




FAITHWORKS
May 3, 2026
Easter 5



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
4 Northcrest Drive
Clifton Park, NY 12065

 Prince of Peace is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
WORSHIP SERVICE: Sunday 9:30 a.m. In-Person,
Facebook live & You Tube Phone: (518) 371-2226; Fax:
(518) 383-3820

A Pastor or Deacon is always on call.
e-mail: office@poplutheranchurch.org
Faith Works articles (**DEADLINE TUESDAY**):
office@poplutheranchurch.org

Check our church website for updated information and sermons online: <http://www.poplutheranchurch.org>
Check us out on Facebook! Search for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Clifton Park
Hearing assistance devices are available.
OFFICE Monday-Thursday 8 a.m -2 p.m. Home hour 3-4 p.m. Lunch 12-12:30 p.m. Friday 9-noon.
Office closed on Fridays in July & August.

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Welcome to Worship! We're glad you're here!
PLEASE SILENCE electronic devices **BEFORE** entering the sanctuary for worship. Thank you!



Parents, the sound of your children is one of the most beautiful sounds in the world. It is a sound that glorifies God in the sanctuary and joins with the praise of all Creation. Children are always welcome to stay in the worship service. If however, you need a break, we offer a large, staffed nursery located off the hallway adjacent to the Welcome area.

**INDICATES NEW OR REVISED INFORMATION THIS WEEK*

***THE POP CORN CLASS (AKA: NEW MEMBER CLASS)**
Pastor Amber is planning to have The POP Corn class after church on Sundays on **May 3** and **May 17**. Room 20. This class is geared for those interested in membership at Prince of Peace but is open to everyone who wants to get to know newer members and also take some kernels of wisdom with them about Lutheran theology, church history, Prince of Peace ministries and spiritual gifts. If you are interested in membership, please speak with Pastor Amber so she knows who to plan for.

BIBLE STUDY
Join us at **11-11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship hall** for the Bible study "The Case for Easter" by Lee Stobel. What do the Gospel accounts actually say about Jesus' death and resurrection? How can we know the biblical accounts are accurate? The Case for Easter Bible Study invites you to examine the evidence of the resurrection for yourself and points to the conclusion that Jesus was the Son of God who conquered the grave. We will watch a video and have some discussion. This study is for both those questioning and those who are sure in their faith.

5/3 An Excruciating Execution
5/10 The Case for the Empty Tomb
5/24 Eyewitnesses to the Resurrection
Questions? Contact Katie Goot katiegootrn@gmail.com

***FOOD SHARING SUNDAY**
Today May 3, Granola bars, bags of walnuts, canned mushrooms, canned peas, ravioli, Knorks bag pasta or rice, shampoo/conditioner, dish soap, detergent, deodorant, toothpaste.
Thank you.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you all again for your generosity in supporting our capital campaign. As of April 13, we have received pledges for \$60,420 toward our \$100,000 goal and \$6,200 in unpledged giving toward the campaign. When we add in the money from a bequest allocated to the campaign by council, this puts us at roughly 86% to goal. We have also received \$28,025 in pledged giving toward the campaign to date for a total of \$34,225 in donations received.

Ben Pearson, Capital Campaign Chair



GREETERS NEEDED

This will involve greeting everyone who comes in before our worship services at our front door with a smile, handshake, and/or a "Good morning!" A sign-up sheet is on the table in the middle of the Welcome area. If you have any questions, feel free to talk with Bob Sanden or Tom Craig.

COFFEE HOSTS needed

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the middle of the Welcome area.

BIRTHDAYS: 5/4 David Dort
5/5 Ann Crivello, 5/7 Linda Dzembo, 5/8 Naome Adam
5/9 Nicholas Alifano



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IN-PERSON/ZOOM

The Monday Morning Bible Study meet **at 9:45am in room 20 and via Zoom**. We will be working our way through the *Gospel of Matthew*. Join us as we explore the Gospel of Matthew through a Lutheran lens, highlighting Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law, the call to faith and discipleship, and the central message of grace. We'll reflect on how Matthew points us to Christ's saving work and how His teachings shape our lives through Word and Sacrament. All are welcome! If you have any questions, feel free to talk with Tom Craig (tomcraig1980@gmail.com or 518-937-6006).

QR CODE for our donation page. Also, located in our bulletin.



How to use the QR Code for making a donation:

1. You need a QR reader app on your phone. These are available free through the various app stores.
2. Open your app. It will look like you are taking a picture. When your phone beeps it will ask if you want to go to the website.
3. Hit yes. The website will ask you to log in or create a profile. Follow the directions.
4. For future use, once you have a profile you will be able to make your contribution in a few seconds.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER

WHEN: May 7, 2026

TIME: 7-8 P.M.

WHERE: Shen's Gowana Middle School. 970 NY146 Clifton Park. If you are interested in joining other churches to pray for our community and our country. We are coming together as different churches, but with the same King and the same goal.

Grace Endowment for Prince of Peace Spring 2026 Campaign Awards

Organization	Purpose	Amount Approved
Things of My Very Own	The Shopping Center at Things of my Very Own	\$3000
Rotterdam Community Center	Nourishing our Neighbors at the Rotterdam Community Center	\$1000
Veterans & Community Housing Coalition	Transportation Access	\$1500
Shenendehowa Helping Hands Food Pantry	Meat, Seafood, and Dairy Funding Project	\$2000
Shelters of Saratoga	Food for clients facing homelessness	\$2000
CAPTAIN Community Human Services	Outdoor play activities and equipment for Cheryl's Lodge	\$1300
Global Eye Project	Comprehensive Vision Care and Blindness Prevention in Rural Haiti	\$1500
PoP Facilities	AC Units	\$1200
PoP Facilities	Re-paint Fellowship Hall	\$2000
Drilling for Hope	Water Wells in Ghana	\$1500
PoP Little Food Pantry	Support PoP Food Pantry	\$3000

Questions? Please send an email to endowment@poplutheranchurch.org or chat with Amy Munson after Sunday services.

Dear Members of the Prince of Peace Family,

When a group of nine families came together in 1970 with a plan to establish a new Lutheran church in Clifton Park, they could never have imagined where we would be today. As the surrounding community of Clifton Park has grown—from around 14,000 in 1970 to around 40,000 today—the church has expanded our facilities, our ministry, and our outreach to meet the needs of our congregation and community.

Our original church building, now the fellowship hall, was constructed in 1970. The space was expanded in 1982. And in 2000, drawing on strong financial support from the congregation and direct contributions of time and labor, we were able to complete the sanctuary and welcome area space that we still use today.

Each of these projects brought challenges, and each time the congregation has risen to meet them. Over the coming weeks you will hear about some of these stories, including “miracle Sunday” in 1999 when we raised \$126,000 in one day to support the construction of the new sanctuary and “mortgage burning Sunday” in 2017 when we finally paid off the loans taken on to support the construction. You will also hear stories about the some of the ministries and community groups that make use of space throughout week to carry out their important work. This has all been possible because of the generous support and faithfulness of the congregation.

We write to you today to ask you to help us renew this commitment to the upkeep our facilities and the ministries they support.

On March 1st, we will kick off a new capital campaign with the goal of raising \$100,000 over the next two years to support five maintenance and building projects identified by the church council as critical priorities for the next five years. These include:

- Replacing the doors by the church office entrance;
- Replacing the fellowship hall roof;
- Replacing the welcome area and sanctuary HVAC system;
- Replacing the carpeting by the church office entrance;
- Installing a new electronic sign outside of our building.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider pledging to this capital campaign in addition to continuing your regular giving to support the church. A pledge card is enclosed and you will have several opportunities over the next month, and into the following year, to contribute to this campaign’s success. See the *Faithworks* for more on planned events, including an information session after the March 8th service where you can hear directly from the facilities team leader, council president, and capital campaign chair, and where you can ask questions.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity, which makes it possible for us to build and sustain a strong community of faith committed to welcoming all, worshiping joyfully, growing spiritually, and sharing God’s love!

In Christ,

Ben Pearson, Capital Campaign Chair ; Amber Craig, Pastor; Ian Hughes, Church Council President

Help Us SPARK Community!



8:30am

3rd Sunday of each month

Breakfast and Faithful Conversations

- Feb 15 ~ Community
- Mar 15 ~ Fellowship
- Apr 19 ~ Conversation
- May 17 ~ Disagreement



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LITURGICAL MINISTRY SERVERS:**Altar Care:** Winnie PettersonMay Eternal & Altar Candle-Tina and Jim Greenfield in memory of our Parents

Date	May 3	May 10	May 17
Acolyte	<i>Ikupa Mwandambo</i>	<i>Xander Douglas</i>	<i>Sophie Pearson</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Denise Johnson</i>	<i>Ann Crivello</i>	<i>Katie Goot</i>
Counters	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Amy Brewer Terry Borthwick</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Deacon/ Worship Assistant	<i>JoAnn Koenig</i>	<i>Eileen Bryant</i>	<i>Tina Greenfield</i>
Greeter			
Host for Coffee Hour		<i>JoAnn Koenig Chris Powell</i>	
Nursery Attendant	<i>Amy Brewer</i>	<i>Katie Goot</i>	<i>Hanley family</i>
Online Stream			
Reader of First Lesson	<i>Wayne Petterson</i>	<i>Winnie Petterson</i>	<i>Terry Borthwick</i>
Usher	<i>Jim Galarneau</i>	<i>Ben Pearson</i>	<i>Travis Lundin</i>

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR: May 3, 2026- May 23, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>After service a.m. <u>Popcorn class</u> (aka: new member class)- rm 20</p> <p>10:45a.m. Sunday School Confirmation</p> <p>11-11:45 a.m. Bible Study -rm 10</p> <p>2-4p.m. New Revival Church-Sanctuary</p>	<p>4 9:45 a.m. Bible study- rm 20/ zoom</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 p.m. AA- rm 13</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 a.m. TMWF- rm 20</p> <p>1p.m. Choir Reh- rm 13</p> <p>4:15 -6 :15 p.m. Lego club- Welcome area.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7-8:30pm Turning Point AA group-rm 10</p>
<p>10 Mother's Day 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>10:45a.m. Sunday School Confirmation</p> <p>11-11:45 a.m. Bible Study -rm 10</p> <p>2-4p.m. New Revival Church-Sanctuary</p>	<p>11 9:45 a.m. Bible study- rm 20/ zoom</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 p.m. AA- rm 13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 a.m. TMWF- rm 20</p> <p>1p.m. Choir Reh- rm 13</p> <p>4:15 -6 :15 p.m. Lego club- Welcome area.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7-8:30pm Turning Point AA group-rm 10</p>
<p>17 8 A.M. SPARK-rm 10</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>After service a.m. <u>Popcorn class</u> (aka: new member class)- rm 20</p> <p>10:45a.m. Sunday School Confirmation</p> <p>2-4p.m. New Revival Church-Sanctuary</p>	<p>18 9:45 a.m. Bible study- rm 20/ zoom</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30 p.m. AA- rm 13</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 a.m. TMWF- rm 20</p> <p>1p.m. Choir Reh- rm 13</p> <p>4:15 -6 :15 p.m. Lego club- Welcome area.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7-8:30pm Turning Point AA group-rm 10</p>