



PRINTS OF PEACE

Monthly Newsletter
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
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St. Joseph, IL 61873
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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.*



Thank you for the many words of encouragement as Joy and I will soon be entering a new phase of life. Many of you have shared that you recommend retirement very highly. I hope that you are right.

At the same time as our personal transition, Prince of Peace is entering a very important time of transition in the life and ministry of the congregation. God already knows the road that Prince of Peace is travelling. While my retirement announcement was a surprise to many, nothing of what is happening is a surprise to God. God already knows who will be called to serve as the next Pastor of Prince of Peace. The congregation's task in this time is to wait upon the Lord and seek the person that God has been preparing for this congregation to move into the years to come.

The NALC Call Process Manual describes the process in this way: *Calling a pastor is not the equivalent of "hiring an employee." Many in the congregation may be tempted to think in terms of secular employment: develop a pool of applicants, interview them all, select the best one, and fire them if they don't work out. The call process is much more relational and covenantal. Calling a pastor is much more like a marriage, and the call process more similar to finding a mate. In this sense, going slowly and intentionally, seeking God's will, and developing a relationship are more important than lining up skills and needs. Keep in mind, not every pastor whom God calls to a particular congregation has all the gifts and skills needed to lead that congregation. But God gives these gifts and skills to those He calls! Few pastors have everything they need when called to a new congregation — but God calls them, then assists them in developing what is needed.*

The Church Council has formed a Call Committee to lead and guide the call process. Information about the committee members can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. The next and perhaps most important part of the process is the Congregational Workshop. It is a time that is guided by the Mission District Dean and is designed to engage the congregation in a process of discernment about who they are, and who God is calling them to be in the future. The workshop is much more about the congregation than the future pastor. I cannot encourage you strongly enough to make time to attend the workshop on June 27. May God continue to bless Prince of Peace in your ministry together in St Joseph and around the world.

Pastor Andy

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Prince of Peace
VBS 2026
July 20th -23rd
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Dinner – 5:30 PM

Ages 4 Years
Through 8th Grade

 Register Today!



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 **Volunteers Needed!**
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CALL  COMMITTEE

Council has voted on and approved the Call Committee. Thank you for serving Prince of Peace during this time of transition.

Darren Franzen	Lois Hewerdine
Greg Mills	Stephanie Wingler
Travis Fruhling	Katelynn Gilliland
Alternates	
Dave Cluver	Sue Grindley




Confirmation
CLASSES

Confirmation classes will resume in the fall.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	5PM	9AM
May 2/3	22	94
May 9/10	18	91
May 16/17	17	99
May 23/24	17	97



While Pastor Andy is away from June 1 through June 16, Pastor Scott

Smith from Immanuel Lutheran in Flatville will be covering pastoral emergencies. You can reach Pastor Scott at 217-689-8590.

Transitional Workshop



Pastor Keith Forni, our Mission District Dean, will host a transitional workshop on Saturday, June 27 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. All members of Prince of Peace are encouraged to attend. Refreshments or a light lunch will be served around 12:00pm.



Pastor Andy and Joy are seeking packing pillows and bubble wrap. If you have any

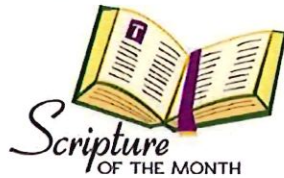
that you can spare from your package deliveries, please drop them in the West Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much!



Council highlights from the May meeting.

- Council made the decision to keep the June 16th meeting scheduled as is, despite Pastor Andy’s inability to meet that night.
- Council made the decision to move the July 21st meeting to July 28th.
- Zack Wingler made a motion to pay the 25% of the total cost for the new ice machine for the ELC kitchen; Devin Althoff second; All in favor so passes the motion.
- Mernice Wakefield made the motion to have Mac, Rachel, Laney, and Bryson Wied transfer their membership to Prince of Peace on May 24th; Sandy Ferguson second; All in favor so passes the motion.

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



June 7 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 5:15 – 6:6; Ps 50:7-15; Rom 4:13-25; Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Exod 19:2-8a; Ps 100; Rom 5:1-8; Matt 9:35 – 10:8 [9-23]

June 21 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 20:7-13; Ps 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18; Rom 6:1b-11; Matt 10:24-39

June 28 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 28:5-9; Ps 89:1-4, 15-18; Rom 6:12-23; Matt 10:40-42



Thank you so much to everyone for supporting Feed the Need with your donations of peanut butter and jelly! The next distributions will be on Thursday, July 2nd and 30th at 5:00pm at St. Joseph United Methodist Church.



Volunteers are needed to deliver meals for Meals on Wheels each Monday. Meals are picked up at IGA by 11:45am and delivered to those on a list. Currently, there is 1 person receiving meals. If you are able to volunteer for a month, please sign up in the Narthex or let Erin know via phone at 217-469-7422 or email at officeadmin@popstjoe.com

POPS PLUS

POPs Plus will meet at Sammy’s Pancake House on Thursday, June 18 at 9:00am. If you would like to join us, please sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact June Kopmann at 217-469-7237

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.



If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please let Erin know (217-469-7422 or officeadmin@popstjoe.com). Names were not automatically added to the email list, since not everyone wants the newsletter emailed. Thank you!

Puzzle!

A Father's Love

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

Shem, Ham & Japheth = M	John the Baptist = N
Solomon = O	Jacob & Esau = A
Jonathan = I	Cain, Abel & Seth = O
Jesus = C	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar,
Rachel & Leah = S	Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad,
Isaac & Ishmael = P	Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = S

- God: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." _____
- Adam: God gave him another son because the older killed the younger. _____
- Noah: His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. _____
- Abraham: God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons. _____
- Isaac: His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. _____
- Laban: He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob. _____
- Jacob: Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. _____
- Saul: His son was David's best friend. _____
- David: He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. _____
- Zechariah: His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. _____

As a father has _____
on his children, so the LORD has
_____ on those who
fear him. *Psalm 103:13, NIV*



Gayle Bartell
Mike Halbach
Brad Mohr
Carol Wubker

Lyn DeWeese
Mardella Jannusch
Jeff Mohr

Molly Fenters
Dale Kopmann
David Swinford

Dwayne Gilliland
Linda LeRette
Paul Swinford

Anna Boulahanis; daughter of Wakefield's
Ashley Brackin; sister of Erin Smith
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
Patrick Donovan; son of friend of Carmine Dwyer
Kay Fiscus; neighbor of Kenny & Donna Weaver
Susan Fiscus; friend of community
Caleb Franklin; friend of community
Pam Furrer; friend of community
Beth Givan; cousin of Vicky Hastings
Duke Goodwin; friend of Gerald & Darlene Sappenfield
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

Mike Mennenga; nephew of Mernice Wakefield
Morris Mennega; 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 & Family of Marla Schoolcraft; friend of Grindleys
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



USHERS

Jamey & Katelynn Gilliland

CHURCH OFFERING COUNTERS

Dwayne Gilliland

SACRISTANS (Communion Prep & Clean-up)

5:00pm Lois Hewerdine

9:00am Sandy Ferguson

Fellowship Servants

June 7: Carmine Dwyer & Susan Ross

June 14: Tom & Sue Grindley

June 21: Dwayne & Jodi Gilliland

June 28: Rick & Annette Ackerman

June 6/7 **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

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

GREETERS: 9:00 **OPEN**

LAY READERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Darren Franzen

ALTAR FLOWERS: Tom & Sue Grindley in celebration of their Grandson, Nolan Grindley's 22nd birthday

June 13/14 **3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

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

GREETERS: 9:00 **OPEN**

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 June Kopmann

ALTAR FLOWERS: Gordon & Linda Green in celebration of Luke and Lauren's 4th anniversary

June 20/21 **4th Sunday after Pentecost**

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

GREETERS: 9:00 Sandy Ferguson

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: Pastor Andy & Joy Jones in celebration of their anniversary

June 27/28 **5th Sunday after Pentecost**

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Mark Howard







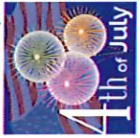
GREETERS: 9:00 **OPEN**

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Lori Stewart

ALTAR FLOWERS: Zack & Steph Wingle in memory of Zack's mom, Sandy Buhs

MEALS on WHEELS (MONDAYS)
Anita Wright



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 Malawi Mission Trip June 1 - 16 9:00am Quilts of Valor	2 5:30pm Christian Education 6:00pm Fellowship	3 6:30pm YGG	4 1:30pm Pray & Play, West Hall	5	6 7:00am Men's Study	
7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship, NO Holy Communion 10:15am Fellowship	8 2:00pm Ladies Outreach BILLS DUE IN OFFICE	9 6:30pm YGG	10	11	12 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 	13 5:00pm Worship, NO Holy Communion 7:00am Men's Study
14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 	15 6:00pm ELC Board	16 6:30pm YGG 	17	18 9:00am POP's Plus, Sammy's Pancake House	19	20 5:00pm Worship 7:00am Men's Group
21 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15am Fellowship 	22 6:30pm Council 6:30pm Parents' Support Group 7:00pm Stewardship	23 6:30pm YGG BILLS DUE IN OFFICE	24	25 	26	27 5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion 7:00am Men's Study 10:00am-1:00pm Transitional Workshop
28 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:15am Fellowship Pastor Andy at Zion Lutheran, Philo	29	30 July 1	1	2 5:00pm Feed the Need @ St. Joseph UMC	3	4 No Men's Group  5:00pm Worship w/ Holy Communion



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