



# 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:

+ 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, 10:15-11:15 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.**

*This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant more than a decade later.*

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life’s uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life’s inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life’s temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: “Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end” (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen.

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**ANNUAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR  
JANUARY 27, 2019 at 11:15AM.**

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.**

**IF YOU HAVE A SUBMISSION FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT, THEY ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 7, 2019. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL PASTOR OR LORI AT 469-7422.**

**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 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](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.

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE:**

Pastor Donna visits hospitalized and homebound members of our congregation on a regular basis, and is available at all times to meet with you. Monday is her designated day off, but she is always available in case of emergency. If you know of anyone who is hospitalized or who needs help, please let Pastor Donna know by calling the church office at 469-7422.



*On behalf of Larry and myself, allow me to express our gratitude for your many kind and supportive thoughts and wishes, cards and gifts and, of course, the generous Christmas gift. It is a privilege to serve as your Interim Pastor! Along with you, we look forward to a great future and exciting ministry here*

*at Prince of Peace! We send prayers for a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year to you all!*

*-Pastor Donna Smith*

**POPS PLUS  
EVENTS  
CALENDAR 2019**

POPs PLUS is a friendly group of older Prince of Peace members who get together monthly for fellowship, good food, and interesting activities. All are welcome and encouraged to come and enjoy our nice gatherings! Below is a list of people who have volunteered to plan POPS PLUS events in 2019. You'll notice that we still have a couple months open! If you'd like to sign up to plan an event in February or July, please call Lori at the church office (469-7422) today and let her know!

- JANUARY:** Green
- FEBRUARY:** open
- MARCH:** Guzy/Hastings/Modd (movie/pizza)
- APRIL:** Carmichael
- MAY:** Sappenfield
- JUNE:** Taeger
- JULY:**
- AUGUST:** Weaver
- SEPTEMBER:** LeRette
- OCTOBER:** Carlson
- NOVEMBER:** Green/Sappenfield



We will be gathering for breakfast at **Rich's Restaurant** in Ogden on **January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9AM**. Please sign up if you are able to join us. The sheets have been posted on the bulletin boards.

*Come join us for good food and fellowship!*



**We Welcome our New Members  
to Prince of Peace!!!**

Rick Ackerman  
Dennis and Jeanie Aden  
Stephanie Blunier and Zack Wingler, Kynnleigh, Jaxon and  
Brady Blunier  
David and Amber Cluver, Henry, Elsa and George  
Stephanie Gilliland  
Andrew and Sadie Huckstadt, Lydia and Caleb  
Gretchen Norsen  
Darrell Sindere  
Michael and Kiley Wolken, Adam, Alivia and Lexi  
Cory and Jessica Worley, Ava



**We are in need of volunteers for Meals on Wheels!**

**Please sign up to serve if you are able. The Meals on Wheels sign up is located on the easel in the Narthex. It generally takes only 30 minutes to deliver the meals and is every Monday for the month you sign up to serve. If you have any questions, please call Lori at 469-7422.**



The **Altar Flower Sign up sheet for 2019** has been posted outside Lori's office. Flowers are \$20 per vase, if you are interested in signing up.



Thank you to our POP friends and Pastor Donna for all the concern and prayers during my recent health emergency. So many things went right that day and week. We could see and feel God's hand. I almost went to heaven with President George

Bush! Blessings to all of you!  
-Linda LeRette

**NALC News moving to  
electronic delivery**

Readers are encouraged to sign up to receive email notice of NALC News. The North American Lutheran Church is moving to all-electronic distribution of the NALC News.

The NALC News is currently published online as a PDF document which may be downloaded from the NALC website and read online or printed.

Congregations are encouraged to print copies of the NALC News and make them available for their members.

A limited number of copies are printed and mailed to church members and supporters by the NALC. The delivery of the NALC News by postal mail will be eliminated by the end of 2018.

"As a church dedicated to a lean structure and faithful stewardship of finances, leaders of the NALC regularly look for opportunities to adjust the budget in order to better support our mission. One of the ways we can reduce expenses is by shifting to an all-electronic delivery of the NALC News," explained Andrew Fuller, NALC Director of Communications.

The 2018 NALC Convocation approved a budget for 2019 that calls for phasing out the printing and mailing of the NALC News.

All those on the NALC's email list receive an email when each issue of the NALC News is posted to the NALC website. Please contact the NALC office if you would like to be added to the email list.

There are three options for anyone receiving the NALC News by postal mail:

1. Email your name and email address to [nalc.mnoffice@thenalc.org](mailto:nalc.mnoffice@thenalc.org) to be moved to the electronic mailing list.
2. Contact your pastor or church office to see if they could provide you with a printed copy of the newsletter. Please have the pastor or church notify the NALC office if they will provide this service.
3. If you do not have access to email, please call 651-633-6004 or 888-551-7254 (U.S. toll free) to discuss alternatives.

## **“EAT, PRAY, CARDS” JANUARY SCHEDULE**

In January, our “Eat, Pray, Cards” group will meet twice, on **Wednesday January 9th**, and **Wednesday January 23rd**. All are invited to come! We meet in the newly revamped Sunday School room for a light brunch, a brief devotion, and a highly competitive round of cards. We start at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!

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## **High School Students**

High School Youth Group Gathering will resume meeting at 6:30 PM on January 9th.

We will be doing our Lasagna Drive Thru Fundraiser again this year! The pickup will be the first weekend in February. This year will be a little different in that we will be doing a take and bake lasagna instead of a cooked lasagna. Please see a High School Workcamper to order your meals! Again, thank you for your amazing support for this Mission Trip!

## **Confirmation**

Our After School Program will resume meeting at 3:00 PM on January 9th. We will be looking forward to a fun outing to Urbana to go ice skating in Mid-January.

### **Sunday Confirmation Class Schedule**

Confirmation class resumes on January 6 at 10:30. We will begin a new unit of study, “Getting to Know Martin Luther.” This five session unit will introduce the story of the Great Reformer, his significant teachings, and the history of the Reformation. Class is led by Pastor Donna.

## **POP 4/5/6**

Make some room on your calendars for our annual trip to the Ice Skating rink in Urbana. This will be held in late January.

## **KidsZone**

+A big thank you to all those who helped with the Christmas Program. Stacy Fisher, Tonya Dunn and Susi Huls for organizing the program, Tracey Mathis for making the angel wings and halos, the many adults that were there for practices and the program helping with all the children. We appreciate all your hard work and efforts that went in to making the Christmas Program a success!

**KidsZone/Sunday School will resume on January 6th.**



### **ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE/SIGN UP:**

Practice will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM. More voices are always welcome...we're not looking for soloists, just people who enjoy singing and would like to join us! Contact Susi Huls or Sue Grindley with any questions. There is also a sign up posted in the Narthex if you plan to join us, please sign up.

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### **OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

Your 2019 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up in the narthex. Saturday worshippers will be in east hall. If you did not find any with your name and you would like a set, please contact the church office. (I may have accidentally missed you.)





Happenings at the Community Early Learning Center ..... January 2019  
Teaching and Learning in Christ

**Classroom of the Month** -- Brown Bears (Ages 15 months-2 years)

We want to wish you a Happy New Year! We had so much fun in 2018 and can't wait to learn and explore new things in 2019!

We will begin the month by talking about the new year and making fun new year's projects; including: party hats, fireworks, 2019 banners, and ball drops.

We will then proceed to talk about Artic Animals- polar bears, penguins, sea otters, and more.

Next, we will talk about Disney characters as we work on Disney themes week.

After that, we will be exploring dinosaurs. Rawr.

Then, we will wrap up the month with Groundhog Day and shapes.

We are working on learning our colors, Purple and Pink; Our shapes, Heart and Oval; Numbers, 6 & 7; And Letters, U, V, W, X & Y.

Be sure to look at our Bulletin located in the office as you pass through. The theme is Happy New Year. The students sponge painted their faces and used markers to color and decorate their party hats.

We can't wait to see what 2019 brings.

Miss Kendra, Ms. Shelly, Ms. Brandy & the Brown Bear class

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**Assistant Director: Jennifer Nirider**

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR---**

**Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they do when they stick together!**

---Verna Kelly



**Not all Angels reside in the heavens. Sometimes Angels are just ordinary people that help us spread our wings here on earth...**



# Puzzle!

Write a word that fits each definition. Then place the letters in the numbered boxes to read a Beatitude, one of the special statements Jesus shares in Matthew 5.

**The color of coal**

1 2 8 17 21

**Flower with thorns**

9 4 3

**Woman's Sunday garment**

7 23 6 5 24

**Vegetable in a pod**

14 10 16

**A light for my \_\_\_\_\_**

20 11 12

**Electric fish**

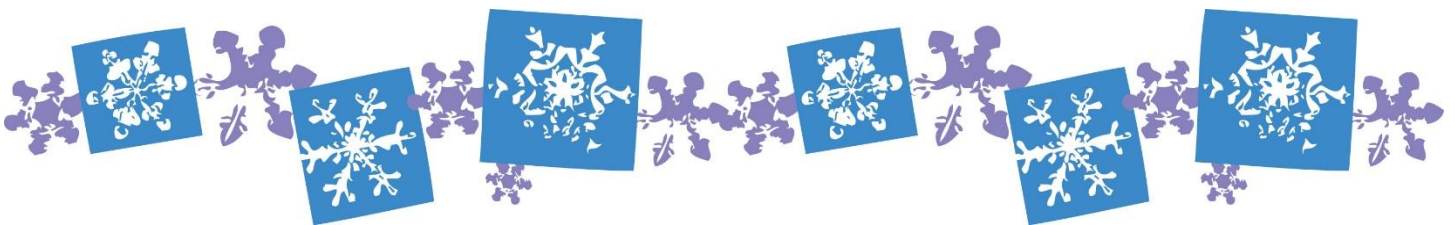
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**Dark green gem**

18 19 22

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		

Answers: black, rose, dress, pea, path, eel, emerald; Blessed are the peacemakers



## ATTENTION REGARDING BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Please update Pastor Smith or Lori with any changes to the prayer list. Pastor's email: [GalRev83@gmail.com](mailto:GalRev83@gmail.com) or Pastor's cell: 217-202-7473. Lori's email: [lori.bensyl@popstjoe.com](mailto:lori.bensyl@popstjoe.com). Thank you for helping us keep the list current! Also let the office know if there has been any changes to someone you have placed on our Military List. If you would like the Ladies Day Out Group to regularly send cards to your serviceman/woman, just send an email to Lori with their address. Thank you!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Norbert Franzen**

**Chris Knipfer**

**Darlene Sappenfield**

**Henry Fruhling**

**Miguel Lucio**

**Nettie Henry**

**Dan Medrow**

**Abby Immke**

**Cheryl Merkel**

**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

**Don Fruhling**; father of Tami Voges and Trini Bensyl

**Gloria Gehrt**; sister of Alan Woods

**Barb Gillogty**; friend of Harper/Wendt family

**Stacy Goetting**; sister of Todd Goetting

**Roger Grace**; friend of Terri Modd and Mary Rolfe

**Brittany Harlan**; friend of POP

**Logan Kirby**; friend of POP members

**Ronnie Lewis**; friend of Lowell and Micki Suits

**Leah McDowell**; cousin of Terri Modd & Mary Rolfe

**Marcia Mennenga**; sister in law of Mernice Wakefield

**Drew Meece**; cousin of Katelynn Masengale

**Kristy Miller**; friend of Wendt family

**Earl & Carole Olson**, parents of Debi Johnson

**Judy Rahn**; mother of Mark Rahn

**Linda Rasmussen**; mother of Tracy Wilson

**Mildred Rincker**; mother of Sharan Carmichael

**Glenn and Shirley Roethermel**; parents of Susan Allen

**Tim and Amy Short**

**Josh Stone**; co-worker of Susi Huls

**Grace Vassar**; niece of Dwayne and Jodi Gilliland

**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

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 – Stationed at Camp LEJUENE, NC

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