

As We Gather For the third Sunday in a row we celebrate and proclaim the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ from the dead. We take so long, fifty days, for this celebration, because it is almost too good to be true! Surely as time passes, we can take things for granted, even big things. But this Sunday, the joyful and “marveling” disciples join with a formerly lame beggar now leaping and praising God to remind us of how great our hope is to be in the risen Christ. It is not too good to be true! Christ is risen! Our hope is not just for a pleasant, peaceful life in this world. He gives us the hope of a joyful life now and an eternal life in Him, both when He comes to receive us to Himself and at the Last Day when, in our bodies renewed and restored, we, too, shall leap with resurrection joy.

Happy Birthday 4/16 Rae Hanson-Carlson; 4/18 Alma Coccoli, Emilia Eiras; 4/21 Piper Doherty.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Campagna Family whose dedication reads “God Bless Dominic Zolla on his First Holy Communion at St. Aloysius Church.”

The Stabilization through Revitalization Committee would like to thank everyone who voted to help choose the new color of the church building! LIGHT MAPLE WAS THE WINNER!! What’s next? The siding will be installed in the next couple of weeks. The Education Building and Parish Hall will be painted to complement the new color of the church. Look for a new vote to decide the color of the church sanctuary!

Comedy Show 2018 - save the date for “A Night of Disco.” This year’s event is scheduled for Saturday April 28, 2018. Tickets go on sale Wed. Feb. 28, 2018. Ticket prices are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door - this includes dinner and the comedy show; gift auction tickets are an additional charge. Our next planning meeting will be held on Thursday April 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Church Photo Directory Make memories that will last a lifetime - for you and for your church family! There is no obligation to buy and there is no minimum purchase. Every family gets a free 8 x 10” photo and a directory regardless of whether or not you buy additional photos. Other photo sizes and quantities are available for an additional cost and discounted packages are also available. You can schedule a Life Touch photo session at one of the following times: Sunday May 6th from 11:30a-6:00p, Monday May 7th from 2:00p-8:00p or Tuesday May 8th from 2:00p-9:00p. Photos will be taken in the Parish Hall. Flyers are available in the narthex with more information. Appointments can be made online by visiting the Life Touch website www.booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y9vzrvz4/ or by filling out an appointment card found in the narthex. Appointment cards can be placed in the Ganci Family mailbox. Please direct all questions to the event coordinator, Marilyn Ganci, by calling 732-928-6745.

Please mark the following dates on your calendars:

Comedy Show Planning Meeting Thursday April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

New Member/Information Class Sunday April 22nd at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday School Bake Sale (all grades) Sunday April 22nd after both services

Photo Directory Sessions Sunday May 6th, Monday May 7th and Tuesday May 8th

Confirmation Sunday June 3rd at the 10:15 a.m. service

Vacation Bible School Monday July 23 - July 27

Fellow Church Members As in past years, we would like to once again ask for your help in putting together our Gift Auction “Dine Around” Table. Please have your contributions be in the form of gift cards to local restaurants. We would also gladly accept donations of new gift items and bottles of wine for basket fillers. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. The church will directly benefit from your generous donations. Please give all contributions to either Susan Larsen-Haren or Annette Maresca. Thank you in advance!

“Life Quotes” for The Third Sunday of Easter, April 15th “When people question the value of a life lived with disability, I share God’s Word concerning the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:22 (NIV): ‘On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.’ Note it does not say those that are weaker, but those that ‘seem to be weaker are indispensable!’” *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org

Acolyte and Usher Sign in Sheets: We are asking that Acolytes and Usher Team Members sign in when they are reporting for their scheduled services. An Ushers sign up sheet has been placed on the podium to the right of the double doors. Another sign up sheet is on the table to the left of the door when the Acolytes go in to get their robes. If you are covering for someone else we also ask that you sign in so we know if any adjustments to the schedules need to be made. Thank you to everyone who serves.

The Rev. Dr. Anthony Steinbronn, President of the NJ District, will be visiting Prince of Peace the weekend of April 14 & 15. He will meet with the leadership of the church on Saturday morning April 14th at 9:00 a.m. And then on Sunday April 15, we will have a “meet and greet” coffee hour in the narthex for Pres. Steinbronn after both the 8:00 a.m. and the 10:15 a.m. services. We hope everyone can join us!

Used ink toners needed! When the church recycles old ink cartridges, we are able to get coupons for free office supplies and more importantly, when cartridges are disposed of properly, we are keeping these toxic products out of our environment. We accept all brands and sizes - there is a straw basket in the narthex for your used cartridges. Thanks for your help!

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In Sunday School today the children explore the theme “Saul meets Jesus” (Acts 9:1-20) Looking ahead at the Sunday school calendar, we will have a Bake Sale on Sunday April 22nd after both services. ALL grades are asked to participate by donating baked goods.

Tree of Faith This year, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has introduced a Tree of Faith as an ongoing fundraising campaign. This beautifully crafted mahogany tree trunk and 102 brass leaves will be mounted on the narthex wall. Donors may purchase leaves (\$250), doves (\$350), rocks (\$450) or a base (\$3,000) to acknowledge milestones, memorialize loved ones, celebrate birthdays and anniversaries or to mark those memorable occasions in life. Your donation will not only help to support the ministry at Prince of Peace, it will insure you will be a part of church history. If you are interested in making a donation, please sign up in the narthex with your choices. Questions may be directed to MaryAnn Campagna at 732-905-0052.

Our Food Pantry is VERY LOW! Here is our updated list: paper towels, dish detergent, liquid laundry detergent, canned soups, jelly/preserves, breakfast cereals, water and juices, shampoo and bath soap. Sugar-free items are frequently requested by our clients who are diabetic.

Bible Study of the Gospel according to Luke is underway. This class, taught by Elder Ken French, is held every Tuesday morning from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the church Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Please call Ken at 732-616-2850 with any questions.

Generosity thought for Sunday, April 15th, The Third Sunday of Easter 1 John 3:2 – “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” There is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. But until then we are called to trust His grace and to grow into His image more and more.

Road Trip! The next Sight & Sound trip is planned for Tuesday June 5, 2018. Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster, PA invites you to experience the greatest rescue story of all time! “***Jesus***” is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults \$122.00 and children ages 4-10 \$85.00. The trip includes round trip bus transportation, lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant and a 3:00 p.m. show at the Millennium Theatre. Bus will begin loading in the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. and return to the parking lot at 8:30 p.m. Questions can be directed to Ken French at 732-616-2850.

Next Sunday's Readings April 22nd The Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:1-12 Peter and John before the Council. 1John 3:16-24 Love one another. John 10:11-18 I am the Good Shepherd.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Leader: The Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Midweek Service: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Spoken Service: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Don Grayce

Acolyte: TBA

Traditional Service: Sunday 10:15 a.m.

Elder: Alexandra Hildebrand

Acolyte: Claire Manna

Organist: Melissa Marsicano

Altar Guild: Lisa Tess, Anne McDonnell, Elba Hillis

April Ushers: Dennis Schwartz, Edna Grayce, Carrie Manna, Mary Manna,
Nicholas Ward, Claire Manna