



# Prince of Faith

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*March 19th, 2017 Third Sunday in Lent*



In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

### Prayer for the Call Process

Gracious and Holy God, we give thanks for the many ways you have guided us, your people of the Prince of Faith Christian family from the beginning. We give thanks for each one of the pastors you have sent to guide us. We give thanks for one another. Now as we look forward to a new chapter in our Christian mission, we thank you for the leader and pastor that you are already preparing for leadership amongst us. Bless this person with peace and a clear sense of purpose as they discern their call. Give wisdom, insight and diligence to our call committee as they seek your guidance and will. Give to all of us, patient and eager hearts so that we may be open to the new mission and work for which you, O God, are preparing us  
In Jesus name, Amen

### **Our Readings Today...**



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**  
Exodus 17:1-7

**Gospel**  
John 4:5-42

### ***Assisting with today's worship service:***

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| Worship     | <i>Rev. Howard Mastin</i>                   |
| Music       | <i>Pat Niederlag</i>                        |
| Usher       | <i>Jan Engel</i>                            |
| Lector      | <i>Kersti Meipoom-Jones</i>                 |
| Communion   | <i>Diane Drescher &amp;<br/>Gerry Milan</i> |
| Prayers     | <i>Thank-you</i>                            |
| Altar Guild | <i>Thank-you</i>                            |
| Counters    | <i>Pat Niederlag<br/>Dorrit Hoff</i>        |

### **We Remember in our Prayers**

**For healing:** *Nicole B, Sophie Boghean, Muriel Mocke, Rene Boghean, Rob Fehr, Irene Hohm, Leah Duncan, Ed Henning, Mark Bowden, James Bowden, Kayden, Len Thistlethwaite, Ron Wenzel, Richard Oliver, Kathy Moyer, Margaret, and Stafford Lee*

### **For the family of God at Prince of Faith:**

- + Ole Christiansen
- + Stan & Carol Spearman

### **For the wider Church:**

- for Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop of our synod, and for the synod staff, rostered members and people of our synod
- for Rev. Reg Berg, Dean of the Southern Conference and the rostered leaders and people of the Southern Conference
- for our Lutheran Campus Ministries in Canada and especially for Rev. Canon Erin Philips, Chaplain for the University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge Community College
- for Emmanuel Lutheran, Czar and Holy Name Lutheran, Seba Beach
- for Candidate for Ordination Katherine Zaiser, studying at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon
- for the pastors and people of the Lutheran Church of Australia
- for Lutheran ethnic ministries, their pastors, leaders and people
- for The Right Rev. Jane Alexander, Anglican bishop of Edmonton, and the staff, priests, and people of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton
- for the pastors and people of the Mennonite Churches of Canada
- The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba – Northwestern Ontario Synod

### Offering report for March 12, 2017

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| General Offering     | \$ 585.00   |
| Direct Deposits (dd) | \$ 820.00   |
| Total General        | \$ 1,405.00 |
| Mortgage             | \$ 20.00    |
| Mortgage (dd)        | \$ 25.00    |
| CLWR (dd)            | \$ 20.00    |
| Total                | \$ 1,470.00 |

To meet the budget, total general offerings need to average \$2,278 per week.

To the end of February our income exceeded expenses by \$14,821.63

An option is available for pre-authorized offerings through automatic monthly debit from your bank account. If you wish to sign up for this program or, if you are already on the program and want to change your monthly contribution, forms are available in the narthex or the office.

### SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

|            |          |                          |
|------------|----------|--------------------------|
| <b>Sun</b> | 9:00 am  | St George's Anglican     |
|            | 10:15 am | POF Sunday School        |
|            | 10:45 am | Prince of Faith Lutheran |
|            | 2:00 pm  | Iglesia Vida Nueva       |
| <b>Mon</b> | 9:30 am  | Coffee and Care Group    |
|            | 8:00 pm  | AA                       |
| <b>Tue</b> | 7:00 pm  | IVN - music practice     |
| <b>Wed</b> | 9:00 am  | Primal Time              |
|            | 6:00 pm  | Soup Supper              |
|            | 7:00 pm  | Lenten Study             |
| <b>Fri</b> | 6:00 pm  | Iglesia Vida Nueva       |
| <b>Sat</b> | 9:30 am  | ICV Fellowship (Spanish) |
| <b>Sun</b> | 9:00 am  | St George's Anglican     |
|            | 10:15 am | Sunday School            |
|            | 10:45 am | Prince of Faith Lutheran |
|            | 2:00 pm  | Iglesia Vida Nueva       |

### NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rev Helen Belcher is available for Pastoral care needs. Please contact her by phone at (403) 826-7135 or via email at [pastor@princeoffaith.ca](mailto:pastor@princeoffaith.ca)
- Jubilations are very delighted that some members of the Prince of Faith congregation are to join Jubilation for the Easter Sunday Service. We will send the music (lead sheets) by e-mail prior to the first practice for anyone wishing to join us. We will practice the Easter music line up on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>. We strongly encourage attendance at both practices but if that isn't possible, attendance at 1 is mandatory to be able to sing. Practices start at 7:30 pm or shortly after so we ask that vocalists arrive by 7:15 pm. The church will be open at 7 pm both nights. Please email [wendymoore2@yahoo.ca](mailto:wendymoore2@yahoo.ca)
- Check the bulletin boards in the Narthex for updated and new events taking place in our worship community and the outside community.
- Cleaning Bee – Saturday April 22  
Please meet in the Church basement @ 2pm

### OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT TOWARDS EASTER

Shared with St. George's Anglican Congregation.

- Lenten Series, Wednesday evenings March 8 - April 5, starting with Soup Supper at 6:00 pm in the lower hall (sign up sheet in the Narthex) with the study beginning at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Based on You Are What You Love, by James K. A. Smith.
- Palm Sunday - April 9, 10:00 am.
- Maundy Thursday - April 13, 7:00 pm.
- Good Friday - April 14, 11:00 am.
- Easter Sunday - April 16, potluck breakfast at 8:30 am, service at 10:00 am: the Celebration of the Resurrection!

**Prayer for Lent**

Gracious and Holy God, give me diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you and patience to wait for you. Grant me O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Savior & Lord, Amen

**Community Outreach Ministry sponsored by Prince of Faith**

*Free clothing give-away and free soup/bun lunch at Prince of Faith on Saturday*

*April 8, 2017 from 11:00-3:00 p.m.*

You can contribute by donating adult and children’s gently used, in reasonable shape [Not needing repair] clothes. This can include coats and shoes, purses and jewelry. Please canvas your friends/family for clothes. It's also a tremendous help if you're able to label the bags you bring identifying male/female; adult/child; and size.

If you have questions or know of places you can place a poster advertising the event please contact Sonja Morrison [nepal2008@live.ca](mailto:nepal2008@live.ca)

**JOIN US ON MAY 6, 2017 FOR OUR “20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALK/RUN FOR LOVE”**

Thank you to all walkers and donors for your unfailing generosity towards Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta in the past walks. We are again asking for your support. Our annual fundraiser, a Walk/Run for Love, will take place on May 6, 2017. We will meet at Faith Lutheran Church and walk or run a 5 km course through Confederation Park.

If you love to walk or run, come and join us. We meet at Faith Lutheran Church, 1903 – 19 Ave NW at 8:30 am. The Walk begins at 9:30. This once-a-year fundraiser supports the Ministry in our training program for volunteer visitors, who visit patients in hospitals and care facilities. If you cannot walk or

run, consider being a “virtual walker” by collecting pledges.

Our goal this year is to raise \$22,500. Faith Life Financial is a sponsor and will match donations up to \$300. Please contact your Church office for more information about the grant.

For more information about the Walk please contact us at (403) 264-4045 or [lhmsac@gmail.com](mailto:lhmsac@gmail.com). Thank you for your faithful support



**Sermon Notes:**

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**Pander Anew**  
*what the Almighty can do*

Join Bishop Larry for dinner.  
 Listen to stories of God's work in  
 and around the Synod.

**Save the Date!**

May 28 - Brooks      June 24 - Calgary  
 June 10 - Red Deer      June 25 - Camrose  
 June 11 - Edmonton

**Venues TBA**

There will be no cost to attend. Watch for more information  
 on the Synod website and in Wednesday's Word.

**Who to call?**

About Pastoral Counselling Emergencies? Helen Belcher 403.826.7135

About Council? Neal Jones 403.703.5545  
 njones@ttw.net

About the Building? Renita Racicot 403.889-6505  
 renita.racicot@fortisalberta.com

About the Joint Committee between churches at Prince of Faith? Laura Edmonds  
 edmonds.laura@gmail.com 403.669.1424

About the Call Committee? Dorrit Hoff (403) 275-6846  
 dorrit@shaw.ca

Council Meets on the third Thursday of each month.  
 All are welcome to sit in with us, our meetings begin at 7pm and we try and end by 8:30pm.

*If you did not receive this bulletin via email please be sure to drop a note to office@princeoffaith.ca and will add you to the list! Do you know a member that we can add to the mailing list? Please let us know.*



**WORSHIP:**  
**WHEN RUINS REJOICE**

*"Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem." - Isaiah 52:9*

**ABT Synod Congregational Life Event**  
**March 25, 2017 | 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**  
 Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Red Deer

**Keynote presentation:** Paul Vasile, Executive Director of *Music That Makes Community*

**Workshops include:**

- Proclamation with Power - Rev. Dr. Laura Holck
- Words for Worship - Rev. Daranne Harris
- This is the Night! - Robyn Simpson-Mohr and Rev. Kristian Wold
- Letter of Call Documents - Lisa Thiessen, Executive Director, ELCIC Group Services (for Treasurers and Congregational Chairpersons)

**Plus:**

- worship resources display table (ELW, Iona, GIA, Reformed Worship and others)
- lunch and coffee breaks
- conversation, learning and fellowship

Cost: \$45/person (\$35/person if more than 6 attend from one congregation/parish)  
 Register online at [www.http://albertasynod.ca/education/congregational-life-workshops/](http://albertasynod.ca/education/congregational-life-workshops/)




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