



PRINTS OF PEACE

The Monthly Church Newsletter of

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 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.***



I came across a Christian poetry blog by someone called “Deborah Ann,” and found the following poem which is most appropriate for November – or any other time of the year.

Lord, give me a thankful heart,
one that is appreciative
one that to all Your blessings
is attuned and sensitive.

Let it be a heart,
that sings its daily praise
let it be my heartfelt gratitude
that to You I earnestly raise.

Let me have a heart,
truly thankful for all things
no matter what in my life
You should choose to bring

Let my heart flow with,
the rivers of Your peace
so my appreciation to You
I may continually release.

Lord, give me a thankful heart,
one that is steadily hopeful
let it be the heart of one . . .
who is truly, forever grateful!

If we were to start counting our blessings at Prince of Peace, the list would be long! Yes, of course there are goals yet to be met – a new pastor to be called, workcamp to be funded, worship services to be planned, the Christmas program to be rehearsed – but there is much that is going well.

As we Smiths settle in for the traditional Thanksgiving feast (Larry’s favorite meal of the year!) we will be counting our blessings as part of this wonderful church family. The good God has given us so much – including a holiday dedicated to gratitude. We are blessed because we know who to thank! As the Psalmist writes in Psalm 89,

“Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;
they exult in your name all day long,
and extol your righteousness.”

Together let us join in giving thanks, “with heart and hands and voices!”

Interested in Membership?

We love to welcome new folks at Prince of Peace! If you are interested in membership, or know someone who might be, please note the following events!

On **Wednesday, November 28** at 6:00 p.m. there will be a new member orientation hosted by the Evangelism Committee. Supper will be served, and the family is welcome! There will be an introduction to Prince of Peace, the NALC, and a chance to meet other new members.

On **Sunday, December 9**, new members will be officially received.

If you are interested in learning more about joining Prince of Peace and have not been contacted by Pastor Donna, please notify Pastor or the church office. We look forward to talking with you soon!



The members of four St. Joseph churches will be gathering at **6:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 18th** for a community Thanksgiving service.

The Church of Christ will be hosting the service this year; Pastor Millis from Living Word will be preaching. Several church groups will be providing music for the occasion. We hope you can attend the celebration!



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.

Thank you

Our sincere thanks for the calls, cards, and visits to Alan. A special thank-you to Pastor Donna for her caring, thoughtfulness, and home visit. We really appreciated it so much and especially the unconditional love we always receive from our Prince of Peace family.

--Alan & Ellen Woods

Thank you.....

Thank you for all of the cards and gifts during Pastor Appreciation Month, it was very appreciated.

--Pastor Donna

POPS PLUS

Soup and Sandwich POTLUCK Thursday, November 15th at Noon

PoP's Plus will gather in the west fellowship hall of the church

beginning at 11:45 on Thursday, November 15th for their Annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon. We will plan to eat at noon. There will be sandwiches, salads, and wonderful desserts to top off this Annual Lunch.

Please sign up if you plan to attend, on the bulletin board, near each worship space, and indicate what you will be bringing for the luncheon. Anyone available during the day is invited to attend, and guests are welcome too!

VBS 2019

Mark your calendars for VBS 2019!
It will be held the week of **June 24th - 28th**.
The theme will be **"Roar"!**

GREAT RIVERS WALK FOR WATER IN LAKE OF THE WOODS was held on October 13, 2018. They raised a total of \$4,301.56. A huge thank you to all those who supported the water walk and to all the walkers!

"EAT, PRAY, CARDS" WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

In November, our Wednesday "Eat, Pray, Cards" group will meet twice, on **November 14th and 28th**. 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!

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2018 Christmas Program

- Rehearsal for our Annual Children's Christmas Program will begin Sunday October 28th
- Rehearsals will be held each Sunday during the first part of KidZone Sunday School
- KidZone begins after service at 10:15 a.m. in the West Fellowship Hall
- Additional rehearsals will be scheduled as needed
- The Program will be held Sunday, December 16th during the Church Service
- Parts for the skit will be handed out soon
- We will give each child a part that is interested
- If your child is not interested in a speaking part please have them join us to sing (you do not need to be a member to participate)

Please contact Stacy Fisher or Tonya Dunn before October 28th if your child plans to be a part of the program

Stacy Fisher: stacyfisher3@gmail.com
Tonya Dunn: tdunn9371@comcast.net

Calling All Kids
PreK Through 6th Grade
for Our Annual

CHILDREN'S Christmas PROGRAM

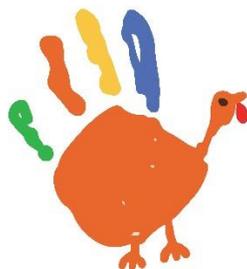


Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
802 East Douglas Street - Saint Joseph, Illinois

The illustration depicts a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus in a manger, three wise men, two shepherds with sheep, and a star above the manger.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Confirmation and Sunday KidsZone are holding their annual food pantry collection to stock the shelves of the St. Joseph Food Pantry for the upcoming holiday season. The delivery will be the week before Thanksgiving. You can bring anything you want as the need at the food pantry is great. Thank you for your giving spirits!



POP 456—

Our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will be going out to serve the community by raking leaves this month. On November 4th we will meet at the church at 1 PM. Make sure you are bundled up with your gloves and rake in hand! Parents are welcome to join.

Confirmation—

There will be no Wednesday Confirmation After School Program on November 21st because of Thanksgiving.

High School—

There will be no Wednesday Night Youth Group Gathering on November 21st because of Thanksgiving.

Baked Goods Sale—

Time to break out your pie pans and cookie sheets and most importantly your appetites! We will be having our Annual Baked Goods on December 9th at 10:30 AM in the East

Fellow to support our High School Students going on Workcamp in July of 2019. If you would like to make something for the students to auction off, there will be tables set up in the East Fellowship Hall for you to bring them the morning of.

OFFERING / BOOKKEEPING INFORMATION FOR 2018 YEAR END

Before we know it, we will be at the close of 2018! Please be sure to get your receipts in on time for reimbursement by mid December, if possible, so we are sure to get a check cut before year end. In the same manner, sometimes we have members who wish to make an offering for the end of the year to be included on their financial giving report. If you plan to do this, please have your offering into the church office by 9:00 AM on Thursday, December 27, so that we can process the proper paperwork to get your offering in the records for 2018.



Happenings at the Community Early Learning Center November 2018

Teaching and Learning in Christ

Classroom of the Month -- White Dog Room

Greetings,

The school agers have been busy back at school and at PoPCELC these last two months.

Once they arrive in the White Dog room, the children line up for prayer before enjoying Ms. Tammie's snack of the day. Our little prayer warriors not only give thanks to the Lord for food, they also include prayers for healing and help for victims of disasters. Once a week, on Tuesday, all the school age classes assemble in the Fellowship Hall for bible study with Pastor Donna. Everyone is looking forward to this event, because Pastor Donna makes it fun!

At the end of August we established a rotating job chart and the students are eagerly participating. This includes taking care of a new member in our class, "Fluffy" our Betta fish. He brings a smile to everyone who approaches him.

Before homework, we gather in the quiet corner for daily devotion, the Lord's Prayer, and a hymn, currently "To God be the Glory". Time permitting, they children then engage in play in the centers, art projects or crafts, or simply "hang out" until we go to the playground or the Fellowship Hall.

November is also the White Dog's turn for Class of the month. With the holiday season approaching, we found it appropriate to show our appreciation for the bounty God provides us daily. To express their gratitude for gifts received, the children were handed the task of writing down three (3) things they are most thankful for. We began our project at the beginning of October, leaving ample time to search our hearts, **and** to reflect the Fall season and its beauty in the accompanying artwork. The title this month is from Psalm 107: Give Thanks unto the Lord!

The children cut white cardstock in the shape of leaves and stained them with tempera paint that was swirled into shaving foam. The leaves, thank-you-notes, and a cornucopia were then affixed to a poster, which is now displayed in the office.

On another note, there are 55-gallon plastic drums located outside the school-agers' rooms and a tote in the church Narthex to collect plastic caps and lids. When a certain amount/weight has been collected, we take these caps to exchange them for a park benches! Check it out!

Wishing you God's Blessing,

Ms. Kerstin

Ms. Terri has made the Honor Roll!!

Ms. Terri is a floater teacher's assistant. She is excited to get to know all the children and staff throughout the center. She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!!

Terri's Fun Facts:

Ms. Terri's birthday is May 1st, her favorite colors are emerald green and sapphire black, and her favorite places to eat are Monical's and Red Lobster. She enjoys watching the St. Louis Cardinals. Terri is originally from Longview and now lives in Oakwood. Terri and her husband Don have been married for 9 years. She has a daughter named Joie Sollers who is 16 years old. Joie is on the golf team. Terri's hobbies are baking, shopping, landscaping, raising bees with my husband and selling the honey. Terri loves spending time with her family.

Ms. Terri loves interacting with all of the kiddos. She loves circle time and seeing all their faces ready to learn! She also likes all the hugs that she receives from the children.

Ms. Terri says, "I am truly blessed to be apart of this amazing place and work with amazing people."

Thank you, for all that you do, at PoPCELC, Terri!!!

Ms. Brandy has made the honor roll!!

Ms. Brandy started at PoPCELC in August of 2018. She works as a full-time floater for us and you will usually find her helping out with the Toddlers in the Brown Bear Room. Her favorite thing about working here is the environment. She loves coming to work with people that share the same goals!! She loves working with children and watching them grow & learn.

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

Brandy's Fun Facts:

Ms. Brandy's birthday is June 5th, her favorite color is blue, and her favorite place to eat is Toro Loco. Her favorite sports teams are VGH Football and Diamond Softball. Ms. Brandy is married with 3 children that are in various sports, including: football, travel softball and track... and she loves to watch them all!! Her hobbies are: taking photos of her children at their sporting events and making scrapbooks from them. She also enjoys crafting in her spare time and refinishing furniture.

**Thank you, for all that you do, at PoPCELC,
Ms. Brandy!!!**

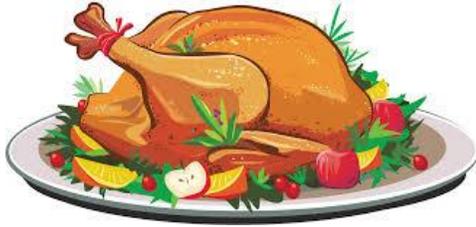
From the Director...

THANKFULNESS

1 Samuel 1:27, I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.

Pray a prayer of thankfulness for the children He has given you, and let your children hear you express gratitude for them.

White Dog School-age Class' take on "How to Cook a Turkey":



Child 1 -

1. Cut off his head.
2. Put on salt and pepper.
3. Cut off his wings.
4. Put it in the oven.
5. Cut it in half.
6. Eat it.

Child 2 –

1. Take it out of the package.
2. Soak it in water and seasoning.
3. Put it in the roaster.
4. Cook it.
5. Take it out of the oven.
6. Put it on the serving tray.
7. Let it cool.
8. Serve it.
9. Get silverware.
10. Eat it. Yum! Yum!

Child 3 –

1. Hunt the turkey.
2. Boil the turkey.
3. Cook the turkey.
4. Eat the turkey.

Child 4 –

1. Soak it in water.
2. Put flour on it.
3. Then fire it on the stove.

Child 5 –

1. Kill the turkey.
2. Chop it up.
3. Stuff the turkey.
4. Season it.
5. Cook the turkey.
6. We make it nice.
7. Eat the turkey.

ELC PROJECT: The Early Learning Center families are collecting caps/lids for a project. They have made a few **changes** to the information sheet. Please grab a new one to keep at home. **Let's help them reach their goal!**

Update on the progress from the ELC ... We have collected 500# plus! We took the 500# to Evansville, IN on November 26 and picked up the two Rainbow benches for the ELC! Keep collecting as we are now working toward a bench for the PoP Church and then for the village of SJ!! Thank you to all!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Abby Immke
Miguel Lucio

Ann Hill
Cheryl Merkel

Chris Knipfer
Bill Rohl



Don Alsip; father of Michelle Trame
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
Jerry Cencula; uncle of Nichole Jones
Sandy Cheek; friend of Joyce Kesler
Nick Christians
Ted Collins
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
Brittany Harlan; friend of POP
Logan Kirby; friend of POP members
Leah McDowell; cousin of Terri Modd & Mary Rolfe
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
Murelle Plotner; grand-daughter of Paula Plotner
Pam Price; friend of Jim and LaVerna Harper
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
Tim and Amy Short
Josh Stone; co-worker of Susi Huls
Robert Wakefield; father of Larry Wakefield
Anna Wentzloff
Baby Zoey

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
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