



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

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.***



Did you think the church would stand still in the absence of a full-time pastor? Far from it! Thanks to the diligent efforts of staff and volunteer leaders, there is much going on. It is important to read through this newsletter and seek out the events and activities in which you want to participate. Realize that we need more volunteer participation in many areas, and I ask you to prayerfully and wholeheartedly consider pitching in.

The September Church Council meeting was filled with examples of committees and leaders working hard to serve God in creative and important ways. From planning an October Movie Night (Fellowship) to setting the dates for 2019 VBS (June 24 – 28!) to strategizing improvements to the ways we utilize our space and maximize the ways technology can help us, you would be amazed at the variety of topics covered. Not to mention that we still have folks interested in joining our Prince of Peace family ---! It is a good time to be the church.

Naturally, we want to seek God's guidance as we move forward at POP. At the Council meeting, Mark Olson, who works in the area of Stewardship, presented a few prayer petitions to be added to our devotional practices as a way of deepening our faith and commitment. (Thanks, Mark!) I will share them here and ask that you all add them to your devotions:

(A prayer for POP kids)

For our students of the Early Learning Center, Kid Zone and all educational programs, and their families, that they might experience the blessings, love and graces poured out to them by the Father. For all children, that they may be a source of hope and joy to the world as they reflect innocence and nearness to Christ,

(A prayer for our enemies)

Jesus, Prince of Peace, you have asked us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for our enemies and those who oppose us. With the help of the Holy Spirit, may all people learn to work together for that justice which brings true and lasting peace. To you be glory and honor forever and ever.

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(A prayer for our military)

Protect our soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm, May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

I will add two more:

(A prayer for a new pastor)

Gracious accompanying God, the One in whom we live and move and have our being, give us a vision of the times of our lives, the new situations in which we live out our faith in Jesus. May we ask anew what it means to be the Church in our time, our place. And as we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, may we welcome according to your Spirit the one you are sending to us to lead us into the new days ahead. Amen *(from the SW MN Synod, ELCA)*

(A prayer for the next Bishop of the NALC)

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth. Bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the people of the North American Lutheran Church as we prepare to elect a Bishop. Keep us steadfast in faith and united in love, that we may manifest you glory and prepare for the way of your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *(from "Prayer in a Time of Discernment" from the NALC)*

****What prayer(s) would you like to see featured in future newsletters? Submit ideas to Pastor Donna!

New Communion Schedule

In response to the difficulties of finding sacristans and ushers for Saturday evening services, the Communion schedule has been changed. Weekly Communion will still be available between the Saturday and Sunday services. The schedule will be:

Saturdays: Communion on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

Sundays: Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Of course, the schedule is subject to revision and will be reconsidered once a new pastor is called! Any questions – please see Pastor Donna.

"EAT, PRAY, CARDS" WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

In October, our Wednesday "Eat, Pray, Cards" group will meet twice, on **October 10th and 24th**. 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!

POP PLUS October Outing

The Ribeye

"Voted CU Best Salad Bar"
1701 South Neil Street
Champaign, IL

Thursday, October 18 at 4:30pm

Come and enjoy! Don't forget to sign up!



PASTOR DONNA is available for pastoral care needs and can be reached by email at galrev83@gmail.com, or by text or phone at 217-202-7473. **PLEASE**

NOTE that Pastor's day off is Monday; while emergency or urgent calls are still welcome, please refrain from other calls on Mondays! Thank you!

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 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.

POP 456

The POP 456 kids and parents will be having a great time over at Hardy's Reindeer Ranch on October 21st. We are going to have a Weenie Roast and a Hay Ride. You will even get your chance to get lost in their Corn Maze.

CONFIRMATION

Every week this month we will be having the Confirmation After School Program on Wednesdays right after school until 5 PM. There will be some time for homework, games, Bible discussion, and SNACKS! This is for all 7th and 8th-grade students so invite your friends!

The Confirmation Students will get their chance to serve the community this month by raking leaves. We will meet at the church with rakes in hand at 3 PM on October 28th!

YGG

This month the High School Youth has a great opportunity to serve our community. We will be doing a Mini-Workcamp Weekend on October 13th-14th here in St. Joseph. The students will partake in worship with each other as well as do some work projects for some of the elderly in the community.

On October 31st, Halloween, the High School Youth will be hitting the streets for some Trick-or-Souping. They will be going door to door dressed up in their costume asking for canned goods and non-perishable items for the food bank.

Thank you

The family of Pete Meier wishes to express their gratitude for all the expressions of sympathy received from family and friends. Words of thankfulness seem to fall short as we consider the many kindnesses shown to us at Dad's passing. The gifts of your visits, cards, memorials, flowers, and food were all greatly appreciated. Thanks to Pastor Donna, Pastor Jay, and Pastor Emil for your visits, prayers, guidance, and leading of the funeral worship. To all who planned, prepared, and served such a delicious meal at the luncheon, thank you. Above all, we are most grateful for your presence and the many stories and fond remembrances shared. Each one lightened our hearts and eased our sorrow. Thanks be to God, for great is His faithfulness.

Zona Meier

Randy and Melissa Idleman and family

Scott Meier and family

Gregg and Nola Jarman and family

I want to thank all of you at Prince of Peace who prayed for me, and sent me cards during my hip replacement surgery and my recovery. I feel so blessed to have such a wonderful and caring church family. A "special thank you" to Nancy Bishop, Donna Guzy, Vicky Hastings, Linda LeRette and Barb Swinford for their special help. In Christian Love,
Terri Modd



2nd Annual Wiener Roast

The PoP Outreach Committee would like to invite all families to come to Prince of Peace on Sunday, October 28th, from 3-5 p.m. to enjoy our 2nd Annual wiener roast and hay-rack ride in conjunction with the PoPCELC "Trunk or Treat" event. All food and drinks will be provided. We will be located in the grassy area north of the church. We hope to see you there!



Happenings at the Community Early Learning Center October 2018

Teaching and Learning in Christ

Classroom of the Month -- GREEN FROG CLASS, 4 and 5 Year Olds

The Green Frog class is on their way to another successful year! We have been very busy reviewing things like colors, shapes, classroom rules, and safety on the playground. Learning new friends names, and making new friends, along with getting to know our teachers has kept us on our toes. We have been working really hard on learning to write our names correctly on the lined paper. We are continuing to use the ABeka Christian Curriculum in our class, which has been very successful in the past. With the ABeka program, we will be learning 26 Bible Memory Verses, along with many Bible Stories and songs. Also, learning the letters of the alphabet, and the sound that each letter makes, then putting letters together and blending the sounds will prepare us for reading easy books later on in the year. Along with all this, we will be discussing fall and the seasons changing and having a fall party for our classroom. We are very excited and looking forward to another great school year. We would like to welcome everyone to visit our class anytime, and see our accomplishments!

Ms. Kristi made the Employee Honor Roll!

Ms. Kristi is the assistant teacher in the Yellow Duck Room. She started working at Prince of Peace in December of 2013. She enjoys the three-year olds and how they keep her on her toes. One of her favorite things to work on with them is learning to write their name. She finds great joy in their pride when they are able to accomplish this on their own for the first time. She enjoys working with teachers that are willing to help each other out and work as a team. **She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!**

Ms. Kristi's Fun Facts:

Ms. Kristi's birthday is on December 14th. She is originally from Macomb but currently resides in Urbana. She has two boys, James who is 23 and Nick who is 22. Kristi is proud to say that they are both Eagle Scouts. Family is very important to her. Her favorite colors are blue and dark green and she loves to eat at El Toro and Crane Alley in Urbana.

She enjoys quilting and taking pictures. She has made over 100 quilts. Fun Fact: Unlike most of the teachers here, Ms. Kristi doesn't drink coffee! She loves chocolate!!

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

Ms. Kaleigh made the Employee Honor Roll!

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

Kaleigh started working at POPCELC in April of 2107. She is a part time floater. Her favorite part of her job is working with the kids. The children are all sweet, and funny, and she enjoys developing relationships with them. She enjoys working with all the staff at POPCELC and she likes that she works at a Christian based center. Kaleigh attends the University of Illinois and is working towards her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She is from St. Joseph and currently lives in Thomasboro.

Kaleigh has two older brothers, a younger sister, and a niece and nephew who are the favorite people in her world! Her birthday is on April 4th. Her favorite place to eat is Chilis. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite team is the Fighting Illini. Kaleigh spends her free time hanging out with family and friends, and playing with her dog Ruby. She also likes to paint and go to sporting events in her free time.

Thanks again, Ms. Kaleigh!!

From the Director...

Our school-age children have begun a project collecting plastic bottle caps and lids. This is called the ABC Promise Program. (**A** Bench for **C**aps) This program is a 'partnership' between the children and Green Tree Plastics specifically to be a tool for teaching about caring for the earth along with learning experiences in collecting, sorting, tallying weight, and teamwork. The children are working toward benches for the playgrounds, other areas around our facility, and hopefully the community. With your help, they will be able to show others the results of their work and the value of recycling. I encourage you to help in supporting their project. The collection tote and information will be found in the church Narthex. Thank YOU!

Psalm 104:19 He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worth it.

On a crisp fall day, a girl, about nine-years-old, rings the bell at Bridget Ryan's house. Bridget answers, expecting a request for a school fundraising project. The girl says, "remember me? I'm Kelly." Bridget gasps. "How could I not remember you?" She reaches for the girl's hug and lets tears come. "You're so beautiful," she whispers to this child, who she cared for at just six weeks old. At age five, she left to live in another state.

From her car in the driveway, Kelly's mom sends kisses blowing in the wind toward her small daughter in the warm embrace of a woman with whom she shares the love of her child.

The rewards in one's work aren't in dollars earned but in knowing that your love makes a difference in people's lives.

**Prince of Peace
Early Learning Center Families**

Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday, October 28th from 3:00-4:00 in the preschool parking lot.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: The Evangelism Committee would like to do something special for the college students of Prince of Peace. If you could call or text Nancy Olson (202-3838) in the next two weeks with their name and address it would be greatly appreciated.

PRINCE OF PEACE MEMBERSHIP: Are you interested in becoming a member at Prince of Peace? If so, please fill in a blue visitor card, and indicate your interest. Pastor Donna will be in touch with you. Thanks!

GREAT RIVERS WALK FOR WATER IN LAKE OF THE WOODS will be held on October 13th. Water Missions is a non profit Christian organization that builds water treatment and sanitation plants around the world. Registration will start at 9AM, with the walk starting at 10AM. Lunch provided by Bourbon Smoke BBQ at 11AM. More information is posted on the bulletin boards, along with a sign up sheet.

ELC PROJECT: The Early Learning Center families are collecting caps/lids for a project. Once they have a certain amount, someone will haul them to Indiana and they will get benches made with their plastics. There is a sheet in the newsletter with more details. Let's help them reach their goal!

WOMEN'S STUDY - Listen. Love. Repeat. From author Karen Ehman, this 5 week study gives us practical, creative ideas to scatter kindness and reminds us that true joy comes from putting others first. We'll meet Tuesdays at 6:30pm beginning October 16th. Get your copy of Listen. Love. Repeat, and read chapters one and two for our first gathering. We always enjoy great conversation and chocolate. Invite a friend! Questions? Contact Melissa Idleman at 469-2786 or Melissa.idleman@comcast.net

Evangelism/Outreach committee is looking for Prince of Peace's best bakers! Our committee is hoping to share some of your **delicious baked goods** with potential new members when we stop in for a home visit. Please contact Mark Howard at (217) 480-7294 or mhowie1964@gmail.com if you are willing to make something to share on an as needed basis.

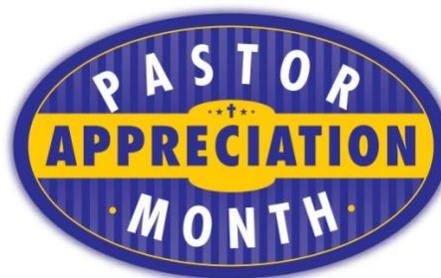
COME JOIN US!!!

**Movie Night
October 14th at 6PM
"I Can Only Imagine"
Popcorn and Drinks provided**

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR ALL SAINTS DAY, NOVEMBER 3-4: On All Saints Sunday we give thanks to God for all the saints who have passed down the Christian faith through the generations. During the prayers, we remember those who have passed away in the last year. If you would like to add the name of a saint close to you who has passed away in the last year, please write their name(s) down on a piece of paper and give it to Pastor Donna, or call the church office (469-7422) and leave a message with their names.

+++ WEAR RED ON REFORMATION SUNDAY! +++

All congregation members are encouraged to wear **red** to worship on Sunday, October 28th.



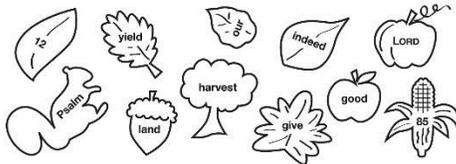
October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Don't forget to tell Pastor Donna how much we appreciate her service!

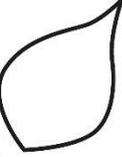
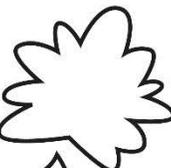
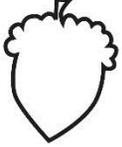
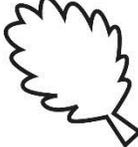
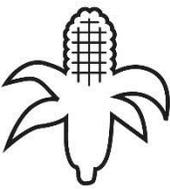
PUZZLE

HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



“The  will  
 what is , and 
 will  its .”
  : , NIV

Answer: “The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.” Psalm 85:12, NIV

Please help us keep the church directory up to date. If you have a new address, phone number or email, please send it to the Lori.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Betty Bohlen
Chris Knipfer

Larry DeWeese
Miguel Lucio

Abby Immke
Cheryl Merkel

Ann Hill
Bill Rohl

Don Alsip; father of Michelle Trame
Adley Bartok; great niece of Dave and Donna Patton
Ryan & Lauren Bigger; friends of Chase & Stephanie Gilliland
Anna Lee Bouslog; mother of Annette Ackerman
Dalton Brownfield; son of Lee Jannusch
Christine Brucker; mother of Stacy Fisher
Sandy Cheek; friend of Joyce Kesler
Nick Christians
Ted Collins
Kathy Cross; friend of Mernice Wakefield
David; friend of Brian and Karinsa Moline
Carson Gallo; son of Billy and Ashley Gallo
Gloria Gehrt; sister of Alan Woods
Roger Grace; friend of Terri Modd and Mary Rolfe
Brittany Harlan; friend of POP
Jason Holt; friend of POP members

Shaun Knipfer; cousin of Susi Huls
Leah McDowell; cousin of Terri Modd & Mary Rolfe
DJ Medlin family; friends of Harper family
George Moeller; friend of Dwayne and Jodi Gilliland
Paula Mohr; cousin of Brad and Sherrill Mohr
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
Melissa Suits; daughter in law of Lowell and Micki Suits
Robert Wakefield; father of Larry Wakefield
Anna Wentzloff

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 in Honduras
Lane DeMay Great nephew of Larry and Mernice Wakefield – Stationed at Fort Benning, 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
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