



# 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

### 2018 Congregation Officers:

+  
President  
+ Mike Wallace,  
Vice President  
+  
Secretary  
+ Ryan Fisher,  
Treasurer

### MISSION STATEMENT

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



**LENT WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS: 6:00  
p.m. THROUGH MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**

A variety of home-made soups will be served for dinner before our Wednesday Lenten worship services this year, starting on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Come with your family to the West Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship and a simple, delicious Lenten meal.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES,  
2018: CITIZENSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES  
“ROUND ROBIN” PREACHING SERIES**



Be sure to make Wednesday worship part of your observance of Lent this year! Worship will take place in the main sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. on all Wednesdays through March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Pastors of local North American Lutheran Church congregations will be rotating between the churches each week. Each pastor will preach on a different scriptural example of faithful endurance in the face of extreme challenges. Come and join us!



**SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: MARCH 25TH**

Palm Sunday is a day of contradictions. We begin worship remembering Jesus' triumphal procession into Jerusalem, in which the people of the city welcome Him with joy as a reforming king. By the end of the service, however, the mood of jubilation has turned to one of solemnity, as we focus on Jesus' suffering and death at the hands of a disappointed mob. Clearly Jesus is not the kind of king people wanted.

What we want for ourselves ultimately stands in conflict with God's solution. And it is God himself who, in His passionate love for us, works out this contradiction on the cross. He will reconcile a sinful humanity to Himself through this once-for-all payment. Let us come and stand in awe of his amazing love for us, this Holy Week!

## MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP, MARCH 29, 7:00 P.M.

A service of Holy Communion will be held at Prince of Peace on Thursday, March 29th, at 7:00 p.m. On Maundy Thursday we remember the Lord who came to us as a humble servant. He gives us his life so that we may live a new life, and gives us a new commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us.

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## GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP, MARCH 30, 7:00 P.M.

On Good Friday, we will share in a *tenebrae* ("shadows") service in remembrance of our Lord's complete sacrifice for us on his cross. This solemn service reminds us of the reality of sin and evil in the world. However, we face these realities as confident believers who see beyond the cross to the Easter victory.

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## HE IS RISEN! EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>

On Sunday, March 27th, we begin the Easter season with the Festival of the Resurrection. On this most holy day, we celebrate our Lord's victory over the powers of sin, death, and evil in our world. He is risen indeed! Come and join the Easter celebration with your church family at Prince of Peace.

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## COMING IN APRIL: COMPASSION SUNDAY

**Compassion International** is a Christian humanitarian aid child sponsorship organization dedicated to the long-term development of children living in poverty around the world. In April, at one of our church services (date to be determined), we will be introducing the ministry of Compassion International to the congregation and presenting a special opportunity for Prince of Peace Members to get involved in child sponsorship. Kalee Bensyl, the daughter of Lori, our church secretary, will be with us that day to talk about her experience of actually meeting the child whom she is sponsoring while on a trip to Africa this past summer. If you would like to know more about Compassion International, visit <https://www.compassion.com> We are excited to introduce this beautiful Christian service opportunity to the people of Prince of Peace.



## SALT AND LIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Members of Prince of Peace and any friends who would like to come will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Salt and Light (1819 S. Philo Road, Urbana) on the last Tuesday of each month 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](http://saltandlightministry.org) to find out more about their philosophy of service and the Christ-centered ministry they are doing in our community.

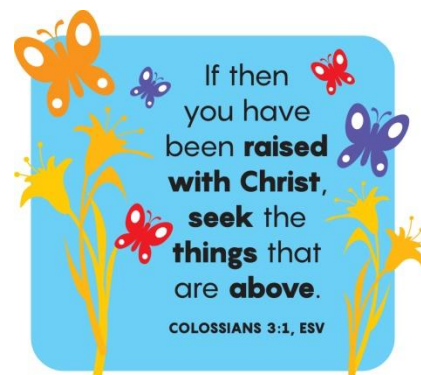
We hope you can join us on any of the following upcoming dates:  
**-March 27<sup>th</sup>; April 24<sup>th</sup>; May 29<sup>th</sup>; June 26<sup>th</sup>**  
If you have any questions about Salt and Light, call Pastor Seth at 255-2118.

## FIRST Communion FIFTH GRADE COMM UNION CLASS BEGINS IN MARCH

All Prince of Peace 5th-graders are invited to receive instruction in the meaning and practice of Holy Communion at church on the following three dates in March:

- Tuesday, March 6, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 20, 6:00 p.m.

Students who participate in the classes will receive the sacrament for the first time on Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at our 9:00 a.m. worship service. If you have a fifth grader, or an older child who is ready to receive this instruction, be sure to enroll them in these classes. If you have any questions about communion instruction, please call Pastor Jersild at 255-2118 or 469-7422.





### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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 February-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 March is as follows:

- March 1: Mark 11-12
- March 8: Mark 13-14
- March 15: Mark 15-16

### “EAT, PRAY, CARDS” MARCH SCHEDULE

#### “EAT, PRAY, CARDS” MARCH SCHEDULE: 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

In March, our “Eat, Pray, Cards” group will meet twice, on **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, and **Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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!



### 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!



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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MARCH: GREAT FIGURES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Our adult Sunday education class meets every week in the main sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. Bring your coffee and donuts and join the discussion!

#### March 4: The Samaritan Woman

There are many unnamed people in the Gospels whose experiences and witness impact our own faith. John’s account of Jesus’ meeting with the Samaritan Woman at the well teaches us not only about her, but gives us a deeper view of the character of Jesus.

#### March 11: Pharisees and Sadducees

The New Testament paints a definite picture of these two Jewish movements, but how do we really understand them? What do we really know? What were the sources of their disagreements with Jesus and his followers? We will also focus on two renowned Pharisees and see how their messages compare to that of the early church.

#### March 18: Pontius Pilate

During Lent and Holy Week, we encounter the figure of Pilate and, through the images of him in the Gospels, we see the evolution of the relationship of the early Christian faith and the Roman state. We will trace Pilate from his appearances in the Gospels to his image as a penitent convert in Christian tradition.

### POPS PLUS

*Please join us for breakfast at Sammie’s Pancake House, 1206 North Mattis in Champaign on March 15 at 9AM. The sign ups are posted outside each worship space. Join us for a delicious breakfast and fellowship!*

## 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).

## Prayers OF THANKS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR:

- +Bunny Schlueter**, for stitching the baptismal napkins for all the baptisms at Prince of Peace, and for helping the acolytes get situated before worship each Sunday.
- +Pastor Donna Smith**, for leading the "Great Figures of the New Testament" series on Sunday mornings.
- +Dwayne Gilliland**, for his constant help organizing the ushers and helping with worship on Sunday mornings.
- +Merniece Wakefield**, for organizing our Lenten Wednesday soup suppers.
- +John Dwyer, Rob Benoit, Mike Voges, Doug Wendt, Tom Grindley, Mike Wallace, Greg Mills, and Dwayne Gilliland**, for their help and input with Prince of Peace's Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- +Eileen Duitsman and Wilma Evans**, for preparing our worship space through all the seasons of the church year.
- +Jennifer Carlson**, for all her help organizing KidsZone.
- +Sarah Olson and Allison McKinney**, for serving as co-directors of KidsZone.
- +All who serve on the Christian Education Committee**, for their help planning educational events for the families of Prince of Peace.
- +Melissa Idleman**, for leading the "Love Rules" Women's Bible study.
- +All who support the continuing mission of our congregation through regular worship, prayer, financial giving, evangelism, fellowship, and service for Jesus Christ.**

## EASTER CARNIVAL Saturday, March 31 at 10AM

Children through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to the Prince of Peace Easter Carnival!

We'll start at 10am with an Easter egg hunt. Bring your Easter baskets to collect treats.

When the hunt is over, come to the Carnival in the East Fellowship Hall to play games and win prizes. You may bring a friend! Hope to see you there!

**EASTER CARNIVAL:** We would appreciate **donations** of individually wrapped bite sized Easter candy for stuffing eggs and empty egg cartons that will hold a dozen eggs. Donations can be placed in the marked box in the narthex or you can help by making a special offering using the envelopes in the pew racks. Thank you!

### VBS

VBS is coming soon and the date is set! This year the theme is Shipwrecked. We will venture onto an uncharted island where kids are rescued by Jesus! Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life. They'll learn to hold onto God's promises when they are lonely, they worry, they struggle, do wrong, and feel powerless. Now is when the work begins to make this amazing ministry opportunity happen. As always, we need many volunteers and we would ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help out this year. The date for our Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus VBS is July 30-August 3.

### ALL YOUTH

In the month of March, all of our youth will be serving together at the church! On Saturday, March 3rd we will be participating in the Illini Fighting Hunger meal packing event! This event goes from 9 AM to 1 PM and cleaning up afterward. This is a family event so everyone can help out. You can sign up for an hour or two or you can even stay the whole day! There are multiple places in the church that you can sign up!



**Classroom of the Month -- Purple Cats**

The Purple Cat half-day preschool program is ready to spring into action! We celebrated Valentine's day and learned about God's love for us in February. For March, we are going to celebrate the new life of spring and God's gift at Easter. Our hope is to expand the children's understanding about Jesus' life and death on the cross, and what that means for us. It is important for children to understand the true meaning of our holidays and not just the commercialized side of them.

The children are going to be doing more cooking and baking this month, we will share with the staff. They will have a chance to share with their parents too. The Green Eggs, we promise not to share. However, we will share a green snack with parents for St. Patrick's Day. The Spring will also present a time for baby animals to visit and for us to plant seeds and watch them grow. As a class and as individuals we are amazed at the way the children grow physically, spiritually, emotionally, and cognitively.

Ms Penny and Ms Jody

**Ms. Jennifer N. made the Employee Honor Roll!**

Ms. Jennifer has been working at Prince of Peace since October 2016. Her favorite part of working here is being with all the children. She loves coming in each morning and having the children run to give her hugs. She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!

**Ms. Jennifer's Fun Facts:**

Ms. Jennifer's birthday is on August 12th. She is from Homer and moved back there a few years ago, when she bought a house there. Her favorite color is blue and her favorite sports team is the Dallas Cowboys. Her favorite places to eat are Olive Garden and El Toro. She and her husband Shane live in Homer with their dog Mia. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, reading, and hiking at nature parks on vacation. Jennifer enjoys having the opportunity to work at a larger center and learn from teachers who have worked in many different settings. She appreciates how generous the parents are to the staff.

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

**Ms. Kelsi has made the honor roll!**

Ms. Kelsi is our full time Co-Teacher of the Brown Bears. She loves watching the children learn new things each day. She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!

**Kelsi's Fun Facts:**

Ms. Kelsi's birthday is July 19<sup>th</sup>, her favorite color is blue, and her favorite place to eat is Buffalo Wild Wings. She enjoys watching the Cardinals. Kelsi is from St. Joseph and lives in Fairmount. Kelsi is engaged to her high school sweetheart, Travis. They have 2 sons named Kayden and Dalton. Kelsi is also a major animal lover, and has 1 dog, 2 cats, and they keep her busy. She enjoys playing cards and board games in her free time.

She enjoys working at a place that is helping her grow as a person. She likes seeing the children grow and loves bonding with them.

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

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR---**

Quote...

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." Hamilton Wright Mabie

# STEWARDSHIP



## Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church

### Generosity = More than Money (Giving Is for EVERYONE)

Most of the traditional stewardship resources seem to focus primarily on finances. While having your finances in order is certainly important, often, the discouraging conclusion is, "I don't have enough money to be truly generous."

Everyone agrees generosity and stewardship are valuable virtues to practice, but are we giving God our first and our finest? Or are we just giving God our leftovers?

In the days of Moses, God laid out an offering model that involved giving Him the choicest of options. He did not ask for the sheep that was sickly, the runt of the litter, or the animal that would place 2nd in a livestock competition. He asked for the FIRST and FINEST of what the people had to offer.

Today we are called to give God our best, not because He needs our gift. God doesn't. We are called to give for 2 reasons—1) He is worthy of our gift, and 2) It is a tangible way that we put Him first in our lives.

It is easy to give what we don't want, our used leftovers; but such gifts cost us little. **A gift that honors God is one that requires sacrifice, because that is the gift that reflects our hearts.** When we give our first and finest, we acknowledge the position God holds in our lives. In turn, the conversation becomes less about checking a box that a certain percentage was given and more about the heart with which people give. When you address the heart of the issue, rather than the topical behavior, lasting change is born.

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<http://www.thereimagegroup.com/16-creative-ways-to-think-about-stewardship-and-generosity-no-offering-plate-required/>.

### 2018 Meal Packing Event



On March 3, 2018, Prince of Peace will again partner with Illini Fighting Hunger ([illinifightinghunger.org](http://illinifightinghunger.org)) to pack over 60,000 meals to be distributed to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. Please mark your calendars and plan for your family to attend this fun and meaningful event! Sign-up sheets are posted in the narthex and on the bulletin boards outside the office and the East Fellowship Hall where you can sign up for one- or two-hour shifts packing food between 9am-1pm, setting up Friday night, and cleaning up at the end of the packing event. There is also a sheet to sign up to bring baked goods, fruit, and water for the workers. Together our congregation has raised over \$9,000 for this event, which means we'll be able to pack more meals than ever before! Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in our community!



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Sherry Bivens**  
**Doris Hovel**  
**Alexis Lackey**

**Doris Deremiah**  
**Abby Immke**  
**Irene Medrow**

**Bev Goldenstein**  
**Linda Johnson**  
**Cheryl Merkel**

**Mike Hastings**  
**Chris Knipfer**  
**Richard Shiley**

**Don Alsip**; father of Michelle Trame  
**Brenda Baker**; step sister of Micki Suits  
**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  
**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 Donna Guzy  
**Richard Crum**; step brother in law of Micki Suits  
**David**; friend of Brian and Karinsa Moline  
**Debbie Ellis**; friend of Sherrill Mohr  
**Roger Grace**; friend of Terri Modd and Mary Rolfe  
**Jason Holt**; friend of POP members  
**Phil Hudson**; brother of Pam Franzen  
**Randy Jones**; father of Cory Jones  
**Shaun Knipfer**; cousin of Susi Huls  
**Cheryl Kopmann**; mother of Kari, Kelli and Kristi  
**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  
**Dottie Olson**; mother of Gary Olson

**Earl & Carole Olson**, parents of Debi Johnson  
**Heidi Ostrowski**; niece of Norris Schlueter  
**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  
**Maddi Reynolds**; niece of Katelynn Masengale  
**Mildred Rincker**; mother of Sharan Carmichael  
**Glenn and Shirley Rothermel**; parents of Susan Allen  
**Josh Stone**; co-worker of Susi Huls  
**Barbara Taylor**; mother of Janice Koss  
**Jeff Welch**; friend of PoP members

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

+**Mark Olson, Tim Huls and Stacey Rudolph**, our incoming council members, as they begin their three-year term of service.  
+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.

**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  
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