

**In-person services have resumed.**  
**Anyone entering the building must wear a face covering and maintain social distancing.**

**In addition, we will continue to live stream the 10:15am service on Sundays for those individuals who have reservations about worshipping in person. You can view the 10:15am service through our Facebook GROUP page, which can be found on our Facebook PAGE**

**We continue to take COVID-19 Precautions at Prince of Peace**

**Please keep checking back for further details or call the office if you have any questions.**  
**We will continue to follow all guidelines set down by the government.**

***As We Gather:*** On the Second Sunday of Easter each year we recall what happened on that second Sunday of the first Easter. The apostle Thomas was not with the others when the risen Jesus appeared to them last Sunday, so today Jesus makes a special appearance to Thomas, called to be an apostle, a witness of Jesus' resurrection. Because of Thomas's initial refusal to believe, he has been given the nickname "doubting Thomas."

***Birthdays being celebrated this week:*** 4/12 Annelise Spencer; 4/13 Peter Bischoff; 4/14 Lynsey Murphy; 4/16 Rae Hanson-Carlson.

***Last Sunday, flowers on the altar*** were given to the glory of God by the Palladino family in celebration of Michael's 22nd birthday.

***Generosity Thought for Sunday, April 11, 2021*** The Second Sunday of Easter **John 20:19 – "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"** The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn't be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

***Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:***

**Confirmation Class Schedule:** Feb. 7 & 28, March 14, April 11 & 25, May 9 at 11:30 a.m.

**Board of Directors Mtg.** Sunday April 18th at 11:30 a.m.

**Car Show Kick-off Mtg.** Tuesday April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

**Elders Meeting** Sunday May 2nd at 11:30 a.m.

***Roll out of our updated website!*** Prince of Peace is pleased to announce our church website has a new look! Our domain name remains unchanged – [www.princeofpeacehowellnj.org](http://www.princeofpeacehowellnj.org), but we are now utilizing Faithlife Sites as our integrated ministry platform. Check out the Visitor Page to access Pastor's letter, the Worship Bulletin and Weekly Notes; check out the Latest News page to view the current church newsletter and advertisers; additional pages highlight our various church ministries and upcoming events; we have even set up a page for Online Giving! Check it out today - content is updated regularly!

***Our Adult Bible Study Class,*** taught by Deacon Tarek Abdul-Malak, is underway. All are invited to join in the discussion of Mark's gospel at 9:00am on Sundays.

***Support Prince of Peace*** You can make an impact while you shop. Did you know that you can generate donations while shopping at no extra cost? Simply start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7065103](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7065103) to confirm "Prince of Peace Lutheran Church" as your charity of choice, and AmazonSmile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to our organization.

***Next Sunday's Readings*** April 18, 2021 The Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:11-21 Peter speaks in Solomon's portico. 1 John 3:1-7 We are God's children now. Luke 24:36-49 Jesus appears to His disciples.

***Floral Arrangements*** Requests are being accepted to dedicate floral arrangements for the altar each Sunday. You can make a dedication to a family or individual to honor a birthday, anniversary, special occasion or in memory of loved ones. Your dedication will be noted in the bulletin, weekly email blast and on our parish website. Please add your name to the Flower Book in the narthex or call the office to request a date - only three requests will be accepted for each week. Your donation is \$25.00 per dedication is payable by cash or check. *Floral arrangements will remain on the altar.*

**Mark your calendars!** Our Fourth Annual Car and Truck Show will be held on Saturday June 5, 2021, with a rain date of June 12. Please join us for this fun-filled outdoor event! We will have trophies, raffles, food, and live entertainment from the Black Ties and Nancy Scharff. If you have a car or truck you would like to showcase, registration forms are available in the church office or from Event Coordinator, Tommy Campagna. Please direct all questions to 732-804-3052. **This event is free for spectators!**

**Our Food Pantry is open during the pandemic** We would like to say thank you to all that have been so generous with their donations. It is much appreciated and very helpful to our pantry clients. Our current needs would include soups or stews with meat, coffee and tea (often requested) and shampoo. For now, we have a good supply of breakfast cereals, oatmeal, pasta and pasta sauce and canned vegetables.

**Give Plus** Please note that there is another way to donate to Prince of Peace. Most of you know that you can sign up to have VANCO take money automatically from your checking account. You can decide if you want to make your donation monthly, weekly or any way that is convenient for you. In addition, VANCO also has an app called **"Give Plus"**. You download the app, create a password and then create a pin to make logging on easier. Then you search for a nearby church and Prince of Peace will be listed. Just choose the one that has our 434 Aldrich Road, Howell address. It will also ask for your bank information, for the transfer of funds. You then choose if it is a one-time payment or if you want recurring payments. Again, they give you the same choices such as weekly, monthly, biweekly, etc. Thank you in advance for supporting Prince of Peace!

**VANCO Simply Giving** Would you find it helpful to have your offerings taken directly from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? Thrivent Federal Credit Union endorses Simply Giving®. Your offerings are transferred electronically to the church's account through VANCO Financial Services. During this time of quarantine, this service is particularly helpful. If you would like an authorization form, please call the church office and we will mail one to you.

**Life Quotes for The Second Sunday of Easter, April 11, 2021** "Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter clinched it for Paul. If God's Son, divine and holy from all eternity, would take on human flesh for me, obey the commandments for me, suffer and die for me, and rise again to guarantee my forgiveness and resurrection, there can be no doubt. He loves me." *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**Thinking of You Cards** We have resumed our "Thinking of You" card and magazine collection for Howell's "Meals on Wheels" program recipients. Taking the time to sign, seal and send a card communicates that you've been thinking about them - you don't need to write much to show someone you truly care. Drop off all completed cards in the Ricca mailbox. Please call Judy at 732-364-6615 if you have any questions.

### **THOSE WHO SERVE**

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Worship Leader: The Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Sunday Service, April 11th at 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Brandon Chornobroff

Sunday Service, April 11th at 10:15 a.m.

Elder: Andrew Tess

Social Media Specialist: Madison Maresca

Organist: Melissa Marsicano

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Wednesday Midweek Service, April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

