



PRINTS OF PEACE

Monthly Newsletter
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
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Serving at Prince of Peace

Ministers:

All Members

Pastor:

+ Andrew Jones

High School Ministry Leader:

+ Chase Gilliland

Church Office:

+ Erin Smith, Secretary

Service Times

+ Saturday, 5:00 PM

+ Sunday, 9:00 AM

Sunday School

+ All ages 10:15-11:00

2025 Congregation

Officers:

+ David Cluver, President

+ Chase Gilliland, Vice President

+ Katelynn Gilliland, Secretary

+ Janice Koss, Treasurer

MISSION STATEMENT

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



Dear family of Prince of Peace,

Seven years! When Joy and I moved to St Joseph in 2019 to begin sharing ministry with you here at Prince of Peace, we did not know the details of what events were to greet us. We did not know, and you did not know. But God knew.

God knew that just a few months after our arrival, a Covid pandemic would paralyze the world, and bring challenges into all of our lives. You remained faithful, and engaged in worship together while we were apart.

God knew that as the months and years passed, we would welcome new brothers and sisters into the family of faith, and say goodbye to others who moved away, or went before us to heaven.

God knew that we would drink deeply from the Word of God, and hear the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have been challenged to engage in mission and ministry, here in our own community, in our country, and on the other side of the world.

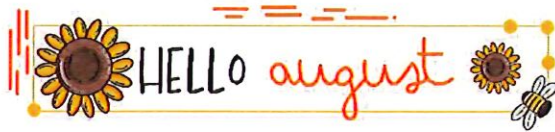
And through all of these things, and many more – God continues to be faithful. God continues to know what is ahead. Remember, God's perspective is different than ours. God has already planned the next chapter for Prince of Peace.

God is not finished with the ministry and mission of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. This congregation holds an important position in the community of St Joseph. As an orthodox, confessional church, you stand solidly on the shoulders of centuries of Christian Tradition. You hold a unique and vital perspective of the Gospel as a Lutheran church. Do not let that get away from you.

My time as your pastor is drawing to a close. Joy and I are looking forward to a new chapter of life, a chapter very much like the lifestyle that many of you enjoy. We will be moving to Ohio to live near our daughter and her family, and be involved in our grand-daughter's lives. Living close enough to family to enjoy multi-generational relationships is something that we were not able to provide for our children. But we will enjoy that with Reagan and Riley.

We have been blessed to serve among you, to comfort you, to challenge you. We pray that you continue to remain faithful to God and His word and to share His love with everyone you meet and in all you do.

Pastor Andy



We are hosting an open house for Pastor Andy and Joy on Sunday, August 9 at 5:00pm. Join us in the East Fellowship Hall as we give our thanks for their service to our congregation and our well wishes for their future endeavors.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING



The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary following Worship on **Sunday, August 23**. The church council urges all members of Prince of Peace to attend the meeting to be informed of where we as a Church stand at this point in the fiscal and ministry year.



Beginning Monday, August 3, St. Joseph United Methodist Church will take over Meals on Wheels deliveries each Monday. Thank you everyone who has volunteered throughout the years.



Join us on Sunday, August 30 at 10:00am for outdoor worship at Homer Lake. A potluck lunch will follow worship. If you would like to bring a side or dessert to share, please sign up in the Narthex.



The Call Committee thanks those who have completed a survey thus far and we look forward to reviewing those soon. If anyone should have any further questions or thoughts about the survey or the call process, please reach out to the committee co-chairs, Louis Hewerdine and Katelynn Gilliland, or the other members of the committee: Darren Franzen, Greg Mills, Travis Fruhling, or Stephanie Wingler.



Sunday School begins Sunday, September 13 at 10:15am. There are classes for children and adults. We look forward to a great Sunday School year!



Confirmation classes will resume in the fall.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	5PM	9AM
June 27/28	17	101
July 4/5	14	77
July 11/12	24	80
July 18/19	22	97
July 25/26	26	152



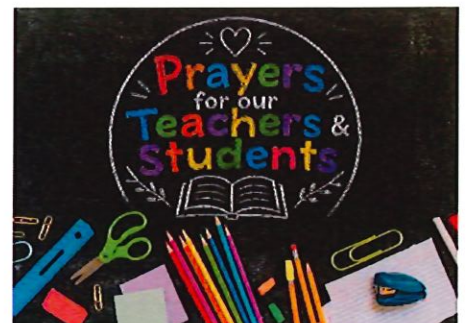
Ladies Outreach is no longer collecting greeting card covers. The group that we sent them to has stopped their ministry. Thank you for your support these last years.



All students entering 3rd grade this fall will receive a Bible on Sunday, August 9 during worship.



Bring your backpack to church on Sunday, August 9 for the annual Backpack Blessing during worship.





Council highlights from the July meeting.

- Janice Koss made the motion to fulfill his remaining vacation days by paying Pastor Andy Jones his salary and benefits through August 31st; Devin Althoff second; All in favor so passes the motion
- Zack Wingler made the motion to permit Pastor Andy Jones to take his laptop when he leaves; Janice Koss second; All in favor so passes the motion
- September 13 official start to Sunday School; No Rally Day this year due to how the dates on the calendar fall
- Confirmation will remain in partnership with St. John's in Royal; Chase will assist with it this year

Full Council minutes are available every month to read in the Narthex.



August 2 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 55:1-5; Ps 145:8-9, 14-21; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21

August 9 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18; Ps 85:8-13; Rom 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33

August 16 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 56:1, 6-8; Ps 67; Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 23 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 51:1-6; Ps 138; Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20

August 30 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 15:15-21; Ps 26:1-8; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28



Thank you so much to everyone for supporting Feed the Need with your donations of peanut butter and jelly! There is no distribution in August. The next distribution is Thursday, September 3 at 5:00pm at St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

POPS PLUS

POPs Plus will meet at Charlie's Grub & Suds in Homer on Thursday, August 20 at 11:30am. If you would like to join us, please sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Terri Modd at 240-565-4706.

Pray and Play Fellowship



WHO: POP MEMBERS

WHEN: The second Thursday of each month

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

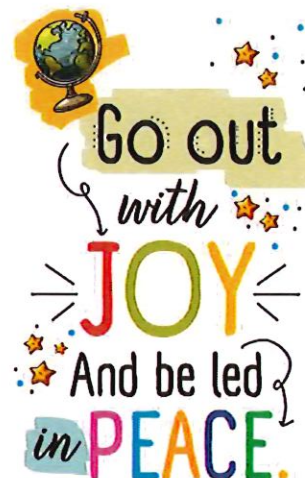
WHERE: West Fellowship Hall

This is a gathering for those who would like to play board games or card games. Come join in the fun!

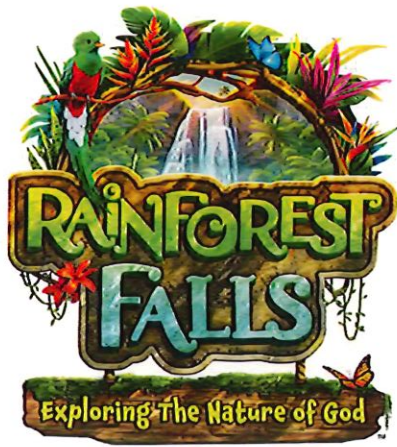


MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group meets every Saturday morning at 7:00am. All men are invited to join us for a time of study and fellowship.



ISAIAH 55:12



VBS was held July 20 – 23. We had an average of 102.5 children, peaking at 105! Thank you to our volunteers for all of your help this year! We are looking forward to another great VBS next year.





AUGUST NEWSLETTER

BIBLE VERSES OF THE MONTH:

GENESIS 1:1

2026

AUGUST 2026

WEEKLY THEMES



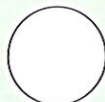
- W1: Transitions
- W2-W3: Back to School
- W4: All About Me
- W5: Five Senses



LETTERS, NUMBERS, COLORS
& SHAPES OF THE MONTH

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About
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FRESH STARTS

August often brings a season of fresh starts. As some of our children prepare for new classrooms, new routines, and new friendships, we are reminded that every new beginning is an opportunity to grow in God's love. Just as God lovingly created the world with purpose and care, He has also created each child uniquely and wonderfully.

START

Our Bible Verse this month is, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." - Genesis 1:1



Throughout this month, our children will learn that God is the Creator of everything around us! We pray that as they explore, play, and learn, they will continue to discover God's amazing creation and know that they are deeply loved by Him.

May this new season be filled with curiosity, kindness, joyful learning, and hearts that grow closer to Jesus each day.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Aug 7:** Last Day of Summer Program
- **Aug 8:** Garage Sale Fundraiser
- **Aug 9:** 9 AM - Backpack Blessing at POP
- **Aug 30:** 10 AM - Outdoor Worship at Homer Lake with potluck lunch to follow
- **Sept 7:** Labor Day. **Center Closed**



THANK YOU, POP!

Thank you to our Prince of Peace congregation for your generosity through the Lemon Tree project! Because so many of you "picked a lemon," our children have been blessed with new outdoor toys and classroom activities to enjoy through the summer and beyond.

From bubbles to board games to sports equipment and imaginative play items, your gifts have brought countless smiles, laughter, and opportunities for learning. Thank you for investing in our children and for being a faithful partner in the ministry of POPCELC!

Thank you

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GARAGE SALE

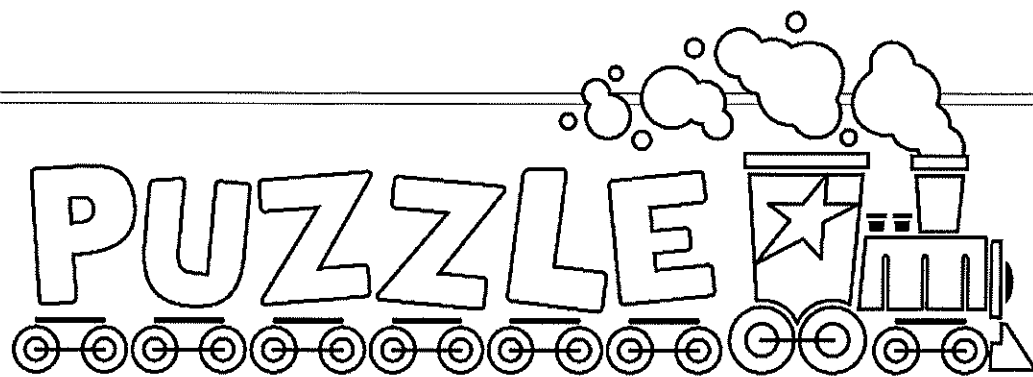
Mark your calendars! Join us in the East Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 8 from 9 AM-3 PM for a Center Fundraising Garage Sale. We'll have a variety of items available including toys, books, playpens, household and office items, and much more. Every purchase helps support our center and the children we serve. We hope you'll stop by, find a few treasures, and help make this fundraiser a success!

BEST DEAL



Follow PoPCELC and
join the PIO page
on Facebook!

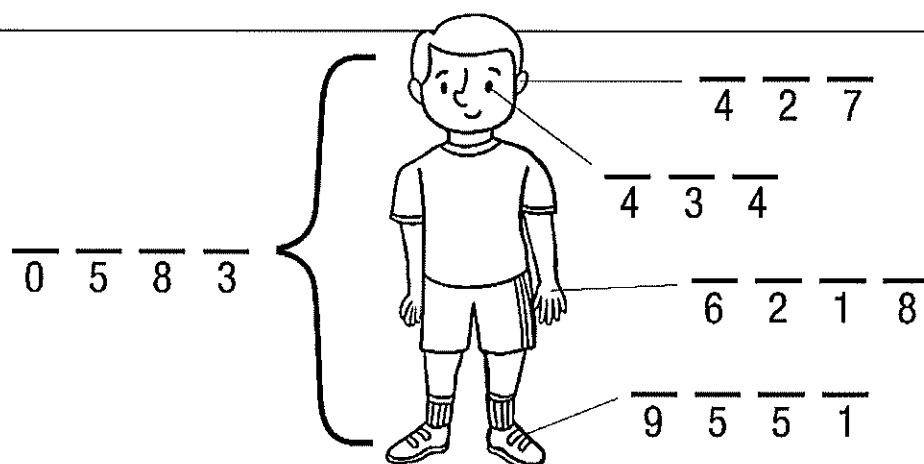




WORKING IN UNISON

Just as body parts work in unison, the church — the body of Christ — is to work together for God's purposes.

Directions: Fill in the letters for each body part. Add up each part's number total, and use those totals to complete the Bible passage.



Now if the 20 should say, "Because I am not a 17, I do not belong to the 16," ... And if the 13 should say, "Because I am not an 11, I do not belong to the 16," it would not for that reason stop being part of the 16. If the whole 16 were an 11, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole 16 were an 13, where would the sense of smell be? ... As it is, there are many parts, but one 16.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-17, 20, NIV

Answer: body = 16, eye = 11, ear = 13, hand = 17, foot = 20

Gayle Bartell
Mardella Jannusch
Jeff Mohr

Lyn DeWeese
Dale Kopmann

Molly Fenters
Pastor Dennis Meyer

Mike Halbach
Brad Mohr

Anna Boulahanis; daughter of Wakefield's
Kim Brooks-Allen; friend of POP
Tim Brooks; friend of POP
Carmen Brown; grandmother of Zack Wingler
Dustin Buford; friend of Greg & Becky Mills
Tammy Croe; cook at POP Early Learning Center
Kay Fiscus; neighbor of Kenny & Donna Weaver
Susan Fiscus; friend of community
Caleb Franklin; friend of community
Pam Furrer; friend of community
Bobbi Grigsby; daughter of Terri Modd
Wendy Grunwald; mother of Ryan Munsterman
Brittany Harlan; friend of POP
Seth Hatchel; cousin of the Winglers
Sally Lee; cousin of Becky Mills
Jesus & Elena Lucio; parents of Miguel Lucio
Sandy Maury; friend of POP
Merle Mennenga; brother of Mernice Wakefield
Mike Mennenga; nephew of Mernice Wakefield
Morris Mennenga; brother of Mernice Wakefield

Chris Miezio; friend of POP
Jennifer Mitchaner; friend of Carmine Dwyer
Sharon Mowry; friend of POP
Jesus Olmedo; nephew of Miguel Lucio
Michelle Orvis; friend of Terri Modd
Amy Parry; niece of Terri Modd
Bryan Perkins; brother of Erin Smith
Sue Phillips; friend of POP
Linda Rasmussen; mother of Tracy Wilson
Vicki Ray; friend of Jamey & Katelynn Gilliland
Courtney Reynolds; sister of Katelynn Gilliland
Mike Romine; friend of Lowell & Micki Suits
Shirley Rothermel; mother of Susan Allen
Kayla Sabin; daughter of Stephanie Wingler
Mitch Schoolcraft; friend of Tom & Sue Grindley
Larry Sparks; friend of the community
Casia Veeck; granddaughter of Terri Modd
Chad Walker; family friend of Goldensteins
Joe Young; son of cousin of Micki Suits

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Evan Buch	Nephew of Todd and Cindy Goetting
Matthew Collins	Friend of Dale and June Kopmann – Stationed in Middle East
Lane DeMay	Great nephew of Larry and Mernice Wakefield – Stationed in Decatur, IL
Tyler Haake	Illinois Air National Guard
Dyllan Trautmann	Grandson of Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield – Stationed at AFB in Eielson, AK
Forrest Volz	Friend of Pastor Andy and Joy – Marines, Stationed in Colorado



August 1/2 10th Sunday after Pentecost

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Dwayne Gilliland

GREETERS: 9:00 Ann Freeman

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Jodi Gilliland

ALTAR FLOWERS: Gordon & Linda Green in celebration of their 61st anniversary and Gordy & Sandy Green's 36th anniversary

August 8/9 11th Sunday after Pentecost

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Todd Goetting

GREETERS: 9:00

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Carmine Dwyer

ALTAR FLOWERS: Rick & Annette Ackerman in celebration of their new grandson

August 15/16 12th Sunday after Pentecost

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Jason Emmert

GREETERS: 9:00

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Mike Voges

ALTAR FLOWERS: Darren & Pam Franzen in celebration of their 60th anniversary

August 22/23 13th Sunday after Pentecost

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Aaron Hager

GREETERS: 9:00

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Janice Koss

ALTAR FLOWERS: Doc & Delores Ribbe

August 29/30 14th Sunday after Pentecost

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
Homer Lake - 10:00 Katelynn Gilliland

GREETERS: 9:00

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
Homer Lake - 10:00 Jamey Gilliland

ALTAR FLOWERS: Gordon & Linda Green in celebration of their great-grandson Azariah's 2nd birthday

USHERS

Dave and Elsa Cluver

CHURCH OFFERING COUNTERS

Jamey Gilliland
Sandy Ferguson
Darren Franzen

SACRISTANS (Communion Prep & Clean-up)

5:00pm: Lois Hewerdine
9:00am: Scott & Lori Stewart

Fellowship Servants

August 2: Darren & Pam Franzen

August 9: Zack & Steph Wingler

August 16: Mike & Tami Voges

August 23: Mark & Kim Howard

August 30: No Donuts – Worship & Potluck at Homer Lake



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 2 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship, w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Fellowship	3 9:00am Quilts of Valor	4 5:30pm Christian Education	5 6:30pm YGG	6 1:30pm Pray & Play, West Hall	 7	1 7:00am Men's Group
9 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:15am Fellowship Pastor Andy at Zion Lutheran, Philo 5:00pm Open House for Pastor Andy & Joy Jones	10 6:00pm Fellowship BILLS DUE IN OFFICE 2:00pm Ladies Outreach	11 5:30pm Christian Education	12 6:30pm YGG	13 1:30pm Pray & Play, West Hall	 14	8 7:00am Men's Study
16 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Fellowship	17	18 6:00pm ELC Board	19 6:30pm YGG	20 11:30am POP's Plus, Charlie's Grub & Suds, Homer	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	15 5:00pm Worship
23 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:15am Fellowship	24 	25 6:30pm Council BILLS DUE IN OFFICE	26 6:30pm YGG	27	28 	22 5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion
30 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship at Homer Lake 11:00am Potluck	31	September 1 6:30pm Parents' Support Group	2 6:30pm YGG	3 5:00pm Feed the Need @ St. Joseph UMC	4	29 7:00am Men's Group
		5:30pm Christian Education	6:30pm YGG			5 5:00pm Worship
						No Men's Group
						5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion



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