



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.***



HE IS RISEN! EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1st

On Sunday, April 1, 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! We will have two worship services on Easter Sunday: a Sunrise service at 7:00 a.m. and festival worship at 9:00 a.m. with communion. Come and join the Easter celebration with your church family at Prince of Peace.



COMPASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

April 8th will be Compassion Sunday at Prince of Peace. You will see a video about a young girl named Ablavi who was sponsored by an American couple through Compassion International. Kalee Bensyl will speak to us about her experience meeting her Compassion child in Africa last summer. After worship on April 8th, at the sponsorship table in the narthex, you will find photos of boys and girls who need you. They need you to choose them, to support them, to sponsor them. To give them a voice. Will you speak up and tell a child, "I see you. And I will not let poverty steal your life"? Say "YES!" Sponsor a child on April 8th. Visit compassion.com/yourchild today.

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 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: **April 24th**; **May 29th**; **June 26th**
If you have any questions about Salt and Light, call Pastor Seth at 255-2118.



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

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 specific passages each week. In April and May, we will concentrate on the book of **Hebrews**. 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 April-May is as follows:

April 12 – Hebrews 1-2
April 19 – Hebrews 3-4
April 26 – Hebrews 5-6
May 3 – Hebrews 7-8
May 10 – Hebrews 9-10
May 17 – Hebrews 11-13

“EAT, PRAY, CARDS” APRIL SCHEDULE: 11TH and 25TH

In April, our “Eat, Pray, Cards” group will meet twice, on **Wednesday, April 11th**, and **Wednesday, April 25th**. 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. 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).



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN APRIL: 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! Pastor Donna Smith will be leading classes in March centering around Great Figures of the New Testament. The schedule for March is as follows:

April 8: Jesus of Nazareth

How have scholarly traditions created changes in our understanding of Jesus? We will consider various scholarly approaches to Gospel texts, and move to more current understandings of the “historical Jesus.” A wide variety of sources will be considered.

April 15: The Christ of Faith

Beyond the Crucifixion, the New Testament and later theological writings delve into the meaning of Jesus as Savior, and the enduring images and understandings of the Lord.



WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR:

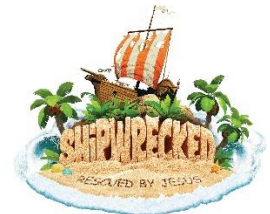
- +Sarah Olson for serving as Director of the KidsZone.
- +Katrina Pakonen-Hueber, Tracey Mathis, and Mary Benoit for volunteering to serve as VBS co-directors this year.
- +Jason Emmert for writing the “Courtroom” skit for our high-school youths, used in the the Easter Sunrise Service.
- +Our high school youths, for leading us in worship at the Easter Sunrise Service.
- +All who participated in the special Passion Sunday reading on March 25th.
- +Mernice Wakefield and Laurel Emmert for helping to organize the Lenten Wednesday Soup Suppers.
- +Pastor Donna Smith for leading the Sunday Adult Education Class: “Great Figures of the New Testament.”
- +Savanna Franzen, for singing in worship on March 18 and March 25.
- +All who have been helping serve at Salt and Light on the last Tuesdays of each month.
- +Sue Grindley, for the many hours she has spent preparing music for our worship services these past several months!
- +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 4th 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!



Mark your calendar ... VBS is July 30-August 3!

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.





Classroom of the Month -- From the Yellow Duck Classroom, 3-4 year olds...

Spring is finally upon us and the Yellow Duck Classroom has so many opportunities to observe and learn from the change of seasons! We are able to play outside almost every day again to help us grow and learn about Spring with all of our senses! In April our themes are: Easter, Spring, Garden, Earth Day/Recycling and Self-Help Skills such as putting on our own coats and shoes, zipping, buttoning buttons, tying shoes, toileting by ourselves and being more independent in finding and participating in activities around the classroom. We will learn about the different parts of plants. We plan to grow and observe our own plants in the classroom. We will also learn what it means to recycle and to help take care of this beautiful earth that God has created for us. He is Risen! We will learn new Bible stories such as; Triumphal Entry, The Last Supper, Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection, Jesus appears alive and returns to heaven, and heaven. Then we will be reviewing what all we have learned this month! We will be discussing Bible memory verses; John 14:6, Proverbs 20:11 and Ephesians 4:32
Happy Spring! Ms. Tiffanie and Ms Meghan

Ms. Jody has made the honor roll!

Ms. Jody has been at PoPCEL for 7 years. She loves being a part of the Purple Cat preschool room in the mornings and the Red Bird room in the afternoons. She enjoys seeing the kids and their constant amazement in new things. She loves to see the children learn and their love and trust. She believes that PoPCEL is a very valuable service to families and the community.

Jody's Fun Facts:

Ms. Jody's birthday is September 8th. Her favorite color is blue, and her favorite place to eat is Biaggi's or Cracker Barrel. She enjoys watching the Illini. Jody is from Danville, but now she lives in St. Joe.

She is a widow and has three adult children that are married and have their own children. They live in Texas, California, and Wisconsin. Jody often travels to visit them. She also enjoys being outside and watching birds.

Thank you, for all that you do, at PoPCEL, Jody!!!

Ms. Stacey made the Employee Honor Roll!

Ms. Stacey has made the honor roll! Ms. Stacey has been at PoPCEL for 14 years. She loves being a part of the Red Bird room. She enjoys watching the kids learn and grow. She loves to see the children throughout the center, as they get older. They still run to her to give her hugs, even though they are not in her classroom anymore.

She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!

Ms. Stacey's Fun Facts:

Stacey's Fun Facts: Ms. Stacey's birthday is December 1st. Her favorite color is red, and her favorite place to eat is Chili's. She enjoys watching Cardinal's baseball. Stacey is from Broadlands, but now she lives in rural Homer. She has been married to her husband, Andy, for 20 years. They have two children, Kenzie and Noah. Kenzie is 17 and Noah is 15. A lot of Stacey's free time is spent watching her kids play sports. She says spring and summer are spent out at the ball field and winter is spent in a gym. She also enjoys reading and being outside.

**Thank you, for all that you do, at PoPCEL, Stacey!!!
Be sure to tell Ms. Stacey "Thank you!" when you see her!**

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FROM THE DIRECTOR---

Beauty is not caused---it is. ----Emily Dickinson



Some days I have time to notice---time to be there. Yesterday was one of those days. Sitting in the green grass, the children listened to me tell a story about a funny little black kitty. They giggled when she got tied up in grandma's yarn and understood when she shivered in fear in a thunderstorm. While I talked, I saw the children's shimmering skin, sparkling eyes, and sun-framed hair. I paused and felt myself wrapped up in the beauty of their goodness and trust.

You take time to treasure the beautiful moments that renew your belief in the value of your work and in the goodness of children.

STEWARDSHIP



Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church

Tax Return Tells You How Generous You Really Are

Before you file your tax return away for the year, you might want to take a minute to determine what percentage you are giving away. Jesus told us, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Luke 12:48)

Your tax return tells you not only how much income God has entrusted to you last year, but also what portion you gave away. Simply take your total charitable contribution and divide by your total gross income. Move the decimal point over two places. This is the percentage you gave away last year. Are you pleased with that number? If not, make plans now to improve your giving in 2007.

Example: Total income is \$42,653. Charitable contributions are \$1,250. \$1,250 divided by \$42,653 equals .0293. Move the decimal and see that the percent that was given to charity was 2.9%.



A Tax Time Test

Now that you have figured out for Uncle Sam how much you made this year and how many charitable contributions you gave, it might be a good time to figure out just how faithful and generous you really are. Throughout Sacred Scripture God has called us

to "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse..." (Malachi 3:10) The Catholic Church traditionally recognizes the tithe as 10% of your income – 5% to your parish and 5% to other charities. So how close are you to returning 10% of your treasure to God? It's easy to calculate. Divide your total charitable contributions for last year by your gross income for last year. Move the decimal point over two places and that is your percent of giving. So if your answer is .0346, you are returning 3.5% of your income to God.

If you are not happy with the number, we encourage you to plan ways to increase your giving.

Tax Refunds & Tithing

Are you receiving a tax refund this year? Have you considered giving a percentage of it back to your parish? Even if you are not yet able to give a full 5% or 10% tithe to your parish on a regular basis many Catholics find that tithing on unexpected income – a tax refund, winnings at the Casino, or an inheritance – is a great first step to experiencing the joy and contentment that come when we really do give as God has asked us to give. Try it yourself and feel the joy.

<http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/tax-time>

2018 Meal Packing Event

On Saturday, March 3, 125 people from around the community came together at Prince of Peace with one goal in mind: feeding those who are hungry in our community! Together with the Illini Fighting Hunger organization, they packed 59,400 meals that were picked up and distributed by the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. The event was a great success. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way: through your financial contributions, food/water donations the day of the event, working at the event, setting up, and cleaning up. We couldn't have done it without every one of you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Sherry Bivens
Doris Hovel
Alexis Lackey
Richard Shiley

Loretta Busboom
Abby Immke
Irene Medrow

Doris Deremiah
Linda Johnson
Cheryl Merkel

Mike Hastings
Chris Knipfer
Maxine Nelson

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
Kathy Cross; friend of Mernice Wakefield
David; friend of Brian and Karinsa Moline
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
Barbara Taylor; mother of Janice Koss
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
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
Mildred Rincker; mother of Sharan Carmichael
Glenn and Shirley Rothermel; parents of Susan Allen
Kay Schwartz; friend of Mernice Wakefield
Josh Stone; co-worker of Susi Huls

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.

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 California
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



Thank you to the following for their donations of lilies for our Easter celebration:

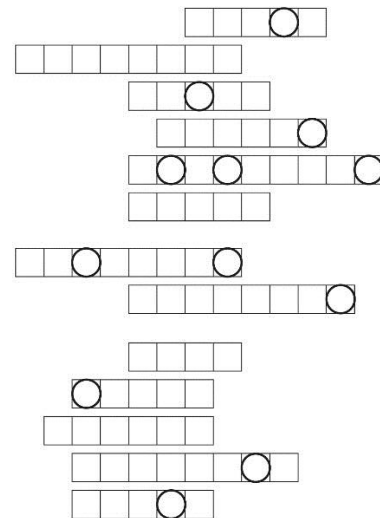
- Pat Camp** in memory of family and friends
- Kenny, Kelly, Maddux and Payton Carter** in memory of Grandma June
- Ann Freeman** in memory of loved ones
- Tom and Sue Grindley** in memory of Ehm and Anna Franzen
- Scott and Joyce Kesler** in memory of Evelyn Kesler, Alvin Wright and Mike Wright
- Jim and LaVerna Harper** in memory of Shirley Mahaffey
- Nettie Henry** in memory of Brad Henry
- Steve and Rhonda Littlefield** in memory of Martin and Anna Frerichs
- Terri Modd** in memory of Chuck Modd
- Ray and Maria Moorhous** in memory of Cook family and Moorhous family
- Brian, Dena, Eric and Alison Rydell** in memory of Steve Johnson
- Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield** in memory of Patti Sappenfield Trautmann
- Lawrence and Donna Smith** in memory of Charlotte Hacker
- Lowell and Micki Suits**
- Paul and Barbara Swinford** in memory of Lorraine Loughry
- Jim and Dea Taeger** in memory of Theresa Morris
- Wendt family** in memory of Margie Otloe
- Gerry Windler family** in memory of Roy Windler



Puzzle!

After completing this Easter crossword, unscramble the circled letters to discover a special word:

1. What Jesus was wrapped in
2. The site of Jesus' crucifixion
3. One of the rulers who questioned Jesus
4. He washed his hands of Jesus
5. Followers of Jesus
6. He denied Christ
7. A large hill
8. The feast celebrating escape from Egypt
9. Jesus' mother
10. A Jewish teacher
11. The doubting disciple
12. Jesus was mistaken for this
13. One of Peter's other names



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Answers: 1. cloth, 2. Golgotha, 3. Herod, 4. Pilate, 5. disciples, 6. Peter, 7. mountain, 8. Passover, 9. Mary, 10. rabbi, 11. Thomas, 12. gardener, 13. Simon; resurrection