



2025

PRINTS OF PEACE

Monthly Newsletter
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
802 East Douglas Street
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.*



You may have heard it said that Jesus talked about money more than any other topic. Jesus did talk a lot about money – but it usually wasn't to talk about money. Jesus talked about money mostly to make a larger point about life and salvation.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus used money as a tool to reveal our true allegiances. Our bank statement can tell the truth about what's really important to us. We invest our money and our time in what we value most. Jesus hammers this home in the Sermon on the Mount when He tells us: *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (Matthew 6:19-21)

His point is that if we truly believe life is eternal, we won't invest all of our time and finances into possessions and entertainments that will simply perish. Instead, we will pour our energy and resources into the with our relationship with Jesus that will resonate throughout eternity.

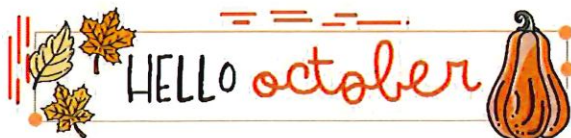
As Jesus puts it, money frequently operates as a rival 'god' who challenges our allegiance to the only true God (Matthew 6:24). The truth is that the 'god' that money invites us to worship is really ourselves as we indulge in our own comfort and pleasure.

God created everything and everything ultimately belongs to Him. We as His children are stewards (or managers) of God's resources, which includes our money. Stewardship isn't just an aspect of the Christian life; it is the whole of the Christian life. Stewardship is more than money, it is our time and talents as well. To be honest, God is not actually interested in our money. He can make all of the wealth He could ever want or need. God is interested in our hearts. And how we manage what God has entrusted to us reveals where our heart is.

For many people, the struggle to be aligned with God's grace is played out in the realm of our finances. It's where the real battle happens for so many. Martin Luther is quoted as saying, "There are three conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, the conversion of the mind, and the conversion of the purse."

Jesus talks about money because when we get our relationship with money squared away, it frees us up in our relationship with Him. Build treasure in heaven, not on earth.

Paster Andy



Join us at 10:15am each Sunday for Adult and Children's Sunday School classes! Children's classes are PreK-K, 1st-3rd, and 4th-8th.

First Sunday Funday is back on Sunday, October 5! If you would like to volunteer to lead a Funday craft, contact Chase Gilliland at chase.gilliland1@gmail.com or 217-778-0892



Confirmation classes have begun! We meet each Sunday from 6:30-8:00pm. Our first review night is October 12 at St. John, Royal. Parents are encouraged to attend.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	5PM	9AM
Sept 6/7	29	116
Sept 13/14	25	116
Sept 20/21	23	103



HOUSEKEEPING
HELP NEEDED

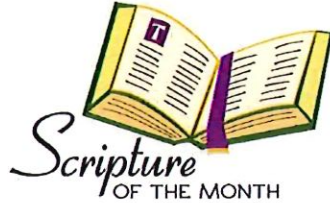
POP members Larry and Lyn DeWeese are facing serious health issues, and are seeking help with light housekeeping a couple of times a month. They live in St Joe. Please contact Larry at 813-722-4794.



Feed
the
Need

Thank you so much to everyone for supporting Feed the Need with

your donations of peanut butter and jelly! Keep the donations coming! The next distributions will be October 2 and October 30 at 5:00pm at St. Joseph United Methodist Church.



October 4/5

Mal 3:6-12; Luke 20:45-21:4

October 11/12

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Ps 111; 2 Tim 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 18/19

Gen 32:22-31; Ps 121; 2 Tim 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 25/26 – Reformation Sunday

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 46; Rom 3:19-28; John 8:31-36



September Council Notes:

- Confirmation is moving from Wednesdays to Sundays
- Choir is moving from Thursdays to Wednesdays
- The secondary air conditioning unit for the Sanctuary will be replaced by McCormick Heating and Cooling costing \$5,800 to come from the Capital Improvements Designated Fund.
- Programmable Thermostats are being explored for the building.
- Fellowship Committee is planning several events this Fall.
- The CELC Board is searching for a new director for the center

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



Adult Choir

Attention All Voices!!!! Adult choir is going to begin, and we would like to invite and encourage anyone who enjoys singing to join us in making a joyful “noise” for one purpose:
to Glorify Our Lord through music!

We are going to begin on Wednesday, October 1st at 6:30.

We could really use some men’s voices too!!!

It is by no means difficult, and we do have a lot of fun!

Please prayerfully consider being a part of POP’s choir.

(Do note that we are changing to Wednesday evening)

POPS PLUS

POPs Plus will meet at **Tom & Sue Grindley’s home (1108 CR 2375 E, Homer)** on **Thursday, October 16 at 5:00pm for a wiener roast**; rain

or shine. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. If you have questions, **call Sue at: 217-621-0421**. If you would like attend, please sign up in the Narthex.

Pray and Play Fellowship



WHO: POP MEMBERS

WHEN: The second Thursday of each month

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

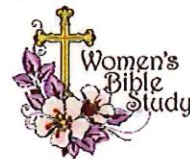
WHERE: West Fellowship Hall

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.



Women's Bible

Study will begin

Monday, October 6th at 6:00 pm.

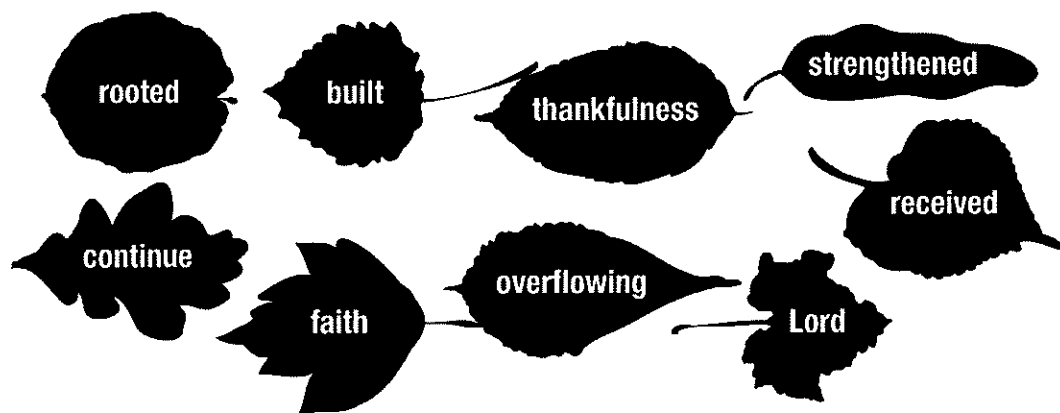
Our theme is “A Mother’s Legacy”. We will study 10 mothers in the Bible and the struggles that are as real today as they were centuries ago. Email Brenda Mingee at jbazk85@gmail.com if you are interested so that we can get the books ordered.



Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____ ,

_____ to live your lives in him, _____ and

_____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you

were taught, and _____ with _____ .

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Carol Althoff	Gayle Bartell	Lyn DeWeese	Ann Freeman
Mike Halbach	Dale Kopmann	Jeff Mohr	David Swinford
Paul Swinford	Stephanie Wingler	Carol Wubker	

Kim Brooks-Allen; friend of POP
Anna Boulahanis; daughter of Wakefield's
Tim Brooks; friend of POP
Carmen Brown; grandmother of Zack Wingler
Jerry & Barb Clink; cousin/cousin's wife of Debbie Huff
Caleb Franklin; friend of community
Pam Furrer; friend of community
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
Ann Ludwig; friend of POP
Sandy Maury; friend of POP
Morris Mennenga; brother of Mernice Wakefield

Chris Miezio; friend of POP
Sharon Mowry; friend of POP
Michelle Orvis; friend of Terri Modd
Amy Parry; niece of Terri Modd
Linda Rasmussen; mother of Tracy Wilson
Vicki Ray; friend of Jamey & Katelynn Gilliland
Courtney Reynolds; sister of Katelynn Gilliland
Mildred Rincker; mother of Sharan Carmichael
Mike Romine; friend of Lowell & Micki Suits
Shirley Rothermel; mother of Susan Allen
Kayla Sabin; daughter of Stephanie Wingler
Mitch & Marla Schoolcraft; friend of Grindleys
Larry Sparks; friend of the community
Becky Sweeny; friend of Wakefields
Chad Walker; family friend of Goldensteins
Harold Young; cousin of Micki Suits
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 Colorado Springs, CO
Lane DeMay	Great nephew of Larry and Mernice Wakefield – Stationed in Decatur, IL
Tyler Haake	Illinois Air National Guard
Jesus Olmedo	Nephew of Miguel Lucio – Marine, Las Vegas, Nevada
Dyllan Trautmann	Grandson of Gerald and Darlene Sappenfield – Stationed at AFB in Clovis, NM
Forrest Volz	Friend of Pastor Andy and Joy – Marines, Stationed in Colorado



USHERS

Darren and Pam Franzen

CHURCH OFFERING COUNTERS

Janice Koss

October 4/5 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

GREETERS: 9:00 **OPEN**

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: Joy Jones

October 11/12 18th Sunday after Pentecost

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 LaVonne Alcorn
9:00 Jason Emmert

GREETERS: 9:00 **OPEN**

LAY READERS: 5:00 LaVonne Alcorn
9:00 Carmine Dwyer

ALTAR FLOWERS: Zack & Stephanie Wingler in
celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary

October 18/19 19th Sunday after Pentecost

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Lois Hewerdine
9:00 Aaron Hager

GREETERS: 9:00 Mike & Tami Voges

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: Dee & Wilma Evans

October 25/26 Reformation Sunday

ASSISTING MINISTERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Katelynn Gilliland

GREETERS: 9:00 **OPEN**

LAY READERS: 5:00 Linda Green
9:00 Mike Voges

ALTAR FLOWERS: Gordon & Linda Green in
celebration of Matt's & Kayla's 3rd anniversary

SACRISTANS (Communion Prep & Clean-up)

5:00: Lois Hewerdine

9:00:

10/5: Scott & Lori Stewart

10/19: Melinda Pratt

Fellowship Servants

October 5: Rick & Annette Ackerman

October 12: Rob & Mary Benoit

October 19: Tom & Sue Grindley

October 26: Dwayne & Jodi Gilliland

MEALS on WHEELS (MONDAYS)
Pat Camp



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Worship w/ Confirmation Family Covenant Service 10:15 Fellowship Bring PB&J for Feed the Need Pastor Andy at Zion Lutheran Church, Philo 6:30-8pm Confirmation Classes Begin	29 9:00 Quilts of Valor Pastor Andy Vacation 9/6-9/15 5:30 Fellowship	30  6:30 Choir 6:30 YGG	October 1 6:30 Choir 6:30 YGG	2 5:00pm Feed the Need @ St. Joe UMC Bills due in office 1:30 Pray & Play, West Hall	3 	4 7:00 Men's Study 5:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
5 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship	6 9:00 Quilts of Valor Pastor Andy Vacation 9/6-9/15 5:30 Fellowship	7 5:30 Christian Education	8 6:30 Choir 6:30 YGG	9 Bills due in office 1:30 Pray & Play, West Hall	10 Newsletter Deadline	11 7:00 Men's Study 7:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion
12 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School & Fellowship Pastor Andy at Zion Lutheran Church, Philo	13 2:00 Ladies Outreach	14 5:30 Christian Education	15 Pastor Andy Vacation 9/6-9/15	16 5:00 Pop's Plus, Wiener Roast at Tom & Sue Grindley's home	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 7:00am Men's Study 5:00 Worship
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