



# PRINTS OF PEACE

The Monthly Church Newsletter of

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*July – August 2018*

## **Serving at Prince of Peace**

### **Ministers:**

All Members

### **Interim Pastor:**

+ Pastor Donna Smith

### **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.***

Many of you folks already know me – I am usually worshipping from the 4<sup>th</sup> pew on the lectern side on Sunday mornings with my husband, Larry. On occasion, I have filled in for Pastor Seth when he was traveling. Now we will enter into a new relationship as I have been asked to serve as your Interim Pastor, until a new Pastor is called and installed at Prince of Peace.

Of course, there will be changes in the schedule from the pattern maintained by Pastor Seth, but I will do my very best to provide the ministry services expected by the congregation. Officially, I will be a part-time Pastor, and will be working in the office 1.5 to 2 days per week. I will also be making calls and visiting during the week and leading worship on Saturdays and Sundays.

I would ask that you would be patient with me during this adjustment time. I need to learn a lot about the congregation's routines and the many duties Pastor Seth handled so ably. It will take a month or so for me to adjust my existing calendar to this new routine. By mid-August I expect to be "into the groove," so to speak. You will find in this newsletter a list of days when I am planning to work in the office. I will keep Monday as my "official" day off (as Pastor Seth did) and I will be as flexible as I can in scheduling to meet your needs. I can be reached via cell phone at 217-202-7473 (call or text) to arrange appointments or in any emergency.

I rely on your prayers and support as this new stage in our congregational life begins. If you see something that needs attention, or if you have a concern, please come directly to me. Together we can keep Prince of Peace on the positive trajectory it has enjoyed under Pastor Seth's guidance. It is a time of adjustments but also an exciting time as we consider the future of our ministry and the Pastor we hope to call. I pray we will thrive in this time together!

Pastor Donna Smith

### **Pastor Donna's office availability July, 2018**

-Tuesday, July 3 (all day)

-Friday, July 6 (all day)

-Tuesday, July 10 (afternoon through ELC Board meeting)

-Thursday, July 12 (afternoon)

-Tuesday, July 17 (afternoon through Church Council meeting)

-Friday, July 20 (all day)

-Tuesday, July 24 (all day)

-Friday, July 27 (morning)

-VBS week – every evening plus Tuesday and Thursday afternoons



Have you registered for VBS yet? There is a link to registration on the church website. Please take a few minutes to register, it helps us so much with our planning!

**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 July:

- 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 26 at 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> HAS BEEN SET FOR FAMILY DECORATING DAY. PLEASE COME AND HELP US DECORATE IF YOU'RE AVAILABLE!**



**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 MATERIALS**

**NEEDED!** We're seeking findings of several items for assistance in creating this amazing island! If you're able to provide any of these materials for our creation, please bring these materials to church and deposit them in the narthex or breezeway entrances! Your donations (and the materials you lend) are greatly appreciated!

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

## “EAT, PRAY, CARDS” WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

In July, our Wednesday “Eat, Pray, Cards” group will meet twice, on **July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup>**. All are invited to come! We met in the newly revamped Sunday School room for a light brunch, and a brief devotion, and a highly competitive round of cards. We start at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!



Pastor Donna is available to Prince of Peace church members. Her cell phone number is 217-202-7473 and her email address is

smith.donna11@comcast.net. 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 Donna promptly.

If you leave a message on the church answering machine in the early afternoon, it may not be heard until Lori is back in the office. In case of an emergency, please call or text Lori at 217-202-2273.

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## POP PLUS

**July** -- On **July 19<sup>th</sup>**, POP PLUS will be meeting at 9AM for breakfast at the Urbana Garden Restaurant on North Lincoln Avenue in Urbana. Please be sure to sign up, if you plan to join us.

**July** – Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield

**August** -- on Thursday, **August 16**, at 11:30 a.m. POPS PLUS will be going to Baxter's American Grille, 100 Trade Center Drive (Corner of Neil and Kirby below Wolfram Research = formerly TGIF's). on Thursday, August 16, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.

**August** – Kenny and Donna Weaver, Connie Behrens



*“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.” 1 John 4:7*

Words cannot demonstrate how thankful we are for your kind and generous expressions of love you have shared with us. We are very thankful and our hearts have benefitted from you being a part of this process with us.

Each day we catch a glimpse of how wonderful life is and how God uses every circumstance for His purposes. We know that we make choices in life, but God's choices and His plans prevail, and we praise Him. We know He holds us in the palm of His hands.

Several things have continued in our home and in our hearts through all of this: hugs, laughter, prayer and singing praises songs to Jesus. We are amazed to be in this situation, and we grab a hold of each other regularly with gratitude that we are going through this together. Each day is filled with opportunities to enjoy humorous moments, and so we try not to miss those moments. Jesus is present, is listening, and is willing to work, so we continue to seek Him. Continue to see Him with us ~ on our behalf, but also in your own daily life! Thank you for walking with us and Him!

By His Grace with love,  
The Guhl Family

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Dear Prince of Peace Family,  
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of the love, kindness, and support you gave during Mike's illness and upon his death. Mike truly appreciated all the cards and notes he received, and so did I. Thanks to all of you who paid him visits at the house and volunteered to stay with him so that I could run a few errands or go to an appointment.

A special thank you to Pastor J. and Karen for all of their visits and words of encouragement. It meant a lot to both of us. Pastor, the service was beautiful, and I am sure Mike was smiling down.

Thank you to all who brought food to the house and to the lunch the day of the memorial service. Special thanks to the committee for organizing everything, and to those who helped serve.

Thanks so much for everything!

Vicky Hastings  
Brandon, Sarah and Ryan Hastings  
Ian and Jamie Hastings

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Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards following John's medical issue. We have found strength from your support and appreciate you so very much.

John and Nancy Kalvin

## High School

Our High School Youth are on their way to Riley, TN this year for their annual Workcamp trip! They are serving the community by doing some home repair. Please be praying for these students as they grow and minister to a new community!

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## UPDATED DIRECTORY

We will be printing updated copies of the directory soon. If you could please leave a note in the offering plate or contact Lori, if you have a change in address/phone number or email, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



## MEALS ON WHEELS

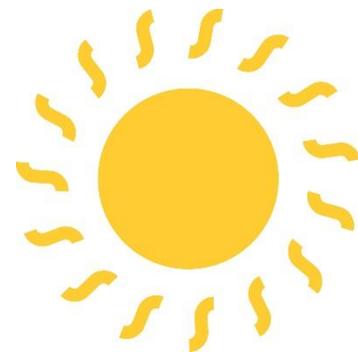
MEALS ON WHEELS IS STILL OPEN FOR JULY. IF YOU ARE WILLING, PLEASE CALL LORI. If you can't do Monday's during the entire month, maybe you could find someone to share the responsibility with.



Call Committee members are as follows:

- \*Tracey Mathis
- \*Janice Koss
- \*Gary Olson
- \*Paul Swinford
- \*Jason Emmert

The committee will update when they have information to report. Please keep them in your prayers, as they work through this process, as well as our church.





## Happenings at the Community Early Learning Center ..... July 2018 Teaching and Learning in Christ

### **Classroom of the Month -- Classroom of the Month -- Red Bird Classroom, Two Years Old**

Where has the time gone?! July...really!!!

We have added a few new faces to our class this summer and are very excited to get to know the children as well as the families!! We have had fun playing outside, having water days, making projects, and learning about God and his love for all of us!! We also have been working on letter sounds, counting, shapes, colors, as well as, taking turns, being helpers, good listener's, sharing and caring for all of our friends! We feel very blessed to be a part of each child's learning experience and look forward to the rest of the year!!

Ms. Stacey and Ms. Jennifer

### **Miss Sona made the Employee Honor Roll!**

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

Sona has been employed with Prince of Peace since 2004. She loves the children and enjoys her floating position so she can see everyone throughout the center.

Miss Sona has 3 children, Joshua, Kristin and Easton. She is from Danville where she currently lives. Her birthday is on January 4<sup>th</sup>, her favorite colors are purple and black, and she loves rooting for the Chicago Cubs & Chicago Bears!

You may see her driving in her Jeep and eating at her favorite restaurants, Cracker Barrel and El Toro. She collects apple décor, snowmen, and antique cookbooks. She likes to go antiquing and shopping at flea markets. Sona's favorite movie is the Wizard of Oz and she collects Oz memorabilia. She enjoys reading on her Kindle. Her most favorite foods are popcorn and bacon, and she absolutely loves McDonalds fries!

**Thanks again, Miss Sona!**

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

Ms. Tammie is our cook in the kitchen. She has been at PoPCELC for 13 years! She does a great job of making sure that our nutritionally balanced meals and snacks are ready to go each day. She also helps with the special diets for children with allergies or other special medical conditions. She loves seeing how excited the kids get over her lunches and snacks she provides for them! They yell "Tammie" when she steps in the rooms with their food!

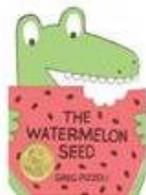
### **She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!**

#### **Ms. Tammie's Fun Facts:**

Ms. Tammie's birthday is on April 29th. She is from Ogden and lives in St. Joe. She is married to her husband, Bob. She has 3 kids, Rochelle, Bobby, Rachelle, and Nicole Rae who passed away November 1993 my angel, and 8 grandchildren. Their names are Christasia, twins Jackie and Jadarius, Schuy, Sierra, Sydney, Tarqui, and Peyton. She also has 2 great grandchildren. Avah Jade and Stormy Lynn who are both 3 and great grandson. Her favorite colors are pink and purple and her favorite place to eat is Hickory River. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, walking, shopping, and watching the Cardinals play baseball!

**Be sure to tell Ms. Tammie, "Thank you!", when you see her!**

### From the Director...



WATERMELON SEEDS



### **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

**LOVE – JOY – PEACE – PATIENCE – KINDNESS –  
GOODNESS -- FAITHFULNESS – GENTLENESS --  
SELF-CONTROL  
GALATIANS 5:22**



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



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### **Classroom of the Month --**

A few details about what the Brown Bears, toddlers ages 15months- 2years, will be doing this month. We will talk birds, construction, and fruits and vegetables. We will be reviewing our colors: white, purple, yellow, blue, and black. We will be reviewing the shapes: circle, square, rectangle, triangle, and diamond. We will be working on lowercase r, s, t, u and v. We also have a few fun summer projects planned: painting with food coloring, ice cubes, and ice cream, playdough, and a color changing water experiment.



We will be participating in water play, as much as we can, when the weather is not TOO hot to go outside. We are also planning a mini field day for our toddlers, later this month. We are really enjoying our last months of summer before school starts in the fall!



Happy Summertime! Ms Kendra and Ms Kelsi

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

Ms. Kerstin started with us on October 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 as a member of our Float Staff. In May of this year she took over the head teaching position in the White Dog room. One of the things she enjoys about working here is that we are Christian based and teaching the Bible to the children. Kerstin enjoys singing, doing art and craft projects, reading stories and acting them out, and creating interest in life skills and life science.

#### **She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!**

#### **Ms. Kerstin's Fun Facts:**

Ms. Kerstin's birthday is on March 14<sup>th</sup>. She is from Germany and currently lives in Newman, IL. She is married and has two dogs Brillo and Happy. They are rescue animals. She graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology degree from Eastern. Her favorite color is black and she enjoys reading and science. She loves vegetable and flower gardening and crafts. She also does a lot of volunteering. She's a member of the Douglas County Ground Search and Rescue, served on the Advisory Board of the Douglas County Health Dept Medical Reserve Corps, belongs to the National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps, and holds a 1<sup>st</sup> Responder License.

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

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

Ms. Kendra is the lead teacher in the Brown Bear Room and she's been employed here since March of 2017.

#### **She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!**

#### **Ms. Kendra's Fun Facts:**

Ms. Kendra's birthday is March 30<sup>th</sup>, her favorite colors are blue and mint green and her favorite place to eat is O'Charleys. She lives with her mom here in St. Joe and she has one sister in Indiana. She has a boyfriend Nathan that she travels to Florida to visit. In her free time, she likes to craft and create things, spend time with family, swim and shop. Ms. Kendra is working toward her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education and will graduate in October!!

She really loves working with the children and really loves that Prince of Peace CELC is such a nice working environment.

#### **Her favorite things about Prince of Peace:**

She really enjoys watching children learn and grow into their personalities and helping them learn and accomplish new tasks. She likes teaching children about God's love for us, meeting new coworkers parents, and children.

**Thanks again, Kendra!!!**

**Director: Diane Williams**

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**Assistant Director: Jennifer Nirider**

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"Let the little children come to me..."

Matthew 19:14, NIV

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Sherry Bivens   Abby Immke   Chris Knipfer   Alexis Lackey   Cheryl Merke**

**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  
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**David;** friend of Brian and Karinsa Moline  
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**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  
**Nancy Yergler;** co-worker of Mernice Wakefield

### 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
Lane DeMay	Great nephew of Larry and Mernice Wakefield – In training, Georgia
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



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