



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:

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

2019 Congregation Officers:

+ Jeff Klotz, President

+ Tim Huls, Vice President

+ Katrina Hueber,

Secretary

+ Mark Olson, Treasurer

MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a family of
believers, united to
know Christ, and to
make him known.*

HOLY WEEK



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our observance of Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday Worship on April 14 at 9. Together we enter into the events of Holy Week and follow our Lord to the Upper Room, to Gethsemane, then to his trial and crucifixion. A further opportunity for worship is on Saturday the 20th at Easter Vigil. Finally, come to the empty tomb on Easter Sunday!

Palm Sunday, April 14

Worship with Palm Procession. This is our opportunity to have an overview of the events of Holy Week. We will hear the Passion Narrative according to Saint Luke. Holy Communion will be celebrated, and students who completed First Communion Instruction will be eligible to receive the sacrament that morning.

Maundy Thursday, April 18

Worship at 7 p.m. Be reminded of the events of the Upper Room and commemorate the institution of the Lord's Supper by joining in Holy Communion. The service concludes with the dramatic stripping of the altar, reminding us of the profound sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ in his suffering and death.

Good Friday, April 19

The Tenebrae Service of darkness will be offered at 7 p.m. This moving and dramatic service includes Scripture readings, silence and prayers as the lights are gradually extinguished and the congregation leaves the church in silence, pondering the mystery and wonder of Good Friday.

Easter Vigil, April 20

(THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY SERVICE AT PRINCE OF PEACE)

Join with our fellow congregations of the Great Rivers Mission District at an Easter Vigil service hosted by First Lutheran Church in Paxton. The service begins at 7:36 p.m. and is a service that anticipates the joy and festivity of Easter through readings, music, Word and Sacrament.

Easter Sunday, April 21

We celebrate the beginning of "The Queen of the Seasons" with the following events:
6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, led by our youth.

7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast, served in the East Fellowship Hall.

9:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship with special music by our Adult Choir and the Choir Chimes.



CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED:

The Confirmation Students will be preparing the Easter Egg hunt for the Easter Carnival on April 20th. They are in need of candy donations to fill the eggs. Each kid will get to collect 12 eggs and we will have anywhere between 50 and 100 kids. If you would like to donate a bag of candy please keep in mind that the candy will need to fit into a small Easter egg and preschoolers may have trouble with a Jolly Rancher or any hard candy. There is a box in the Narthex where you can donate the candy. Thank you!

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.



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!

“EAT, PRAY, CARDS” APRIL SCHEDULE

In April, our “Eat, Pray, Cards” group will meet twice, on **Wednesday April 10th**, and **Wednesday April 24th**. 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!



We will be gathering for lunch at The Beef House on April 18th at 11:30 (Illinois time). Please sign up outside either worship space, if you will be joining or if you need a ride. Come join us for good food and fellowship!

APRIL: Carmichael

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR DIRECTORY!

Have you disconnected your landline and updated us with your cellphone number? Have your kids moved out? Has your email changed? We are planning to print a new directory soon and unless you let us know of the changes, we won't have your correct information listed. Please update the list that is in the narthex at church, or call or email Lori, to let know of any changes. Thanks in advance!



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.

Confirmation Students

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High School Students

During Lent, the High School Youth Group Gathering will be starting at 6 PM as we will be sharing the Soup Suppers with the rest of the congregation. After supper, we will continue with our normal meeting and conclude at 8 PM.

After Lent, the High School Youth Group Gathering will resume meeting at the normal time on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. These meetings will be lead by Chase Gilliland.



Many thanks to Pastor Donna for her visit after my surgery and I would like to thank all of the congregation for their thoughts, prayers, and cards during my recuperation. God bless you all.

- Terri Herbst



We are currently seeking **ushers** for the remainder of the 2019 calendar year!

Ideally, it is preferred that you sign up to serve for an entire month – ***however***, if you are unable to do that, please don't let that keep you from serving, as there are multiple options available!

Maybe you would like to usher for **one** Sunday in multiple months.... Maybe you can only usher for **two or three** Sundays in one particular month, but not back-to-back.... Maybe you are only usher on **ONE** Sunday the entire year... No one will be turned away! **All volunteers are welcome, regardless of your availability!**

All ages are welcome – so encourage your children to serve with you, regardless of how big or small! It's never too early to start instilling the value of service and commitment into our lives!

Please talk to Dwayne Gilliland personally – or call him @217/377-8009 - or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to reserve your spot in 2019! Don't miss out on the fun!!



VBS 2019 "Roar" Mark your calendar!!!

Date: June 24-28th

Time: 5:30 dinner with VBS from 6:00-8:00

Ages: 4yrs old - entering 6th grade (children entering 5th and 6th grade will participate in their own program throughout the week as in years past)

Registration: Begins April 15th - look for the link on the church facebook page and website. The link will also be emailed to those who attended VBS last year.

Volunteers: NEEDED - of course!!! Please watch for the signup board to be posted in the narthex!

Supply Donations: We are looking for donations of rope, green plastic table cloths, burlap sacks/material, gallon plastic milk jugs, brown grass skirts (table skirting or actual skirts), toilet paper rolls.

There will also be "take home decorating kids" and congregation decorating days!



Classroom of the Month – Purple Cats

As we all have learned the old saying, “April showers bring May flowers!”

In the Purple Cat School-Age program, we will be learning about the showers of blessings God has rained down upon us. The class has been studying the events leading up to Easter Sunday and what they meant then, and what they mean now, for us. And we will be doing some Spring planting using egg shell pots. Be sure to stop by and see our bulletin board display in the center office, and take a moment to count your many blessings.

Purple Cat Teacher, Penny Evans

Ms. Penny made the Employee Honor Roll!

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

Penny has been employed with Prince of Peace since 2008. She teaches 2 preschool classes and 1 of the school age classes. She loves watching the children light up when they accomplish something and she really enjoys the people she works with.

Ms. Penny is married to her husband Bud and has 6 children; Jason, Anna, Arnold, Alicia, Jeremy, and Jared. Jason is in the Army and Jared is a Marine. She has 9 grandchildren; Grace, Grant, Zachary, Elaine, Chance, Ella, Eliza, Kaylee and Nick. She also has 1 great-grandchild named Thomas. She is very proud of all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is originally from Villa Grove, and currently lives in rural Muncie. Her favorite colors are blue and purple.

Her birthday is on May 19th. Her favorite place to eat is Texas Roadhouse. She enjoys baking, traveling, spending time with family, and attending church. She has traveled to most of the United States, Canada, Germany, England and Mexico.

Thanks again, Ms. Penny!

Ms. Kelsi has made the honor roll!

Ms. Kelsi is our full time Co-Teacher of the Green Frogs. She loves watching the children learn new things each day. She is a very important part of Prince of Peace!

Kelsi’s Fun Facts:

Ms. Kelsi’s birthday is July 19th, her favorite color is blue, and her favorite place to eat is Buffalo Wild Wings. She enjoys watching the Cardinals. Kelsi is from St. Joseph and lives in Fairmount. Kelsi is engaged to her high school sweetheart, Travis. They have 2 sons named Kayden and Dalton and another little boy on the way in May!! Kelsi is also a major animal lover, and has 1 dog, 2 cats, and they keep her busy. She enjoys playing cards and board games in her free time.

She enjoys working at a place that is helping her grow as a person. She likes seeing the children grow and loves bonding with them.

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



From the Director...

The four children and their teacher search the yard looking for the custodian’s beloved cat.

“Here kitty, kitty, kitty,” calls four-year-old Sophie sadly. “Where are you? We’re all worried sick.” Kitty jumps out of the window well, dry leaves and pine needles matted in her fur. Sophie claps her hands and squeals, “I see her! I see her!

Alleluias! This is the best ever day!”

Teachers teach children to celebrate life’s rays of sunshine. They are happier people because teachers help them find the silver linings when life looks gray.

EARLY YEARS ARE LEARNING YEARS®

Prince of Peace CELC Celebrates the National Week of the Young Child

Prince of Peace Community Early Learning Center asks area citizens to come together for children during the Week of the Young Child™ from April 8-12, 2019. As part of the national Week of the Young Child™ is celebrated across the country, we are honoring young children and all those who make a difference in children's lives.

"All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life, and St. Joseph has a great opportunity to do our part to help young children," said Diane Williams, center director. Week of the Young Child™ is a time for St. Joseph, IL to recognize that Early Years are Learning Years® for all young children."

Week of the Young Child™, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), is an opportunity for early childhood programs across the country, including child care and Head Start programs, preschools, and elementary schools, to thank those involved in young children's lives and to bring awareness to the needs of young children. The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to recognize the importance of early learning and early literacy, and to celebrate the teachers and policies that bring early childhood education to young children.

Prince of Peace Community Early Learning Center is a nationally accredited facility and holds the Gold status with the ExceleRate Illinois quality rating program. PoPCELC has 27 early childhood professionals working together to improve professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education, and to build public support for high quality early childhood education programs. Please take this time to thank these educators/caregivers for all the hard work they do for children.



Buy One, Get One Free

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the PoP Early Learning Center April 9 – 12!!!

Open: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30a-9:30a, 11:30a-12:30p, 3:30p-6:00p

Please stop in to support PoP Early Learning Center! Thank you!

PoP Church Members,

The Prince of Peace Early Learning Center will be recognizing our teacher's efforts and celebrating the Week of the Young Child the week of April 8-12.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the ELC teachers and their classrooms during this celebration and recognition time, a list of suggested items has been provided here.

Your support would be greatly appreciated and is completely optional. Thank you! :)

Diane Williams, Center Director

Ideas for bag fillers

For Classrooms:

Sharpies

3 ring binders

Sidewalk chalk, bubbles

Toothpaste for children

Sunscreen for children

Post its

Notepads

Clear pocket page protectors

White out (roller)

For Teachers:

Scented antibacterial handsoap

Scented hand sanitizer

Beach towel

Adult sunscreen

Hair ties (for teachers with long hair)

Cute cup, glass with drinking lid,

Water bottle with lid

Hand lotion

Gift cards

Candy, chocolates, mints

Ink pens

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Sherry Bivens
Abby Immke

Norbert Franzen
Chris Knipfer

Henry Fruhling
Dan Medrow

Bev Goldenstein

Sandy Beckman; aunt of Greg Mills
Anna Lee Bouslog; mother of Annette Ackerman
Dalton Brownfield; son of Lee Jannusch
Christine Brucker; mother of Stacy Fisher
Rodney Buhr
Jerry Cencula; uncle of Nichole Jones
Ted Collins
Scott Connour and family
Kathy Cross; friend of Mernice Wakefield
David; friend of Brian and Karinsa Moline
Luke Fisher; friend of Donna Guzy
Sherri Fisher; friend of Donna Guzy
Gloria Gehrt; sister of Alan Woods
Stacy Goetting; sister of Todd Goetting
Roger Grace; friend of Terri Modd and Mary Rolfe
Brittany Harlan; friend of POP
Pat Hudson; cousin of Melissa Idleman
Phil Hudson; brother of Pam Franzen

Logan Kirby; friend of POP members
Karen Lee; cousin of Becky Mills
Sally Lee; cousin of Becky Mills
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 Rothermel; parents of Susan Allen
Tim and Amy Short
Josh Stone; co-worker of Susi Huls
Robert Wakefield; father of Larry Wakefield
Anna Wentzloff
Don White; friend of Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield
Betty Young; sister of Bev Goldenstein

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
Chris Meece Uncle of Katelynn Masengale – Stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas
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