



PRINTS OF PEACE

The Monthly Church Newsletter of

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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June 2018

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.***



VBS is July 30-August 3!

We're venturing onto an Uncharted island this year for another great Vacation Bible School week at Prince of Peace. This year, VBS will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., July 30- August 3.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS NEEDED! Please sign up on the list in the narthex to help with our Vacation Bible School—"Shipwrecked"— the week of July 30-August 3! We need volunteers to serve in the following roles:

-Station Leaders (Teachers/Leaders for Bible Stories, Games, Crafts, and Music)

-Crew Leaders (Chaperones for the rotating groups)

-Food Service Preparation

-Drama/Skits

-Audio Visual, Photography

-Decorations and Building Prep

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DECORATING SCHEDULE:

Please come and help us get the church building ready for "Shipwrecked" Vacation Bible School. We've set the following decoration times for June:

Sunday June 3, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday June 7, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday June 10 10:30 a.m.

Thursday June 14, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday June 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday June 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday June 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday July 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday July 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday July 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday July 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday July 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday July 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday July 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday July 25 at 6:00 p.m.

This year, think nautical themed items. If you have nautical themed items you would like to donate or loan that might fit the theme we would love to use it for our decorations. If you would like your nautical items returned, please attach a note with your name!

We are also seeking donations of the following items:

- paper towel rolls
- coffee filters
- vines and tropical greenery
- pool noodles
- large brown paper lunch bags
- grass table skirting

Women's Movie Night and Salad Supper: Tuesday, June 19 we will meet at 6 pm in the West Fellowship Hall. Lettuce, dessert and drinks will be provided. Bring one ingredient to add to the lettuce i.e. tomatoes, cheese, sesame seeds, etc. Bring your own salad dressing.

About 6:30 the movie "Same Kind of Different As Me" will be shown-based on a true story of a modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound them together. It's quite a story! Join us at any time for this special night.

Dress comfy. Kleenex will also be provided.

Melissa Idleman, Linda LeRette, Nichole Jones



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:

June 26th

If you have any questions about Salt and Light, call Pastor Seth at 255-2118.

"EAT, PRAY, CARDS" WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE:

In June, our Wednesday "Eat, Pray, Cards" group will meet twice, on **June 6th and 20th**. 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).



WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR:

- +**Katrina Pakonen-Hueber, Tracey Mathis, and Mary Benoit** for volunteering to serve as VBS co-directors this year.
- +**Tracy Wilson** for taking on the huge job of coordinating the decorating for VBS.
- +**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.

Baptism

BAPTISMS

- +We welcomed **Olivia Klotz** into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, May 19th.

POP PLUS

We will meet at 11:00 at the new restaurant in St. Joe, "Scratch" on June 21st. Please sign up if you are joining, so they can have a spot for us ready. Hope to see you there!

June – Jim and Dea Taeger

July – Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield

Dear Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." Jeremiah 31:3

Thank you for your gift of \$1,110.34 to Lutheran Disaster Response. During this glorious Easter season, we celebrate our Lord's resurrection and all that this reality means in our lives. Thank you for sharing Christ's love and unfailing kindness through your recent gift to Lutheran Disaster Response.

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Hallelujah!

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

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Thank you...

We want to say thank you for lifting us up in prayer and for letting us know you care. All your prayers over the past year have meant so much. You really are a blessing. We pray God's blessing be upon your life today and that you will know God's love for you.

--Linda and Phil Johnson

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We recently received your gift of \$1,804.30 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share with you one way your support is making a big difference.

In Mosul, Iraq, the fighting may have stopped, but the scars of war remain – especially for the children. Eight-year-old Zahraa saw her home destroyed and her sister killed during the violence.

But the compassion of people like you has helped her. Your gifts fund the "I am Safe" community center in West Mosul, where Zahraa and other children come to get help with their trauma.

The first time she visited the center, she was asked to color and drew pictures of death and destruction. With the help of supportive staff and programs designed to help her, now Zahraa is coloring scenes depicting life: birds, and flowers, and sunshine. Her mother says she plays and smiles more now as well.

This is an example of how your support alleviates suffering around the world. Please keep in touch so we can show your more of how you are making a difference.

Warm Regards,
Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO



Happenings at the Community Early Learning Center June 2018 Teaching and Learning in Christ

Classroom of the Month -- White Dog Classroom of School-agers

Now that the spring semester of 2018 is over, and school is out, our children will be busy with field trips. Some of the destinations in June include Scoville Zoo in Decatur, Monticello Railway, Forest Glen Nature Preserve, Homer Lake, Casey – home of some of the Guinness Book of World Records exhibits, Children’s Discovery Museum in Bloomington, and, of course, local parks.

And what is a summer without swimming – there will be trips to the pool for lots of fun, swimming, and splashing!!! We are looking forward to all of these and other interesting and fun outings to enjoy a fun-filled summer!

Blessings to you for a great summer from Ms. Kerstin and the White Dogs!

Ms. Meghan made the Employee Honor Roll!

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

Meghan is one of the co-teachers of the yellow duck room here at PoPCELC. She enjoys getting to spend time around the children and having the opportunity to work here to gain experience for when she graduates.

She graduated in May with a degree in Child Development.

She is from Danville and currently lives in Hoopeston.

Ms. Meghan has an older brother and a twin sister. Her brother has three children that she tries to spend a lot of time with. Her birthday is on July 25th. Her favorite place to eat is Monicals. Her favorite color is green and her favorite team is the Blackhawks. Since she is working and going to school, any free time she has is spent with her boyfriend and her family.

Thanks again, Ms. Meghan!

Ms. Tiffanie made the Employee Honor Roll!

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Tiffanie has been employed with Prince of Peace since May of 2016. She is one of the teachers in the Yellow Duck room. She has really enjoyed getting to know the families and community here in St. Joe!

She just graduated from EIU with a Bachelors. She recently was awarded 3 gateway credentials. They are director level 1, infant/toddler level 4 and ECE level 4. She is from Mahomet Seymour and currently lives in Champaign with her boyfriend and her 2 dogs. Taymis is her pitbull and Kylie is her jack Russell terrier. Kylie is deaf and Ms. Tiffanie has taught her sign language 😊

Ms. Tiffanie’s birthday is on October 23rd. Her favorite place to eat is Dos Reales. She enjoys singing, working out, arts and crafts/DIY projects, and traveling. Also, she enjoys training and walking their dogs. Her favorite color is green.

Thanks again, Ms. Tiffanie!

Director: Diane Williams

popcelcdirector@comcast.net

Assistant Director: Jennifer Nirider

popcelcad@outlook.com

From the Director...

Ecclesiastes 11:7 *Sunshine is sweet; it is good to see the light of the day.*



Enrollment openings are available in the half day Preschool class for Fall. Call the Learning Center to inquire at 469-9200.

STEWARDSHIP



Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church

Where is your Treasure?

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34).

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let me explain.

WITH GOD
all things are
POSSIBLE.

Matthew 19:26

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf, in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper.

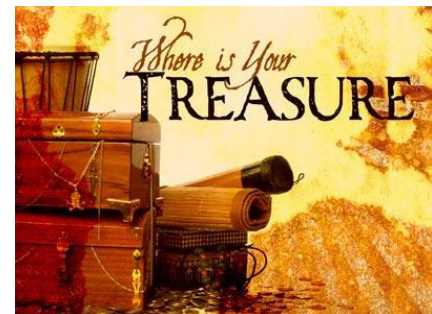
And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us, makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God” (Matthew 19:24). “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance—a conversion of the heart—and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.



This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are, actually, to live — think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) — a new life in Him.

And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

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Thank you...

Thank you to my Prince of Peace family for your love and compassion during Moms long illness. Your prayers, cards, kind words and visits over the years were appreciated. Mother loved you all. I am truly blessed to have you all in my life. At her passing it was a great comfort to read all the cards. An extra special thanks to Pastor Seth for making the drive to Clarendon Hills, Cemetery truly appreciated by my whole family.

In Peace and Love, Donna Guzy, Daniel, Mary, Matthew Conrad and Barbara Cook

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Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

S E T S A I S E L C C E D H T
O E J D R I N Y G L E I N A D
N J O S E E S T H E R G A I M
G E S E E U B A H O S E A D U
O R H Z S L T M I J O N I A H
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J U D G E S I S A M U D E L U Z

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Sherry Bivens
Alexis Lackey

Teresa Clark Eddings
Cheryl Merkel

Abby Immke

Chris Knipfer

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
Ella Camp; granddaughter of Pat Camp
Danny Carter; brother-in-law of Barb & Paul Swinford
Sandy Cheek; friend of Joyce Kesler

Ted Collins

Josh Conrad; grandson of Donna Guzy
Kathy Cross; friend of Mernice Wakefield
David; friend of Brian and Karinsa Moline
Gloria Gehrt; sister of Alan Woods
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
Jesse Johnson; nephew of Linda LeRette
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
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
Rowdy Randall	Friend of Jared Hill and Terry Hill – In training at San Diego, CA
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