at 6:00pm in Nicholas Hall. The film imagines a year in the life of Jesus as a young boy. The young Messiah and his family go on a great journey from Egypt to Jerusalem which leads to the revelation of Jesus' destiny.

"Hope for Jalen"

The "Hope for Jalen" Benefit pasta dinner, basket raffles, silent auction and hourly 50/50 cash raffles will be on Saturday, March 24th at Prince of Peace. If you would like to put together a basket of items for that day or get involved in any way, please contact Lora Conrad. This is a list of possible themes for the baskets - Children's Outdoors, Wine & Cheese, Coffee/Tea/Biscotti/ Mugs, Gardening, Lottery, Baby boy, Baby girl, Children's board games & snacks, Books/Tea/Coffee, Beverage/Snack basket, Movie night - DVD's/popcorn/candy, Chocolate, Easter theme, Religious theme, Pasta basket/pasta bowl/apron, BBQ tools/ apron/sauces, Spa basket, Office tools/fidget/calendar, or your own idea will be just fine. For the Silent Auction a handmade quilt, child's bicycle, season tickets to Starlight, tickets to an NFL/ MLB game, a team Jersey, hotel/restaurant package. Plastic bags for the baskets will be provided. Thank you very much!



Maintaining My Membership

Please help us to keep our membership records up-to-date by filling out the Connection Card during Sunday services. According to our constitution (available on our website, www.poprockton.com), an active member has done one of the following actions in the past two years at Prince of Peace:

- a. participated in worship
- b. supported the church financially or by serving
- c. partook of Holy Communion

Discipleship

Prayer Shawls - The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to give comfort and support to church members and friends by providing prayer blankets. If you plan to give a blanket to someone, please use the green "PoP Prayer Shawl Records" notebook located in the Sunday School office. Contact the office with any questions.

Altar Guild will be meeting in the Welcome Center after the Ash Wednesday service on February 14th.

Mary - Rachel Circle will meet at the church with Mary Mackenthun hosting on February 27, 2018. We will be studying lesson 9, "I am the Alpha and the Omega" from our book Portraits of Jesus. A monthly collection will be taken up for a local cause.



Devotionals

Lenten devotionals are now available for pick up in the entryway.

- Adults – "Thy Will Be Done"
"Drawing from Christ's prayer in Gethsemane, "Thy will be done," these devotions reflect on the idea of seeking God's will in all aspects of our lives, especially during Lent, in terms of our identity, our dreams for the future, our worldview and our response to Christ the Crucified. Reflections will use the biblical characters of Abraham, Moses, David, Mary, Paul and Lydia as insightful reference points to our own lives."
- Children – "Hosanna to the King!"
"Encourage children to cover the road with palm branches and coats this Lent as we all welcome our Savior and King, Jesus, on his journey to the cross. Each day, a colorful sticker is added to the easy-to-assemble circular centerpiece. As the road fills, move Jesus and his donkey around the circle to mark each of the 40 days of Lent. On Easter, celebrate our risen King who welcomes us to join him around his heavenly throne."

Service

From the Mohns' family:

We have experienced a challenging three months. However, you, our Prince of Peace family, have made it much easier to deal with. Your cards, encouraging words, calls, visits, and, most of all, your prayers have given us hope when hope was hard to find.

Finally, we are so grateful to Pastor Hank who has been with us all the way, a true minister.

Blessings to you all. Bob, Nancy, Charlotte, and Carl

College Packages – Prince of Peace will be sending care packages to our college students in February. There will be a plastic bin in the narthex to hold donations. The current list of students is: Cassie & Abbie Baird, Victoria Eggers, Sonja & Jack Peterson, and Liz Silanpaa.

Items for February 4:

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| Valentine cards/notes | candy |
| cough drops | pocket tissues |
| toothbrush/toothpaste | microwave popcorn |



Church Council

The Prince of Peace council members meet monthly. If you have questions or ideas, please contact one of the council deacons or attend a monthly meeting.

- Tom Lenhart President, 815-389-4203
- Wayne Schmidt.....Vice President, 815-298-0750
- Stacy Diemel..... Secretary, 815-629-9698
- Dan King..... Treasurer, 815-494-3919
- Sue Ducett.....Discipleship, 779-475-1907
- Richard Mackenthun.....Facilities, 815-389-2480
- John SaarinenFellowship, 815-623-6460
- Sue Peterson.....Service, 815-282-2715
- Lora Conrad.....Witness, 815-289-7171
- Wendy Goldsworthy.....Worship, 815-389-3796



HEALING & STRENGTH

Julie, Chad, Pam, Millie, Chuck VanderKooi, Bob Mohns, Cindy Lee, Kim, Lori, Jalen Heath, Norm, Billy, Lucy, Lora Conrad, Bill, Ted, Roy Croisant, Linda Chartrau, Joan Sabin, Nancy Scardino, Yolanda, Corbin, Christine Gustafson, Minnie, Tommy, Jeslyn, Susan, Cyndy, Rhonda, Pat, Bert, Dean D., Kathy, Jim, Kara, Wilma Keller, Justin, Joan, Cindy, and Russ.

GRIEF

The families of Leo Krope, James Beyer, Anthony Rallo Sr., Charlie Barku, Jon Mortenson, and Dr. Dan Richardson. The Baxter family. Larry Weber upon the loss of wife Toni. Dan King and family upon the loss of brother Michael. Clay Hamilton and family on the loss of father Larry. Natalya on the loss of husband. Jan Ward on loss of father. Pam Novotnak and family upon loss of cousin Sally.

LEADERSHIP

- ◆ Our Council Members: Tom Lenhart, Wayne Schmidt, Stacy Diemel, Dan King, Sue Ducett, Richard Mackenthun, John Saarinen, Sue Peterson, Lora Conrad, and Wendy Goldsworthy.
- ◆ Our Staff: Pastor Hank Corcoran, Administrative Assistant Kara Wallace, Music Director Sara Lemen, Custodian Phil Martin

FAITH & COURAGE

Carl Specht, Ella Pearson's grandsons Rob & Samuel Walker, Sherre Faulkner's nephew Rod Flom, Tom & Jean Lenhart's grandson Cody Merrette, Penny Pfile's nephew William Kerr II, Joan Sabin's grandson Jeremy Crandell, Pastor Hank & Beth Corcoran's son-in-law James McLaurin, Bob & Karen Lowery's grandson Steve Bloomfield, and Dorothy Bush's nephew Cody Bush.

February Serving Schedule Reminder...

If you are not able to make your allotted time slot, please find a substitute and notify the church office.

February 4

AV: Cameron Schmidt
Acolyte: Sidney Schmidt
Greeters: Sherre Faulkner & Need Volunteer
Ushers: Darran & Karen Landenberger
Reader: Need Volunteer
Communion Assist: Sherre Faulkner, Tom Lenhart, & Steve Shrider
Counters: Brad Mueller & Steve Shrider

February 11

AV: Kara Wallace
Acolyte: Seth Hedman
Greeters: Lora Conrad & Sue Peterson
Ushers: Greg and Luann Bartz
Reader: Lora Conrad
Communion Assist: Richard Mackenthun, Daphne McNames, & Pam Novotnak
Counters: Greg Bartz & Cheryl Hill

February 18

AV: Derek Hoaglund
Acolyte: Ashton Rowlett
Greeters: John & Kathy Walker
Ushers: Pam Novotnak & Jerry Yarolimek
Reader: Darran Landenberger
Communion Assist: Duke Ducett, Sue Ducett, & Kathy Walker
Counters: Dorothy Bush & Pam Novotnak

February 25

AV: Garrett Schmidt
Acolyte: Josiah Hedman
Greeters: Irene Lang & Debbie Tracy
Ushers: Bob & Nancy Mohns
Reader: Sue Peterson
Communion Assist: Wendy Goldsworthy, Dan King, & Debbie Tracy
Counters: Barb Durnil & Bob Mohns



February 2018 Coffee Prep & Host Schedule



We need volunteers for **Coffee Prep & Hosts**. The sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Thank you.

Stock Pew Racks for February: Irene Lang



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

4	Burge Pearson	16	Stacy Diemel
	Vicki Rowlett	24	Jim Larson
11	Harriett Geiseman		
15	David Lynch		

February 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Annunciation Homeschool Co-op 8:00am-2:30pm</i>	3 <i>Men's Group 7am</i>
4 <i>Cares and Concerns Eucharist Team 4-H Robotics 2-5pm</i>	5 <i>Prayer Group 9:30 am</i>	6	7 <i>Awana Club 6:30-8pm</i>	8	9 <i>Annunciation Homeschool Co-op 8:00am-2:30pm</i>	10 <i>Movie Night 6:00pm</i>
11 <i>4-H Robotics 2-5pm</i>	12 <i>Prayer Group 9:30 am</i>	13	14 <i>Ash Wednesday Supper 6:00pm Worship 7:00pm Awana Club 6:30-8pm Altar Guild</i>	15	16 <i>Annunciation Homeschool Co-op 8:00am-2:30pm</i>	17 <i>Men's Group 7am</i>
18 <i>4-H Robotics 2-5pm</i>	19 <i>Prayer Group 9:30 am</i>	20 <i>4-H Club 6:30-8pm Naomi Circle 7:00pm</i>	21 <i>Supper 6:00pm Worship 7:00pm Awana Club 6:30-8pm</i>	22	23	24 <i>4-H Club Workshop-Hall, Kitchen, Classrooms</i>
25 <i>4-H Robotics 2-5pm</i>	26 <i>Prayer Group 9:30 am</i>	27 <i>Mary Rachel Circle 1:00pm Rockton Quilt Group 6-9pm</i>	28 <i>Supper 6:00pm Worship 7:00pm Awana Club 6:30-8pm</i>			