



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:

+ The Rev. Seth J. Jersild

Director of Christian Education:

+Shane Remington

Church Office:

+ Lori Bensyl, Secretary

Service Times

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

Sunday School

+ September – May
+ Class, 10:30-11:15 AM
+ Adults - Main Sanctuary

2017 Congregation Officers:

+ Roger Koss,
President
+ Mike Wallace,
Vice President
+ Leslie Froeschl,
Secretary
+ Ryan Fisher,
Treasurer

MISSION STATEMENT

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



ANNUAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 28, 2018 at 11:15AM.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

IF YOU HAVE A SUBMISSION FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT, THEY ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 8, 2017. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL PASTOR OR LORI AT 469-7422.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JANUARY

Make a plan in 2018 for smart and thoughtful Christian living. Prince of Peace hosts three special presentations during the month of January to help you start the year off right. Please join us on Sunday morning from 10:30 – 11:15 AM for the following presentations:

January 14:

How do I make difficult end of life choices? What is hospice? What kind of final arrangements should I have? Should I share my wishes with my family or let them decide how to care for me? We welcome Harbor Light Hospice Liaison Jamie Beck to share information on hospice and end-of-life care. We also welcome Dave Patton, Director of Freese Funeral Home in St. Joseph. Dave will offer information on the making of a person's final arrangements.

January 21:

We are pleased to welcome Peg Schluter, Manager of Brokerage Operations at Cozad Asset Management, Inc. Peg will discuss recent changes in tax law, the importance of creating a family budget and investment strategies for long-term goals. You are invited to attend and join in the discussion on these important topics!

January 28:

We are pleased to welcome Chelsea Anderson, Champaign native and busy working mom who believes in living in the world, but not being controlled by it. Join Chelsea for a program entitled: CONTROL THE CHAOS. Every area of our life can bring us a mix of emotions. How we organize and run our lives (or how we don't) determines whether those emotions are positive or negative. In this course you'll learn the benefits of organizing many areas of life and the relief and freedom that awaits you. Take your life into your hands and learn how to control the chaos instead of the chaos controlling you!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR CHURCHES FOLLOW UP MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 6:30 P.M.

Prince of Peace is putting together an emergency preparedness plan using materials provided to churches by the Department of Homeland Security and the State of Illinois. We are encouraging all members of Prince of Peace who are interested in participating to come to a meeting on **Wednesday, January 17th, at 6:30 p.m.** We'll meet in the renovated Sunday School room. Members of Prince of Peace with law-enforcement experience, ushers, greeters, and Sunday School teachers are especially encouraged to attend. If you can't make the meeting but are interested in contributing to our efforts, please email Pastor Seth or call him at 255-2118.

SALT AND LIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH

Members of Prince will be meeting at Salt and Light (1819 S. Philo Road, Urbana) on Thursday, January 18th to volunteer. Salt and Light provides food, clothing, specialized job training, and counseling to families in need in Champaign County. Go their website at saltandlightministry.org to find out more about their philosophy of service, and the Christ-centered ministry they are doing in our community. We hope you can join us on the 18th! If you have any questions about Salt and Light, call Pastor Seth at 255-2118.



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Everyone is encouraged to attend our Thursday night bible classes; you can jump in any time! The reading assignments are short, which allows us to dig into some particular passages each week. In January-March, we will concentrate on the **Gospel of Mark**, which we will be hearing from often at our worship services this year. No prior bible study experience is expected of participants. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in the newly renovated Sunday School room. Our discussion schedule for January-February is as follows:

- January 25: Mark 1-2
- February 1: Mark 3-4
- February 8: Mark 5-6
- February 15: Mark 7-8
- February 22: Mark 9-10
- March 1: Mark 11-12
- March 8: Mark 13-14
- March 15: Mark 15-16

"EAT, PRAY, CARDS" JANUARY SCHEDULE

In January, our "Eat, Pray, Cards" group will meet twice, on **Wednesday January 17th**, and **Wednesday January 31st**. All are invited to come! We meet in the newly revamped Sunday School room for a light brunch, a brief devotion led by Pastor Seth, and a highly competitive round of cards. We start at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!



We are in need of volunteers for Meals on Wheels!

Please sign up to serve if you are able. The Meals on Wheels sign up is located on the easel in the Narthex. It generally takes only 30 minutes to deliver the meals and is every Monday for the month you sign up to serve. If you have any questions, please call Lori at 469-7422.

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 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!



Women's Bible Study

Love Rules; A Study of the Ten Commandments

by Christina Hergenrader

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm beginning January 2nd

“What do the Ten Commandments do for you? Do they send you on a guilt trip? Are they a mirror of your frailties? Or do they hold life-changing love? The miracle of the Commandments is that even after thousands of years, they still hold everything we need to live in relationship with God and with one another.

The forty short chapters in Love Rules are shards of real, gritty life. In this women's Bible study, you will see yourself and how pride, insecurity, grudges, and coveting damage relationships. Love Rules tells the story of spiritual transformation, shows how God wants us to love better, and helps us see how we can. This Bible study addresses one commandment each week, then follows up with four devotions that approach the topic from different angles.”

January 2nd is discussion of the first commandment. No homework. Interesting conversation. And, chocolate. Bring a friend! Questions? Contact Melissa Idleman – 469-2786 or melissa.idleman@comcast.net.

CONTACT information



Pastor Jersild is available to Prince of Peace church members at all times. Monday is his designated day off; but do not hesitate to call him in case of emergency. His cell phone number is 217-255-2118 and his church email address is

pastor.seth.jj@gmail.com. His cell phone number—voice or text—is the quickest way to reach him.

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. Lori will relay phone and email messages to Pastor promptly.

If you leave a message on the church answering machine in the early afternoon, it may not be heard till later when Pastor comes back from visits and/or comes in for meetings in the evening. Just call him on his cell phone if you want no delay!

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE:



Pastor Jersild visits hospitalized and homebound members of our congregation on a regular basis, and is available at all times to meet with you. Monday is his designated day off, but he is always available in case of emergency. If you know of anyone who is hospitalized or who needs help, please let Pastor Seth know by calling him on his cell phone (255-2118) or at church (469-7422).

**THANK YOU,
MEMBERS OF
PRINCE OF
PEACE!**



FROM PASTOR

I want to thank all of you who contributed to the generous gift that my family and I received from the congregation over the Christmas holidays! It was extremely kind of you to think of us, and we appreciate the love, friendship and support that members of this congregation are constantly showing us. Thank you, and God bless you all!

-Pastor Seth Jersild



The **Altar Flower Sign up sheet for 2018** has been posted outside Lori's office.

Flowers are \$20 per vase, if you are interested in signing up.

WE COMMEND INTO ETERNAL LIFE...



+A memorial service was held for **Cecil Busboom** at Prince of Peace on December 16th.

+Pastor Jersild conducted a memorial service for **Patsy Froeschl**, grandmother of Steve, at Morgan Funeral Home in Savoy on December 27th.

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Baptism

BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER
+**Adeline Rose Remington**, the daughter of Shane and Sarah, was baptized at Prince of Peace on Saturday, December 16th.

KidsZone

KIDSZONE SUNDAY CLASSES IN JANUARY: "WINTER GAMES"

Our Sunday School curriculum in January will have a fun "Winter Olympics" flavor. All youths aged pre-K through 6th grade meet in the West Fellowship Hall after worship. After singing together, the children break into separate groups for the rest of class. Parents, please pick your children up at 11:15 in their separate classrooms!

POP 4/5/6

This month the POP 456 will be testing their skills on the ice! On January 28th we will be going to the U of I Ice Arena at 1:30 PM. The cost per person will be \$8 and that includes the skate rentals. Please bring extra money if you would like to buy concessions. Parents are welcome to join us for this event.

Confirmation

We will come back together for our After School Program on January 10th.

High School Students

The High School will be starting YGG back up on January 3rd. We will be doing another fundraiser to support our Workcamp Mission Trip. On January 28th we will be doing the Drive-Thru Fundraiser again! Students will be selling tickets and handing out the meals.



WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR:

- +**Melissa Idleman**, for leading the adult Sunday education class, "Dealing with Grief" in November-December.
- +**Stacy Fisher**, for organizing and directing the KidsZone Christmas Program.
- +**Roger Koss, Leslie Froeschl, and Joyce Kesler**, for their three years of service on the church council. Their terms will be expiring at the end of January.
- +**Linda McCormick** for coordinating the Caring Committee, and for all the members of the committee, who help with receptions for funerals at Prince of Peace.
- +**Tom Grindley and Miguel Lucio**, for their extensive and thorough cleaning of the sanctuary.
- +**Sue Grindley**, for providing music for worship every week, far above the normal call of duty this year!
- +**Karen Jersild and Tracy Wilson**, for setting up the candles for the beautiful Blue Christmas service on December 21st.
- +**All** who support the continuing mission of our congregation through regular worship, prayer, financial giving, evangelism, fellowship, and service for Jesus Christ.

POPS PLUS EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

POPs PLUS is a friendly group of older Prince of Peace members who get together monthly for fellowship, good food, and interesting activities. All are welcome and encouraged to come and enjoy our nice gatherings! Below is a list of people who have volunteered to plan POPS PLUS events in 2018. You'll notice that we still have three months open! If you'd like to sign up to plan an event in February, March, or October of 2018, please call Lori or Pastor Seth at the church office (469-7422) today and let them know!

- JANUARY:** Green
- FEBRUARY:** open
- MARCH:** open
- APRIL:** DeWeese
- MAY:** Carmichael
- JUNE:** Taeger
- JULY:** Sappenfield
- AUGUST:** Behrens/Weaver
- SEPTEMBER:** LeRette
- OCTOBER:** open
- NOVEMBER:** Green/Sappenfield

POPS PLUS

We will be gathering for breakfast at **Rich's Restaurant** in Ogden on **January 18th at 9AM**. Please sign up if you are able to join us. The sheets have been posted on the bulletin boards.

Come join us for good food and fellowship!





Classroom of the Month -- The Blue Horse Classroom 4/5 year olds

The Blue Horse Room we love to learn new things and explore new knowledge. We work on team work and respecting our classmates and teachers. This new year we have a lot of challenges and activities that promote the holistic development of each of our students. We want to slide into this new year with Jesus in our hearts.

Happy New Year to everyone, from Blue Horses.

Blue Horse Kids

Ms. Liz & Ms. Katie



Ms. Liz has made the honor roll!

Ms. Liz is one of the teachers in the blue horse classroom. She is getting to know all the children and staff through the center. She loves working in the Blue Horse classroom and teaching the kids. She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!

Liz's Fun Facts:

Ms. Liz's birthday is May 3rd, her favorite color is yellow, and her favorite place to eat is Chili's. She enjoys watching the Cubs. Liz is from Puerto Rico and lives in Champaign now. Liz was married in July before moving to IL. She has 2 nieces and 1 nephew, and they are a big part of her life. She enjoys photography and painting in her free time. She enjoys working at a place that is helping her grow as a person and, of course, teaching the kids!

Thank you, for all that you do, at PoPCELC, Liz!!!

Ms. Paula made the Employee Honor Roll!

Ms. Paula is the one of the teachers in the Green Frog room. This January Paula celebrated her 8-year anniversary of teaching here at Prince of Peace. Paula loves talking with the kids about things going on in their lives every day. She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!

Ms. Paula's Fun Facts:

Ms. Paula's birthday is on December 4th. She is from Oakwood and continues to live there. She has been married to her husband, Jerry, for 27 years. They have 2 sons, Austin who is 25, and Cameron who is 19. Austin got married in 2016, so she's recently gained a daughter-in-law also. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite place to eat is Cracker Barrel. Paula is quite the hockey fanatic and loves the Chicago Blackhawks. She is also involved with the Danville Dashers hockey team. She also enjoys camping, reading, and spending time with her family. Her favorite part about her job is seeing how much the children learn and grow from August when they enter the classroom to the next August as they head off to kindergarten. She loves the children, families, and the people she gets to work with. Paula says she and her co-teacher go together like peanut butter and jelly. 😊

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

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FROM THE DIRECTOR---

To work in the world lovingly means that we are defining what we will be for, rather than reacting to what we are against. ---Christina Baldwin

Lupe lives in a hot, bronze desert town. She takes care of the children whose mothers cook and clean for the people who come to get away from the frigid East Coast winters.

The mothers don't make much money, so Lupe makes even less. She is earning an education degree. Sometimes the kids "help" with her homework and pretend that they are teachers.

On a cooler than unusual day, she takes the five children on a walk to the fountain in town. They delight in the sun-sparkled drops and dip their brown hands in the cool water.

When the driver of a big, fancy car honks and calls them names, Lupe asks the children, "Why do you think he did that?" Four-year-old Ricky answers, "Maybe he doesn't like people who are going to be important teachers."

We lovingly give children the tools and role modeling that allow them to work for their important futures.

STEWARDSHIP



Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church

Stewardship News



It's a new year. It's a time when we take stock of the year past in order to improve the year to come. It's a time when we sit down to plan and implement what we want to accomplish and even change. Part of that is planning our stewardship for the coming year.

Often we find this difficult and daunting and even joyless. But it doesn't have to be. In fact, it is really quite simple and full of joy. So here are some tips to make that planning less stressful. You begin by answering these three questions: Who are you? To whom do I give? And how much?

So, who are you? The Table of Duties in the Small Catechism informs us. Are you a hearer of God's Word? Are you a citizen of society? Are you a member of a family? Stewardship covers these three estates: church, society, family. We don't particularly struggle to give to society or family. Our struggles, our difficulties and our questions arise in giving to the church.

So, what is our duty as members of the church with regard to giving? The Table of Duties, again, gives us a guide. If you are a hearer, a member of the church who receives instruction, St. Paul taught: "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor" (Gal. 6:6). This means the local congregation is primary.

Your pastor is the one called to preach the Gospel to you and administer the Lord's blessed sacraments to you. Your congregation is the place where those things happen. Thus, when God calls us to give to the church, He has the local congregation in mind. For "the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

How much do we give to the local congregation? Our only instructions are these: to give regularly

(1 Cor. 6:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23).

In other words, giving to the church is not to be an afterthought, given after everything else is spent. In this way, it is deliberate. We give regularly – weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly – keeping in mind our own strengths, weaknesses, and limitations. We set it aside beforehand – before anything else is spent.

From those first fruits, we set aside a proportionate and generous amount. Ten percent was the standard for the Israelites. This was a command for the ancient Israelites. We can give as much as we want, but ask yourself: do we really want to be less generous than was commanded of the Israelites? Is the job of the New Testament Church bigger or smaller than the job given to Israel?

And how are we to give it? We give it with eagerness and earnestness. We give it cheerfully and with love, not out of compulsion. For through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, God has made us His children, forgiven us all our sins, given us grace upon grace, promised us life everlasting with Him in His kingdom, and filled us with His own Spirit, the Holy Spirit. This makes giving a joy, as Jesus said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

It's that easy. And it is joyful. For in stewardship, our gracious and giving Lord invites us to take part in the work that He accomplishes here on earth, providing for the ongoing preaching of the gospel as well as those who are in need. Taking part in that makes all our work holy – work that is done in service to the Lord as priestly members of His kingdom.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Sherry Bivens **Lucille Conrad** **Doris Deremiah** **Bev Goldenstein** **Mike Hastings** **Verna Hasty**
Abby Immke **Linda Johnson** **Tom Long** **Pastor Dennis Meyer** **Richard Shiley**

Don Alsip; father of Michelle Trame
Gerry Atkins; brother in law of Roger and Janice Koss
Adley Bartok; great niece of Dave and Donna Patton
Anna Lee Bouslog; mother of Annette Ackerman
Dalton Brownfield; son of Lee Jannusch
Christine Brucker; mother of Stacy Fisher
Brianne Buckmaster; granddaughter of Dale and June Kopmann
Neil Camp; son of Pat Camp
Danny Carter; brother-in-law of Barb & Paul Swinford
Sandy Cheek; friend of Joyce Kesler
Ted Collins
Dan Conley; friend of Tom and Sue Grindley
Josh Conrad; grandson of Lucille Conrad and Donna Guzy
Debbie Ellis; friend of Sherrill Mohr
Chuck Evans; brother of Dee Evans
Jeff Finis & family; friends of Paul & Barb Swinford
Linda Frerichs; aunt of Rhonda Littlefield/cousin of Franzen's
Owen Giertz; nephew of Ed and Tonya Dunn
Bill Gilbreath; brother of Nancy Bishop
Roger Grace; friend of Terri Modd and Mary Rolfe
Mike Halbach; father of Michelle Shaw
Don and Deb Happ; cousins of Larry Wakefield
Jason Holt; friend of POP members
Phil Hudson; brother of Pam Franzen
Shaun Knipfer; cousin of Susi Huls
Cheryl Kopmann; mother of Kari, Kelli and Kristi
Matt and Diane Kosik; cousins of Larry Wakefield
Leah McDowell; cousin of Terri Modd & Mary Rolfe
Pete Meier; father of Melissa Idleman
Lowell and Ellen Mennenga
Sam Morris; son in law of Jim and Dea Taeger
Suellyn Norton; friend of Tom and Doris Long
Dottie Olson; mother of Gary Olson

Earl & Carole Olson, parents of Debi Johnson
Heidi Ostrowski; niece of Norris Schlueter & Verna Hasty
John Otloe; uncle of Doug Wendt
Rex Phillips; friend of Tom & Sue Grindley
Bryan Pinaire; friend of Greg and Sadie Immke
Murelle Plotner; grand-daughter of Paula Plotner
Barbara Reinhold; sister of Bev Goldenstein
Mildred Rincker; mother of Sharan Carmichael
Glenn and Shirley Rothermel; parents of Susan Allen
Arcie Sapato; grandfather of Shelley Altenbaumer
Terri Savage; co-worker of Kate Hewardine
Josh Stone; co-worker of Susi Huls
Jeff Welch; friend of PoP members
Harlan Wessels; father of Diane Williams

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

+The **pastors** of all the Saint Joseph Christian congregations:
Jud Travis, Scott Millis, Gene Turner, and Seth Jersild.
+**The North American Lutheran Seminary**, the official training and educational institution for pastors of our national church.
+**The North American Lutheran Church**, as we grow in our outreach and mission for Christ.
+**The Ethiopian Evangelical Church, Mekane Yesu**, our full communion church partner in east Africa.
+**Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz** and their children, **Nathan, Julia, Leah** and **Rachel**, as they serve the mission of the Lutheran Bible Translators in Papua, New Guinea.
+**Matthew Sims**, who is teaching English in China and preparing to begin his pastoral education.
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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
MiReena Burris Niece of Mike and Lee Jannusch – Marine Corp, deployed to Middle East
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
Amy Crane Grand-daughter of Nettie Henry – Stationed at Crane Naval Base, Indiana
Don Cribbett Nephew of Connie Bensyl & Donna Weaver – Stationed at Fort Campbell, KY
Daylan Evans Son of Sara (Evans) & Travis Baker – Stationed at Quantico, Virginia
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
Jesus Olmedo Nephew of Miguel Lucio – Stationed in Japan
Jose Orozco Nephew of Miguel Lucio – In training for the Marine Corp
Josh Reynolds Nephew of Mike and Lee Jannusch – Stationed at Whiteman AFB, MO
Tommy Rohl Friend of the Gary Olson family – Stationed at Fort Campbell, KY
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