



# 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:

+ Jeff Klotz, President  
+ Mike Wallace,  
Vice President  
+ Stacey Rudolph,  
Secretary  
+ Ryan Fisher, Treasurer

### MISSION STATEMENT

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



## CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS!

The following ten Prince of Peace confirmation students will publicly affirm their baptism at worship on May 6<sup>th</sup>:

**Tyler Altenbaumer**  
**Shayne Immke**  
**Jacob Johnson**  
**Brayden Wendt**

**Maddux Carter**  
**Evan Ingram**  
**Olivia Klotz**

**Jared Emmert**  
**Kailyn Ingram**  
**Mackenzie Trame**

For the past two years these students have been engaged in a regular discipline of prayer, bible study, classroom discussion and service activities. We should be very proud of them (and their parents) for their work and commitment! Please keep our confirmands in your prayers, that they will continue to build their lives on the Rock, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.



## 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: **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.

## THANK YOU, COMPASSION SPONSORS!

April 8<sup>th</sup> was Compassion Sunday at Prince of Peace. We heard from Kalee Bensyl, who told us about her trip to Africa where she met the child whom she sponsors through Compassion International. In the next two weeks, the following members of Prince of Peace made long-term commitments to sponsor children through Compassion. All twenty of the children Compassion sent to us have been accounted for! Thank you so much for your generous response to this powerful ministry, and for helping children who live in poverty!

- 1 and 2. The Klotz family
3. Scott and Joyce Kesler
4. Payton Carter
5. Judy Rothermel
6. Stephanie Trame
7. Katelynn Masengale
8. Shane and Sarah Remington
9. Brian and Karinsa Moline
10. Stacey Rudolph
11. Dennis and Jeannie Aden
12. Mark and Kim Howard
13. Sherrill Mohr
14. Dee and Wilma Evans
15. Bob and Terri Herbst
16. Larry and Mernice Wakefield
17. Carmine Dwyer
18. Tom and Sue Grindley
- 19 and 20. Steve and Rhonda Littlefield



### 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 May is as follows:

- May 3 – Hebrews 8-10  
May 10 – Hebrews 11-13

### “EAT, PRAY, CARDS” WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE: MAY 9 and 23

In May, our Wednesday “Eat, Pray, Cards” group will meet twice, on **May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</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!

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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!

## 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).



### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR:

- +Sarah Olson for serving as KidsZone Director.
- +Our Confirmation Students and their Parents, for helping with the Easter Carnival.
- +Abigail Emmert, for her flute performance on Easter Sunday.
- +Members of the Chimes Choir and Susi Huls, their Director, for providing us with beautiful music during worship this past year!
- +Eileen Duitsman and Wilma Evans, for their constant upkeep of our worship supplies and for changing the paraments regularly.
- +John and Nancy Kalvin, Brian and Karinsa Moline, and Steve and Rhonda Littlefield for helping with our Compassion International child sponsorship drive.
- +Katrina Pakonen-Hueber, Tracey Mathis, and Mary Benoit for volunteering to serve as VBS co-directors this year.
- +Pastor Donna Smith for leading the Sunday Adult Education Class: "Great Figures of the New Testament."
- +All who have been helping serve at Salt and Light on the last Tuesdays of each month.
- +All who support the continuing mission of our congregation through regular worship, prayer, financial giving, evangelism, fellowship, and service for Jesus Christ.



### KidsZone Photo Request

We need your photos of KidsZone Events  
from the past year

Please email any photos you have taken to:  
[popstjoesundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:popstjoesundayschool@gmail.com)



**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.



### BAPTISMS

+We welcomed **Grayson Garmon** into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 10.

### WE COMMEND INTO ETERNAL LIFE:

+A graveside service was held for **Judith Craig**, the mother of Susi Huls, on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

+A memorial service was held for **Lucille Conrad**, longtime Prince of Peace member and mother of Donna Guzy, on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

# POPS PLUS

On **May 17**, we will be heading to The Beef House for lunch at **11:30** (Illinois time!) Please sign up if you plan on going. The sign ups have been posted outside each worship space. Come join us for a delicious lunch and fellowship!

- May** – Chuck and Sharan Carmichael
- June** – Jim and Dea Taeger
- July** – Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield



Thank you to all of my Prince of Peace family who sent cards, kind words, and prayers when my mom passed. Your thoughtfulness was amazing and we are truly blessed to have you all in our lives. A special thanks to Pastor Seth for conducting the graveside memorial service.

*From Tim and Susi Huls, Jeff, Tracey, Blair, and Levi Mathis, and Craig Huls.*

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We would like to thank our family at Prince of Peace, Pastor Seth and Karen for all the love and support you have given us the past months. We appreciate all the expressions of care through cards, texts and visits. And most importantly, we appreciate all the prayers.

With Christian Love,

Gary and Nancy Olson

**PRAYER LIST:** Please let either Pastor or Lori know if you have an update to the prayer list, so we can keep it current. Thank you!

## Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

*Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.*

A= E= I= O= U=

"L\_\_RD, \_\_r L\_\_rd, h\_\_w  
 m\_\_j\_\_st\_\_c \_\_s y\_\_r  
 n\_\_m\_\_n \_\_ll th\_\_  
 \_\_rth!"

Ps\_\_lm 8:1, N\_\_V

Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:1, NIV





## Happenings at the Community Early Learning Center ..... May 2018

### Teaching and Learning in Christ

#### **Classroom of the Month -- Goldfish 2018**

The Goldfish are the oldest group in the center. After a busy day at school, the children arrive at the center. They have snack, read a Bible Lesson, and work on homework. On their days off from school we have been talking about different states within the United States. We have been learning about their state flowers, animals, population, famous people, as well as what their state is known for. We've tried different types of apples, chocolates made in Pennsylvania, several kinds of popcorn, and we even watched the Kentucky Derby and cheered on our own horse. Each state that we have studied we have also incorporated graphing, word webs, tasting, and cooking. We are looking forward to summer break and going on field trips.

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

Holly has been employed with Prince of Peace since March of 2017. She started as a teacher in the Red Bird Room with our two year old's, and is now enjoying her new role as Office Manager. She has loved creating relationships with the kiddos here, their families, and her coworkers. Holly is excited to be a part of an upbeat, hardworking culture that loves teaching and sharing God's love.

#### **Ms. Holly's fun facts:**

She is originally from Sullivan, IL. Holly has 2 sons, Wyatt and Jackson, and two step sons, Noah and Levi. They all live together in Philo, IL. Her birthday is on June 23rd. Holly's favorite restaurant is Red Lobster and her favorite color is green. Her favorite sports teams are from Chicago, the Cubs and Bears. She enjoys spending time riding on their motorcycle with her husband Ramey and going to various events for their four boys.

**Thank you, Holly, for what YOU do at Prince of Peace CELC!**



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

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

Penny has been employed with Prince of Peace since 2008. She teaches 2 preschool classes and 1 of the school age classes. She loves watching the children light up when they accomplish something and she really enjoys the people she works with.

Ms. Penny is married to her husband Bud and has 6 children; Jason, Anna, Arnold, Alicia, Jeremy, and Jared. Jason is in the Army and Jared is a Marine. She has 9 grandchildren; Grace, Grant, Zachary, Elaine, Chance, Ella, Eliza, Kaylee and Nick. She also has 1 great-grandchild named Thomas. She is very proud of all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is originally from Villa Grove, and currently lives in rural Muncie. Her favorite colors are blue and purple.

Her birthday is on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Her favorite place to eat is Texas Roadhouse. She enjoys baking, traveling, spending time with family, and attending church. She has traveled to most of the United States, Canada, Germany, England and Mexico.

**Thanks again, Ms. Penny!**

**Director: Diane Williams**

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**Assistant Director: Jennifer Nirider**

[popcelcad@outlook.com](mailto:popcelcad@outlook.com)

#### **From the Director...**

**I get energy from the earth itself, and I get optimism from the earth itself. I feel that as long as the earth can make a spring every year, I can. ---Alice Walker**

We moved from our big city condo to an old house surrounded by acres of farmland dotted with cows and cornstalks. I got a teaching position at a nursery school next to a shimmering blue lake in the middle of the woods. Everything was new to me. I didn't know if the pet goats were playing or charging. The singing insects scared me. When the kids [planted a garden, I followed as they planted seeds in the toughs of sandy dirt. We carefully labeled each row, "bean," radishes," "cabbages." I thought I acted as if I knew what I was doing, and I felt my homesickness healing in the spring sun. One morning, all of the labeled sticks disappeared, blown away by the thunderwinds the night before. As we knelt by the garden, four-year-old Calvin whispered to me, "Don't worry, I know what's the beans and what's the corn. I'll show you later."

**You give and take new energy and loving optimism as you help children grow.**



# STEWARDSHIP



## Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church

### 6 Bible Verses to Renew Your Spirit this Spring

For believers, spring reminds us that God's all about new stuff. In fact, Jesus promised to make everything new one day (Revelation 21:5 NIV). In the meantime, He gives us glimpses of coming attractions through spring.

Snow has melted. Temperatures are rising. Bright colors are replacing browns and grays. There's only one explanation. It must be spring!

If you think the cold and dreariness of winter is so last season, then this is your time of the year. Even losing an hour of sleep to Daylight Savings Time seems worth it if the daylight stretches a little longer each day.

For believers, spring has the added benefit of reminding us that God's all about new stuff. In fact, Jesus promised to make *everything* new one day (Revelation 21:5 NIV). In the meantime, He gives us glimpses of coming attractions through spring.

To help you celebrate the shift from one season to another, we've found some verses that hit on some of the best themes of spring. Let them soak into your soul like a warm sun on a cloudless day.

**Growth:** *That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.* – Psalm 1:3, NIV  
Spring is a time for growth. In nature, that comes from the right combination of sunlight and water. For our spiritual lives, it comes from the right combination of time with God in His Word and time with other Christians in fellowship. The alternative is to be chaff that blows away and comes to nothing.

**Starting Over:** *As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.* – Hosea 6:3, NIV

Everybody needs forgiveness. We need God to appear and let us know that we're back on track with Him. He's ready to give us that kind of healing. We just have to turn back to Him.



**Provision:** *I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil.* – Deuteronomy 11:14, NIV  
The Christian life is a balancing act between working like everything depends on you and trusting like everything depends on God. He will send the rains you need, but you've also got to do your part by working the harvest.

**Learning:** *Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.* – Deuteronomy 32:2, NIV  
You're never too old to learn a little more about God and His goodness. Just like rain provides nourishment to the plants, His Word reaches into our hearts and shows us things that we never would have imagined.

**Renewal:** *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.* – Psalm 51:10, NIV  
God's in the renovation business. He takes what's old and broken down and transforms it into something incredible. If you've got an area of your life that needs some renewal, He's more than ready to meet you where you are.

**Peace:** *Why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.* – Matthew 6:28-29, NIV  
Take a look at the flowers and plants blooming around you. They didn't worry their way to awesomeness. And you can't either. God cares about you, so let Him carry your worries and fears (1 Peter 5:7 NIV).  
Whether it's a long walk on a sunny day or splashing through puddles during an unexpected shower, soak up the blessings of spring. Let the sights, sounds and smells of a new season bring something new to life in you.

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

**Sherry Bivens**  
**Doris Hovel**  
**Chris Knipfer**

**Pastor Barbara Busboom**  
**Abby Immke**  
**Alexis Lackey**

**Doris Deremiah**  
**Linda Johnson**  
**Irene Medrow**

**Mike Hastings**  
**Graham Jones**  
**Cheryl Merkel**

**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  
**Elmer Huls**; uncle of Anita Wright  
**Randy Huls**; cousin of Anita Wright  
**Shaun Knipfer**; cousin of Susi Huls  
**Leah McDowell**; cousin of Terri Modd & Mary Rolfe  
**Pete Meier**; father of Melissa Idleman  
**Lowell and Ellen Mennenga**  
**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  
**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  
**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