

# PRINTS OF PEACE

The Monthly Church Newsletter of

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Serving at Prince of Peace

### Ministers:

All Members

### Pastor:

+ Andrew W. Jones

### Church Office:

+ Lori Bensyl,  
Secretary

### Service Times

+ Saturday, 5:00 PM  
+ Sunday, 9:00 AM

### Sunday School

+ September – May  
+ Class, 10:15-11:15 AM  
+ Adults - Main Sanctuary

### 2019 Congregation

#### Officers:

+ Jeff Klotz,  
President  
+ Tim Huls,  
Vice President  
+ Katrina Hueber,  
Secretary  
+ Mark Olson, Treasurer

### MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a family of  
believers, united to  
know Christ, and to  
make him known.*



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH PREPARE FOR MISSION TRIP

A group of our high school youth and chaperones will be participating in a **Workcamp** Christian mission trip during the week of July 6-13. Please keep them in your prayers as they head out to serve!

Alex Klotz  
Anna Tranel  
Emily Fisher  
Erin Patton  
Kailyn Ingram  
Mackenzie Trame  
Olivia Klotz  
Payton Vallee  
Rachel Wilson  
Rylee Clements  
Shayne Immke  
Stephanie Trame  
Austin Kofoot  
Dakota Franzen  
Daniel Carlson  
Eli Remington  
Isaiah Immke  
Jacob Johnson  
Jared Emmert  
Jett Morris  
Jonah Morris  
Lane Gaskin  
Mason Behrens  
Reid Patton  
Chase Gilliland  
Jeff Klotz  
Mark Olson  
Mike Trame  
Lea Tranel  
Tammy Ingram  
Tracy Wilson



Dear Community of Prince of Peace,

Thank you all so much for your overwhelmingly warm welcome to St. Joseph and Prince of Peace. I cannot tell you how many people have gone out of their way to make us feel part of the community and the congregation. It has been great! Joy and I feel confident that this is the place that God wants us to be and to serve. God has many interesting and powerful chapters of life and ministry ahead of all of us for us to walk through together.

I am very excited and honored that you have called me to serve as your next Pastor. None of us knows what the years ahead of us will bring, but God does. God is already there, waiting for us to catch up with Him and discover the ministry that He has planned for us. I am excited to be able to discover that path of ministry and mission together as we move through God's design.

I need to share a special word of thanks for the members of the Call Committee. They served you faithfully for many months; through many meetings, conversations, planning sessions and times of travel. The Call Committee is often a thank-less job that is forgotten as soon as the new pastor arrives. Let us not forget these fine people, but thank them every chance we get. Be sure to thank Jason Emmert, committee chair, Paul Swinford, Janice Koss, Gary Olson, Chase Gilliland, Tracey Mathis. They have tender hearts for Jesus, and have done a tremendous job for the congregation.

And don't forget to thank Jeff Klotz, your congregation president. He has worked many hours with the call committee and the church council during the time of transition since last summer. Ministry continues to happen, lives continue to be blessed in the gospel, hearts continue to be changed through the mercy of God.

I also give heartfelt thanks to Pastor Donna Smith. She has been a blessing to me in these last couple of months, and I am confident that she was a blessing to you as well. Her ministry in your midst during this past year has provided a solid foundation for a healthy transition process. She has placed in my hands many good resources concerning Prince of Peace and the ministry here. I cannot ask for more. Continue to hold her in your prayers during this time of deep transition in her own life as she mourns the passing of Larry and enters many new chapters of life.

Your Church Council has received good advice about my installation service from Pastor Preston Foster, the dean of the Great Rivers Mission District. Because of his encouragement, we will have the privilege of having Pastor Mark Chavez with us on

July 14 for my formal installation as your pastor. Pastor Chavez serves as the General Secretary of the North American Lutheran Church. It is not a small thing that Pastor Chavez will be with us, and we have Pastor Foster to thank. The installation service will occur during the normal Sunday morning worship time on July 14, and be followed by a reception.

Serving together in Christ,  
Pastor Andy

## MEET PASTOR ANDY AND JOY



Relationships are vital in the life of the Christian, and the Congregation. Just as God himself exists in relationship, we as His children live our faith in relationship. These relationships are so important that Pastor Andy and Joy Jones want to focus on beginning relationships as they begin their ministry here at Prince of Peace.

Opportunities to meet Pastor Andy and Joy are being planned during July, August and September. Members of the Church Council and Call Committee will host gatherings for groups of people to meet with Pastor Andy and Joy throughout summer, and into the early fall if needed. The groups are being structured so that every person can be involved. The gatherings will meet in homes or at church, during the day or during the evening.

Look to be contacted in the coming weeks about being a part of a gathering. We hope that you can take advantage of this great opportunity to meet our new pastor.

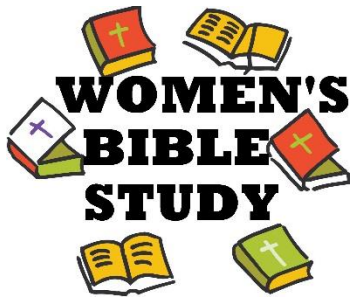


POTLUCK SIGN-UP

## PLEASE JOIN US!

*Installation Potluck Lunch for Pastor Andy Jones July 14<sup>th</sup>, immediately following service.*

*Meat, desserts and drinks will be provided. A sign-up is posted in the Narthex.*



**Women's Bible Study coming July 10<sup>th</sup>!** Please join us for our next six week study – Messy, Beautiful Friendship; Finding and Nurturing Deep and Lasting Relationships by Christine Hoover. Deep and lasting friendships can be challenging to make and keep. Christine offers a fresh, Biblical vision for friendship no matter what season of life we are in. She will show you

what's holding you back from developing satisfying friendships, how to overcome insecurity and past hurts, how to embrace the people God has already placed in your life as potential friends, and so much more. We'll discuss chapters one through four when we meet at 6:30pm on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. You know there'll be chocolate. Bring a friend! Questions? Contact Melissa Idleman at 469-2786 or [melissa.idleman@comcast.net](mailto:melissa.idleman@comcast.net).



## Meals on Wheels

Please consider signing up for Meals on Wheels deliveries! Meals are delivered on Monday's, anytime after 10:30. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex, or you can call Lori.

**July – Vicky Hastings**

**August – John and Nancy Kalvin**

**September – open**

**October – open**

**November – open**

**December – open**



## WOMEN'S COFFEE AND PRAYER

Need a midweek dose of powerful prayer? How about support from other women who are ready to listen? **All women are invited to Geschenk Coffee and Tea Haus**, 228 East Lincoln, in St. Joseph, on Wednesdays at 7:00 AM. Each week we'll hear a word of scripture, pray together and inspire one another for a new day -- all while sharing delicious morning coffee or tea -- and you'll still be in time for work or school! See you there!

*Prince of Peace,*

*Thank you so much for your generous gifts through out the last several years! We are so thankful for how the Lord has provided through you. We feel incredibly blessed to be in seminary and are hopeful for what the Lord has in store. Praying for you all.*

*Matt and Amber Sims*

# POPS PLUS

We will be meeting for breakfast on July 18<sup>th</sup> at Original Pancake House at 9AM.

The sign ups have been posted. Come join us for good conversation and a good breakfast!

## CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING

Parents of Confirmation age children are invited to meet with Pastor Andy on **July 11 at 6:30** to explore Confirmation for the coming year. Come to brainstorm best time, best schedule, best format, best curriculum. But most importantly, come to brainstorm best faith outcomes for our youth as they begin grow into their adult years.

Let's work together to develop the best way to our kids to mature in Jesus.

## KIDSZONE

Mark your calendars! KidsZone Rally Day will be **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** after worship in the East Fellowship Hall. This year we will have a bubble launch!



A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's VBS a huge success. Whether you were able only to help with one decorating kit, attend one decorating day, help creating multiple decorating kits, help with the construction, help one day at VBS, or help the full week at VBS. There is absolutely no way that our VBS could have been such a success without all of your help. All of your efforts are truly appreciated!

We had a total of 116 kids registered and had an average of 95 for our nightly attendance!



## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The Landscape Committee is in need of volunteers to help water flowers. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Please include your phone number and someone from the committee will contact you when it's your week to water to give you in instructions. Thank you!



To our amazing church family,



*This month marks four months since Cheryl passed and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, warm conversations, and love throughout the past few months. It's been so touching to experience the full support of our church family and you all have truly made this difficult time easier with all of your love. We are so blessed to be able to feel Cheryl's influence whenever we are in church, both in everyone's love of God and in her handiwork throughout the new renovations. We are so happy that she can still be found all around us. Thank you all again for the love and support, you really have made all the difference.*

*Much love,  
Cheryl's family*

## CRADLE ROLL ANGELS

The following have cradle roll angels to be picked up from the table in the narthex. They make great Christmas ornaments to remember their baptism!

Stephanie Blunier  
Brady Blunier  
Kynleigh Blunier  
Lydia Huckstadt  
Caleb Huckstadts  
Olivia Klotz  
Sawyer Olson  
Penelope Pepper  
Kylie Pllum  
Mason Wertz  
Bristol Williams



**PASTOR ANDY JONES** is available for pastoral care needs. He can be reached by text or phone at 419-989-3715. **PLEASE NOTE** that Pastor's day off is Monday; while emergency or urgent calls are still welcome, please refrain from other calls on Mondays! Thank you!

Our church secretary, Lori Bensyl, is in the office **every morning, Monday through Friday**. You can reach Lori at the church office at 217-469-7422, or email her at

[lori.bensyl@popstjoe.com](mailto:lori.bensyl@popstjoe.com). Lori will relay phone and email messages to Pastor Andy promptly.

If you leave a message on the church answering machine in the early afternoon, it may not be heard until Lori is back in the office. In case of an emergency, please call or text Lori at 217-202-2273.



## Happenings at the Community Early Learning Center ..... July 2019

### Teaching and Learning in Christ

#### **Ms. Amanda made the Employee Honor Roll!**

Ms. Amanda started with us on March 11, 2019 as a member of our Float Staff. She is so excited to have the opportunity each day to make a positive impact on children's lives. One her favorite parts of her job is that the children are always teaching her and keeping things interesting!!

She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!

#### **Ms. Amanda's Fun Facts:**

Ms. Amanda's birthday is on February 17th. She is from Erie, Pennsylvania and currently lives in St. Joseph with her husband Tristan and their daughter Sloan. They have a dog named Reba and two cats named Salem & Oliver.

Ms. Amanda's favorite color is pink. Her favorite restaurant is Desthil, and her favorite sports team is the Steelers. Ms. Amanda loves fitness, going to the gym and any outside activities. She says she is a "book worm" and her favorite authors are Jodi Picculti and Cassandra Clare.

**Be sure to tell Ms. Amanda "Thank you!" when you see her!**

#### **Miss Ashley made the Employee Honor Roll!**

Thank you, Ms. Ashley, for being very dependable and helping us when we need you!

Ashley has been employed with Prince of Peace since April of 2017. She loves working with children every day, learning new ways to connect with them and teach them to the best of her ability.

Miss Ashley graduated from Armstrong High School and DACC. She currently lives in Fithian with her 3 kids Evan, Ella, & Emilia. Her birthday is on October 6<sup>th</sup>. She enjoys spending time with her children and watching them in all their Oakwood sporting activities.

Her favorite restaurants are El Toro and Red Lobster. She enjoys shopping, spending time with her friends and family and eating out in her spare time.

**Thanks again, Miss Ashley!**

#### **Classroom of the Month, Brown Bear Classroom, July 2019**

In the month of July, we are celebrating 4<sup>th</sup> of July talking about stars & fireworks. We have a week planned learning all about ice-cream, and even tasting some too! Then we will explore bugs and camping We will participate in fun activities and eat snacks that go along with each week of learning and exploring. We are, also, experiencing hands-on sensory play outdoors and water play time this month. We will be spending our last days of summer together having fun, exploring, being outside in nature, and soaking up the summer sun.

Summer is officially here!

Miss Kendra, Ms. Shelly & Ms. Brandy



**No one yet fully realized the wealth of sympathy, kindness,  
and generosity in the soul of a child.**

---- Emma Goldman

Three-year-old Jordan lies on his cot, pointing toward the ceiling and talking quietly. The teacher approaches and asks why he isn't napping. He usually always falls asleep right away.

"First I have to talk to my grandpa in heaven," Jordan replies. "I don't know how he got up there. I think maybe an escalator. Anyway, I have to tell him to look down and see my baby sister, Ann, because my mom is sad that he went away before he could see her. I told Mommy he'd open up heaven and see Ann. I'm just reminding him to do that."

**Kids open their hearts to you because you emphasize with the feelings, they hold within them.**



### Red Bird Classroom, Two Years Old

Hello! We have added a few new faces to our class this summer and are very excited to get to know the children as well as the families!! We have had fun playing outside, going on walks, working on projects, and learning about our God and his love for us!! Our class has been working on letter sounds, counting, shapes, colors, as well as, taking turns, being helpers, good listeners, sharing, and caring for all of our friends! We, as teachers, feel very blessed to be a part of each child's learning experience. Although we are sad to see our birdies grow up and move on to the next class, we are looking forward to a new class in August, to continue in their learning process through Christ.

We hope you're all enjoying your summer as much as we are!

Ms. Stacey and Ms. Jennifer



#### **Miss Sona made the Employee Honor Roll!**

Thank you, Ms. Sona, for being very dependable and helping us when we need you!  
Sona has been employed with Prince of Peace since 2004. She loves the children and enjoys her floating position so she can see everyone throughout the center.  
Miss Sona has 3 children, Joshua, Kristin and Easton. She is from Danville where she currently lives. Her birthday is on January 4<sup>th</sup>, her favorite colors are purple and black, and she loves rooting for the Chicago Cubs & Chicago Bears!  
You may see her driving in her Jeep and eating at her favorite restaurants, Cracker Barrel and El Toro. She collects apple décor, snowmen, and antique cookbooks. She likes to go antiquing and shopping at flea markets. Sona's favorite movie is the Wizard of Oz and she collects Oz memorabilia. She enjoys reading on her Kindle. Her most favorite foods are popcorn and bacon, and she absolutely loves McDonalds fries!

**Thanks again, Miss Sona!**

#### **Ms. Terri has made the Honor Roll!!**

Ms. Terri is a floater teacher's assistant. She has loved getting to know all the children and staff throughout the center. She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!!

#### **Terri's Fun Facts:**

Ms. Terri's birthday is May 1st, her favorite colors are emerald green and sapphire black, and her favorite places to eat are Monical's and Red Lobster. She enjoys watching the St. Louis Cardinals, and is also a Purdue fan, Boiler Up!! Her favorite show is Chrissley Knows Best. Terri is originally from Longview and now lives in Oakwood. Terri and her husband Don have been married for almost 10 years. She has a daughter named Joie Sollers who is 17 years old. Joie is on the golf team. Terri's hobbies are baking, shopping, landscaping, raising bees with my husband and selling the honey. Terri loves spending time with her family. Ms. Terri loves interacting with all of the kiddos. She loves circle time and seeing all their faces ready to learn! She also likes all the hugs that she receives from the children.

Ms. Terri says, "I am truly blessed to be apart of this amazing place and work with amazing people."

**Thank you, for all that you do, at PoPCEL, Terri!!!**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Sherry Bivens**  
**Tom Grindley**  
**Ray Moorhous**

**Chuck Carmichael**  
**Nettie Henry**

**Norbert Franzen**  
**Abby Immke**

**Henry Fruhling**  
**Chris Knipfer**



**Cory Abernathy**; friend of POP

**Sandy Beckman**; aunt of Greg Mills

**Anna Lee Bouslog**; mother of Annette Ackerman

**Dalton Brownfield**; son of Lee Jannusch

**Christine Brucker**; mother of Stacy Fisher

**Rodney Buhr**

**Jerry Cencula**; uncle of Nichole Jones

**Robin Clarke**; cousin's wife of Sandy Ferguson

**Ted Collins**

**Scott, Tyler and Travis**

**Kathy Cross**; friend of Mernice Wakefield

**David**; friend of Brian and Karinsa Moline

**Luke Fisher**; friend of Donna Guzy

**Sherri Fisher**; friend of Donna Guzy

**Gloria Gehrt**; sister of Alan Woods

**Stacy Goetting**; sister of Todd Goetting

**Brittany Harlan**; friend of POP

**Patrick Hayes**

**Pat Hudson**; cousin of Melissa Idleman

**Logan Kirby**; friend of POP members

**Karen Lee**; cousin of Becky Mills

**Sally Lee**; cousin of Becky Mills

**Scott Lindberg**; former parishioner of Pastor Donna

**Leah McDowell**; cousin of Terri Modd & Mary Rolfe

**Drew Meece**; cousin of Katelynn Masengale

**Kristy Miller**; friend of Wendt family

**Michael San Miguel**; cousin of Anita Wright

**Sharon Mowry**; friend of Sherrill Mohr

**Mark Murphy**; cousin of Micki Suits

**Earl & Carole Olson**, parents of Debi Johnson

**Brad and Lisa Pence**

**Judy Rahn**; mother of Mark Rahn

**Linda Rasmussen**; mother of Tracy Wilson

**Mildred Rincker**; mother of Sharan Carmichael

**Glenn and Shirley Rothermel**; parents of Susan Allen

**Tim Short**

**Ed Veeck**; son of Terri Modd

**Anna Wentzloff**

**Betty Young**; sister of Bev Goldenstein



## THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Kambri and Lee Austin	Friends of Ryley Smith and Smith family – Stationed in Vista, CA
Erin Bensyl	Daughter of Fred and Trini Bensyl – Stationed in Fort Hood, TX
Robert Brown	Stationed in California
Kendal Coffey	Friend of Steve and Rhonda Littlefield – Stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Matthew Collins	Friend of Dale and June Kopmann – Stationed in Fort Campbell, KY
Tyler Connour	Friend of Hastings family – National Guard in South Korea
Amy Crane	Grand-daughter of Nettie Henry – Stationed at Crane Naval Base, Indiana
Don Cribbett	Nephew of Connie Bensyl & Donna Weaver – Stationed in Honduras
Lane DeMay	Great nephew of Larry and Mernice Wakefield – Stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia
Tyler Foster	Friend of Steve and Leslie Froeschl – Stationed at Cannon AFB, NM
Matthew Giertz	Brother of Tonya Dunn – Stationed at Charleston, WV
Traverse Jarman	Nephew of Melissa Idleman – Stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, TX
Chris Meece	Uncle of Katelynn Masengale – Stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas
Jesus Olmedo	Nephew of Miguel Lucio – Stationed in California
Jose Orozco	Nephew of Miguel Lucio – In training for the Marine Corp
Rowdy Randall	Friend of Jared Hill and Terry Hill – Stationed at Camp LEJUENE, NC
Michael Scott	Friend of Swinford family – Stationed at AFB in Minot, ND
Dyllan Trautmann	Grandson of Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield – Stationed at AFB in Eglin, Florida