



# 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

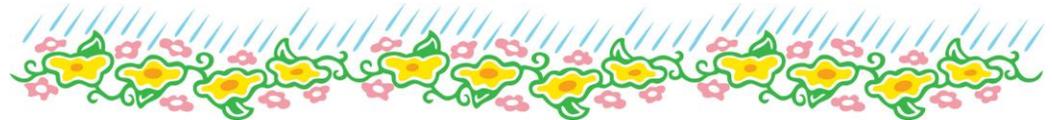
+ Tim Huls, Vice President

+ Katrina Hueber,  
Secretary

+ Mark Olson, Treasurer

### MISSION STATEMENT

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



The month of May will be a time of great excitement and anticipation as we prepare for the arrival of our new pastor! Pastor Andy Jones and his wife, Joy, are getting ready to move to St. Joseph and he will begin his service among us on June 3.

Pastor Jones is currently serving at First English Lutheran Church in Mansfield, OH, and has over 20 years of experience as a Pastor in communities in Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin. He also has 10 years of global mission experience and has been active in various activities within the NALC. We were blessed to have Pastor and Joy with us for a visit in March and look forward to growing with him in our common dedication to building up the Body of Christ at Prince of Peace.

In his written profile, Pastor Jones wrote the following:

“Jesus calls all Christians to a life of service to one another and to the greater world that God has created. All leadership within the Body of Christ is called into this reality. I see the three most important aspects of pastoral leadership as being: a servant model of leadership, interpersonal discipleship, and encouragement and equipping for mission. With this in mind, I strive to live and lead through a servant model of leadership, which leads to team building and consensus ministry. My desire is to help people discover their gifts for ministry, and then develop them through meaningful use. I strive to listen to the ideas of others, and then release them with direction and guidance.”

Please hold Pastor Jones and Joy in prayer as they prepare to take this big step in faith and service, and pray also for the leaders of our congregation as they prepare us for our new ministry together!





We will be having an Appreciation Brunch for Pastor Donna Smith on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15am in the East Fellowship Hall. There is a sign up posted for food, set up and take down on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please join

us as we show Pastor Donna our appreciation for everything she has done for Prince of Peace!



On behalf of my entire family, allow me to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone at Prince of Peace for your caring, kindness and prayerful support in the last difficult weeks. Prior to Larry's death, your love and kindness and understanding supported me as his illness progressed and family realities interfered with the service I was able to provide as your interim pastor. After his passing, you all have stepped up in more ways than I can count to help me navigate these unfamiliar and difficult waters. My special thanks to all who helped the funeral service be so meaningful; to the Care Committee and all who provided the wonderful lunch; to our Church Council and especially President Jeff Klotz; to Pastors Dennis and Sally Meyer who have "covered" for me in so many ways; and to all of you for your understanding and graciousness. I hope and pray that I can complete this period of interim ministry in a way that best prepares us for a new era at POP under Pastor Jones' leadership. God's blessings and thank you so much!

Pastor Donna Smith

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Thank you to our Prince of Peace family for your words of kindness, cards, food, sharing memories, and presence. Your words were so kind and very much appreciated. Thank you for sharing in the celebration of my brother's, (Phil Hudson) life.

God Bless You,  
Pam Franzen

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Dear Funeral Dinner Committee,

Thank you so much for volunteering your time and talents for Clara Ann Hill's funeral dinner. The food was delicious, as always. All of you made a difficult time much easier.

Sincerely,  
The George Hill Family

**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 May, our “Eat, Pray, Cards” group will meet twice, on **Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**, and **Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 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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**POPS  
PLUS**

We will be gathering for breakfast at Perkins on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. Please sign up outside either worship space, if you will be joining. Come join us for good food and fellowship!

**May:** Sappenfield's

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**PASTOR DONNA** is available for pastoral care needs and can be reached by email at [galrev83@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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### COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH FOR MAY IS: THE CHRISTIAN CARE COMMITTEE

The Christian Care Committee coordinates funeral lunches. They make phone calls to provide food and they serve the food for funeral lunches as needed throughout the year. We are looking for volunteers to help with and/or chair The Christian Care Committee. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

A huge thank you to Linda McCormick, Melinda Pratt and Dea Taeger for serving on this committee over the years. You've done an awesome job!



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.... May be 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, kitty litter containers.

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

**It's time again for decorating for Roar VBS!!!! We will meet to decorate:**

Sunday, May 5 at 10:30am  
Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30pm  
Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30pm  
Sunday, May 19 at 10:30am  
Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30pm  
Sunday, May 26 at 10:30am  
Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30pm  
Sunday, June 2 at 10:30am  
Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30pm  
Sunday, June 9 at 10:30am  
Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30pm  
Sunday, June 16 at 10:30am  
Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30pm

**Congregation Decorating Days:**

Sunday June 16 at 10:30am  
Sunday June 23 at 10:30am

**Decorating for VBS does NOT require any special artistic or creative talent! If these times and days do not work for you, you can pick up Decorating Kits to complete in the comfort of your own home!!! We will also have full congregation decorating days in church!!! We welcome ANY assistance you can provide!!!**



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

**Classroom of the Month – Yellow Duck Classroom, May 2019**

Starting in January, Ms Ashley is now the Lead Co-Teacher with Ms Kristi. Our days are filled with learning and playing in classroom centers, as we know, **playing is learning!**

We have been working hard at writing our names, learning our letters, recognizing colors, shapes, and numbers with the Abeka Book Christian Curriculum. We look forward to warmer weather and playing outside.

Happy Spring!

Ms Ashley and Ms Kristi

**Ms. Holly made the Employee Honor Roll!!**

Holly has been employed with Prince of Peace since March of 2017. She started as a teacher in the Red Bird Room with our two-year old's, and is now enjoying her role as Office Manager. She has loved creating relationships with the kiddos here, their families, and her coworkers. Holly is excited to be a part of an upbeat, hardworking culture that loves teaching and sharing God's love.

**Ms. Holly's fun facts:**

She is originally from Sullivan, IL. Holly has 2 sons, Wyatt and Jackson, and two step sons, Noah and Levi. They all live together in Philo, IL. Her birthday is on June 23rd. Holly's favorite restaurant is Red Lobster and her favorite color is green. Her favorite sports teams are the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears. She loves going to various events for their four boys and spending time riding on their motorcycle with her husband Ramey. 😊 **Thank you, Holly, for what YOU do at Prince of Peace CELC!** 😊

**Ms. Meghan made the Employee Honor Roll!**

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

Meghan is one of the co-teachers of the Blue Horse Room here at PoPCELC. She enjoys getting to spend time around the children and has loved having the opportunity to work here to gain experience in the field of her degree.

She graduated in May of 2018 with a degree in Child Development. She is from Danville and currently lives in Wellington with her fiancé Kirby, whom she will marry in October.

Ms. Meghan has an older brother and a twin sister. Her brother has three children that she tries to spend a lot of time with. Her birthday is on July 25th. Her favorite place to eat is Monicals. Her favorite color is green and her favorite team is the Blackhawks. She loves spending any free time she has with her fiancé and her family.

**Thanks again, Ms. Meghan!**

**Announcement!** Two PoPCELC teachers, Kendra Lee and Kelsie Carlson, have each completed their associate degree in Early Childhood Education! WOO HOO!

*Prince of Peace Community Early Learning Center serves 134 families and has 180 children enrolled.*



**From the Director...**

**Take time to laugh --- it's the music of the soul. Anonymous**

Two-year-old Crissie likes everything about coming to preschool while her mom and dad work. She likes the other kids the toys, the stories, and especially lunch. Her favorite meal is tomato soup with grilled cheese sandwiches, which was served yesterday. On that day, Crissie sat swinging her feet contentedly and, between spoonfuls and bites, hummed softly, "Ummm good." When the nearby church bell rang at noon, she said in the same humming tone, "Here comes the train." "That's the church bell." Today, when the bell rang, Crissie innocently sang out, "Here comes the church!" The kids laughed and applauded. "That's a good one, Crissie," they said, and she loved the moment in the limelight.

**The time you take to laugh with kids, creates good moments to remember, like unforgettable melodies that lift your soul.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Sherry Bivens**  
**Chris Knipfer**

**Norbert Franzen**  
**Dan Medrow**

**Henry Fruhling**  
**Ray Moorhous**

**Abby Immke**  
**Bill Rohl**

**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, Tyler and Travis**  
**Kathy Cross**; friend of Mernice Wakefield  
**Bob Crowe**; friend of Gerald Sappenfield  
**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  
**Brittany Harlan**; friend of POP  
**Pat Hudson**; cousin of Melissa Idleman

**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  
**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**  
**Bob Townsend Family**  
**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  
Tyler Connour Friend of Hastings family – National Guard in South Korea  
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  
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